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FOR THE YEAR

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ANNUAL REPORT ON INDIAN IMMIGRATION, FOR THE YEAR 1893.

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 1893.

2. Two thousand one hundred and six (2,106) statute Immigrants arrived, bringing 237 Dependents.

3. Of these, 1,189 were for service in the Colony, and 917 for the Native States:—

Province Wellesley, ...	1,189
Perak, ...	759
Selangor, ...	80
Sungei Ujong, ...	48
Johor, ...	30

4. Fifteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (15,877) Immigrants not under indenture arrived, being a decrease of 493 on last year's arrivals, and 14,044 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, ...	95	65
Perak, ...	18	16
Selangor, ...	3	1
Sungei Ujong, ...	3	1
Johor, ...	...	...
Total, ...	119	83

DEATHS.

7. One hundred and ninety-two (192) deaths occurred among the statute Immigrants in the Colony and Native States, the percentage for the whole being 3.77.

HOSPITALS.

8. Seven thousand two hundred and seventy-one (7,271) statute Immigrants were admitted for treatment in the various Estate and Government Hospitals. The percentage of deaths on admissions was 2.64.

DESERTIONS.

9. One thousand and ninety (1,090) statute Immigrants deserted, and 436 were arrested.

CONTRACTS.

10. Two thousand and thirty-four (2,034) contracts were executed in this Office, against 1,952 last year, and Stamp duty amounting to \$2,001 was collected.

11. Two hundred and seventy (270) contracts were renewed in Province Wellesley.

CERTIFICATES.

12. One thousand three hundred and two (1,302) certificates under section 9 of the Immigration Ordinance were issued in this Office, and 1,979 were granted by the Assistant Indian Immigration Agent, Singapore.

13. Three (3) persons were prosecuted in Penang under section 33 of the Indian Immigration Ordinance.

GENERAL REMARKS.

14. The number of statute Immigrants that arrived during the year, though slightly larger than last year, which was the worst we have had since 1884, does not nearly meet the demand, but there is undoubtedly an improvement generally in the physique of the men passed. We shall not, however, get either the number or classes we require until recruiting is carried out on a proper system.

15. There is a considerable falling off in the number of Immigrants not under indenture who arrived during the year, which is very unfortunate. I do not think the exchange question had anything to do with the deficiency in arrivals, for it is only the Chetties and merchants that have heard of it before they emigrate, but undoubtedly it has had a considerable effect in detaining those that have arrived. There are numbers of people waiting in hopes that exchange may improve.

16. Four thousand one hundred and seventy-five (4,175) is the balance remaining after deducting departures from arrivals, but this does not mean that these really remained in these Settlements, for no less than three thousand two hundred and eighty-one (3,181) certificates were granted to enable Indian Immigrants to leave for various ports other than Indian, and my experience shows me that certificates are not obtained by any but those who wish to leave, though undoubtedly some traders who go backwards and forwards get them, but I think it may fairly be said that two-thirds of these people merely pass through these Settlements to other countries, which leaves barely two thousand (2,000) as the result of a year's immigration.

17. As yet Ordinance XVI of 1892, embodying some of the recommendations of the Labour Commission and altering some of the principal suggestions, has not been brought into force. The Commission was thoroughly representative, and it may be said that every one serving on it understood the subject to be discussed. Their recommendations received the unanimous approval of the Executive Council, and the consent of the Governor, and I believe the approval of the Secretary of State. The question was postponed, because it was believed that the revenues of the Colony could not bear the expense, but I think there can be no doubt that not only would these recommendations, if carried out, not cost Government anything, but would result in a saving to Government of some \$5,000 a year. This has been brought to the notice of Government.

18. Byram Estate still heads the list with a death-rate of 6.37 per cent., and I confess I can find no cause for it except that men are sent over who are not accustomed to field labour. Water is now supplied both to Caledonia and Byram from the Government water-works at Nibong Tebal, the coolies generally earn better wages than they do on other estates, there is a convalescent gang for sickly coolies where they get cooked rations and light work, a qualified medical practitioner is in medical charge of these estates, and frequent visits are paid by the Colonial Surgeon. If these estates were really unhealthy, or unpopular even, they would not have so large a number of free coolies. Caledonia has a free labour force of 617, Byram 501, Prye 428, Batu Kawan 138. Again, desertion on Caledonia and Byram is less than on the other two estates.

