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*Recording and comm. letter from
the Protector of Emigrants offic
a report on
remarks on the Immigrants
arrived by S.S. "Warska"*

*Recd.
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25/11*

No.

OF 188

PAPER, No.

OF 188

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
188, No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

Dec 23/11/84

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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Emigrants to the S.S.

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 3, No.

Again G.O., dated 8, No.

Current No. of 188, dated from

Current No 311673223 of 1889, dated 22nd Oct. from the Protector of Emigrantsunder of 23rd Nov 89 No 942 Madras.

To the Protector of Emigrants, and as per
 23/11/89 the remarks of the Protector of Emigrants
 will be known? to the first committee
 been 10/11

No 943.
 The Honble the Col. Secretary
 Madras

Dec 23/11/89

With reference to your letter

7/209 of 23rd July 1889, forwarding

printed report on the Immigrants

ruined by S. S. "Wardha" on the 4th

Dec 1889, I am directed to forward
 in the infirm of your first
 remittance an extract from letter

858 of 2nd Oct 89 from the

Protector of Emigrants, Madras.

which furnishes the necessary
 information on the remarks
 made

excluding the last paragraph

Public (1889) Department.

(EMIGRATION.)

From

THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,

Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

No.

Dated

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Despatched

Received

RECEIVED
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
 12 OCT 1889

ENCLOSURE (1) one

No. 905

Subject.

Submitting the Report
 Called for in Government
 Reference on N^o 3116 dated
 the 11th Instant.

No. 905

OFFICE OF THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras, 12th October 1889.

From

Sir Richard Barlow Bart

PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras,

To

The Honorable J. F. Price

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit
herewith, the report forwarded
to this Office with G. O. N° 944
dated the 3rd Ultimo, called for
in Government Reference on N° 3116,
dated yesterday.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obed^t servant.

W. W. W.
Protector of Emigrants

Public (1889) Department.

(EMIGRATION.)

From

THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

No.

Dated 2

Despatched 3

Received 4

October 1889

Reference. 9711 October 1889

The Protector of Emigrants is
requested to return the report
forwarded ^{to him} with G. O. R. N° 944 of 3.9.89.

(By order)

L. S. Meyer
Asst Secretary.

ENCLOSURES, CHIEF SECRETARY

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No. 858

Subject.

In the Protector of Emigrants
Despatch 14/10/89

Submitting with Enclosure
report on the remarks
by the As^t Protector of
Emigrants made in
on the Emigrants from
Madras by the S. S.
"Hansa"

8/100

Emigration Agent with its enclosure
to his Government sent through the
Honorable Mr Trotter Protector of
Immigrants at Mauritius - who
is at present in India - offering
explanation on the points raised

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant

W. W. W. W.
Protector of Emigrants

the Agent any apparent defect as to Capability for labour.
Referring to remark 4, I must explain that most
of the returned Emigrants who offer to re-emigrate,
carefully conceal the fact of their being such, for
fear that they may not be allowed to do so by the Agent,
who appears, has instructions from the Colony not
to send such of them as are returned at the Cost of
Colonial Government "as being past all work"
as such often improve so much in their native Country,
as to be again physically fit for labour. In every
case of a return Emigrant re-emigrating, brought
to my notice, I always explain to him that he will
get 8 Annas extra.

3. The despatch from the Right Honorable the
Secretary of State for the Colonies dated the 4th Jan
January 1886, has not been communicated to this Office, but I will take care, that
only Medical men possessing British
Diplomas, in future, are appointed to
take Medical Charge of Emigrant Vessels
going to this Colony.

I submit Copy of a letter N^o 1274 dated
30th August 1889, from the Ag. Mauritius
Emigration

No. 858

OFFICE OF THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
 Madras, 2 October 1889.

From

Sir Richard Barlow Bart

PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
 Madras,

To

The Honorable J. J. Price

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
 PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
 Fort St. George.

SIR,

With reference to the remarks by the Ag Protector of Immigrants Mauritius on the Emigrants from Madras by the S.S. "Wardha" forwarded with G.O. N^o 944 dated the 3rd ultimo, I have the honor to report as follows.

Referring to the first three remarks, I beg to submit that the responsibility, as to the Emigrants physical fitness to labour in the Colony, rests actively with the Emigration Agent and the Depot Surgeon - the Protector and the Medical Inspector of Emigrants examining only as to (Emigrants) fitness to undertake the voyage to the Colony to which he or she intends to proceed - Vide section 50 (1) of the Act, though we always bring to the notice of

dated 21st June/89. I beg to state it is difficult here to ascertain who the return Emigrants are, as these people hide the fact of their being old Emigrants before the registering officer in India and evade all ^{our} attempts too at the Depot to detect whether they are so or not, of course if I had known that they were return Emigrants, I would have certainly given them the extra 50 Cents -

I shall hereafter address you regarding the remark made about the qualification of Surgeons Superintendent of Emigrant Vessels, in B. Report, of the S.S. "Wardha" and also regarding the gradual increasing cost of Emigrant men since the year 1884.

I have the honor to be

Sir
 Sd/ J. J. Corran.

Ag: M.C. Agent.

Encopy

J. J. Corran

Ag: Mauritius Emig^{tn} Agent.

1/3/16/89

also - hence not only ~~invalid~~ ^{invalid} ones,
wanted in Mauritius but healthy ones also -

The Hon^{ble} Mr. Daly himself remarked
in para 17 of his annual report of 1879. that the
return Cooly is not the useful, regular, and patient
common laborer, is most wanted as a new
Emigrant, but is often a man who has given up
all intention of hard work, and who by restless
endeavours to release himself from industrial
residence, is a troublesome acquisition to his Master.

