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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
24th March 1869.

No. 221. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 26th January 1869, No. 9, (Public).

In continuation of the Despatch of my predecessor, dated the 8th ultimo, No. 171, I forward herewith a copy of a Despatch addressed by the Government of British Guiana on the 1st ultimo

No. 169, Executive.

to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, showing that the report called for by the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos into the excessive mortality which took place on seven estates named, during the first half of 1868, will be included in the report which will be furnished for the second half of the past year.

2. Mr. Hincks at the same time, your Excellency in Council will observe, points out the causes which are assigned for the mortality which occurred on the "Johanna Cecilia" Estate, and intimates that the attention of the Government must be directed to that estate and others in its vicinity.

From the Governor of British Guiana, to His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, &c., dated Demerara, 1st December 1868, No. 169.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's Despatch of the 27th ultimo,

British Guiana, No. 291, 14th October 1868.

transmitting a copy of a report from the Emigration Commissioners on the subject of the mortality among the immigrant population during the half year ending the 39th June 1868. Your Grace intimates an opinion that seven estates, noted in the Commissioners' report and in the margin, should be made the subject of a special report, and your Grace likewise desires to be informed whether an inquiry had been instituted into the circumstances which led to the excessive mortality on "Johanna Cecilia;" and, if so, with what result. With regard to the seven estates referred to by the Emigration Commissioners, I have directed a special inquiry to be instituted with as little delay as possible; but, advertent to the period of the year, the acting Immigration Agent General has suggested that it would be desirable that it should embrace the half year ending 31st instant. He will adopt measures to have the Mortality Returns on those estates as well as on "Johanna Cecilia" obtained as soon as possible, and the Inspector General of Estates Hospitals will be called on for a special report on the whole. With regard to "Johanna Cecilia," the Immigration Agent General did, at the time stated in his former report, institute an inquiry into the cause of the excessive mortality, the result of which was that the chief cause appears to have been the prevalence of yellow fever of a most malignant type on that part of the Essequibo Coast on which "Johanna Cecilia" is situated, and this very soon after the arrival of new immigrants. Another cause was that the estate, which had been much in want of labor, had paid bounty to several immigrants who had been rejected by neighbouring estates in consequence of laziness, drunkenness, and other vicious habits, and some of whom had died during the half year. The Estate Surgeon attributed some blame to the Manager of "Johanna Cecilia" for remissness in enforcing some of his regulations as to visits of the sick nurse to the dwellings of the immigrants, and which led him to procure the dismissal of the sick nurse. The Manager complained of appears to have been at the time in bad health, and had died at Barbados before the time when the inquiry was made. His successor was reported by the Surgeon to be an experienced man, in whom every confidence

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might be placed as to his attention to his laborers. I concurred with the Immigration Agent General in thinking that no further steps were necessary at the time, though the attention of the Government must be given to the estates on that part of the Essequibo Coast. I may observe that "Aurora," "Cullen," and "Zorg," three out of the seven estates which have to be reported on, are in the immediate vicinity of "Johanna Cecilia."

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No. 1232.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras in continuation of endorsement, No. 502, dated the 25th January 1869.

By order of the Governor General in Council.

FORT WILLIAM, HOME DEPT.,

PUBLIC,

3th March 1869.

J. GEOGHEGAN,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 222.

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ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1869, No. 387.

Forwarded to the Protector of Emigrants.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.

To the Protector of Emigrants.

India Office;
London, 26th January 1869.

Public,
No. 9.

To His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the GOVERNOR
GENERAL of India in Council.

MY LORD,

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dated the 8th ultimo, No. 171, I forward here-
with a copy of a Despatch addressed by the
Governor of British Guiana on the 1st ultimo, to the Secretary of
State for the Colonies, showing that the report called for by the
Duke of Buckingham and Chandos into the excessive mortality
which took place on seven estates named, during the first half of
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I have, &c.,
ARGYLL.

From the Governor of British Guiana, to His Grace the DUKE of BUCKINGHAM
and CHANDOS, &c., &c.,—No. 169, dated Demerara, the 1st Decem-
ber 1868.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's Despatch of
the 27th ultimo, transmitting a copy of a report from
the Emigration Commissioners on the subject of the
mortality among the immigrant population during the
half-year ending the 30th June 1868. Your Grace intimates an opinion that
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To

THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS.

Dated March, 24th.

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G. O., 24th March 1869, No. 357.

MARCH.
Nos. 221-222.

Communicating papers received from the
Government of India, stating that the report on
the mortality which took place on certain estates
in British Guiana during the first half of 1868 will
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FORT WILLIAM;
HOME DEPARTMENT,
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The 1st March 1869.

By Order of the Governor General and Council,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

With 6/1/69

The Secy. to Govt. of India

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*From the report of the
Commissioner of the
Essequibo Coast
for the year 1868
the 1st half year of 1869
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of the year*

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