

Public (189) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1395

DATED 15-10-97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the D.M. Cuddalore,
that licences are not required in
the case of recruiters of Coolies &
the Straits Settlements; and that
the Immigration Agents should advise
the Straits Govt. if they consider
any measures for the protection
of recruiters are necessary.

BACK PAPERS.

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Judicial (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. *287*

From Dist^l Magistrate
S. Frost

Order

No. *287*
Magistrate

Dated *25th September 1897.*

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SUBJECT.

*Requesting instructions
as to whether recruiters
of Coolies for Straits
Settlements require
licenses.*

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Copy of a Communication from the District Magistrate of South Arcot to the Superintendent of Straits Settlements Emigration Dept. Negapatam dated 14th September 1897 no R 280

With reference to your letter no D.E 554/97 dated 9th September 1897 I have the honour to inform you that recruiters of coolies for the Straits require protection just as much as those who recruit coolies for the native states and that the former may be given passports just as in the case of the latter. But the question referred to you in my letter no 280/pet of 1897 dated 2nd September 1897 was whether these persons should be regularly granted registered licenses in the same way as those who recruit coolies for Natal and other places in the face of G.O. no 887 dated 6th July 1897 referred to in my previous letter quoted above and a copy of which appears to have been sent to you. The favour of an early reply is solicited as I have to issue licenses.

(Sd) A. S. Castleman Stuart
District Magistrate

(True copy)

For District Magistrate

Mr. Jones

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~~4217~~

Copy of a communication from the Superintendent of the Straits Settlements Emigration Dept. Kelapataw to the District Magistrate South Arcot dated 22nd September 1897 no. D.S. 570/1897.

With reference to your letter no 280/mapper dated the 14th instant I have the honour to state in reply that the G. O. alluded to does not appear to have come into operation as yet, as from certain instructions since received for my guidance from the Honble the Colonial Secretary Singapore through the Protector of Immigrants Penang. I am advised to give recruiters every assistance in my power, also that the existing regulations in respect to indentured emigrants is not to be interfered with. Therefore the granting of licenses to recruit coolies would materially assist them in affording protection which appears to me to be absolutely necessary against interference by Police. Moreover the petitioners Messrs Jeyapathi Pillai and Co and Mr Chinnathambisetti require the licenses to recruit coolies to serve under agreement in the Straits.

/ True copy /

Usukharayung
for District Magistrate

Instructions for the guidance of the Superintendent of the Straits Settlements reported Melapalam.

1 Pending Confirmation of the Indian Immigration Ordinance 1897 by the Secretary of State, the Government of India have agreed to allow the Government of the Federated Malay States, to recruit emigrants for service in those states without restrictions.

2 The British India Steam navigation Company have agreed to issue a certain no. of reduced passages at Rs 8/6 for emigrants so recruited, ~~through~~^{the} recruiters to be authorised by the Government of the Federated Malay states.

3. You should give every assistance in your power to those recruits and if the emigrants so desire it, they should be accommodated at the Depot (without cost to this Government) up to the time of embarkation, but no compulsion must be used to induce them to remain in the Depot.

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5 nothing in the above instructions is to interfere with existing regulations as to indentured immigrants.

(Pv) C. W. S. Hymenstley
(af) Colonial Secretary.

Attest Barrington
for District Magistrate

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DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

NO. 207

Cuddalore
25 September 1897

FROM

A.C. Castledune Stuart Esq

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF SOUTH ARCOOT.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

TO GOVERNMENT

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. N^o 887, 887A,
887B dated 6.7.97 ^{Public} ~~Judicial~~, I have
the honour to request the favour of
instructions as to whether recruiters
of Coolies for Straits Settlement require
licenses. The Superintendent of Straits
Settlements Emigration ^{Depot} Department, Nega-
patam states in his letter N^o 570 dated
22-9-97 that such licenses are necessary
I submit for the information of Govern-
ment copies of my letter N^o 280 dated
14.9.97 and of the ^e ~~letter~~ ^{may bet} and its enclosures
referred to above from the Superintendent.

I have the honour to be
 your most ^{ob}dt servant

In dis't magte

Department.

