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states that a limited
number of emigrants
might, under restrictive
conditions, be permitted
to embark for Reunion
from French territory.

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Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate : Pondicherry.

30th January 1894

No. 18

From

Lieutenant General H. Mc LEOD, R. A.

H. B.M's Consular Agent, Pondicherry & Karikal.

To

The Honorable J. F. Price, C.S.
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George.

SIR,

In Compliance with directions
Conveyed in your memorandum
No. 140 of the 24th January 1894,
I have the honor to submit
the following report:—

I am of opinion that it would be
feasible to permit a
limited Emigration of British
Subjects to La Réunion from

Some

Some of the French Ports under
certain restrictions.

The most Eligible Ports in my
opinion are Chendernagore and
Pondicherry. The reasons
for this opinion ~~is~~ that a line
of steamers at present
ply with a certain regularity
between Calcutta, Pondicherry,
Mauritius and La Reunion
being engaged mainly in
the exportation of ground
nut oil to the latter two
islands. If these steamers
were utilized for the transport
of Emigrants a great many
of the pre-existent evils that
attended the emigration and
repatriation of British Subjects

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to La Reunion would disappear
as the survey of the vessels
and the provision of stores could
be undertaken at Calcutta
and Mauritius by responsible
British officials and as the
Company that owns the
steamers is one of the largest
and best known in India -
the "British India Steam
Navigation Company" there
would be every guarantee
that Contracts entered into
with them would be faithfully
observed. I am of opinion
that this Course is absolutely
necessary if emigration
is

is to be reopened from French Ports as the records of my office bear ample testimony to the hardships emigrants have been made to undergo in vessels engaged by the French authorities, I think the British India steamers should be employed both for Emigration and repatriation. The only other points that are in my opinion needful to report are 1. The Character of the recruiting agents employed - the provision of Act XXI of 1883 if Carried out would appear to offer sufficient guarantee, but

but there is reason to suppose that many recruiting agents were not of the Character required by the Act. I think more stringency of Enquiry is demanded.

2. I have not included Karikal as a French Port as I am not aware of any British Line going thence to La Reunion, if such exists or is called into existence in the future there would be no objection I think to adding Karikal to the list.

3. The Emigration Depot at

at Pondicherry has disappeared, in the old days it was located at the back of the Ville noire and the agents had the reputation of keeping unwilling recruits in their own houses until they had either frightened or persuaded them to sign their Contracts; and it was also supposed that substitutions of persons were made during the passage of Convoys of Emigrants through the town to the place of embarkation. I would suggest to avoid both that a Depot, if re-established at Pondicherry or at Karikal, should

should be on the Beach - away from the Ville noire and the habitations of the recruiting Agents.

4. I would limit the number of any Convoy from Pondicherry to 100 persons of whom not ^{more than} more than $\frac{1}{3}$ to be females.

5. As I read in the papers that Emigration to La Réunion from British Ports is already sanctioned and a Convention is in Contemplation I have not considered it my duty to report upon any point further than those that affect French ports alone.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant

Wm. Lushington
H.B. In's Consul & Agent
Pondicherry & Karikal

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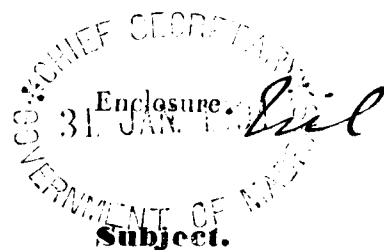
From Lieutenant General H. Mc LEOD R.A.
Her Britannic Majesty's Consular Agent,
Pondicherry & Karikal.

FOR ORDERS.

To The Honorable J. F. Price,
C.S.
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George

No. 18.

Dated 30th January 1894
Received



Submitting report
on the subject of
the resumption of
Emigration to La Réunion
under restrictive
Conditions.

That part may permit - I think
we may fairly stipulate that the
D.I. ships ~~only~~, or those of a regular
line, shall alone be employed,
not casual ~~ships~~ "ocean
tramps", as they are called.
I presume that in para 4
of Genl. McLeod's letter
the ~~word~~ "more" is
a slip for "less" -

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I think so, but we must
make conditions as to the
number with recruitment
as was limited as well as
the ships to be employed.

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And as to such supervision by a
competent officer, as would make such
frauds as are alluded to by Genl. Macleod
impossible.

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4 Feb

It is proposed to send
a copy of Genl. McLeod's
report to India, and to
say that this Govt. is of
opinion that emigration
might be carried on
from Chandernagore
and Pondicherry.

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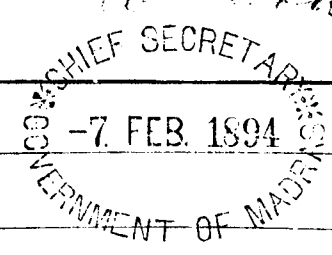
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To
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Chief Secretary to
Government office

From
(Person)

Secy. to Govt.



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Had Clerical Error I intended
recommended one third females
only no more words from
females remain previous

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Public DEPARTMENT.

Telegram

From

The British Consular
Agent
Pondicherry.

No:

Dated 6 February 94

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Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Stating that he in-
- tentinally recommends
one third females as
ward - Remission.

Despatch Copy
of letter.
10/2/94.

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10. Feb 94
Public Department.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Revenue and Agriculture
Department.

Sir,

In continuation of par
4 of my No. 61 of the 24th
January, I am directed to
forward copy of a letter from
the British Consular Agent
at Pondicherry and Karikal
reporting that, in his opinion
a limited number of emigrants
might, under restrictive con-
ditions, be permitted to
embark for Réunion from
French territory.

2. This Government concurs
in Genl. McCleod's remarks
and would most certainly
stipulate that Steamers of
regular British line only
be employed to carry to
Emigrants to and from

would also be necessary
to make conditions as to the
number to which recruitment
should be limited, and as
to such supervision by a
competent officer as would
make such frauds as are
alluded to by Genl. Medrod
impossible.

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