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ANNUAL REPORT ON INDIAN IMMIGRATION, FOR THE YEAR 1891.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Annual Report of the Indian Immigration Department, for the year 1891.

2. Three thousand four hundred and forty-three (3,443) Statute Immigrants arrived, with 293 dependents, of whom 22 were redeemed by relatives in the Depot, and 6 refused to sign their indentures and were prosecuted.

3. Of the arrivals, 2,644 were for service in the Colony, and 799 for the Native States:—

Province Wellesley,	...	2,644
Perak,	...	614
Selangor,	...	14
Sungei Ujong,	...	100
Johor,	...	71

4. Twenty-six thousand four hundred and eighty-six (26,486) Immigrants not under indenture arrived, and 23,912 returned to their employers.

5. Enclosures A and B give the names of the persons that arrived and departed with Indian Immigrants during the year. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

BIRTHS.

6. The births reported are given below:

	Males.	Females.
Province Wellesley,	80	73
Perak,	19	16
Selangor,	3	2
Sungei Ujong,	...	1
Johor,	...	...
Total,	102	92

DEATHS.

7. Three hundred and seventy-three (373) deaths were reported by the estates in the Colony and Native States, giving a percentage of 3.69. Enclosure C shews the deaths that occurred in the Colony and those reported from the Native States.

HOSPITALS.

8. Every estate now has a hospital in which all coolies have a right to treatment. The number of Indian Immigrants admitted for treatment was 13,496 and the percentage of deaths on admissions was 2.76.

9. A very large proportion of admissions in Province Wellesley is due to ulcers on the legs, chiefly caused by *changkol* (hoe) cuts, and it has been found necessary to keep coolies so suffering out of the cane-fields, and many malingerers wishing to obtain a holiday go into hospital, so the admissions cannot be accepted as any guide.

DESERTIONS.

10. One thousand five hundred and seventy-six (1,576) Statute Immigrants deserted from the estates, and 679 were arrested. The actual number of deserters is considerably less than in previous years, and, considering that fewer estates are now employing Statute labour, the difference is considerable. Probably the temporary increase in the labour supply caused by the famine in the Madras Presidency, the very cheap passage rates existing throughout the year owing to competition between two lines of steamers, combined with the collapse of tobacco cultivation in Sumatra, which has reduced crimping, have been the chief causes of this improvement.

CONTRACTS.

11. Three thousand four hundred and eighteen (3,418) contracts were executed in this Office, and Stamp duty amounting to \$3,358 was collected.

12. The contracts for Selangor and Johor are executed in those States.

13. Two hundred and fifty-six (256) contracts were renewed in Province Wellesley.

CERTIFICATES.

14. One thousand three hundred and twenty-four (1,324) certificates under section 9 of the Immigration Ordinance were issued in this Office, and 1,857 were granted by the Assistant Indian Immigration Agent, Singapore.

15. Thirty-three (33) persons were prosecuted in Penang for attempting to leave the Colony without certificates, and were fined in various sums.

GENERAL REMARKS.

16. The Labour Commission submitted their report to Government on the 7th March, 1891, and I understand their recommendations on the Indian Labour question have been accepted by Government, but I regret that as yet no practical result has followed.

17. Although the *Depôt* at *atam* has done good work, and Mr. HARDAKER, the Superintendent, has been very diligent in his examinations, coolies unfitted for agricultural labour by previous occupation, and when you see a diseased, emaciated cooly in hospital, you are certain to find that he is a weaver, a cattle breeder, or of some such class.

18. It has often been asserted that, so long as the cooly distinctly understands what work he is coming to, his previous occupation is no bar to his becoming a good labourer, but my experience here of twelve years has proved to me that men not used to field labour are absolutely useless on sugar and tapioca estates.

19. The work on coffee, tea and pepper estates is so much lighter that many men who have not previously been field-labourers pull through, but it is not advisable to introduce such classes, both for their own sakes and in the interests of the employers, but they will certainly continue to arrive until recruiting is put on a proper footing.

20. The proportion of the various classes of passengers who arrived by the subsidized steamers is given below as follows:—

Merchants,	...	...	13.91
Mahomedan Coolies,	...	...	30.74
Hindoo Coolies,	...	...	44.20
Mechanics,	...	...	4.16
Women,	...	...	6.96

but 6,163 passengers arrived by other boats, and I have not been able to obtain this information regarding them.

21. Caledonia and Byram Estates in Province Wellesley show the highest death-rate, and there is no apparent reason to account for it, unless the water is impure, and I have asked the Colonial Surgeon to have some analysed.

22. Waterloo in Perak still apparently remains unhealthy, both Europeans and Natives suffer. A fine new hospital has been built on the estate, with a competent man in charge, but I am afraid this estate will never suit the low country Natives. Judging, however, from my experience of the Wynaad, which appears to me much the same climate, I think Natives of Mysore would be found more satisfactory.

23. It will, I think, be found that, although some of the estates show a higher death-rate than one would wish to see, still there is a vast improvement, and I trust that the high mortality which occurred in the Native States in previous years will not recur.

24. In an isolated estate in Johor, I found decidedly unwholesome food being given to Immigrants, but prompt measures were taken by the owners and Government, and I was glad to find, on my next inspection, a great improvement in the appearance of the men, and the rations supplied were of good quality.

25. The chief causes of death amongst the coolies employed in the Peninsula are, it will be seen, diarrhoea, dysentery, and debility.

26. Statement F shows the gradual but steady increase in Indian Immigration during the last twelve years, and I can fairly say that mercantile transactions have increased proportionately.

27. In 1880, when I took charge of this Department, an occasional small steamer sufficed, whereas in 1891 no less than 39 large steamers arrived from the Madras Ports.

28. There is no doubt that the traffic is not at present sufficient to keep these going, but will suffice to keep two large, well-appointed steamers like the "Pundua" and "Purnea" on a fortnightly run.

29. No Statute Immigrants are now employed at Malacca. The contracts of those under indenture expired, and the Chinese who employed them have become bankrupts.

30. One hundred and eleven (111) Immigrants arrived from Rangoon, partly Telugus and partly Bengalees, for employment on the railway at Selangor under the Contractor, Mr. MURRAY CAMPBELL. They were under verbal agreement for one year, and were brought by some headmen. I am not aware that the law permits recruiting in Rangoon, and that these men were recruited I satisfied myself. They gave considerable trouble during their stay in Penang.

31. I have to thank the employers of "guslab" and my Assistant for the hearty co-operation I have received from them.

I have, &c.,

H. EVANS,
Acting Indian Immigration Agent,
Straits Settlements.

for A. M. MACGREGOR,
Indian Immigration Agent,
Straits Settlements.

INDIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE,
Penang, 18th March, 1892.

STATEMENT A.

List of Vessels which arrived in 1891 with Statute Immigrants and Passengers from the Madras Ports.

