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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From E. D. MACLAGAN, Esq., C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 26th July 1894, No. 1973—36.

With reference to the correspondence ending with this department endorsement, No. 1728—16, dated the 28th July 1892, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a copy of the communications noted in the margin regarding the emigration of Indian labourers from the Straits Settlements to British North Borneo, and the appointment of an Immigration Agent in the latter colony.

ENCLOSURES.

From W. MAXWELL, Esq., Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, dated Singapore, the 22nd February 1894, Mis. No. 1218—94.

I am directed by the Governor of the Straits Settlements to state, for the information of the Government of India, that an application has been received from a firm in Singapore for permission to recruit natives of India in the Straits Settlements for agricultural labour in British North Borneo.

2. Under Ordinance V of 1884 (section 32) the Governor may, with the consent of the Government of India, issue a notification authorizing Indian emigration from the Straits Settlements to any country or state, but no such notification has been issued with regard to British North Borneo, nor has the consent of the Government of India been obtained for this object.

3. Indian emigration to British North Borneo from Negapatam has, however, been authorised by a Notification, No. 1153—5-13-E., dated the 11th June 1891, issued by the Government of India, and I am to enquire whether there is any objection on the part of the Indian Government to the publication of a notification under section 32 of Ordinance V of 1884, authorising Indian emigration from the Straits Settlements to British North Borneo and Labuan.

From E. D. MACLAGAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, to the Colonial Secretary, Singapore, dated Calcutta, the 20th March 1894, No. 714—36.

With reference to your letter, No. 1218—94, dated 22nd February 1894, I am directed to state that the Notification, No. 1152—5-13-E., dated 11th June 1891, under which emigration from Negapatam to North Borneo was authorised by the Indian Government, was issued under the impression that an Immigration Agent would shortly be appointed by the Government of North Borneo; but, as will be seen from the correspondence enclosed, the expectations of this Government have not as yet been fulfilled.

In view, however, of the assurance given by the Borneo authorities that as soon as Indians begin to arrive in Borneo or Labuan under the Borneo Ordinance an officer will be appointed to carry out the duties of the Immigration Agent, the Government of India have no objection to the issue, as proposed in your letter under reply, of a notification under section 32 of the Straits Settlements Ordinance V of 1884, authorising Indian emigration from the Straits Settlements to British North Borneo and Labuan.

I am directed to add that the consent above accorded to the issue of the notification must necessarily be of temporary effect only and liable to be rescinded so long as there is no officer appointed to be Immigration Agent in the colony to which immigration is permitted; and the Government of North Borneo will be asked to supply further information on the point at the end of six months.

From E. D. MACLAGAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, to the Government Secretary, British North Borneo, dated Calcutta, the 20th March 1894, No. 715—36.

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter, No. 416—1600-93, dated 3rd October 1893, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, copy of recent correspondence with the Government of the Straits Settlements, regarding the authorisation of Indian emigration from the Straits to North Borneo and Labuan.

With reference to the concluding portion of my letter, No. 714—36, dated 20th March 1894, to the Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, I am desired to request that this Government may be informed in October next to what extent emigration may have taken place and what steps may have been taken towards appointing an Immigration Agent.

From the Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, dated Singapore, the 12th April 1894, No. 3014—94.

I am directed by the Governor of the Straits Settlements to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 714—36, of the 20th ultimo, regarding Indian emigration to British North Borneo and Labuan, and to inform you that a notification has been issued under section 32 of Ordinance V of 1884 authorising Indian emigration from the Straits Settlements to these places.

From D. CATOR, Esq., Government Secretary, British North Borneo, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, dated Sandakan, 5th June 1894, No. 310—390-94.

In reference to the correspondence which has taken place between this Government and the Government of India on the subject of immigration, I am directed by Governor Creagh to inform you that the first batch of indentured labourers under the Indian Immigration Proclamation having now arrived from Singapore, the Governor has conferred the appointment of Indian Immigration Agent on Dr. N. B. Dennys, who is also to perform the duties of Protector of Chinese under the Agricultural Labour Proclamations.

2. Dr. Dennys, having been Magistrate of Province Wellesley, the chief planting district in the Straits Settlements, for 18 months, and having held a similar position in Perak, possesses a good knowledge of the proper management of Indian labourers and of their sanitary and other requirements, and he has been instructed to administer the labour laws in precisely the same way in this State as they are administered in the neighbouring Colony.

