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of the repatriation of two
small convicts of time-
expired Indian Emigrants
from Reunion.

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,
to His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council,
No.80 dated 23rd August 1894.

In continuation of my despatch No.114 of 8th December
1892, I forward for the information of Your Excellency in Coun-
cil, copy of a correspondence which has taken place between
this Office and the Foreign Office, on the subject of the re-
patriation of two small convoys of time-expired Indian Immi-
grants from Reunion.

Letter from the Foreign Office, to the Under-Secretary of
State, India Office, dated 4th August 1894.

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to
you a copy of a despatch from Mr. Bennett, Her Majesty's Consul
in Reunion, reporting the repatriation of two small convoys
of time-expired Indian Immigrants.

His Lordship proposes, if Mr. Secretary Fowler concurs,
to approve the action taken by the Consul in the matter.

Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul in Reunion, to the
Right Hon'ble the Earl of Kimberley No.16 dated 5th July 1894.

I have the honour to report that a convoy of 27 time-
expired Indian Coolies left Reunion on the 24th ultimo for
Pondicherry by the British India S.S. "Sirdhana".

As there was no Doctor on board and it seemed hardly rea-
sonable to call upon the Government of Reunion to disburse
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about £ 60 for the payment of a Medical man to accompany so small a convoy, I have taken upon myself the entire responsibility of allowing these Indians to leave the Colony without a medical attendant.

I however stipulated that the number should not exceed thirty and no one should be accepted who was not in perfect health.

In view of the fact that the vessel was going via Colombo where the Indians were to be transferred to another vessel of the Company on which there was every reason to believe there would be a Doctor, and also of the fact that the Governor of Reunion did not feel himself authorized to sanction the expenditure for a Doctor, and taking into account the circumstance that had it not sanctioned this departure from ordinary custom the men would have been detained in the depots for an indefinite period, I trust that my so doing will be approved by Your Lordship and the Government of India.

The convoy consisted of twenty eight persons: twenty three men, four women and one child; nine of the men were over fifty years of age and only eight were under forty.

They carried away with them a sum of fifteen hundred francs and nine hundred and thirty rupees, equivalent to about one hundred and fifteen pounds, divided amongst seven of the number the remaining twenty one were absolutely destitute.

This gives an average of about £4-3s-6d per statute adult, an average much higher than usual and which would be satisfactory but for the fact that one woman had a sum of £60 which she had earned by keeping a disorderly house.

A second convoy consisting of seven men, four women and two children also left on the 3rd instant under similar conditions with a sum of two hundred and nineteen rupees divided amongst three of them by the same Company's steamer "Kangra".

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The average savings in this case amount to £1-1s-2d per statute adult.

The depots are now empty, except those of St. Pierre and St. Louis where small pox is prevalent. I have however arranged for these Indians to be isolated and placed under medical supervision, and they will be sent home in August.

Despatch from the India Office, to the Foreign Office,
dated 23rd August 1894.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Fowler to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant transmitting a despatch from the British Consul at Reunion on the subject of the repatriation of two small convoys of time-expired Indian Immigrants.

In reply I am desired to return Mr. Bennett's despatch, a copy of which will be sent to the Government of India, and to state that the Secretary of State agrees with Lord Kimberley that Mr. Bennett exercised a wise discretion in the circumstances.

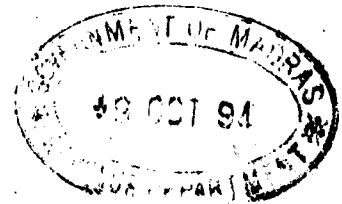
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(Emigration)

Simla, dated the 3rd October 1894.

Forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to its Proceedings Nos. 548 and 585 of the 27th July 1894 and 8th August 1894 respectively.



By order,

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Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

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Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 80 dated the 23rd August 1894 and enclosures.

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