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28th October 1871.

No. 169. Read the following Despatch from 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, 27th July 1871, No. 57 (Public):—

In continuation of my Despatch of the 23rd of February last, No. 8, I transmit, for the information of your Excellency in Council, copy of a Despatch from the Governor of British Guiana, with its enclosures, forwarding the report on the Coolie Immigrants in that Colony for the half-year ending 31st December 1870.

2. I also transmit copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of St. Vincent, giving cover to the report, for the same period, on the Indian Immigrants in that Colony.

3. Copies of the reports from the Emigration Commissioners on the above papers, and of the replies returned by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to Governors Scott and Rawson, are herewith enclosed.

No. 70.

Copy (with enclosures) forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE, AND COMMERCE
(EMIGRATION),
SIMLA, 18th October 1871.

(By order.)
(Signed) J. GEOGHEGAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 170. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1871, No. 1645.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright:

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India Office London

27th July 1871.

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The Governor General of India
in Council.

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2. May 1871,
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OCTOBER.
Nos. 169-170.

Recording letter from the Government of India communicating copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State, forwarding requests on Immigrant in the colonies of British Guiana and St Vincent, for the year 1870.

the Secretary of State for the Colonies 27th June
3rd July 1871
Governors Leath and Rawson are
herewith enclosed.

I have &c
S^g Argyll

No. 65, dated Georgetown, British Guiana, the 2nd May 1871.

From—His Excellency J. SCOTT, Governor, British Guiana.

To—The Right Hon'ble the EARL OF KIMBERLEY, &c., &c., &c.

I HAVE the honor to transmit the report of the Acting Immigration Agent General, together with the consolidated half-yearly return in regard to immigrants for the half year ending 31st of December of last year.

2. The number of immigrants on the estates at the close of the year consisted of 29,870 males under indenture, and of 7,640 males not under indenture; of 10,006 females indentured, and of 4,888 females unindentured; giving a total of 37,510 males and 14,888 females, or a grand total of 52,404 immigrants working on the estates. Compared with the previous year, 1869, this exhibits an increase of 3,568 males, 1,593 females, or a total of 5,161 in the number of immigrants. There has been a small percentage increase in the females in 1870, but not so great as the increase in 1869. In 1868, for each 100 males there were 37.29 females, in 1869 there were for each 100 males 39.17 females, and in the past year, 1870, for each 100 males there were 39.69 females. Every increase, however small, tending to bring about a nearer approach to an equilization in the sexes is satisfactory. Your Lordship will observe that the proportion now existing between the sexes of the immigrants in the colony falls only by a small fraction short of that required by the recent regulations to be sent from India.

3. In 1869 the percentage of births was 2.31, in the past year the percentage was 2.13; in both years the sexes were very nearly equal.

4. The average mortality, including both indentured and unindentured immigrants on estates in 1869, was 2.11 per cent.; in the past year it has risen to 3.06 per cent. This increased death-rate may, perhaps, in some degree, be attributable to the large number of immigrants introduced in the season 1869-70, amongst whom the number of deaths is always larger than amongst the older resident coolies. During the past year an attempt has been made to ascertain the death-rate amongst immigrants who have been less than two years in the colony, and I find it is returned at 5.48 per cent., being nearly 2.72 per cent. greater than the average mortality on all classes of immigrants. The average mortality for the past five years ending December 31st, 1870, amounts to 3.46 per cent.

5. Applying the rules laid down in Lord Granville's despatch, No. 192, of the 29th of March of last year, the returns of 1870 shew that five estates exhibit a mortality exceeding 6.12 per cent., or double the average of the year; and that the mortality on four estates is over 6.92 per cent., or twice the average death-rate of the last five years throughout the colony.

6. The four estates, which would, in accordance with the instructions I have received, be excluded from having an allotment of immigrants in the next season are Spring Garden, Aurora, Belle Vue, and Wales. The following table exhibits the percentage mortality on these estates in each half year of 1870:

		Half year ending June.	Half year ending December.
Spring Garden	...	4.18 per cent.	6.23 per cent.
Aurora	...	2.65 "	6.86 "
Belle Vue	...	5.74 "	1.67 "
Wales	...	1.37 "	5.57 "

7. Spring Garden must, I fear, be classed as a permanently unhealthy estate. In 1869, the mortality was 9.44 per cent.; in 1868, 8.44 per cent.; in 1867, 5.56 per cent.; in 1866, 12.5 per cent.; and in 1865, 6.12 per cent.,—giving an average for the five years ending December 1869, of 8.52 per cent. The

average death-rate for the past year 1870 may be stated as being nearly 10½ per cent. I have drawn the attention of the proprietor to the necessity of his making every exertion to lessen the mortality, and I have no fault to find with him in this respect. A new hospital has been built, cottages of a better construction are provided, and iron tanks have been erected for a supply of rain water. The medical attendant, who lives on the adjoining estate, also visits the hospital daily. Should these improvements not effect a reduction in the number of deaths during the present year, then I consider no further allotment of coolies should be made.

8. The death-rate on Aurora, an estate adjoining Spring Garden, may be given at 9½ for the past year. In 1869 it was as low as 2.94 per cent.; in 1868, 5.48 per cent.; in 1867, 8.81 per cent.; in 1866, 2.9 per cent.; and in 1865, the mortality did not exceed 1.01 per centum. The rate of mortality has fluctuated a good deal; and seeing that in the previous year 1869 it was only 2.94 per cent., and that the average mortality for the five years ending December 1869 was as low as 4.2 per cent., I trust that the large mortality of the past year may prove to be exceptional.

9. Belle Vue exhibits a death-rate during the past year of about 7½ per cent. In 1869 it was 6.48 per cent.; in 1868, 3.43 per cent.; in 1867, 5.69 per cent.; in 1866, 6.73 per cent.; and in 1865, 8.41 per cent., giving an average for the five years, ending December 1869, of 6.18 per centum. This estate must also, I fear, be classed as an unhealthy estate; in two years only, viz., 1868 and 1867 has the mortality fallen within the prescribed limits.

10. Plantation Wales exhibits a mortality of about 6.9 per cent. This would scarcely exclude it from a fresh allotment of immigrants, and yet I find that the average death-rate for the five years ending December 1869 is as high as 7.36 per cent.: in this respect ranking next to Spring Gardens and above both Belle Vue and Aurora, indeed the last estate, although in the past year exhibiting a very high rate of mortality, in the general average it falls below numerous other estates.