19. At Vald'or, a Chinese owned estate, the water supply was condemned, and better arrangements have been made; a new hospital is also under construction here.

20. Desertion from Gula Estate is very heavy. To a certain extent, this may be accounted for by its isolated position, but I am afraid other causes are at work, of which as yet there is no proof. On the other hand, the death-rate compares favourably with the healthiest estates in Province Wellesley, and the improvement in the appearance of the coolies has been very marked since Mr. STEWART took charge.

21. Linsum Estate in the State of Sungei Unjong shows an improvement on last year, though the death-rate is still heavy.

22. Johor estates show an improvement in health this year, I believe chiefly due to better management.

23. Several Tindals were prosecuted for various offences against statute Immigrants, and it was, I am sorry to say, found necessary to prosecute the Manager of one estate for flogging a cooly; he was in the aggregate fined \$100. The greatest difficulty is experienced in getting coolies to substantiate their complaints, and out of 10 prosecutions only 6 convictions were obtained.

24. The Depôt at Negapatam has been carefully worked, but, as pointed out on previous occasions, it cannot work satisfactorily without assistance from outside, viz., by a properly organised system of recruiting.

25. Planters in Selangor are now applying for licenses to recruit coolies in India. Hitherto they have been recruiting without licenses, in contravention of the arrangement made with the Government of Madras, which led to the erroneous supposition that they were able to obtain the labour they required locally. *what is it? X The X*

26. From a letter lately received from the Government of India, it appears that the Madras Government were under the impression that all Indian Immigrants are under the protection of this department. This has been frequently pressed by the Government of Madras, but has not been approved by the Straits Government. A small measure of protection to Immigrants not under indenture but employed in large gangs was recommended by the Labour Commission. As Ordinance XVI of 1892 has not come into force, this also has not been sanctioned, and on this erroneous supposition the Collector of Tanjore based a report on the question of unlicensed recruiting. *Vide G.O. 111295 295*

27. In this letter, the Collector of Tanjore also brought to notice an important point in the new Ordinance which escaped my notice, viz., in section 44, which reads that contracts "in the case of an Immigrant who has received a free passage from India under a promise to enter into a contract under this Ordinance shall be for a term of three years." This certainly is an unnecessary and harsh provision, and, as pointed out, will, if the Ordinance is enforced, considerably increase the difficulties experienced in recruiting.

28. I am not able to report on the "action taken" on para. 15 of the Tanjore Collector's letter in this report, as requested by the Government of India, as the orders of Government have not yet been received, but so far as Penang and Province Wellesley are concerned, no contracts with Indian coolies obtained in the Straits or with coolies not recruited in the regular way are made for three years, and I am not aware that this has ever been done in the Native States. I have always limited such contracts to one year, and coolies who re-engage on expiration of contract, to eighteen months. I am confident that locally recruited coolies would refuse to contract for a longer term.

30. As regards coolies recruited by Tindals who have no written agreement, it is impossible to say how much money is recovered from them, for no questions are asked, and the cooly is entirely at the mercy of the Tindal. Personally, I am not in favour of the system when any money is recoverable even in the Civil Court, as there is no doubt that these Tindals have the means of "squeezing" coolies and keeping them for indefinite periods, but free labour with inspection on estates I would gladly see introduced if it were possible.

I have, &c.,

A. M. MACGREGOR,

Indian Immigration Agent,
Straits Settlements.

MINUTE BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The proposition alluded to as "postponed" (in paragraph 17) of the foregoing report) is the appointment in India of an Agent-General for Emigration, to reside in India, and to be responsible for everything connected with recruiting, examination and shipping of coolies for the Straits. This was proposed by the Labour Commission of 1890-1, and the idea was for a time provisionally entertained. It may be considered to be definitely abandoned, for the Colonial Government has no intention of undertaking the duty of recruiting Indian labourers for private employers. As it is, the expenditure of the Indian Immigration Department far exceeds the fees recovered, and it is likely before long to become a question how far any expenditure for the support of a particular industry is a fair charge on the revenue of the Colony.

