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ANNUAL REPORT ON INDIAN IMMIGRATION, FOR THE YEAR 1892.

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 1892.

2. One thousand six hundred and twenty-eight (1,628) Statute Immigrants arrived, bringing 423 dependents.

3. Of these, 1,192 were for service in the Colony, and 436 for the Native States:—

Province Wellesley,	...	...	1,192
Perak,	...	...	272
Selangor,	...	...	30
Sungei Ujong,	...	...	84
Johor,	...	...	50

4. Sixteen thousand three hundred and seventy (16,370) Immigrants not under indenture arrived, being a decrease of 10,076 on last year's arrivals, and 17,722 returned to India.

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

BIRTHS.

6. The births reported are given below:—

	Males.	Females.
Province Wellesley,	50	69
Perak,	13	27
Selangor,	2	...
Sungei Ujong,	1	2
Johor,	1	1
Total,	67	99

DEATHS.

7. Four hundred and twelve (412) deaths occurred among the Statute Immigrants in the Colony and Native States, the percentage for the whole being 7.39. Statement *C* shows the causes of death.

HOSPITALS.

8. Eleven thousand nine hundred and forty-nine (11,949) Statute Immigrants were admitted for treatment in the various Estate and Government Hospitals. The percentage of deaths on admissions was 3.44.

DESERTIONS.

9. One thousand (1,000) Statute Immigrants deserted, and 439 were arrested. This is an improvement on last year by about 2 per cent., and when we consider that far fewer Immigrants both Statute and non-Statute have arrived during the year, the decrease, I think, shows more contentment than formerly existed.

CONTRACTS.

10. One thousand five hundred and ninety-two (1,592) contracts were executed in this Office, against 3,418 last year, and stamp duty amounting to \$1,548.45 was collected.

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

CERTIFICATES.

12. One thousand and eighty (1,080) certificates under section 9 of the Immigration Ordinance were issued in this Office, and 1,525 were granted by the Assistant Indian Immigration Agent, Singapore.

13. Thirty-two (32) persons were prosecuted in Penang under section 33 of the Indian Immigration Ordinance.

GENERAL REMARKS.

14. I was absent on leave from the 14th January, 1892, to 14th October, 1892, during which time Mr. O'SULLIVAN acted for me.

15. Waterloo Estate in Perak has now no indentured labour, the Statute Immigrants having been discharged by the proprietor.

16. Very heavy mortality occurred on Byram Estate in Province Wellesley, and a Committee was appointed in August, under section 59, but the Estate was not considered unfit for the residence of Immigrants.

17. The water supply was, on analysis, found to be bad, and the Estate at once made arrangements for a supply from the Government Water Works at Nibong Tebal.

18. Caledonia Estate also has a very high death-rate.

19. The greatest mortality occurred on these two Estates in August—Byram having 29 deaths, and Caledonia 20. In December, Byram had 3, and Caledonia 6.

20. I do not think that the water alone could have caused this excessive mortality, as it was obtained from the same source as these Estates have used for years past, unless some exceptional cause of pollution occurred at this time, and there is nothing to shew that this was the case. Both Estates have now a normal death-rate, and I trust no further cause for complaint will occur.

21. Mr. TURNER, the General Manager, has always shown himself anxious to do anything and carry out any reasonable suggestions for the welfare of the coolies, so it was not from any neglect that these deaths occurred, but in my report for 1891, I remarked on the death-rate of these Estates being the highest in the Province, and that I had requested the Colonial Surgeon to have the water analysed, with the result that it was condemned.

22. The mortality on Letty Brook Estate in Johor was also very heavy, being 13.40 per cent. The Assistant states that "a regular outburst of fever" occurred amongst the new Immigrants in October and November, accounting for 10 out of the 13 deaths, and that from the middle of December till the 3rd of February (the date of his report) only one death occurred. The three Batu Pahat Estates, viz., Letty Brook, Cambus and Stoke Rochford, have never been healthy, and unless the new Manager can succeed in keeping his men in better health, I fear it will be necessary to stop the supply of Statute Immigrants.

23. On all estates every attention is paid to sanitation, the coolies are well housed, and the sick in Estate Hospitals have as much care bestowed on them as in a Government Hospital.

24. There is now only one Estate in Province Wellesley which does not land its coolies free of debt. I refer to Trans-Krian Estate owned by a Chinaman. A great improvement has taken place in the system of working the coolies at Byram, Caledonia and Gula Estates, whereby all coolies, Statute and non-Statute Immigrants, are put on equal terms. They can do as much work as they like and get paid accordingly. I have often suggested that the coolies would work better under such a system, and the three Estates who have put it to a practical test find it a vast improvement, and the books shew how much better off the coolies are from a pecuniary point of view.

