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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

2nd March 1868.

No. 9. Read the following letter from the Colonial Secretary, Mauritius, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Mauritius, 6th February 1868, No. 253A.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward the accompanying copy of a report of the Immigration Committee of Council, respecting the re-opening

No. 1, 21st January 1868.

ing and enlargement of the Mauritius Emigration Dépôt at Madras, which will be submitted to the Council at its next Meeting, and in anticipation of its approval to request that as it will probably take some time to complete the new constructions, the Government of Madras will be pleased to permit the Acting Emigration Agent to resume operations in the mean time.

2. Instructions are sent to the Acting Emigration Agent by this opportunity to set about the erection of the new buildings.

No. 1.

REPORT.

Of the Immigration Committee of Council on the expenditure required to be incurred for the re-opening of the Dépôt at Madras.

PRESENT.

The Honorable The Protector of Immigrants.—*Chairman.*

— The Treasurer.

— The Acting Auditor General.

— R. Stein.

— F. H. Pitot.

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Expenditure to be incurred for the re-opening of the Dépôt at Madras.

Read the three concluding paragraphs of His Excellency the Governor's Minute, No. 54 of 1867.

Read also the following annexures to His Excellency's Minute :—

- (1o.) Extract from letter from Acting Mauritius Emigration Agent, Madras, to Colonial Secretary Mauritius, dated 6th December 1866.
- (2o.) Letter from Mauritius Emigration Agent, Madras, to Colonial Secretary, Mauritius, dated 13th July 1867.
- (3o.) Proceedings of the Madras Government of the 16th February 1867.
- (4o.) Letter from Acting Emigration Agent, Madras, to Colonial Secretary, dated 5th August 1867, and its enclosures, respectively marked A. B. and C.

It appears, from the above-mentioned correspondence, and the information obtained by your Committee regarding the subject of it, that the Dépôt hitherto used by the Mauritius Emigration Agent at Madras consists of buildings erected at the cost of this Colony, on a piece of hired ground.

2. The lease on which the ground was held expired on the 1st August 1866; since which period, the Agent for this Colony has retained possession of the premises on payment of the same monthly rent as had previously been charged, viz., £9 per month.

3. The Government of Madras having ruled that more space shall in future be allotted to intending Emigrants than has heretofore been afforded to them in our Dépôt, and that further hospital accommodation shall also be provided for them, it has become indispensable to enlarge the present buildings and erect several new ones.

4. The site of the Dépôt, as well as the additions and alterations which our Agent proposes to make to its buildings so as to meet the wishes of the Madras Government, have obtained the full approval of the Acting Sanitary Commissioner of Madras; but, before incurring the expenditure which the further constructions will necessitate, it is obviously necessary to ensure possession of the land, either by purchasing it, or hiring it for a certain number of years.

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5. Your Committee consider that under present circumstances the latter course would be preferable, and recommend accordingly that our Agent be authorized to hire the land for five years, on the same conditions as those of the lease last expired.

That lease, as your Committee have been informed, was determinable at any time on three months' previous notice being given on behalf of our Government, and renewable, on its expiration, on the same terms and conditions.

6. Our Agent might besides be authorized to propose the insertion of a clause rendering it optional with this Government to purchase the land, at any time prior to the expiration of its lease, for the price at which it is now offered, viz., £900.

7. The estimates submitted for examination shew that the necessary alterations and new constructions would cost (exclusively of the asphaltting of the floors) £386-6-0.

8. As this expenditure cannot be avoided unless the introduction of laborers from Madras be renounced, your Committee recommend that our Agent be authorized to carry out the proposed works at the above-mentioned cost, after securing possession of the land as above explained.

9. But, as it will probably take several months to complete the new works, your Committee recommend that the Government of Madras be requested not to hinder our Agency from resuming its operations in the mean while, as otherwise very great inconvenience would be caused to the Planters who have presented requisitions for Immigrants from that Presidency. The number already applied for amounts to 375, and it may be expected that further demands will come forward if the present favorable weather continue.

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

COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
21st January 1868.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1868, No. 276.

The Government will not oppose the resumption of the Mauritius Emigration operations, it being understood that measures will be taken, without delay, for permanently enlarging the present Dépôt and supplying the deficiencies in hospital accommodation.

2. The attention of the Acting Agent for Mauritius is directed to the Proceedings of Government marginally noted.

18th July 1866, Public, No. 727.
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16th February 1867, " 162.

The Proceedings of 1866 refer to the necessity of providing separate hospital

accommodation for ordinary male and female patients, and a separate place of treatment for patients suffering from contagious diseases.

3. The Proceedings of the 16th February 1867 convey the decision of the Secretary of State for India that the minimum accommodation for emigrants at the Dépôt is to be at the rate of 24 superficial feet and 12 feet in height for each emigrant, any deficiency of height being compensated by a proportionate increase in superficial space.

4. Pending these permanent improvements to the Dépôt, temporary sheds, both to shelter the emigrants and for hospital accommodation, must at once be erected. The Protector of Emigrants will satisfy himself that these orders are carried into effect.

5. It is, also, desirable that the Dépôt should be inspected by the Sanitary Commissioner, who will make such suggestions to the Acting Emigration Agent as

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may be necessary for the protection of the health of the intending emigrants and of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood of the Dépôt.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Emigration Agent for the Mauritius,
with Proceedings Nos. 728 and 162.

„ Protector of Emigrants.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Tallooh.

GENERAL BRANCH

MAURITIUS.

Registered No.

4/253.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

6th February 1868.

[In any future correspondence on this subject, the above No. should be quoted.]

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward the accompanying copy of a Report of the Immigration Committee of Council respecting the reopening and enlargement of the Mauritius Emigration Depot at Madras, which will be submitted to the Council at its next meeting, and in anticipation of its approval to request that as it will probably take

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time.

Instructions are sent to the
Acting Emigration Agent by this
opportunity to set about the
erection of the new Buildings.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

W. H. D. S.
Colonial Secretary.

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Colonial Secretary, Mauritius
(Received 6th February 1868 No. 4/253)

Order thereon 2nd March 1868 No. 276

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It is, also, desirable that the Depot should be inspected by the Sanitary Commissioners, who will make such suggestions to the Agt. Emigration Agent as may be necessary for the protection of the health of the intending emigrants and of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood of the Depot.

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To the Agt. Emigration Agent
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