11. On examining the statistical returns relating to immigrants for the last six years, a few estates exhibit a constant yearly high rate of mortality, and may be regarded as unhealthy estates; the majority, however, show a continual yearly low rate, and may, therefore, be classed as healthy estates. But others show a remarkable fluctuation in the annual percentage of deaths, for which no ostensible cause can with certainty be assigned, and it is chiefly in regard to these that the application of the rules laid down by Lord Granville will be found to be difficult and embarrassing.

12. Your Lordship was good enough in a despatch No. 63 of the 12th of January last, to entrust to me the discretionary power of not enforcing the rule, considering that every exertion is being made to improve the sanitary condition of the estates; and although, as I have above reported, three estates show for the past year a mortality beyond the limits prescribed, I do not propose to exclude these estates from another allotment of immigrants, unless in the interval before the next immigration season commences. I find that any decrease in the annual death-rate appears to be hopeless. I fear this will be the case with the Spring Garden estate, and I can only hope it will be confined to this one.

13. In your Lordship's circular of the 16th of March last, my attention is drawn to the 67th section of the Trinidad Ordinance, which prohibits the allotment of immigrants to an estate where the deaths during the previous year shall have exceeded a percentage of seven persons in the hundred amongst the indentured immigrants who have not completed an industrial residence of five years; and I am authorized to adopt this rule if I consider it expedient. I think, in some respects, a fixed percentage would be preferable to the fluctuating rate which would be obtained by taking an annual or five years' average. The past year's statistics give, however, by this latter plan, a percentage of only a very small fraction below 7 per

cent. The rule enforced in Trinidad applies only to immigrants under their first indentures of five years, and in the returns compiled by the Immigration Department, no distinction is made between immigrants serving a first, second, or third term of service; they are only classified into immigrants under indenture, and immigrants not under indenture. And as I have explained in a former despatch, no note of the ages of the persons who have died has, until recently, been made in the half yearly returns, which in order to carry out Lord Granville's instructions strictly is required.

14. I presume, in the application of the rule determined by Lord Granville, it will be sufficient to obtain the yearly average of deaths, or the five years' average in the total number of immigrants working on the estates, making no distinction between those serving a first, second, or further period of five years' service, or between indentured or unindentured immigrants, but that the refusal to assign any further immigrants will only be considered as applicable to immigrants arriving from India and entering upon their first term of service. Immigrants entering upon a second or third period of service take bounty, and are free agents, and if this class of coolies are disposed to re-indenture on an estate where the mortality is beyond the prescribed percentage limits, I presume they will be at liberty to do so. The practical effect of this will be that the proprietors of permanently unhealthy estates will not have allotted to them any newly arrived immigrants, but may obtain at least a limited increase in their coolie labourers from the older residents or acclimatized immigrants.

No. 365, dated the 19th April 1871.

From—DENIS M. GALLAGHER, Esq., Acting Immigration Agent-General, British Guiana.

To—The Hon'ble J. M. GRANT, Government Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the consolidated return of immigrants under indenture of service, or residing on plantations in British Guiana, for the half year ending 31st December last.

2. I endeavoured, by issuing forms and a circular on the 24th December last, to procure a prompt and accurate return being made from each plantation,—see enclosure No. 1; and I tried, in the enclosure No. 2, to anticipate and guard against inaccuracy or want of fullness of information. I found, however, that notwithstanding the minuteness of "suggestions" in that respect, very serious inaccuracies and accidental neglect did occur in the preparation of the returns, and I was thus compelled to send them back for correction and amendment two or three times in many cases, for which purpose I prepared the enclosure marked No. 3.

3. The last of them was returned to this office only on the 5th instant, upon which the consolidated return was, as soon as possible, completed, and would, but for the arrival of the *Neva* and *Ganges* (with immigrants from Calcutta) have been submitted a week or ten days since.

4. The Commissioners of enquiry report, paragraph 529, page 124 of their report, that the "average mortality would appear to be as nearly as possible 4 per cent. (per annum of course) on the whole" (immigrant) population; while the elaborate table prepared by me as to the five years ending 31st December 1869 exhibits a rate of 3.84 similarly.

5. The plantations that have reached or exceeded those rates during the half year ending 31st December last, and which therefore demand special examination and investigation are—Pln. Philadelphia, West Coast, Demerary, 4.29 per cent.; Pln. Wales, West Bank, Demerary, 5.57 per cent.; Pln. Cullen Aroabisce Coast, Essequibo, 5.43 per cent.; Pln. Johanna Cecilia, Aroabisce Coast, Essequibo, 5.49 per cent.; Pln. Aurora, Aroabisce Coast, Essequibo, 6.86 per cent.; and Pln. Spring Garden, Aroabisce Coast, Essequibo, 6.23 per cent.; and, finally, Pln. Friends, East Bank, Berbice, 4.31 per cent.

6. His Excellency the Governor has, I believe, already referred to Dr. Shier for enquiry and report the extracts from the registers of deaths submitted by me some time since as to Plantations Wales, Spring Garden, Aurora, and Johanna Cecilia. I now submit similar extracts herewith, as to Plantations Philadelphia, Cullen, and Friends, with a view to investigation

similarly. It may, I submit, be found desirable that some of these plantations should be, at least temporarily, restricted to the employment of fully acclimatized labourers, and that immigrants should not, consequently, be sent to them, on arrival, to be acclimatized.

7. I do not consider that any of the other plantations require to be specially noticed.

8. It will be observed that the total number of immigrants accounted for by the consolidated return is 37,510 males, and 14,888 females; of whom 2,825 males, and 10,881 females are East Indians from Calcutta, the remainder consisting of Chinese, Madrassees, persons of African descent, and a few Madeirans, and that the general average of mortality during the half year was 1.64 per cent.; that during the year being at the rate of 3.06 per cent. per annum, or a little over thirty in the thousand.

9. I may here observe that with all the endeavour to obtain perfect accuracy in the returns, they are still, I believe, nevertheless only close approximations, and that it will be necessary shortly so to simplify and perfect the form of the half yearly return as to make it comprehensive and capable of being readily and reliably filled up. It has, I fear, in the course of years, become too complicated.