Whilst sympathizing with the Mauritian
planters against the machinations of these men,
must say that the wholesale exclusion of them will
materially tend to diminish Emigration from India
however if I have to obey orders to exclude any
Emigrant from the Colony, I beg that the Authorities
in Mauritius will furnish the Agent here with
return Emigrants; a memo detailing the name
of his disabilities, his age, height, marks &c &c
enable those in India to detect such Emigrants
as it is not desirable to send back to Mauritius
as requested in Mr. Courran's Letter No. 986
19th Nov^r /83. to you a copy of which is enclosed.

I would also respectfully suggest
that the letter M Signifying Mauritius
Signifying Sick be tattooed on one of the
of the Emigrants - With reference to Para

Colonial Secretary Mauritius.

3rdly - Dudekha Seethana not only feigned
his disease but enlisted a second time under
a different name - He was not sent out of the
Colony as an Invalid which he should have
been if he as is alleged, is "past all work." The
peculiar nature of his palsy (atrophic paraplegia)
too as is described by Medical Authorities, should
have resulted by the time he landed in Mauritius
in total want of motion in the limb or limbs,
and the Emigrant in question should have been
landed in a stretcher, instead of which he is
described as particularly active on board the
s.s. "Wardha" doing the ~~harassing~~ ^{harassing} and continu-
ous work of a topass - No difficulty in walking
was observed in the Madras Depot also - and
when he was taxed by Mr. Hollingworth after
the joint examination of himself, Mr. Bolton
and the Hon^{ble} the Offg. Protector of Emigrants;
the Emigrant in question accounted for the
lagging of the limb by attributing it to an ac-
cident on board -

Old Emigrants as a rule
legnotoriously troublesome, and practiced
of fingerers: not only in Mauritius, but
as reported that they are so in the Colonies

Vide copy
marked F

...furnish any written explanation; but he says he passed one of three named Gopala Mudally, but that he did so in the presence of the late Mr. Hodgson, who after seeing the man in D^r Courant's presence work with the mamotie, accepted ^{Vide copy of Form No. 5 marked D.} him, notifying his acceptance by entering the following remark "Has been tested at Pioche work" on his the Emigrants deed of agreement. D^r Courant's responsibility ceased on the 28th Feby: 89 and he is not responsible for any of the other Emigrants -

I, too in every way had carefully examined the man before putting him on board - Any how the man himself is certainly an acquisition, to the gentleman who engages him, as a domestic, would be about a fourth of what such people are engaged to work in Mauritius -

I proceed now to remark on each case individually -

1st Emigrant Couvre Cutti - Chetty. This man had a fall on board during his passage down, and hurt his right knee. "Gonorrhea" supervened as reported by Hollingsworth, the Surgeon Superintendent SS "Nardha" - In connection with this case, I beg to draw attention to last para of D^r Kinsley's letter.

letter referred to above who disimproves all responsibility after the Emigrants have been finally accepted by the Surgeon Superintendent of an Emigrant Vessel - This was D^r Courant's contentions to, in several cases, referred to for explanation, as it does not want a Medical man to tell us that there is no knowing what a day may bring forth -

I know for certain that D^r Kinsley attends the Depot daily, while the Depot Surgeon of a neighbouring Depot attends times a week, and is paid more for his work. I can also bear testimony to the zealous manner in which D^r Kinsley performs his duties, that it seems hard for him to bear the Cen- of Government. The Surgeon Superintendent of an Emigrant Vessel, having signed a Certificate similar to the one enclosed (marked E) ought to be called upon to furnish his reasons for the degeneration of any Emigrant, or of any defect in him owing to injuries on board -

Vide copy attached E.

Secondly that two other Emigrants viz Gopala Mudally and Kundela Seetha are unquestionable malingerers having escaped the scrutiny of the Medical Gentlemen in Mauritius, as was pointed out in the case of Guntu Ramasamy vide the Office letter No. 30 dated 7th Feby: 81.

No. 1274

To

Madras 30-11-89

The Honorable

J. F. Trotter - Special Commr.

for the Mauritius Government

Calcutta -

Sir

Referring to your endorsement on

letter No. 7/176, dated 28th June/89. with en-

-losures, from the Hon^{ble} the Acting Colonial

Secretary, Mauritius, I have the honor to

enclose copies of explanatory letters from

the ^{Superintendent} Depot Surgeon and the Surgeon of the

S.S. "Wardha" regarding the complaints made

against the three Emigrants landed by

the S.S. "Wardha".

2. I trust the explanations offered by the

above two responsible officers will be considered

satisfactory by you, and that you will be good

enough to forward all the correspondence

to Mauritius with a covering letter from

yourself, expressive of your satisfaction.

I too accept the responsibility al-

though not required to do so by the Mauri-

tius Government, or by the Emigration

as not only do I possess sufficient Medical

Knowledge for the work, but because I

a good deal of trouble and pains to set

the good batch of Emigrants for the S.S. "Wardha"

for her trip down to Mauritius in May last.

I have not called on

a final certificate has been given
by the Surgeon Superintendent of any
emigrant vessel, to the effect that
all the emigrants he has accepted
the charge of, are at the time of
embarkation free from bodily and
mental disease, I may be called upon
in my capacity of Depot Surgeon,
to give explanations regarding de-
fects or supposed defects, in any
emigrants, who have after leaving
my charge travelled over a distance
between four and five thousand
miles, and in the belief that the
principle involved in these remarks
will also be made applicable now
in the cases remarked upon.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

W. P. Kinsley

(Surgeon (Medical))

Depot Surgeon

Mauritius Immigration Agency

Madras

True copy

Ag. Mauritius Immigration agent

A
Letter No. 7/176
dated 28-6-89
from Hon.
Col. Secy, with
enclos.

