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Emigration.

No. 1. Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Protector of Emigrants, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Port St. George, dated Madras, 20th May 1876, No. 87:—

I have the honor to submit the Administration Report of the Emigration Department for the official year 1875-76.

2. There has been a decrease in emigration to the British colonies, one ship only carrying 294 emigrants having sailed to the Mauritius. There was no emigration to any other colony.

3. Seventy-eight females were despatched with 157 males, rather more than the requisite percentage of forty. Thirty-three male and twenty-six female children went with their parents.

4. Eight vessels arrived with 1247 return emigrants from Mauritius, among whom only four deaths occurred. Two female infants were born during the voyage.

5. One vessel arrived with 388* return emigrants from Natal, among whom only six deaths occurred, and one male infant was born on the voyage.

* Males 234
Females 149

6. Rupees 485-6-3 were remitted by emigrants in Natal to relatives in this Presidency and paid as requested.

7. No laborers have been recruited under the Indian Labor Act (No. V of 1866).

8. The following statement shows the number of emigrants in the Mauritius Dépôt in each month from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876, also the number of cases in hospital and deaths:—

Months.	Number in Dépôt.	Number of Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
1875.				
April	255	26	...	} Emigration suspended.
May	271	27	...	
June	...	...	...	
July	...	...	...	
August	...	...	...	
September	...	...	...	
October	...	...	...	
November	...	...	...	
December	...	...	...	
1876.				
January	...	...	...	
February	...	...	...	
March	...	...	...	
Total	526	53	...	

9. The amount collected for fees and licenses in Madras and the Mofussil on account of British emigration was Rupees 256-8-0, the disbursements amounted to Rupees 3,062-14-0, the expenditure thus exceeded the receipts by Rupees 2,805-6-0.

10. *French Colonies.*—There has been no emigration to any of the French colonies from Madras, but three ships left Pondicherry and Karikal for Réunion with 1047 emigrants, one ship sailed for Cayenne with 427 emigrants, one ship for Martinique with 470 emigrants—total, 1944. There is a decrease of 1265, or about 61 per cent. below the emigration of the previous year.

11. Three ships arrived at Pondicherry from Réunion during the year with 352 return emigrants, of whom one died on the voyage. Two ships arrived from Cayenne and Martinique with 784 return emigrants, of whom sixty-two died during the voyage.

12. The amount collected for fees and licenses in Madras, Pondicherry, Karikal, and other places was Rupees 3,708. The expenditure was Rupees 7,476-0-1, of which Rupees 600 were spent in Madras, Rupees 3,595-6-9 at Pondicherry, and Rupees 3,280-9-4 at Karikal; expenditure therefore exceeded the receipts by Rupees 3,768-0-1.

13. I beg to forward, herewith, the original reports received from Major S. W. B. Sherman, the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry, and from Captain B. Fischer, British Consular Agent at Karikal.

From Major S. W. B. SHERMAN, British Consular Agent, Pondicherry, to R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated Pondicherry, 8th April 1876, No. 60.

I have the honor to submit my report for the annual official year 1875-76 and with it the six annual returns. No. 1 shows a decrease of 617 emigrants from Pondicherry, and Statement No. 2 shows an increase of 792 return coolies from the French colonies.

2. Soon after my arrival here on the 14th of May last I had to rectify certain malpractices that I observed going on between the recruiters and the coolies, the latter being fleeced out of the greater part of their advances. This I am glad to say I have somewhat managed to mitigate, but the coolies themselves are to blame to a certain extent as they will not be frank and open before me but prefer filling the pockets of the recruiter, having been well tutored beforehand.

3. I beg to observe that there is still room for improvement in the system by which emigration is carried on in Pondicherry, but this improvement can only be attained by our Government calling upon the French authorities to act up to our Emigration Rules throughout, and by giving full consular powers to the British Agents. I shall myself be very glad to see that endeavors to effect the improvements needed in the system are at once begun, if even only for the support of British Agents.

4. I would suggest that the present dépôt at Pondicherry be condemned; it is badly situated, being too near the General Hospital and native town, and, what is worse, there is a large canal running directly in front of the dépôt anything but conducive to the health of the coolies as the effluvia that arises from the canal at times is very obnoxious. There is also a small canal to the rear and side which is seldom clean, as natives living near its vicinity make use of the same for the purposes of nature. I have often spoken to the Emigration Agent on the subject, who, it appears, cannot remedy the evil. I should be delighted to see the dépôt removed to some healthier spot facing the sea, or out of the town.

The Governor of Pondicherry himself, when paying his last visit of inspection, remarked that the dépôt was not properly situated. The Emigration Association do not feel disposed to open their purse to build, and so long as they are allowed to rent the present dépôt for 60 Rupees a month so long will they keep silent on the point.

It now rests with our Government to bring this matter forcibly to the French Administration and back up my views; for, in the event of an epidemic breaking out, the consequences might be very serious.