10. It may be desirable and interesting to point out here that the rates of mortality shewn by the consolidated returns for the past five years have been—

1865	...	...	...	5.4	per cent.
1866	...	...	...	4.39	"
1867	...	...	...	4.13	"
1868	...	...	...	2.9	"
1869	...	...	...	2.84	"

against 3.06 in 1870; while against 1.64 per cent. for the half year ending 31st December last there stands—

For the half year ending 31st December	1865	...	2.72	per cent.
"	1866	...	2.16	"
"	1867	...	2.06	"
"	1868	...	1.58	"
"	1869	...	1.4	"

which is, I submit taken altogether, a very cheering comparison.

11. In presence of the report of the "Commissioners appointed to enquire into the treatment of immigrants in British Guiana," now no doubt under His Excellency's consideration, it is I think unnecessary for me to trouble your Excellency with any further remarks.

No. 1.

Circular No. 982, dated the 24th December 1870:

From—DENIS M. GALLAGHER, Esq., Acting Immigration Agent General, British Guiana.

To—All Managers of Plantations.

I HAVE the honor to forward to you, enclosed herewith, a blank form of "half yearly return of immigrants, under indenture to, or residing on" the plantation under your management, which I shall be indebted to you to have carefully filled up and completed on 31st instant, and forwarded for delivery at this office, not later than Monday next, 2nd January 1871, if at all possible, or at furthest, within a day or two afterwards.

2. I also forward to you similarly "suggestions for the prevention of errors or omissions in the half yearly return," which will, I hope, enable you to cause a perfectly accurate return to be now and in future made out.

3. You should provide yourself with a duplicate or copy of the return for your own use, for which purpose you can, no doubt, obtain a form from the Government contract printer on payment of a trifling sum.

No. 2.

IMMIGRATION OFFICE,—Wednesday, 21st December 1870:

HALF YEARLY RETURNS OF IMMIGRANTS ON PLANTATIONS.

THE Immigration Agent-General hereby requests the earnest attention of Managers and others interested to the following

Suggestions for the prevention of errors or omissions in the half yearly returns of immigrants from plantations.

1.—Statistics:

- (a.) The first line ("number of indentured immigrants remaining," &c.) should not include those indentured immigrants who were absent from the Plantation on the last day of the preceding half year.

(b.) Care should be taken to compare the statistics with the "extracts" from the registers, and the "specifications" (in the body of the return) so that the one may not by any accidental error contradict the other.

(c.) The figures should be very carefully added up or deducted, the one from the other; or carried out, as it may be; so as to avoid mere clerical errors; for that purpose the statistical columns should be examined and initialed by a second person.

(d.) To obtain accurately "total number of immigrants remaining on the plantation under indenture" (fifth line from bottom) the folios of the "register of immigrants under indenture" should be most carefully examined, and a summary made (in pencil at foot): the totals of such summaries should shew accurately the numbers under indenture. Wherever at all practicable that part of the statistics, as well as that in the last line but one of the statistical statement ("number of immigrants not under indenture," &c.) should be verified by a *personal muster of the immigrants indentured, and unindentured*, separately, on the last day of the half-year, by which means error in that respect would become impossible.

(e.) If the previous return has been in any respect erroneous, the error should not be continued, or any effort made to adjust the figures, or make them fit to each other: it should be simply explained in a "note" at foot that the previous return was in fact erroneous.

2.—Description of immigrants:

(a.) In the "extracts from the register," and "specifications" in the body of the return, each immigrant should be accurately described exactly as in the "register of immigrants under indenture," or, as in the certificate of industrial service if not under indenture.

(b.) If there be several immigrants of the same name, the greatest care should be taken to secure that the right description is given; and for that purpose personal examination and enquiry, and careful reference to the register should be made in each case.

(c.) If in any exceptional case no official description of the immigrant can be obtained, then the name, father's name, ship, length of time in the colony, and plantation on which last under indenture should be ascertained by enquiry, so that the identity of the immigrant may be positively ascertained at this office, and due entry made in the registers of this department.

3.—Births and Deaths:

(a.) The greatest possible care should be taken that *no birth or death, whether occurring amongst the indentured or unindentured immigrants*, is omitted from the proper "register" (or from the "extract" in the body of the return); and every case of death of an infant soon after birth must be registered *both amongst the births and deaths*.

(b.) Descriptions of deceased children should be very fully given, the description of father and mother, and a statement of when and where born being given, where no particulars of "ship and number" are available.

(c.) In the case of death of any unindentured immigrant, it should be so noted in the columns of "remarks," and every exertion should be made to obtain, and forward with the return, all certificates of industrial service of such immigrants.

(d.) When any death takes place out of hospital, or any inquest has been held, the fact should be duly noted in the column of "remarks," any explanation being shortly given in the former case; and in the latter, particulars of name of coroner and verdict.

(e.) In cases of accidental or sudden death in which no inquest has been held, the reasons, if any, should be given in explanation.

(f.) The "age at time of death," whether officially known or merely assumed as *apparent*, should be invariably filled in.

(g.) Should the space allowed in the form for any "extract" or "specification" prove insufficient, the entries should not be continued elsewhere under another heading, but should be made on a slip of thin paper properly ruled, and gummed on in proper place.

4.—Public Establishments:

When an immigrant is stated to be "in the Colonial Hospital, alms house, or" &c., the particular establishment should be mentioned in the column of remarks.

5.—Return to be complete:

Each return should be signed, dated, and endorsed, as indicated, in the printed form supplied.

6.—These suggestions to be effectively carried out:

(a.) Managers are earnestly requested to satisfy themselves personally, when signing the half yearly return, that these suggestions have been fully and carefully complied with.

(b.) It is also hereby requested that the slip copy of this memorandum forwarded to each manager may be permanently affixed to, and preserved on, the fly leaf of the estate's register.

DENIS M. GALLAGHER,
Acting Immigration Agent-General.

No. 3.

[Immediate.]

No.

IMMIGRATION OFFICE,

day, 1871.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to request your more particular attention to the "suggestions" published by this department, under date 21st December last, paragraph and to the "note" at foot of the statistical statement on the first page of the half yearly return form, by which you will be enabled to perceive that the enclosed is incorrect: it is now therefore returned to you herewith.