B.
Letter from Dr.
R. A. Hollingsworth
of 9/8/89.

C.
Letter from
Dr. P. Kinsley
dated 13-8-89

G.
Copy of Certif-
icate from
G. Radford of
Vizag - about
the health of
Sethana.

of each leg, it is quite possible an inequality may have existed and may have been due to previous attacks of a painful nature (probably Rheumatism) when disease may have resulted in partial wasting. But this condition is not an uncommon one, and does not unfit a man for such work as Sathanah knew he would be called upon to do in Mauritius.

13. For the completion of this man's case, you will perhaps deem it necessary to move the Principal Medical Officer in Mauritius, to procure and forward such portions of his medical history (Symptoms treatment &c) while working on estates, prior to his being sent back as an invalid "past all work".

14. I am of opinion that, men were Malingerers, and that few shifts of Chloroform in

displayed in performing the tasks allotted to him, there was no disability arising from the cicatrix at the anterior fold of the right arm pit.

11 (b) D. Sathanah was an able bodied man of excellent physique, showing in all his movements while in the Depot, whether at work or not, that he was what he looked to be, a man fitted in every way to be a field laborer. It would simply be a reiteration of former remarks to write that, on no occasion, was there even a suspicion he could have suffered or was suffering from the disease the Agt. Depot Surgeon at Mauritius diagnosed in his case.

12, D. Sathanah, is said to have the circumference of his right leg less by half an inch than that of the left. Taking it for granted that the measurements were taken

...and a ...
ranch set on Bethanah, without his
being aware of it, would have summar-
ily unmasked them. Your acquaint-
ance with the history of most of the
emigrants, elicited while they are in
the Depot, will probably enable you
to assign the motive or motives which
induced these two men to feign the dis-
abilities with which each of them is
credited.

15 I feel that the Mauritius
Government has a right to know how
far they can rely on my judgement, in
no question. Reprising the charge
of egotism, I may proceed to state
that after going through a thorough course
of study for four years in the Madras
Medical College, in subjects embracing
similar range as a University
curriculum, and having a period of
practice extending over thirty years,
we had unrivalled opportunities

opportunities of seeing
in European and Native Regiments,
Hospitals, Seamen's and Police Hospitals,
in India, Burma, and the Straits
Settlements, as well as of examining
some hundreds of recruits for the native
army, the Police, Light House keepers,
and Clerks in Civil Employ, and that
besides holding several important
independent Charges the last seven years
of my Service found me employed as
Civil Surgeon to the Subdivision of
a district, with the General Control
of three Hospitals, (besides my own)
within the area of the Charge. After so
varied and extended experience, I
respectfully submit, that, I cannot
admit that the certificate over my
signature to the effect that all the
emigrants who embarked on the S.S. M.
were free from bodily and mental
disease at the time of embarkation, was
either unguardedly, or hastily given -

show while using this agricultural implement.

10 So much for the general aspect of the question - now for the two cases requiring special explanation, (a) The man Jopala Indadi was an inmate of the Depot when I assumed medical charge of the emigrants, and the late Mr. Hodgson who was then Acting Agent, and who presumably well acquainted with the nature of the work of coolies in the plantations of Mauritius - established the qualifications or fitness of this man, for the work that would be required of him by writing with his own hand on Form No 5 of this emigrant, that he had been tested at "Roche work" this is dated the 9th February 1889. As with the others, so with this man I had daily opportunities of witnessing the activity he displayed

lodge is being tried on, the Surgeon Superintendent of the emigrant vessel who is marking their ships numbers in his nominal Roll (No 54 of Emigration Rules), is even at this stage at liberty to reject any emigrant whom he has already passed at his first examination, and with whose Physique he is not thoroughly satisfied.

8 I may here justifiably ask the question, How is it possible for an emigrant with paralysis of lower limb to be allowed to pass undetected?

9 The Surgeon Superintendent, besides medically examining each emigrant, a few days before embarkation, caused each male emigrant to use the "Gramooli", or Indian hoe in his presence, and forms his opinion as to their efficiency according to the vigor and celerity they show

immediately prior to embarkation, after a walk of two miles from the depot to the Strand, when the Protector of Emigrants Maora sees them. On his departure, each emigrant is called and has to pass before the Medical Inspector. There are also present on this occasion the Surgeon Superintendent, the officiating Agent the Depot Surgeon, and the Resident Apothecary, so that the combined scrutiny of five Medical men is exercised on each individual as he passes in review before the Medical Inspector of the Maora Government.

7 There is yet another "march passed" in the presence of the Officials named in the preceding para, (excepting the Medical Inspector) when each emigrant is recalled to receive the advance of money given him and while the arm badge

man was ruled out at once as suffering from facial paralysis.

4. The next step in the Medical examination of the emigrants is when the Surgeon Superintendent is appointed, and he assumes office by examining each emigrant brought before him. He is aware of the responsibility devolving on him, and is therefore exacting and rigid in the requirements he expects to meet in efficient emigrants.

5 The Medical Inspector (Surgeon Major H. D. Cook M.B. Ind.) in his weekly visits also examines the emigrants, and by the fact of his having occasionally rejected some, it is evident that his inspection is far from being a perfunctory one.

6 The final examination of the emigrants is made individually and collectively, in private

x 1. Enclosed 710 of 176 from the Ag. Colonial Secretary to J. of the War Dept
dated 28th June 1889
2 of 346 from the Ag. Protector of Emigrants Mauritius to the Adm. of the Colonial Secretary dated 21 June 1889

C Madras
13th August 1889
From
Inspector J. Winsley J. M. D.
(Held List.)
Depot Inspector.
Mauritius Emigration Agency.
Madras.

To
J. C. Coman Esq.
Offg. Mauritius Emigration Agent.
Madras.

