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*Report of the Protec-
tor of Immigrants
Mauritius on the
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immigrants per S.S.
"Kombessa" - *London**

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By
The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary.

So many Steamers leave now a days
for India that nearly all the better class of
immigrants return to their homes on their
own account and quite independently of this
Department, the result of which is that
only the poorest immigrants return in the
ships chartered by Government.

2.- In former days nearly all Indians
returning to India went in ships chartered
by Government, but communication is now
so cheap and easy by means of Steamers,
which constantly ply between Mauritius
and India, that the vast majority of those
who now return to India in ships chartered
by Government, are Immigrants to whom

free return passages have been granted.

3. This Government has not entered into a contract to send Immigrants back to India after they have emigrated here, but when agricultural labourers are unable to pay their return passage, and apply for a free passage to their homes, it has invariably been granted to them, and our Agents in India have been instructed to see that they are sent back to their villages in India on arrival at Calcutta or Madras.

4. - You will see from the above remarks that if the healthy and prosperous immigrants no longer return to India in Steamers chartered by Government and these Steamers only convey those to whom free passages have been granted, the vast majority of those who embark must necessarily, look aged & sickly.

5. - Now with regard to the 3 lepers, these men probably came here with the disease in a latent state, or contracted it through hereditary taint, and as they wished to return to their families in India, I had no alternatives but to give them a free passage back. I may here mention the case of the new Immigrant "Chunnapen" N^o 406,430 allotted about seven months ago to Argy Estate, who was sent to the Depot a few days back suffering from leprosy; this man could not have contracted the disease during the short time that he was here, unless it had been latent in his system.

6. In conclusion I have only to state that any attempt to prevent aged and sickly or leprous immigrants from returning to their families in India would be regarded by them as oppressive.

and unjust in the highest degree; and that
if healthy and prosperous immigrants
free will not return in ships chartered by
Government, the majority of those to
a whom free passages have been granted
after must of necessity look sickly and miserable.

(Signed) J. F. Trotter
Protector

GENERAL BRANCH.

MAURITIUS,

Registered No. 514/91

[In any future correspondence on this
subject, the above No. should be quoted.]

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

10th February 1891

SIR,

With reference to your letter No 844
of the 15th December last, I am directed by
Governor Sir Charles Cameron Lees to transmit
to you, for your information, a copy of a
report from the Protector of Immigrants on
the remarks submitted by the Protector of Emigrants
Madras, on the Emigrants who returned to India
from Mauritius in the S.S. "Mombassa" in November
last.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
Hubert H. ...
Colonial Secretary

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The Chief Secretary
to the Government
of Madras

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who emigrated on 10/11/91

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Emigrants from that Colony