2. The apparent errors are indicated in red ink on the face of the return.

3. I have also to ask your very careful reference to the "suggestions," paragraph and to the "Note" at foot of the "extract from the register of deaths;" and to request that you will, if it be possible, cause their terms to be fully complied with as regards the immigrant referred to in your

4. I shall be greatly obliged by your now causing me to be furnished with a perfected return of immigrants from Pln. , for the half-year ending last, at your earliest convenience; care being taken that the "suggestions" paragraph 1 d, are carefully observed in making it up.

5. An immediate reply is earnestly requested.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

Immigration Agent-General..

Esq.,

Manager, &c., &c., &c.,

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Consolidated Half-yearly Return of Immigrants under indenture of service, or residing on Plantations in the Colony of British Guiana for the Half-year ending 31st December 1870.

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[Ordinance 4, 1864, Section 84; and Ordinance 13, 1866, Section 3.]

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D. M. GALLAGHER,
Immigration Agent-General.

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[Ordinance 4, 1864, Section 84; and Ordinance 13, 1866, Section 3.]

Annual Abstract of Consolidated Half-yearly Return of Immigrants under indenture of service, or loading on Plantations in the Colony of British Guiana, for the year ending 31st December 1870.

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The Statistics of Complaints indicated on by the Stipendiary Justices of the Peace against Immigrants for breaches of the terms of Indenture during 1870.

COUNTRY.	Number of Immigrants under Indenture.	Number of Complaints.	Number of Acquittals.	Number of Convictions.	PERCENTAGE AS COMPARED WITH THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS UNDER INDENTURE.		
					Complaints.	Acquittals.	Convictions.
Demerara	24100	2,911	1,091	1,820	12.04	4.51	7.53
Essequibo	8475	1,234	965	269	14.44	4.91	10.14
Berbice	6225	657	98	559	8.56	1.51	7.96

GEORGE TOWN,
BRITISH GUIANA;
The 5th April 1871.

D. M. GALLAGHER,
Acting Immigration Agent-General.

Extract from the Register of Deaths, Plantation Spring Garden, Essequibo, for the half-year ending 31st December 1870.

Name of deceased.	Sex.	Age at time of death.	Country.	Ship.		Year of arrival.	Date of death.	Cause of death.	REMARKS.
				No.					
Rusmaully ...	Male ...	17 years ...	Bengal ...	24	Howrah ...	1869	1st July 1870 ...	General debility.	
Roojolla ...	Female ...	21 " ...	" ...	370	Bengal ...	1869	18th Aug. " ...	Dysentery.	
Gunnowry ...	Male ...	37 " ...	" ...	72	Empress Engine	1866	8th " " ...	Dropsy.	
Hoary ...	Female ...	19 " ...	" ...	279	Forfarshire ...	1870	10th " " ...	Dysentery.	
Mungul ...	Male ...	41 " ...	" ...	74	Wischester ...	1869	8rd Sept. " ...	Debility and bronchitis.	
Bechasey ...	Female ...	21 " ...	" ...	398	" ...	"	24th " " ...	" " fever.	
Randesh ...	" ...	25 " ...	" ...	312	Forfarshire ...	1870	19th " " ...	Dysentery.	
Gungul ...	Boy ...	7 " ...	" ...	426	" ...	"	30th " " ...	Debility and fever.	
Jeeth ...	Male ...	82 " ...	" ...	195	" ...	"	1st Oct. " ...	Debility.	
Surobeah ...	Infant ...	17 months ...	" ...	506	" ...	"	9th " " ...	Lumbrice Fever.	
Kowlesary ...	Female ...	30 years ...	" ...	257	Adamant ...	1869	15th " " ...	Hydrothorax.	
Sookdeb ...	Male ...	30 " ...	" ...	1	Forfarshire ...	1870	2nd Nov. " ...	Dysentery.	
Jowatheer ...	" ...	18 " ...	" ...	36	" ...	"	5th " " ...	Ulcer, left foot.	
Runjeet ...	" ...	49 " ...	" ...	171	Empress Engine	1866	18th Dec. " ...	Tetanus.	
Muracheah ...	Female ...	4 " ...	" ...	338	Adamant ...	1869	21st " " ...	Dysentery.	
Sookram ...	Male ...	40 " ...	" ...	68	Bengal ...	1869	30th " " ...	"	
Gudjahura ...	Boy ...	1 month ...	" ...	378	Philosopher ...	1870	31st " " ...	Conjunctivitis.	

GEORGE PEARCE,
Manager.

Extract from the Register of Deaths, Plantation Aurora, Essequibo, for the half-year ending 31st December 1870.

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Name of deceased.	Sex.	Age at time of death.	Country.	Ship.		Year of arrival.	Date of death.	Cause of death.	REMARKS.
				No.					
Ruckroedy	Male	3 1/2 years	Bengal	47	Arima	1869	15th July 1870	Dropsy.	
Long-a-tho	"	30 "	China	2388	Montmorency	1861	22nd "	Softening of the brain.	
Roo-sam-sow	"	33 "	"	2512	"	"	22nd "	Choleraic diarrhoea.	
Panthaseah	Female	30 "	Bengal	366	Arrot	1870	2nd Aug.	General debility.	
Munowah	Male	1 "	"	366	Adamant	1869	10th "	Maramus and dysentery.	
Doolary	Female	25 "	"	347	Arrot	1870	12th "	Dysentery.	
Mungreo	"	under 2 years	"	323	Arima	1869	26th "	Maramus.	
Dowlutea	"	1 "	"	401	Forfarshire	1870	3rd Sept.	Dysentery.	
Choong-a-yip	Male	22 "	China	2466	Montmorency	1861	18th "	General anasarca, chronic ulcer, and dysentery.	
Bakhowry	"	39 "	Bengal	87	Arrot	1870	25th "	Dysentery and general debility.	
Burokah	"	1 "	"	324	Arima	1869	30th "	Debility and diarrhoea.	
Mandlow Sing	"	34 "	"	168	Ganges	1864	30th "	Phthisis and dysentery.	
Dabyersaud	"	Infant	"	479	Arrot	1870	1st Oct.	Debility and diarrhoea.	
Danboo	"	15 years	"	134	"	"	10th "	Ruptured spleen.	
Scoraea	Female	29 "	"	264	Clarence	1867	15th "	Inflammation of bowels.	
Sutlarkhan	Male	35 "	"	50	Arima	1869	22nd "	Dropsy and jaundice.	
Moosah	Male	25 "	"	90	Forfarshire	1870	23rd "	Dysentery and debility.	
Lowengy	Female	4 "	"	456	"	"	4th Nov.	Convulsions.	
Naiwoer	Male	27 "	"	19	"	"	2nd "	Chronic dysentery.	
Mowlabocus	"	16 "	"	112	"	"	9th "	Ulceration of toes and dysentery.	
Nusacobun	Female	22 "	"	294	Jason	1868	22nd "	Debility and diarrhoea.	
Bungoe	Male	31 "	"	85	Ganges	1864	27th "	Chronic disease of chest.	
Bundhen	Female	18 "	"	303	Philosopher	1870	31st "	Debility and diarrhoea.	
Foolhanz	"	19 "	"	270	Forfarshire	"	16th "	General debility and dropsy.	

