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24th November 1871.

p. 100. 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, 28th September 1871, No. 70 (Public):—

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PROBABLE MOTIVE.

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20	5	10	24	10	...	41	Pamplemousses.
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83	26	28	189	82	17	217	

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<i>Pamplemousses.</i>				Choisy		...	2
Trivlet		2	3	Belle Vue	3	6	7
Mont Choisy		4	3	Petite Retraite		1	1
L'Amitie		4	2	La Gaiste ... ..	.....	2	1
Piton		...	1	Clemencia ... ..	.....	1	1
Lucia		...	1	Belle Rive ... ..	.....	...	1
Beau Plan		2	2	Belle Mare ... ..	.....	3	3
The Vale		2	1	Bel Etang ... ..	.....	1	1
L'Union		1	1	Constance	1	2	6
Belle Vue		3	1	Magenta ... ..	.....	1	1
Monther		...	2	L'Union ... ..	.....	1	1
L'Union		1	1	Beau Bois	1	3	1
Clementine		2	2	Caroline	1	1	1
Automette		1	1	Quatre Cocos	1	...	1
The Mount		4	4	Deep River	1	1	1
California		2	1	Richfund	2	...	2
Mauricia		2	1	Beau Vallon ... ..	.....	2	1
L'Espoir		...	1	Argy ... ..	.....	1	1
Plessis		...	1	La Lucie ... ..	.....	...	1
Rosalie	1	...	...	Sebastopol ... ..	.....	1	1
Bois Mangue	1	...	...	La Villet ... ..	.....	...	1
<i>Riviere du Rempart.</i>				Bonne Mire ... ..	.....	...	1
Bon Espoir		3	1	Bon Accueil ... ..	.....	1	1
Schoenfeld		1	4	Australia ... ..	.....	1	1
Melville		4	2	Les Freres ... ..	.....	1	2
Forback		1	2	Mont Florent ... ..	.....	1	...
Mapon		1	1	L'Elizabeth ... ..	.....	1	...
Mon Soisir		3	4	<i>Grand Port.</i>			
Belle Vue		...	1	Ause Jouchee ... ..	.....	...	3
Ile d'Ambre		6	6	Riviere Creole ... ..	.....	2	1
Hante Rive		...	1	Gros Bois	1	4	4
Grande Baie		1	1	au Blene ... ..	.....	1	1
Labourdonnais		4	3	La Rosa	1	1	2
Belmont		1	1	Bonne Source ... ..	.....	1	1
Mount Mascall		1	1	Deux Bras	1	1	1
Good Lands		1	1	L'Escalier	1	...	1
Esperance	1	3	2	Cluny ... ..	.....	1	1
St. Antoine		1	1	Les Marres	1	...	1
Pondre D'Or		1	3	Mon Desert ... ..	.....	1	2
Beau Lejour		...	1	Astroea ... ..	.....	2	2
Roche Noire		1	2	Mare D'Albert ... ..	.....	1	1
<i>Flacq.</i>				Beau Vallon ... ..	.....	...	2
Mon Choisy		...	1	Rose Belle ... ..	.....	1	1
Beau Champ		2	6	New Grove		2	1
Belle Roche		2	1	Belle Vue		...	1
				Quatre Soeurs		1	2
				Plaisance		2	1
				Beau Fond		1	1