Dr. King, the Sanitary Commissioner, who visited the dépôt in September last, remarked that, although the dépôt was clean, it was very inferior to the dépôt at Karikal, and, as Pondicherry is the head station, I contend it should boast of a dépôt equal, if not better, than the one at Karikal.

5. Another great disgrace to the emigration establishment. Here is the wretched hospital attached to the dépôt a disgrace to humanity and a place only fit for the habitation of pigs. Instead of the building being open and airy it is confined like a dungeon. I condemn the hospital and trust Government will represent matters to the Pondicherry authorities, so that steps be at once taken for the erection of a new hospital in a far superior open position outside of the town. I have no special fault to find with the sanitary measures that are carried out by the Emigration Agent within the dépôt. The Emigration Agent does all in his power to render me assistance, but his authority has little weight.

6. As regards the treatment of the laborers in the dépôt, I have nothing to complain of, they are fairly fed and housed.

7. The embarkation since my arrival has been conducted satisfactorily.

8. I have only seen three contingents of return emigrants; the landing of these unfortunate people, the greater number of whom were indigents, was most pitiful to look at, being more or less emaciated. These indigents received from the French Government, after their arrival before proceeding to their homes, a suit of clothes and 2 Rupees in cash each.

In conclusion, I beg to report that the payment of advances is carried out strictly in accordance with the latest instructions received from the Madras Government.

From Captain BOWNESS FISCHER, S.C., British Consular Agent, Karikal, to R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Protector of Emigrants, Madras, dated Karikal, 7th April 1876, No. 1038.

I have the honor to submit my annual report on emigration for the official year 1875-76 and to forward with it the customary statistical statements.

2. Emigration to the French colonies has not been so brisk during the past year as it was during the one immediately preceding it; but, *en revanche*, the so-called passenger traffic between this port and the Straits Settlements has been unusually energetic, and promises, under the fostering influence, and with the cordial co-operation, of the local French functionaries, to take root as one of the irregular institutions of Karikal.

3. During the past year only 1096 emigrants left this for the French colonies—418 less than the year before. Within the same period 3190 so-called passengers sailed for the Straits Settlements—2145 more than the previous year. Two-thirds of this total were English subjects, passed by myself; and, out of this contingent, 515 were coolies under a regular engagement to labor for two years. The engagement these laborers had thus contracted could only be called "regular" inasmuch as the ceremonial part of it was performed in the presence of the District Joint Magistrate at Negapatam; but it was, in my opinion, disfigured by serious defects, which I have frequently brought to the attention of the Collector of Tanjore, and which I am confident—judging from the earnest and intelligent interest Mr. Thomas evinces in these questions and from the generous and ready support he has on more than one occasion afforded me—will eventually be remedied.

4. The defects in the French system of emigration to their own colonies, on which I have so frequently adverted in previous annual reports and in the course of a voluminous correspondence, remain *in statu quo ante*; and the abuses I have so often pointed out in connection with the so-called passenger traffic, as it is conducted at Karikal, have lost but little of their inveterate ingenuity; but as I now know that those matters have for some time past engaged the resolute attention of Government and are consequently fast tending towards their end, it would simply be an act of officious supererogation to allude to them any further.

5. Like most other places in Southern India, Karikal was, during the past year, visited by cholera; and the favorable conditions that disease found here, in a deplorable want of what we would call sanitation, caused it to rage with unprecedented severity. It is estimated that, during its stay here, it must have killed at least 2000 persons, and I see no reason to doubt the correctness of this calculation. But, while this formidable epidemic was thus mowing down by hundreds the subjects of a festering neglect, it is satisfactory to record that only two cases occurred in the dépôt, though at one time there was within the precincts of that building a larger aggregate of emigrants than had been collected there for at least five years. This fact testifies more eloquently than I could otherwise do to the efficient care and untiring zeal of M. Thétard, the French Emigration Agent, and corroborates the praise which Dr. King, the Sanitary Commissioner, bestowed, when he recently visited Karikal, both upon that gentleman and on the institution under his charge.

6. In connection with this subject it is gratifying to note that no cases of cholera were reported as having occurred on board any of the vessels that left this, during the year, for the French colonies—another indirect testimony, perhaps, in favor of the system pursued by M. Thétard.