Sir
I have the honor in reference to the letters marginally noted and sent by you for explanation, regarding the two Emigrants considered unfit as field laborers by the Ag. Depot Inspector at Mauritius, to submit the following remarks, and as satisfactory thereto, to give a brief outline of the usual daily work at the Depot here to show that complete and unceasing vigilance is exercised.

Two Emigrants, one according to the Emigration records has been to Mauritius already and the other has a wife who is a return Emigrant from the same place. May it not then be supposed that knowing the advantages of domestic employment to that of work on any plantation they try to disqualify themselves by feigning to secure light as well as more remunerative work. From para 8 of the Protector's letter it seems probable that one of them will succeed both of these men mentioned previous to my departure from Mauritius that they would never return and this too seems significant of a predetermined course. I regret that I did not make these observations in the presence of Dr. Bolton and the Protector whilst the examination of these Emigrants was being held. 3rd The Emigrant Caveri Cutti Chetty met with an accident on board. A short description of his case will be found in the case book I handed over at Mauritius. The result of that accident however was acute synovitis of the right knee joint for which he was admitted and treated in Hospital. I trust this explanation will suffice.

I have the honor to be

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C 316/179

Yours most Obedient Servant
J. C. A. Hollingsworth Esq.
/ True copy /

J. C. A. Hollingsworth

immediately prior to embarkation
exercised over the emigrants, making
it impossible for any - the slightest
defect to pass unnoticed, and if de-
tected, leading to the immediate re-
jection of the emigrant.

2 I may first state that each
emigrant, on his arrival at the Depot,
is examined by me, daily at 6 am.
all the emigrants are mustered for
my inspection, and they are then told
off in small batches, for certain
work, such as drawing water, help-
ing in the kitchen, weeding the ground,
deepening the drains, &c. and at this
work I have frequently seen them
employed, and have been amongst
them while moving about the grounds.
The resident apothecary (educated at
Madras Medical College), and who
is also Superintendent of the Depot,
also examines them with me,
besides being constantly with them,
and having abundant and hourly

opportunities of noticing any disability
in any of them, in view to bring the
same to notice

3 I am too Sir, though only the
officiating Agent, have had a some
years course of medical study and
training, in the College and hospital
of Madras - and am quite competent
to perform the duties of Depot Surgeon,
and therefore fit to pronounce on the
efficiency or otherwise of any and
every emigrant in the Depot. Besides
being constantly with the emigrant,
your scrutiny in regard to their
usual condition, is as effective
as that of any one else. As an illus-
tration of this, I may remind you
of the fact of an emigrant, -
whose heavy moustache masked
the drawing downwards and outwards
of the angle of his mouth, until
you applied the "whistling test" and
the defect being detected, the man

limp or drag his leg on board he said that he had a slip on board and that was the cause of his doing so at the examination 2nd with regard to the Immigrant Gopala Moodly N^o. 402186 I found him strong and able bodied and suited to any work especially so in the use of the Mamoti or Indian hoe, which is the agricultural implement prescribed by the Mauritius Government itself, to test the ability of the Immigrant in India as to their fitness for field labour. To this effect I have certified after personally seeing him use the Mamoti in the M.R. Depot Madras.

The cicatrice the result of an old burn is certainly a large one extending along the side of the neck to the anterior fold of the axilla, there is however no distinct web on the side of the chest to cause any binding down to such an extent as to prevent the effectual use of the right arm.

At the examination of Dr. Bolton he raised his arm to a fairly good height but not over his head.

Nothing however was done to ascertain how far he had the extension of his arm under the power of his will. He was not put under Chloroform. I will give my reasons for this observation later on I may here mention that this man was the Chief Drainage on board and was very useful to in attending to the Immigrants. I then found his movements to be perfectly free, the cicatrice did not then restrict his movements. Of these two

his diagnosis on the contrary when a memo. was brought from the Protector's Office in which the reason of his being sent out of the Colony was given, he Dr. Bolton said that it corresponded with the diagnosis and that he could not pass him.

The man was made to walk before me and he certainly did drag his leg but nothing was done as I said before, to ascertain how far the defect was feigned or 'put on'. It was said that there was a thinning in the circumference of the affected leg of about $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch as compared with the left leg. No measurement was made before me. In these circumstances I respectfully submit that the remark made in the Protector's letter to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary (para 6) that the Immigrant was found paralysed and passed all work was based on what seems to me insufficient Medical diagnosis, for had he been in such a state you will agree with me that it is hardly possible he could have successfully passed through the close and strict observations of three other Medical men besides myself, in Madras, as a matter of fact on being questioned by me after Dr. Bolton's examination as to how is that he did not limp

To

Madras
9th August/89

J. H. Corrom Esq.

Ag. Mauritius Immigration Agent
Madras

Sir

Letter n^o 2/176
dated 28th June
from the Honble
ag. Col. Secy
to the Honble
J. & Trotter with
enclosure

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 3rd August with the enclosures mentioned in margin and in reply beg to submit the following report:-
The Emigrant Pudikala Satharam at the time of my examination in Madras was in good health, found fit to Emigrate and in my opinion seemed well suited for field labor. He presented no signs or symptoms of having any organic lesions whatever. During the voyage to Mauritius he acted as I to pass in the room of his brother, who besides his hernia had sore eyes, and during that time he Satharam worked hard and showed no symptoms of palsy as he did in the Depot at Mauritius when Dr. Bolton pronounced him unfit as having paralysis of the anterior Tibial muscles of the right leg. I protested and said that the Emigrant in question was well when examined in Madras and worked with the Indian Maurooti before me. Dr. Bolton did not resort to any of the recent scientific methods to establish his

~~It occasionally happens~~
It occasionally happens

Medical Service on board vessels conveying
Coolies between India and Mauritius,
and to sanction the additional expen-
diture required for the employment
of Medical practitioners qualified
to practice in Mauritius as
Medical Officers in Charge of
Such Ships.

