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of the Church of England in  
Ireland. Hocken things  
whom the returns of the  
major Bishops & clerics  
will be sent to the Regis-  
-trars General Clerks.

Current No. 39  
Eccles. DEPARTMENT.

From Rev. W. J. Richards  
Alleppey

No.

Dated 17<sup>th</sup>  
Received 21<sup>st</sup> } Feb 1893  
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Improving of his reputation & the  
appointment of the Revd. Clement  
Alfred Ave C.M.S. to the  
office of the Registrar of the  
Diocese in place of him.

March 28 1902 W  
Hil and are.  
order W. J. Richards 21/93 8 Mar.

The following notice will  
be published in the Fort  
Saint George Gazette:-  
Notification.

The Hon'ble the Governor  
in Council is pleased to  
recognise the appt: by the  
Rev. the Bishop of the  
Church of England in Trav-  
ancore & Cochin of the  
Rev. Clement Alfred  
Ave of Alleppey to be his  
Registrar, through whom  
the returns of Marriages  
Births & Deaths will be  
sent to the Registrar General, Madras,  
in succession  
to the Revd. W. J. Richards,  
resigned.

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Travancore & Cochin  
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CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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1893.  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.  
EMIGRATION.

To  
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

No.  $\frac{447}{4}$ .

Dated Calcutta, the 24th February 1893.

SUBJECT.

COMMUNICATES remarks on the subject of the resumption of emigration to Réunion.

Alleppey  
17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1893.

To  
The Chief Secretary  
Government of Madras.



Sir,

1) I have the honour to notify that the Right Reverend the Bishop of Travancore and Cochin according to G.O. 9<sup>th</sup> July 1881. No. 107 has appointed Rev. Clement Alfred Neve C. M. S. Alleppey to the office of Registrar of this Diocese in place of Rev. W. J. Richards resigning.

2) I have the honour to request you will be good enough to announce the same in Fort St. George Gazette as was done in my case, G.O. No. 107 9<sup>th</sup> July 1881..

I am leaving the country on furlough.

I have the honour to be  
Sir

Your obedient servant.

W. J. Richards

(Resigning)

Registrar Diocese of Travancore

No.  $\frac{447}{4}$ .

FROM

E. C. BUCK, K<sub>T</sub>, C.S.I.,

*Secretary to the Government of India,*

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Revenue and Agri. Dept.  
*Emigration.*

CALCUTTA, the 24th February 1893.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ading with Mr. Price's letter No. 582, dated 24th August last, I am directe to forward, for information, copies of two despatches addressed by the Govern-  
 No. 7, dated 15th February 1893.  
 „ 8, „ 15th „ „ ment of India to Hr Majesty's Secretary of State on the subject of the resumption of emigration , Réunion.

2. It will be seen that the Government of India have resolved to depute an officer to Réunion to enquire into the condition of the coolies, and to report, after consulting with the local authorities, whether any terms can be devised upon which emigration may be safely renewed. The despatches sufficiently explain the reasons which have led them to adopt this course.

3. It will be observed that in the "Open" despatch care has been taken not to pledge the Government of India to any specific course of action as the result of the enquiry, and also to avoid all reference to the possibility of finding a remedy in free emigration as it has not yet been suggested either by or to the French authorities. In their "Secret" despatch, however, they have expressed the opinion that the resumption of emigration is not likely to be practicable without a radical reform of the existing labour-system; that the leading principle upon which discussion should be based is the diminution or removal of penal and other legal restrictions by which the freedom of the immigrant is affected; and that the more important measures by which this object may be secured will possibly be found in the curtailment of the first indenture, in the release of the coolie from liability to re-engage, and in a complete liberty at the end of the initial engagement, either to return to India, or to pursue such lawful avocations in the colony itself as would be open to inhabitants of French nationality. This despatch should for the present be regarded as confidential.

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To

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY, K.G.,  
*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India*

*CALCUTTA, the 15th February 1893.*

MY LORD,

IN fulfilment of the promise conveyed in our Despatch No. 56 Emigration, dated the 2nd August 1892, and with reference to subsequent correspondence ending with your Despatch No. 120 (Public—Emigration) of the 22nd December last, we have the honour to submit to Your Lordship a further communication on the proposal to renew emigration to the French Colony of Réunion.

