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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
1st March 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

- No. 5. From the Acting Mauritius Emigration Agent, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cassimode, 25th February 1867, No. 29.

I beg herewith to enclose copy of a letter* from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary of Mauritius on the subject of Emigration from India for the present year.

* Marked A.

2. With the view of economizing the expenses of the Madras Agency, in addition to a reduction of establishment that has already been carried out, His Excellency the Governor of Mauritius has decided upon dispensing with the services of Mr. T. E. Franck, Auditor of the Mauritius Emigration Agency.

3. It was customary according to the enclosed rules† to obtain the countersignature of the Auditor to my drafts for funds drawn from the Madras Government; and as there is now no Auditor to

† Marked B.

countersign my drafts, I beg that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to pass an order that my drafts be passed by the Secretary and Treasurer to the Bank on my sole signature.

A.
No. 149A.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor to state that, owing to the present depressed state of the agriculture of the Colony, the demand for imported labor has ceased, and there appears to be no probability of requisitions for emigrants being transmitted to India during the present year. Under these circumstances, it has been decided by Government that every possible economy shall be introduced into the several Emigration Establishments at the different Presidencies. His Excellency, therefore, directs that the services of the Auditor of Emigration Accounts be dispensed with from the 1st February 1867.

2. I am further directed by His Excellency to request that you will make any further reductions in the expenditure of your Agency both as to establishment and contingencies, which you may consider practicable, and that you will report to me fully on all such reductions which you have been able to carry out.

MAURITIUS, COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
18th January 1867.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) F. BEDINGFIELD,
Colonial Secretary.

B.

Instructions to the Emigration Agent of the Mauritius Government at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, with reference to the manner in which his accounts with the Colony should be kept and rendered.

1.—The Agent will keep a Day Cash Book in which he will enter all receipts and payments connected with the Service, in the order in which they occur. No transaction, of however provisional a character, should be omitted from this Cash Book, the balance of which should always be in exact accordance with the Cash balance in the Agent's chest or at his Banker's. The Cash Book should be closed on the last day of each quarter. If any payments for salaries, &c., relating to the quarter remain unpaid, they are to be charged in the account of the ensuing quarter.

2.—At the end of each quarter, the Agent should prepare, from the Cash Book above described, an abstract of the account in the Form A annexed, excluding all provisional transactions (such as advances to Sub-Agents, &c., recoveries of the same, &c., &c.) and classifying the remaining transactions.

**Instructions to the Auditor of the Accounts of the
Mauritius Emigration Agent at Calcutta, Madras
and Bombay.**

1.—The Auditor will make himself acquainted with the Instructions to the Emigration Agent dated 1865 a copy of which will accompany this paper, and he will see that the Agent's Accounts are kept and rendered in accordance with the rules therein laid down.

2.—On receiving each Quarter's Accounts from the Agent, the Auditor will compare the "Abstract Cash Account" (as described in Paragraph 2 of Instructions to Agent) with the day Cash Book (paragraph 1); he will check the casting of both books and verify the Balance by referring direct to the Bank as regards the portion of the Balance therein deposited, by counting the Cash in the Agent Cash Chest, and by inspecting the Receipts of any persons who may be stated to hold advances in their hands which are not taken credit for in the Abstract Account.

3.—He will then see that the Vouchers for the different Items of Receipt and Expenditure give the particulars and are supported by the Authorities required by Paragraphs 7 to 16 of the Agent's Instructions, that they are correctly computed and cast, and that they correspond in amount with the entries in the Account.

4.—Should the Accounts or Vouchers be found incorrect or incomplete in any particular, the Auditor will address a Query to the Agent on the subject; and the Query and the reply in original should be placed with the Accounts.

5.—All copies of Documents called for by the Instructions to the Agent should be compared by the Auditor with the originals in the Agent's Office, and certified to be "True Copies."

6.—As soon as the Accounts have been completed as above, the Auditor will sign the Abstract Cash Account as "Examined" and transmit the same with the Vouchers, Queries &c. to the Auditor General at Mauritius.

7.—In addition to the duties of final examination above referred to, it will be seen that in two particulars, vizt: as regards the issue of funds to the Agent by the *Indian* Government, and the entering into Contracts and agreements, the Auditor is invested with a certain degree of control over the current business of the Agency.

8.—As regards the issue of money, it will be seen that the Auditor's countersignature will be required to all drafts drawn by the Agent on the *Indian* Government, and that the Agent is called upon to submit to the Auditor, together with the draft for countersignature, a statement shewing the purposes for which the money is wanted. Should the Auditor consider that the draft is for an unduly large amount, he should state this in a letter to the Agent, but if the Agent should remain of opinion that the full amount of the draft is required he will not in that case refuse his countersignature; but he will furnish a copy of his correspondence with the Agent on the subject for the consideration of the Colonial Government. Should however the amount of the draft added to the Balance already in the Agent's hands exceed £ 2000, in that case the Auditor will refuse his countersignature and will state so in writing to the Agent, giving his reasons and stating the amount for which he is willing to countersign.