Names of Vessels.	From what Port.	Dates of Arrival. 1891.	Immigrants.			Passen- gers.	Total.
			Men.	Women.	Dependents.		
S. S. "Camorta,"	Madras & Coast Ports.	14th January,	80	25	11	244	354½
"Meanatchy,"	"	28th " "	77	19	10	349½	450½
"Tannadice,"	"	9th February,	...	...	...	532	532
"Goalpara,"	"	10th " "	129	42	8	261	436
"Meanatchy,"	"	24th " "	100	36	14	445	588
"Tannadice,"	"	9th March,	...	...	...	371	371
"Goalpara,"	"	10th " "	80	32	7	202½	318
"Meanatchy,"	"	24th " "	83	33	4	470	588
"Tannadice,"	"	4th April,	...	...	...	394	394
"Goalpara,"	"	7th " "	95	25	6	174	297
"Meanatchy,"	"	21st " "	83	16	9	448½	552
"Tannadice,"	"	1st May,	...	...	...	410	410
"Goalpara,"	"	5th " "	102	28	16	354½	492½
"Meanatchy,"	"	19th " "	142	33	15	446½	629
"Tannadice,"	"	28th " "	...	...	...	579	579
"Goalpara,"	"	2nd June,	146	33	7	741	923½
"Meanatchy,"	"	15th " "	120	39	10	757½	921½
"Tannadice,"	"	25th " "	...	...	...	580	580
"Goalpara,"	"	29th " "	158	52	8	710½	929½
"Purnea,"	"	11th July,	91	16	4	1,224	1,333
"Pundua,"	"	23rd " "	111	30	9	1,320½	1,466
"Tannadice,"	"	24th " "	...	...	...	577	577
"Vasna,"	"	29th " "	...	...	...	195	195
"Purnea,"	"	5th August,	64	16	11	1,274	1,360
"Pundua,"	"	10th " "	149	55	20	1,074	1,288
"Tannadice,"	"	25th " "	...	...	...	600	600
"Purnea,"	"	4th September,	181	54	19	1,197½	1,442
"Pundua,"	"	16th " "	140	35	19	1,293½	1,478
"Tannadice,"	"	23rd " "	...	...	...	590	590
"Purnea,"	"	30th " "	...	9	...	1,367	1,376
"Pundua,"	"	20th October,	45	20	...	1,378½	1,443
"Tannadice,"	"	21st " "	...	...	7	330	330
"Purnea,"	"	2nd November,	24	19	4	721½	766½
"Pundua,"	"	20th " "	44	13	8	1,036	1,097
"Tannadice,"	"	22nd " "	...	...	...	592	592
"Purnea,"	"	30th " "	77	32	14	1,034	1,250
"Pundua,"	"	22nd December,	213	51	33	1,272½	1,553
"Tannadice,"	"	27th " "	...	...	...	413	413
"Purnea,"	"	29th " "	107	39	10	385½	536½
Total,...			2,641	802	293	26,446½	30,036

STATEMENT B.

List of Vessels which left for Madras Ports with Passengers in 1891.

Names of Vessels.	Dates of Departure.	No. of Passen- gers.	For what Port.
S. S. "Meanatchy,"	8th January, 1891.	721	Madras via Coast Ports.
"Tannadice,"	19th " "	281	" "
"Camorta,"	22nd " "	296	" "
"Meanatchy,"	5th February, " "	701	" "
"Tannadice,"	19th " "	554	" "
"Goalpara,"	19th " "	182	" "
"Meanatchy,"	5th March, " "	717	" "
"Tannadice,"	18th " "	442	" "
"Goalpara,"	19th " "	354	" "
"Meanatchy,"	2nd April, " "	874	" "
"Tannadice,"	13th " "	468	" "
"Goalpara,"	16th " "	813	" "
"Meanatchy,"	30th " "	180	" "
"Tannadice,"	9th May, " "	596	" "
"Goalpara,"	14th " "	906	" "
"Meanatchy,"	27th " "	632	" "
"Tannadice,"	5th June, " "	600	" "
"Goalpara,"	10th " "	753	" "
"Purnea,"	24th " "	621	" "
"Pundua,"	3rd July, " "	330	" "
"Tannadice,"	3rd " "	481	" "
"Purnea,"	18th " "	427	" "
"Pundua,"	31st " "	1,182	" "
"Tannadice,"	6th August, " "	612	" "
"Purnea,"	14th " "	700	" "
"Pundua,"	28th " "	1,013	" "
"Tannadice,"	4th September, " "	457	" "
"Purnea,"	12th " "	671	" "
"Pundua,"	1st October, " "	1,062	" "
"Tannadice,"	2nd " "	640	" "
"Purnea,"	15th " "	885	" "
"Pundua,"	30th " "	994	" "
"Tannadice,"	2nd November, " "	264	" "
"Purnea,"	12th " "	770	" "
"Pundua,"	27th " "	1,033	" "
"Tannadice,"	2nd December, " "	544	" "
"Purnea,"	11th " "	546	" "
"Pundua,"	25th " "	610	" "
Total,...		23,912	" "

STATEMENT C.

Cause of Death.	Province Wellesley.	NATIVE STATES.				TOTAL.
		Perak.	Selangor.	Sungei Ujong.	Johor.	
Abortion, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Amputation, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Anemia, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bright's Disease, ...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Childbirth, ...	5	1	...	...	1	7
Choleric Diarrhoea, ...	1	1	...	1	...	3
Cholera, ...	9	...	...	...	...	9
Consumption, ...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Colic, ...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Convulsion, ...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Debility, ...	47	24	...	3	2	76
Diarrhoea, ...	84	25	3	3	...	115
Dropsy, ...	7	...	...	...	...	7
Drowned, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery, ...	20	69	...	...	3	98
Epilepsy, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Fever, ...	3	2	1	1	...	7
Fracture of Spine, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Gangrene, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Heart Disease, ...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Hemorrhage, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Inflammation of Stomach, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Paralysis, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Peritonitis, ...	1	...	...	...	1	2
Pneumonia, ...	9	8	...	...	...	17
Phthisis, ...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Puerperal Fever, ...	3	...	1	...	...	4
Poisoned, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Primary Syphilis, ...	9	1	...	...	...	10
Remittent Fever, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Rupture of Liver, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Secondary Syphilis, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small-pox, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Suicide, ...	4	1	...	...	...	5
Syphilis, ...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Tetanus, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Ulcer, ...	...	4	...	...	...	4
Total, ...	208	144	6	8	7	373

STATEMENT D.
Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in Province Wellesley, 1891.

ESTATES.	No. of Immigrants employed on 1st January, 1891.	No. of Arrivals in 1891.	No. of Immigrants employed under second Contract.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1891.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1891.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths on Totals as shewn in Column 4.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1891.	No. of Convictions.	No. of Admissions into Hospital.	Percentage of Deaths on the Cases in Hospital.	No. returned to India.	No. discharged by Expiration of Contract.	No. discharged by Mutual Consent.	No. discharged by Redemption of Contract.	Transferred in 1890.	No. of Coolies employed not under Protection on 31st December, 1891.		Remaining on Estates on 31st December, 1891.	No. employed under second Contract or without Contract who arrived from India under indenture.
																				Men.	Women.		
Byram, ...	337	606	...	943	107	9	74	7.84	180	64	...	58	2,112	3.50	...	82	95	6	3	209	71	567	209
Batu Kawan, ...	920	486	58	1,464	44	1	31	2.11	105	96	2	68	1,919	1.61	...	327	14	3	...	128	...	1,020	186
Caledonia, ...	1,002	477	36	1,605	92	1	75	4.67	255	109	8	133	1,914	3.91	...	544	74	12	...	110	15	754	494
Malakoff, ...	424	164	162	750	...	6	4	.53	114	69	5	225	2,061	...	...	189	24	22	...	30	85	466	Not known.
Permatang Bertam, ...	"	43	...	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	1	42	...
Prye, ...	724	359	...	1,083	20	8	16	1.47	291	131	21	146	1,762	.90	3	118	27	11	...	449	10	748	...
Trans-Krian, ...	178	402	...	580	61	...	4	.68	109	56	1	29	1,221	.32	...	44	4	10	...	5	6	447	45
Valdor, ...	203	107	...	310	8	4	4	1.29	30	...	...	...	975	.41	3	26	1	28	...	39	4	244	24
Total, ...	3,878	2,644	256	6,778	347	29	208	3.06	1,144	533	37	659	11,966	1.73	6	1,330	239	93	3	1,040	192	4,288	958

STATEMENT E.

Accounting for all Salute Immigrants employed in the Native States, 1891.