WILLIAM ORAIGEN,
Manager.

Extract from the Register of Deaths, Plantation Johanna Cecilia, Essequibo, for the half-year ending 31st December 1870.

Name of deceased.	Sex.	Age at time of death.	Country.	Ship.		Year of arrival.	Date of death.	Cause of death.	REMARKS.
				No.					
Pooniah	Female	20 years	Bengal	236	Ganges	1870	29th July 1870	Chronic dysentery.	
Barun	Male	30 "	"	19	Clarence	1867	6th Aug.	Debility.	
Joomick	"	23 "	"	12	St. Kilda	1869	12th "	Dysentery.	
Jnubbo	"	21 "	"	147	"	"	15th Sept.	Dropsy.	
Dookley	"	28 "	"	138	"	"	14th "	Dysentery.	
Anstar	"	40 "	"	209	Hourah	"	17th "	Chronic dysentery.	
Bodhe	"	23 "	"	97	Ganges	1870	7th Oct.	"	
Mandho	"	35 "	"	179	St. Kilda	1869	26th Nov.	Diarrhoea.	
Balchuna	"	20 "	"	286	Jason	1868	"	Intermittent fever.	
Purbhoo	"	25 "	"	11	St. Kilda	1869	29th "	General debility.	
Rangloll	"	18 "	"	240	Thetis	1855	7th Dec.	Pneumonia.	
Sookhoo	"	34 "	"	183	Ganges	1870	17th "	Dysentery.	
Rantohl	"	21 "	"	207	St. Kilda	1869	19th "	Debility from laziness.	
Rungieul	"	19 "	"	214	Hourah	"	12th "	Diarrhoea.	
Elieboos	"	32 "	"	27	Adamant	1870	28th "	Intermittent fever.	

PETER GRANT,
Manager.

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Extract from the Register of Deaths, Plantation Wales, West Bank, Demerara, for the half-year ending 31st December 1870.

Name of deceased.	Sex.	Age at time of death.	Country.	Ship.		Year of arrival.	Date of death.	Cause of death.	REMARKS.
Li-Hee	Male	33 years	China	No.	Light Brigade	1866	8th August 1870	Anasarca.	
Ramnil	"	8 months	Creole	Born	17th December 1869	"	17th "	Maramma.	
Bhumal	"	25 years	Calcutta	117	Atalanta	1866	27th "	Amonia.	
Bundeah	Female	2 "	"	364	India	1869	1st Sept.	Convulsions.	
Munbodi	Male	23 "	"	125	Seville	1868	18th "	Congestion, right lung.	
Kowlesur	"	22 "	"	189	Howrah	1868	20th "	Breuchitis	
Ram-leung cheong	"	29 "	China	4,850	Sir G. Seymour	1868	18th October	Anasarca.	
Mohnth	"	24 "	Calcutta	41	British Monarch	1870	20th "	Dysentery.	
Lui-a-Hay	"	33 "	China	3253	Whitcomb	1861	24th "	Effusion of Brain.	
Ramchurn	"	22 "	Calcutta	11	Atalanta	1866	2nd Novr.	Congestion, right lung.	
Moywah	"	20 "	"	29	India	1869	2nd "	Drowned.	
Joodoonauth	"	19 "	"	39	British Monarch	1870	29th "	Ulcer, right foot.	
Mohun	"	2 days	Creole	Born	27th November 1870	"	29th "	Fever.	
Gudazhur.	"	31 years	Calcutta	43	Ganges	1865	7th Dec.	Dysentery.	
Soperaunthy	Female	21 "	"	259	British Monarch	1870	15th "	Anemia.	
Dasee	"	38 "	"	259	Lincelles	1867	30th "	Dysentery.	
Deebmohunn	Male	20 "	"	48	British Monarch	1870	30th "	Fever and jaundice.	

ROBERT LORIMER,
Manager.

Extract from the Register of Deaths, Plantation Friends' Berbier, for the half-year ending 31st December 1870.

Name of deceased.	Sex.	Age at time of death.	Country.	Ship.		Year of arrival.	Date of death.	Cause of death.	REMARKS.
Sunjoril	Male	41 years	Bengal	No.	Walmer Castle	1869	4th Aug. 1870	Dysentery.	
Bhangoo	"	19 "	"	79	Trevelyan	1869	6th "	Yaws and asctis.	
Ho-a-Suk	"	29 "	China	5169	Queen of the East	1865	11th Sept.	Debility.	
Sew	"	31 "	Bengal	169	Walmer Castle	1869	18th July	Ulcer, right foot.	
Neerunjaun	"	29 "	"	200	Howrah	1870	19th Aug.	Chronic dysentery.	
Gungaram	"	34 "	"	147	Corn. Perry	1863	25th "	Ditto.	
Jankey (infant)	"	16 months	Bengal descent	504	Howrah	1870	1st Sept.	Convulsions.	
Nga Cheung	"	41 years	China	7325	Pride of the Ganges	1866	10th "	Acute jaundice.	
Ramkisson (infant)	"	10 months	Bengal descent	Born in colony in 1870	"	"	21st "	Continued fever.	
Nga Siz	"	44 years	China	7355	Pride of the Ganges	1866	25th Aug.	jaundice.	
Sookeah (infant)	Female	2 months	Calcutta descent	Born in colony in 1870	"	"	28th Sept.	Inflammation of navel.	
Torabanley	Male	3 days	"	"	"	"	11th Dec.	Cold.	
Deen Mahomed	"	18 years	Calcutta	142	Adamant	1868	6th Oct.	Supervening a late hydrocele.	
Noeraine (free)	"	41 "	"	168	Burnah	1857	8th "	Chronic bronchitis.	