19th June, 1894.

WILLIAM MAXWELL

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X. The arrangement is that all persons must take out a license to recruit. 2. That no person can recruit without a license.*

STATEMENT A.

List of Vessels which arrived in 1893 with Statute Immigrants and Immigrants from the Madras Ports.

Names of Vessels.	From what Port.	Dates of Arrival. 1893.	Statute Immigrants.			Immi- grants.	Total.
			Men.	Women.	Dependents.		
S.S. "Secundra,"	Madras & Coast Ports.	10th January,	26	5	5	664	697
" " "Sirsa,"	"	24th " "	20	9	1	523	554
" " "Secundra,"	"	7th February,	36	12	10	800	853
" " "Sirsa,"	"	21st " "	42	13	3	669	785
" " "Secundra,"	"	7th March,	34	16	4	600	714
" " "Sirsa,"	"	21st " "	48	22	8	762	856
" " "Secundra,"	"	4th April,	51	17	15	480	553
" " "Sirsa,"	"	18th " "	47	17	12	386	462
" " "Secundra,"	"	1st May,	73	11	8	469	554
" " "Sirsa,"	"	16th " "	70	18	20	853	951
" " "Secundra,"	"	30th " "	83	11	18	785	888
" " "Sirsa,"	"	12th June,	70	15	2	685	796
" " "Secundra,"	"	26th " "	85	22	12	733	846
" " "Sirsa,"	"	11th July,	119	27	25	697	858
" " "Secundra,"	"	24th " "	78	18	8	642	749
" " "Sirsa,"	"	7th August,	94	18	16	600	720
" " "Secundra,"	"	21st " "	93	19	1	556	668
" " "Sirsa,"	"	4th September,	79	21	3	543	644
" " "Secundra,"	"	19th " "	64	11	3	618	699
" " "Sirsa,"	"	3rd October,	80	11	11	735	837
" " "Secundra,"	"	17th " "	99	17	26	750	892
" " "Sirsa,"	"	31st " "	79	20	5	578	682
" " "Secundra,"	"	14th November,	83	19	3	467	571
" " "Sirsa,"	"	28th " "	58	15	5	429	499
" " "Secundra,"	"	12th December,	...	...	...	478	478
" " "Sirsa,"	"	27th " "	...	...	...	483	483
Total...			1,669	414	432	7,751	10,191

STATEMENT B.

List of Vessels which left for Madras Ports with Immigrants in 1893.

Names of Vessels.	Dates of Departure.	No. of Immigrants.	For what Port.
S. S. "Sirsa,"	5th January, 1893.	457	Madras and Coast Ports.
" " "Secundra,"	20th " "	552	"
" " "Sirsa,"	3rd February,	437	"
" " "Secundra,"	16th " "	516	"
" " "Sirsa,"	2nd March,	511	"
" " "Secundra,"	17th " "	657	"
" " "Sirsa,"	30th " "	647	"
" " "Secundra,"	13th April,	529	"
" " "Sirsa,"	27th " "	704	"
" " "Secundra,"	12th May,	744	"
" " "Sirsa,"	24th " "	685	"
" " "Secundra,"	7th June,	693	"
" " "Sirsa,"	22nd " "	464	"
" " "Secundra,"	5th July,	395	"
" " "Sirsa,"	19th " "	406	"
" " "Secundra,"	2nd August,	481	"
" " "Sirsa,"	16th " "	450	"
" " "Secundra,"	30th " "	508	"
" " "Sirsa,"	14th September,	571	"
" " "Secundra,"	29th " "	319	"
" " "Sirsa,"	12th October,	383	"
" " "Secundra,"	26th " "	458	"
" " "Sirsa,"	9th November,	394	"
" " "Secundra,"	24th " "	661	"
" " "Sirsa,"	7th December,	611	"
" " "Secundra,"	22nd " "	455	"
Total...		14,044	

STATEMENT C.

Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in Province Wellesley, 1893.

Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in Province Wellesley, 1893.

