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No. 7. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Fort William, 18th February 1871, No. 949:—

Leave and Allowances.

Read the undermentioned papers relative to the allowances to be drawn by Assistant Surgeon J. B. Thomas, who holds the appointment of Assistant Surgeon to the General Hospital, Madras, permanently, on a salary of Rupees 800 per mensem, but who, at his own request, has been transferred to act as Zillah Surgeon of Tinnevely, which appointment is paid at Rupees 500 for an Assistant Surgeon of five years, and at Rupees 400 for one of less standing:—

Letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, No. 4161, dated 10th October 1870.

Financial Endorsement, No. 3241, dated 29th November 1870.

Letter from Government, Madras, No. 16, dated 6th January 1871.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council is of opinion that a transfer effected at the request of the officer concerned ought not to be the cause of an increased charge on the State, and is, therefore, pleased to rule that, since the salary of the appointment in which Assistant Surgeon Thomas officiates is fixed at Rupees 400 per mensem, he shall draw that salary.

Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Government and the Accountant-General of Madras, and to the Home Department, for information.

(Signed) J. WESTLAND,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1871, No. 257.

Communicated to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, with reference to his letter, dated the 9th December 1870, No. 301.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department,

Ed. J. H. Burns.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd March 1871.*

Read the following:—

No. 5. Letter from the Acting Agent-General of Immigration, to the Colonial Secretary, Jamaica, dated Immigration Office, Jamaica, 6th December 1869.

I have the honour to hand you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, my second Annual Report on the Immigration Department from the 1st October 1868 to the 30th September 1869.

2. During the past year there have been many salutary changes in this department; indeed, the whole system of management of East Indian Immigrants has undergone a thorough reformation.

3. Heretofore the rights and duties of both immigrants and employers, as defined by law and by the regulations of the service, had not been carried out with that attention and strictness which was necessary to ensure the welfare and protection of the immigrant, or the due performance by him of his duty to his employer.

4. Vagrancy, desertion, and malingering were thus encouraged, and general dissatisfaction, with the results, prevailed throughout the island.

5. Now the beneficial effects of the new regulations are becoming daily more apparent; vagrancy and desertion are almost unknown; there is much less sickness and malingering than there ever was; the immigrants are earning higher wages than they ever did; and one looks, but looks in vain, for those miserable, squalid objects that eighteen months ago infested the streets and roads.

6. It never could have been an economical system; to put it on no higher grounds, to import men and women at an enormous expense, and allow them to wither away and die for want of care and attention, which, I fear, was the case with our first importations of East Indian Immigrants.

7. Coolies, like all other persons coming to this Island, require to be acclimatized, and, until they are so, need great care and attention, as, under the least illness, they give way, and die out of a pure want of a wish to live. It is, therefore, during the first year of their residence in the Island that they require to be watched and cared for as children; and, when this has been done, it will be found to well repay the trouble; for, if properly attended to during this period, they soon become healthy and vigorous, and stand the climate as well as the natives, especially if there has been proper care taken of their selection in India.

8. One of the most important and beneficial changes in the management of coolies has been the order given, by the direction of His Excellency the Governor, that no adult coolie shall receive less than 3s. 6d. per week, that sum being considered the lowest amount he can maintain himself in health and in fair working condition. I am glad to say this order has been most cheerfully responded to by all employers of immigrants, and I have no doubt they have already felt the benefit of it in having their people more healthy and in a better condition to labour.

9. I believe I may now state with confidence that every indentured coolie, whether he works or not, is provided with sufficient means for obtaining food or with the food itself.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
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10. A law was passed in July last, entitled "A Law to amend the Immigration Laws," which has brought into operation many valuable provisions for the management of East Indian Immigrants. Its principal points I will briefly state here—

1st.—Each adult male coolie must receive one shilling a day, and each female of any age and lad under sixteen years of age, nine pence per day. This must be paid irrespective of labour performed, unless a complaint has been formally brought before the Sub-Agent for the District, and the coolie has been fined.

