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FROM

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Under-Secretary to the Government of India,
Communicated to the British
Consular Agent, Kanbair,
J. Pandicherry, the Protector
of Immigrants, Madras & the
Board of Revenue.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Revenue & Agricultural Dept.
Emigration.

Dated CALCUTTA, the 15th January 1886.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Rees' letter No. 3899 of the 7th ultimo, and enclosures, regarding the alleged overcrowding on board the *S.S. La Ville de St. Nazaire* and the *Loire Inferieure*, which brought returned emigrants from Martinique and Guadeloupe, respectively, to India.

2. After full consideration of the facts of the case the Government of India is of opinion that the number of returned emigrants carried by these vessels, though probably objectionably large, was not in excess of that which they were legally entitled to carry. The Government of India has always held and sees no reason now to modify its opinion that Article XV of the French Convention of the 30th July 1861 applies only to vessels conveying emigrants from India to the French Colonies, and that the rule as to return voyages is contained in the Décret of the 27th March 1852 under Articles XVI and XVII of which vessels carrying returned emigrants are allowed to carry one person for every ton of burthen. The burthen of the *La Ville de St. Nazaire* and *Loire Inferieure* was 1,076 and 532 tons respectively, and the number of emigrants carried was therefore legally not excessive. The Government of India considers, however, that the terms of the Décret do admit of overcrowding to an undesirable extent, and will make a representation on the subject to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, when a favourable opportunity occurs for so doing.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

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SUBJECT

Replies to its letter regarding the alleged overcrowding on board the
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