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ON

INDIAN IMMIGRATION

IN THE

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR

1894

BY

H. EVANS, Esq.

Acting Indian Immigration Agent, S.S.

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ANNUAL REPORT ON INDIAN IMMIGRATION, FOR THE YEAR 1894.

INDIAN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.
Penang, 27th February, 1895.

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 1894.

2. One thousand six hundred and eighty-eight (1,688) Statute Immigrants arrived, bringing 113 dependents. Thirteen were redeemed before leaving the Depot.

3. Of these, 1,053 were for service in the Colony, and 635 for the Native States:—

Province Wellesley.	...	...	1,053
Perak.	...	...	530
Selangor.	...	...	75
Sungei Ujong.	...	...	30
Johor.	...	...	...

4. Thirteen thousand one hundred and fifty-five (13,155) Immigrants not under indenture arrived, being a decrease of 2,722 on last year's arrivals, and 13,537 returned to India.

5. Enclosures A and B give the names of the ships that arrived and departed from Penang with Indian Immigrants during the year.

BIRTHS.

6. The births reported are given below:—

	Males.	Females.
Province Wellesley.	98	96
Perak.	36	19
Selangor.	2	1
Sungei Ujong.	3	4
Johor.	...	...
Total.	139	120

DEATHS.

7. Two hundred and thirty-four (234) deaths were reported by the estates in the Colony and Native States, the percentage of the whole being 4.80. Enclosure G shows the deaths that occurred in the Colony and those reported from the Native States.

HOSPITALS.

8. Six thousand six hundred and nine (6,609) Statute Immigrants were admitted for treatment in the various Estate and Government Hospitals. The percentage of deaths on admissions was 3.54.

DESERTIONS.

9. One thousand three hundred and sixteen (1,316) Statute Immigrants deserted and 656 were arrested.

CONTRACTS.

10. One thousand seven hundred and forty-four (1,744) contracts were executed in this Office, against 2,034 last year, and stamp duty amounting to \$1,613 was collected.

11. One hundred and ninety-one (191) contracts were renewed in Province Wellesley.

12. The contracts for Selangor and Johor are executed in those States.

CERTIFICATES.

13. One thousand and five hundred (1,500) certificates under section 9 of the Immigration Ordinance were issued in this Office, and 1,897 were granted by the Assistant Indian Immigration Agent, Singapore. These certificates have been chiefly issued to persons trading with the Dutch Colonies.

GENERAL REMARKS.

14. The number of Statute Immigrants that arrived during the year was 1,688, against 2,106 the previous year. The falling off in the number is principally accounted for by the bad system of recruiting at present carried on in Southern India.

15. The decrease in the number of Immigrants not under indenture is large, the principal causes being increase of passage rate and depreciation of exchange.

16. The mortality has been largest on Gula, Caledonia and Prye Estates, the chief causes of death, as reported by the Colonial Surgeons, being inferior class of coolies, debility and diarrhoea.

17. There is no doubt that the Recruiting Agents, in their desire to supply the labour market with sufficient coolies, recruit men who are totally unsuited for field work.

18. On Gula Estate, a very large hospital has been built, the buildings being the largest on any estate in the Settlements. It is supervised by a qualified European Apothecary on the estate, and visited once a week by the Government Medical Officer.

19. The number of desertions from Gula is again very heavy, the principal causes are the fact of a large percentage of coolies recruited being unfit for agricultural labour, the temptation of higher wages offered by neighbouring estates and by Government contractors, and crimping.

20. A large percentage of deserters consists of coolies in the first year of their agreement.

21. Owing to the abnormally high death-rate upon the Byram Estate during the year 1893, enquiry into the cause of this increase in the death-rate was made at the request of the Government of India, and this enquiry tended to show that the causes were as follows:—

(1) The high rate of mortality on Byram Estate during the year 1893 was chiefly owing to the arrivals, in May and June, 1892, of nearly 300 coolies on this estate in the short space of six weeks.

(2) Soon after, a very severe outbreak of fever occurred, especially amongst the last arrivals. Although the epidemic subsided in the course of a few months, it left the majority of the coolies in a very debilitated state of health for a long time after.

(3) Of the 33 coolies who died in 1893, 22 were those who arrived in 1892, 10 of 1891, and only one of 1890, who died at the beginning of the year.

