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C. E. BERNARD, Esq.,
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FORT ST. GEORGE,
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Sir,

most obedient servant,

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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From

C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I.,

Secretary to Sir Richard Temple,

To

J. H. GARSTIN, Esq.,

Additional Secretary to the

Government of Madras

Dated BANGALORE, 7th April, 1877.

Sir,

By direction of Sir Richard Temple, I have the honour to forward copy of a Minute recorded by him regarding the emigration of people from the Mysore Province to the relief institutions in Madras districts together with my note on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. BERNARD,

Secretary to Sir Richard Temple.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Nos. 407-408.

PARLAMENTARY No. 592

REVENUE. That there appears to be some mis-
understanding in regard to the number of Mysore
settles comprising to relief institutions in the
Madras District, as the Collector of Madras has
reported that there were about 17,000 Mysore
settles in Mysore and the North Mysore
districts, which was given to some who
transferred into the Odeh-logy Val.

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Minute by Sir Richard Temple, dated
Bangalore, 6th April, 1877.

I have while at Bangalore investigated the facts regarding the migration of people from the Mysore Province to the relief works and relief houses in British districts of the Madras Presidency. At one time there were some, perhaps many thousands of Mysore people on the relief works in the Bellary and Cuddapah districts; and there were large bodies of Mysore labourers in the coffee districts of the Wynaad. Immigrant labourers from Mysore do indeed flock yearly to the coffee districts and do much useful work there. This year by reason of the scarcity, double the usual number emigrated to the Wynaad, and, as the coffee crop was short, there was less than the usual quantity of work to be done.

2. In my Minute No. XXXVII, dated 16th February, I expressed my opinion, that the distressed people of Mysore, could be relieved by the Mysore Government which had made adequate provision to that end; and I advised that such people should, after receiving temporary relief, be sent back under proper arrangements to their homes.

3. If there were still at this time any considerable number of Mysore people receiving or needing relief in British districts, then I should advise that the Chief Commissioner's offer to depute an officer, who would take over such refugees, should at once be accepted; for there is no reason why the British treasury should be burdened with the support of distressed persons from neighbouring States, which are both able and willing to relieve their own people.

4. But as matters now stand, there seems no present need for action. The Wynaad cooly question is settling itself; for the Collector reports* that the Mysore immigrants are re-

*See the appended note.

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turning to their homes. It is probable that, while they were in the Wynaad, they had earnings or other means of supporting themselves at least until they could re-cross the Mysore frontier.

5. In Bellary and Cuddapah the number of Mysoreans appears comparatively small. On the borders between provinces like Bellary and Mysore, there will always be some interchange of population in times like this; and the Commissioner of the Nundkoo division recently learnt that several hundred of British subjects from the Penekonda division had come to the relief centres in Kolar and Bangalore, having fled from their home by reason of the cholera which was there raging.

6. Although there is no present need for action, yet if hereafter there should be any large gathering of Mysore people on relief works or at relief centres, I consider that early intimation should be given to the local officers in Mysore, so that the Mysore authorities might promptly take over and relieve their own people, as indeed they are very ready and able to do.

RICHARD TEMPLE

Mysore people in the Madras distressed districts.

The case now stands on this wise,—

Mysore declined to pay the charges which Madras might incur in relieving Mysore immigrants either by relief wages or otherwise. But Mysore offered to send and fetch back her people. Accordingly an Assistant Commissioner was sent from Kolar to Pennakonda to fetch back Mysore people who might be on the Bellary works. But none were found in Pennakonda and only 35 in the other taluqs; so the Assistant Commissioner came back empty.

2. It was about Pénnekonda that the question first arose. Subsequently Madras represented that Mysore people were surging over into Coimbatore, and specially that large numbers

Note.
In the correspondence the Collector of Malabar offers no estimate of the number of these immigrant Mysoreans. But at Madras the figure was stated (no doubt roughly) at six thousand. We telegraphed yesterday to know what was the collector's estimate of the numbers.

of people, who had gone to the Wynaad for employment on the coffee estates, were now practically on the hands of the Madras Government;—there was no coffee labour to be had and the people seemed disinclined to go back to Mysore. The correspondence between the Collectors and the planters shows that there is much want of roads in the Wynaad; and the present is considered a favourable opportunity of getting these roads made. The Madras Government enquired whether Mysore would contribute one-third the cost of these roads, on the ground that Mysore people would be employed thereon and sustained thereby. Mysore declined the offer, because she too had plenty of good relief works waiting to be done, and on which in some places, work-people would not come. At the same time Mysore repeated the expression of her readiness to send and fetch her people home.

3. Madras has now replied asking that Mysore would at once send officers to fetch back her people from the Wynaad, Coimbatore, Bellary and Cuddapah, and has begged that Mysore will take steps to prevent her people immigrating into Madras country for the future.

4. The Chief Commissioner of Mysore is now ready to send officers and will do so. The largest number of his truants are said to be in the Wynaad; he has works close to the border to employ them, and he has relief-houses along the road whereat the returning emigrants can be fed as they come along. But he anticipates that many of them will be quite unwilling to come back, if they can get easy, highly-paid work in the Wynaad. He foresees too that there will be difficulty and there may be loss to the coffee interest if emigration from Mysore into the Wynaad is permanently checked or restricted. The Chief Commissioner has suggested

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that the Wynaad authorities should decide which Mysore people ought to be sent back home and which should be kept.

C. BERNARD

Secretary to Sir Richard Temple.

BANGALORE,
2nd April, 1877.

P.S.—After the foregoing paragraphs were written, telegrams were sent by Sir Richard Temple's order to the Collectors of Malabar, Bellary, and Cuddapah, asking for an estimate of the number of Mysoreans needing relief in the Wynaad, in Bellary, and in Cuddapah. The Collector of Malabar replied (3rd April) that "no Mysore people in Wynaad now need relief. They are returning already to Mysore and all say they intend returning, as crops and prospects have improved at home." The Collector of Bellary replied that he estimated "the Mysoreans on relief-works and receiving gratuitous relief at not more than a few hundreds." The Collector of Cuddapah replied that he could "form no estimate" as he had "no data."

C. BERNARD,

Secretary to Sir Richard Temple.

BANGALORE,
6th April, 1877.

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From C. E. Bernard Esq. C.S.I.

Dated 7th April 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

F. No. 2272

Revenue {1877} Department.

From

C. E. BERNARD, ESQ., C.S.I.,

Secretary to Sir Richard Temple,

Dated 7th

April, 1877.

Received 9th

No. 179

Forwarding copy of a Minute by Sir Richard Temple regarding the emigration of people from the Mysore Provinces to the relief institutions in the Madras Dist. &c.

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summarized as the Coll.
of Malabar separate affairs
concerning on 4th June last
that there were 17,000
in Wyandah - & helping
Com. had reported on
that it had been
necessary to give voluntary
relief in October last
to women who had wanted
them - Ref 13/4*

*This letter has
been seen & I
verify them*

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has been
sent*

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Le 6th R. T.

Sir I am indebted to Mr. [unclear] for
of V. Alta N. 179 for a letter by Sir
R. Temple regarding the emigration of people
from the New South Wales to the relief of the
districts in the interior. As to the state of the
temperatures & the some misapprehension
as to the number as the Coling Melburn
reported after enquiring on the 2nd Decr. that
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by report of the Milpini Council has reported
that it had been necessary to give provisions
relief to some of the voluntary valley to
some who had wandered there

J H P

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