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CHINESE EMIGRATION.

The following copies or extracts of Despatches are published for general information.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th May, 1878.

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

[No. 69.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
HONGKONG, 9th April, 1877.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 12, of the 5th January, 1877, in which you transmit for consideration a copy of a letter with enclosures from the Foreign Office respecting a scheme for the importation into Peru of Chinese Coolies.

I lost no time in forwarding the papers for the consideration of the Emigration Officer, and I have now the honour to send a copy of his Report. His views, as expressed in the Report, I fully endorse, and I trust that the objection such as that now proposed will not be sent from Hongkong. Individually I am opposed to any Emigration from China which the British Government cannot control through all stages.

I have noted your instructions to keep you fully informed of any steps that may be taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Administrator.

The Right Honourable The EARL OF CARNARVON,
Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong.
[No. 81.]

DOWNING STREET,
5th July, 1877.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. AUSTIN's Despatch No. 69 of the 9th of April, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter relative to the projected arrangement between the Peruvian Government and the Firm of OLYPHANT & Co. for the importation of Chinese Coolies to Peru.

On a former occasion your predecessor was instructed not to permit contract emigration from Hongkong except to British Territories, and he was at the same time informed that Her Majesty's Government reserved to themselves the right of prohibiting so called free emigration from that Colony to Foreign Countries where there was reason to believe that Chinese Immigrants had not been well treated.

I request, therefore, that you will watch very carefully any attempt to make Hongkong a base of operations under the projected contract, if it reaches maturity, as well as any application for a licence for any vessel which may be laid on for the purpose of carrying out such contract.

It is clear to me that the course which the Peruvian Government propose to adopt is one open, if indeed it is not absolutely certain to lead, to the gravest abuses, and that with past experience it is desirable to discourage and suppress any attempt on their part to revive the Coolie Traffic, which it is clearly their object to set again on foot.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

CARNARVON.

Governor HENNESSY, C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

[No. 111.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
HONGKONG, 13th September, 1878.

MY LORD,—Soon after I had the honour of receiving your Lordship's Despatch No. 81, of the 5th of July, an enquiry was made as to whether the Government would consent to the Emigration from Hongkong of Chinese Labourers to the South American Republics and especially Peru.

I caused a reply to be written to the effect that I was not disposed to encourage the Emigration of Chinese to Peru.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. POPE HENNESSY.

The Right Honourable The EARL OF CARNARVON,

*Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies,**Sec.,**Sec.,**Sec.*

HONGKONG.

[No. 142.]

DOWNING STREET,

12th November, 1877.

SIR,—With reference to your Despatch No. 111 of the 13th of September, I have to refer you to the 6th, 7th and 8th paragraphs of my Despatch No. 109 of the 4th of December, 1875, in which I laid down the general principles to be followed by the Government of Hongkong as regards Chinese Emigration.

I approve of your refusal to sanction Emigration to Peru.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) CARNARVON.

Governor HENNESSY, C.M.G.,

*Sec.**Sec.**Sec.*

HONGKONG.

[No. 164.]

ING STREET,

24th December, 1877.

SIR,—On the 12th instant, I received from you the following message:—"Twelfth, Mr. GEARY, "Emigration Agent and Consul for Peru, applies for licence to ship Chinese, shall I grant it?" And on the 14th instant, I returned the following reply:—"Fourteenth December, grant no licence for any "Emigration to Peru, see my Despatch of fifth July."

I continue to be strongly of opinion that the Government of Hongkong should in no way facilitate an emigration which is liable to the very grave objections noticed in the correspondence of which my Despatch above referred to forms part.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) CARNARVON.

Governor HENNESSY, C.M.G.,

*Sec.,**Sec.,**Sec.*

No. 97.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize J. TERADA, Esquire, as in charge of the Japanese Consulate at this port, during the absence on leave of Mr. TARO ANDO.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th May, 1878.