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G.O., No. 801

Dated 4th Aug. 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

IMMIGRATION IN SURINAM.

Communicating to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, endorsement of the Government of India forwarding despatch from the Secretary of State regarding the appointment of a sub-agent for----and the recruitment of Japanese labour for that Colony.

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From the Govt. of India
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(Immigration)

C.S.

Order No. 801. of 4 August 1896.

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Communicated to
the Protector of Emigrants,
Madras, in continuation
of f.o. No. 625 Pub. of
13th June 1896.

Subject

Forwarding despatch from
the Secretary of State with
enclosures, re the appointment
of a Sub-agent for Immigration
in Surinam and the recruit-
ment of javanese labour for
that Colony.

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To
The Protector of Emigrants (a)

No. 1272
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.
(Emigration)

Simla , dated the 24th July 1896.

Forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information, in continuation of this Department's endorsement No.879/34-3, dated the 29th May 1896.

By order,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

List of Papers forwarded.

Despatch from the Secretary of State No.63, dated the 25th June 1896 and enclosures.

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council, No.63, Public (Emigration) dated the 25th June 1896.

In continuation of my Public Despatch No.40 of the 30th April 1896, I forward for the information of your Excellency's From Foreign Office 5th May (one letter) and 19th May (two letters) with their enclosures. Government copies of the marginally noted correspondence, relating to (1) the appointment of a Sub-Agent for Immigration in Surinam, (2) the recruitment of Javanese labour for that Colony.

Foreign Office,
May 5th 1896.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 20th ultimo, I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister Sir H. Rumbold, No.3, Consular April 22nd. at the Hague reporting a conversation with the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs upon the importance of a suitable candidate being selected for the post of Immigration Sub-Agent in Surinam.

I am etc.,

Sd/ H.Percy Anderson.

The Under-Secretary of State,
India Office.

Copy No.3
Consular.

The Hague,
April 22nd 1896.

My Lord,

I mentioned to

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which had reached Your Lordship from Her Majesty's Consul at Surinam to the effect that the appointment of Sub-Agent in the Immigration Department of that Colony now rests with the Netherlands Crown, and expressed the hope that in selecting a candidate for the Post, the necessary qualifications for it, and more especially a competent knowledge of English might not be lost sight of.

Monsieur Roell promised to bear the matter in mind and to call the attention of the Minister of the Colonies to it.

I have etc.,

Sd/ Horace Rumbold.

The Marquess of Salisbury, KG.,
&c., &c., &c.,

Foreign Office,
May 19th 1896.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 20th ultimo, I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Consul in Surinam stating that the arrangements for importing Javanese Coolie labour into that Colony, are not yet completed.

Cons. Churchill,
No.25, April 16th.

I am etc.,

Sd/ H. Percy Anderson.

The Under-Secretary of State,
India Office.

British Consulate, Paramaribo,
April 16th 1896.

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My Lord,

With reference to the recruitment of Javanese labour

labour which has been sanctioned for this Colony, I have the honour to report that the arrangements necessary to the putting into practice of the scheme which has been sanctioned are not yet complete; and it is therefore uncertain whether any recruitment can take place in the present year.

It is probable that when everything is settled 50% of the labour required in this Colony from outside will be recruited in Java.

I have etc.,

Sd/ Sydney J.A. Churchill.

Her Majesty's Secretary of State,
for Foreign Affairs.

Foreign Office,
May 19th 1896.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 5th instant, I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to

Cons. Churchill,
No.22, April 11th.

transmit to you copy of a despatch from Her

Majesty's Consul in Surinam reporting the

appointment of Dr.A. J.van Oordt as Sub- Agent for Immigration in that Colony.

I am etc.,

Sd/ H.Percy Anderson.

The Under-Secretary of State,
India Office.

Copy No.22.

British Consulate, Paramaribo,
April 11th 1896.

My Lord,

In continuation of my Despatch No.17 of March 25r,

I have the honour to report ~~the~~ ^{the} appointment of Dr.A. J.van Oordt

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van Houven van Oordt as Sub- Agent in the Immigration Department.

This news first reached Surinam through the columns of a newspaper published in Holland. The Governor has since received official information of the appointment.

In the case of the appointment of the Agent General this Consulate was consulted by instructions from Her Netherland's Majesty's Colonial Secretary. In the present instance the Colonial Secretary has made the appointment entirely without any association with the Authorities of this Colony, and on the assumption that a knowledge of the Malay language was an essential qualification. Dr. van Oordt, who has never been to this Colony, has therefore been studying the Malay language.

As Your Lordship is aware the number of British Indian Coolies in this Colony is nearly 20,000; whilst an initial attempt to introduce Javanese labour in 1894 was disastrous. Since then, however, measures have been taken to sanction the recruitment of Javanese labour on the same conditions as those insisted upon by Her Majesty's Imperial Government of India. This, notwithstanding, even if British Indian labour is entirely abandoned, it would be many years before Javanese labour could equal in extent the numbers or importance of the existing British Indian Coolies.

As I previously had the honour to report to Your Lordship the laws have been overridden and a subordinate Officer in one of the Colonial Departments has been appointed by the Crown in utter disregard of the proper qualifications necessary in the candidate, and in complete ignorance of any suggestion on the part of those local authorities who ~~was~~ were competent to offer them.

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From the matter in which the announcement of the new appointment has been received locally, I gather that Dr. van Oordt will have a very difficult position before him. This might very easily have been avoided by appointing him on probation.

I have etc.,

Sd/ Sydney J.A. Churchill.

The Right Honourable,

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

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