I have &c.

Fred. Stanley

Governor Sir J Pope Hennessy K.C. M.L.

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M. L. M. L.

Ag. Maur. Emigr. Agent

in quarantine, the Medical Officer can only exercise his functions in violation of the Medical Ordinance. It is the practical difficulty in the way of obtaining qualified men that has led to the adoption of the present system.

For the present, Coolie Immigration has ceased. Should it again begin, and, if it is likely to be continuous, it would in my opinion, be advisable to engage qualified medical men for that service and to discontinue the system of placing unqualified persons in medical charge of Coolie vessels.

J. F. Lovell

Chief Medical Officer

The Right Honorable F. A. Stanley Esq
To Governor Sir J. Pope Hennessy K.C.M.

Dawson Street

4 January 1886.

Quarantine
Emigration

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 537 of the 21st of November last, with the enclosure on the subject of

It occasionally happens that a vessel arrives from India with a qualified medical officer in charge. This however, is an exception. The reasons why medical men so seldom offer for the service are sufficiently obvious; the scale of remuneration is low; but, above all, the employment is irregular and fitful. It is not so much that the conditions of the service prevent their being constantly employed as that there is no certainty at what time their services may be required. There is thus little to attract medical men to undertake the charge of Coolie vessels.

The employment of unqualified practitioners is obviously open to grave objections. The duties are such that they can only be satisfactorily discharged by trained and skilled men, and human life is at stake.

Another objection which I have already pointed out in a previous report, is, that, when the vessels or Coolies are placed

To The Colonial Secretary

No 76. Medical Department
31st January 1885.

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary.

In reply to your letter N: A/130 of 26th instant,
I have the honor to state that the names of
the officers employed in the medical charge
of Cooly vessels between the Colony and
India, are as follows:

Mr A. Noel Now in India

" J. Gregoire " in the Colony

" F. W. Iron " in India

" J. Bernan " in the Colony

" E. Canton " in the Colony

None of these officers are legally qualified
to practice medicine in Mauritius as none
of them are in possession of any of the qualifying
diplomas recognized by Ordinance N: 22
of 1869. They have all some practical
knowledge of medicine and are thus able
to treat the more common diseases and
meet the more frequent emergencies
occurring on board Cooly ships. Most of
them, before entering upon their duties

acquire during that they had gained such
experience in the diagnosis and treatment
of disease as was considered sufficient to
render them competent to take charge of
Cooly vessels. Upon these certificates, the
gentlemen above-mentioned have been employed
by the Immigration Department here, and
also by the Agents for Mauritius in India,
and have been appointed as Surgeons, Su-
perintendents of Cooly vessels between
the Colony and India.

As some of them have been employed
for years in this service they have acquired
considerable experience in the treatment
of disease, and also, what is of almost
equal importance, in the medical
management of Cooly vessels. It will,
however, be readily understood that the
duties of the officers in medical charge
of Coolies are, under all circumstances,
important; and in the event of any epidemic
sickness breaking out on board, or the occur-
rence of grave accidents, it is not to be
supposed that the men now employed are
equal to the responsibilities of their

of the ~~Surgeon~~ Superintendents; but as ~~only~~
Pensioners and discharged men could be
obtained, it would be desirable hereafter
to attract younger men with University
Diplomas by giving them the rates allowed
by the Natal Government.

I would also beg that the remuneration
of the Assistants be raised from one
Shilling per head to Eighteen pence, as is
now allowed to Assistants coming in
Return Emigrant Vessels from the
Mauritius.

In Conclusion I would also urge that
Surgeon Superintendents of Emigrant
Vessels, and their Assistants, be not unnecessarily
detained either in quarantine or at
Port Louis, but should it happen that
from some unforeseen causes the detention
cannot be helped, then a liberal remuneration
be awarded them, especially if their professional
services have been utilized.

I have &c.
C. G. Carpan M.D.
Mauritius Emigration Office

15 June 1883 I have the honor to state that
there has been no difficulty as yet here in
obtaining duly qualified Medical men to take
charge of Emigrants proceeding to the
Mauritius, on the terms recommended by
the Immigration Committee of October 1860
and read and adopted at a meeting of the
Council of Government on the 6. December 1860. Viz:-

From Madras.

Medical Officers.	First Voyage	Every Subsequent voyage.
1st Class.	5 Shillings	6 Shillings.
2nd - 50 -	4 - " -	5 - " -

Not long since, however, Honorary Surgeon Hitchcock
called to register his name for employment,
and on being told what the remuneration
was, granted by the Mauritius Government,
he said it was very much less than what
he had been accustomed to receive from
the Natal Government. who give all Surgeon
Superintendents of vessels irrespective
of Class 5 Shillings per head for the
first trip 6 s. 6 d. for the second and
8 Shillings per head, for the third and
subsequent trips.

Since as I have already stated there
is no difficulty in obtaining Medical officers
for Emigrant Ships at the rates allowed
by the Mauritius Government it would
appear inconsistent on my part to urge
that a higher remuneration be offered

State that with an attendance and source of these officers are much to be desired while the Coolies are in quarantine as they understand the Coolies and their ailments much better than the inexperienced Medical men that are sent from Port Louis by the Chief Medical Officer to take charge of Coolies in quarantine.

The medicines that are on board should be sent to the Quarantine station with the Coolies, also, the Commander being allowed compensation for the same.

