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*Recording Endorsement of the Govt
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of the French Govt at Reunion for
sums of money deposited by
Indian immigrants in that Colony.*

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The first of these is the "Black Book" of the American
 and British governments, which was published in 1950
 and 1951 respectively. It contains a list of names of
 persons who are alleged to be members of the Communist
 Party of the United States of America (CPUSA) and of
 the Communist Party of the United Kingdom (CPUK). The
 names of these persons are listed in alphabetical order
 of their surnames. The names of the persons listed in
 the "Black Book" are as follows:

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 1. L'importance de cette mission est évidente, car elle a pour but de faire connaître les besoins des populations indiennes et de leur offrir les services nécessaires. Les agents de la mission ont pour tâche de recueillir les données relatives à la situation économique, sociale et sanitaire des tribus, et de proposer des mesures pour améliorer leur condition. Cette mission est d'une grande importance, car elle permet de mieux connaître les besoins des populations indiennes et de leur offrir les services nécessaires.

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interest himself in any way on behalf of Indians who have made such deposits. Nevertheless, in view of the fact that an Indian engaged from his social status and want of education is unable to follow the intricate proceedings of a "liquidation judiciaire" I am sure ~~that~~ Her Majesty's Government and the Government of India would think it a kindly action on your part if Your Excellency would see your way to efficiently guard, through the Protector of Immigrants, the interests of an Indian engagés who are creditors of the Bank in question.

From the Governor of Reunion to Her Majesty's Consul,
Reunion, No.120, dated 6th May 1893.

En vous accusant reception de votre lettre du 5 du ^ourant, j'ai l'honneur de vous donner avis que je la transmets a Monsieur le Protecteur des Immigrants, avec recommandation d'inviter Messieurs les Syndics a tenir la main a ce que les engages soient, aussi exactement que possible, en presence de la crise financiere que subit la Colonie, tenus au courant des salaires qui leur seraient dus.

J'invite egalement Monsieur le Protecteur des Immigrants a demander aux liquidateurs judiciaires du Credit Agricole la liste nominative des engages indiens qui auraient depose dans cet etablissement le fruit de leurs epargnes et d'examiner les mesures necessaires a prendre en vue de sauvegarder leurs interets.

ly straightened in their means through the collapse of the "Credit Agricole". I have the honor to suggest to Your Excellency that orders should be sent to the various Syndics to be very careful as to the carrying out of the provisions for monthly payments called for by Article 55 of the Decret of 1887.

This is perhaps not so necessary in the case of engages upon estimates as there their engages wages ~~fix~~ form a privileged claim upon the property and would, in the ordinary way, be protected as such.

In respect to domestic servants, however, the case is different. The privileged claim which is also there accorded may be greater than the value of the property upon which it is secured; or the property itself may not even exist as a legal basis on which to found the privileged claim for the servant's wages. It is more particularly to such cases that I think it would be desirable to call the Syndic's special attention, both in regard to present engagements and the contracting of new ones.

There is also one other point to which I will direct Your Excellency's attention.

Although only one Indian engaged to the Etablissement "Folie" St. Pierre has yet reported to the Consulate that he is a creditor of the "Credit agricole" for six thousand francs there are no doubt a few others.

I have on a previous occasion stated that Your Excellency's administration could in no way be held responsible for such investments which are clearly a private affair of the Indian who preferred a high rate of interest and a doubtful security to a safe investment; and I do not even think that I should be authorized in asking the Protector of Immigrants to

Rosebery, K.G., No. 11, dated 10th May 1893.

With reference to my despatch No. 4 Commercial of this date reporting that the collapse of the Credit Agricole Bank I have the honor to enclose a copy of the correspondence which has passed between Mons. Manes and myself as to the steps taken by me to protect as far as possible the interests of Indian Coolie Laborers in the General Financial crash which has at length commenced at Reunion.

It is too early yet to say where this widespread ruin will end, but at best it must leave the Colony very much poorer than it was before, and if the smaller planters who were usually so prolific in causing complaints, disappear, it still remains doubtful whether the wealthier planters will be able - even if they are inclined to - to accept still larger responsibilities.

The increased debt and the largely diminished income of the Colony must also be taken into account in dealing with the question of a possible renewal of immigration.

