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the defective arrange-
ments made in Tava
for the despatch of
Tavaneese coolies to
Suva.

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Subject

Forwarding for information copy
of despatch from the Secretary of
State regarding the defective
arrangements made in Java for the
despatch of Japanese bodies to
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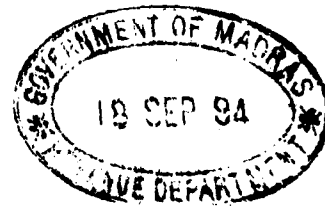
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

(Emigration)

Simla dated the 11th September 1894.

Forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.



By order,

Offg: Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

List of Papers forwarded.

Despatch from the Secretary of State No. 74 dated the 9th
August 1894 and enclosures.

R. & A. Regr. No. 23.

The statements made on the subject point to almost criminal neglect on the part of the Company at Batavia who was employed by the Surinam Immigration Department in forwarding these Coolies to their destination.

The "Voorwarts" with a full shipment of these people, reached Paramaribo on the 17th June last after a passage of 50 days. Out of 593 souls who were put on board at Batavia 33 died on the journey and three more on the day of arrival. Two days after landing 12 more had died or were dying, while 115 remained in hospital most of whom were suffering from beri-beri. The poor wretches are described as half famished, the rations served out to them on board - almost exclusively rice - being quite insufficient. As for such meat as they got the doctors of the Immigration Department at Paramaribo declared it to be unfit for consumption. The supply of fresh water was also quite inadequate, no use being made of the distilling apparatus on board, while for washing purposes the immigrants were entirely confined to sea water. The ventilation on board is said likewise to have been thoroughly defective and the Coolies were in such plight on landing that they were described as resembling a troop of "Russian exiles on their way to Siberia."

The writer of this account adds that he has reason to believe that none of the customary regulations as to returns of the sick on board, space allowed for passengers, ventilation, supply of blankets &c. seem to have been attended to, and points out the contrast between this state of things and the stringent rules observed in the transport of British Coolie Immigrants.

Allowing even for some exaggeration in these statements the light they throw on Dutch Colonial arrangements is anything but favourable.

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India
to His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council,
No.74 Public (Emigration) dated the 9th August 1894.

I forward for the information of Your Excellency's
Government a copy of a letter received from the Foreign
Office respecting the defective arrangements made in Java
for the despatch of Javanese coolies to Surinam.

Letter from the Foreign Office to the Under-Secretary of
State for India, dated 28th July 1894.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs to transmit herewith, to be laid before the Secretary
of State for India in Council, copy of a despatch from Her
Majesty's Minister at the Hague respecting the treatment of
Javanese Coolie Immigrants for Surinam while under transport.

Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at the Hague to the
Earl of Kimberley, No.9 Consular, dated 19th July 1894.

The Dutch papers contain some particulars of the arrange-
ments made for the first batch of Coolie labourers from Java
whom it is being experimentally tried to introduce into the
Colony of Surinam.

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