2. We have carefully considered the opinions expressed by the Governments of Bengal and Madras on the subject, and enclose copies of the letters which they have submitted. We have also examined the papers which we have recently received from Your Lordship, and pending the arrival of which, as requested in the telegram from the India Office, dated the 12th December last, we postponed our decision.

3. As the case stands, we are called upon to resolve whether we should at once close the discussion by declaring the resumption of emigration to Réunion to be impracticable on any conditions that can be devised, or whether, in deference to the anxiety of the French Government for the relief of the Colony or for other reasons, we should consent to a further examination of the subject. After considerable hesitation necessitated by the views expressed by the Local Governments consulted and their advisers, as well as by the unfavourable character of the reports received from the British Consuls, we have decided to adopt the second course, and to accede to the wish expressed by the French Government in M. Ribot's letter, dated the 23rd December 1891, for the deputation of an officer to investigate the circumstances which demand attention and to report generally on the question of resuming emigration to the Colony.

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4. The officer deputed will be Mr. J. W. P. Muir-Mackenzie, whose selection is due partly to the circumstance that as he is now leaving India on furlough his services are readily available, but mainly to the fact that, as Under-Secretary in the Revenue and Agricultural Department, he has become thoroughly familiar with the correspondence and issues relating to the subject.

5. I am to take the opportunity to observe that there are no grounds for the apprehension implied in Mr. Price's letter of the 24th August 1892, that the protection of the coolies will in any way be sacrificed in order to meet the wishes of the French Government. The Government of India desire to encourage emigration to all colonies in the Eastern seas as affording an outlet for the surplus population of the country, and would be ready to extend it to any colony in which adequate guarantees are given for the happiness and comfort of the emigrants. If this position can be secured in Réunion, on any conditions which are acceptable to the French authorities and meet the requirements of the Indian Government, His Excellency the Governor General in Council would certainly view the resumption of emigration to that island with all the more satisfaction that it will be gratifying to the French Government, and afford relief to a colony which is undergoing a crisis of great distress in consequence of the want of labour. But these considerations do not affect the conclusion indicated in my letter No. 1742 of the 29th July last, that the willingness of the Imperial Government to permit such a measure is entirely dependent on the maintenance of efficient protection to the coolie.

6. I am to express a hope that the Governor in Council will be able, on consideration, to support the view of the Government of India that some solution should if possible be found of the difficulties which have culminated in the prohibition of emigration to Réunion with serious consequences to that colony and not wholly without injury to emigration.

7. I am finally to say that the Governor General in Council invites the Government of Madras to furnish him with any further expression of their views which they may desire to submit upon the issues raised in the despatches. It is important that any communication on the subject should be made at a very early date.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

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5. It will not fail to be understood both by Your Lordship and the French Government that in approving of the proposed deputation we in no way recede from the position which we have steadily maintained, that without proper guarantees for the liberty and good treatment of the coolie and the establishment of a state of things entirely different from that which prevailed at the time when emigration was prohibited, the idea of re-opening emigration cannot be entertained.

6. Pending the receipt of the report from the officer who may be deputed, we prefer not to make any further attempt to formulate the conditions under which emigration can be renewed. The most important of them have been sufficiently indicated in previous correspondence, and are enumerated in our letter to the Governments of Madras and Bengal, Nos. 1742-1743, dated the 29th July 1892. They do not, however, appear to be acceptable in their present form to the French authorities, and are considered by the Consuls to be not unlikely to lead to difficulties in practical working. We are disposed to believe, therefore, that the only hope of arriving at effective and workable conditions is by inquiry in Réunion itself in consultation with the Consul and the local authorities.

7. We request that the British Consul in Réunion may be instructed to give every assistance to our officer, and that the French Government may at the same time be asked to afford him the necessary facilities in the conduct of his inquiries and the formulation of his proposals.

8. With reference to the demand\* by M. Drouhet for 6,000 coolies, we have informed the French Consul at Calcutta that their recruitment would be contrary to law and cannot be permitted until the general question of renewing emigration to Réunion is settled.

\* Letter from Sir H. Walpole, dated the 21st October 1892.  
(Enclosures of despatch No. 105 of 27th October 1892.)

We have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

LANSDOWNE.

P. P. HUTCHINS.

D. BARBOUR.

A. E. MILLER.

H. BRACKENBURY.

C. B. PRITCHARD.

*List of Enclosures.*

Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 582, dated the 24th August 1892.  
" " Bengal, No. 3140, dated the 14th November 1892,  
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