ESTATES.	No. of Immigrants employed on 1st January, 1891.	No. of Arrivals in 1891.	No. of Immigrants employed under 2nd Contract in 1891.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1891.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1891.	No. of Deaths in 1891.	Percentage of Deaths on Totals as shown in Column 4.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1891.	No. of Convictions.	No. of Admissions into Hospital.	Percentage of Deaths on the Cases in Hospital.	No. returned to India.	No. discharged by Expiration of Contract.	No. discharged by mutual Consent.	No. discharged by Redemption of Contract.	Transferred in 1891.	No. of Indian Coolies employed not under Protection on 31st December, 1891.		No. employed under 2nd Contract or without Contract who arrived from India under Indenture.
																				Men.	Women.	
PERAK.																						
Gula, ...	1,069	332	...	1,401	...	50	40	2.85	255	88	3	149	635	6.29	...	270	13	75	...	310	23	836
Waterloo, ...	125	178	...	303	...	14	92	30.36	57	15	...	5	300	30.66	...	36	71	1	...	53	...	61
Kamuning, ...	153	8	...	161	...	...	7	4.34	4	...	...	4	20	35.00	...	117	2	24	...	142	16	8
Sungei Bogah, ...	24	96	...	120	...	...	3	2.50	20	17	...	...	43	6.97	...	...	...	...	...	16	6	...
Larut-Krian Road, ...	49	...	...	49	...	...	2	4.08	12	1	...	...	45	4.44	...	...	1	...	...	186	...	113
Total ...	1,420	614	...	2,034	12	64	144	7.07	348	122	3	169	1,043	13.80	...	423	87	101	...	707	45	1053
SELANGOR.																						
Batu Caves, ...	32	13	...	45	...	...	3	6.66	...	...	...	...	6	50.00	...	17	...	5	...	60	10	19
Weld's Hill, ...	33	1	...	35	...	...	1	2.85	...	...	...	...	9	11.11	...	9	1	4	...	70	28	19
Tremelbye, ...	44	...	...	44	1	...	2	4.54	2	...	...	3	25	8.00	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	23
Total ...	109	14	...	124	1	...	6	4.83	2	...	...	3	40	15.00	2	42	1	10	...	130	38	61
SUNGEI UJONG.																						
Linsum, ...	173	100	...	273	7	3	8	2.93	52	16	...	13	314	2.54	...	76	8	3	...	64	7	142
Sungei Ujong Government, ...	32	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Sungei Ujong Railway, ...	627	...	...	627	Discharged.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total, ...	832	100	...	932	7	3	8	8.5	52	16	...	13	314	2.54	...	76	9	3	...	64	7	173
JOHOR.																						
Letty Brook, ...	77	...	...	77	2	...	3	3.89	16	5	...	2	40	7.5	...	8	8	...	...	64	10	47
Cambus, ...	10	...	...	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	3	2	...	...	20	3	5
Jaffera, ...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Stoke Rochford,*	43	...	...	43	3	...	3	6.97	3	1	...	...	70	4.28	...	15	6	...	...	75	7	17
Tebnan, ...	31	71	...	102	1	...	1	.98	10	1	...	...	12	...	...	4	1	...	...	93	7	87
Total, ...	165	71	...	236	7	...	7	2.96	30	8	...	2	133	5.26	...	31	17	1	...	252	27	158
Grand Total, ...	2,526	799	1	3,326	27	67	165	4.96	432	146	3	187	1,530	10.78	2	572	114	115	...	1,153	117	1,445

STATEMENT F.

	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891
Immigrants under Indenture, ...	1,191	879	1,452	1,450	1,539	1,642	2,748	4,736	4,684	2,747	2,960	3,443
Dependents, ...	107	159	209	176	177	49	244	310	317	174	172	293
Immigrants, ...	3,755	5,769	8,276	8,979	14,365	19,819	17,316	12,156	15,812½	15,285	15,341	26,446½
Total Arrivals, ...	5,053	6,807	9,937	10,605	16,081	21,510	20,308	17,202	20,813½	18,206	18,473	30,182½
Returned to India, ...	...	5,269	5,947	9,041	10,749	13,417	18,105	12,596	13,190	14,099	15,276	23,912
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INDIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE,
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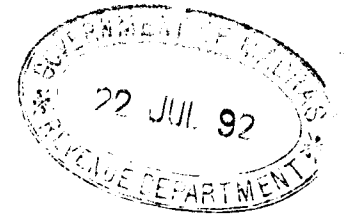
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ANNUAL REPORT ON INDIAN IMMIGRATION, FOR THE YEAR 1891.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Annual Report of the Indian Immigration Department, for the year 1891.

2. Three thousand four hundred and forty-three (3,443) Statute Immigrants arrived, with 293 dependents, of whom 22 were redeemed by relatives in the Dépôt, and 6 refused to sign their indentures and were prosecuted.

3. Of the arrivals, 2,644 were for service in the Colony, and 799 for the Native States:—

Province Wellesley,	...	...	2,644
Perak,	...	...	614
Selangor,	...	...	14
Sungei Ujong,	...	...	100
Johor,	...	...	71

4. Twenty-six thousand four hundred and forty-six (26,446) Immigrants not under indenture arrived, and 23,912 returned to India.

5. Enclosures A and B give the names of the ships that arrived and departed with Indian Immigrants during the year.

BIRTHS.

6. The births reported are given below:—

	Males.		Females.
Province Wellesley,	80	...	73
Perak,	19	...	16
Selangor,	3	...	2
Sungei Ujong,	...	...	1
Johor,	...	...	...
Total,...	102		92

DEATHS.

7. Three hundred and seventy-three (373) deaths were reported by the estates in the Colony and Native States, giving a percentage of 3.69. Enclosure C shews the deaths that occurred in the Colony and those reported from the Native States.

HOSPITALS.

8. Every estate now has a hospital in which all coolies have a right to treatment. The number of Indian Immigrants admitted for treatment was 13,496 and the percentage of deaths on admissions was 2.76.

9. A very large proportion of admissions in Province Wellesley is due to ulcers on the legs, chiefly caused by *changkol* (hoe) cuts, and it has been found necessary to keep coolies so suffering out of the cane-fields, and many malingerers wishing to obtain a holiday go into hospital, so the admissions cannot be accepted as any guide to the health of estates.

DESERTIONS.

10. One thousand five hundred and seventy-six (1,576) Statute Immigrants deserted from the estates, and 679 were arrested. The actual number of deserters is considerably less than in previous years, and, considering that fewer estates are now employing Statute labour, the difference is considerable. Probably the temporary increase in the labour supply caused by the famine in the Madras Presidency, the very cheap passage rates existing throughout the year owing to competition between two lines of steamers, combined with the collapse of tobacco cultivation in Sumatra, which has reduced crimping, have been the chief causes of this improvement.

CONTRACTS.

11. Three thousand four hundred and eighteen (3,418) contracts were executed in this Office, and Stamp duty amounting to \$3,358 was collected.

12. The contracts for Selangor and Johor are executed in those States.

13. Two hundred and fifty-six (256) contracts were renewed in Province Wellesley.

CERTIFICATES.

14. One thousand three hundred and twenty-four (1,324) certificates under section 9 of the Immigration Ordinance were issued in this Office, and 1,857 were granted by the Assistant Indian Immigration Agent, Singapore.

15. Thirty-three (33) persons were prosecuted in Penang for attempting to leave the Colony without certificates, and were fined in various sums.

GENERAL REMARKS.

16. The Labour Commission submitted their report to Government on the 7th March, 1891, and I understand their recommendations on the Indian Labour question have been accepted by Government, but I regret that as yet no practical result has followed.

17. Although the Dépôt at Negapatam has done good work, and Mr. HARDAKER, the Superintendent, has been very strict in his examinations, coolies unfitted for agricultural labour by previous occupation have unfortunately got through by misrepresentation, and when you see a dejected, emaciated cooly in hospital, you are certain to find that he is a weaver, a cattle herd or of some such class.

18. It has often been asserted that, so long as the cooly distinctly understands what work he is coming to, his previous occupation is no bar to his becoming a good labourer, but my experience here of twelve years has proved to me that men not used to field labour are absolutely useless on sugar and tapioca estates.

