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By Order,
(Signed) A. P. HOWELL,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1867, No. 532.

Copy forwarded to the Protector of Emigrants and to the Collectors of the several Districts.

(True Extract).

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Chief Secretary.

To the Protector of Emigrants.
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Edw. J. H. Burns.

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I do myself the honor of transmitting to you, to be laid before His Excellency the Governor General of India, a copy of my Report* for the year 1866, addressed to the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on the immigration of British Indians to this Colony.

* 21st January 1867.

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Ere a few months from this many will cease to own properties in the Island who have struggled on from year to year; and, as it were hoping against hope, having to contend, each successive year, with a worse crop than the previous one, with the exception of that of last year.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

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The following Table gives the number of all Indians who have arrived, and have been distributed here since the Convention :—

1861	...	Calcutta	...	...	...	...	6,370
1862	...	Calcutta and Malabar	...	...	...	...	4,407
1863	...	"	"	...	...	...	2,288
1864	...	"	"	...	...	...	3,877
1865	...	...	...	...	...	{ 446 1,119 }	1,565
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Total							21,195

The Table above shows an increase of 1,123 Immigrants on the year 1865, which is to be attributed to the facility with which the Immigrants were found willing to emigrate at the commencement of the year 1866, owing to the scarcity of rice in those districts from whence they were recruited.

7. The number of births recorded at the Consulate amongst the Indians for the past year is as follows :—

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Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, for information.
FORT WILLIAM,
HOME DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC,
16th April 1867.

By Order,
(Signed) A. P. HOWELL,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1867, No. 532.

Copy forwarded to the Protector of Emigrants and to the Collectors of the several Districts.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Protector of Emigrants.
" Collector of

Exd. J. H. Burns.

From J. J. W. ... to the Madras Agent Consul for London to E. C. B. ...
... dated the 14th February 1867.

I do myself the honor to transmit to you, to be laid before His Excellency the Governor General of India, a copy of my Report for the year 1866, addressed to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on the migration of British subjects to the Colony.

From J. J. W. ... to the Madras Agent Consul for London to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on the migration of British subjects to the Colony.

I have the honor to acknowledge the following Report for the year 1866 on the migration of British subjects to the Colony.

Date of departure.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
11th January....	<i>Etienne et Lawrence</i> ...	Pondicherry...	45	15	23	103
24th ".....	<i>La Cadichonne</i>	".....	10	5	2	17
17th February.....	<i>Le Daguerre</i>	".....	12	3	4	19
27th April.....	<i>Henry</i>	Calcutta...	50	3	1	54
28th ".....	<i>Charles Maureau</i>	Pondicherry...	85	7	8	100
29th May.....	<i>Riviere d'Abord</i>	Calcutta...	32	6	5	43
7th June.....	<i>L'Etienne et Lawrence</i> ...	".....	19	3	6	28
9th ".....	<i>Le Daguerre</i>	Pondicherry...	17	1	5	23
5th July.....	<i>Le Sucies</i>	".....	26	4	3	33
18th ".....	<i>Admiral Protot</i>	".....	15	6	3	24
8th August.....	<i>Nathalie</i>	Calcutta...	28	6	6	40
11th ".....	<i>Marie Eliza</i>	Pondicherry...	46	8	12	66
15th September...	<i>Le Daguerre</i>	".....	42	6	6	54
24th November...	<i>Marie Eliza</i>	".....	41	10	10	61
1st December...	<i>d'Alfred</i>	Calcutta...	115	23	15	153
			603	106	109	818

2. I had the honor of assuming the duties appertaining to this Consulate on the 6th of July last, and I will be obliged to the Lords, that the greater number of arrivals took place after that date.

3. The ... of the ... was immediately called by me on each occasion ... and I ... with the ... which the ...

4. ... I have already ... to the ... and ...

5. ... the Colony was far from being in a thriving state, and ...

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