W. M. CALDER,
Manager.

Extract from the Register of Deaths, Plantation Cullen, Essequibo, for the half-year ending 31st December 1870.

Name of deceased.	Sex.	Age at time of death.	Country.	Ship.		Year of arrival.	Date of death.	Cause of death.	REMARKS.
Gopaul	Male	31 years	Bengal	No.	146	1866	16th Nov. 1870	Ulcer on right foot.	
Sunichury	Female	4 months	Bengal descent.	Born in Colony in 1870		...	9th July	Debility and want of breast milk.	
Kesory	Male	17 years	Calcutta	251	1869	...	30th "	Ulcer and debility.	
Seeruck	"	20 "	"	178	1869	...	31st "	Drownd.	
Buseaul	Female	38 "	"	265	1867	...	18th Aug.	Gonorrhoea.	
Fankoo	Male	20 "	"	19	1868	...	16th "	Intermittent fever.	
Urjoodica	"	38 "	"	13	"	...	23rd "	Ulcer on leg.	
Juggernaut	"	24 "	"	7	"	...	25th "	Dysentery.	
Landosing	"	22 "	Bengal	246	1869	...	27th "	Intermittent fever.	
Doodeth	Female	30 "	"	283	1870	...	28th "	Fever, intermittent, and diarrhoea.	
Koujul	Male	17 "	"	74	1870	...	29th "	" " Convulsions.	
Luckmoneah	Female	2 "	"	428	1869	...	11th "	Debility.	
Kullian	Male	20 "	"	248	1869	...	19th "	Rheumatism.	
Bodhun	"	18 "	"	101	1870	...	2nd Oct.	Intermittent fever.	
Somurreah	Female	2 "	Bengal descent.	Born in Colony		...	24th "	Ulcer on foot and lacerated wound.	
Gheerawo	Male	26 "	"	61	1869	...	7th "	"	
Ramdaye	"	23 "	"	335	1867	...	30th Nov.	"	

GEORGE CHAPMAN,
Manager.

Extract from the Register of Deaths, Plantation Philadelphia, West Coast, for the half-year ending 31st December 1870.

Name of deceased.	Sex.	Age at time of death.	Country.	Ship.		Year of arrival.	Date of death.	Cause of death.	REMARKS.
Mohandally	Male	26 years	Bengal	No.	159	1862	1st July 1870	Dysentery.	
Ganastry	"	28 "	"	51	1860	...	18th "	Phthisis.	
Mohun	"	26 "	"	163	1862	...	20th "	Pneumonia.	
Kurrenbocus	"	29 "	"	275	1864	...	7th Aug.	Dysentery.	
Teyah	"	27 "	"	264	1859	...	7th "	"	
Bantasea	Female	20 "	"	308	1856	...	18th "	Tetanus.	
Bachun	Boy	1 month	infant	child	...	...	18th "	Fita.	
Lillah	Male	50 years	Bengal	131	1854	...	19th "	Diarrhoea.	
Sookhaury	Boy	6 "	"	315	1869	...	10th Nov.	Fever and debility.	
Gunness	Male	34 "	"	95	1854	...	15th "	Intermittent fever and debility.	
Monteah	Female	29 "	"	360	1870	...	23rd "	" and jaundice.	
Howley	Male	adult	age cannot be	traced	...	...	27th "	Natural cause.	
Seetul	"	42 years	Bengal	285	1862	...	27th "	Dropsy and anæmia.	
Futteah	Female	5 "	"	416	1870	...	20th Dec.	Fever and convulsions.	
Suthun	Male	28 "	"	95	...	...	16th Oct.	Intermittent fever and diarrhoea.	

JOHN R. DALY,
Manager.

No. 40, dated St. Vincent, the 9th May 1871.

From—GEORGE BERKELEY, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor, St. Vincent.

To—His Excellency GOVERNOR RAWSON, C. B., &c., &c.

I HAVE the honor to transmit to your Excellency the report of the Immigration Agent for the half year ended 31st December 1870.

2. The Immigration Agent explains the cause of the delay that has occurred in forwarding the report upon the present occasion.

3. It is gratifying to perceive that the apprehensions which were naturally raised by the malfeasance of the late Agent, as to the present working of the system in this Colony, are unfounded, and that no serious grounds for complaint exist with respect to the condition and treatment of the immigrants.

Dated St. Vincent, the 3rd May 1871.

From—J. D'OLLY, Esq., Immigration Agent.

To—The Acting Colonial Secretary.

I HAVE the honor to forward my report on the state of immigration in this Colony to 31st December 1870.

I have visited since my appointment to the office of Immigration Agent all the estates on which indentured Indian immigrants are located, and made the necessary inquiries as to treatment and general state of the coolies thereon.

No grave cause of complaint came under my notice. On some estates the state of the houses were complained of, which, on inspection, I found were warranted, and I instructed the several managers to have the necessary repairs done.

Complaints were also made as to the amount of wages paid, the coolies stating that they did not get paid in proportion to the work done, but, on examining the pay lists, I found the amount of work performed duly entered and paid for, and, on questioning their own countrymen, am satisfied that it was only in cases where the coolie was lazy or physically incapable of performing his task that the money earned was small; the industrious and strong always earning and receiving a fair day's wage.

In some instances the superintendent and overseer were accused of treating coolies roughly, and although these complaints were not substantiated, I thought it advisable, where they occurred, to direct the manager to warn his subordinates never to touch one of the immigrants, but to refer to him any case of delinquency on the part of the coolie.

The medical attendance appears to have been regular on the several estates, but, in some instances, the doctor's visits appear to have been very hurried; the immigrants complaining that they had no opportunity of stating their ailments on account of the short stay of the doctor on the estate. No doubt the complaints of many were not warranted, but I requested Dr. Checkley and Dr. Cumming on their next visit carefully to examine all who were really sick or fancied themselves so, which I understand was done.

The number of births during the past half year amount to 30, as per Schedule A, exceeding the deaths by 13.

The number of deaths for the same period was 17. The sexes and nature of disease are shewn in Schedule B.

The amount of crime among the Indian immigrants is shown in Schedule D. Breaches of contract appear to have been of more frequent occurrence than formerly; this is, in some measure, attributable to the excitement among the coolies owing to the investigation of the cases of cruel treatment on Argyle Estate. Only one long term of imprisonment was inflicted during the half year in a case of stealing, viz., 18 months.