2nd.—Part of their wages is to be given them in rations; the price to be charged for it being fixed by the Governor, and the rates published in the *Jamaica Gazette*. Any sum earned over the value of the rations to be paid in money.

3rd.—No task work to be allowed unless the rates for it have been sanctioned by the Agent-General of Immigration.

4th.—The coolies may be put on money wages, if they can show that they earn one shilling per day each, and that food can be obtained in this District at moderate rates, and without their losing time in procuring it.

5th.—Union Hospitals may be established for all sick and infirm indentured immigrants.

11. This will be found to be a most valuable part of the new system, adding much to the comfort of the coolie, and relieving the employer from a great deal of responsibility, expense, and trouble, that the maintenance of a hospital on his estate entails upon him.

12. There are already five hospitals in operation, viz., at Golden Grove, St. Thomas; Taylor's Caymanas, St. Catherine; Dundee, Trelawny; Savanna-la-Mar, Westmoreland; and Linstead, St. Thomas in the Vale.

13. Three hospitals in Clarendon are in progress, and will soon be ready to receive patients. There has been some delay in procuring a place for one at Annotto Bay, but I hope that is now got over. Hospitals will be required at Buff Bay, Port Maria, and Bagnald's District of St. Mary's, two more in the parish of St. Thomas, and two in Westmoreland.

14. In this list of hospitals I have not included the coolie depôt, in the Spanish Town, for permanently disabled coolies, as it will form the subject of a separate report.

15. As the law passed in July last, "Law 34 of 1869," is stringent in its provisions, both on the employer and on the immigrant, to meet its requirements, and so that there may be no failure in carrying it out, the Districts of the Sub-Agents have been re-cast, so that they may be always at hand, if required, to dispose of complaints either from the employer or immigrant; and gentlemen have been appointed as Sub-Agents, whose duty it will be to give their whole and undivided time and attention to the working of immigration laws in their respective districts.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd March 1871.*

16. There were imported from Calcutta in the months of March, April, and May last—

1,389 immigrants, classed as follows, viz:—

935 males,
394 females, and
60 infants.

And were distributed in the following localities:—

Those by the Ship *Patrician*, in Clarendon, Vere, and St. Catherine.

Those by the Ship *Buckinghamshire*, in Trelawny, Westmoreland, St. James, and Hanover.

And those by the Ship *Gainsborough*, in St. Thomas, except 50, who were sent to Seven Plantations estate, in Clarendon.

17. Of the above number, 1,389, from their arrival to the 30th September last, there have been—

Deaths of males 57, and of females 23; total 80, or 5.75 per cent.

Births 4, or 0.28 per cent.; and desertions 5, or 0.35 per cent.

18. The health of the coolies introduced in 1867 has improved very much. There were of this batch of coolies, alive on the different properties on the 1st October 1868, 1,373. From that date to the 30th September 1869, there have been 59 deaths, or 4.29 per cent; births 37, or 2.69 per cent.; and desertions 9, or 0.65 per cent. This contrasts favourably with the previous year's death rates, when the percentage was 19.32.

19. Applications have been received for 1,028 East Indian Immigrants, and orders sent to India for them. They may be looked for here in February and March next.

No. 606.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, in continuation of endorsement, No. 5383, dated 9th December 1870.

(By Order of the Governor-General in Council)

FORT WILLIAM,
HOME DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC,
31st January 1871.

(Signed) W. M. SOUTTAR,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 6.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1871, No. 255.
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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To

No. 949.

Dated, Fort William, the 18th February 1871.

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From

Under Secretary to the

Public Works

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No. 348

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*Amount of Rs 10 3 3/4
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Under Secretary to the
Public Works Department
for the month of February
1871.*

With a view to the

3rd March 1871

Commissioner of the

Public Works Department

Calcutta.

and the Public Works

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*For the Public Works
Department*

IMMIGRATION REPORT FOR 1868-69.

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to be drawn by Asst. Surgeon
Thomas while officiating
as Billaah Surgeon of
Tiruvelli.*

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Communicated to the Protector
of Emigrants.

[Signature]

To the Protector of Emigrants dep 4/3

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To
The Director of Emigration

Dated March 3.

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