7. Towards the end of last May I was suddenly obliged to visit Pondicherry, in order to arrange, if possible, an unexpectedly unpleasant incident that had unawares arisen in connection with emigration to Bourbon. A batch of emigrants was on the point of being embarked for Bourbon, when, at the very last moment, and without giving us any warning whatever of their intentions, the French authorities suddenly refused to supply them with blankets. This question of blankets had for more than a year been the subject of a desultory argument between ourselves and the French authorities; and five months previous to this event, I had addressed a formal application to the *Service de l'Emigration* and to the French Emigration Agent at Karikal, requesting that for the future all emigrants to Bourbon might be properly supplied with blankets. In order to avoid any misunderstanding on this subject, I again addressed M. Thétard at the commencement of the Bourbon recruiting season, and was informed by this gentleman that the matter would be settled at Pondicherry, where, indeed, the entire equipment of all emigrant ships is always regulated, under the supervision of my colleague there. As I had every reason to believe that Captain Young must have addressed a similar demand to the authorities at Pondicherry, I was at a loss to understand the dilemma that had suddenly arisen, and, as Major Sherman, who had just then succeeded Captain Young, was new to the work, I felt it my duty to proceed at once to the French capital. Arrived there, I was informed, by the Acting Ordonnateur and other officials, which they considered irregular and informal; that the matter, consequently, had not been brought under the consideration of the local Council; and that it was too late to do so at the twelfth hour. Yielding, however, to the urgent representations of Major Sherman and myself, they consented to allow a small supply of blankets to be embarked for the hospital on board, and promised to give our demand for a full supply of these necessities early and serious consideration. "Later in the year, our request was acceded to, and was carried into effect, for the first time, last month. To characterize the conduct of those French functionaries who were concerned in this matter as disingenuous would, perhaps, be more correct than courteous; but it is difficult to know how otherwise to describe it. If, as they alleged, Captain Young had unwittingly preferred his demand in a manner which was not in strict accordance with their own ideas of official etiquette, they must surely have been aware that I, at any rate, had made my request in due form, and that I had frequently both written and spoken to the Karikal Emigration Agent on the subject. But in so serious a matter, in which the welfare of a number of helpless creatures was in question, to nourish, for nearly six months, a factitious and fermenting resentment, in order simply to avenge the impression caused by this incident is unpleasantly deepened when we reflect that the Bourbon Planters were the principal persons who benefited by the delay that was thus achieved.

No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Emigrants shipped from Madras to the Mauritius from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876.

Year, Month, and Date.	Name of Vessel.	Tonnage.	Men.	Women.	CHILDREN.		INFANTS.		Total Adults.	Total Souls.
					Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.		
1875.										
30th May ...	<i>Latona</i>	693	157	78	29	20	4	6	262½	294

MADRAS,
20th May 1876.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Protector of Emigrants.

No. 2.

List of Ships arrived with Return Emigrants from the Mauritius during the Official year 1875-76.

Year, Month, and Date.	Names of Ships.	Tonnage.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Remarks.
1875.							
14th May ...	<i>Latona</i>	693	160	78	78	316	One man and one girl died on the voyage.
11th June ...	<i>Glenroy</i>	1,138	150	74	63	287	One man died on the voyage.
29th July ...	<i>Allum Ghier</i>	900	77	24	19	120	
18th August.	<i>Latona</i>	693	12	5	10	27	
20th Sept. ...	<i>Merchantman</i>	885	67	40	30	137	
20th October.	<i>Lady Melville</i>	966	73	32	24	129	Two female infants born on the voyage.
1876.							
1st January...	<i>Allum Ghier</i>	900	95	51	62	208	One man died on the voyage.
13th Feb. ...	<i>Latona</i>	693	10	5	8	23	
	Total	...	644	309	294	1,247	

MADRAS,
20th May 1876.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Protector of Emigrants.

No. 3.

List of Ships arrived with Return Emigrants from the Port of Natal during the Official year 1875-76.

Year, Month, and Date.	Name of Ship.	Tonnage.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Remarks.
1875.							
26th August.	<i>Ganges</i>	830	173	82	128	383	One male infant born on the voyage. Five men and one woman died on the voyage.

MADRAS,
20th May 1876.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Protector of Emigrants.

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2nd August 1876. No. 856.

No. 4.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Emigrants embarked to the French Colonies from the Port of Pondicherry during the Official year 1875-76.

Year, Month, and Date.	Names of Ships.	Destination.	NUMBER OF HEADS.				COUNTING FOR ADULTS.			
			Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1875.										
20th May ...	Marguerite ...	Réunion ...	111	46	16	173	111	46	8	165
21st July ...	Nouveau Mexique ...	Do. ...	135	44	10	189	135	44	5	184
6th Nov. ...	Canadienne ...	Martinique ...	102	42	10	154	102	42	5	149
1876.										
5th Feb. ...	Dunphail Castle ...	Cayenne ...	111	45	9	165	111	45	4	160
14th March ...	Marie Laurie ...	Réunion ...	101	48	18	167	101	48	9	158
	Total ...		560	225	63	848	560	225	31	816

PONDICHERRY,
31st March 1876.

(Signed) S. W. B. SHERMAN, Major,
British Consular Agent, Pondicherry.

No. 5.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Emigrants embarked to the French Colonies from the Port of Karikal during the Official year 1875-76.

Year, Month, and Date.	Names of Ships.	Destination.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1875.						
17th May ...	Marguerite ...	Bourbon ...	136	59	9	204
24th July ...	Nouveau Mexique ...	Do. ...	66	38	22	126
9th Nov. ...	Canadienne ...	Martinique ...	209	82	25	316
1876.						
7th Feb. ...	Dunphail Castle ...	Cayenne ...	155	75	32	262
17th March ...	Marie Laurie ...	Bourbon ...	122	42	24	188
	Total ...		688	296	112	1,096

KARIKAL,
1st April 1876.