25. A new Ordinance passed the Legislative Council during the year, which embodies some of the recommendations of the Labour Commission. Sunday pay without work is abolished, and the daily pay for the first year increased to 14 cents instead of 12 as recommended. The increase in many cases being nominal, as under

the present system a man working six days can obtain his pay for the seventh without work. Reduced to figures it stands:—

Weekly { Ordinance V of 1884, $12 \times 7 = 84$ cents.
Ordinance XVI of 1892, $14 \times 6 = 84$ cents.

In the second and third years, however, the pay of the hard worker has been reduced. At present he gets 14 cents a day plus Sunday pay; he will now get 14 cents without pay for Sunday:—

Weekly { Ordinance V of 1884, $7 \times 14 = 98$ cents.
Ordinance XVI of 1892, $6 \times 14 = 84$ cents.

The Labour Commission advised 16 cents a day for the second and third years, and I can only imagine that this arrangement was passed without a clear understanding of the result. On previous occasions I was directed to be present at the discussion on the Indian Immigration Bills, and possibly this reduction would not have been approved had this course been followed in this instance.

26. The object the Commission had in view was to abolish Sunday labour without materially reducing the labourer's possible earnings.

27. It will be seen from Statement F that Indian Immigration has decreased this year by 11,761, and that so many returned to India that arrivals only exceeded departures by 699, the Statute Immigrants not being one half of the number that arrived last year. This is not because Statute Immigrants are not wanted, as some irresponsible persons have given out, but because the present system of recruiting has completely broken down.

28. I know of two Estates each wanting 1,000 coolies; they have only indented for very few (and they cannot get these) as they were in hopes that the recommendations of the Labour Commission as to arrangements for recruiting would be carried out, for they do not wish to take the class of men at present recruited. I do not know one Estate that has received anything near the number of coolies applied for, although it has been stated in Council that planters are getting as much labour as they want, a statement the reverse of fact, and there appears to be but little chance of improvement under present circumstances.

29. Mr. HARDAKER, the Superintendent at Negapatam, has endeavoured to send us better men, and he cannot be blamed either for the wrong class creeping through or for the deficiency in numbers. It is the system and not the man that is to blame, for it is impossible for him to ascertain, in the short time available, what occupation these coolies followed when they have been tutored previous to arrival at the depôt to assert that they are agricultural labourers.

30. So far back as 1882, I advised an Agency in India, and when the depôt was started at Negapatam, I was by no means sanguine of its success without help from outside as stated by me at the time.

31. The receipts at the depôt during the last three years have, in round numbers, been \$7,600, and the expenditure \$12,600, or a loss to Government of \$5,000 in three years. It was undoubtedly a step in the right direction, but standing by itself, the objects desired cannot be obtained.

32. It must be remembered that the object of the Agency was not merely to recruit Statute Immigrants, but to improve immigration generally and enable Immigrants to send remittances to their relations.

33. As this main proposal of the Labour Commission is postponed indefinitely, though the planters are prepared to pay for it, the present system must continue to be a pecuniary loss to Government and all concerned, and the supply of Indian labour both free and indentured, for which there is an ever increasing demand, will remain as deficient as ever for the want of a little assistance from Government.

34. Two additional returns—G, H, in the forms in use in Assam so far as they can be applied to the Straits system of Immigration—are also attached, as directed by His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,

A. M. MACGREGOR,

Indian Immigration Agent,
Straits Settlements.

INDIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE,
Penang, 3rd March, 1893.

*X.e. An Agent General
at Negapatam
to work the whole
sum of 87 1/2.*

STATEMENT A.

List of Vessels which arrived in 1892 with Statute Immigrants and Immigrants from the Madras Ports.