9.—As regards the questions of Contracts and Agreements, the Auditor will have already received the Circular Letter of Mr. Beyts of 10th July 1861 (a copy of which is annexed to the Instructions to the Emigration Agent) and will therefore be already in the prac-

ceipts that may seem likely to accrue during the month. The Draft should be drawn for a round sum not exceeding the difference thus shown by more than £ 100. The Auditor will then examine the statement and if he approves, he will at once transmit the Draft, countersigned, to the Indian Government, who will be requested to honour the same by transferring the amount to the Credit of the Agent at his Bankers. The Agent will be careful not to draw for more money than is really wanted, and the Auditor will be instructed to point out, if he thinks the amount of the drafts unduly large. The Auditor, however, will not absolutely refuse his countersignature unless the amount of the Draft added to the Balance in hand exceeds £ 2000. The Statements to be called "*Requisitions for Funds*" are to be attached to the Accounts as Vouchers to the amounts brought to Credit. They are to be accompanied by any correspondence with the Auditor on the subject.

Miscellaneous Receipts.

8.—These receipts appear to fall, for the most part, under the following Heads.

- 1a. Over payments recovered.
- 2a. Advances recovered.
- 3a. Reimbursements from Emigrants failing to proceed.
- 4a. Sale of Stores.
- 5a. Fines on Contractors.

9.—The recovery of over payments and advances should be supported by a reference to the Vouchers under which the payments were made.

Reimbursements from Emigrants should rest on statements showing the number of Emigrants, the amounts reimbursed with some explanation of the manner in which the amounts to be repaid were arrived at.

Sale of Stores.

Particulars of the stores sold and the Auctioneers Bills of sale should be furnished.

Fines on Contractors.

References to the copies of the Contracts furnished with the Accounts to be given, with any explanation that may be necessary to account for the amount of the fine levied.

Salaries & Allowances.

10.—The Agent will be furnished at the beginning of each year with a Schedule of the Salaries and Allowances payable by him. The rates thus given should not as a rule be exceeded without the special authority of the Colonial Government. In the case of any increase being made it should be immediately reported to the Colonial Government. A copy of the correspondence on the subject should be attached to the Voucher for the first payment.

The Vouchers should give particulars in each case of the rate of the Salary or Allowance and the period for which the payment is made.

Contingencies.

11.—The Schedule above referred to will show the amounts to be defrayed for Contingencies during the year. The Expenditure

should if possible be kept within the amounts so authorized. Any unavoidable excess should be reported and copies of the correspondence attached to the Vouchers.

Rent and other recurring charges.

The existing rates should not as a rule be exceeded without previously obtaining the sanction of the Colonial Government; and in any case of urgency in which the Agent may incur any additional expense on his own authority, the circumstances should be at once reported. A copy of the Report and of the reply when received should be attached to the Voucher.

Payments under Contracts.

13.—Copies of all written Contracts and Memorandums of the terms of Verbal Contracts should accompany the Vouchers for the first payments. In subsequent Vouchers, reference to the Voucher for the first payment should be given. In case of any departure from the terms of Contracts, the circumstances should be stated. In the case of Contracts for Services of any considerable importance, such as Provisions or Clothing for Emigrants, &c. &c.; the Tenders which may be received in reply to advertisements should be submitted to a Tender Committee composed, (as described in the Circular letter of Mr. H. N. D. Beyts of 10th July 1861, a copy of which is annexed,) of the Emigration Agent, the Auditor and the Medical Officer. A Schedule of all the tenders received, signed by all the members of the Committee should be placed with the Contract, and if the tender accepted should not be the lowest, the reasons of the Committee for rejecting the lower ones should be given.

Purchase of Stores, &c.

14.—Particulars of the Charges should be given vizt: the quantities or numbers of the Articles purchased and the rates of the prices.

Proof of Payment.

15.—All payments should as a rule be supported by the receipt of the persons to whom the payments are due. In the case of persons signing as attorneys for the real claimants, a power of attorney should be obtained and furnished to the Auditor, who after having certified, on the face of the Voucher, that the power is sufficient, will return it to the Agent. The marks of persons unable to write and Signatures in Eastern Characters should be witnessed in the following form.

Witness to the above mark (or signature) made in my presence.

The signature of the witness should be in European Character.

Balance in hand.

A certificate from the Bank of the Balance standing to the Agent's Credit on the last day of each quarter, should be attached to the Quarter's Account. The Cash Balance in the Agent's Chest should be open to the Auditor's inspection on the same day.

True Copy
Chorman L. D.
As: from. M. C. J. M.

A.

ABSTRACT OF THE.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Esq., Mauritius

NOTE.

Balance of Suspense Account at the close of last Quarter	£ 200	0	0
Further Expenditure as above	300	0	0
Appropriated during Quarter, Emigrants per " Calcutta "	£ 100	0	0
Do. do. " Queen Victoria " ..	100	0	0
	200	0	0
	£ 300	0	0

from 1st January to 31st March 186

NOTE.

