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Immigration - Reunion.-

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 Department of Commerce and Industry, No. 7103-Imm., dated
 the 31st June 1917 forwarding copies of the report on
 Indian Immigration at Reunion for the year 1916.

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DEPARTMENT of COMMERCE and INDUSTRY.

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A copy of the Reunion Immigration Report for 1916, is forwarded to the

Governments of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa and Madras, for information, in
continuation of the endorsement from this Department No. 2176-38, dated
the 18th March 1916.

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By order, etc.,

E. D. Jones
For Under Secretary to the Government of India.



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Report on Indian Immigration at Reunion for the year 1916 by Mr. Consul Piat.

The number of Indian coolies on the lists of the Protector of Immigrants on January 1, 1916, was 1,661, to which number must be added 8 children of the first generation born during the year, thus making a total of 1,669 for the period under revision. From this total must be deducted the following:—

Dispensed from engagement	44
Became French citizens on attaining their majority	8
Deaths	109
Without engagement, vagrants or dissappeared	141
Total	302

thus leaving a total of 1,367 Indians under engagement at Reunion on December 31, 1916.

It will be observed that the number of coolies returned under the heading "without engagement, vagrants and disappeared" has increased by nearly 100 over the figure for last year, which was 43. This figure would represent over 10 per cent. of the total immigrant population. I have addressed a note to Monsieur le Protecteur des Immigrants on the subject. I shall forward a copy of his reply as soon as received.

These 1,367 coolies consisted of 1,004 men, 180 women, 97 boys, and 86 girls. They are distributed as follows in the various Syndical districts of the Island:—

Districts.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
St. Rose	11	4	1	..	16
St. Benoit	84	6	8	5	103
Bras-Panon	80	11	12	20	123
St. Andre	290	91	17	10	408
St. Suzanne	132	25	5	5	167
St. Marie	112	30	7	7	156
St. Denis	28	4	2	1	35
Port and Possession	1	..	..	..	1
St. Paul	111	2	45	38	196
St. Leu	51	..	..	..	51
St. Louis	25	2	..	..	27
St. Pierre	79	5	..	..	84
Total	1,004	180	97	86	1,367

The total number of deaths amongst British Indian coolies amounted to 109 during the year in review, thus giving a death rate of 65.3 per thousand as against 66 in the previous year. This death rate, which at first sight would seem to be very high, is normal if it be considered that most of the deceased Indians were over 60 years of age (Annex No. 1). The death rate on estates employing more than 20 "engagés" was returned as being 39.5 per thousand as against 50 in 1915.

Two (2) marriages according to French law took place between Indians as against the same number in 1915. No marriage took place between Indian and Creole.

The births of 7 boys and 1 girl of the first generation were officially registered in 1916.

On December 31, 1916, there were 816 coolies engaged on estates employing more than 20 "engagés" as against 1,079 in 1915. Of these 774 were men and 42 women.

Twenty-two Indians entered the various hospitals, of which number 20 were at the charge of the various communes and 2 at that of private individuals.

On December 31, 1916, there were 42 Indians in the various dépôts and hospitals of the Colony and 3 in the lunatic asylum.

Eight hundred and five Indians contracted engagements in 1916, of which number 483 re-engaged with the same employers.

There were 4 first engagements. Out of these 805 coolies, 166 received bounties amounting to £700, the figures for the previous year being 757 coolies engaged and £850 paid.

On December 31, 1916, there were 188 "permissionnaires" residing in the Island as against 212 in 1915. No new permit to reside was granted during the year.

Annex No. 2 gives particulars of all complaints lodged at the Consulate (F) and held to be sufficiently well founded to be referred to the Protector des Immigrants. These call for no remark as substantial justice was done in each case.

Annex No. 3 gives a list of all the complaints lodged by Indian coolies before the various Syndics. Out of 4 complaints none were reported to be founded.

There has been no suicide amongst coolies in 1916, and no violent or accidental deaths.

The Superior Courts of the Colony convicted 14 Indians in 1916 for the following offences (the return for 1915 being 24):—

Vagrancy	3
Theft	9
Theft of crops	1
Complicity in theft of crops	1

The sentences varied from 24 hours to three months' imprisonment. Fines amounting to £2-10 were imposed on coolies as against £5-10 in the previous year. The legal costs paid by them amounted to £4 as against £20 in 1915.

The punishment of macadam was inflicted on 23 Indians during the year in review as against 21 in 1915. Of these 8 paid fines amounting to £2-5 in lieu of working. The reward paid to the police for capturing deserters amounted to 6 as against 8 in 1915.