19. The work on coffee, tea and pepper estates is so much lighter that many men who have not previously been field-labourers pull through, but it is not advisable to introduce such classes, both for their own sakes and in the interests of the employers, but they will certainly continue to arrive until recruiting is put on a proper footing.

20. The proportion of the various classes of passengers who arrived by the subsidized steamers is given below as follows:—

Merchants,	...	...	13.91
Mahomedan Coolies,	...	...	30.74
Hindoo Coolies,	...	...	44.20
Mechanics,	...	...	4.16
Women,	...	...	6.96

but 6,163 passengers arrived by other boats, and I have not been able to obtain this information regarding them.

21. Caledonia and Byram Estates in Province Wellesley show the highest death-rate, and there is no apparent reason to account for it, unless the water is impure, and I have asked the Colonial Surgeon to have some analysed.

22. Waterloo in Perak still apparently remains unhealthy, both Europeans and Natives suffer. A fine new hospital has been built on the estate, with a competent man in charge, but I am afraid this estate will never suit the low country Natives. Judging, however, from my experience of the Wynaad, which appears to me much the same climate, I think Natives of Mysore would be found more satisfactory.

23. It will, I think, be found that, although some of the estates show a higher death-rate than one would wish to see, still there is a vast improvement, and I trust that the high mortality which occurred in the Native States in previous years will not recur.

24. In an isolated estate in Johor, I found decidedly unwholesome food being given to Immigrants, but prompt measures were taken by the owners and Government, and I was glad to find, on my next inspection, a great improvement in the appearance of the men, and the rations supplied were of good quality.

25. The chief causes of death amongst the coolies employed in the Peninsula are, it will be seen, diarrhoea, dysentery, and debility.

26. Statement F shows the gradual but steady increase in Indian Immigration during the last twelve years, and I can fairly say that mercantile transactions have increased proportionately.

27. In 1880, when I took charge of this Department, an occasional small steamer sufficed, whereas in 1891 no less than 39 large steamers arrived from the Madras Ports.

28. There is no doubt that the traffic is not at present sufficient to keep these going, but will suffice to keep two large, well-appointed steamers like the "Pundua" and "Purnea" on a fortnightly run.

29. No Statute Immigrants are now employed at Malacca. The contracts of those under indenture expired, and the Chinese who employed them have become bankrupts.

30. One hundred and eleven (111) Immigrants arrived from Rangoon, partly Telugus and partly Bengalees, for employment on the railway at Selangor under the Contractor, Mr. MURRAY CAMPBELL. They were under verbal agreement for one year, and were brought by some headmen. I am not aware that the law permits recruiting in Rangoon, and that these men were recruited I satisfied myself. They gave considerable trouble during their stay in Penang.

31. I have to thank the employers of labour and my Assistant for the hearty co-operation I have received from them.

I have, &c.,

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STATEMENT A.

List of Vessels which arrived in 1891 with Statute Immigrants and Passengers from the Madras Ports.

Names of Vessels.	From what Port.	Dates of Arrival. 1891.	Immigrants.			Passen- gers.	Total.
			Men.	Women.	Dependents.		
S. S. "Camorta,"	Madras & Coast Ports.	14th January,	80	25	11	244	354½
"Meanatchy,"	"	28th "	77	19	10	349½	450½
"Tannadice,"	"	9th February,	...	...	...	532	532
"Goalpara,"	"	10th "	129	42	8	261	436
"Meanatchy,"	"	24th "	100	36	14	445	588
"Tannadice,"	"	9th March,	...	...	...	371	371
"Goalpara,"	"	10th "	80	32	7	202½	318
"Meanatchy,"	"	24th "	83	33	4	470	588
"Tannadice,"	"	4th April,	...	...	...	394	394
"Goalpara,"	"	7th "	95	25	6	174	297
"Meanatchy,"	"	21st "	83	16	9	448½	552
"Tannadice,"	"	1st May,	...	...	...	410	410
"Goalpara,"	"	5th "	102	28	16	354½	492½
"Meanatchy,"	"	19th "	142	33	15	446½	629
"Tannadice,"	"	28th "	...	...	...	579	579
"Goalpara,"	"	2nd June,	146	33	7	741	923½
"Meanatchy,"	"	15th "	120	39	10	757½	921½
"Tannadice,"	"	25th "	...	...	...	580	580
"Goalpara,"	"	29th "	158	52	8	710½	929½
"Purnea,"	"	11th July,	91	16	4	1,224	1,333
"Pundua,"	"	23rd "	111	30	9	1,320½	1,466
"Tannadice,"	"	24th "	...	...	...	577	577
"Vasna,"	"	29th "	...	...	...	195	195
"Purnea,"	"	5th August,	64	16	11	1,274	1,360
"Pundua,"	"	19th "	149	55	20	1,074	1,288
"Tannadice,"	"	25th "	...	...	...	600	600
"Purnea,"	"	4th September,	181	54	19	1,197½	1,442
"Pundua,"	"	16th "	140	35	19	1,293½	1,478
"Tannadice,"	"	23rd "	...	...	...	590	590
"Purnea,"	"	30th "	...	9	...	1,367	1,376
"Pundua,"	"	20th October,	45	20	7	1,378½	1,443
"Tannadice,"	"	21st "	...	...	...	330	330
"Purnea,"	"	2nd November,	24	19	4	721½	766½
"Pundua,"	"	20th "	44	13	8	1,036	1,097
"Tannadice,"	"	22nd "	...	...	...	592	592
"Purnea,"	"	30th "	77	32	14	1,034	1,250
"Pundua,"	"	22nd December,	213	51	33	1,272½	1,553
"Tannadice,"	"	27th "	...	...	...	413	413
"Purnea,"	"	29th "	107	39	10	385½	536½
Total,...			2,641	802	293	26,446½	30,036

STATEMENT B.

List of Vessels which left for Madras Ports with Passengers in 1891.

Names of Vessels.	Dates of Departure.	No. of Passen- gers.	For what Port.
S. S. "Meanatchy,"	8th January, 1891.	721	Madras <i>via</i> Coast Ports.
"Tannadice,"	19th "	281	" "
"Camorta,"	22nd "	296	" "
"Meanatchy,"	5th February, "	701	" "
"Tannadice,"	19th "	554	" "
"Goalpara,"	19th "	182	" "
"Meanatchy,"	5th March, "	717	" "
"Tannadice,"	18th "	442	" "
"Goalpara,"	19th "	354	" "
"Meanatchy,"	2nd April, "	874	" "
"Tannadice,"	13th "	468	" "
"Goalpara,"	16th "	813	" "
"Meanatchy,"	30th "	180	" "
"Tannadice,"	9th May, "	596	" "
"Goalpara,"	14th "	906	" "
"Meanatchy,"	27th "	632	" "
"Tannadice,"	5th June, "	600	" "
"Goalpara,"	10th "	753	" "
"Purnea,"	24th "	621	" "
"Pundua,"	3rd July, "	330	" "
"Tannadice,"	3rd "	481	" "
"Purnea,"	18th "	427	" "
"Pundua,"	31st "	1,182	" "
"Tannadice,"	6th August, "	612	" "
"Purnea,"	14th "	700	" "
"Pundua,"	28th "	1,013	" "
"Tannadice,"	4th September, "	457	" "
"Purnea,"	12th "	671	" "
"Pundua,"	1st October, "	1,062	" "
"Tannadice,"	2nd "	640	" "
"Purnea,"	15th "	885	" "
"Pundua,"	30th "	994	" "
"Tannadice,"	2nd November, "	264	" "
"Purnea,"	12th "	770	" "
"Pundua,"	27th "	1,033	" "
"Tannadice,"	2nd December, "	544	" "
"Purnea,"	11th "	546	" "
"Pundua,"	25th "	610	" "
Total,...		23,912	" "

STATEMENT C.

