

Public (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 418

Dated 12 - 4 - 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Telegraphing to India that this Govt. agrees
to withdraw the system of registered
immigrants on the Straits Immigration
Ordinance coming into force.

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C.S.

Please say if you remember to having recd. the original of the telegram of which a post copy is attached. It does not appear to have reached the Order office.

J.D.B.
30/3/97

No I do not.

I intend this post copy when it came in
1/2
30/3/97

CURRENT No. 1245

From Govt. Dept of R & T.

No. 377.

Dated 20
Received 24 } - 3-97
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Enclosures
Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Enquiring if the Govt will withdraw executive regulation regarding Straits Immigration Ordinance 1897, the Straits Govt should so desire.

Telegram of which this is a post copy has been received

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✓ 1812	Put		12-12-96
✓ 1156-7	-		27-10-96
✓ 890	-		19-8-96
✓ 272	-		26-2-96
✓ 936	-		14-11-95
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

Post copy of Service Message.

(Emigration.)

Calcutta, the 20th March 1897.

FROM Calcutta.

FROM Revenue.

To Madras.

To The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.



Your letter 1157 dated 27th October 1896 regarding Straits Immigration Ordinance. Government India understand that Madras Government is responsible for this Ordinance coming into force to discontinue system of registered recruiting mentioned in paragraph 2 of your letter No. 292 dated 26th February 1896, and will withdraw the executive regulations regarding it, should the Straits Government so desire. Is this so?

2 Mr. S. S. S. S. S.
for Registrar.

R. & A. Regr. No. 21.

C. No. 1245

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Straits Immigration Ordinance

FOR ORDERS.

C. 1245 is a post copy of a telegram from India the original of which has not been received.

A

In letter 1157 Pubd of 27.2.96 this post approves the provisions of the draft of the Straits Immigration Ordinance. With reference thereto the post of India remarks that it understands that this post is agreeable to continuing the system of registered recruiting mentioned

B

in para 2 of letter 242 Pubd 26.2.96 as soon as the Ordinance comes into force, and that it will withdraw the Executive regulations regard

regarding it should
the Straits foot so desire.

India asks if this is so

attention is

referred to paras 12 to

23 of Mr Forbes' note

C info. 936 Pubd 14.11.95

In para 3 of its letter

292 Pubd 26.2.96 B this foot

intimated that it was prepared

to assent to the abolition

in the Straits Settlements

of legislative interference

with the labour contract of

Indian immigrants to

by a law was intended

for

(a) official inspection of labour

(b) reservation to colonial Govt

of right to close and state

(c) precautions against im-

migrants departing to other

countries.

These conditions have

been met with vide notes at D

info. 1156.7 Pubd 27-10-96

The rules under which

recruiting is carried on

are given in fo. ^{635 Pub} 5.5.97

E

F + G

fo. ^{570 Pub} 15.5.97 and fo. ^{27 Pub} 16.1.96

In para 5(H) of its

letter N° 936 d/14-11-95

this foot pressed for

the early introduction

of an improved

ordinance.

CW

1.4.97

para 2 of letter no
292 of 26.2.96. L

There is at present no legal

restriction on recruiting emigrants

for the Straits Settlements in this

Presidency - neither is there any

legal check on free emigration

(i.e. emigration without contract)

There is also no legal hindrance

to the employment by the Straits

Settlements planter of agents

in India to find ^{recruit} "free" emigrants.

It is submitted that the system

of registering emigrants is of

practically no value. It does not

show all the ^{persons} emigrants who go to

the Straits settlements but only

those who are recruited by an

agent: for statistical purposes it

is useless.

In letter no 292 Pub. to the

Govt of India, dated 26-2-96

this Govt agreed that under certain

conditions emigration to the Straits

E

might be placed on the same footing as emigration to Ceylon. Those conditions have now been fulfilled. It is about that therefore that emigration to the Straits may now be freed from every restriction, as in the case with emigration to Ceylon; that is to say the ^{existing} executive rules ^{for registering} for emigrants may be withdrawn.

para 8 of G.O. no 445 P6
d. 3-6-95
A²

AK.
3/4/97.

12
5/4/97.

AK

6/4/97

encur. A. 94
7.4.97

note
Ref please note
21/4/97

When it is announced formally that the Ordinance has come into force action will have to be taken in regard to abolishing the rules at E, F & G

9/4/97

N. 418 of 12-4-97

Public C124

Despatched 12/4/97

The following telegram will be despatched to the Govt of India.

Telegram to

Rev: and Sri Simla

258. Your ^{post copy of} telegram 377 twentieth ultimo

This Govt agrees to withdraw all Executive rules regarding systems of registered recruiting on Ordinance coming into force from orders

AK.
9/4/97. 15/4/97
Cw. 9/4/97

Note for the A.D.

Emigration to Ceylon is entirely free from any restrictions. Please see flags A, B, C & D. It is not possible to distinguish emigrants from free passengers, but the district authorities obtain information as regards the total number of passengers that leave the Presidency for Ceylon. In addition to the emigration report the Board also submit a quarterly return of passengers leaving from & arriving at ports in this way. Please see flag E.

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