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[Despatch Abstract.]

Re. patriation of Indian coolies per Rewa via Delagoa Bay per S.S. Warora —

imposed by his Government being accepted by Monsieur Manes, the first batch of Indians repatriated via Mauritius left here to-day in the " Warora " a vessel belonging to the British India Steam Navigation Company.

It is understood that until further orders are received from Paris this course will always be adopted in the future.

The present convoy consists of 46 men, 0 women and 8 children; 51 are fifty years of age or over, 28 were absolutely destitute and will receive on arrival in India sums varying from 2 to 4 rupees, and all were given a complete suit of new clothing.

They took away with them in money the sum of Francs 2,012 divided amongst fifteen of the whole number of adults. Out of this amount one man and his wife between them held Francs 1,700.

Putting these two on one side, as the amount was abnormally large, it will be seen that after half a lifetime's work in Reunion the average saving of the convoy in money was about £1 a head.

There was not a great show of jewellery, and altogether the convoy was a disappointing one.

I made enquiries of the man and wife holding the Francs 1,700 as to how they had saved so much, and found as I anticipated that the man was a money-lender exploiting his compatriots: his usual rate of interest appears to have been from 250 to 800 per centum per annum.

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Back Papers, No. of 18

Further Papers, No. 3461 of 1893

Read again Order of Government, dated 18 , No. , Miscellaneous.

Enclosures.

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Despatch from the Secretary of State to the Gover rnment of India, No. 54 (Public-Emigration) dated India Office 26th May 1903.

With reference to my Predecessor's Despatch No. 52, dated the 2nd of June 1902, I forward for the information of Your Excellency in Council, copy of a despatchfrom Her Majesty's Consul in Reunion reporting the repatriation, via Mauritius, of 43 men, 9 women and 8 children per S.S." Warora ".

Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul Reunion, to the Earl of Rosebery, dated March 26th 1893.

With reference to my despatch No. 3 of the 10th of January 1892, addressed to Your Lordship's predecessor, in which I reported that the Governor of Reunion was entirely opposed to my scheme for the repatriation of time-expired Indian Coolies via Mauritius, I have the honour to state that a few weeks since I was informed by His Excellency that he had received instructions from Paris to send any Indians who might then be waiting in the depots with the first convoy sailing from Mauritius.

Although I had received no information from Your Lordship that the French Government had consented to putting my scheme into operation, I immediately wrote to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Mauritius, and the terms and conditions imposed

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By order,

Secretary to the Government of India.

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List of Papers forwarded.

Despatch from Secretary of State No. 54 (Public-Emigration) dated the 25th May 1893, and enclosures.

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