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To

THE HON'BLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, STRAITS
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Letter from the Colonial Secretary, Singapore, to ^{the Secretary to the} the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, No. 9894/94 dated 20th November 1894.

I am directed by the Governor of the Straits Settlements to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1793/59 dated the 11th July last, on the subject of the proposed emigration of Indian Coolies to Sarawak.

2. A copy of your letter was transmitted to the Raja of Sarawak, and I now enclose a copy of His Highness' reply together with the draft Ordinance which accompanied it.

Letter from the Raja of Sarawak, to Govr. Sir C. Mitchell, K.C.M.G. Singapore, dated 1st November 1894.

I have the honour to enclose for Your Excellency's approval, a copy of the Ordinance I propose to introduce for regulating the immigration into Sarawak of Natives of India.

With regard to the Immigration officer I shall be much obliged if Your Excellency will inform me if the appointment of a late Ceylon Planter (Mr. Jeffroys) who is here in the Public Works Department of the Sarawak service and who has a fair knowledge of the Tamil language will meet the case.

I shall be pleased to approve of any regulation the Madras Government may make for the inspection and shipping of coolies from the port of embarkation (see para. 4 in letter of July 11th 1894 from Sir E.C. Rick to the Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements).

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FROM

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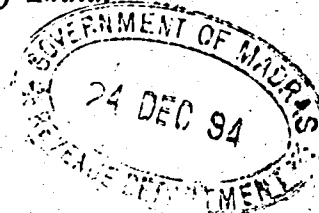
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