Cause of Death.	Province Wellesley.	NATIVE STATES.				TOTAL.
		Perak.	Selangor.	Sungei Ujong.	Johor.	
Abortion, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Amputation, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Anæmia, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bright's Disease, ...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Childbirth, ...	5	1	...	...	1	7
Choleric Diarrhoea, ...	1	1	...	1	...	3
Cholera, ...	9	...	...	...	...	9
Consumption, ...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Colic, ...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Convulsion, ...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Debility, ...	47	24	...	3	2	76
Diarrhoea, ...	84	25	3	3	...	115
Dropsy, ...	7	...	...	...	...	7
Drowned, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery, ...	20	63	...	...	3	86
Epilepsy, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Fever, ...	3	2	1	1	...	7
Fracture of Spine, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Gangrene, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Heart Disease, ...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Hæmorrhage, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Inflammation of Stomach, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Paralysis, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Peritonitis, ...	1	...	...	...	1	2
Pneumonia, ...	6	8	...	...	...	14
Phthisis, ...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Puerperal Fever, ...	3	...	1	...	...	4
Poisoned, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Primary Syphilis, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Remittent Fever, ...	6	...	...	...	...	6
Rupture of Liver, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Secondary Syphilis, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Small-pox, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Suicide, ...	4	...	...	...	...	5
Syphilis, ...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Tetanus, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Ulcer, ...	...	4	...	...	...	4
Total, ...	208	144	6	8	7	373

STATEMENT D.
Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in Province Wellesley, 1891.

ESTATES.	No. of Immigrants employed on 1st January, 1891.	No. of Arrivals in 1891.	No. of Immigrants employed under second Contract.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1891.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1891.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths on Totals as shewn in Column 4.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1891.	No. of Convictions.	No. of Admissions into Hospital.	Percentage of Deaths on the Cases in Hospital.	No. returned to India.	No. discharged by Expiration of Contract.	No. discharged by Mutual Consent.	No. discharged by Redemption of Contract.	Transferred in 1890.	No. of Coolies employed not under Protection on 31st December, 1891.		Remaining on Estates on 31st December, 1891.	No. employed under second Contract or without Contract who arrived from India under Indenture.	
																				Men.	Women.			
Byram, ...	337	606	...	943	9	107	74	784	180	64	...	58	2,112	3.50	...	82	95	6	3	209	71	567	209	
Batu Kawan, ...	920	486	58	1,464	1	44	31	2,111	165	96	2	68	1,919	1.61	...	327	14	3	...	128	...	1,020	186	
Caledonia, ...	1,092	477	36	1,605	1	92	75	4,677	255	109	8	133	1,914	3.91	...	544	74	12	...	110	15	754	494	
Malakoff, ...	424	164	162	750	6	15	4	53	114	69	5	225	2,061	.19	...	189	24	22	...	30	85	466	Not known.	
Permatang Bertam, ...	...	43	...	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	70	1	42	...
Prye, ...	724	359	...	1,083	8	...	16	1,477	291	131	21	146	1,762	.90	3	118	27	11	...	449	10	748	...	
Trans-Krian, ...	178	402	...	580	...	61	4	68	109	56	1	29	1,221	.32	...	44	4	28	...	5	6	447	45	
Valdor, ...	203	107	...	310	4	8	4	129	30	8	...	...	975	.41	3	26	1	10	...	39	4	244	24	
Total,...	3,878	2,644	256	6,778	29	347	208	3,067	1,144	533	37	659	11,966	1.73	6	1,330	239	93	3	1,040	192	4,288	958	

STATEMENT E. Accounting for all *Satute* Immigrants employed in the Native States, 1891.

Accounting for all Satute Immigrants employed in the Native States, 1891.

ESTATES.

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PERAK.																							
Gula, ...	1,069	332	...	1,401	...	50	40	2.85	255	88	3	149	635	6.29	...	270	13	75	...	310	23	836	
Waterloo, ...	125	178	...	303	4	14	92	30.30	57	1	...	5	300	30.66	...	36	71	1	...	53	...	61	
Kamuning, ...	153	8	...	161	...	...	7	4.34	4	...	...	4	20	35.00	...	117	2	24	...	142	16	8	
Sungei Bogah, ...	24	96	...	120	7	...	3	2.50	20	17	...	11	43	6.97	...	...	...	1	...	186	...	113	
Larut-Krian Road, ...	49	...	...	49	1	...	2	4.08	12	1	...	...	45	4.44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	
Total ...	1,420	614	...	2,034	12	64	144	7.07	348	122	3	169	1,043	13.80	...	423	87	101	...	707	45	1053	
SELANGOR.																							
Batu Caves, ...	32	13	...	45	...	...	3	6.66	...	...	...	...	6	50.00	...	17	...	5	...	60	10	19	
Weld's Hill, ...	33	1	...	35	...	...	1	2.85	...	...	...	...	9	11.11	...	9	1	4	...	70	28	19	
Tremelbye, ...	44	...	...	44	1	...	2	4.54	2	...	...	3	25	8.00	...	16	...	1	...	...	...	23	
Total, ...	109	14	...	124	1	...	6	4.83	2	...	...	3	40	15.00	...	2	42	1	10	...	130	38	61
SUNGEI UJONG.																							
Linsum, ...	173	100	...	273	7	3	8	2.93	52	16	...	13	314	2.54	...	76	8	3	...	64	7	142	
Sungei Ujong Government, ...	627	...	...	627	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	31	
Sungei Ujong Railway, ...	832	100	...	932	7	3	8	8.5	52	16	...	13	314	2.54	...	76	9	3	...	64	7	173	
Total, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Johor.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Letty Brook, ...	77	...	...	77	2	...	3	3.89	16	5	...	2	40	7.5	...	8	8	...	...	64	10	47	
Cambus, ...	10	...	...	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	3	2	...	...	20	3	5	
Jafferia, ...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	
Stoke Rochford,*	43	...	...	43	3	...	3	6.97	3	1	...	...	70	4.28	...	15	...	6	...	75	7	17	
Tebran, ...	31	71	...	102	1	...	1	9.8	10	1	...	...	12	...	...	4	1	...	...	93	7	87	
Total, ...	165	71	...	236	7	...	7	2.96	30	8	...	2	133	5.26	...	31	17	1	...	252	27	158	
Grand Total, ...	2,526	799	1	3,326	27	67	165	4.96	432	146	3	187	1,530	10.78	2	572	114	115	...	1,153	117	1,445	

STATEMENT F.

	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891
Immigrants under Indenture, ...	1,191	879	1,452	1,450	1,539	1,642	2,748	4,736	4,684	2,747	2,960	3,413
Dependents, ...	107	159	209	176	177	49	244	310	317	174	172	293
Immigrants, ...	3,755	5,769	8,276	8,979	14,365	19,819	17,316	12,156	15,812½	15,285	15,341	26,446½
Total Arrivals, ...	5,053	6,807	9,937	10,605	16,081	21,510	20,308	17,202	20,813½	18,206	18,473	30,182½
Returned to India, ...	...	5,269	5,947	9,041	10,749	13,417	18,105	12,596	13,190	14,099	15,276	23,912
Remained in the Colony, ...	...	1,538	3,990	1,564	5,332	8,093	2,203	4,606	7,623	4,107	3,197	6,270½

H. EVANS,
*Acting Indian Immigration Agent,
Straits Settlements.*

for A. M. MACGREGOR,
*Indian Immigration Agent,
Straits Settlements.*

INDIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE,
Penang, 18th March, 1892.

No. $\frac{1542}{42}$

FROM

SIR E. C. BUCK, KT., C.S.I.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Rev. & Agri. Dept.
Emigration.

Simla, the 8th July 1892.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Annual Report on Indian Immigration to the Straits Settlements for the year 1891, which was forwarded with your letter No. 3359 of the 10th May last.