(Signed) B. FISCHER, Captain,
British Consular Agent at Karikal.

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2nd August 1876. No. 856.

No. 6.

List of Ships arrived from the French Colonies with Return Emigrants to Pondicherry during the Official year 1875-76.

Year, Month, and Date.	Names of Ships.	From whence.	NUMBER OF HEADS.				Remarks.
			Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	
1875.							
28th April ...	Resolu ...	Cayenne ...	132	66	27	225	Twenty-five deaths occurred on the voyage.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Martinique ...	107	37	18	162	
18th June ...	Arabee ...	Réunion ...	91	20	6	117	Thirty-seven deaths occurred on the voyage.
23rd October ...	Nouveau Mexique ...	Do. ...	72	12	...	84	
27th Dec. ...	Marie Laurie ...	Martinique ...	245	88	64	397	
28th do. ...	Berryer ...	Réunion ...	91	27	33	151	One man died on the voyage.
	Total ...		738	250	148	1,136	

PONDICHERRY,
31st March 1876.

(Signed) S. W. B. SHERMAN, Major,
British Consular Agent, Pondicherry.

No. 7.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Emigrants embarked to each Colony during the Official year 1875-76.

Port of Embarkation.	Destination.	Men.	Women.	CHILDREN.		INFANTS.		Total.
				Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	
Madras ...	Mauritius ...	157	78	29	20	4	6	294
Pondicherry ...	Réunion ...	347	138	44	...	...	...	529
	Martinique ...	102	42	10	...	...	...	154
	Cayenne ...	111	45	9	...	...	...	165
	Total ...	560	225	63	...	...	...	848
Karikal ...	Bourbon ...	324	139	55	...	...	...	518
	Martinique ...	209	82	25	...	...	...	316
	Cayenne ...	155	75	32	...	...	...	262
	Total ...	688	296	112	...	...	...	1,096

MADRAS,
20th May 1876.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Protector of Emigrants.

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No. 8.

STATEMENT showing the Collections and Expenditure of Fees at Madras and the Districts on account of Emigration to the British Colonies for the Official year 1875-76.

	Collections.			Disbursements.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Protector's Register, Madras	127	8	0	3,062	14	0
Collector of Godavery	39	0	0			
Do. of Trichinopoly						
Do. of Madura						
Do. of Tanjore						
Do. of South Arcot						
Do. of North Arcot						
Do. of Chingleput District						
Do. of Salem						
Do. of Ganjam	16	8	0			
Do. of Nellore						
Do. of Kistna District						
Do. of Vizagapatam	73	8	0			
Commissioner of Bangalore District						
Total	256	8	0	3,062	14	0

MADRAS,
20th May 1876.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Protector of Emigrants.

No. 9.

STATEMENT showing the Collections and Expenditure of Fees at Madras and the Districts on account of Emigration to the French Colonies for the Official year 1875-76.

	Collections.			Disbursements.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Protector's Register, Madras	820	8	0	600	0	0
British Consular Agent, Pondicherry	582	0	0	3,595	6	9
Do. Karikal	459	0	0	3,280	9	4
Collector of Godavery						
Do. of Trichinopoly	55	8	0			
Do. of Madura						
Do. of Tanjore	856	8	0			
Do. of South Arcot	303	0	0			
Do. of North Arcot	159	0	0			
Do. of Chingleput						
Do. of Salem	34	8	0			
Do. of Ganjam						
Do. of Nellore						
Do. of Kistna District						
Do. of Vizagapatam						
Commissioner of Bangalore District	438	0	0			
Total	3,708	0	0	7,475	0	1

MADRAS,
20th May 1876.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Protector of Emigrants.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
2nd August 1876. No. 856.*

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1876, No. 856.

Ordered to be recorded, the fact being embodied in the General Administration Report.

2. It is observed that the mortality among return emigrants from Cayenne was nearly 9 per cent. The receipts at Madras on account of emigration to French colonies more than covered the expenditure there on that account.

3. It is intended that Administration Reports should be confined to detailing the facts and measures that have occurred during the year under review, and that questions requiring a decision or orders on the part of Government should be treated in separate communications. The subjects mentioned in paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of the letter from the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry fall under the latter category, and there is still less reason for their introduction on the present occasion, as the Administration Reports of the Consular Agents at Pondicherry and Karikal are submitted through the Protector of Emigrants merely for the sake of statistical convenience, these officers being in direct communication with Government on all other occasions. It does not appear that the Consular Agent at Pondicherry has as yet addressed the local authorities on the subject of his fourth and fifth paragraphs. He should now do this, and, if necessary, bring the matter again to the notice of Government. It is observed, with reference to paragraph 3 of the letter under notice, that the Consular Agent has probably overlooked the limitations imposed by the Convention on the claims which can be made by this Government on the French Government at Pondicherry.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Protector of Emigrants, Madras.
.. British Consular Agent at Pondicherry.
.. do. at Karikal.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 87 Madras Protector Office
20th May 1876.