Names of Vessels.	From what Port.	Dates of Arrival. 1892.	Statute Immigrants			Immi- grants.	Total.
			Men.	Women.	Dependents.		
S.S. "Pundua,"	Madras & Coast Ports.	16th January,	98	23	40	459	600
"Tannadice,"	"	26th "	...	...	...	572	572
"Purnea,"	"	27th "	6	6	1	656	662
"Pundua,"	"	12th February,	84	33	27	368	499
"Secundra,"	"	24th "	25	11	5	564	602
"Sirsa,"	"	9th March,	23	9	4	384	418
"Secundra,"	"	23rd "	43	17	33	568	644
"Tannadice,"	"	6th April,	106	30	26	215	364
"Chupra,"	"	11th "	...	...	...	324	324
"Sirsa,"	"	12th "	...	...	...	199	199
"Secundra,"	"	19th "	90	21	35	156	285
"Sirsa,"	"	3rd May,	45	14	11	238	303
"Secundra,"	"	17th "	119	38	20	464	631
"Sirsa,"	"	30th "	148	47	36	792	1,005
"Secundra,"	"	13th June,	50	15	8	819	888
"Sirsa,"	"	27th "	69	31	25	645	757
"Secundra,"	"	10th July,	47	26	44	590	685
"Sirsa,"	"	25th "	24	10	10	825	864
"Secundra,"	"	8th August,	27	11	19	568	615
"Sirsa,"	"	22nd "	16	6	8	874	900
"Secundra,"	"	5th September,	10	8	7	858	880
"Sirsa,"	"	19th "	29	9	13	713	758
"Secundra,"	"	3rd October,	11	1	1	550	562
"Sirsa,"	"	17th "	21	4	5	748	776
"Secundra,"	"	31st "	23	14	7	50	542
"Sirsa,"	"	14th November,	19	11	13	703	740
"Secundra,"	"	26th "	34	11	17	627	680
"Sirsa,"	"	13th December,	16	5	3	694	716
"Sirsa,"	"	27th "	31	9	5	690	732
Total,...			1,208	420	423	16,370	18,209

STATEMENT B.

List of Vessels which left for Madras Ports with Immigrants in 1892.

Names of Vessels.	Dates of Departure.	No. of Immi- grants.	For what Port.
S. S. "Tannadice,"	4th January, 1892.	526	Madras and Coast Ports.
"Purnea,"	7th "	1,590	"
"Pundua,"	27th "	699	"
"Purnea,"	6th February,	1,104	"
"Pundua,"	21st "	469	"
"Sirsa,"	4th March,	555	"
"Secundra,"	17th "	718	"
"Sirsa,"	31st "	503	"
"Secundra,"	14th April,	562	"
"Sirsa,"	28th "	844	"
"Secundra,"	13th May,	813	"
"Sirsa,"	25th "	610	"
"Secundra,"	8th June,	746	"
"Sirsa,"	23rd "	869	"
"Secundra,"	6th July,	431	"
"Sirsa,"	21st "	667	"
"Secundra,"	25th "	409	"
"Sirsa,"	17th August,	582	"
"Secundra,"	31st "	571	"
"Sirsa,"	14th September,	528	"
"Secundra,"	28th "	491	"
"Sirsa,"	12th October,	554	"
"Secundra,"	27th "	552	"
"Sirsa,"	10th November,	487	"
"Secundra,"	24th "	571	"
"Sirsa,"	8th December,	640	"
"Secundra,"	22nd "	630	"
Total,...			17,722

STATEMENT C.

Cause of Death.	Province Welles- ley.	NATIVE STATES.				TOTAL.
		Perak.	Selan- gor.	Sungei Ujong.	Johor.	
Abscess Lung, ...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Accidental Death, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Apoplexy, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Alcoholic Poison, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Anuria, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Anæmia, ...	...	8	1	...	...	9
Angina Pectoris, ...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Bronchitis, ...	...	2	...	...	...	3
Beri-Beri, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cholera, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Consumption, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Child Birth, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Debility, ...	107	7	...	7	4	125
Diarrhœa, ...	138	2	...	4	1	145
Dropsy, ...	10	...	1	...	...	11
Dysentery, ...	46	9	...	2	...	57
Debility and Dropsy, ...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Fever, ...	...	...	...	2	...	2
Gonorrhœa, ...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Hyp. Heart and Liver, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Marasmus, ...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Murdered, ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Obst. of Bowels, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia, ...	9	3	...	...	1	13
Phagedœna, ...	3	...	...	...	...	3
Peritonitis, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Phthisis, ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Puerperal Septicæmæ, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Remittent Fever, ...	5	...	...	...	1	6
Syphilis, ...	...	3	...	...	...	3
Syphilitic Tumour in Brain, ...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Sloughing Phagedœna, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Tetanus, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Tubercle, ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Ulcer and Diarrhœa, ...	5	2	...	...	...	7
Valvular Disease, ...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Total, ...	347	31	2	17	15	412

STATEMENT D.

Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in Province Wellesley, 1892.