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<i>Grand Port.—(Con- cluded.)</i>				La Mecque		1	2
Mon Tresor		2	1	Black River		2	1
St. Helene		1	1	Wolmar		1	1
Pont Colville		...	1	Palmyre ... ..	.....	2	...
Bon Air		1	...	Solitude ... ..	.....	1	1
Joli Bois		1	...	<i>Plaines Wilhelms.</i>			
<i>Savanne.</i>				Phoenix ... ..	.....	6	10
Frederica		3	3	Stanley ... ..	.....	2	3
Constance		1	1	Plaisance	1	...	1
Beau Bois		1	1	Mon Roche	1	...	1
Combo		2	3	Harleville ... ..	.....	...	1
L'Union		...	1	La Louise ... ..	.....	...	1
Bel Air		3	3	Henriette ... ..	.....	...	1
Terracine		3	3	Reunion ... ..	.....	...	2
Richebois		1	2	Mon Repos	1	...	2
Bel Ombre		1	3	Beaux Longes ... ..	.....	2	2
Surinam		2	1	Alexandra ... ..	.....	2	1
Maisonnette		...	1	Bagatelle	1	...	2
Reambel		1	1	Trianon ... ..	.....	1	2
St. Felix		1	1	Solferino ... ..	.....	3	3
Trois Cascades		...	1	Bassin ... ..	.....	1	...
St. Avold		2	1	Richelieu ... ..	.....	3	...
Savannah		2	2	Lucia ... ..	.....	3	...
Riviere des Anguilles		2	1	Pierrefond ... ..	.....	1	...
Benares		1	2	<i>Maka.</i>			
St. Aubin		3	1	Bon Air ... ..	.....	1	2
Luchon		1	...	Hermitage ... ..	.....	4	3
La Flora		1	...	Mont Desert	1	...	1
<i>Black River.</i>				Agrement	1	3	1
Yemen		6	3	Valetta ... ..	.....	...	2
Tamarin		2	2	Circonstance ... ..	.....	...	1
Mont Desert	1	1	2	Chantenay ... ..	.....	2	1
Walhalla		1	1	Roslyn Cottage ... ..	.....	1	1
Albion	1	...	1	Port Louis ... ..	.....	34	...
Mon Repos		2	1	In private employ.	.....	91	...
					24	34	24

From the Right Hon. the EARL of KIMBERLEY, to the Hon. Sir A. GORDON, K.C.M.G.,
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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 118, of the 28th July,
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The returns you forward reveal the existence of a large mortality attributed to suicide, and it appears that there is at present no satisfactory mode of investigating such cases.

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No. 103.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras with reference to the letter thence, No. 99, dated the 25th January 1871, and previous correspondence.

(By order of the Governor-General of India in Council.)

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
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No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1871, No. 1763.

Communicated to the Protector of Emigrants.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary

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ARGYLL.

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15	5	1	18	20	16	8	Grand Port.
4	1	...	20	4	1	21	Savanne.
2	...	1	20	8	...	15	Black River.
10	...	3	15	...	...	40	Plaines Wilhelms.
83	26	28	189	82	17	217	

Return of Suicides committed on the Sugar Estates in the several Districts of Mauritius
from the 1st of January 1866 to the 30th June 1871.

Districts and names of Estates.	Deaths, the cause of which was not reported to the Civil Status, but supposed to be suicides.	Police.	Civil Status.	Districts and names of Estates.	Deaths, the cause of which was not reported to the Civil Status, but supposed to be suicides.	Police.	Civil Status.
<i>Pamplemousses.</i>							
Trivlet	...	2	3	Argy	...	1	1
Mont Choisy	...	4	3	La Lucie	...	...	1
L'Amitie	...	4	2	Sebastopol	...	1	1
Piton	...	1	1	La Villet	...	...	1
Lucia	...	1	1	Bonne Mire	...	...	1
Beau Plan	...	2	2	Bon Accueil	...	1	1
The Vale	...	2	1	Australia	...	1	1
L'Unité	...	1	1	Les Frères	...	1	2
Belle Vue	...	3	1	Mont Florent	...	1	...
Mon Rocher	...	...	2	L'Elizabeth	...	1	...
La Nicolierè	...	1	1	<i>Grand Port.</i>			
Clémentine	...	2	2	Ause Jouchée	...	...	3
Automette	...	1	1	Riviera Creole	...	2	1
The Mount	...	4	4	Gros Bois	...	1	4
California	...	2	1	Eau Blene	...	1	1
Mauricia	...	2	1	La Rosa	...	1	2
L'Espoir	...	...	1	Bonne Source	...	1	1
Plessis	...	...	1	Deux Bras	...	1	1
Rosalie	...	1	...	L'Escalier	...	1	1
Bois Mangue	...	1	...	Cluny	...	1	1
<i>Riviere du Rempart.</i>							
Bon Espoir	...	3	1	Les Marres	...	1	1
Schoenfeld	...	1	4	Mon Desert	...	1	2
Melville	...	4	2	Astroca	...	2	2
Forback	...	1	2	Mars D'Albert	...	1	1
Mapon	...	1	4	Beau Vallon	...	...	2
Mon Soisir	...	3	1	Rose Belle	...	1	1
Belle Vue	...	...	6	New Grove	...	2	1
Ile d'Ambre	...	6	1	Belle Vue	...	...	1
Hante Rive	...	...	1	Quatre Scurs	...	1	2
Grande Baie	...	1	1	Plaisance	...	2	1
Labourdonnaie	...	4	3	Beau Fond	...	1	1
Belmont	...	1	1	Mon Trésor	...	2	1
Mount Mascall	...	1	1	St. Hélène	...	1	1
Good Lands	...	1	1	Pont Colville	...	...	1
Esperance	...	1	3	Bon Air	...	1	...
St. Antoine	...	1	1	Joli Bois	...	1	...
Pondre D'Or	...	1	3	<i>Savanne.</i>			
Beau Lèjour	...	...	1	Frederica	...	3	3
Roche Noire	...	1	2	Constance	...	1	1
<i>Flacq.</i>							
Mon Choisy	...	...	1	Beau Bois	...	1	1
Beau Champ	...	2	6	Combo	...	2	3
Belle Roche	...	2	1	L'Union	...	...	1
Choisy	...	...	2	Bel Air	...	3	3
Belle Vue	...	3	6	Terracine	...	3	3
Petite Retraite	...	1	1	Richebois	...	1	2
La Gaisté	...	2	1	Bel Ombre	...	1	3
Clemencia	...	1	1	Surinam	...	2	1
Belle Rive	...	...	1	Maisonnette	...	...	1
Belle Mare	...	3	3	Reambel	...	1	1
Bel Etang	...	1	1	St. Felix	...	...	1
Constance	...	1	2	Trois Cascades	...	1	1
Magenta	...	1	1	St. Avold	...	...	1
L'Union	...	1	1	Savannah	...	2	2
Beau Bois	...	1	3	Riviere des Anguilles	...	2	1
Caroline	...	1	1	Benarés	...	1	2
Quatre Cocos	...	1	...	St. Aubin	...	3	1
Deep River	...	1	1	Luchon	...	1	...
Richfund	...	2	2	La Flora	...	1	...
Beau Vallon	...	...	2	...	...	...	...

