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Railways DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
4th August 1866.*

No. 21. Read the following letter from the Protector of Emigrants, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 20th July 1866, No. 114 M.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government of the 16th instant, No. 719, and to inform you that the Dr. McPherson who proceeded in medical charge of the Emigrants sent to the Mauritius in the "Kohinoor," and who is reported by the Commander of the vessel to have been intoxicated and unfit to perform his duties on several occasions, was a Surgeon selected by the Emigration Commissioners in England expressly for the Service. The authorities at Madras, therefore, can hardly be considered responsible for the appointment. Dr. VanSomeren at the time expressed to me a doubt of his sobriety, but, as it was only conjecture, and as the Commissioners, being very desirous of introducing a superior class of Medical men, were supposed to have exercised much caution in securing the services of men of high and well known character, he was allowed to proceed.

2. My letter of the 13th April last, No 50, will have placed the Government in possession of my views on the appointment of Medical Officers for Emigration Service, and it will now be seen that the change has not been attended with beneficial results.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 4th August 1866, No. 771.
To be recorded.
(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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of a person who
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was brought by the Captain.
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