ESTATES.	No. of Immigrants employed on 1st January, 1892.	No. of Arrivals in 1892.	No. of Immigrants employed under second Contract.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1892.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1892.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths according to previous method of calculation.	Percentage of Deaths according to method in force in Assam.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1892.	No. of Convictions.	No. of Admissions into Hospital.	Percentage of Deaths on Admissions.	No. returned to India.	No. discharged by Expiration of Contract.	No. discharged by Mutual Consent.	No. discharged by Redemption of Contract.	Transferred in 1892.	No. of Coolies employed not under Protection on 31st December, 1892.		Remaining on Estates on 31st December, 1892.
																					Men.	Women.	
Byram,	567	293	...	860	11	122	140	16.27	21.97	90	18	1	16	2,500	5.6	...	18	66	...	...	205	65	564
Batu Kawan,	1,020	93	13	1,126	1	18	15	1.33	1.58	117	72	...	79	1,463	1.03	...	207	13	...	...	177	5	844
Caledonia,	754	350	...	1,104	9	80	112	10.14	13.91	149	35	5	70	1,828	6.12	...	76	34	...	...	229	49	707
Malakoff,	466	...	241	707	...	8	4	.56	.86	79	34	1	63	1,107	.36	...	210	17	...	...	62	12	424
Permatang Bertam,	42	...	...	42	1	...	30	...	...	256	126	10	4	34	...	...	...	1	...	...	400	38	39
Prye,	748	356	...	1,104	2	22	30	2.71	3.79	95	55	...	208	1,254	2.39	...	164	22	...	...	28	21	743
Trans-Krian,	447	68	...	515	1	30	41	7.96	10.71	39	10	...	30	1,046	3.91	...	44	3	...	...	8	3	373
Vald'or,	244	32	...	276	9	13	5	1.81	2.37	39	10	...	12	1,809	.27	2	64	1	...	...	...	...	164
Total,...	4,288	1,192	254	5,734	34	293	347	6.05	8.06	825	350	17	482	11,041	3.14	2	783	157	52	...	1,109	193	3,918

Manager declines to give this information.

STATEMENT E.

Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in the Native States, 1892.

ESTATES.	No. of Immigrants employed on 1st January, 1892.	No. of Arrivals in 1892.	No. of Immigrants employed under second Contract in 1892.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1892.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1892.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths according to previous method of calculation.	Percentage of Deaths according to method in force in Assam.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1892.	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 1892.	No. of Indian Coolies employed not under Protection on 31st December, 1892.		Remaining on Estates on 31st December, 1892.
																					Men.	Women.	
PERAK.	836	197	1,033	...	24	19	1.83	2.40	82	46	6	42	546	3.47	1	97	4	106	...	...	338	120	770
Gula,	...	...	...	...	...	8	9.63	11.42	15	3	1	8	20	40.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	93	10	60
Kamuning,	...	75	...	...	...	4	3.53	4.24	18	8	...	5	36	11.11	...	10	...	...	...	...	11	2	85
Sungei Bogah,	113	...	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	957	272	1,229	2	24	31	2.52	3.29	115	57	7	55	602	5.14	1	107	5	112	...	...	442	132	915
SELANGOR.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baru Caves,	19	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	10	13
Weld's Hill,	19	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	20	8
Tremelbye,	23	30	53	3	...	2	3.77	6.89	1	1	...	2	13	15.38	...	23	...	...	...	...	18	6	28
Total, ...	61	30	91	3	...	2	2.19	3.92	1	1	...	2	14	14.28	2	37	...	...	...	...	148	36	49
SUNGEI UJONG.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Linsum, ...	142	84	226	6	10	17	7.52	12.29	39	24	2	23	327	5.19	...	54	1	3	...	...	108	14	136
Total, ...	142	84	226	6	10	17	7.52	12.29	39	24	2	23	327	5.19	...	54	1	3	...	...	108	14	136
JOHOR.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Letty Brook,	47	50	97	17	...	13	13.40	22.64	4	1	...	2	154	8.44	...	13	6	...	...	...	38	8	62
Cambus, ...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	14	3	4
Jafferia, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	1
Stoke Rochford,	17	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	1.16	...	15	...	...	...	4	1	6
Tebran, ...	87	...	88	5	...	2	2.27	...	16	6	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	4	61
Total, ...	158	50	209	23	...	15	7.17	10.74	20	7	...	...	15	265	5.28	...	39	8	...	...	86	16	134
Grand Total, ...	1,318	436	1,755	34	34	65	3.70	5.10	175	89	9	95	908	7.15	3	237	14	116	...	...	784	198	1,234

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STATEMENT F.

