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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	917	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	7-7-	19-1869

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11.1.37

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th July 1869.

No. 25. Read the following letter from the Acting Mauritius Emigration Agent, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 8th June 1869, No. 54.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 730, dated 1st June 1869, requesting me to explain why, in the case of the ship *Medusa*, I deviated from the explicit instructions of the Government of India in regard to the proportion of females to be put on emigrant vessels ; and to state, in reply, that, notwithstanding all my endeavours to obtain the full number of emigrant females for the *Medusa*, I failed to procure them.

2. In my anxiety to obtain the full number, I was not even particular as to the character of the females recruited, for as Mr. Blair, the Protector of Emigrants, is aware, I admitted confirmed prostitutes into my depôt, and yet I could not make up the required proportion.

3. In all emigrant ships from Madras, nearly one-half the emigrant women are of doubtful character, or about one-third confirmed prostitutes, and since the 'Contagious Diseases' Act has come into force, the supply of emigrant women from this class of the population has diminished, as good many of these have run away into the interior to avoid the restrictions imposed upon them by the Act, and no small number are confined in the Lock Hospitals of Madras.

4. I have kept the Protector of Emigrants informed of these facts with the view of hereafter applying to Government to diminish the proportion of women to be put on emigrant vessels, and as I have now the opportunity of stating the fact that in order to make up the required proportion of females from Madras, confirmed prostitutes have to be recruited, and that as it is not at all desirable to send such women as emigrants to Mauritius, I beg you will be pleased to submit this letter to His Excellency the Governor in Council, in order that His Excellency may be graciously pleased to move the Government of India to diminish the proportion of female emigrants from 40 to 25 or 30 to every 100 males.

5. I have the honour to annex a statement of the number of women treated for primary venereal diseases since the reopening of the Mauritius Emigration Depôt in August last, in order to confirm the assertion made by me as to the character of the women recruited as emigrants.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1869, No. 917.

The Acting Emigration Agent for the Mauritius is informed that the Government are not at present prepared to address the Government of India on the subject of his letter above recorded, but that the matter may be brought forward when the report called for in the G. O., 30th September 1868, No. 1231, is submitted, and that in the meantime the orders of the Government of India must be strictly adhered to.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Mauritius Emigration Agent.
,, Protector of Emigrants.

Esq. J. Wright.

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THE ACTING MAURITIUS
EMIGRATION AGENT.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 7th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 7th July 1869, No. 917.

JULY.
Nos. 25-26.

Directing the Mauritian Emigration Agent
strictly to adhere to the orders of the Government
of India respecting the prohibition of females to
embark on emigrant vessels.

Summary of Return of Female Emigrants
admitted with Venereal Disease into the Braintree
Emigration Depot from 8th August 1868 to 26th April 1869.

Depot Register Number	Ship Number	Names	Disease	Name of the ship
11	216	Sobamah	Gonorrhoea	"Agra"
21	33	Bosneamah	G ^o	
48	55	Sobakah	G ^o	
87	80	Kachar	Bubo	
201	190	Kamatchee	Gonorrhoea	
410	207	Mahalutchee	Syphilis Prim.	
217	198	Karamah	G ^o	
572	105	Lutchee 1 st	Gonorrhoea	
574	106	G ^o 2	Syphilis Prim.	
646	155	Eree	Gonorrhoea	
724	219	Oofee	Syphilis Prim.	"Medusa" 1 st
754	250	Carpye	Gonorrhoea	
799	281	Lutchee	G ^o	
803	370	Son Drum	G ^o	
816	371	Lingee	G ^o	
845	372	Munator	G ^o	
411	1	Lutchee	G ^o	
916	11	Utchamah	G ^o	
918	13	Chengamah	G ^o	
1075	110	Bador	G ^o	"Medusa" 2 nd
1115	143	Munatchee	G ^o	
1188	200	Sosmum	G ^o	
1196	206	Parrath	G ^o	
1198	208	Gunghee	G ^o	

Braun: Emig. Depot
Braun 8th June 1869

L. Mills.

Chapman M.D. Apothecary & Surgeon
No. 5. Court

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Emigration Agent for the
Mauritius

(Here enter 8th June/89 No 57)

Order thereon 7th July 1889 No 917

The Acting
Emigration Agent for the
Mauritius is informed that
the Government are not
at present prepared
to address the Government
of India on the subject
of his letter above recorded
but that the matter
may be brought forward
when the report called
for in the G. O. 30th Sept
1888 No 1231 is submitted,
and

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S. M. A. 14/2/89

and that in the meantime
the orders of the Govern-
ment of India must be
strictly adhered to.

After a considerable
amount of correspondence
between the India Office
and the Colonial Office
and Immigration Commission
it was settled that
the proportion of female
to male immigrants entering
at the Ports of Indian
Madras & Bombay for
British Colonies should
be 40 in 100. This decision
was duly communicated
to the Govt of India
and a notification to

To the Hon^{ble} Secy. Agent for
the Mauritius.
Protector of Emigrants)

and that in the meantime

~~the measure~~

that effort was published
in the Gov. Journal on 11 Sept 1868
and re-published by the
Local Govt. The Local
Govt. were also called
upon to submit a report
after one years trial of
the working of the measure
with reference to the class
of women recruited

in their order under
date 1st June 1869 No 130
The Govt. called upon
the Mauritius Immigration
Agent to report why

in the recent case of
the ship "Medusa" the
orders of the Govt. of India
as above set forth have
been departed from.

Mr. Curran, the Immigration
Agent, now reports that
upon that occasion he
was positively unable to
procure the requisite number
of females although he
accepted numerous pro-
tectors, and admitting
to the fact that in all
his attempts of coining from
Madagascar nearly half
the females are of doubtful
character as few respectable

For

and that in the meantime

no 1424 for order

women are obtainable, he
proposes that the Govt of
India be requested to allow
the proportion of females
to males to be reduced to
25 in 100.

It is submitted that he
may be informed that
the Govt are not at present
prepared to address the Govt
of India in the subject but
that the matter may be
brought forward when the
report called for in the
order of 1000 is
submitted, and that in
the meantime the order of
the Govt of India must be
strictly adhered to.

Spence suggests,
Minister, to do as
have proposed.
The 24 women deficient
on the "medusa" are
partly made up of
the 18 deceased females
who were previously
kept back from
employment
22 June 1925

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Recd July 13

Govt. of 1863

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To

The U. S. Maritime Migration
Agent
See

Dated July 7 } 1863, No. 917.
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NO. 25. 26.

Directing the Maritime
Migration Agent's duty
to adhere to the orders
of the Govt of India, no
freeing the proportion
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