From
R. & I. Molville Esquire
As Protector of Emigrants.

To,
The Honorable Mr. Huddleston
Chief Secretary to Government
P.O. Secunderabad.

Sir,
I have the honor to submit
the Administration Report of the
Emigration Department for the
official year 1875-76.

1. There has been a decrease
in Emigration to the British Colonies,
one ship, carrying 294 Emigrants
only having sailed to the Mauritius.
There was no Emigration to any other
Colony.

2. Less than eight females were
despatched with 100 males rather
more than the requisite percentage
of 100. But these males and twenty
two female children went with their
parents.

Calcutta, 11th May 1876.

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Recorded with reference.

4. Eight vessels arrived with 1247
return emigrants from Mauritius
among whom only 4 deaths occurred.
Three female infants were born
during the voyage.

5. One vessel arrived with
383 return emigrants from Chatal
among whom only 6 deaths occurred
and one male infant was born on the
voyage.

6. Rupees 1200-6-3 were permitted
by emigrants in Chatal to relatives
in this Presidency and paid as requested.

7. No labourers have been recruited
under the Indian Labour Act of
1866.

8. The following statement
shows the number of emigrants in the
Mauritius Depot in each month
from 1st April 1875 to 31st March
1876 also the number of Cases in
Hospital and deaths.

Statement

Months	No in Depot	No of Cases	Deaths	Remarks
April 1875	255	26	"	Immigration suspended
May	271	27	"	
June	"	"	"	
July	"	"	"	
August	"	"	"	
September	"	"	"	
October	"	"	"	
November	"	"	"	
December	"	"	"	
January 1876	"	"	"	
February	"	"	"	
March	"	"	"	
Total	526	53	"	

9. The amount collected for fees
and licences in Agorao and the
Mogussil on account of 1 British
Emigration was Rupees 256-8-
the disbursements amounted to
Rupees 3062-14-. The expenditure
thus exceeded the receipts by Rupees
2806-6-.

10. There have been no emigration
to any of the French Colonies from
Agorao, but three ships left Pondicherry
and Karikal for Reunion with 1047
emigrants. One ship sailed for
Cayenne with 427 emigrants. One ship
for Martinique with 470 emigrants.

Total

Total 1944. There is a surplus
of 1265 or about 61 per cent below
the immigration of the previous year.

11. Three ships arrived at

Pondicherry from Reunion during
the year with 352 return emigrants
of whom one died on the voyage. Two

ships arrived from Cayenne and
Martinique with 784 return emigrants
of whom 62 died during the voyage.

12. The amount collected for
fees and licenses in Agades, Pondicherry, Karikal and other places was
Rupees 3708-1-1. The expenditure
was Rupees 7476-1-1 of which
Rupees 600 were spent in Agades
Rupees 3595-6-9 at Pondicherry
and Rupees 3280-9-4 at Karikal,
expenditure therefore exceeded the
receipts by Rupees 3768-1-1.

13. I beg to forward
herewith the original reports received
from Major J. B. B. Sherman
the British Consul at
Pondicherry and from Captain B. Fischer
British

British Consular Agent at
Karikal.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedient servant
J. B. B. Sherman

As Protector of Emigrants

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London 1875
The Hon. Secy of the
Home Department
Whitehall
London

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Act of the 24th July 1875.

I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Wm. James 1875-76

See a letter from the
of the London Convention
to the West India Agent
of 12/5/36 at 87.

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See a letter from Mr.
H. M. L. of Birmingham
to the Chief Clerk of the
Senate dated 7/10/57
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British Consulate
Pondicherry 6th April 1876

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From

The British Consular Agent
Pondicherry

The Protector of Emigrants
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
my report for the annual official year
1875/76 and with it the six annual return
N^o 1 - shows a decrease of 817 emigrants
from Pondicherry and Statement N^o 2 shows
an increase of 792 return Coolies from the
French Colonies.

2. Soon after my arrival here on
the 14th of May last, I had to rectify
certain malpractices that I had observed
going on between the recruiters and the Coolies
the latter being fleeced out of the greater
part of their advances, this I am glad
to say I have somewhat managed to mi-
tigate, but the Coolies themselves are

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From

The British Consular Agent

Madras

Dated 7th April 1876

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Submits her

Annual Report on
Emigration for the Office
Year 1875/76

to blame to a certain extent, as they will not be frank and open before me, but prefer filling the pockets of the recruiter, having been well tutored before hand.

3. I beg to observe there is still room for improvement in the system by which Emigration is carried on in Pondicherry, but this improvement can only be attained by our Government calling upon the French Authorities to act up to our Emigration Rules throughout, and by giving full Consular powers to the British Agents. I shall myself be very glad to see that endeavours to effect the improvements needed in the system are at once begun, if even only for the support of British Agents.