(4) The causes of death were principally due to diarrhoea and debility. In nearly all the 33 cases the coolies had almost from the very commencement of their contract been inmates of the hospital, except for a short interval of convalescence when they were employed on light work about the hospital grounds and coolie lines, and received specially cooked rations at the hospital.

22. Similar enquiry was made into the reason for the desertions which took place on Gula Estate, which, during the year 1893, were unusually high, and this enquiry showed the following reasons as being the cause:—

(1) A large percentage of the coolies recruited are unfit for agricultural labour, 90 per cent. of the total desertions consist of coolies in the first year of their agreement.

(2) The Sub-recruiters in India misrepresent matters to the coolies while being recruited, though while in dépôt the terms of their contracts and the labour they have to do on the estates out here is thoroughly explained to them by the Superintendent of the Dépôt.

(3) Crimping is rife. The Manager of Gula had three convictions in 1893, and several other cases occurred in which convictions could not be procured for want of evidence.

(4) Government contractors and owners of Chinese Estates who do not import Indian Immigrants themselves, are able to pay higher wages, this being a great inducement for the Immigrants to desert.

I have, &c.,

H. EVANS,
Acting Indian Immigration Agent, S. S.

STATEMENT A.

List of Vessels which arrived in 1894 with Statute Immigrants from the Madras Ports.

			Statute Immigrants.				
Names of Vessels.	From what Ports.	Dates of Arrival.					Total.
			Men.	Women.	Dependants.	Immigrants.	
1894.							
S. S. "Secundra,"	... Madras & Coast Ports.	6th January,	47	13	6	335	398
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	23rd "	27	5	1	235	267½
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	6th February,	32	9	3	425	467½
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	20th "	39	11	6	359	412
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	6th March,	29	6	2	370	409
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	20th "	30	9	3	392½	443
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	3rd April,	64	14	8	294	376
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	17th "	57	9	4	292	360
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	30th "	58	21	9	403	546½
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	15th May,	67	14	3	551	633½
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	20th "	57	14	5	617½	691
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	11th June,	62	27	5	505½	657
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	25th "	82	20	13	418½	527
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	10th July,	92	19	4	741	854
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	23rd "	43	7	2	832	883
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	7th August,	57	11	5	500	630½
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	20th "	55	16	5	506	572½
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	4th September,	69	19	9	584½	697½
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	18th "	33	10	3	953	1077
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	2nd October,	70	9	2	794	874
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	16th "	40	0	2	695	751
" " "Sirsa,"	" " " "	30th "	35	12	...	534	581
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	13th November,	37	8	...	350	395
" " "Camorta,"	" " " "	27th "	40	17	3	603	661½
" " "Secundra,"	" " " "	11th December,	53	23	5	496	544½
" " "Camorta,"	" " " "	26th "	57	15	5	609	683½
Total...			1,338	350	113	13,155½	14,000

STATEMENT B.

List of Vessels which left for Madras Ports with Immigrants in 1894.

Names of Vessels.		Dates of Departure.	No. of Immigrants.	For what Ports.
S. S.	"Sirsa,"	4th January, 1864.	349½	Madras and Coast Ports.
	"Secundra,"	18th "	448	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	1st February,	603	" "
"	"Secundra,"	15th "	687	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	2nd March,	930	" "
"	"Secundra,"	15th "	652½	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	20th "	603½	" "
"	"Secundra,"	12th April,	563½	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	26th "	610	" "
"	"Secundra,"	11th May,	753	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	23rd "	712½	" "
"	"Secundra,"	6th June,	578	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	23rd "	568½	" "
"	"Secundra,"	4th July,	451	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	18th "	441½	" "
"	"Secundra,"	1st August,	472	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	15th "	583½	" "
"	"Secundra,"	30th "	430	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	13th September,	394	" "
"	"Secundra,"	27th "	412	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	11th October,	326½	" "
"	"Secundra,"	25th "	359½	" "
"	"Sirsa,"	8th November,	424	" "
"	"Secundra,"	23rd "	518½	" "
"	"Camorta,"	6th December,	380	" "
"	"Secundra,"	26th "	472	" "
Total...			13,537	

STATEMENT C.

Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in Province Wellesley, 1894.

