

# Public (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 200

DATED 18<sup>th</sup> March 1890

INDEXED.

---

[Despatch Abstract.]

EMIGRATION.

Communicating to the Protector of Emigrants and the Presidency Port Officer endorsement of the Government of India forwarding copy of despatch to the Secretary of State transmitting correspondence regarding the employment of Negroes and Mullatoes on emigrant vessels.

# BACK PAPERS.

| G.O. | No. | Department. | Date. | G.O. | No. | Department. | Date. |
|------|-----|-------------|-------|------|-----|-------------|-------|
|      |     |             |       |      |     |             |       |

# FURTHER PAPERS.

| G.O. | No. | Department. | Date.   | G.O. | No. | Department. | Date. |
|------|-----|-------------|---------|------|-----|-------------|-------|
|      |     |             | 25/2/02 |      |     |             |       |

The Govt of India  
R. & A.

No 366  
14

Rs 3.75  
13/3  
incl 10 4 50p  
encl

C.S.  
M.

Order 18 March 1893  
Comm? to the  
of Emigrants and the  
Officer with reference to  
letters of 9th & 23rd Jan  
last, Nos 5 and 1047  
respectively

35B.  
14/3/5.

14/3/55

IN YOUR DESPATCH No. 79 of 16th August 1894 you forwarded to us

Subject.

of a despatch to  
of state re: the  
of request  
to emigrant

No. 366  
14  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.  
(Emigration)

Calcutta, the 9th March 1895.

Forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to the correspondence ending with their letter No. 88 dated 4th February 1895.

  
Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

List of Papers forwarded.

Despatch to the Secretary of State for India, No. 17 dated 6th March 1895.

No. 17.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.  
EMIGRATION.

To

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE H. H. FOWLER, M.P.,  
*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.*

CALCUTTA, the 6th March 1895.

SIR,

IN your Despatch No. 79 of 16th August 1894, you forwarded to us a copy of a Resolution by the Surgeons Superintendent of emigrant-vessels, in which they recommend that the employment of Negroes and Mulattoes on emigrant-vessels should be prohibited on the ground that men of these races interfere with the coolie women on board. We consulted the Governments of Madras and Bengal on the subject, and in reply received communications, forwarded herewith, supporting the recommendation of the Surgeons Superintendent.

2. Meanwhile you addressed to us a further despatch,\* enclosing correspondence regarding the difficulties that might follow the adoption of the above recommendation, owing to the fact that a ship containing Negroes among the crew could not discharge them at an Indian or other port without the consent of the Port authorities, which would in all probability be withheld, so that the ship would become disqualified for carrying emigrants. The Local Governments were again consulted, and their replies are forwarded for your information.

3. We agree with the Government of Bengal that it would be unadvisable to permit the discharge at pleasure of Negro sailors at our ports. The discharge of such of them only as had shown themselves "refractory" would be still more objectionable, while it would not meet the difficulties of the case. Thus, if the employment of Negroes and Mulattoes on emigrant-ships is to be prohibited, the prohibition will practically disqualify for this service all vessels reaching India with any of these races among their crew. Before taking this step, therefore, we desire to have some further evidence of its necessity and

would ask to be furnished with such details in support of the Resolution of the Surgeons Superintendent as may be readily forthcoming.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servants,

ELGIN.

A. E. MILLER.

H. BRACKENBURY.

C. B. PRITCHARD.

J. WESTLAND.

A. P. MacDONNELL.

*List of Enclosures.*

- |    |                                                                         |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 812, dated 29th October 1894. |
| 2. | " " " " Bengal, No. 4055; dated 1st December 1894.                      |
| 3. | " " " " Madras, No. 88, dated 4th February 1895.                        |
| 4. | " " " " Bengal, No. 559, dated 9th February 1895,                       |
|    | with enclosures.                                                        |

No. FILE No. 14.  
1895. SERIAL No. 3.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
Department of Revenue & Agriculture.

EMIGRATION.

No. 17, DATED CALCUTTA, THE 6TH MARCH 1895.

(COPY.)

(Letter to Her Majesty's Secretary of State  
for India.)

SUBJECT.

FORWARDS correspondence regarding the  
employment of Negroes and Mulattoes on  
emigrant-vessels.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 1227 R. & A.—1-3-95—50—G. R.

When given for copying \_\_\_\_\_  
When copied \_\_\_\_\_ } 189.  
When examined \_\_\_\_\_  
When signed \_\_\_\_\_

READ AGAIN G.O., No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATED  
189 \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT No. \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSURES TO C. No. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT .. ..

A A A A A A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH  
IN ORIGINAL.

