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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
8th September 1865.*

No. 40. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Protector of Emigrants, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 4th September 1865, No. 144.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government of the 31st ultimo, No. 902, recording a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated 24th July 1865, No. 18, with enclosures, calling attention to the fact of 288 adult Emigrants having been embarked from Madras to the Mauritius in the ship *Sir Robert Seppings*, though legally capable of carrying only 275½.

2. On examining the papers connected with this shipment, I observe that a mistake has been made by the Protector of Immigrants at the Mauritius, and adopted by the authorities in England, in fixing 275½ as the number of statute adults the vessel can legally carry. Clause 2 of Section 47 of Act XIII of 1864 admits of a vessel carrying one adult Emigrant to every 72 feet of cubic space, and to every ten feet of superficies under cover. The lower deck of the *Sir Robert Seppings* contained 21,653 cubic feet. From this, 845 feet are deducted for obstructions, such as masts, pump-well, beams, &c., leaving 20,808 feet clear. This divided by 72, the space allowed for each adult, gives 289 as the number she could legally carry; and for which she received a license.

3. The printed Report B of the arrival of the *Sir Robert Seppings* at the Mauritius makes no mention of the cubic contents of the passenger deck. Its superficies is set down at 3307 feet, which divided by 10, would give 330½ as the legal number. The old divisor of 12 has, however, been taken, which gives 275½, which is of course an error.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1865, No. 930.

Resolved that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India, in reference to his Despatch of the 24th July last, No. 18.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Mxd. J. H. Burns.

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Public 1865 Department
from the
The Director of Emigrants
to the Honorable the Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Label 4th
Recd 5th September 1865

No 1128 No 144

Offers explanations as to
the number of emigrants which
the 'Sir Robert Seppings' was
capable of accommodating.

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With an order

No 930 of 8th Sept. 1875.

Resolved that
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forwarded to the Secretary
of State for India, in
reference to his despatch
of the 24th July last No 18.

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