	No. of Immigrant employed on 1st January, 1894.	No. of Arrivals in 1894.	No. of Immigrants employed under second Contract.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1894.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1894.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1894.	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 1894.	Males.	Women.	Remaining on Estates on 31st Decem-ber, 1894
Baram.	413	42	...	455	...	7	1.68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Camp Jalia.	1,028	372	56	1,456	...	31	2.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manak.	948	411	...	1,059	...	21	1.93	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poon.	310	50	135	495	...	44	6.13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Treas-Kien.	798	167	...	935	...	3	1.19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vad-dor.	343	11	...	343	...	5	6.35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	199	...	...	210	...	5	3.40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	...	...	...	...	...	2	2.98	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	3,709	1,053	191	4,953	23	151	382	621	304	18	531	4,875	2,74	2	1,132	35	124	1	1,419	532	3,209	...

STATEMENT D.
Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in the Native States, 1894.

Accounting for all Statute Immigrants employed in

ESTATES.	No. of Immigrants employed on 1st January, 1894.	No. of Arrivals in 1894.	No. of Immigrants employed under Contract in 1894.	Total.	No. in Government Hospital on 31st December, 1894.	No. in Estate Hospital on 31st December, 1894.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths.	No. of Deserters.	No. of Deserters arrested.	No. in Gaol on 31st December, 1894.	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 1894.	No. of Indian Coolies employed not under Protection on 31st December, 1894.		No. of Coolies remaining on Estate on 31st Decr. 1894.	
																				Men.	Women.		
PERAK.																							
Gula, ...	1,036	505	...	1,541	2	79	8.22	594	314	41	298	921	8.57	...	...	98	8	146	...	...	384	186	930
Kamuning, ...	48	...	...	48	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	...	...	...	30	...	1	...	220	45	15	
Sungei Bogah, ...	122	25	...	147	1	6	5.80	38	17	...	...	13	396	1.76	...	10	...	10	...	16	12	99	
Total, ...	1,206	530	...	1,736	8	85	7.78	634	331	41	311	1,457	5.90	...	...	138	8	157	...	620	243	1,044	
SELANGOR.																							
Batu Caves, ...	15	50	...	65	1	...	5.88	18	9	...	...	7	35	8.57	...	6	...	3	...	99	16	44	
Tremelbye, ...	37	25	...	62	1	...	12.15	4	...	...	...	2	26	19.23	...	...	...	...	...	13	3	53	
Glen Marie, ...	43	...	...	43	...	...	3.33	16	7	...	...	8	22	4.54	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	33	
Total, ...	95	75	...	170	2	...	7.32	38	16	...	...	17	83	10.84	...	6	...	3	...	117	19	130	
JOHORE.																							
Letty Brook, ...	24	...	...	24	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	16	...	...	21	1	...	...	70	18	2	
Stoke Rochford, ...	23	...	...	23	3	...	10.52	3	...	...	...	2	55	3.63	...	...	5	...	...	5	4	15	
Tebran, ...	53	...	...	53	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	2	22	...	...	40	5	...	...	13	5	1	
Total, ...	100	...	...	100	3	...	2.46	11	3	1	5	93	2.15	...	...	61	11	...	...	88	27	18	
SUNGEI UJONG.																							
...	121	...	...	121	...	4	3.80	11	1	...	...	1	92	3.26	...	73	...	...	...	...	6	...	35
...	...	30	...	30	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	30
...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	12	2	...	...	2	101	2.97	...	73	...	...	...	...	6	...	65
Total, ...	121	30	...	151	...	...	2.97	12	2	...	...	2	101	2.97	...	73	...	...	...	...	6	...	65
Grand Total, ...	1,522	635	...	2,157	13	89	7.25	695	352	42	335	1,734	5.76	...	...	278	19	160	...	831	293	1,257	

STATEMENT E.

	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.
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	2,106	1,688
Immigrants, ...	107	159	209	176	177	49	244	310	317	174	172	293	423	237	113
...	3,755	5,769	8,276	8,979	14,365	19,819	17,316	12,156	15,812½	15,285	15,341	26,446½	16,370	15,877	13,155
Total Arrivals, ...	5,053	6,807	9,937	10,605	16,081	21,510	20,308	17,202	20,813½	18,206	18,473	30,182½	18,421	18,220	14,956
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	14,044½	13,537
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	4,173½	1,419

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STATEMENT F.

Return showing the Statistics of Statute Immigrants employed in Estates in the Straits Settlements and Native States, during the year 1894.

