

Public (1898) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 523

DATED 5-4-98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording the correspondence relating to the proposal of the Ceylon Govt to appoint an Immigration Agent at Tuticorin.

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NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

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 despatch of 18th
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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Public Current 1646 997
from the Just Dept regarding
a proposal of the Ceylon
Govt to appoint an Im-
migration Agent at Tuticorin
was referred to the Bd
of Rev which has not
yet replied. The Bd
has sent the Collector of
Tinnevely a reminder
on the subject vide C 2464

From the linked
file it will be seen that
Judd Cts 1246 & 2084
are awaiting a
decision in the matter.
The Judd file relates
to certain precautionary
measures against
black mailing of
coolies for Ceylon

It is observed that
there is nothing in the
above papers (Public)
regarding the Establishment
of a permanent quarantine

station but to be for the
Ct's

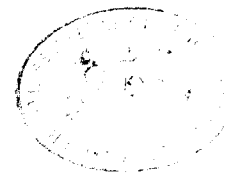
Intimating that the -
Ceylon Govt. desires to appoint
an Immigration Agent at
Tuticorin.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date
Jo	227	Pub	11-2-73
	1171	Pub	3-11-96
	117	Pub	4-2-73
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July 7.
CHIEF SECRETARY
-6 JUL 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

My dear Sir,

His Excellency has seen in a Ceylon paper a report of a speech by Sir West Ridgeway, in which Sir West speaks of having made some proposal to the Madras Govt. to establish a permanent Quarantine Station at Tuticorin for emigrant planting Coolies. His Excellency would be glad to know what this refers to, and what orders have been passed on it. Some gentleman, named Mr Skrine, appears to be the originator of the proposal.

Yours sincerely

L. B. M.



Colombo, Ceylon,
10th July 1897.

My dear Sir,

Your L.O. of the 5th regarding Sir
V. Ridgeway's speech on a proposal to
establish a permanent quarantine Station
at Tuticorin. We have heard nothing of
any such proposal, but from the accompany-
ing papers you will see that Ceylon has
proposed (I) that the Tuticorin Port Of-
ficer should be appointed Protector of
Ceylon
Emigrants, (II) that there should be a
shed in the Tuticorin Railway Station
compound for the coolies to await the
boats in, and (III) that the coolies be
taken from the Station to the pier in a
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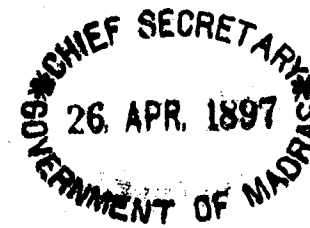
...so that they need not go
through notice in town. The disposal of
the question in re ~~the~~ the appointment
of an Assistant Agent at Tuticorin
will be left to the Board of Revenue
to deal with over meanwhile.

Yours Sincerely.

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... I.C.S.



Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, 21 April, 1897

No.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of 1st February 1897, I am directed to state, for the information of the Government of Madras, that this Government desires to appoint an Immigration Agent at Port Louis and that it is presumed the Government of Madras would have no objection to the appointment of the same person as the present Agent at Port Louis.

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I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

[Signature]
Colonial Secretary.

The Hon'ble,
The Chief Secretary to the Government,
of Madras.

Public (1897) Department.

CHIEF SECRETARY
-4 JUL 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

CURRENT No. 2464

Order

From The Secretary to the
Commissioners of Salt, Alibari
and separate Revenue Madras
Route No. 1719

Dated 25th June 1897

Received

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SUBJECT.

To await further communication from the Board of Revenue

Communicating to the collector of Tinnelly Memorandum from Government calling for an early reply to Government order regarding the immigration agent at Tuticorin and requesting him to submit an early reply to the Board's reference on Government Register No. 506 of 1897

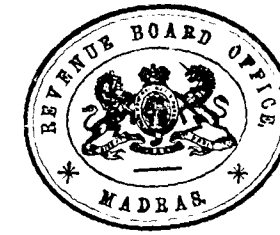
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 25th June 1897.

Routine No. 1719

Read Memorandum from Government, Public Department dated 16th June 1897.

Resolution communicated to the collector of Tinnevely who is requested to submit an early reply to the Board's reference on Government Register No. 504 of 1897.

(True extract)

Communicated
Assistant Secretary

To The collector of Tinnevely
Copy to the Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department.

1797

Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.



From

*The Secretary to the
Commissioners of Salt,
Abkari and Sepathi
Revenue, Madras.*

No. 3445

Order

Dated *10th August 1897.*

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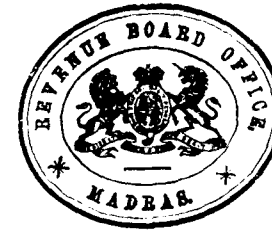
*Submitting to
Government with remarks
letter from the collector of
Tinnevely Submitting
remarks on the proposals
regarding the appointment
by the Ceylon Government
of an immigration agent
at Tuticorin.*

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 10th August 1897.