ESTATES.	No. of Immigrants employed on 1st January, 1893.	No. of Arrivals in 1893.	No. of Immigrants employed under second Contract.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1893.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1893.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1893.	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 1893.	No. of Indian Coolies employed not under Protection on 31st December, 1893.		Remaining on Estates on 31st December, 1893.
																				Men.	Women.	
Byram,	564	428	105	564	3	25	33	6.37	53	20	...	19	1,097	3.00	...	78	...	3	4	344	157	413
Batu Kawan,	844	327	...	1,377	11	45	23	2.35	164	95	9	185	1,043	2.20	...	232	...	19	...	130	8	1,028
Caledonia,	767	10	...	1,094	...	52	33	5.27	152	31	1	43	1,309	2.52	...	284	...	3	...	453	164	648
Malakoff,	424	...	...	599	3	...	4	1.10	97	26	5	84	684	0.58	...	208	...	5	...	10	79	310
Permatang Bertam,	39	...	...	39	6	19	...	...	...	106	11	324	763	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prye,	743	273	...	1,016	2	21	9	2.43	195	20	...	...	640	2.62	...	122	...	4	...	380	48	768
Trans-Krian,	373	37	...	410	2	7	12	4.40	49	20	...	12	408	1.38	...	9	...	2	...	11	10	343
Vald'or,	164	119	...	283	12	...	...	6.27	50	13	3	11	408	2.94	...	30	...	1	...	35	6	199
Total...	3,918	1,194	270	5,382	37	172	134	3.51	760	311	29	677	5,953	2.25	8	1,002	17	63	4	1,393	472	3,709

* From Byram to Caledonia Estate.

STATEMENT D.

Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in the Native States, 1893.

ESTATES.	No. of Immigrants employed on 1st January, 1893.	No. of Arrivals in 1893.	No. of Immigrants employed under Contract in 1893.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1893.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1893.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1893.	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 1893.	No. of Indian Coolies employed under Protection of the Protection on 31st December, 1893.		Remaining on 1st December, 1893.
																				Men.	Women.	
PERAK.																						
Gula, ...	770	703	...	1,473	...	80	288	2.88	265	112	...	107	712	3.51	...	121	...	138	...	352	70	1,036
Kamuning, ...	60	8	...	68	...	1	7.01	7.01	7	...	...	...	25	10.00	...	...	5	4	...	211	31	48
Sungei Bogah, ...	85	48	...	133	...	6	...	...	7	2	...	2	47	...	...	2	1	3	...	10	4	122
Total, ...	915	759	...	1,674	...	87	306	3.06	279	114	...	109	784	3.69	...	123	6	145	...	573	105	1,206
SELANGOR.																						
Batu Caves, ...	13	10	...	23	...	...	6.25	6.25	1	...	...	...	6	16.66	...	4	...	2	...	104	31	15
Weld's Hill, ...	8	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99	27	...
Tremelbye, ...	28	...	...	48	...	...	14.58	14.58	6	...	...	...	19	26.31	...	7	1	...	...	12	2	37
Glen Marie, ...	...	50	...	50	...	...	3.22	3.22	11	5	4	7	20	5.00	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	43
Total, ...	49	80	...	129	...	...	5.34	5.34	18	5	4	7	45	15.51	...	11	1	2	...	216	60	95
JOHOR.																						
Letty Brook, ...	62	...	...	62	...	...	5.07	5.07	...	...	...	...	96	2.08	...	19	8	2	7	66	12	24
Cambus, ...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stoke Rochford, ...	6	30	...	36	...	...	7.14	7.14	...	...	...	...	163	1.22	...	6	5	...	...	10	7	23
Tebram, ...	61	...	...	61	...	...	6.78	6.78	14	5	...	1	92	4.34	...	1	...	1	7	17	3	53
Total, ...	133	30	...	163	...	...	6.08	6.08	14	5	...	1	351	2.25	...	30	13	3	7	93	22	100
SUNGEI UJONG.																						
Linsum, ...	136	48	...	184	...	...	9.80	9.80	19	1	...	...	137	10.21	...	25	...	...	...	127	27	127
Total, ...	136	48	...	184	...	...	9.80	9.80	19	1	...	...	137	10.21	...	25	...	...	...	127	27	127
Grand Total, ...	1,233	917	...	2,150	...	88	9.09	9.09	330	125	4	117	1,318	4.40	...	189	20	150	7	1,009	214	1,528

* Seven transferred from Letty Brook to Tebram.

