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*Informing the Govt of India
that it is not desirable
to allow Emigration to
Sarawak to take place
from any other port
than Negapatam.*

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No. 2238, dated Simla, the 17th August 1893.

FILE No. 60
OF 1893.

From—E. D. MACLAGAN, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue and Agriculture, SERIAL No. 1.

To—The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 11388,
dated the 7th November 1889, I am directed to inquire whether the Govern-
ment of Sarawak are desirous of resuming the negotiations opened in 1888 for
the supply of labour from India to that country, or whether it is wished that
the subject should be left in abeyance.

No. 9134-93, dated Singapore, the 22nd September 1893.

FILE No. 60
OF 1893.

From—A. V. TALBOT, Esq., Acting Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture. SERIAL No. 2.

I am directed by the Acting Governor of the Straits Settlements to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2238-60 (Emigration) of the 17th ultimo, and to inform you in reply, that the Government of Sarawak would wish that the subject of the supply of labour from India to that country should still be left in abeyance.

No. 4864-94, dated Singapore, 12th June 1894.

FILE No. 59
OF 1894.

From—WILLIAM MAXWELL, Esq., C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

SERIAL No. 1.

WITH reference to the correspondence ending with my letter No. (9134-93) of the 22nd September last, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Raja of Sarawak desires to re-open negotiations with a view to obtaining the sanction of the Government of India to emigration from India to Sarawak. I am to forward for the consideration of the Government of India, a copy of a letter which has been addressed by the Raja of Sarawak to the Governor, together with a copy of a Resolution of the Sarawak Supreme Council dated the 5th June 1894.

2. In previous correspondence the Raja has intimated his willingness—

- (a) to guarantee proper treatment of labourers and conformity on the part of the Government of Sarawak to any necessary regulations;
Raja of Sarawak to Sir C. Smith, October 28th, 1888.
- (b) to pass an enactment similar to that which (at the instance of this Government) has been passed in Johore and to enforce its provisions;
Raja of Sarawak to Sir C. Smith, November 17th, 1888.
- (c) to "acquiesce and comply in any arrangement for the Government of Singapore to enquire into the general state of these coolies."
Raja of Sarawak to Sir C. Smith, September 30th, 1889.

3. As stated in my letter of the 27th November 1888 (12146-88), the State of Sarawak is under British protection, the Governor of the Straits Settlements being High Commissioner and Consul-General for Borneo. It will be possible, therefore, in case of need, to exercise reasonable control from Singapore over the main incidents of any system of emigration to Sarawak. The Governor is not, however, able to undertake that estates in Sarawak shall be periodically inspected by the Indian Immigration Agent of this Colony, and probably this will not be considered by the Government of India to be necessary.

4. The circumstances of Sarawak in relation to the Straits Settlements are precisely the same as those of British North Borneo, to which State the emigration of Indian labourers has been permitted by the Government of India. I am, therefore, to express His Excellency's hope that the Government of India may see fit to sanction the recruitment of Indian labour for Sarawak on such conditions as have been required in the case of British North Borneo.

Dated Kuching, the 5th June 1894.

From—His Highness Raja C. BROOKE, Raja of Sarawak, G.C.M.G.,

To—His Excellency SIR CHARLES MITCHELL, K.C.M.G., &c., &c., &c., Governor of the Straits Settlements.

I have the honour to enclose for Your Excellency's information an Order passed in Supreme Council this morning, and I hereby trust that Your Excellency may be pleased to further our desire to obtain coolies from India through Singapore to be employed by Contractors residing in the Sarawak territory.

I am prepared to appoint a Tamil speaking Agent in Kuching on this, our request, being granted, and also in any other way to arrange, in order that the terms of the Indian Immigrant enactment may be enforced.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

THE ASTANA.

Tuesday, 5th June 1894.

Present :

His Highness the Raja, G. C. M. G.

The Hon'ble the Resident, F. O. Maxwell.

The Hon'ble the Treasurer, C. S. Pearse.

The Datu Bandar, Hadji Bua Hassan.

The Datu Emam, Hadji Metaim.

Abang Mohamed Kassim.

Hadji Sudin.

The Supreme Council was convened this fifth day of June, when His Highness the Raja stated to the members that owing to representations from the principal coffee and tea planters in this country he had now to bring to their notice the desirability of obtaining Indian immigrants.