I have &c

J. F. Frotter

Special Commissioner
for the Gov^t of Mauritius

Enclosure III

in despatch No 537 of 21st November 1885

The Mauritius Emigration Agent, Madras

To The Hon. J. F. Frotter

Mauritius Govt Emigration Agency
Madras 25th January 1886

The Honorable J. F. Frotter,

Special Commissioner

for the Gov^t of Mauritius

Madras

Sir,

In obedience to your request to report on the subject contained in the Honorable the Colonial Secretary's letter No H/29 dated

Hereunto
returned

Enclosure - I

in Despatch No 537 of 21st November 1885

The Hon J. F. Frotter

To The Colonial Secretary, Mauritius

No 27

Mauritius Govt Emigration Agency
Madras 24th January 1886

The Honorable

The Colonial Secretary
Mauritius

Sir,

In reply to your letter No H/29 dated 15th June 1883 and its enclosures, I attach hereto a report from Dr. Couran on the subject alluded to. It appears to me unnecessary at present to disturb the existing rules regulating the employment of duly qualified medical men for Mauritius Cook Ship.

I believe that Mr. Delamare has had no serious difficulty hitherto in obtaining suitable medical men at the rates now ruling. In the event of any difficulty arising hereafter in obtaining suitable medical men, the matter can be reconsidered.

The remuneration of the Assistants might be raised to Eighteen pence in lieu of a shilling as is recommended by Dr. Couran.

In the event of medical men and their Assistants being detained at Mauritius in Quarantine and their services availed of, a remuneration should be awarded in such cases. I may here

on the 6th November 1880. It is as follows:-

"From Calcutta"

Medical Officers. First three voyages. Every subsequent voyage

First Class.	5 S. 10 d.	6 S. 10 d.
Second Class.	4 S. 10	5 S. 10 d.
Third Class.	2 S. 2	3 2

3. I have to suggest that in order to avoid any delay in the departure from India of laborers emigrating to Mauritius our Emigration Agents both at Calcutta and Madras be authorized to increase, within reasonable limits and until further orders, the remuneration to be given to Surgeons in Charge of Coolie ships whenever they are unable to obtain the services of any duly qualified Mauritius Officer.

4. An endeavour will be made in future by this Department to avoid a recurrence of the difficulty which has arisen in this case by despatching in charge of vessels from Mauritius only such Officers as are qualified to take charge of Emigrant ships coming from India.

J. Greene
Acting Protector of Emigrants

Enclosure 1
in despatch No. 537 of 21st November 1880.

The Acting Protector of Emigrants
To The Colonial Secretary

No. A/215

Immigration Office
2nd June 1883.

The Honorable

The Colonial Secretary

I have the honor to forward for submission to His Excellency the Governor the enclosed copy of a letter, dated 20th April 1883, received this day, from the Mauritius Emigration Agent at Calcutta, reporting that W. Descreux (who was sent in Charge of the Emigrants returning to India by the "Sophia Joachim"), has been found by the Medical Inspector of Emigrants at Calcutta to be unfit to take Charge of Emigrants about to be despatched from that Port to Mauritius, and stating that he (the Agent) has some difficulty in getting another Surgeon for that vessel as the remuneration he is authorized to offer is not sufficiently attractive to secure properly qualified men.

2. The scale of remuneration to which the Agent refers is contained in the Immigration Committee

adopted at
Council of Government

1. Grégoire
 2. Cantin
 3. Wren
 4. Bernon
 5. Noel
 6. Hengeman
 7. Philens

14. I need not say that in performing the medical service attached to the Mauritius Cooly-ships. I did not mean to disregard the claims of the gentlemen who had been employed in it, and whose services it became necessary to dispense with. Their names are mentioned in the margin.

15. I have, subject your approval, appointed Mr. Grégoire to a Police Inspectorship, for which post I am informed that he is quite qualified, and I intend to offer Mr. Cantin some appointment which he would be competent to fill. The five others, I regret to say, were on board of the ship "Merchantman" which vessel is reported to have foundered with all her passengers and crew, save two men in a late cyclone in the Bay of Bengal.

I have &c.

J. Pope Hennessy

The Right Hon. J. A. Stanley Esq.

&c. &c. &c.

10. At a meeting held on the 13th ultimo, the Council adopted a report of the Finance Committee recommending that a vote should be passed to authorize the payment of "whatever additional remuneration may be required to secure duly qualified doctors for Cooly Vessels." I now submit this decision for your approval.

Enclosure V

No 275

23rd Sept/88

11. The three following duly registered medical Practitioners have already been enlisted and placed in charge of Coolies returning to India.

1. Dr. E. Portal, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.
2. Dr. E. Ronsel M.D., of the Faculty of Paris.
3. Dr. J. V. Monty, Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

12. The terms on which they were engaged are as follows:—

1. A fee of 75. for Madras, and of 75. 10d for Calcutta, per statute adult hands alive;
2. A free return-passage if immediate re-employment be not offered in India;
3. An allowance of Rs 10 per diem while detained in India awaiting return passage or re-employment.

13. On the above terms or conditions not offering much from them, I have no doubt that I shall always be able to secure the services of duly-qualified medical practitioners in future from amongst those who have studied Phonics and

7. After having vainly sought to obtain Mr Trotter's assistance in enlisting the services of properly qualified medical practitioners for the Immigration Department, I referred the whole question to the Chief Medical Officer (Dr Lovell) for his observations, by a minute dated the 24th of January last.

P. I enclose the Chief Medical Officer's report by which you will see, that, after having carefully considered the matter, he concludes with the following remarks:- "The Employment of unqualified practitioners is obviously open to grave objections" and "it would, in my opinion, be advisable to engage qualified medical men for the service, and to discontinue the system of placing unqualified persons in medical charge of Cooly vessels."

In spite of this opinion of the Chief Medical Officer Mr Trotter reported on the 7th of August last as follows: The men now employed do their work most satisfactorily and their ability or competency has not yet been questioned either by the or the Indian Government. (Protector's Report No. 504/R dated the 7th August 1885).