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STATEMENT E.

	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.
Immigrants under Indenture, ...	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	2,106
Dependents, ...	107	150	209	176	177	49	244	310	317	174	172	293	423	237
Immigrants, ...	3,755	5,709	8,276	8,979	14,365	19,819	17,316	12,156	15,812	15,285	15,341	26,446	16,370	15,877
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	18,220
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	14,044
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	4,175

STATEMENT F.

Return showing the Statistics of Statute Immigrants employed in Estates in the Straits Settlements and Native States, during the year 1893.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	Number remaining at the end of the year 1892.	Additions made during the year 1893.			Total added.	Total of Columns 2 and 6.	Deductions made during the year 1893.							Number remaining at the end of the year 1893.	Strength on 1st July, 1893.	Annual Strength.		Death-rate per mille.
		Imported.	Otherwise than by im- portation.	Recovered after hav- ing been struck off as Deserters.			Re-engaged.	By Planters.	First Half-year.	Second Half-year.	First Half-year.	Second Half-year.	Desertions.			Cancelment for permanent unfitness.	Efflux of time.	
Province Wellesley,	3,918	1,194	270	311	1,775	5,693	72	387	8	1002	63	17	1,984	3,709	3,798	3,858	35.18	
Perak, ...	915	759	...	114	873	1,788	18	113	...	123	145	6	582	1,206	871	893	30.71	
Selangor, ...	49	80	...	5	85	134	2	1	...	11	2	1	39	95	81	65	87.57	
Sungei Ujong, ...	136	48	...	1	49	185	12	11	...	24	...	...	57	128	156	146	96.27	
Johor, ...	134	30	...	5	35	169	4	5	...	30	3	13	69	100	130	132	73.77	
Total,	5,152	2,111	270	436	2,817	7,069	108	517	8	1,190	213	37	2,731	5,258	5,036	5,094	37.74	

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STATEMENT G.
Deaths amongst Statute Immigrants.

COUNTRY.	Mean Strength of Statute Im- migrants em- ployed in 1893.		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,	3,858	3,733	...	19	3	...	112	72	62	134	18.66	16.52	35.18
Perak, ...	893	1,041	...	5	...	...	23	18	11	29	20.15	10.56	30.71
Selangor, ...	65	88	...	3	...	...	4	2	5	7	30.76	56.81	87.57
Sungei Ujong, ...	146	142	...	3	...	...	11	12	2	14	82.19	14.08	96.27
Johor, ...	132	115	...	...	...	...	9	4	5	9	30.30	43.47	73.77
Total, ...	5,094	5,139	...	30	3	...	159	108	85	193	21.20	16.54	37.74

INDIAN IMMIGRATION AGENT'S OFFICE,
Penang, 3rd March, 1894.

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N^o. A. 74.

Emigration office
Negapatam 21st August 1894

From

The Port Officer and
Emigration Agent,
Negapatam.

To

The District Collector and Magistrate
Tanjore.

Sir,

In compliance with your foot-note Ref on C
N^o. ¹¹⁸⁶~~1186~~ of 1894, dated 16th August 1894, on L.O N^o. 566,
dated 2nd August 1894 calling for remarks on the Indian
Immigration Report for 1893, I have the honor to point
out that in para 18 Mr. Mac Gregor states "Byram
estate still heads the list with a death rate of 6.37 percent,
and I confess I can find no cause for it except that
men are sent over who are not accustomed to field
labour." This opinion seems to me to be hardly recon-
-cileable with statement C in the appendix, in which it
is shown that Byram estate received no new coolies
at all during the year under report, and that there-
fore all the deaths must have been those of coolies
who had been for some time in the Colony.

In para 19, at "Valdor & Chinese" owned & -
that -

the death rate on this estate was practically the same as on Byram viz 6.27. I observe that the statement of is curtailed, whereas, in former years a large list of causes of death was given, in the present only Cholera, dysentery, dropsy and anaemia have been given under which headings comparatively few deaths took place; the great majority being placed under "other causes". I fear it must be under this heading that the excessive death rates will be found, and, I think, it would be as well to ask for further information on the subject.

