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28th February 1871.

No. 85. 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 December 1870, No. 119 (Public):—

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Enclosed—
Schedule A. | Schedule C.
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Showing births amongst Indian Immigrants during half-year ended 30th June 1870.

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Rabacca	1	1
Lot 14	1	...
Langley Park	1	...
Sans Souci	...	1
Adelphi	...	1
Carapan	1	...
Mount Pleasant	...	1
Montrose	1	...
Rutland Vale	2	...
Peter's Hope	...	1
Richmond	...	1
Unions	1	2
Cane Grove	2	...
	10	11
	21	

SCHEDULE B.

DEATHS.

Showing deaths and causes thereof amongst Indian Immigrants for half-year ended 30th June 1870.

Plantations.	Sexes.		Causes of death.	Medical Attendants.
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Tourama	1	...	Dysentery	Dr. Cumming.
Rabacca	1	...	Died in College Hospital	Dr. Arnott, Surgeon.
Lot 14	1	...	Diarrhoea	Dr. Cumming.
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Argyll	1	...	Consumption	Ditto.
Pembroke	...	1	"	Ditto.
Unions	1	...	Dysentery	Dr. Cumming.
... ..	1	...	Consumption	Ditto.
... ..	...	1	Murdered by husband.	
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SCHEDULE C.

Indian Immigrants in the Island of St. Vincent under indenture on 30th June 1870, with a Statement of numbers on 31st December 1869, the intermediate births and deaths, with particulars of removals, arrivals, re-indentures, labour, and earnings.

The Names of the Plantations.	Total on the Island, 31st December 1869.		Deaths from 1st Dec 1869 to 30th June 1870.	Received from India during half-year.	Received by payment of gratuity.	Dismissed during the half-year.	Total on plantation, 30th June 1870.	Number of days on which labour was performed.	Number of days absent.		Number of working days in half-year.	Amount of earnings at 2 to 5 1/2.		Amount of average earnings at same rate.	Daily wages earned by adults.		Amount of Native labour available by pay lists, if under control.	Average monthly labour allotted for employ and offering for employ.	Description of stock owned by Indian Immigrants on Plantations.	Remarks.
	Births.	Deaths.							Sickness and holidays.	Idleness.		£.	s.		Lowest rate.	Highest rate.				
Tourama ..	27	1	1	..	..	..	99	6,490	2,900	3,000	13,390	1,297	92	20	10	36	70	30	All have pigs and sheep; 2 have cattle; some goats.	Yam pieces and grounds: this applies generally.
Orange Hill ..	26	2	..	..	..	..	100	6,439	4,688	3,411	14,538	1,094	67	19	10	36	50	30 to 40	" " 2 have cattle.	
Rabacca ..	88	2	1	..	..	..	89	6,064	2,368	1,370	9,702	909	65	15	8	36	..	..	All pigs, sheep, and goats; 2 have cattle.	The Manager changed the day I called for this particular information.
Lot 14 ..	86	1	1	..	..	..	86	5,940	1,909	966	11,406	1,300	47	15	10	30	..	..	The reply I received was—I have room for 50 more coolies. Mr. Kirkland, the Manager, in April, deposited in the Colonial Bank \$800 from four of his immigrants.	
Langley Park ..	64	1	..	..	..	..	65	4,755	3,615	..	8,370	908	65	19	10	30	..	..	Some have sheep; all pigs and goats.	
Belle Vue ..	49	..	..	..	..	..	51	4,400	1,650	387	6,437	838	74	19	8	36	..	..	One a cow; the rest pigs and goats.	
Sans Souci ..	39	1	..	..	..	..	40	2,921	850	465	4,239	630	82	21	10	24	60	20 to 30	N.D. 40 15 to 30	
Unions ..	75	2	3	..	23	..	98	8,008	2,631	679	11,318	1,297	69	16	8	36	20 to 24	Sixteen have cattle; 3 ponies; some sheep; others goats.	North and South Union.	
Adelphi ..	42	1	2	..	..	..	41	3,310	1,650	103	5,063	563	70	17	12	36	..	..	Three have cattle; some few sheep; all pigs and goats.	Same remark as made for Rabacca.
Argyll ..	101	..	1	..	16	..	116	9,600	3,123	1,622	13,345	1,931	59	20	5	36	50	20 to 30	Two have cattle; all pigs; some goats.	The 16 did not work in the half-year, having gone on estate on 28th June.
Culder ..	16	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,543	200	272	2,015	241	20	15	10	30	65	35 to 30	Four have cattle; all sheep and goats.	Some weeks ago one man sold an ox for \$70.
Mount Pleasant ..	27	1	..	..	..	..	34	2,429	887	382	3,648	446	89	10	9	24	50	15 to 25	Twelve have cattle; 1 a. onkey; all pigs and goats.	
Carapan and Rivulet ..	58	1	..	..	..	..	67	5,080	1,292	1,894	8,205	795	..	15	10	39	50	15 to 25	Some goats.	
Arnos Vale ..	25	..	..	..	..	..	27	1,871	889	973	3,233	348	92	18	7	25	160	75 to 80	Some goats.	Here they only purchase goats to kill.
Bellaire ..	25	..	..	..	..	..	25	1,549	775	156	2,480	328	56	21	10	30	..	..	One a cow and calf; all pigs; some goats.	