2. The report is generally satisfactory. But the attention of the Government of India has been attracted to the enormous mortality on the Waterloo estate in Perak, which reached the high figure of 30.36 per cent., while the explanation that the plantation remains unhealthy and is unsuitable to the low country natives appears hardly sufficient to account for so excessive a death-rate. The death-rate on several other estates also was exceedingly high.

3. I am to offer the suggestion that in cases of such exceptional character special investigations should be instituted, with the object not only of requiring proprietors to introduce necessary sanitary improvements, but of considering whether the garden should any longer be allowed to recruit or employ labourers of the class in which the excessive mortality has been found to occur.

I am to take the opportunity to enquire whether any of the deaths among immigrants is attributable to the prevalence of the disease known as *Anchylostomiasis* or Beri-beri, which is believed to exist in the Colony, and has been found in India and Ceylon to be a frequent cause of mortality on plantations.

4. With reference to paragraph 16 I am to ask whether the Government of India may be favoured with a copy of any orders or review which may be

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recorded by the Government of the Straits on the Report of the Labour Commission which was appended to your letter No. 3138 of the 5th May 1891.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. C. BUCK,

Secretary to the Government of India.

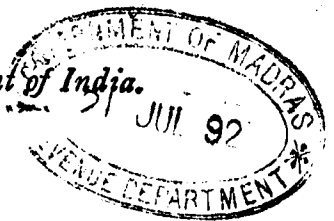
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Madras COPY, together with a copy of the Report, forwarded to the Government of for information.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 30 of the Report, and it is requested that enquiries may be made of the Chief Commissioner of Burma regarding the recruitment of labour from that Province for the Straits.

By order,

John Maclean
Under-Secretary to the Government of India.



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1892.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.
EMIGRATION.

FILE NO. 42.

SERIAL NO. 2.

To

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

No. 1542 .
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Dated Simla, the 8th July 1892.

SUBJECT.

Communicates remarks on the Report on Indian Immigration to the Straits Settlements for 1891.

[K. C. M.]

G. C. Press, Simla.—No. 478 R. & A. D.—12-7-92.—204.

3 of the Report on Indian Immigration to the Straits Settlements for 1891.

Public (1892) Sept

From, The Govt of India

Rev: & apri: Sept. (Emigration).

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Recd 21st } July 1892
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Subject

Forwarding copy of letter to the
Honble the Colonial Secy, Straits Settlements,
dated 8th July 1892, No. 1542
Communicating remarks on the
Report on Indian Immigration
to the Straits Settlements for 1891.

Current 1948.

Order 29th July 92 No 521

bound: to the Collector
of Tanjore to whom the
report will be forwarded
for perusal & return.

2. The Chief Commr:
of Burma will be
addressed.

To the Commr: of Tanjore -
with report.

Letter

To the Chief Commr: of
Burma.

Sir
In forwarding for the
information of this Govt
a copy of the annual Re-
port on Indian Immig-
ration in the Straits Settle-
ments for 1891 the Govt of
India has invited atten-
tion to para: 30 and
requested that enquiries
may be made regarding
the recruitment of labor
from Burma for the
Straits.

2. I am accordingly
directed to request that
this Govt. may be favored
with particulars.

"30. One hundred and eleven (111)
immigrants arrived from Ran-
goon, partly Delugus & partly
Bengalees, for employment on
the railway at Selangor under the
Contractor, Mr. Murray Campbell.
They were under verbal agree-
ment for one year and were
brought by some head men. I am
not aware that the law permits
recruiting in Rangoon and that
the men were recruited I
satisfied myself. They gave con-
siderable trouble during their
stay in Selangor."

circumstances under
which the recruitment
of laborers brought to
notice was permitted.

~~under the provisions of the~~

7013.
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26 July

Straits Immigration '91

Hon. Sir Henry Stokes K.C.S.I.

ANNUAL REPORT

ON

INDIAN IMMIGRATION

IN THE

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR

1891

BY

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Acting Indian Immigration Agent, S.S.

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ANNUAL REPORT ON INDIAN IMMIGRATION, FOR THE YEAR 1891.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Annual Report of the Indian Immigration Department, for the year 1891.

2. Three thousand four hundred and forty-three (3,443) Statute Immigrants arrived, with 293 dependents, of whom 22 were redeemed by relatives in the Depot, and 6 refused to sign their indentures and were prosecuted.

3. Of the arrivals, 2,644 were for service in the Colony, and 799 for the Native States:—

Province Wellesley,	...	...	2,644
Perak,	...	...	614
Selangor,	...	...	14
Sungei Ujong,	...	...	100
Johor,	...	...	71

4. Twenty-six thousand four hundred and forty-six (26,446) Immigrants not under indenture arrived, and 23,912 returned to India.

5. Enclosures A and B give the names of the ships that arrived and departed with Indian Immigrants during the year.

BIRTHS.

6. The births reported are given below:—

	Males.	Females.
Province Wellesley,	80	73
Perak,	19	16
Selangor,	3	2
Sungei Ujong,	...	1
Johor,	...	...
Total,...	102	92

DEATHS.

7. Three hundred and seventy-three (373) deaths were reported by the estates in the Colony and Native States, giving a percentage of 3.69. Enclosure C shews the deaths that occurred in the Colony and those reported from the Native States.

HOSPITALS.

8. Every estate now has a hospital in which all coolies have a right to treatment. The number of Indian Immigrants admitted for treatment was 13,496 and the percentage of deaths on admissions was 2.76.

9. A very large proportion of admissions in Province Wellesley is due to ulcers on the legs, chiefly caused by *changkol* (hoe) cuts, and it has been found necessary to keep coolies so suffering out of the cane-fields, and many malingersers wishing to obtain a holiday go into hospital, so the admissions cannot be accepted as any guide to the health of estates.

DESERTIONS.

10. One thousand five hundred and seventy-six (1,576) Statute Immigrants deserted from the estates, and 679 were arrested. The actual number of deserters is considerably less than in previous years, and, considering that fewer estates are now employing Statute labour, the difference is considerable. Probably the temporary increase in the labour supply caused by the famine in the Madras Presidency, the very cheap passage rates existing throughout the year owing to competition between two lines of steamers, combined with the collapse of tobacco cultivation in Sumatra, which has reduced crimping, have been the chief causes of this improvement.

CONTRACTS.

11. Three thousand four hundred and eighteen (3,418) contracts were executed in this Office, and Stamp duty amounting to \$3,358 was collected.

12. The contracts for Selangor and Johor are executed in those States.

13. Two hundred and fifty-six (256) contracts were renewed in Province Wellesley.

CERTIFICATES.

14. One thousand three hundred and twenty-four (1,324) certificates under section 9 of the Immigration Ordinance were issued in this Office, and 1,857 were granted by the Assistant Indian Immigration Agent, Singapore.

15. Thirty-three (33) persons were prosecuted in Penang for attempting to leave the Colony without certificates, and were fined in various sums.

GENERAL REMARKS.

16. The Labour Commission submitted their report to Government on the 7th March, 1891, and I understand their recommendations on the Indian Labour question have been accepted by Government, but I regret that as yet no practical result has followed.

17. Although the Dépôt at Negapatam has done good work, and Mr. HARDAKER, the Superintendent, has been very strict in his examinations, coolies unfitted for agricultural labour by previous occupation have unfortunately got through by misrepresentation, and when you see a dejected, emaciated cooly in hospital, you are certain to find that he is a weaver, a cattle herd or of some such class.

18. It has often been asserted that, so long as the cooly distinctly understands what work he is coming to, his previous occupation is no bar to his becoming a good labourer, but my experience here of twelve years has proved to me that men not used to field labour are absolutely useless on sugar and tapioca estates.

19. The work on coffee, tea and pepper estates is so much lighter that many men who have not previously been field-labourers pull through, but it is not advisable to introduce such classes, both for their own sakes and in the interests of the employers, but they will certainly continue to arrive until recruiting is put on a proper footing.