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7th to 28. Recruiters come over here with letters

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See further p. 3114
19.5.94

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Yr

(Signed) J. P. Barnes
Port Officer & Emigration Agent.

(True copy)

Wm. S. M. 198

W. S. M.
Acting Collector.

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FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF
Tanjore

TO

THE Chief Secretary
Govt. Pale: Sept
Madras

Dated 11. Sept 1894
Despatched
Received

No. $\frac{1048}{SR}$

ENCLOSURES

SUBJECT.

Copy of report from the
Port officer to Emigration
Agent Negapatam &
Copy of Annual report on
Indian Immigrants on the
Straits Settlements for the
Year 1893.

200-7.6.91.

No. $\frac{1048}{SR}$ of 1894 -

FROM

Tanjore Collector's Office,

11th September 1894.

TO

TANJORE.

Chief Secretary to Government,
Public - - Department,

SIR,

MADRAS.

Referring to Government Order, No. 566,
dated 2nd August 1894, forwarding a copy of the annual
Report on Indian Immigration in the Straits
Settlements for 1893 and calling for a report as to
whether there are any points in it to which the
attention of the Colonial Government requires to
be directed I have the honor to submit a copy of
letter No. 74, dated 2nd August 1894, from the Port
Officer and Emigration Agent Negapatam,
offering his remarks on paras 18 to 20, and 25 to 30,
of the report, and request that they may be considered.
2. As regards the statements of the Indian Immigra-
-tion Agent Straits Settlements in paras 24 and 26
in respect of the work done at the Straits Settlements.

and the question of unlicensed recruiting it was
pointed out in Mr Sturrock's report, N^o 437, dated
9th August 1893, that the operations of the unlicensed
recruiters were carried on in defiance of Rules
laid down by the Colonial Government and not
in violation of any Madras Regulation, and
this view of the law was accepted as correct by the
Government of ^{the} Straits in their letter, dated 10th Novem-
ber 1893, N^o 9635, embodied in Government order
N^o 995, dated 11th December 1893.

G.O. 740-44
9-9-93

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant.

Thomas P. J. J.

Aq. collector.

By

for

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 1997/21-3-94
 1021/23-12-93
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 Emigration & Straits Settlements

Public Dept.

From

The as Collector

Chief Secretary
 Public Dept
 Madras

A. S. S.
 DESP. 19/9
 N. 1048
 S. R.

Encl. (one & copy of the report) in file

Subject

Submitting the report called for in G. O. No. 566 on the annual report on Indian Immigration in the Straits Settlements for the year 1893.

Public Current 2621

Letter d. 25th Sep. 94, No. 718

To
 The Secy to the G. of I.
 Rev. & Agri. Dept.
 (Emigration)

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Macgregor's No. 1921 of the 20th July last, I am directed to offer the following remarks on the Annual Report on Indian Immigration in the Straits Settlements for the year 1893.

2. In para. 18 Mr. Macgregor attributes the high death rate on the Byram Estate to the fact that men are sent over who are not accustomed to field labour. A reference to Statement C shows that this particular estate recd. no new policies during the

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der report. The mistake ^{by}
therefore among
en who had been
fire time on the estate,
and the causes appear
of this Govt. to need
further investigation,
especially as the death
rate was the same as
in the Val d'or estate
where the water supply
was condemned.

3. It is observed
that the particulars
afforded in statement
are more restricted
than has been usual
and it would be well
to obtain particulars
in regard to the large
number of deaths
shown under "other
causes".

4. With reference
to para: 20 of the report
it appears to ^{the Council} this Govt
that the fact that out
of a total ~~number~~ of 330
residents ~~of which~~ no less
than 265 were from the
estate points to

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besides the isolation
of the estate, and calls
for further inquiry.
5. In regard to
the remarks in paras:
24 et seq of the report
I am to invite attention
to the letter from the
Govt. of the Straits Settle-
ments, copy of which
was forwarded with
my No. 996 of the 11th
Dec: 93.

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Immigration - 1893.
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Hon. Mr. Bliss C. S. S.