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Recording the decision of the Government of India with regard to the proposed enhancement of the fee levied on each emigrant to the colonies and the revival of the levy of a fee of Rs. 15 on each recruiter's license.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From DENZIL IBBETSON, Esq., C.S., c.s.t., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 2nd May 1896, No. 663-14-1.

With reference to your letter, No. 185, dated the 4th February 1896, furnishing a statement of the receipts and charges on account of emigration to the colonies, I am directed to say that an examination has been made of the accounts received from the Governments both of Madras and Bengal. The present consolidated fee of Rs. 3 is levied under sections 38 and 73 of the Indian Emigration Act XXI of 1883, and the expenditure which that fee is intended to recoup is the total expenditure incurred by Government in regard of all the coolies who emigrate under the Act, no special establishment having been sanctioned under section 73 (2). The deficit for the past three years on the working of the Act in Madras proves to be more than covered by a corresponding surplus in Bengal. The annual surplus which is now given by the combined accounts of both provinces will, if continued, extinguish within the next few years the deficit which the same accounts exhibit as the result of the working of the Act up to date; and the figures indicate that the surplus is more likely to increase than to decrease. Under these circumstances, which I am to explain for the information of the Governor in Council, there appears to the Government of India to be at least no present necessity to enhance the fee now taken.

2. With regard to the recommendation made in paragraph 4 of your letter, that the provision in section 19 of Act VII of 1871 for the levy of a fee of Rs. 15 on each recruiter's license, should be again revived, I am to explain that the subject was fully discussed when the amendment of that Act was under consideration, and in accordance with the unanimous opinions then given it was decided to make no provision for the levy of such a fee in Act XXI of 1883. Under section 20 of the Act the Protector can ensure that only fit persons are licensed as recruiters, and the fee could not be reimposed without amending the existing law; and though they admit the force of the grounds on which the Madras Government wish to revive the fee, the Government of India do not consider that sufficient reasons exist at present for legislative action with that sole end.

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Chief Secretary.

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2. Attention is drawn to the remark that only fit persons should be licensed as recruiters.

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Note

It is not fair that Bengal should gain and Madras lose; but until the next Provl. contract it will be useless to address India.

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