20. The proportion of the various classes of passengers who arrived by the subsidized steamers is given below as follows:—

Merchants,	...	...	13.91
Mahomedan Coolies,	...	...	30.74
Hindoo Coolies,	...	...	44.20
Mechanics,	...	...	4.16
Women,	...	...	6.96

but 6,163 passengers arrived by other boats, and I have not been able to obtain this information regarding them.

21. Caledonia and Byram Estates in Province Wellesley show the highest death-rate, and there is no apparent reason to account for it, unless the water is impure, and I have asked the Colonial Surgeon to have some analysed.

22. Waterloo in Perak still apparently remains unhealthy, both Europeans and Natives suffer. A fine new hospital has been built on the estate, with a competent man in charge, but I am afraid this estate will never suit the low country Natives. Judging, however, from my experience of the Wynaad, which appears to me much the same climate, I think Natives of Mysore would be found more satisfactory.

23. It will, I think, be found that, although some of the estates show a higher death-rate than one would wish to see, still there is a vast improvement, and I trust that the high mortality which occurred in the Native States in previous years will not recur.

24. In an isolated estate in Johor, I found decidedly unwholesome food being given to Immigrants, but prompt measures were taken by the owners and Government, and I was glad to find, on my next inspection, a great improvement in the appearance of the men, and the rations supplied were of good quality.

25. The chief causes of death amongst the coolies employed in the Peninsula are, it will be seen, diarrhoea, dysentery, and debility.

26. Statement F shows the gradual but steady increase in Indian Immigration during the last twelve years, and I can fairly say that mercantile transactions have increased proportionately.

27. In 1880, when I took charge of this Department, an occasional small steamer sufficed, whereas in 1891 no less than 39 large steamers arrived from the Madras Ports.

28. There is no doubt that the traffic is not at present sufficient to keep these going, but will suffice to keep two large, well-appointed steamers like the "Pundua" and "Purnea" on a fortnightly run.

29. No Statute Immigrants are now employed at Malacca. The contracts of those under indenture expired, and the Chinese who employed them have become bankrupts.

30. One hundred and eleven (111) Immigrants arrived from Rangoon, partly Telugus and partly Bengalees, for employment on the railway at Selangor under the Contractor, Mr. MURRAY CAMPBELL. They were under verbal agreement for one year, and were brought by some headmen. I am not aware that the law permits recruiting in Rangoon, and that these men were recruited I satisfied myself. They gave considerable trouble during their stay in Penang.

31. I have to thank the employers of labour and my Assistant for the hearty co-operation I have received from them.

I have, &c.,

H. EVANS,
Acting Indian Immigration Agent,
Straits Settlements.

for A. M. MACGREGOR,
Indian Immigration Agent,
Straits Settlements.

INDIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE,
Penang, 18th March, 1892.

STATEMENT A.

List of Vessels which arrived in 1891 with Statute Immigrants and Passengers from the Madras Ports.

Names of Vessels.	From what Port.	Dates of Arrival. 1891.	Immigrants.			Passen- gers.	Total.
			Men.	Women.	Dependents.		
S. S. "Camorta,"	Madras & Coast Ports.	14th January,	80	25	11	244	354½
"Meanatchy,"	"	28th "	77	19	10	349½	450½
"Tannadice,"	"	9th February,	...	...	...	532	532
"Goalpara,"	"	10th "	129	42	8	261	436
"Meanatchy,"	"	24th "	100	36	14	445	588
"Tannadice,"	"	9th March,	...	...	...	371	371
"Goalpara,"	"	10th "	80	32	7	202½	318
"Meanatchy,"	"	24th "	83	33	4	470	588
"Tannadice,"	"	4th April,	...	...	...	394	394
"Goalpara,"	"	7th "	95	25	6	174	297
"Meanatchy,"	"	21st "	83	16	9	448½	552
"Tannadice,"	"	1st May,	...	...	...	410	410
"Goalpara,"	"	5th "	102	28	16	354½	492½
"Meanatchy,"	"	19th "	142	33	15	446½	629
"Tannadice,"	"	28th "	...	...	...	579	579
"Goalpara,"	"	2nd June,	146	33	7	741	923½
"Meanatchy,"	"	15th "	120	39	10	757½	921½
"Tannadice,"	"	25th "	...	...	...	580	580
"Goalpara,"	"	29th "	158	52	8	710½	929½
"Purnea,"	"	11th July,	91	16	4	1,224	1,333
"Pundua,"	"	23rd "	111	30	9	1,320½	1,466
"Tannadice,"	"	24th "	...	...	...	577	577
"Vama,"	"	29th "	...	...	...	195	195
"Purnea,"	"	5th August,	64	16	11	1,274	1,360
"Pundua,"	"	19th "	149	55	20	1,074	1,288
"Tannadice,"	"	25th "	...	...	...	600	600
"Purnea,"	"	4th September,	181	54	19	1,197½	1,442
"Pundua,"	"	16th "	149	35	19	1,293½	1,478
"Tannadice,"	"	23rd "	...	...	...	590	590
"Purnea,"	"	30th "	...	9	...	1,367	1,376
"Pundua,"	"	20th October,	45	20	7	1,378½	1,443
"Tannadice,"	"	21st "	...	...	...	330	330
"Purnea,"	"	2nd November,	24	19	4	721½	766½
"Pundua,"	"	20th "	44	13	8	1,036	1,097
"Tannadice,"	"	22nd "	...	...	...	592	592
"Purnea,"	"	30th "	77	32	14	1,034	1,250
"Pundua,"	"	22nd December,	213	51	33	1,272½	1,553
"Tannadice,"	"	27th "	...	...	...	413	413
"Purnea,"	"	29th "	107	39	10	385½	536½
Total,...			2,641	802	293	26,446½	30,036

STATEMENT B.

List of Vessels which left for Madras Ports with Passengers in 1891.

Names of Vessels.			Dates of Departure.	No. of Passengers.	For what Port.
S. S.	" Meanatchy,"	...	8th January, 1891.	721	Madras <i>via</i> Coast Ports.
	" Tannadice,"	...	19th "	281	" "
	" Camorta,"	...	22nd "	296	" "
	" Meanatchy,"	...	5th February,	701	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	19th "	554	" "
	" Goalpara,"	...	19th "	182	" "
	" Meanatchy,"	...	5th March,	717	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	18th "	442	" "
	" Goalpara,"	...	19th "	354	" "
	" Meanatchy,"	...	2nd April,	874	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	13th "	468	" "
	" Goalpara,"	...	16th "	813	" "
	" Meanatchy,"	...	30th "	180	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	9th May,	596	" "
	" Goalpara,"	...	14th "	906	" "
	" Meanatchy,"	...	27th "	632	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	5th June,	600	" "
	" Goalpara,"	...	10th "	753	" "
	" Purnea,"	...	24th "	621	" "
	" Pundua,"	...	3rd July,	330	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	3rd "	481	" "
	" Purnea,"	...	18th "	427	" "
	" Pundua,"	...	31st "	1,182	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	6th August,	612	" "
	" Purnea,"	...	14th "	700	" "
	" Pundua,"	...	28th "	1,013	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	4th September,	457	" "
	" Purnea,"	...	12th "	671	" "
	" Pundua,"	...	1st October,	1,062	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	2nd "	640	" "
	" Purnea,"	...	15th "	885	" "
	" Pundua,"	...	30th "	994	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	2nd November,	264	" "
	" Purnea,"	...	12th "	770	" "
	" Pundua,"	...	27th "	1,033	" "
	" Tannadice,"	...	2nd December,	544	" "
	" Purnea,"	...	11th "	546	" "
	" Pundua,"	...	25th "	610	" "
Total,...				23,912	" "

STATEMENT C.