Balance at the Bank	£ 100	0	0
Cash on hand	20	0	0
Advances outstanding	40	0	0
	<u>£ 160</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cheques not cashed	30	0	0
	<u>£ 130</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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REQUISITION FOR FUNDS.

Mauritius Emigration Office,
1st January 186

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose a Draft drawn by me on the
for the sum of £ 1000 to meet the requirements of
this office for the ensuing as shewn in the accompanying
statement and I request that you will countersign the Draft and
forward it to with a view to the amount being
placed to my Credit at the Bank.

I have, &c.

Signed :

Emigration Agent.

To

Esq.

Auditor.

Statement shewing the probable requirement of the
Emigration Office for the ending 31st March 186

Salaries	£ 500	0	0
Contingencies	50	0	0
Emigration Expenses	800	0	0
	<u>1350</u>	0	0

Deduct :

Balance in hand	£ 300	0	0
Estimated Miscellaneous Re- ceipts	50	0	0
	<u>350</u>	0	0
	<u>£ 1000</u>	0	0

C.

Aden, 10th July 1861.

To

The Mauritius Emigration Agent, Calcutta,
Madras and Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that, after your reception of this
letter, the following course be followed by you with regard to ten-
ders of ships.

1o. That the Tender Committee (now composed of yourself
and the Auditor of your Agency) be composed of yourself, the Au-
ditor, and the Medical Superintendent or Examiner attached to
your Agency.

2o. That all the Tenders received at each time be signed by
the three members of the Committee and addressed to the Colonial
Secretary of Mauritius.

3o. That when there are lower tenders than the one accepted,
the Committee's reasons for rejecting the lower ones be explained by
you in a letter covering the tenders addressed to the Colonial Se-
cretary.

4o. That, in your advertisements calling for tenders, it be dis-
tinctly announced that the acceptance shall be conditional, i. e.,
subject 1st. to the ship's being found sea-worthy and suitable in
every respect by the Government Surveyors ; 2ndly. to all the re-
gulations referring to the preparation of Emigrant Ships being com-
plied with ; and 3rdly., to all the directions given by the Medical
Superintendent with your approval being fully carried out.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed :) H. N. D. BEYTS,

Special Commissioner.

Recd. No. 12 March 1867

MAURITIUS.
GENERAL BRANCH.—Registered No. 192 COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
[In any future correspondence on this subject, the above No. should be quoted.] 16 January 1867

SIR,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the *Madras* Government, that *one hundred and thirty eight* Return Immigrants, *thirty seven* of whom are invalids, have been embarked on board the Ship "*Indomitable*" for conveyance to *Madras* under an agreement of which the enclosed is a copy.

No part of the passage money has been paid here, and I have the directions of His Excellency the Governor to request that you will advance on account of this Government, at the rate of (2s.) Two shillings per Company's Rupee, the whole of the passage money of the said Immigrants, vizt: *Two* pounds *fourteen* shillings *six* pence sterling for each Adult, and *Three* pounds *four* shillings *six* pence sterling for each Invalid on the arrival of the vessel at *Madras*, provided there should be no good reason for withholding the same, under the terms of the agreement.

£ 2. 14. 6
£ 3. 4. 6

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

J. J. M. M.
Colonial Secretary.

To

The Secretary to

the Government of

Madras.

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MAURITIUS.
GENERAL BRANCH.—Registered No. *M/25.*
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
[In any future correspondence on this subject, the above No. should be quoted.]
14th January 1867

SIR,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the *Madras* Government, that *Twenty-eight* ——— Return Immigrants, *two* ——— of whom are invalids, have been embarked on board the Ship "*Indomitable*" for conveyance to *Madras* under an agreement of which ~~the enclosed~~ *is a copy. was enclosed in my letter of 10th inst. Apr*

No part of the passage money has been paid here, and I have the directions of His Excellency the Governor to request that you will advance on account of this Government, at the rate of (2s.) Two shillings per Company's Rupee, the whole of the passage money of the said Immigrants, vizt: *Two* pounds *fourteen* shillings *six* pence sterling for each Adult, and *Three* pounds *four* shillings *six* pence sterling for each Invalid on the arrival of the vessel at *Madras*, provided there should be no good reason for withholding the same, under the terms of the agreement.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

J. M. Smith
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Colonial Secretary.

To

The Secretary to

the Government of

Madras

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters:

From the Mauritian Emigration Agent Here until 25th Feb. / 07 p. 29

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The Accountant General
is authorized to advance
to the Acting Emigration
Agent for the Maritime
Government, on his receipt,
such sum as he may
deem necessary to enable him
to defray the
passage money of
the Return Emigrants
per Ship "Indomitable".
Reporting the amount
advanced for wages & in
cost of emigration.

I think Dr.
Lorrain ought
to state precisely
the amount wasted
for the purpose in question;
but perhaps the draft Prodi-
tution are very wide

2 Should any more
funds be required for
the purposes of the Agency,
S^r. Couran will state
the exact amount he
wishes to be placed
at his disposal.

To the Hon^{ble} General -
" Col^l. Sm: Agent for
the Mauritius

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated, 1st March 1854.

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