3. At present there are only seventeen Indian indentured labourers in the State, all of whom are employed on the Lahat Datu plantation in Darvel Bay, which is visited, inspected and reported on by the District Magistrate about once every six or eight weeks, and will now be visited by Dr. Dennys in like manner two or three times a year.

ORDER—dated 15th August 1894, No. 594, Public.

Recorded, in continuation of G.O., dated 16th August 1892, No. 563.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Protector of Emigrants, Madras.

„ District Magistrate, Tanjore.

„ British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal.

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AUGUST.

Emigration.

Recording letter from the Government of India, forwarding copy of correspondence regarding the — of Indian labourers from the Straits Settlements to British North Borneo and the appointment of an Immigration Agent in the latter colony.

Petition from *S. Chatterjee*
late 1st Class Clerk, Account-
ant-general's office, Madras.

DATED 6 August 1894.

TRANSFERRED to the Chief Secretary, to
Government for disposal. *Please circulate
to H.E. the Governor.*

(By Order.)

Imperial

Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ostacum
8 August 1894.

From C.F. MacLartie Esq. J.C.
THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE
RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR,
To THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT.

Hon: Mr: Bliss
~~H.E. the Governor~~
Submitted.
Resolutions refer
are not available
the Secretariat
see d/o 295 d/ 8.8

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Dated 8
Received
Aug 9/8

1894
CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
8 AUG. 1894
ENCLOSURE

Subject.

ANSWERS a petition from S. Rathnam
et al, requesting that orders
may be issued for his restoration
to his former post, or that this
petition may be forwarded
to the Government of India
their consideration, if it is
considered that his request is
admissible.

35 B.
9/8
I don't think the
should be reopened.
There is no objection
petition being from
to India, as request
the last para, of
with a statement of
W. K.
19 Aug 13/8/94

C.S.
This paper was marked
H.E. the Govr. in compliance
with the P.S.'s request
current. The circ. has
been altered, so the
brought to notice.

Order. 23 August 1894.

Public Department.
Letter No 616. d/ 23/8/94.

To
The Secretary to the Government
of India, Finance and Revenue Dept.

23 AUG 94

Sir,
M.S.
interference
in M.S.

I am directed to forward for the
consideration of the Govt of India
a petition from S. Rathnam Chetty
praying for restoration to his appointment
of Clerk in the office of the
Accountant General, Madras, from
which he was dismissed in April 4
last year on account of certain
circumstances connected with his
insolvency which were reported to
Government.

2. The petitioner's pay was Rs: 105
and his statement of affairs was as
follows:-

Debts Scheduled Rs: 16,227.11

Said to have been received
in cash } -8940-12--

Said to have been repaid
in cash } -5,839-0-

Balance of Income & St. Dec. 1893

for as follows. Shown below:-

Bills lodged for others 348-8-6
Bonds given without consideration 930-0-0
Appropriated to discharge of previous bonds } 1868-0-0
Amounts paid, but bonds retained 360-0-0
Interest prepaid by deduction from
Principal } 8369-0-0
Court Costs 350-9-0
Total Rs: 12226-9-6

3. In the petition attached to his Balance Sheet, the Insolvent articulated his difficulties to the severe illness of his wife which lasted for 18 months during the years 1888 and 1889 and cost him about Rs: 1000- and to the marriage of his daughter soon after at a cost of Rs: 1500- including 500/- for the purchase of jewels necessary as a dowry to secure a respectable son-in-law. There sums he raised from money lenders on bonds which he was unable to discharge as they fell due, for his pay was then only Rs: 100- a month. He was accordingly forced to renew and raise fresh loans after another in the vain hope of obtaining more money.

his applying for the benefit of the Insolvent Act - but when reporting the case for the orders of Court he stated that he could not acquit the petitioner of extravagance in borrowing Rs: 1500 for marriage expenses when his pay was so small and he was already embarrassed. Mr. Paulin however recommended the petitioner's retention in his appointment as he was a hard-working, intelligent and useful man and had not allowed his monetary difficulties to impair the efficiency of his work. He was entertained on the 10th April 1876.

5. The Government after full consideration of the circumstances of the case, and having in view the instructions of the Government of India embodied in Home Dept^l Resolution of 19th January 1884, No: 2-77-102, was unable to accept the Accountant's recommendation on account of the reckless display of extravagance by the petitioner in his office.