From Her Majesty's Consul at Reunion to the Governor of Reunion, dated 5th May 1893.

In view of the acute financial crisis through which the Colony is now passing and of the fact that many persons who possess Indian engages are either completely ruined or serious-

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, No. 60,
(Public Emigration), dated 15th June 1893.

In continuation of my Despatch of No. 23, of the 16th
10th May '93, Commercial No. 4 & No. 11 - February last, I
Consular - and enclosures. forward for the
information of your Excellency in Council copy of two further
Despatches from Her Majesty's Consul in Reunion reporting on
the financial crisis in the island of Reunion.

From Her Majesty's Consul, Reunion to the Earl of Rosebery
K.G., No. 4 Commercial, dated 10th May 1893.

With reference to my despatch No. 4 of the 5th December 1892
of this series, I have the honor to inform Your Lordship that
the "Credit Agricole" Bank which a few days since was granted
now
"liquidation judiciaire" has been declared "enfaillite".

The effect upon the Colony is disastrous, many fairly well
to do families are plunged into utter ruin, most of the small
planters will be unable to fulfil their engagements, & it may
be said generally speaking, that none but the wealthy pro-
prietors will be able in future to carry on operations upon
the same scale as formerly.

Credit is dead and the Colony itself is burdened with an
extra debt of two million, and probably two million eight hun-
dred thousand francs to the Banque de la Reunion which, with
diminishing income, it will be found difficult to pay off.

From the British Consul at Reunion to the Earl of

It is hardly perhaps within my rights to ask where the funds accruing from the headings Nos. 1 and 2 are deposited, but I should like to have Your Excellency's assurance for the information of my Government that Your Excellency's Administration holds itself responsible for all such amounts wherever deposited.

As regards No. 3, deposits made by Indians at private banks, I recognize the fact that Your Excellency's Administration has no responsibility whatever, and that the depositors run the ordinary risks of dealing with a private banking house.

I would therefore merely inquire of Your Excellency whether any means exist by which Her Majesty's Indian subjects can invest their savings at Le Tresor or other establishment where they would have the security of the guarantee of the State, and, if not, whether steps could not, at Your Excellency's instigation, be taken to carry such an arrangement into effect.

No. 346, dated St. Denis, the 17th December 1892.

From—E. MANÈS, Esq.,

To—Her Majesty's Consul, Réunion.

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser les renseignements que vous m'avez demandés par votre lettre du 6 du courant, No. 93, et que j'ai fait recueillir par Monsieur le Protecteur des Immigrants.

1. Toutes les sommes provenant des décès des Indiens sujets Anglais sont versées à la Curatelle aux Biens Vacants à St Denis.

D'après le relevé ci-joint ces sommes, de 1877 au 30 Novembre 1892, s'élèvent à 4,393 francs et 91 centimes.

2. Le Protecteur ne reçoit en dépôt, pour des Indiens, mineurs ou autres, aucune somme d'argent.

Il n'y a que deux jeunes orphelins engagés à St. Joseph dont le Service de l'Immigration a fait déposer les épargnes au "Crédit Agricole" en conservant dans ses archives les livrets de ces dépôts qui s'élèvent à 161 francs.

3. Depuis fort longtemps les Indiens déposent eux mêmes directement au "Crédit Agricole" leurs épargnes, dont ils sont également remboursés sans l'intermédiaire du Protecteur.

Dans ces conditions, ainsi que vous le reconnaissez d'ailleurs, mon administration ne saurait en aucune façon accepter la responsabilité des ces placements.

4. Le trésor n'a aucune qualité pour recevoir des dépôts de cette nature, et ne pourrait en recevoir qu'avec l'autorisation de le Monsieur Ministre des Finances.

J'ajouterai que c'est là une des questions annexes à celle de la reprise de l'Immigration Indienne.

Relevé des Sommes versées à la Curatelle aux Biens Vacants de 1877 à 1892, provenant des Décès des Indiens sujets Anglais.