His No. 3445.

Read endorsement of the Government of Madras, No 1019 dated 10th May 1897 and reference thereon dated 22nd May 1897 to the Collector of Tinnevely for remarks.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely Dioposal No 474 of 1897 dated 27th July 1897:—

"In reply to Reference on Government Register No 504 of 1897 dated 22nd May 1897 regarding the appointment, by the Ceylon Government of an immigration agent at Tuticorin, I have the honor to state that the Collector of Madura was asked to ascertain and intimate to me what the footing of the Ceylon agent at Pamban is.

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The collector of Madura has written to say that he has not ^{yet} heard from the Ceylon agent at Pamban but that the Government Officers at Pamban have no control over or concern with the agent at that station.

2. Apparently the object of the Ceylon Government in proposing the appointment of an agent at Tuticorin is to provide against the possible importation into Ceylon of epidemic diseases by coolies emigrating from British India and also to give additional facilities to coolies to emigrate for Ceylon free from any of black mail by Kanganies (or recruiting agents) or eating house-keepers or others. The emigrant coolies who are recruited and taken from the Southern districts belong to the poorest class of people whose habits of life are insalubrious. It seems desirable both in the interests of the Municipality of Tuticorin and of Ceylon that proper arrangements should be made to prevent the emigration of coolies suffering from disease or likely to carry infection, and

and also to prevent them from entering the town of Tuticorin.

3. The best means of attaining this end seems to be the appointment of an agent who should establish a depot outside Tuticorin. Mr. Wilkinson, recently deputed by the Ceylon Government, has apparently been making enquiries at Tuticorin in this direction.

4. Should the Ceylon Government decide on the appointment of an agent and establishment of a coolie depot at Tuticorin, I would venture to suggest that provision should be made by that Government for the supervision and regulation of the depot, for the medical care of the emigrants during their residence in the depot and for special measures of segregation and treatment in the outbreak of epidemic or infectious diseases. Probably arrangements on lines similar to the provisions contained in the rules issued under Act XXI of 1883 (Indian Emigration Act) published in the Port Saint George Gazette Supplement dated 12th May 1886 might be suitable. But

But the following points deserve special consideration.

(1) The depot should be located at a suitable place within easy access to the railway where fresh water supply is available and which is free as far as possible from sanitary defects. The locality should be approved by the District Surgeon or the Senior Medical officer at Jubbah. Mr. Wilkinson has, I believe, already inspected a site to the north of the town on the Ettayapuram road which is close to the railway line and not far from the Municipal Reservoir where fresh water supply is available and this seems very suitable. Probably the Railway Administration would not have much difficulty in opening a temporary station at the gate where the railway line crosses the Ettayapuram road to deposit coolies at the depot and to take them thence to the beach in special trains. The coolies should be fed in the depot and not be allowed to wander from the depot into the town, and

and by this means they would not only not carry infection to the town, but would be free from imposition.

(2) The accommodation to be provided should be such as would be considered comfortable by persons of their condition in the place where they are recruited.

(3) There should be a special medical officer, appointed by the Ceylon Government who should examine the coolies before admitting them into the depot, and treat them there if ill.

(4) Hospital sheds should be erected for the treatment of ordinary cases, an observation shed for suspected cases and a segregation shed for treatment of infectious diseases.

(5) The following officers should be permitted to inspect the depot as often as they please.

(1) The District Medical Officer.

(2) The Senior Medical officer at Jubbah or other medical officer empowered by the District Medical officer.

(3) The Revenue officer in charge of the Division.

(4) The Chairman, Municipal Council, Tuticorin.

(5) The District Superintendent of Police and the Assistant Superintendent.

(6) The Senior Medical officer of the Station should from time to time and at least once every week during which any emigrants may be kept in the depot, inspect the emigrants and examine the sanitary state of the depot and the manner in which the emigrants therein are lodged, fed and otherwise attended to. His suggestions in respect of sanitation should be promptly carried out by the Agent. A report on the results of his inspection should be submitted every week by the Senior Medical officer to the Revenue Officer in charge of the division.

(7) Whenever cholera or other epidemic or infectious diseases break out in the depot, the Agent should give immediate notice to the Senior Medical officer, Tuticorin and to the Chairman, Municipal Council.

5. Finally I beg to suggest that it will probably facilitate the arrangements connected with the depot and prevent friction with the Medical Officer and Chairman and other officers, if the Agent appointed be an European acquainted with Tamil. Such an officer would also be in a position to prevent the coolies from being imposed upon."

Resolution

Submitted to Government with reference to its endorsement No 1019 dated 10th May 1897.