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Montrose ..	49	1	1	..	..	..	48	4,179	1,151	..	5,330	629	59	15	10	32	60	20 to 25	A few have pigs and goats.	
Pembroke ..	45	..	1	..	..	..	41	3,630	665	317	4,662	739	..	17	10	36	60	25	All pigs and goats.	
Cane Grove ..	34	..	1	..	..	..	35	2,505	1,480	575	4,568	539	52	14	10	30	..	..	Two have cattle; all goats; some sheep.	
Ratland Vale ..	71	..	..	..	..	..	73	5,035	2,344	1,369	8,748	932	64	18	7	26	65	25 to 30	All pigs and goats.	
Mount Wynne ..	36	..	..	..	..	..	36	3,718	420	667	4,805	560	..	19	12	24	20	15 to 20	Some pigs; others goats.	
Peter's Hope ..	25	1	..	..	..	..	45	2,257	100	1,309	3,596	482	95	21	24	24	50	20 to 25	One a horse; 3 cattle; the rest pigs, sheep, and goats.	
Richmond Vale ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	128	104	76	308	25	50	0	12	32	100	60 to 70	One a cow; 1 six cows; 9 have sheep, some pigs.	
Richmond ..	39	1	..	..	..	..	43	2,768	949	1,899	5,616	618	63	21	10	30	..	..	Commencing to collect stock.	
Unindentured ..	1,179	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Excess of births over deaths 10
Imbecile ..	1,181	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No immigrants on 31st December 1869.
Pennistons ..	1,183	21	11	..	17	..	1,292	98,022	33,303	21,985	1,56,220	17,264	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	1,182	21	11	..	100	..	1,292	98,022	33,303	21,985	1,56,220	17,264	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	

RECAPITULATION.

31st December 1,182
 Ann. half-year ended 30th June (re-indentured) 109
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RECAPITULATION.

LABOUR.
 The number of days in which labour was performed amounted to 35,022
 " of sickness and holidays 35,303
 " of idleness 21,805
 Total working days 15,914

Total earnings .. \$ 17,264 = 23,584.12.2 sterling

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SCHEDULE D.

Showing crime by enumeration of commitments to Jail for half-year ending 30th June 1870.

Description.	No. of cases.	Remarks.
Assault	7	Between coolie and coolie.
Breach of contract	6	„ „ „ employer.
Petty debt	3	„ „ „ coolie.
Drunkenness	4	
Murder	1	Moonyawmy, in a fit of jealousy, murdered his wife.
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From the Chairman, Emigration Board, to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated
Emigration Board, 23rd November 1870.

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 18th instant, with a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of St. Vincent, enclosing the report of the Immigration Agent of that Island for the half-year ending 30th of June last.

2. This report is very favourable. The total number of immigrants on estates on the 30th of June was 1292, being 110 more than on the 31st of December 1869. The increase had arisen from the re-indenture of 100 time-expired immigrants, and an excess of ten in births over deaths.

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4. The report calls for no action on the part of the Secretary of State.

No. 662.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, in continuation of endorsement, No. 3895, dated the 23rd August 1870.

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

FORT WILLIAM, HOME DEPARTMENT, (Signed) W. M. SOUTTAR,
PUBLIC, 3rd February 1871. Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1871, No. 244.

Communicated to the Protector of Emigrants.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Protector of Emigrants.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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ARGYLL.