His Highness now proposes that the Sarawak Government should make an application to the Government of Singapore that it may be allowed the privilege of obtaining Indian coolies from Singapore or India.

The Sarawak Government would undertake to follow any rules regarding inspection and surveillance that might be required by the Indian enactment, in order that this scheme may be carried out in good faith and put in force with as little delay as possible.

His Highness explained to the members that it would entail some responsibilities, and he left it to them to decide in favour of or against this proposal. The responsibilities, he believes, are that the coolies shall be well treated, and all terms of their contracts strictly carried out, that they shall be well housed, and have medical attendance when required, be restricted to this country, and not allowed to leave for the purpose of taking engagements beyond the territory. They would be allowed to return to their own country, only when the term of their contract had expired; should they become unfitted for work through ill health, or turn out bad characters or criminals, then the employer would be bound to send them back to the country in which they were recruited at his own expense; all these provisions the Government of Sarawak would have to see faithfully performed.

The Sarawak Government would, moreover, have to appoint a Tamil speaking Agent in Kuching to superintend and otherwise supervise the coolies on their arrival, to visit the Estates periodically and to hear any complaints made by them.

The members unanimously approve of the proposal.

CHARLES S. PEARSE,

Recorder of Supreme Council.

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File No. 59.

Serial No. 2.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

EMIGRATION.

To

THE HON'BLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.No. ¹⁷⁹³/₅₉.*Dated Simla, the 11th July 1894.*

SUBJECT.

Opening of Emigration to Sarawak.

No. 1793
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FROM

SIR E. C. BUCK, KT., C.S.I.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

THE HON'BLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Dept. of Rev. and Agri.
Emigration.

Simla, the 11th July 1894.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter No. 4864-94, dated 12th June 1894, intimating the desire of the Raja and Council of Sarawak to introduce Indian immigration, I am directed to inform you that before taking steps for the legalisation of emigration to Sarawak the Government of India would desire to be satisfied on certain points.

2. In the first place I am to ask that His Highness the Raja may be requested to forward, for the information of this Government, a draft of the law which he proposes to introduce for regulating immigration into Sarawak. The Indian Government would be prepared to accept a law based on the Proclamation No. IV of 1891 recently issued by the Governor of North Borneo.

3. The Government of India desire further to be informed of the name and qualifications of the officer whom the Raja would propose to appoint as Immigration Agent to hold the position indicated in Part II of the North Borneo Proclamation. They would prefer that the officer in question should, if possible, be an English medical man.

4. It is presumed that the emigration will, as in the case of North Borneo, be entirely from the port of Negapatam on the Madras Coast, but further enquiry will be made on this point from the Government of Madras. The recruiters should be approved by the Straits Government, and the coolies should be subjected at the port of embarkation to exactly the same rules as coolies enlisted for the Straits. Previous to embarkation the emigrants will be mustered before an official appointed by the Madras Government in order to ascertain whether they are willing to emigrate and understand what is expected of them. It is requested also that the Raja will arrange for a thorough medical examination of the recruits

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at the depôt before they are embarked ; seeing that if no medical examination is made till the emigrants arrive in Sarawak much unnecessary expense may be incurred in medicines and return passages for those who are found physically unfit for the work for which they have been engaged.

53. When His Highness the Raja has approved of these arrangements and has arranged for the appointment of a suitable Immigration Agent and has issued a law approved by this Government, the Government of India will be prepared to publish a notification under section 102 (2) of the Indian Emigration Act, XXI of 1883 to legalise emigration to Sarawak and will request His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements to issue the necessary notification under section 32 of the Straits Ordinance, V of 1884, to authorise Indian emigration to Sarawak from the Straits.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

E. C. BUCK,

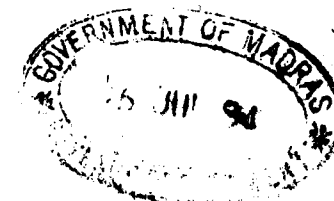
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 1794.
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FROM

E. D. MACLAGAN, Esq., C.S.,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India,



TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Dept. of Rev. and Agri.
Emigration.

Simla, the 11th July 1894.