From
The District Magistrate of
South Arcot.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

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ENCLOSURE.

Subject.

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C. No. 3739

Public DEPARTMENT.

H. F. THE GOVERNOR.
THE HON'BLE MR. DEISS, C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

*Recruiters of coolies
to the Straits - whether
be granted licenses?*

FOR ORDERS.

*The D.M. of South Arcot
forwards correspondence
with the Supt of the Straits
Settlement Emigration
Depot at Negapatam with
reference to G.O. No. 887/Pat
d/16.7.97, and asks for
instructions as to whether
recruiters of coolies for
the Straits require licenses*

under 15C4

*The Supt. observes
that recruiters of coolies
for the Straits require pro-
tection quite as much as
those who recruit coolies
for the Native States, and
that the former may be
given passports just as
in the case of the latter.*

He asks whether in the

face of G.O. 887 Pubd 16.7.97
the recruiters should
be regularly granted
registered licenses
in the same way as
those who recruit for
Katala &c.

The Supdt further
states (in his 2nd commu-
nication d/22. Sept 97)
that judging from certain
instructions received
from the Colonial Secy,
G.O. 887 does not appear
to have come into
operation as yet. These
instructions are that the
Supdt should give the recruiters
every assistance possible
and that the existing
regulations as to inden-
tured Emigrants are in

no way to be interfered
with. The Supdt thinks protect the
recruiters from the Police.

The rules under which
recruiting for the Straits
was carried on are

given in G.O. 635 Pubd 5.5.87
G.O. 510 Pubd 16.5.88 and G.O. 27 Pubd 16.1.90
(at the bottom of the file)

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+ copy of B enclos 3

inst before A

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In the note at Memo
No 418 Pubd 12.4.97 it
was pointed out that
the ~~above quoted~~ G.O.
just quoted (at X, Y & Z)
would be cancelled
when it was formally
announced that
the new Ordinance
had come into force.

But on receipt
of India's telegram of the
29th June last the G.O.
were cancelled in
G.O. 887 Pubd 16.7.97
(vide instructions
at A) in anticipation of the Bill

CW
9.10.97 This G.O. has removed
all the restrictions regarding
registration of emigrants. These
restrictions are contained (1)
in G.O. no 635 Pubd 5/5/87
which deals with registration
alone, & G.O. no 510 Pubd
15/5/88 which renders the issue
license to the recruiter a
necessary preliminary to the
registration of the emigrant

The license was only required
in connection with the registration
as far as this Govt was concerned.
~~There was no restriction~~
and G.O. no 510 Feb 4/1888
was therefore rightly cancelled
when the restrictions regarding
registration were removed.
The answer to the Collector's query,
it is submitted, is that the
Germans do not require
licenses, as far as any law
on this side is concerned.
Whether it is still advisable
that they should have licenses
for their own protection is, it
is submitted, a question which
should not be discussed until
the Immigration Agents have been
referred to the Straits Govt.
which will if necessary take up
the matter.

Yes.
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✓
Certainly not: as the
law stands at present
no license is required
and there is no need
of it.

The reference to the C.A.
Secretary's letter, copy of which
has been submitted to the
Collector, to the existing
regulations regarding
industrial emigration is
not clear, but seems that there

para one of the same letter
states the fact that all
restrictions or restrictions
recently have been removed
it can hardly relate to any
regulations of this Govt.

It is submitted therefore
that the C.A. should refer
the Immigration Agents to the
Straits Govt for instructions:
thus acted, it is submitted,
have been the better
course to adopt in this
first instance.

AK
13/2/87

Yes
14.10.92

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C. 3739

order no 1395 of 15 octo '97
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The D.M. will be informed
that, so far as this part
is concerned licenses are
not required for entry,
as all executive restrictions
on emigration to this S have
been withdrawn. If the
Immigration Agent considers
that measures for the
protection of vessels are
necessary he should
communicate with the
Govt of the S.S. which will,
if it thinks fit address
this part on the matter.
This course should have been
adopted on the first
instance.

(from over file)

Despatch
22.10.97