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Emigration.

Read the following paper :—

No. 143. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th February* 1877, *No.* 585.

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1877, No. 60 :—

I have the honor to suggest, for consideration, whether it would not be advisable to communicate with the Government of Ceylon regarding the fate of the streams of people still pouring into that island from Southern India, and especially from the Ramnad Zemindari. It is estimated that one-third of the able-bodied have migrated from south-west Ramnad. In some cases, one member of a family is left with the women and children ; in other cases the houses are shut up, and all are gone. This is the best thing possible for Madura, if the people can be employed in Ceylon ; but if they are likely to come back to us starving in a month or two, we must be prepared for them. The Board have probably observed the small numbers employed on relief works at present, though the state of parts of Ramnad is as bad as Bellary or Cuddapah.

Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. The Board think that it would be well that inquiry should be made, through the Ceylon Government, as to the condition of the labor market in Ceylon, and the probability of the large numbers who are now emigrating thither being retained till the famine is over. The Board have heard that very many are returning to Tuticorin.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

Transferred to the Public Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15*th February* 1877.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

No. 144. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1877, No. 259.

Ordered that the Government of Ceylon be addressed on the subject.

2. The Government understand that the quarantine established in Ceylon is the cause of the return of vessels carrying coolies without landing them.

(True Extract.)

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Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

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