There appears to be a discrepancy in the number of Indian immigrants as compared with former reports of my predecessor. The numbers named in Schedule C are in accordance

with the half yearly returns sent in by the managers, which appear to be correct. On my next visit to the estates I intend to make an accurate list of all Indian immigrants, whether free or indentured, so that in future there can be no possibility of mistake in the actual numbers.

According to clause 3 of Act No. 153, the coolie labourer is entitled to receive two pence per hour for extra work. I am of opinion that this clause works injuriously both to employer and employed; coolies appear to prefer work about the buildings in crop time, but as Creole labour can be obtained at a less rate than that payable to the coolie, the managers do not care to employ the latter. But on some estates I found that coolies were employed about the works, willingly accepting the same rate as paid to Creoles, the wages paid being from 30 to 36 cents per day. Where objection was made to accept this rate, the coolie was at once transferred to field work where he cannot earn so much. I think it would be wise to allow the employer and coolie to settle the amounts to be paid for extra work between themselves; of course on the understanding that in no case shall the rate of payment be less than to a Creole labourer of equal ability.

This report has necessarily been delayed on account of the confusion arising from the abrupt departure of the late Immigration Agent, and the fact of the shipping away of those immigrants entitled to back passage at the time that the several estates should have been visited. I will endeavour to make my report for the half year ending 30th June next much earlier, and, I trust, more comprehensive.

Schedule A.

BIRTHS.

Showing the number of Births amongst Indian Immigrants during the half year ending 31st December 1870.

Plantations.	Male.	Female.	
Langley Park	1	1	
Orange Hill	1	2	
Lot 14	1	1	
Tourama	1	...	
Belle Vue	1	...	Males ... 12
Sans Souci	...	2	Females ... 18
Adelphi	1	...	—
Union	1	3	30
Argyle	1	3	—
Mount Pleasant	1	...	
Carapan	2	1	
Bellair	1	...	
Montrose	1	...	
Pembroke	...	2	
Rutland Vale... ..	...	1	
Mount Wynne	...	1	
Richmond	1	1	
TOTAL	12	18	

Schedule B.

DEATHS.

Shewing the number of Deaths and causes thereof amongst Indian Immigrants for the half year ended 31st December 1870.

Plantations.	Male.	Female.	Cause of death.	Medical attendant.
Langley Park ...		1	Consumption ...	Dr. Cumming.
Orange Hill ...	1		Fever and Dysentery ...	"
Lot 14 ...	1		Atrophy ...	"
Tourama...	...		Consumption ...	"
Belle Vue ...	1	...	" ...	"
Adelphi ...	1	...	Dysentery...	Dr. Checkley.
Union ...	1	...	Executed for murder ...	"
Argyle ...	1	...	Debility ...	"
" ...	1	...	Bronchitis...	"
" ...	...	1	Diarrhoea ...	"
Mount Pleasant ...	1	...	Consumption ...	"
Carapan ...	...	1	Bronchitis...	"
Montrose ...	1	...	Consumption ...	"
Pembroke ...	...	1	"	"
Rutland Vale ...	1	...	Diarrhoea ...	"
" ...	...	1	Debility ...	"
Peter's Hope ...	...	1	Exposure to cold ...	"
TOTAL ...	10	7		
			Males ...	10
			Female ...	7
				17

Schedule C.

Number of indentured Indian Immigrants in St. Vincent on 31st December 1870, with particulars of labour and earnings.

Plantations.	Number on Estate on 31st December 1870.	Number of days on which labour was performed.	Absent from sickness or holidays.	Idleness.	Number of working days in the half year.	Amount of earnings.	Average earnings.	REMARKS.
Tourama	98	7,551	3,288	3,065	13,704	1,155-09	C. 15	Total number of Indian Immigrants in Colony to 31st December 1870 ... 1,227
Orange Hill	98	6,323	4,253	4,870	15,446	885-22	14	
Rabacca	77	5,259	3,529	1,845	10,633	709-50	13	
Lot 14	85	8,409	2,012	985	11,406	1,248-32	16	Number of days on which labour was performed ... 10,633
Langley Park	65	4,678	3,632	...	8,370	...	17	
Belle Vue	49	5,175	1,985	...	6,110	...	15	
Sans Souci	37	3,257	1,980	...	6,187	...	16	
Union	97	7,592	4,114	1,574	13,280	...	16	
Adelphi	41	3,202	1,423	432	5,056	...	14	Days absence from sickness or holidays ... 3,228
Argyle	119	11,206	2,400	1,810	15,416	1,507-23	13	
Calder	13	1,447	273	334	2,054	231-21	15	
Mount Pleasant	88	3,490	920	193	4,608	585-01	16	
Curapan Rivulet	59	5,090	1,282	1,858	3,240	795-00	15	Days absence from idleness ... 25,233
Arnos Vale	20	1,995	394	724	3,113	268-72	15	
Belair	17	1,211	763	549	2,528	586-98	22	C. 15,036-78
Montrose	44	4,073	1,291	...	5,364	509-54	14	
Pembroke	41	3,303	613	404	4,320	356-71	15	
Penniston	17	1,906	746	29	2,681	534-71	18	C. 16
Cane Grove	32	2,822	716	493	4,034	858-63	19	
Rutland Vale	74	4,560	2,125	1,603	8,288	456-62	14	
Mount Wynne...	32	3,270	471	1,157	4,266	509-77	19	
Peter's Hope ...	25	2,632	100	1,534	4,266	31-80	19	
Richmond Vale	2	171	104	39	314	649-55	21	
Richmond	47	3,066	850	1,700	5,616	...	...	
TOTAL	1,227	101,688	39,228	25,216	1,64,932	10,036-78	...	

Schedule D.

CRIME.

Shewing the Commitments to gaol of Indian Immigrants during the half year ended 31st December 1870, and nature of their offences.

Offences.	No. of Cases.	Punishment.
Breach of Contract ...	24	Imprisonment... 7 to 30 days' hard labour.
Debt ...	...	" ... 14 to 30 "
Assault ...	...	" ... 7 to 2 months' hard labour.
Stealing ...	...	{ " ... 1 for 18 "
		" others 14 to 2 "
Abuse ...	...	" ... 1 ...
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Dated Emigration Board, 9th June 1871.

From—SIR T. W. C. MURDOCI.

To—R. G. W. HERBERT, ESQ. &c., &c.