4. I would suggest that the present Depot at Pondicherry be condemned, it is badly situated, being too near the General Hospital and the native town, and what is worse there is a large Canal running directly in front of the Depot any thing but conducive to the health of the Coolies, as the effluvia that arises from the Canal at times is very obnoxious.

obnoxious. There is also a small Canal to the rear and side which is seldom clean, as natives living near its vicinity make use of the same for the purposes of nature - I have often spoken to the Emigration Agent on the subject, who, it appears, cannot remedy the evil - I should be delighted to see the Depot removed to some healthier spot facing the sea, or out of the town.

The Governor of Pondicherry himself, when paying his last visit of inspection, remarked that the Depot was not properly situated. The Emigration Association do not feel disposed to open their purse for built, and so long as they are allowed to rent the present Depot for 60 Rs a month so long will they keep silent on the point.

It now rests with our Government to bring this matter forcibly to the French Administration and back up my views for in the event of an epidemic breaking out the consequences might be very serious.

Doctor King the Sanitary Commissioner who visited the Depot in September last remarked that although the Depot was clean, it

it was very inferior to the Depot at Karikal and as Pondichery is the Head Station I contend it should boast of a Depot equal if not better than the one at Karikal.

5. Another great disgrace to the Emigration Establishment. Here is the wretched hospital attached to the Depot a disgrace to humanity and a place only fit for the habitation of pigs. Instead of the building being open and airy it is confined like a Dungeon. I condemn the hospital and trust Government will represent matters to the Pondichery Authorities so that steps be at once taken for the erection of a new hospital in a far superior open position outside of the town. I have no special fault to find with the Sanitary measures that are carried out by the Emigration Agent ~~with the Depot~~. The Emigration Agent does all in his power to render me ~~his~~ assistance, but his authority has little weight.

6. As regards the treatment of the laborers in the Depot I have nothing

nothing to complain of, they are fairly fed and housed.

7. The embarkation since my arrival has been conducted satisfactorily --

8. I have only seen ~~three~~ contingents of return Emigrants, the landing of these unfortunate people (the greater number of whom were indigents) ~~was~~ most pitiful to look at, being more or less emaciated. These indigents received from the French Government after their arrival before proceeding to their homes, a suit of clothes and two Rupees in cash each.

In Conclusion I beg to report that the payment of advances is carried out strictly in accordance with the latest instructions received from the Madras Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W B Sherman Esq
British Consular Agent.

The British Consular Agent
Karikal 7th April 1876.

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From

Captain Bawness Fischer, R.N.
British Consular Agent
Karikal

To

The Directors of Emigrants
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit my annual report on Emigration for the official year 1875-76, and to forward with it the customary statistical statements.

- Emigration to the French Colonies has not been as brisk during the past year as it was during the one immediately preceding it; but, on revanche, the so-called passenger traffic between this port and the Straits Settlements has been unusually energetic, and promises, under the fostering influence, and with the cordial co-operation, of the local French functionaries, to take rank as one of the important institutions of Karikal.
- During the past year only 1096 Emigrants left this for the French Colonies — less than the year before. Within the same period, 2190 so-called passengers sailed for the Straits Settlements — 814 more than the previous

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Pondicherry.

From the British Consular Agent
Pondicherry

To the Directors of Emigrants
Madras.

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Recd 7th April 1876
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From the Annual
Report concerning Emi-

gration for the official
year 1875/76.

year. Two-thirds of this total were English subjects, passed by myself; and, out of this contingent, 515 were coolies under a regular engagement to labour for two years. The engagement these labourers had their contract - ed could only be called "regular" inasmuch as the ceremonial part of it was performed in the presence of the District Joint Magistrate at Negapatnam; but it was, in my opinion, disfigured by serious defects, which I have recently brought to the attention of the Collector of Tanjore, and which I am confident - judging from the earnest and intelligent interest Mr. Thomas evinces in these questions and from the generous and ready support he has on more than one occasion afforded me - will eventually be remedied.

4. The defects in the French system of emigration to their own colonies, on which I have so frequently animadverted in previous annual reports and in the course of a voluminous correspondence, remain in statu quo ante; and the abuses I have so often pointed out in connection with the so called passenger traffic, as it is conducted at Karikal, have lost but little of their inveterate ingenuity, not as I now know that these matters have for some time past engaged the resolute attention of Government and are, consequently fast tending towards their end, it would simply be an act of officious supererogation

to allude to them any further.

5. Little more other places in Southern India, Karikal was, during the past year, visited by cholera; and the favourable conditions that disease found here, in a deplorable want of what we would call sanitation, caused it to rage with unprecedented severity. It is estimated that, during its stay there, it must have killed at least two thousand persons, and I see no reason to doubt the correctness of this calculation. But while this formidable epidemic was thus moving down by hundreds the subjects of a feebler neglect it is satisfactory to record that only two cases occurred in the depot, though at one time there was within the precincts of that building a larger aggregate of emigrants than had been collected there for at least five years. This fact testifies more eloquently than I could otherwise do to the efficient care and untiring zeal of Mr. Thibaud, the French Emigration Agent, and corroborates the praise which Doctor King, the Sanitary Commissioner, bestowed, when he recently visited Karikal, both upon that gentleman and on the institution under his charge.