9. I laid the report of the Chief Medical Officer and all papers connected with the question at issue with, before the Council of Government, ~~on~~ 18th September

who was then in India, inquiring into the working of the Mauritius Emigration Agencies; and called for his remarks and recommendations.

4. Mr Trotter came to the conclusion that no change in the system was necessary. The opinion he expressed was, as follows: "It appears to me unnecessary at present to disturb the existing rules regulating the employment of medical men for Mauritius Coolie ships."

5. Mr Trotter had consulted Dr. Canham, the Mauritius Emigration Agent at Madras, who, while he admitted that he easily found persons disposed to assume medical charge of Coolies, added the following remarks - the significance of which was evidently not realised by Mr Trotter:-

"Hitherto the subordinate medical services of the Indian Government furnished most of the Surgeon Superintendents; but, as only permanent and discharged men could be obtained, it would be desirable hereafter to attract younger men with University-diplomas, by giving them the rates of pay allowed by the Natal Government."

6. Besides frequently received complaints from the Planters that the immigrants who had arrived from India were in an unsatisfactory state of health. The engagements of some had been cancelled almost at once, and others were

severely totally disabled in. On the whole, it was stated had not been immigrants.)

Enclosure IV
No 76
31 Jan'y/85

Enclosure II
No 27
24th Jan'y/84

Enclosure III
No 127
25 Jan'y/84

Enclosure V
No 293
1st Sept/85

Medical Service on Board Vessels Conveying
Coolies between India and Mauritius

Governor Sir J. Pope Hennessy K.C. In G.,
To The Right Honorable J. A. Stanley, Esq.

Mauritius

No. 537

Government House,
Mauritius, 21st November 1885.

Sir, I have the honour to invite your attention to the imperfect medical care with which Coolies conveyed either from India to Mauritius, or thence to India, have, until lately, been provided.

Enclosure I
2nd June 1887.

2. The defective system which had been in force, of entrusting the medical charge of Coolie ships to unqualified men, was brought to my notice shortly after my arrival, by a report of Mr. Dr. Greene, then Acting Protector of Immigrants. The report informed me of the fact that Dr. Descreaux, a gentleman who had been sent from this to Calcutta in medical charge of time-expired Immigrants—had been declared by the Medical Inspector of Emigrants at Calcutta to be incompetent to take charge of Emigrants from Calcutta to Mauritius.

3. I proposed
Mr. Trotter, the

General Branch
Registered No. F/218.

Mauritius
Colonial Secretary's Office
30th July 1889.

If any future correspondence
on this Subject the above No.
should be quoted.)

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. F/203
of the 19th instand, I am directed by His Excellen-
cy The Governor to transmit, for your infor-
mation and guidance, a printed copy of
papers on the Subject of Selecting only
only qualified Medical Officers to be
in Charge of Coolie Ships Sailing between
India and Mauritius.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant.
Sd. E. B. Sweet Esq.
Asst. Colonial Secretary

To

The Acting
Mauritius Emigration Agent
Madras

are not now Syphalitic they may be per-
mitted to return to Mauritius. Their old
mother may also be permitted to accom-
pany them as she will be taken care
of there by her two daughters and her
sons-in-law. She cannot be separated
from her children.

It is certainly very extraordinary
how coolies seem to lose their health
in India in a few days. The coolies
that I saw recruited at Jabbalpore
were carefully examined by me and
seemed to me to be a fine healthy
lot. On arriving here I was surprised
to see that several of them looked
very ill.

Ed. J. F. Trotter
Special Commissioner
for the

Govt of Mauritius

True Copy

[Signature]

Ag. Mauritius Emigration Agent

19th November 1883

To

The Mauritius Emigration Agent
Madras

Sir

As a general rule it would be advisable to send no coolie that had been sent to India from Mauritius under Section 160 of Ordinance 12 of 1878, back to that Colony as he is granted a free passage to India on the supposition that he is incapable of maintaining himself at Mauritius. In the case of an individual however had been sent here for some disease from which he was supposed to be suffering from which he had completely recovered here I see no reason why you should not in such a case send him back to Mauritius. The above remarks apply also to Section 2.

2 I will advise the Protector of Immigrants at Mauritius to note in future opposite the name of a coolie sent to India under Section 160 of Ord. 12 of 1878, the cause for which such immigrant has been granted a free passage. This observation is in reply to Section 3 of your letter.

3 With regard to the 3 women whom you allude to if the two young ones are

1/2 sent to India

Some of the Emigrants who have come
under your own observation, particular-
ly among those whom you yourself
Selected and passed at Subbulpore -

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
C. E. Coman M.D.

Mauritius Emigration Agent

True Copy

M. Coman

Sg. Mauritius Emigration Agent

of 1878. I respectfully submit, had the
man been an invalid his name ought
to have been entered under the head of
"invalids" instead of which the heading
under which he is placed distinctly states
that all those under that head are ship-
ped under Clause 160 "not being invalids"
It

I make the request also be-
cause I have three women applying to me
this day, returned from the Mauritius
under the same Clause by the ship
"Chastleton" two of whom had unquestion-
ably been suffering from Secondary and
Tertiary Syphilis - they had also applied
to me about 2 months ago, but as they
were very bad then, I recommended their
obtaining Medical treatment and when
sufficiently recovered I said I would
show them to Dr. Thompson the Medical
Inspector of Emigrants Madras.

With as much care and
scrutiny both by myself and Dr.
Thompson in regard to Emigrants
embarked at Madras it grieves me
to find any the slightest imputation
against the Medical Inspector of Emigrants
here prior to embarkation. That the best
of Emigrants may deteriorate either on the
voyage or even while in the Depot, you
have had practical demonstration amongst
Some

N^o 986

Mauritius Cool Emigration Agency
Madras 19th November 1883

To

The Honorable J. F. Trotter
Special Commissioner for the
Government of Mauritius
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to let me know whether it is wrong for me under any circumstance to re-embark a returned Emigrant from the Mauritius who had been sent back to India from the Colony under Section 160 of Ordinance 12 of 1878.