I HAVE to acknowledge your letter of the 27th inst., with a despatch from the Governor of British Guiana, enclosing the report of the Immigration Agent for the six months ending 31st December last.

2. It appears from this report that the number of immigrants working on estates on 31st December was—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under indenture ...	29,870	10,006	39,876
Not under indenture ...	7,640	4,888	12,528
	37,510	14,894	52,404

being, as the Governor says, an increase, as compared with 1869, of 3,568 males and 1,597 females. As compared, however, with 30th June, 1870, there is an increase of 20 in the number of males, and a decrease of 220 in the number of females. The births had been at the rate of 2.31 per cent., the deaths at the rate of the previous two years, which was 2.1 per cent. This increase on the Governor attributes to the number of new immigrants by a recent return, it appears that the mortality two years in the colony is as high as 5.48 per cent. The mortality among acclimatized immigrants is proportionately lower. At this point, I would beg to refer to my report of the 1st inst. Considering the peculiar circumstances of cooly immigrants a mortality of 5.48 per cent. cannot, I think, be considered unsatisfactory.

3. The Governor reports that on four estates* the mortality has been more than double the average mortality of the year and of the previous five years, and that these estates would, therefore, under the rule laid down by Earl Granville, be excluded from allotments of fresh immigrants. On three of these estates, the average mortality has, the Governor says, been always high, and he regards them, therefore, as permanently unhealthy. He proposes, however, under the direction entrusted to him, not to enforce Lord Granville's rule against them at once, waiting, in the case of Spring Garden estate, which has the highest death-rate, to see the effect of some improvements undertaken by the proprietor. I cannot think that this is a right conclusion to come to. The refusal to allow new immigrants will, no doubt, be very injurious to the estate; but, on the other hand, the allotment of them to estates proved to be permanently unhealthy, is knowingly to assign a proportion to almost certain death. The proprietors of such estates must, I think, be left, till they can improve their sanitary condition, to obtain labourers among old immigrants who are acclimatized, are free to accept or refuse the service, and have the means of knowing the circumstances of the estate. The estates to which this rule, if the Earl of Kimberley should approve it, would apply, are Spring Garden, Belle Vue, and Wales. On Aurora estate, although the mortality in 1870 was large, it has in other years been moderate. It may be hoped, therefore, that it was the result of exceptional circumstances last year.

4. The Governor assumes that in applying Lord Granville's rule, the rate of mortality is to be calculated on the whole number of immigrants working on the estate, without reference to the date of their introduction; but that the refusal to assign is to apply only to new immigrants.—I presume that his interpretation is correct on both points. The calculation of the rate of mortality is to ascertain the healthiness of an estate, or the contrary; and a large mortality among old immigrants would be a greater proof of unhealthiness than an equal mortality among new. At the same time, it is only new immigrants whom the Government is especially bound to protect against assignment to an estate where the mortality has been large. Immigrants who have completed their industrial residence are less likely to suffer from local influences, and are generally able to judge for themselves whether it is for their advantage to engage on a particular estate.

Dated Emigration Board, the 20th June 1871.

From—SIR T. W. C. MURDOCI.

To—R. G. W. HERBERT, ESQ. &c., &c., &c.

I HAVE to acknowledge your letter of 17th inst., with a despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Saint Vincent, enclosing the report of the Immigration Agent of that Island to 30th December last.

2. This report has been delayed by the circumstances under which the predecessor of the present Agent vacated his office. It shows that the number of Indian immigrants in the colony on 31st December last was 1,227; that the births in the half-year had been 30, the

deaths 17. The mortality was the work performed was equal to 101.6 immigrant. The days lost through 52½ per head; the earnings and were made as to insufficiency, but, on investigation, were found to be unreasonable, and complaints of hardship were in the same way not substantiated. The Immigration Agent suggests that of the provision in the Immigration Act prescribing the amount to be paid to coolies for extra work, the coolie and the employer should be allowed to fix the amount by private agreement, but not lower than the amount paid to a Creole labourer of equal ability. I see no objection to this arrangement, but its expediency is obviously a matter for the consideration of the local authorities.

There is nothing else in this report that appears to me to require notice.

No. 141, dated Downing Street, the 30th June 1871.

From—KIMBERLEY.
To—McC., &c., &c.

WITH reference to y

9th June 1871.

the Emigration Commission application of the rule laid migrants to unhealthy estate, but I desire to remind you that temporary disadvantage to an assignment of fresh immigrants, ought not to be allowed to weigh against the necessity of preserving the immigrants from being sent to a locality dangerous to their health, and that it will be better to err on the side of protection to the immigrants than of advantage to the estates, as a very serious responsibility will rest upon the Government if a fresh allotment of immigrants is made to a permanently unhealthy estate, in which category, I think that Spring Garden estate must at present be classed.

of the 2nd ultimo, transmitting the report migration Agent-General for the last half you the enclosed copy of a Report from l you a discretion for the present in the a respecting the allotment of fresh immigrants with that discretion on this occasion; of it, you should keep in view that the nt be caused by the refusal or suspension, of an assignment of fresh immigrants, ought not to be allowed to weigh against the necessity of preserving the immigrants from being sent to a locality dangerous to their health, and that it will be better to err on the side of protection to the immigrants than of advantage to the estates, as a very serious responsibility will rest upon the Government if a fresh allotment of immigrants is made to a permanently unhealthy estate, in which category, I think that Spring Garden estate must at present be classed.

No. 54, dated Downing Street, the 3rd July 1871.

From—The EARL OF KIMBERLEY.
To—GOVERNOR RAWSON, C. B., &c., &c., &c.

I HAVE received Lieutenant-Governor Berkeley's despatch No. 40 of the 9th of May, enclosing the report of the Immigration Agent in St. Vincent, for the half-year ending the 31st of December 1870.

I transmit to you a copy of a report by Sir Clinton Murdoch on these papers.

In regard to the suggestion of the Immigration Agent that the law should be amended so as to permit the employer and the coolie to fix the wages for extra work by private agreement, I am not disposed to dissent from Sir C. Murdoch's opinion that the experiment of allowing such agreements may be tried if the Local Government think it expedient; but if the amendment in question be made, its working should be narrowly watched, as I cannot but feel some doubt whether a coolie would be able to secure from his employer a fair equivalent for his labour, as compared with that of a Creole of "equal ability."

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