No employers were prosecuted before the local Courts at the request of the Protector or his Syndics in 1916.

No Indians were repatriated to India in 1916 on account of the very small number of applications received and also on account of the great difficulty of transport owing to the present war.

On December 31, 1916, there were 22 Indians awaiting repatriation to India, of which number 7 were in the various dépôts of the Colony and 15 with their former engagists.

As usual no information could be supplied as to the amount of Asiatic tax paid by British Indian immigrants.

Eight children of British Indians became French citizens on attaining their majority in accordance with the French Nationality Law of 1889.

No case of interest or importance arose during the year in connection with the Labour Law.

BRITISH CONSULATE: JOHN. T. PIAT,
Reunion, March 7, 1917. His Majesty's Consul.

SERVICE DE L'IMMIGRATION.

Liste des Immigrants Indiens, Sujets Britanniques décédés pendant l'année 1916, mentionnant l'âge, le Sexe et la Cause du Décès.

No. d'ordre.	Noms et Prénoms.	Age.	Sexe.	Cause du Décès.	Observations.
1	Bagnamia Balatia	54 ans.	F.	Fièvre	No. Mle. gle.
2	Caroiyrin Moutoussamy	68 ans.	M.	Do.	Do.
3	Pota Pajampadiatchy	80 ans.	M.	Vieillesse	Do.
4	Maroudémouton Caroupen	63 ans.	M.	Oppression	Do.
5	Enouriamier Emera	71 ans.	M.	Vieillesse	Do.
6	Péroumoil Nalaconiudin	70 ans.	M.	Do.	Do.
7	Cali Méhar	79 ans.	M.	Do.	Do.
8	Soujiroyen Carpaye	52 ans.	M.	Hernie	Do.
9	Bondia F. Bieni	43 ans.	F.	Tuberculose	Do.
10	Mariapin Apapoulé	57 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do.
11	Maugnia Mannésa	75 ans.	M.	Béribéri	Do.
12	Angama F. Podissa	51 ans.	F.	Fièvre	Do.
13	Pagniry Vaitilingam	63 ans.	M.	Dysenterie	Do.
14	Pounanaika Tromanoik	65 ans.	M.	Do.	Do.
15	Mahomedine Sissacab	71 ans.	M.	Do.	Do.
16	Mary Virapin	75 ans.	M.	Do.	Do.
17	Latchimy F. Vingadassalom	60 ans.	F.	Debilité Senile	Do.
18	Sateyen Ramin	51 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do.
19	Latchonmani Elly	49 ans.	M.	Phtisie	Do.
20	Péroumal Panin	52 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 115,695
21	Fatukay Hacaderkan	74 ans.	M.	Béribéri	Do. 90,985
22	Candasamy Tonprayan	80 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 104,593
23	Valaidon Govindé	57 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 103,828
24	Cataya Saichou	67 ans.	M.	Pneumonie	Do. 1,762
25	Samo Saroti	59 ans.	M.	Tusuffisomée Cexdia- qué.	Do. 9,613
26	Carini Naguin	62 ans.	M.	Dysenterie chronique	Do. 100,406
27	Ponnoussamy	51 ans.	M.	Saludécem	Do. 116,845
28	Kichenin Velleyen	46 ans.	M.	Pneumonie	Do. 116,495
29	Soupin Armougny	53 ans.	M.	Ruyture danévésins	Do. 114,677
30	Sinacoudin Velapacaoundin	73 ans.	M.	Vieillesse	Do. 112,737
31	Samy Viraye	52 ans.	M.	Fièvre bilieuse	Do. 112,035
32	Ramin Nalatchy	51 ans.	M.	Apoplexie cérébrale	Do. 116,107
33	Poly Sahaye	61 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 8,089
34	Govinden Virassamy	62 ans.	M.	Bronchite aigue	Do. 101,321
35	Dilouar Baginomte	70 ans.	M.	Vieillesse	Do. 266

Liste des Immigrants Indiens, Sujets Britanniques décédés pendant l'année 1916, mentionnant l'âge, le Sexe et la Cause du Décès—contd.