2. I beg leave to make this request as the B. Report of the "Whitcadder" has been referred to me with an accompanying Letter from the Honorable the Acting Protector of Immigrants calling my attention to the rejection of Nagam, N^o 392,038, who is said to have been sent out of the Colony for "Mal. Cachexia".

3. When this man was sent out of the Colony no intimation was forwarded to me stating that he was not required in the Colony again - he was entered in the Nominal Roll of the Ship "Cheetah" by which he came back to India as having been shipped under Clause 160 of Ordinance

Ag. Maritime English Agent.

Emigrated

FORM No. 5.

Form of Agreement for intending Emigrants.

Particulars of Emigrant executing a contract for service in Mauritius.

Registration.		Emigrants.		Dependents.		Sex.	Age.	Caste.	Occupation.	Residence.			Successor to Estate in India.		
Month & Date.	Number.	Name.	Father's Name.	Name.	Relationship to labourer.					District.	Taluq.	Village.	Name.	Father's Name.	Relationship.
1	2			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
February	22	M. Attilatchami Gopala Mudaly 5-4-74		"	"	male	30 yrs	Agamudai	Cultivator	Richinofolay	Do	Do	Anthna Mudaly	Lunagu Mudaly	Nephew

I agree to emigrate on the conditions of service specified on the reverse.

Dated at Madras 8th February 189

Execute in my presence.

J. M. Barlow
Registering Officer.

has been tested at
Rocky work 7.4.4. O.E.A

mark of Gopala Mudaly
This + Emigrant.

J. A. Hodgson
Ag. Immigration Agent
9th Feb

Sherr Dr. Hitchcock, referred to in
the correspondence, was only a
pensioned apothecary, holding a
honorary Surgeons Commission.

1884
Mr. E. Scott
Depl. in
Mr. J. Saurman
Mr. Newbrough

In conclusion I beg to point
out as the Honorable Mr. Trotter
hinted in his letter N^o 27 dated
24th Jan'y: 1884 to your address that
the present emigration act and Rules
do not here disqualify gentlemen
with Indian University Diploma
or even apothecaries in the Government
Indian Medical Service who possess
only College Diplomas, from procuring
in Medical Charge of Coolie Ships
from India to the Mauritius, or
to any other Colony.

Mr. D. Gillespie
Diploma
Mr. E. Currie
Mr. L. L. L.
Mr. J. L. L.
Diploma
1885
Mr. J. L. L.
Diploma
1886
Mr. J. L. L.
Diploma
1887
Mr. J. L. L.
Diploma
1888

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours Most Obedient Servant - Saint Andrew

W. H. L. L.
Ag. Mauritius Emigration Agent

True Copy

W. H. L. L.

Ag. Mauritius Emigration Agent

registration is absolutely necessary before a doctor is allowed to practice in Mauritius.

I have the honor therefore to request that arrangements be made, by the Government of Mauritius to supply me with Medical Officers for Cooly Emigrant Vessels, with qualifications such are now demanded.

D^r Comran is quoted in the printed correspondence as being able to attract Gentlemen with University Diplomas, by giving them higher rates of remuneration but I respectfully submit that D^r Comran's intention as will be seen further more on, viz; whilst endeavouring to raise the qualifications of Medical Gentlemen employed in our service, not to question the competency of those holding either an Indian University diploma, or even a diploma from the Madras Medical College, such as apothecaries in the Indian Service possess, I believe the Honble Mr. Trotter understood D^r Comran to mean that Indian University diplomas also were to be recognized, as the several appointments made by D^r Comran since January/84 plainly

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined No. 8. Name Muthakke Suthanah proceeding to Mauritius, and find that he is in a sound state of health, free from chronic skin affections, and fit for field labor. I further certify that S. Suthanah bears marks of vaccination. He is about 23 years of age. —

Signed G. Ratford
S. Chilikah. (true copy) Medical Officer in charge
Suthanah name of Emigration Dept.
of Man Emigration.

to my best to obey it if I am able to do so. I am doubtful however as to whether I shall always be able to secure the services of a gentleman with the required qualifications: but if I cannot, Emigration from this port will be delayed until a doctor is obtained, resulting or either a temporary cessation, or the incurring of heavy feeding charges in the interim thereby increasing the cost of the coolies.

The Naval Agency evidently mindful of these disadvantages employ two Special Steamers for their emigration service with doctors holding European Diplomas, permanently attached to those steamers, The Mauritius Government too had such doctors some years since.

Whereas, now, we have Dr. Lazar only, as a temporary hand, in our service who has a registered qualification of Great Britain, and who is about proceeding in charge of Emigrants per S.S. "Warona" Dr. Wells has also been employed, who is a doctor of medicine of Saint Andrews University, but I question whether this qualification of his has been registered in England, as I believe such registration

N^o 1333

Madras 6th Sept/89

To

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary
Mauritius

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 7/218 dated 30th July/89, with a printed enclosure (received here for the first time) requesting me to select only qualified Medical Officers to be placed in Medical Charge of Coolie emigrant vessels despatched from India to Mauritius.

From the printed correspondence it would appear that what is meant by "duly qualified Medical Officer" is that they must hold some European Diploma registered in England, by which qualification, they are enabled to practice in Mauritius as pointed out in the penultimate para of Mr Lovell's letter N^o 76, dated 31st Jan'y 1885 and confirmed by the orders of the Right Honble the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in His Lordship's letter dated 14th Jan'y 1886.

As the order stands, it seems to me, that it is peremptory, so I beg respectfully to state, that I shall do