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No. 6, dated Trinidad, 15th January 1890.

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IN answer to your memorandum of the 7th instant, I have the honour to state, for the information of His Excellency, that to my knowledge for the last 26 years from six to eight lepers have been allowed to return to India in every return coolie ship. If I am not mistaken, during the early part of Governor Des Vœux's administration of this Government, the question was asked whether lepers should or should not be allowed to embark [see Secretary of State's despatch about end of 1876 or beginning of 1877], and it was decided that no difference should be made between lepers and others as long as they had not open sores and were not offensive.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF Madras.

Rev. & Agri. Dept.
Emigration.

Dated Simla, the 19th May 1890.

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2. I am also to ask that, in future reports on return-immigrant vessels from the Colonies, the return of lepers may be specially noticed.

I have the honour to be,
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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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" British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal.
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