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Price's letter No. 91, dated 25th January 1889, I

To Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, No. 2238, dated 17th August 1893.
From Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, Nos. 9134-93, dated 22nd September 1893.
From Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, Nos. 4864-94, dated 12th June 1894.

To Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, No. 1793, dated 11th July 1894.
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am directed to forward a copy of the correspondence marginally noted regarding the proposed opening of emigration to Sarawak, and with reference to paragraph 4 of the letter to the Government of the Straits Settlements of this date to enquire whether it is desirable that emigration from Madras should proceed from any port other than that of Negapatam.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. D. MacLagan

Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Serial No. 3.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

EMIGRATION.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

No. $\frac{1794}{59}$.

Dated Simla, the 11th July 1894.

SUBJECT.

Opening of emigration to Sarawak.

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Public Dept

From

The Govt of India

Rev: + Asst: Dept

(Emigration)

Simla

No 1794
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Dated 11/7
Recd 25/7
Rpt 26/7 } 1894

Encl. 4 + (S.S.C. of the current + end)

Subject

Emigration to Sarawak

Forwarding the enclosed copy
of correspondence regarding
the opening of ———

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Encl. n^o 1544 of 2nd Aug^t 1894

Referred to the

Protector of Emigrants

Madras, and to the

Dist. Magte. of Tanjore for

Early remarks.

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Recd the 18/8/94

Indy. here referred to

To
The Protector of Emigrants } (2 Encl.)
a District Magistrate } with 1 S.C.
of Tanjore } Each
2-8-94

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FROM

J. Thomson ^{REQUIRE}
Sitting Collector & District Magistrate,

BANJORE.

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,

MADRAS.

SIR,

Referring to Government Memorandum
dated 2nd August 1892 in which you were forwarding
copies of correspondence between the Govern-
ment of India and the Government of the
Straits Settlements regarding the proposed
opening of Emigration to Sarawak and enquiring
whether it is desirable that emigration from
Madras should proceed from any port other
than that of Negapatam, I have the honour to
state that the Port Officer and Emigration
Agent Negapatam and the Head Assistant
Collector whom I have consulted consider
that Emigration should not be permitted from
any port on the Madras coast other than Negapatam
unless

maintain a depot with a qualified medical
Superintendent at each such place.

The Straits steamers on this coast touching
at Madras, Pondicherry, Port Novo, Karikal,
and Negapatam, the first and last places
seem sufficient for permitting emigration,
and facilities at both are I presume equal.
I cannot find the reasons for embarkation
for the Straits being at present confined to
Negapatam; probably it is due to the depot
and special Superintendent there.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant

Wm. W. W.

Acting Magistrate.

10.8.

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Acting Magistrate.

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From

The Dist Magistrate
Tanjore

The Chief Secretary to Govt
Public Department
Madras

CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Subject

Reporting that emigration
to Sarawak need not
proceed from any other
port on the Madras
Coast than those at
Madras & Negapatam

No. 914

From

G. Turner Esq

PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras

To

The Hon'ble Mr J. S. Price

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
Madras

Gotacamund.

Sir,

In reply to Memorandum No. 1544 Public

dated the 2nd instant, forwarding for early remarks

letter from the Government of India ^{Re: Agl. Dept} Emigration

dated 11th July 1894 No. 1794/59, I have the honor

to state, that it does not seem to me desirable,

to allow Emigration to Sarawak, from any

other port than Negapatam, where there is a

Superintendent specially appointed for the

purpose.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

As Protector of Emigrants.

Public Dept

From

The As Protector of Emigrants
Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Dept
Gotacamunda.

No 914.

Dated 7th

August 1894

Received
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Subject

Stating that Emigration to
Sarawak from any other port than
Negapatam is not desirable.

To await report from the
Collector of Tanjore

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HM

Letter d 18th Sep 94 No 683

To

The Secy to the Govt of
Rene degnat. Dep

Sir,

17/9/94

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In reply to the enquiry

contained in Mr. MacLagan
letter of the 11th ultimo No 179

I am directed to state that

after consulting the Protect
of Emigrants and the District
Magistrate of Tanjore, H.E. the
Governor in Council is of opinion

that it is not desirable to
allow emigration to Sara-
wak to take place from

any other port than Neg-
patam where there is a
Superintendent specially
appointed for the purpose

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