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## BRITISH COLONIAL POLICY OF IMMIGRATION IN ASSAM (1826-1910)

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### Abstract

British colonial policy was driven to large extent by their own trading and economic interest and their policy towards Assam was also guided by the same principle. The state of affairs in Assam in the first quarter of nineteenth century on account of Burmese invasion induced the East India Company to get involved militarily and forced the Burmese to surrender their claim over Assam by the Treaty of Yandaboo (1826). Then Assam was included as a part of Bengal Presidency until 1874 when it became a distinct colonial province on the basis of administrative convenience. The English merchants introduced tea cultivation in the province after the occupation of Assam which necessitated the recruitment of labourers for plantations as such labourers were not locally recruited which directly or indirectly contributed for the immigration of people to Assam from different parts of India.

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