Cause of Death.	Province Wellesley.	NATIVE STATES.				TOTAL.
		Perak.	Selangor.	Sungei Ujong.	Johor.	
Abortion, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Amputation, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Anæmia, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bright's Disease, ...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Childbirth, ...	5	1	...	...	1	7
Choleric Diarrhœa, ...	1	1	...	1	...	3
Cholera, ...	9	...	...	...	...	9
Consumption, ...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Colic, ...	1	2	...	...	...	2
Convulsion, ...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Debility, ...	47	24	...	3	2	76
Diarrhœa, ...	84	25	3	3	...	115
Dropsy, ...	7	...	...	...	...	7
Drowned, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery, ...	20	63	...	...	3	86
Epilepsy, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Fever, ...	3	2	1	1	...	7
Fracture of Spine, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Gangrene, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Heart Disease, ...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Hæmorrhage, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Inflammation of Stomach, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Paralysis, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Peritonitis, ...	1	...	...	...	1	2
Pneumonia, ...	9	8	...	...	...	14
Plithisis, ...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Puerperal Fever, ...	3	...	1	...	...	4
Poisoned, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Primary Syphilis, ...	6	1	...	...	...	9
Remittent Fever, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Rupture of Liver, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Secondary Syphilis, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Small-pox, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Suicide, ...	4	1	...	...	...	5
Syphilis, ...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Tetanus, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Ulcer, ...	...	4	...	...	...	4
Total, ...	208	144	9	8	7	373

STATEMENT D.
Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in Province Wellesley, 1891.

ESTATES.	No. of Immigrants employed on 1st January, 1891.	No. of Arrivals in 1891.	No. of Immigrants employed under second Contract.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1891.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1891.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths on Totals as shewn in Column 4.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1891.	No. of Convictions.	No. of Admissions into Hospital.	Percentage of Deaths on the Cases in Hospital.	No. returned to India.	No. discharged by Expiration of Contract.	No. discharged by Mutual Consent.	No. discharged by Redemption of Contract.	Transferred in 1890.	No. of Coolies employed not under Protection on 31st December, 1891.		Remaining on Estates on 31st December, 1891.	No. employed under second Contract or without Contract who arrived from India under indenture.
																				Men.	Women.		
Byram, ...	337	606	...	943	107	74	784	180	69	...	...	58	2,112	3.50	...	82	95	9	3	209	71	567	209
Batu Kawan, ...	486	486	58	1,464	44	31	2.11	165	96	...	...	88	1,919	1.61	...	327	14	12	...	128	...	1,020	186
Caledonia, ...	920	477	36	1,605	1	75	4.67	255	109	...	...	133	1,914	3.91	...	544	74	13	...	110	15	754	494
Malakoff, ...	1,092	164	162	750	15	4	.53	114	69	...	...	225	2,061	.19	...	189	24	22	...	30	85	466	Not known.
Permatang Bertam, ...	424	43	...	43	...	...	1.47	291	131	...	...	146	1,762	.90	...	...	...	...	...	70	1	42	...
Prye, ...	724	359	...	1,083	...	16	1.47	109	56	...	...	29	1,221	.32	3	118	27	11	...	449	10	748	...
Trans-Krian, ...	178	402	...	580	61	4	.68	30	8	...	...	1	975	.41	3	44	4	10	...	5	6	447	45
Valdor, ...	203	107	...	310	8	4	1.29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	1	4	...	39	4	244	24
Total, ...	3,878	2,644	256	6,778	347	208	3.06	1,144	533	...	37	659	11,966	1.73	6	1,330	239	93	3	1,040	192	4,288	958

STATEMENT E.
Accounting for all Satele Immigrants employed in the Native States, 1891.

ESTATES.	No. of Immigrants employed on 1st January, 1891.	No. of Arrivals in 1891.	No. of Immigrants employed under 2nd Contract in 1891.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1891.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1891.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths on Totals as shown in Column 4.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1891.	No. of Convictions.	No. of Admissions into Hospital.	Percentage of Deaths on the Cases in Hospital.	No. returned to India.	No. discharged by Expiration of Contract.	No. discharged by mutual Consent.	No. discharged by Redemption of Contract.	Transferred in 1891.	No. of Indian Coolies employed not under Protection on 31st December, 1891.		No. employed under 2nd Contract or who arrived from India under Indenture.
																				Men.	Women.	
PERAK.																						
Gula, ...	1,069	322	...	1,401	...	50	40	2.85	255	88	3	149	635	6.29	...	270	13	75	...	310	23	...
Waterloo, ...	125	178	...	303	...	14	92	30.36	57	15	...	5	300	30.66	...	36	71	1	...	53	...	...
Kamuning, ...	153	...	...	101	...	...	7	4.34	4	1	...	4	20	35.00	...	117	2	24	...	142	16	...
Sungei Bogah, ...	24	96	...	120	...	...	3	2.50	20	17	...	11	43	6.97	...	...	...	1	...	16	6	...
Larut-Krian Road, ...	49	...	...	49	...	...	2	4.08	12	1	...	...	45	4.44	...	...	...	...	...	186	...	...
Total ...	1,420	614	...	2,034	12	64	144	7.07	348	122	3	169	1,043	13.80	...	423	87	101	...	707	45	1053
SELANGOR.																						
Batu Caves, ...	32	13	...	45	...	...	3	6.66	...	...	...	...	6	50.00	1	17	...	5	...	60	10	...
Weld's Hill, ...	33	1	...	35	...	...	1	2.85	...	...	...	...	9	11.11	1	9	...	4	...	70	28	...
Tremelbye, ...	44	...	...	44	1	...	2	4.54	2	...	...	3	25	8.00	...	16	...	1	...	...	...	...
Total, ...	109	14	...	124	1	...	6	4.83	2	...	...	3	40	15.00	2	42	1	10	...	130	38	61
SUNGEI UJONG.																						
Linsum, ...	173	100	...	273	7	3	8	2.93	52	16	...	13	314	2.54	...	76	8	3	...	64	7	142
Sungei Ujong Government, ...	32	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sungei Ujong Railway, ...	627	...	...	627	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total, ...	832	100	...	932	7	3	8	8.5	52	16	...	13	314	2.54	...	76	9	3	...	64	7	173
JOHOR.																						
Letty Brook, ...	77	...	...	77	2	...	3	3.89	16	5	...	2	40	7.5	...	8	8	...	...	64	10	47
Cambus, ...	10	...	...	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	3	2	...	...	20	3	5
Jafferia, ...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Stoke Rochford,*	43	...	...	43	3	...	3	6.97	3	1	...	...	70	4.28	...	15	6	...	...	75	7	17
Teburan, ...	31	71	...	102	1	...	1	.98	10	1	...	...	12	...	...	4	1	...	...	93	7	87
Total, ...	165	71	...	236	7	...	7	2.96	30	8	...	2	133	5.26	...	31	17	1	...	252	27	158
Grand Total, ...	2,526	799	1	3,326	27	67	165	4.96	432	146	3	187	1,530	10.78	2	572	114	115	...	1,153	117	1,445

STATEMENT F.

	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891
Immigrants under Indenture, ...	1,191	879	1,452	1,450	1,539	1,642	2,748	4,736	4,684	2,747	2,960	3,443
Dependents, ...	107	159	209	176	177	49	244	310	317	174	172	293
Immigrants, ...	3,755	5,769	8,276	8,979	14,365	19,819	17,316	12,156	15,812½	15,285	15,341	26,446½
Total Arrivals, ...	5,053	6,807	9,937	10,605	16,081	21,510	20,308	17,202	20,813½	18,206	18,473	30,182½
Returned to India, ...	...	5,269	5,947	9,041	10,749	13,417	18,105	12,596	13,190	14,099	15,276	23,912
Remained in the Colony, ...	...	1,538	3,990	1,564	5,332	8,093	2,203	4,606	7,623	4,107	3,197	6,270½

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