	Francs.	Cts.
Année 1877	278	48
" 1878	778	90
" 1879	159	31
" 1880	482	79
" 1881	928	59
" 1882	208	48
" 1883	637	59
" 1884	240	99
" 1885	226	96
" 1886	52	80
" 1887	72	05
" 1888	10	10
" 1889	51	65
" 1890	66	45
" 1891	...	...
" 1892 (au 30 Novembre)	203	77
TOTAL	4,393	91

F. MALCOR.

The 9th Decembre 1892.

No. 162 (J. & P.), dated India Office, London, the 10th February 1893.

From—HORACE WALPOLE, Esq., Under-Secretary of State for India,

To—The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Sir T. V. Lister's letter of the 28th ultimo, transmitting copy of a despatch, with enclosures from Her Majesty's Consul in Réunion, No. 33, dated the 22nd of December last, regarding the responsibility of the Colonial Administration (1) for sums deposited with them on account of estates of deceased Indians, (2) sums of money lodged at the Protectorate belonging to Indian minors and others, and (3) for deposits made by Indians at private banking establishments.

In reply, I am to say that the Earl of Kimberley would be much obliged if Mr. Bennett will continue to watch over this matter, but that His Lordship does not think that any useful purpose will be served by pressing the Governor at the present time for a more definite assurance.

FILE NO. 23.

SERIAL NO. 3.

No. 23 (Public), dated India Office, London, the 16th February 1893.

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

To—*The Government of India.*

IN continuation of my Despatch No. 15, dated the 26th ultimo, I forward, for the information of Your Excellency in Council, copy of Foreign Office, to India Office, 28th January 1893, further correspondence with the Foreign Office, and enclosures. India Office, to Foreign Office, 10th February 1893, respecting the responsibility of the French Government in Réunion for sums of money deposited by Indian immigrants in that Colony.

Dated Foreign Office, the 28th January 1893.

From—SIR T. V. LISTER, *Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,*

To—*The Under-Secretary of State for India.*

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, Consul Bennett, No. 33, December 22nd, for His Lordship's observations, the enclosed copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Consul in Réunion respecting the responsibility of the Colonial Government for official investments of money belonging to British Indian immigrants.

No. 33, dated Réunion, the 22nd December 1892.

From—C. W. BENNETT, Esq., *Her Majesty's Consul at Réunion,*

To—*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose a copy of a note which I addressed to Monsieur Manès on the 6th instant, and of His Excellency's reply thereto, with reference to the responsibility of the Administration for sums deposited with them on account of estates of deceased Indians and minors.

Your Lordship will notice that there is no banking institution in Réunion where the Indians can deposit their savings under Government guarantee.

I understand that in view of the circumstances referred to in my Despatch No. 4 (Commercial) of the 5th instant, nearly all the Indians have withdrawn their money from the "Credit Agricole et Commercial," and that they experience great difficulty in re-investing it.

His Excellency's reply as to the liability of the Government is not very explicit, but unless I receive instructions from Your Lordship to press for a more definite answer I propose to let the question rest where it is.

No. 93, dated Réunion, the 6th December 1892.

From—C. W. BENNETT, Esq., *Her Majesty's Consul at Réunion,*

To—*His Excellency the Governor of Réunion.*

IN view of the present financial crisis owing to the want of confidence caused by the temporary suspension of payments by the "Credit Agricole," I would be much obliged if Your Excellency would kindly give me information upon the following points.

I feel that my addressing this request to Your Excellency at the moment when your time is so fully taken up in coping with the gravity of the situation may appear somewhat inconsiderate; but I think Your Excellency will allow after consideration that I can hardly pursue any other course.

At the same time I beg to offer you my sincere wishes that the crisis may be tidied over and complete confidence again restored at an early date.

The information I desire relates to the following points:—

1. Proceeds of deceased British Indian subjects.
2. Moneys lodged at the Protectorate belonging to Indian minors and others.
3. Deposits made by Indians at private banking establishments.

CURRENT NO. 2.

No. 24/8
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.
(Emigration.)



Simla, dated the 9th September 1893.

Forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, in continu-
ation of this Department endorsement No. 477/23, dated the 1st
March 1893.

By order,

W. M. M. M. M.

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

List of Papers forwarded.

Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 23 (Public Emigra-
tion) dated the 16th February 1893 and enclosures.

Despatch from the Secretary of State No. 60, (Public
Emigration) dated the 15th June 1893, and enclosures.