	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Immigrants under Indenture, Dependents, ...	1,191	879	1,452	1,450	1,539	1,642	2,748	4,736	4,684	2,747	2,960	3,443	1,628
Immigrants, ...	107	159	209	176	177	49	244	310	317	174	172	293	423
...	3,755	5,769	8,276	8,979	14,305	19,819	17,316	12,156	15,812	15,285	15,341	26,446	16,370
Total Arrivals, ...	5,053	6,807	9,937	10,605	16,081	21,510	20,308	17,202	20,813	18,206	18,473	30,182	18,421
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	17,722
Remained in the Colony, ...	...	1,538	3,990	1,564	5,332	8,093	2,203	4,606	7,623	4,107	3,197	6,270	699

STATEMENT G.

Return showing the Statistics of Statute Immigrants employed in Estates in the Straits Settlements and Native States, during the year 1892.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
COUNTRY.	Number remaining at the end of the year 1891.	Additions made during the year 1892.			Total added.	Total of Columns 2 and 6.	Deductions made during the year 1892.								Annual Strength.	Death-rate per mille.				
		Imported.	Re-engaged.	Recovered after having been struck off as Deserters.			Deaths.		Desertions.		Cancelment for permanent unfitness.	Efflux of time.	Redemption.	Number dissolved by mutual consent.			Total deducted.			
							First Half-year.	Second Half-year.	First Half-year.	Second Half-year.										
Province Wellesley,	4,288	1,192	254	350	1,796	6,084	127	220	301	524	2	783	52	157	2,166	3,918	4,547	4,417	4,232	80.73
Perak, ...	957	272	...	57	329	1,286	11	20	47	68	1	107	112	5	371	915	952	954	933	32.96
Selangor, ...	61	30	...	1	31	92	...	2	...	...	2	37	1	...	43	49	53	57	51	39.21
Sungei Ujong, ...	142	84	...	24	108	250	7	10	6	33	...	54	3	1	114	136	139	140	137	123.00
Johor, ...	158	50	1	7	58	216	2	13	7	13	...	39	...	8	82	134	142	150	138	107.53
Total, ...	5,606	1,628	255	439	2,322	7,928	147	265	362	638	5	1,020	168	171	2,776	5,152	5,833	5,718	5,491	73.95

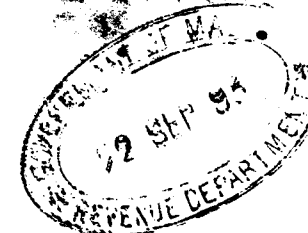
STATEMENT H.
Deaths amongst Statute Immigrants.

COUNTRY.	Mean Strength of Statute Immigrants employed in 1892.		Deaths from								Ratio of Deaths per mille.		
	First Half-year.	Second Half-year.	Cholera.	Dysentery.	Dropsy.	Anæmia.	Other Causes.	First Half-year.	Second Half-year.	Total.	Half-yearly.		Annual.
											First Half-year.	Second Half-year.	
Province Wellesley,	4,417	4,232	...	46	10	8	283	127	220	347	28.75	51.98	80.73
Perak, ...	954	933	1	9	...	1	20	11	20	31	11.53	21.43	32.96
Selangor, ...	57	51	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	2	...	39.21	39.21
Sungei Ujong, ...	140	137	...	2	...	...	15	7	10	17	50.00	73.00	123.00
Johor, ...	150	138	...	...	...	4	11	2	13	15	13.33	94.20	107.53
Total, ...	5,718	5,491	1	57	11	13	330	147	265	412	25.70	48.25	73.95

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

INDIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE,
Penang, 3rd March, 1893

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FROM

E. D. MACLAGAN, Esq., C.S.,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Simla, the 15th September 1893.

Revenue and Agricultural
Department

SIR,

(Emigration)

I am directed to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor a copy of the Report on Indian Immigration in the Straits Settlements for the year 1892.

2. With reference to paragraph 25 of the Report it is apprehended that in view of the higher rates of pay obtainable outside the plantations, recruiters will be driven to various devices to secure labor for the planters, and it is requested that this phase of the question may be carefully watched by the Government of Madras. It may be found possible before many years are passed to free the immigration of coolies to the Straits Settlements from all legal restrictions, but, until the planters compete in the open market and offer to the immigrants not the minimum statutory rate, but the same rate of pay as that which can be obtained elsewhere, it will be found difficult to undertake the entire freedom

freedom of emigration to the Straits Settlements
which is the ultimate aim of our policy.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant,

W. M. A. S.
Under-Secretary.

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referred to in para: 2
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*J. D. B.
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25/9/93

*Copy of Tanjore
report to be sent*

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