6. In connection with this subject, it is gratifying to note that no cases of cholera were reported as having occurred on board any of the vessels that left this, during the year, for the French Colonies - another indirect testimony, perhaps, in favour of

the system pursued by M. Thibaud.

7. Towards the end of last May, I was suddenly obliged to visit Pondichery, in order to arrange, if possible, an unexpectedly unpleasant incident that had arisen in connection with immigration to Bourbon. A batch of emigrants was on the point of being embarked for Bourbon, when, at the very last moment, and without giving us any warning whatever of their intentions, the French authorities suddenly refused to supply them with blankets. This question of blankets had for more than a year been the subject of a desultory argument between ourselves and the French authorities; and five months ~~before~~ ^{before} to this point, ~~we~~ ^{we} addressed a formal application both to the Chef de Service and to the French Immigration Agent at Reichen, requesting that for the future all emigrants to Bourbon might be properly supplied with blankets. In order to avoid any misunderstanding on this subject, I again addressed M. Thibaud at the commencement of the Bourbon recruiting season, and was informed by this gentleman that the matter would be settled at Pondichery, where, indeed, the entire equipment of all emigrant ships is always regulated, under the supervision of my colleagues there. As I

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had every reason to believe that Captain Young must have addressed a similar demand to the authorities at Pondichery, I was at a loss to understand the dilemma that had suddenly arisen, and, as Major Sherman, who had just then succeeded Captain Young, was new to the work, I felt it my duty to proceed at once to the French Capital. Arrived there, I was informed, by the actingordonateurs and other officials, that though Captain Young had indeed made some sort of a request, he had done this in a manner which they considered irregular and informal; that the matter, consequently, had not been brought under the consideration of the local Council; and that it was late to do so at the twelfth hour. Yielding, however, to the urgent representations of Major Sherman and myself, they consented to allow a small supply of blankets to be embarked for the hospital on board; and promised to give our demand for a full supply of these necessities early and serious consideration. Later in the year, our request was acceded to, and was carried into effect, for the first time, last month. To characterize the conduct of those French functionaries who were concerned in this affair as disingenuous would, perhaps, be more correct than courteous; but it is difficult to know how otherwise to describe it. If, as they all say, Captain Young had unwittingly

proffered his demand in a manner which was not in strict accordance with their own ideas of official etiquette, they must surely have been aware that I, at any rate, had made my request in due form, and that I had frequently both written and spoken to the Karikal Emigration Agent on the subject. But in so serious a matter, in which the welfare of a number of helpless creatures was in question, to nourish, for nearly nine months, a factitious and fermenting resentment, in order simply to avenge the 'spite injuria forme', was to gain a diplomatic victory in a very doubtful manner, and the ^{invasion} ~~disturbance~~ caused by this incident is ~~undoubtedly~~ ^{undoubtedly} deepened when we reflect that the 'Barbon' plagues were the principal persons who benefited by the delay that was thus achieved.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Brown Thistle.

British Consular Agent at Karikal.

Statement showing the number of Emigrants shipped from Madras to the Mauritius from 1st April 1895 to 31st March 1896.

Year	Month	Name of Vessel	Men	Children	Infants	Boys	Girls	Under 12	Total
1895	May 30	Ship Latona	693	157	78	29	20	4	6
									2627
									294

Collector Office
Madras 20 May 1896

Approved
By Protector of Emigrants.

List of ships arrived with return Emigrants from the Alarcón during the official year 1875-76

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Years from the Date	Name of ships	Men	Women	Children	Total	Remarks
May 14	Ship Latona	693	160	78	316	1 man 1 girl died on the voyage
June 11	" Glenroy	1138	150	63	287	1 man died on the voyage
July 24	" Alamo Ghent	900	77	19	120	
August 18	" Latona	693	12	10	27	
Sept. 20	" Merchantman	885	67	30	137	
Oct 20	" Lady Melville	966	73	24	129	2 female infants born on the voyage
Nov 17	" Alamo Ghent	900	95	62	208	1 man died on the voyage
February 13	" Latona	693	10	8	23	
Total		644	309	294	1247	

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By Proctor of Emigrant.

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List of ships arrived with return Emigrants from the Port Natal during the Official Year 1875-76

Year Arrived & Date	Name of ship	Emigrants	Men	Women	Children	Slaves	Remarks.
1875	August 26 Ship Ganges	839	173	82	128	383	One male Infant born on the voyage { 5 men 1 woman died on the voyage

Register Office
Graham's Bay, 20 May 1876

Witnessed
By Protector of Emigrants

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Statement showing the number of immigrants embarked to the French Colonies from the Port of Pondicherry during the official year 1875/76.