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SCHEDULE C.

Indian Immigrants in the Island of St. Vincent under indenture on 30th June 1870, with a Statement of Numbers on 31st December 1869, the intermediate births and deaths, with particulars of removals, arrivals, re-indentures, labor, and earnings.

The Names of the Plantations.	Total on the Estates, 31st December 1869.	Births and deaths from 31st December 1869 to 30th June 1870.		Received from India during half year.	Received by payment of gratuity.	Remitted during the half year.	Total on plantation, 30th June 1870.	No. of days on which labor was performed.			No. of days absent.			No. of working days in half year.	Amount of earnings at 4/2 to 1/10.		Amount of average earnings at same rate.	Daily wages earned by adults.		Amount of Native labor available by pay lists, if under control.	Average monthly labor allotted to in last column offering for employ and employed.	Description of stock owned by Indian Immigrants on Plantations.	REMARKS.
		Births.	Deaths.					Sickness and holidays.	Idleness.	£	s.	Lowest rate.	Highest rate.										
Tourama	97	1	1	...	2	...	99	6,490	3,900	3,000	13,390	1,297	92	20	10	36	70	30	All we pigs and sheep; 2 have cattle; some goats	Yam pieces and grounds: this applies generally.			
Orange Hill	96	2	...	...	...	...	100	6,439	4,688	3,411	14,538	1,094	67	19	10	36	80	30 to 40	" " 2 have cattle.				
Rabacca	88	2	1	...	...	...	89	6,064	2,268	1,370	9,702	909	65	15	8	36	...	...	The Manager changed the day I called for this particular information.				
Lot 14	86	1	1	...	...	...	86	8,540	1,900	966	11,406	1,300	47	15 1/2	10	30	70	30	The reply I received was—I have room for 50 more coolies. Mr. Kirkland, the Manager, in April, deposited in the Colonial Bank \$ 800 ⁰⁰ from 4 of his immigrants.				
Langley Park	64	1	...	...	...	...	65	4,755	3,615	...	8,370	908	65	19	10	30	...	...	North and South Union.				
Belle Vue	49	...	...	...	2	...	51	4,400	1,650	387	6,437	838	74	19	8	36	37	14		Same remark as made for Rabacca.			
Sans Souci	39	1	...	...	...	...	40	2,921	850	408	4,239	630	82	21 3/4	10	24	60	20 to 30	The 16 did not work in the half year, having gone on estate on 28th June.				
Unions	75	3	3	...	23	...	98	8,008	2,631	679	11,318	1,297	09	16	8	36	S.U. 60	20 to 24		Some weeks ago one man sold an ox for \$ 70 ⁰⁰ .			
Adelphi	42	1	2	...	...	...	41	3,310	1,650	103	5,063	563	70	17	12	36	...	...	Here they only purchase goats to kill.				
Argyle	101	...	1	...	16	...	116	9,600	3,123	1,622	13,345	1,931	59	20	5	36	50	20 to 30		Commencing to collect stock.			
Calder	16	...	...	...	...	...	16	1,543	200	272	2,015	241	20	15 3/4	10	30	65	25 to 30	Excess of births over deaths ... 10				
Mount Pleasant	27	1	...	...	6	...	34	2,429	837	382	3,648	446	89	18 3/4	9	24	50	15 to 25		No immigrants on 31st December 1869.			
Carapan and Rivulet	58	1	...	...	8	...	67	5,080	1,292	1,894	8,266	795	...	15 1/2	10	28	50	15 to 25	Total				
Arnos Vale	25	...	...	...	2	...	27	1,871	389	973	3,233	348	92	18 1/4	7	23	160	75 to 80		Total			
Bellaire	25	...	...	...	...	...	25	1,549	775	156	2,480	328	58	21	10	30	...	...	Total				
Montrose	42	1	...	...	...	...	43	4,179	1,151	...	5,330	622	59	14 1/2	10	32	60	20 to 25		Total			
Pembroke	42	...	1	...	...	...	41	3,680	665	317	4,662	539	...	17	10	36	60	25	Total				
Cane Grove	34	2	1	...	...	...	35	2,505	1,480	575	4,560	539	82	21 1/2	10	30	50	20 to 25		Total			
Rutland Vale	71	2	...	...	...	...	73	5,035	2,344	1,369	8,748	932	64	18 1/2	7	26	65	25 to 30	Total				
Mount Wynne	36	...	...	...	...	...	36	3,718	420	667	4,805	560	...	15	12	24	40	15 to 20		Total			
Peters Hope	25	1	...	...	19	...	45	2,287	100	1,309	3,696	482	05	21	12	24	50	20 to 25	Total				
Richmond Vale	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	128	104	76	308	25	50	20	...	...	...	...		Total			
Richmond	39	1	...	...	3	...	43	2,768	949	1,899	5,616	618	63	22 1/2	12	32	100	60 to 70	Total				
Unindentured	1,179	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		Total			
Imbecile	1,181	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Total				
Pennistons	1,182	21	11	...	17	...	17	723	322	...	1,045	...	...	Not recd.	...	...	...	...		Total			
Total	1,182	21	11	...	100	...	1,292	98,022	36,303	21,985	156,220	17,254	12	...	...	...	...	...	Total				
																				Total			