2. The Collector's remarks are generally concurred in but of course in arranging details much would depend on the qualifications and status of the Ceylon Agent
(True copy and extract)

Caution

Assistant Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
(with current No 1646 returned)

8/5/97

Judicial (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 154



To await receipt of the
reply from the D.P.W.

From the Marine Dept.

At 20-3-97
CURRENT No.

Order No. 20771 of 23.3.98.

Transferred to the Public
Department.

No. 2082

At 20-3-97
Signed
15/2/98

Dated 20th March 1897

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Recorded, with reference
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At 24/2/98

SUBJECT.

Transferring letter from the
P.O. stating that there is no
objection to the appointment of
the Port Officer Inticorin
as Protector of Emigrants
at Tuticorin.

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<i>Miss</i>	748	<i>Pub</i>	9-4-86
<i>S. C.</i>	405/6	"	22-2-86
<i>S. C.</i>	134	"	21-1-86
<i>S. C.</i>	2683/2	"	17-11-85
<i>Miss</i>	227	<i>Pub</i>	16-2-97
	168	"	6-2-97
	67	"	14-1-97
	1836-31	"	12-1-97

FURTHER PAPERS.

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No. 208

Government of Madras,
Marine
~~PUBLIC WORKS~~ DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement
MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 20th March 1897.

I from the Presidency Port Officer,
Madras, 10th 1897 of dated 5th March 1897:
With reference to G.O. No. 176, Marine,
dated 2nd March 1897, I have the honour to
state that there appears to be no objection to
the proposal of the Ceylon Government that
the Port Officer, Tuticorin, should be appointed
Protector of Emigrants at that port.

2. As the appointment will increase
the duties of the Port Officer I presume that
the Ceylon Government will grant him
some allowance for the additional work
involved. When the Negapatam Port Officer
was appointed emigration agent for the
Government of the Straits Settlements a sum
of Rs(100) one hundred per mensem was
recommended as compensation - vide
G.O. No. 2683, Public, dated 17th November
1885 - and I submit that the Ceylon Govern-
ment should be asked to pay this amount.

3. I think that a shed for coolies should
be

be erected on the reclamation close to the
base of the pier as they would then be under
the Port Officer's supervision. In the plan
accompanying the letter from the Collector
of Trincomalee relative to port improvements
at Tuticorin forwarded to the Board of
Revenue under my endorsement, No.
163/231 G, dated 4 July 1896, a site for a shed
for coolies was shown.

Transferred to the Judicial Depart-
ment with reference to the order in that Depart-
ment - No. 227 dated 16 February 1897.

J. H. Campbell Esq. Colonel R. E.
Secretary to Government
L. H.

To

The Judicial Department.

Extract from the Agent's letter to the
Board S. I. Ry. No. 546 of 10.8.97

Tuticorin - Colombo Route

It is now proposed to Establish
a Cooly depot at Tataparai so as to
locate the Coolies out of reach of
the Station of the Tuticorin Hostel
Proprietors. This Scheme will be carried
through by the Immigration Supt.
of the Ceylon Govt with the assistance
of this Administration

C. No. 1246 + 2084/97.

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

SUBJECT.

Precautions taken against Black.
Working of Ceylon - Emigrants for Ceylon.

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the Ceylon Govt's letter in G.O. No. 227 J.D. 16.2.97 flagged A. That Govt. proposed therein (1) that the Post Office at Tuticorin should be appointed by the Indian Govt. to be Protector of Emigrants;
(2) that the S. I. Ry. authorities should be moved to erect a shed for coolies in the Ry. Compound at Tuticorin where they might stay;
(3) that a special truck for coolies be attached to the train running to the pier at Tuticorin for 1st + 2nd class passengers, in order that coolies might go straight to the pier + to the steamer without going into the Town.

In inviting the opinion of this Govt. on the proposals, the Ceylon Govt. also requested that if there should be no objection, assistance might be rendered in securing their adoption.

2. The current's read above contain the remarks of the Marine + the P. W. Dept.

the suggestions made. ① The P.P.O. has no objection to the proposed appointment of the Tuhicini Port officer as Protector of Emigrants at that port, but states that as in the case of the Negapatam Port officer, an allowance of Rs 100 p.m. should be paid by the Ceylon Govt. for the extra duties involved.

② The Agent, S.S. Ry sees no reason why the Ry. Co. should bear the cost of the proposed accommodation for coolies & thinks that the Colly shelter should either be erected at the expense of & be worked by Govt. or that it should not be provided at all. He even objects to building the shed within the Ry. compound.

③ As regards the running of a special truck for carrying the coolies from the station to the pier, the ^{agent} ~~Director~~ has no objection, if any useful object is to be served thereby. In the meanwhile he remarks that coolies are very rarely booked through to Ceylon. The Ry. Branch endorses the Agent's remarks.

Orders are solicited as to what reply should be sent to Ceylon.

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DETTO.

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