COUNTRY.	1	Deductions made during the year 1894.														16	17	18														
		2		3		4		5		6		7		8					9		10		11		12		13		14		15	
		Number remaining at the end of the year 1893.	By Planters.	Imported.	Re-engaged.	Recovered after having been struck off as Deserters.	Total.	Total of Columns 2 and 6.	Deaths.		Desertions.		Cancellation for permanent unfitness.	Efflux of time.	Redemption.				Number dissolved by mutual consent.	Total deducted.	Number remaining at the end of the year 1894.	Strength on 1st July, 1894.	Annual Strength.		Death-rate per mille.							
First Half-year.	Second Half-year.								First Half-year.	Second Half-year.	First Half-year.	Second Half-year.																				
Province Wellesley.	...	3,709	1,053	191	304	1,548	5,257	76	58	340	281	2	1,132	124	35	2,048	3,209	3,504	3,606	3,356	38.35											
Perak.	...	1,206	530	...	331	861	2,067	45	41	306	338	...	138	157	8	1,023	1,044	1,085	1,145	1,064	77.83											
Selangor.	...	95	75	...	16	91	186	1	8	22	16	...	6	3	...	56	130	121	108	125	73.25											
Sungei Ujong.	...	121	30	...	2	32	153	2	1	8	4	...	73	...	...	88	65	103	112	84	29.75											
Johor.	...	100	...	...	3	103	103	2	...	8	3	...	61	...	11	85	18	62	81	40	24.69											
Total.	...	5,231	1,688	191	656	2,535	7,766	126	108	684	632	2	1,410	284	54	3,300	4,466	4,875	5,052	4,669	48.07											

STATEMENT G.
Deaths amongst Statute Immigrants.

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No. 588
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FROM

E. V. LEVINGE, Esq., c.s.,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secretary to the

Government of Madras.

Simla, the

1st May 1895.

Department of Revenue
and Agriculture.
(Emigration.)

SIR

In continuation of this Department's letter No. 520-26/2 dated the 20th April 1895, I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Madras, a copy of the Annual Report on Indian immigration in the Straits Settlements for the year 1894.

2. I am to enquire whether there are any points in the report to which the Governor in Council would wish the attention of the Colonial Government to be directed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Under-Secretary.

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Referred to the Collector
of Tanjore for any
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have to offer.

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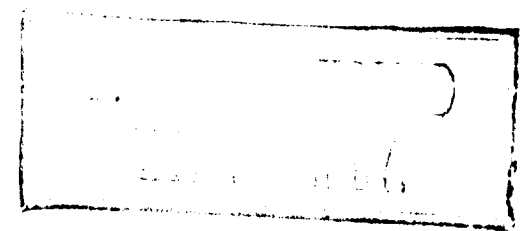
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TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department

Dated

11th July 1895.

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Subject.

Enclosure referred to
from the Government.

No 535
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Tanjore Collector's office

11th July 1895.

From

Robert B. Legg Esquire
Ag Collector

Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department

Madras

Sir,

In reply to your endorsement dated the 14th May
1895 No 1035, herewith returned, I have the honor
to state with reference to para 22 (c) of the Indian
Immigration Agent's report that Coolies who have
been induced by misrepresentations on the part of
Sub-recruiters to come to the depot established
at Negapatam, have the truth put before them
and are not forced to emigrate but are free
allowed to go back to their homes. This can

therefore be no reason for their desertion when they arrive at estates in the Straits Settlements.

2. It is not stated what becomes of the Coolies unfit for agricultural labour mentioned in paras 19 and 22 (v). If they seek higher wages elsewhere they can hardly be considered unfit.

3. It is not understood what Mr Evans means by saying in para 14 of the report that the falling off in the number of Statute Immigrants is due to the bad system of recruiting, at present carried on in Southern India. The number of Coolies that emigrate depends to a great extent on the character of the season in Southern India.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

your most obedient servant

For Ag Collector

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To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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SIR,

In connection with the annual
Report on Indian Immigration in the
Straits Settlements for 1894, received
with Mr. Levinge's No. 588/28-2, dated
1st May last, I am directed to forward
copy of a letter from the Collector of
Tanjore No. 535 of the 11th July, and
to add that the large number of deser-
tions disclosed in the report in the
opinion of this Govt. point to the
~~urgent~~ necessity of improving the con-
ditions and terms of labour in the
Straits.

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