RECAPITULATION.

31st December	...	...	...	...	1,182
And—half year ended 30th June (re-indentured)	...	...	...	...	100
„ excess of births over deaths	...	...	...	...	10
Total	...	1,292	...	...	...

RECAPITULATION.

LABOR.

The number of days in which labor was performed amounted to ...	98,022
„ „ of sickness and holidays „ ...	36,303
„ „ of idleness „ ...	21,895
Total working days	156,220

Description of stock owned by Indian Immigrants on Plantations.	REMARKS.
1 have pigs and sheep; 2 have cattle; some goats 2 have cattle.	Yam pieces and grounds: this applies generally.
1 pigs, sheep, and goats; 2 have cattle.	The Manager changed the day I called for particular information.
1 have sheep; all pigs and goats. a cow; the rest "	The reply I received was—I have room for coolies. Mr. Kirkland, the Manager, deposited in the Colonial Bank \$ 800⁰⁰ for his immigrants.
1 have cattle; 2 ponies; some sheep; other goats	North and South Union.
1 have cattle; some few sheep; all pigs and goats	Same remark as made for Rabacca. The 16 did not work in the half year, having on estate on 28th June.
1 have cattle; all pigs; some goats ... 1 have " all sheep and goats. 1 have cattle; 1 a donkey; all pigs and goats.	Some weeks ago one man sold an ox for \$
1 have goats ... a cow and calf; all pigs; some goats. 1 have pigs and goats.	Here they only purchase goats to kill.
1 have pigs and goats. 1 have cattle; all goats; some sheep. 1 have pigs and goats.	
1 have pigs; others goats. a horse; 8 cattle; the rest pigs, sheep and goats.	
1 have a cow; 1 six cows; 9 have sheep; some pigs.	
1 have a cow; 1 six cows; 9 have sheep; some pigs.	
1 have a cow; 1 six cows; 9 have sheep; some pigs.	
1 have a cow; 1 six cows; 9 have sheep; some pigs.	Excess of births over deaths ... No immigrants on 31st December 1869.

Accounted for on 31st December 1870.

Showing crime by enumeration of commitments to Jail for half year ending 30th
June 1870.

Description.	No. of cases.	Remarks.
Assault	7	Between coolie and coolie.
Breach of contract ...	6	" " " employer.
Petty debt	3	" " " coolie.
Drunkenness	4	
Murder	1	Moony Sawmy in a fit of jealousy murdered his wife,
	21	

From—Sir C. MURDOCH, Chairman, Emigration Board,
To—Sir F. ROGERS, Bart., Under Secy. of State for the Colonies.

2. This report is very favorable. The total number of immigrants on estates on the 30th of June was 1,292, being more than on the 31st of December 1869. The increase had arisen from the return of 100 time-expired immigrants, and an excess of ten in births over death.

The whole number of births during the half year had been 21, and of deaths 11. The latter were, therefore, in the proportion of 84 per cent. for the half year, or 1.68 for the year. The people are said to be in good health, to be working well, and to be on good terms with their employers. All those whose three-year indentures had terminated, re-indentured themselves "readily and cheerfully to their former employers, which, as the Immigration Agent remarks, speaks well for both master and servant." No complaints were made by the Immigration Agent on his half-yearly visit, and he found the houses, &c., in good order. Only one offence of a serious nature, the murder of a woman by her husband, had taken place during the year. In that case the man was executed.

The report calls for no action on the part of the Secretary of State.

No. 002

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