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Emigration.

No. 72. *Proceedings of Government, 13th November 1877, No. 1539.*

The Governor in Council proceeds to orders as to the preliminary measures to be taken for bringing into operation the Act V of 1877. (An Act to regulate the Emigration of Native Laborers from the Presidency of Fort St. George to the Straits Settlements).

2. SECTION 1—*Notification of date.* (Clause 3) of the Act provides that "it shall be the duty of the Governor of Fort St. George in Council, with the sanction of the General in Council, may, by Notification, cause to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, an Application will accordingly be made, by the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, to the Government of India, in order to notify that the Act shall take effect on the 1st January 1878, by which date it is expected that all arrangements to be made of the Straits Settlements, under the Act, will be completed."

3. SECTION 2 (CLAUSE 4)—*Appointment of persons to perform the functions of a Magistrate under the Act.*—With reference to the clause in Section 2 which defines the word "Magistrate," as used in the Act, the Governor in Council desires that the District Magistrate of Tanjore will state whether, in his opinion, it is necessary to appoint any persons in his own, or in an adjacent district, under that clause, to perform the functions of a Magistrate under the Act. These functions will be found detailed in Sections 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23.

4. SECTION 3—*Port from which Emigration shall be lawful.*—His Grace in Council considers that, for the present, the port of embarkation should be limited to the Port of Negapatam in the Tanjore District. That port is expressly named in Section 4 of "The Indian Immigrants' Protection Ordinance, 1876," passed by the Straits Settlements Legislature, as a port for the departure of emigrants from India to that Colony; it is, moreover, the port from which a regular passenger traffic between Southern India and the Straits Settlements has long existed; and it is believed that for some time to come this single port will meet all the requirements of the Straits Settlements in regard to laborers from India. A Notification will accordingly be published, in due course, in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, under the provisions of Section 3, declaring that the Port of Negapatam in the District of Tanjore shall be the port from which emigration under the Act shall be lawful.

5. SECTION 4—*Appointment of Emigration Agent.*—With regard to the appointment of an Emigration Agent at Negapatam it is observed, that the Government of the Straits Settlements have already appointed* Mr. Frank Oliver to that office under Section 4, and this Government

* See Proceedings of Government, 27th Feb. 1877, No. 249.
have approved the appointment under Section 5, of the Ordinance abovementioned. It is necessary, however, in order to give legal validity to the appointment in question in this Presidency, that it should be formally made and approved under the corresponding provisions of the Indian Act V of 1877. The Government of the Straits Settlements will accordingly be requested to notify the appointment under the latter enactment; and upon the receipt of intimation of this having been done, a similar Notification under Section 4 of that enactment will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and in the *Tanjore District Gazette*.

6. SECTION 5—*Appointment of Protector of Emigrants.*—As to the appointment of

* See letter to Government of India in the Proceedings of this Government, 31st Dec. 1872, No. 1427, paragraph 5; and Draft appended thereto, Section 7.

Division of the District in which the Town of Negapatam is situated, or such other Magistrate in Negapatam as the District Magistrate will submit his or Section 5 to act as Protector of Emigrants assigned to him under the same salary being allowed to the Protector.

7. SECTION 5—*Office Establishment.*—a statement of the Ministerial establishment assigned to the Protector under the Act that the sanction of the Government for whatever establishment may be considered

8. SECTION 17—*Medical Examination.*—provides that every recruit who is brought into the Act "shall be brought by the recruiting officer or other Medical Officer as the Local Government may direct, before such Medical Officer as the Local Government may direct, to state whether, in the event of recruitment, the intending emigrant is fit for service under Section 17; or whether the intending emigrant is fit to be employed as provided by the Act.

9. SECTIONS 17 AND 23—*Fees for intending Emigrants.*—The District Magistrate should, in his opinion, be prescribed under Section 23, respectively, for the medical examination of intending emigrants. Under the Burma Law (Act III of 1876, Sections 14 and 18), the registration fee is fixed at 8 Annas, and the fee for medical examination at 1 Rupee. These fees may probably be considered proper also for adoption under the Straits Settlements Emigration Act.

10. SECTION 46—*Appointment of Officers to conduct prosecutions under the Act.*—The last point to be dealt with is as to the appointment of officers under Section 46 to institute prosecutions under Sections 42, 43, 44 and 45 of the Act. At Negapatam the Emigration Agent or the Protector of Emigrants, as provided by the Act, would probably be the proper person to perform this duty; at other places the Governor in Council thinks that the District or Assistant Superintendent of Police should conduct the prosecutions, as is the case in regard to prosecutions under the General Emigration Act VII of 1871. Mr. Thomas will communicate to Government his views on this subject, furnishing at the same time a list of the places at which officers should, in his opinion, be appointed under Section 46.

(True Extract.)

G. W. A. S.
Secretary to Government.

To the Magistrate of the Tanjore District.
" Revenue Department.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

Protector of Emigrants—it was originally intended*—when the draft of the Bill upon which Act V of 1877 is based was prepared by this Government—that the Protector should be the Magistrate of the Division of the District in which the Town of Negapatam is situated, or such other Magistrate in Negapatam as the District Magistrate will submit his or Section 5 to act as Protector of Emigrants assigned to him under the same salary being allowed to the Protector.

Protector.—Mr. Thomas will also submit a statement of the Ministerial establishment assigned to the Protector under the Act that the sanction of the Government for whatever establishment may be considered necessary.

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Enclature. — Orders issued respecting the
prohibitory measures to be taken for bringing
the petition Act V of 1877, regarding land-
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