No. d'ordre.	Noms et Prénoms.	Age.	Sexe.	Cause du Décès.	Observations.
36	Virin Oudy	56 ans.	M.	Augine cardiaque	No. Mle. gle. 107,883
37	Caroupi F. Nallan	65 ans.	F.	Congestion pulmo nice.	Do. 105,531
38	Carpin Vellé	50 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 116,904
39	Monnoussamy Sababady	57 ans.	M.	Pneumonie	Do. 104,241
40	Chougniny F. Lecroezé	69 ans.	F.	Epnisement	Do. 5,131
41	Moutoussomy Petchimoutou	75 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 90,363
42	Benjamin Panyjony	70 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 105,482
43	Sonprayan Qudix Pacaondin	83 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 95,823
44	Sannaman Manoumany	59 ans.	M.	Dyssenterie	Do. 9,483
45	Cani Peronnial	74 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 91,027
46	Vicapin Ramaye	56 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 111,391
47	Ramaseek Sital	70 ans.	M.	Bronchite	Do. 7,756
48	Vingada Rédy Sitaridy	58 ans.	M.	Pneumonie	Do. 105,359
49	Govindassamy Gobalunaik	56 ans.	M.	Béribéri	Do. 109,785
50	Monnoussomy Mouniapa	60 ans.	M.	Dyssenterie	Do. 111,025
51	Minatchy Moutoussamy	65 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 105,934
52	Gangoly F. Ramiante	79 ans.	F.	Vicillesse	Do. 7,178
53	Vellamon Arnasorlom	75 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 68,827
54	Angormonton Moutoussamy	77 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 110,689
55	Ponnoussamy Marimutou	78 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 110,147
56	Sonyrin Palainomdy	67 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 115,754
57	Amagnery Condegouiu	58 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 100,684
58	Said Ismael	67 ans.	M.	Béribéri	Do. 97,631
59	Sévélia Onorly	56 ans.	M.	Dyssenterie	Do. 47,641
60	Voütyligom Tanayar	52 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 105,840
61	Catamonton Pajorna Lépadiaty	73 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 63,991
62	Véléyen Porlanomdy	54 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 111,933
63	Conponssomy Tiamé	77 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 114,023
64	Aporvon Montien	75 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 44,545
65	Vytilingam Camy	70 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 105,840
66	Moryapomaik Vicassany	70 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 111,481
67	Toryorlée-T-Corly	60 ans.	F.	Affection cardiaque	Do. 106,238
68	Saudaopin Oroginassamy	63 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 103,004
69	Cornia Ramin	81 ans.	M.	Refevidissement	Do. 73,308
70	Sévon Mouronginu	60 ans.	M.	Bronchite	Do. 113,626
71	Solaka Somaka	45 ans.	F.	Fièvre	Do. 114,587
72	Ramaye Monton	59 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 116,665
73	Parassoserain Tabiaranons	59 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 115,944

Liste des Immigrants Indiens, Sujets Britanniques décédés pendant l'année 1916, mentionnant l'âge, le Sexe et la Cause du Décès.—concl.

No. d'ordre.	Noms et Prénoms.	Age.	Sexe.	Cause du Décès.	Observations.
74	Tonnbou Romgomin	61 ans.	M.	Vicillesse (Fièvre)	No. Mle. gle. 105,310
75	Conla Momopy	61 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 10,038
76	Ousseusa Mirassa	58 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 107,583
77	Rangamop Sinamma	70 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 107,896
78	Sammengor Virassomy	60 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 101,354
79	Alpan Manin	65 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 495
80	Monnoussomy Mannoussamy	76 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 105,618
81	Ramin Valatchy	55 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 115,107
82	Viroyin Montin	65 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 80,870
83	Simaya Sitaramaya	70 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 1,937
84	Adecorlom Aumon	75 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 102,750
85	Monnoussomy Caudapin	70 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 10,164
86	Cadoubadom Nagapin	71 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 89,417
87	Ragadon Vingadassalom	73 ans.	M.	Fièvre	Do. 107,964
88	Dourga Boby	54 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 101,986
89	Ragavondom Singny	47 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 109,907
90	Rouckinanix F. Parsam	77 ans.	F.	Do.	Do. 9,314
91	Ramsamy Carin	58 ans.	M.	Pysenterie	Do. 113,453
92	Cabontay F. Lalmahomed	72 ans.	F.	Vicillesse	Do. 9,317
93	Acomgom Sordélémoutou	75 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 53,038
94	Yagors Badal	66 ans.	M.	Béribéri	Do. 8,435
95	Ponin Sérvédy	40 ans.	M.	Epilepsie	Do. 119,909
96	Ramy Yalar	62 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 104,113
97	Radix F. Doulay	49 ans.	F.	Fièvre	Do. 10,023
98	Papama F. Montapoulé	64 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 108,942
99	Mirapa Sinapavou	65 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 107,151
100	Podeny Satonma	70 ans.	M.	Dysenterie	Do. 1,075
101	Viromonton Cacronpin	62 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 102,131
102	Alagny F. Palny	58 ans.	F.	Fièvre	Do. 112,815
103	Ramane Yoopny	55 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 3,343
104	Siddalatchimy Parassoncaunin	68 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 102,568
105	Antony Somdialon	56 ans.	M.	Cachexie	Do. 112,624
106	Audiorsing	75 ans.	M.	Vicillesse	Do. 7,772
107	Péroumal Pontinchetty	80 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 87,098
108	Conponchetty Ramachetty	76 ans.	M.	Do.	Do. 93,084
109	Sittilingam Marimoutou	75 ans.	M.	Bronchite	Do. 101,907

SAINT DENIS ;
le 7 Mars 1917.