N.B.—

A = Copy in full.  
B = Not to be copied  
P = Copy abstract only.  
Q = Copy heading only

No. 17.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

EMIGRATION.

To

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE H. H. FOWLER, M.P.,  
*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.*

*CALCUTTA, the 6th March 1895.*

SIR,

IN your Despatch No. 79 of 16th August 1894, you forwarded to us a copy of a Resolution by the Surgeons Superintendent of emigrant-vessels, in which they recommend that the employment of Negroes and Mulattoes on emigrant-vessels should be prohibited on the ground that men of these races interfere with the coolie women on board. We consulted the Governments of Madras and Bengal on the subject, and in reply received communications, forwarded herewith, supporting the recommendation of the Surgeons Superintendent.

2. Meanwhile you addressed to us a further despatch,\* enclosing correspondence regarding the difficulties that might follow the adoption of the above recommendation, owing to the fact that a ship containing Negroes among the crew could not discharge them at an Indian or other port without the consent of the Port authorities, which would in all probability be withheld, so that the ship would become disqualified for carrying emigrants. The Local Governments were again consulted, and their replies are forwarded for your information.

3. We agree with the Government of Bengal that it would be inadvisable to permit the discharge at pleasure of Negro sailors at our ports. The discharge of such of them only as had shown themselves "refractory" would be still more objectionable, while it would not meet the difficulties of the case. Thus, if the employment of Negroes and Mulattoes on emigrant-ships is to be prohibited, the prohibition will practically disqualify for this service all vessels reaching India with any of these races among their crew. Before taking this step, therefore, we desire to have some further evidence of its necessity and

\* No. 101, dated 18th October 1894.

No. FILE No. 14.  
1895. SERIAL No. 3.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
Department of Revenue & Agriculture.

EMIGRATION.

No. 17, DATED CALCUTTA, THE 6TH MARCH 1895.

(C O P Y.)

(Letter to Her Majesty's Secretary of State  
for India.)

SUBJECT.

FORWARDS correspondence regarding the  
employment of Negroes and Mulattoes on  
emigrant-vessels.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 1227 R. & A.—1-3-95—50—G. R.

No. 17.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

EMIGRATION.

To

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE H. H. FOWLER, M.P.,  
*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.*

*CALCUTTA, the 6th March 1895.*

SIR,

IN your Despatch No. 79 of 16th August 1894, you forwarded to us a copy of a Resolution by the Surgeons Superintendent of emigrant-vessels, in which they recommend that the employment of Negroes and Mulattoes on emigrant-vessels should be prohibited on the ground that men of these races interfere with the coolie women on board. We consulted the Governments of Madras and Bengal on the subject, and in reply received communications, forwarded herewith, supporting the recommendation of the Surgeons Superintendent.

2. Meanwhile you addressed to us a further despatch,\* enclosing correspondence regarding the difficulties that

\* No. 101, dated 18th October 1894.

might follow the adoption of the above recommendation, owing to the fact that a ship containing Negroes among the crew could not discharge them at an Indian or other port without the consent of the Port authorities, which would in all probability be withheld, so that the ship would become disqualified for carrying emigrants. The Local Governments were again consulted, and their replies are forwarded for your information.

3. We agree with the Government of Bengal that it would be inadvisable to permit the discharge at pleasure of Negro sailors at our ports. The discharge of such of them only as had shown themselves "refractory" would be still more objectionable, while it would not meet the difficulties of the case. Thus, if the employment of Negroes and Mulattoes on emigrant-ships is to be prohibited, the prohibition will practically disqualify for this service all vessels reaching India with any of these races among their crew. Before taking this step, therefore, we desire to have some further evidence of its necessity and

would ask to be furnished with such details in support of the Resolution of the Surgeons Superintendent as may be readily forthcoming.

We have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient, humble Servants,

ELGIN.

A. E. MILLER.

H. BRACKENBURY.

C. B. PRITCHARD.

J. WESTLAND.

A. P. MACDONNELL.

*List of Enclosures.*

1. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 812, dated 29th October 1894.
2. " " " " Bengal, No. 4055, dated 1st December 1894.
3. " " " " Madras, No. 88, dated 4th February 1895.
4. " " " " Bengal, No. 559, dated 9th February 1895,  
with enclosures.

No.

FILE No. 14.

SERIAL No. 3.

1895.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
Department of Revenue & Agriculture.

EMIGRATION.

No. 17, DATED CALCUTTA, THE 6TH MARCH 1895.

(COPY.)

*(Letter to Her Majesty's Secretary of State  
for India.)*

SUBJECT.

FORWARDS correspondence regarding the  
employment of Negroes and Mulattoes on  
emigrant-vessels.