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<i>Black River.</i>							
Yemen	...	6	3	Beaux Longes	...	2	2
Tamarin	...	2	2	Alexandra	...	2	1
Mont Desert	...	1	2	Bagatelle	...	1	2
Walhalla	...	1	1	Tranon	...	1	2
Albion	...	1	1	Solferino	...	1	1
Mon Repos	...	2	1	Bassin	...	3	3
La Mecque	...	1	2	Richelieu	...	1	...
Black River	...	2	1	Lucia	...	3	...
Wolmar	...	1	1	Pierrefond	...	1	...
Palmyre	...	2	...	<i>Maka.</i>			
Solitude	...	1	1	Bon Air	...	1	2
<i>Plaines Wilhelms.</i>							
Phoenix	...	6	10	Hermitage	...	4	3
Stanley	...	2	3	Mont Desert	...	1	1
Plaisance	...	1	1	Agrément	...	3	1
Mon Roche	...	1	...	Valetta	...	...	2
Harleville	...	...	1	Circonstance	...	...	1
La Louise	...	...	1	Chantenay	...	2	1
Henriette	...	...	1	Roslyn Cottage	...	1	1
Reunion	...	...	2	Port Louis	...	34	...
Mon Repos	...	1	2	In private employ	...	91	...
					24	34	24

Dated Downing Street, the 11th September 1871.

From—The RIGHT HON'BLE THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY.

To—The HON'BLE SIR A. GORDON, Governor of Mauritius &c., &c.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 118 of the 28th July, transmitting information with respect to the frequency of suicide among the Indian immigrants in the colony.

The returns you forward reveal the existence of a large mortality attributed to suicide, and it appears that there is at present no satisfactory mode of investigating such cases.

It is clearly necessary that some system of proper inquiry into sudden deaths, either by a coroner or by a magistrate, should be established; and I have to instruct you to bring the matter at once before the Council.

I regret to observe the discrepancies between the returns given by the Police and by the Civil Status Departments, respectively; such discrepancies must be due to want of care, either in the department in question, or on the part of those whose duty it is to report to the occurrence of deaths on estates.

No. 103

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras with reference to the letter thence No. 99, dated the 25th January 1871 and previous correspondence.

By Order of the Governor General of India in Council,

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE AND COMMERCE;
(EMIGRATION)

Simla, the 13th November 1871.

[Signature]

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