Le Chef du Service de l'Immigration,
(Signe) RIVIAL,

Annexure No. 2.

Roll of complaint preferred at the British Consulate at Reunion by British Indian Immigrants during the year 1916.

No.	Date.	Name of immigrant, employer or estate.	Nature of complaint.	Reply of local authorities.	REMARKS.
1	March 1st	Nayaranin Valliamée, M. Lambert, St. Denis.	States that he is ill and unable to work and produces two medical certificates to that effect. He begs that his engagement might be cancelled and that he be granted a "déspence d'engagement."	Request granted.	
2	May 9th ..	Sinin Doudassab, without engagement, St. Paul.	States that he is old and infirm and begs to be granted a "déspence d'engagement."	Request granted.	
3	May 23rd	Singadon Singny, M. Bénard, St. Louis.	States that he is unable to work in the fields and that his engagiste refuses to give him lighter work.	Complaint unfounded.	
4	Oct. 16th	Tailar Armongom, without engagement, St. Louis.	Wishes to obtain a "déspence d'engagement" on the plea of old age and infirmity.	Request granted.	
5	Oct. 17th	Antony Cridit Forim Colonial, St. Denis.	States that his engagement is over but that his engagiste refuses to return his billet.	Complaint unfounded. Man has still 45 days of work to replace.	
6	Oct. 19th	Monton Latchimy, succession Bellier, St. André.	States he is without engagement and that Syndic orders him to walk back to St. André. He begs to be sent there by rail.	Man is an inveterate deserter. He is engaged to the succession Bellier, St. André and has been away from the estate for the last three months. He has 373 days of work to replace.	
7	Nov. 10th	Samarapaty Mourquim, without engagement.	States that he is a "permissionnaire" but wishes to give up his permis to contract an engagement.	Request granted.	

Annexure No. 3.

List of complaints brought before the various Syndics by British Indian Immigrants during the year 1916.

Nature of Complaint.	St. Denis.	St. Marie.	St. Suzanne.	St. André.	B. Panon.	St. Benoit.	St. Rose.	St. Joseph.	St. Pierre.	St. Louis.	St. Jean.	St. Paul.	Post.	Total.
	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.
Claiming wages	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Claiming rations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Overwork	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Assault	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
No medical care	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Forced to re-engage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Claiming clothes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Various	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Emigration - Reunion

From the G.O.D, Dept of Commerce and
Industry, No 7102-Em, d the 21.6.17

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The important points
in the report are set out below.

2 There were 1367
Indian coolies at Reunion on the 31.12.16
as against 1661 on the 31.12.1915.

3 There ^{was} a slight
improvement in the death rate during
the year 1916, the rate being 65.3
per mille as against 66 in the
previous year. This is very high
compared to the general death
rates in Fiji, Trinidad etc.

4 There was no
suicide amongst Indian coolies
in 1916 nor any violent or accidental
deaths. In 1915 there was one case

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of suicide.

5 There is nothing in the report to indicate that labourers are ~~not~~ punished with imprisonment for purely labour offences.

6 A draft order recording the report is submitted for approval.

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The high death-rate is rather misleading; the consistently ~~to~~ advanced age of the persons deceased during the year under report is very remarkable, as the statement on pps 1, 4 & 5 of the report shows.

There is a great scarcity of women.

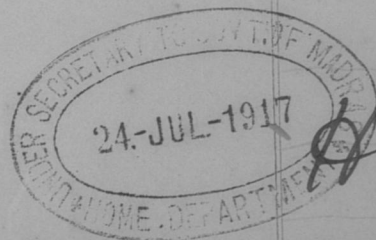
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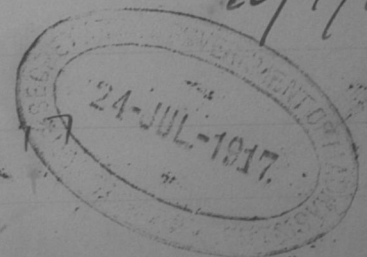
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