Year Month and date	Names of ships	Destinations	Number of Males Counting for adults									
			Green House									
1875 May 20	Marguerite	Reunion	111	46	16	173	111	46	8	165		
July 21	Nouveau Mercur	do	135	44	10	189	135	44	5	184		
Nov. 6	Canadaenne	Martinique	102	42	10	154	102	42	5	149		
1876 February 5	Dumphaile Castle	Cayenne.	111	45	7	165	111	45	4 1/2	160 1/2		
March 16	Marie Laure	Reunion	101	48	18	167	101	48	9	158		
			560	225	63	848	560	225	31 1/2	816 1/2		

The Consul at
Pondicherry
21 March 1876

Madras 20 May 1876

Signed J. W. B. Charman Mayor
British Consul Agent Pondicherry

See copy
As per copy
As per copy

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List of ships arrived from the French Colonies with return Emigrants to Pondicherry during the Official year 1845-46.

Year Month and date	Names of ships	Number of Heads			Remarks
		Men	Women	Children	
1845 April 28	"Nesoth"	132	66	27	225
"	"	107	57	18	162
June 18	Arabee	91	20	6	117
October 23	Nouveau Mexique	72	12	"	84
December 27	Marie Laure	245	88	64	397
" 28	Bergeret	91	27	33	151
		738	250	148	1136

25 deaths occurred on the voyage
37 deaths occurred on the voyage
1 man died on the voyage

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The Consulate
Pondicherry
31st March 1846
Presented to May 1846

(signed) W. R. Thomson

(true copy) British Consular Agent Pondicherry

W. Thomson
Agent of Emigrants.

W. Thomson

Statement showing the number of Emigrants embarked to each Colony during the Official year 1875-76.

Port of Embarkation	Destination	Men	Women	Children Infants	Total	Remarks			
		Boys	Girls	Male	Female				
Madras	Saurashtra	157	78	29	20	4	1	294	
		347	138	44				529	
		102	42	10				154	
		111	45	9				165	
		660	225	63				848	
Pondicherry	Rennell Martinique Cayenne.	924	139	55				518	
		209	82	25				316	
Calcutta	Bombay Martinique Cayenne.	155	75	32				262	
		688	296	112				1096	

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Collector Office
Madras, 20 Aug 1876

W. H. M. M. M.
By Collector of Emigrants

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Statement showing the Collections and expenditure of fees at Auditors and the Districts
in account of Immigration to the British Colonies for the Official year 1875-76

Collections Disbursement

Prothonotary Registrar Madras	...	...	127-8-	3062-14-
C. Master of Court every	...	...	39-	"
of Trichinopoly	...	...	"	"
of Madurai	...	...	"	"
of Tanjore	...	...	"	"
of North Arcot	...	...	"	"
of North Arcot	...	...	"	"
of Chingleput &c	...	...	"	"
of Salem.	...	...	"	"
of Bangalore	...	...	16-8-	"
of Bellary	...	...	"	"
of District	...	...	"	"
of Vizagapatnam.	...	...	73-8-	"
Comptroller of Bangalore District.	...	...	...	...
Total			256-8-	3062-14-

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Prothonotary Office
Madras 20 Aug 1876

W. H. M. M. M.
By Collector of Bangalore

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from
the Acting Inspector of Emigrants
dated 20 May 1876.

Order thereon. 22 Aug 1876.

Ordered to be
recorded, the fact
being embodied in
the General Admini-
stration Report.

It is observed
that the mortality
among return emi-
grants from Cayenne
was nearly 9 per cent.
The receipts at Marseilles
on account of emi-
grations to French colonies

See letter from the
Inspector of Emigrants
to the Chief Secretary
15 Aug 1876
20/5/76

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words than covered the
expenditure ~~on~~ that
account.

9. It is intended
that Administration
Reports should be con-
fined to detailing
the facts and mea-
sures that have
occurred during the
year under review,
and that questions
requiring a decision
or orders on the part
of Govt should be
treated in separate
communications. The
subjects mentioned
in para 3, 4, and 5.

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of the ^{20th} letter from
the British Consular
Agent at Pondicherry
fall under the latter
category, and there
is still less reason
for their introduc-
tion on the present
occasion, as the Ad-
ministration Reports
of the ~~British~~ ^{Consular} Agents
at Pondicherry and
Karikal are sub-
mitted through
the Protector of
Emigrants merely
for the sake of
statistical conve-
nience, these officers
being in direct com-
munication

munication with
Govt on all other oc-
casions. It does not
appear that the ~~Principal~~
~~Agent~~ Agent at Pon-
dicherry has as yet
addressed the lo-
cal authorities on
the subject of his
"and 5" paragraphs.
We should now do
this, and if neces-
sary bring the mat-
ter again to the
notice of Government.
It is observed with
reference to paragraph
of the letter under
notice that the Pri-
mar ~~Agent~~ Agent has probably
overlooked

219 overlooked the limi-
tations imposed by
the Convention on the
claims which can
be made by the
Govt on the French
Government at Pon-
dicherry - *AD*

The Ag Collector of Emi-
grants, Madras -
--- British Consular Agent
Pondicherry
--- Karikal } Despatch 16/8

Govt. of 1874. *Advers.*

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John Doe

Dated 2 August 1961
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Competition. The
Administration Dept.
of the Corporation
did not intend for the
year 1895-96, however,
with rewards.