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With reference to the correspondence ending with Sir Charles Lucas's letter of 20th August 1908, No. 28837 on the subject of the arrangements at Karachi in connexion with the Emigration of Indian coolies for work on the Uganda Railway, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to transmit for the consideration of Mr. Secretary Harcourt copy of a letter received from the Government of India, suggesting that the services of the clerk specially employed on Rs. 80 a month for this work by the Protector of Emigrants at that port should be retained for a further

period of three years from 1st April 1912, subject to

the condition that he will be discharged if at any time

within that period his services cease to be required.

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The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office. The Marquess of Crewe trusts that Mr. Secretary

Harcourt will be able to agree to the suggested

continuance of the arrangement.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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THE MOST HONOURABLE THE MARQUIS OF CREWE, A.G.,

His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Simla, the 26th September 1912.

MY LORD MARQUIS,

With reference to the correspondence ending with the letter from the No. 5831, dated the 20th August 1912. India Office, No. J. & P.-3091, dated the 11th September 1908, we have the honour to forward copy of a letter and its enclosure which we have received from the Government of Bombay on the subject of the special establishment maintained by the Protector of Emigrants at Karachi for work connected with the Uganda Railway.

2. We agree in the recommendation of the Local Government that the clerk on Rs. 80 a month should be retained for a further period of three years from 1st April 1912, subject to the condition that he will be discharged, if at any time within that period his services cease to be required. We accordingly request that arrangements may be made for the payment of the clerk's salary by the Uganda Railway.

We have the honour to be.

MY LORD MARQUIS.

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants.

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Enclosure to Despatch No. 51 of 1972.

No. 5531, dated Bombay Castle, the 20th August 1912.

From -J. L. RIBU, Esq., I.C.S., Secretary to Government,

To-The Secretary to the Covernment of India, Department of Commerce and Industry (Emigration).

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with the endorsement from the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry (Emigration), No. 9080-66, dated the 3oth September 1908, intin along the acceptance by the Home Government of the proposal made by the Government of Bombay for the retention up to the 31st March 1912 of the clerk on Rs. 80 a month employed in the office of the Protector of Emigrants at Karachi for work connected with the emigration and repatriation of coolies recruited for the Uganda Railway.

- 2. I am now to forward a copy of a statement received from the Compositioner in Sind showing the amount of work done and the amount of work remaining to be completed. It will be seen that during the last three years there has been an appreciable increase in the derical work of the office of the Protector of Emigrants at Karachi as compared with the year 1908-09, while there is no indication of any intention of the part of the Administration of the Uganda Railway to cease regruitment in India. Batches of labourers and articans are still constantly being sent to East Africa under agreement, and 3,384 emigrants still remain to be repatriated or accounted for. So long as emigrants from India remain in any considerable numbers in the service of the Uganda Railway, the task of tracing the heirs of those deceased and the repatriation of the survivors will continue to throw heavy work on the office of the Protector to whom reference is invariably made reg. ing the estates, both of free emigrants in the Railway Service and of emigrants under agreement. In view of these considerations, the Bombay Government are satisfied that there is full scope for the further employment of the clerk.
- 3. In this connection I am to invite attention to the correspondence ending with the letter from the Government of India. Department of Commerce and Industry (Emigration), No. 6614-35, dated the 15th September 1910, and to point out that no fee is levied under section 76 of the Emigration Act, 1908, (XVII of 1908), on account of artizans and others proceeding from Karachi for service on the Uganda Railway, and that the levy of a fee is foregone in consideration of the fact that the Uganda Railway Administration disburses the cost of the establishment engaged for the clerical work incidental to their emigration.
- 4. In these circumstances the Governor in Council is of opinion that the present arrangement should remain in force for a further period of three years with effect from the 1st April 1912 subject to the condition that the clerk will be discharged if at any time within that period his services cease to be required. I am accordingly to request that the Government of India may be moved to commend the proposal to the favourable consideration of the Home Government.

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