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G.O., No. 541

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Dated 10-5-99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Commr.
of Police to communicate to the Hon'g
Secy, Friend-in-need Society, the result
of the inquiries in Fiji regarding vagrants
Joseph Cantos, and to ascertain whether
the man can now be admitted into
the Society's Home; & stating that he
ought not, however, to be compulsorily
detained either in the Home or in the
poor Workhouse.

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Order

From

The Commissioner of Police,
Madras.

No. 23

Dated 27th April 1899.

Received 29

Registered 1 May

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SUBJECT.

Joseph Cambog.

Submitting copies of replies
received from Sydney & Fiji regard-
ing ----- and soliciting orders
as to his disposal.

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Premier's Office,
Sydney, New South Wales,
23rd. March 1899.

Sir,

I have the honor to hand you, herewith, a letter, dated 22nd. instant, addressed to you by my Honorable Colleague the Chief Secretary, transmitting copy of a communication received by him from the local Police Authorities, in response to enquiries made by you, respecting the proposed deportation of Joseph Camboo from India to the Fiji Islands.

I have &c &c
(Signed) G.H.Read.

NEW SOUTH WALES

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Chief Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 22nd. March 1899.

Sir,

Joseph Camboo.

With reference to previous correspondence respecting the proposed deportation of the man named in the margin from India to the Fiji Islands, I have now the honor to append copy of a communication received from the local Police Authorities, in response to certain enquiries, which you had addressed to them on the subject.

I have &c &c
for the Chief Secretary
(Sd) Critchall Walker,
Principal Under Secretary.

Copy

Water Police Station,
Sydney, 15th. March 1899.

Memo:

Steamers belonging to the Union and A.U.S.N. Companies run between Sydney and Fiji weekly -

Fiji -

Second passage for Joseph Camboo to Suva would be £ 10/. and
for an attendant £ 6/. -----Total £ 16/.
Steering passage £ 6/. and for an attendant £ 6/.---do-£ 12/.

The Manager, A.U.S.N. Company, says he would wish to
know whether there will be any objection to the men landing at
Fiji.

Geo: Read Esq., J.P.,
Superintendent.

(Sd) Geo: H. Hyem,
Inspector.

Forwarded to the Inspector General.

(Sd) G. Read,
Superintendent.
15-3-99.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Suva, Fiji, 17th. March 1899

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter No. 8 of the 15th. Ultimo and to inform you in reply that
the man Joseph Camboo has misled you in stating that he was
born in Fiji.

He is recognised from his photo as an Immigrant who
came to this Colony from Calcutta in the ship "Leonidas" in 1879
and returned thither in the ship "May" in 1893.

I am accordingly to ask that the men may not be sent
to Fiji.

I have &c &c
(Sd) W. L. Allardyce
Asst. Colonial Secretary.

(True Copy)


Ag: Commissioner of Police.



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Dept.
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City Police Office,

No. 23.

Madras, 27th. April 1899 18

From A.P. AGAR ESQUIRE,
Ag: THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
MADRAS.

To The Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George,

MADRAS,

Sir,

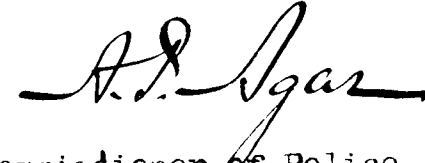
Public/
Referring to G.O. No. 149, dated 6th. February 1899,

I have the honor to report that I have received replies from
the Premier's Office, Sydney, New South Wales, and the Asst.
Colonial Secretary, Suva, Fiji, copies of which are en-
closed, and collect the orders of Government regarding the
disposal of the man Joseph Camboo, who appears to be dis-
ciplined with the Workhouse and constantly asks for his dis-
charge. He still adheres to his statement that he was born
in Fiji and does not appear to be a native of this country.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Ag: Commissioner of Police.
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For order

The Commr. of Police
can communicate to
the F. in N. Socy. the result
of the inquiries in Fiji.
If the man desires to be
discharged the Commr.
of Police should let him
go as he cannot be
compulsorily detained
either in the workhouse
or in the F. in N. Society's
house.

Attention is invited to the notes at 2. It now appears that the vagrant Joseph Cambro, the soi-disant native of the Fiji Islands, was not born in that Colony at all; that he went there as an emigrant from Calcutta in 1879, and returned to the latter place in 1893. If the Fiji authorities have correctly identified him from his photograph, a great part of his "Statement" must be false - He would not

if he really came from
Sydney to Trichinopoly with
a ~~very~~ Macaulay, he must
have gone to Australia from
Calcutta. The fact remains
that the authorities at
Fiji ask that he may
not be sent there, and
the question now is how
to dispose of him.

3. If he is a native
or Eurasian of Calcutta,
his detention in the Govt.
Workhouse under the
Vagrancy Act is illegal.
It is said that he still
maintains his story as
to his birthplace; that
he is dissatisfied with
the Workhouse, and
constantly asks for his
discharge. If discharged
however, he would probably
lie in the streets to starve,
for he is said to be a
helpless cripple, and
utterly destitute & friendless.
If he admits an Indian
origin, there would prob.

be no further objection
to his admission to the
friend. in. and so it is
Home, but so long as he
maintains his Fijian
birth, the Society will
doubtless refuse to
receive him. The Comms.
of Police might perhaps
be asked to communicate
again with the Hon. Secy.
to the F. in. W. Society,
telling him what has
been ascertained regarding
Cambour's extraction,
& inquiring whether he
can now be admitted
to the Home. If this

leads to nothing the
Com. has much apparently
to say in the workhouse.

4/5/98 - J. S. S. S.
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NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

Submitted for
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in letter, No. 23, dated 27.4.1899.

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der
no N° 541 dated 10.5.99.

The Commr of Police
will be requested to
communicate to the Hon.
Secy. Friend. in. West Indies
the result of the inquiries
in Fiji, which tend
to show that Joseph
Cambora is not a
native of that Colony
& that he came originally
from Calcutta; and
to ascertain whether
the man can now be
admitted to the Society's
Hon.

Done
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... to be discharged,
should be allowed
as under the circumstances he ought not to
be ~~detained~~ be
compulsorily detained
either in the Govt.
workhouse, or in the
friend-in. West Society's
Home.

(From order)

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This para. of the G.O.
assumes that the man
is a native of India. If
he really comes from
Fiji
and is the son & grandson
of natives of India. If he
really comes from Fiji
he may be compulsorily
detained in the workhouse
under the order of the Act
(under Act IX of 1874)
Perhaps the words "as his
case does not fall under
the provisions of Act IX of
1874" should be
inserted after "cannot".
to make matter clear.

To the Council of the Colony

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