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the Colonial Secy, Straits Settlements,
expressing its views on the
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Protected Native States might be
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THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
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SUBJECT.

Expresses the views of the Government of India on the proposal that emigration to the Straits might be freed from all legal restrictions and placed on the same footing as emigration to Ceylon.

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FROM

DENZIL IBBETSON, ESQ., C.S., C.S.I.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

*Dept. of Rev. & Agri.
Emigration.*

Simla, the 20th July 1896.

SIR,

WITH reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 9189, dated the 21st November 1895, and enclosures, in which it is suggested that emigration to the Straits Settlements and the Protected Native States might be freed from all legal restrictions and placed on the same footing as emigration to Ceylon, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a copy of a letter from the Government of Madras which expresses the views of that Government on the subject.

No 292 dated 26th February 1896.

2. The Government of India are ready to entertain proposals for removing all restrictions upon emigration to the Straits, but they desire, in the first instance, to learn what labour law the Colonial Government are prepared to enforce in order to secure the proper treatment and welfare of the immigrant while serving in the Colony.

3. In the opinion of the Governor General in Council some such law is an essential condition of free emigration from India. His Excellency in Council thinks also that, in addition to the conditions which are stipulated for by the Government of Madras in the communication enclosed, it should include further conditions fixing, in the case of labourers leaving India under contract or advances, a short maximum term of engagement at a minimum wage, on the expiry of which all advances would be held to be liquidated; and providing in the case of free immigrants, that any contract other than a monthly contract entered into in the Colony shall be for not longer than a fixed maximum term, and must be in writing and endorsed by an authorised official, who should be required to explain its terms to the immigrant and to satisfy himself that the latter understands and agrees to them.

1. The Governor General in Council will be glad to receive in due course an expression of the views of the Colonial Government on the above suggestions.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

DENZIL IBBETSON,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

No. $\frac{1249}{25-2}$.

COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to their letter No. 292, dated the 26th February 1896.

By order,

J. S. S.

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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