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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
21st November 1870.*

No. 99. Read the following Despatch from His Excellency the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 16th August 1870, No. 84 (Public):—

In compliance with the request contained in the Despatch of your Excellency in Council, No. 63, dated the 3rd of June last, I have obtained from the Colonial Office, and now transmit, for your information, a copy of Acts Nos. CCCXCIX. and CCCC. of 1869, dated the 7th and 29th of October, consolidating and amending the laws relating to immigration in the Island of Grenada.

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No. 4546.

Copy of this Despatch, and of its enclosures, forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for opinion, with reference to the 3rd paragraph of the letter from this Department, No. 2771, dated the 6th June 1870.

(By order of the Governor-General in Council,)

HOME DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC, SIMLA, the 6th October 1870.	(Signed) W. M. SOUTTAR, <i>Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.</i>
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No. 100. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 11th November 1870, No. 1494.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2771, dated Simla, 6th June last, and the docket, No. 4546, dated 6th October last, on the subject of the proposed renewal of the emigration from India to Grenada.

2. The Government have carefully considered the Immigration Act which accompanied your docket, and are of opinion that, should the renewal of emigration to Grenada from this country be considered desirable, sufficient protection is afforded to intending emigrants by the new Law. The improvements in the former law, which were principally required, appear to have been—

(I). The assigning a *specific penalty*, recoverable by summary process, for the breach or non-observance of the regulations which the Governor is authorized to issue for securing the good treatment of the immigrants.

(II). That the Indian cooly should become entitled to a free back passage, after indenture of five years and a residence, whether, under indenture or not, for a second period of five years.

(III). The removal to another Colony by the Governor of the immigrant whom the planters might be unwilling to employ under indenture; or, in case of non-removal, to grant them free back passages. These precautions to have retrospective effect, and to be made applicable to the Indian emigrants already in the Colony.

(IV). The extension of the limitation of period within which complaints by employers against immigrants, or by immigrants against employers, should be made.

3. The 1st requisite is provided in Section 113.

The 2nd requisite is provided in Section 93.

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The 3rd is provided in Section 95, but no provision is made, when an immigrant is removed to another Colony, for sending away with him his wife and children, if he is married and has a family. This seems to require amendment.

The 4th requisite is provided in Section 103. As pointed out by Sir W. T. Murdoch (see enclosures to the letter from the Home Department, dated 6th June 1870, No. 2771), there is another defect which limits, in Section 4, the period of detention in the depôt in India for which the Governor of Grenada is authorized to pay, to fifteen days. This may be awkward if, on account of the outbreak of epidemic disease, the coolies are kept in the depôt, or prevented from embarking for a longer period than fifteen days.

4. While the Government consider that the defects in the law relating to emigrants have been remedied, they entertain serious doubts whether a renewal of the emigration from India should be encouraged. As remarked by Sir W. T. Murdoch in the correspondence which accompanied your letter, No. 2771, the Governor of Grenada should, before emigration is permitted again from India, have his attention called to the events of 1866-67, and a report be obtained on the question whether, if Indian emigrants are sent to Grenada, there is reasonable certainty that they will find employment at fair wages, and that their labour will be valued by the planters.

5. It is observed that the Indian coolies have to compete with Portuguese, Chinese, and Africans.

6. I am to add that there is but little prospect of natives of Madras being induced to proceed to that Colony with a full knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages of emigration to it.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

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From Government of

Port St. George.

Dated Nov. 21st, 1870.

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HOME DEPARTMENT,

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Memorandum.

I beg to circulate the Immigration Act (Grenada) on which the Govt of India have called for an opinion.

The correspondence on the subject shows, that the improvements in the existing legislation which were principally required were

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