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G.O., &c., 23rd January 1894,
Nos. 55, 56.

JANUARY.

Emigration.

Communicating to the officers concerned letter from the Government of India regarding the further representations made by the Government of Victoria about the influx into that colony of Afghans, Pathans and other Asiatics, with instructions that steps be taken to give as wide a publicity as possible to the wishes of the Government of Victoria and that a report be submitted as to the number of such people who go annually to Australia and the vessels by which they usually sail.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From P. G. MELITUS, Esq., C.I.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calcutta, 8th January 1894, No. 36.

In continuation of the letter from this department, Nos. 71—75, dated 13th January 1891, I am directed to forward, for such action as may be considered necessary, the accompanying copy of a letter* from

* No. 3823, dated the 28th November 1893. the Government of Victoria making a further representation in view to measures being adopted for preventing or discouraging the influx into the colony of Afghans and other Asiatics. The Government of India will be glad to receive information (if it is available) as to the numbers of Pathans who go annually to Australia and the vessels by which they usually sail.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Hon'ble J. B. PATTERSON, Premier, Colony of Victoria, Melbourne, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Melbourne, the 28th November 1893, No. 3823.

On the 25th November 1890, my predecessor addressed you on the subject of the influx into this colony of Afghans, Pathans and other Asiatics.

You were good enough to reply on 13th January 1891 that, though the law did not authorise interference to prevent the departure of such persons from India for Australia, except in the case of those who might emigrate under contract for service, yet that, with the view of abating the influx complained of, publicity would be given to the fact that such emigration was not desired by the Government of Victoria.

The matter is now again attracting the attention of the public and of the municipal authorities throughout the colony; it was also referred to during the recent Session of Parliament; numerous petitions have been presented with regard to the subject; deputations from all parts of the colony have waited upon Members of the Government; and a strong feeling has been aroused as to the necessity for some remedial steps.

Most of these men are engaged in the occupation of hawking, and often, it appears, obtain their licenses in an irregular way, and transfer those documents, without proper authority, from one to another. Complaints also continue to be made as to the trouble and irritation which they cause in the country districts, where, as stated by my predecessor, they visit lonely dwellings, and, in the absence of men, frequently frighten women and children by their vehemence and cause annoyance by the pertinacity with which they press the sale of their wares. Another serious aspect of the question is the manner in which these men congregate in Melbourne and crowd together in their dwelling-houses. Owing to their insanitary mode of living, this overcrowding is liable to lead to the spread of disease.

The Government may feel constrained to introduce a more stringent system of licensing hawkers, and also to adopt such other measures dealing with the difficulty as may be found practicable; and I now venture to ask that the matter may again receive the earnest consideration of the Government of India, with a view to the adoption, if possible, of further measures for preventing or discouraging the emigration of such men from India to Victoria. Owing to their ignorance of the English language and the customs of the colony, they are quite unfitted for the surroundings in which they find themselves, and it is difficult, if not impossible, for them to obtain suitable employment; nor does it appear that they are likely ever to adapt themselves to the conditions of life here or to become useful or desirable colonists. Under all the circumstances of the case, therefore, it would be an act of humanity to the men themselves to strongly dissuade them from coming to Australia.

ORDER—dated 23rd January 1894, No. 55, Public.

Communicated, in continuation of the Government Orders marginally noted, to the officers concerned in view to further steps being taken for making the wishes of the Government of Victoria as widely known as possible. Public warning should be given that there is no suitable employment for Indians in the Australian colonies.

2. A report should be submitted on the concluding portion of the letter from the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
„ the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal.
„ the Protector of Emigrants, Madras.
„ all District Magistrates.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 23rd January 1894, No. 56, Public.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), with reference to Mr. Melitus' No. 36, of the 8th instant.

Chief Secretary.

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Emigration to the
Australian Colonies.

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The Collectors of

The District Magistrates of

Anantapur. 8
North Arcot, Chittoor. 8
South Arcot, Cuddalore. 8
Bellary. 8
South Canara, Mangalore. 8
Chingleput, Saidapet. 8
Coimbatore. 8
Cuddapah. 8
Ganjam, Chatrapur. 8
Godavari, Cocanada. 8
Kistna, Masulipatam. 8
Kurnool. 8
~~Madras (when necessary).~~
Madura. 8
Malabar, Calicut. 12
Nilgiris, Ootacamund. 8
Nellore. 8
Salem. 8
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Home Dept
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To

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.