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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Captain H. NEPEAN, Acting British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Pondicherry, 13th October 1897, No. 179.

I have the honour to forward herewith my report on the returned emigrants from La Réunion by S.S. "Wardha" and S.S. "Amra."

2. I enclose herein a copy of the certificate given by the doctor in charge of the emigrants.

ENCLOSURES.

REPORT on the returned emigrants from La Réunion by the British India Steam Navigation Company's steamers "Wardha" and "Amra" arrived at Pondicherry on the 8th October 1897.

	S.S. "Wardha."	S.S. "Amra."
Name of Master	Captain Fausset.	H. A. Cery.
Surgeon	Dr. Finlay.	None.
Assistant to Surgeon		
Date of departure	From Réunion, 13th September 1897.	From Colombo, 6th October 1897.
arrival	At Colombo, 5th October 1897.	At Pondicherry, 8th October 1897.
Ports at which the ship touched ..	Mauritius and Colombo.	Pamban and Tondi.

Classification of emigrants.	Embarked.		Died during the voyage.		Landed.		Total.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
Adults of 16 years of age and upwards.	33	13	1	..	31	13	46
Minors from under 16 to 2 years of age.	2	3	..	..	2	3	5
Under 2 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Infants { Born during } Male	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
the voyage. } Female	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	35	16	1	..	33	16	51

* One emigrant was left behind sick at Mauritius.

MORTALITY during the voyage.

Serial number.	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Disease.	Date of admission.	Date of death.	Total of deaths.	Percent- age of deaths.	Remarks.
31,559	Marin Adou- carin.	Male.	69	Chronic bronchitis with cardiac disease.	..	7th October 1897.	1	2	Left no pro- perty.

Remarks.

The British India Steam Navigation Company's steamer "Wardha" sailed from Réunion on the 18th September 1897 with 51 returned emigrants and arrived at Colombo on the 5th October, where the emigrants were transhipped to S.S. "Amra" on the 6th instant. The S.S. "Amra" arrived at Pondicherry on the 8th October, and the emigrants landed the same evening.

2. The number embarked from Réunion was 51, of whom one was left behind sick at Mauritius and one died at sea. The remaining 49 persons landed safely here, of whom one was a Calcutta emigrant. He was despatched to that port by S.S. "Kangra" on the 11th October. The Protector of Emigrants, Calcutta, has been furnished with the necessary nominal roll.

3. All the emigrants were questioned; none made any complaint regarding their treatment on boardship.

4. Three of the emigrants claimed remuneration for their having been employed in cooking food for the other emigrants on board the vessels S.S. "Wardha" and S.S. "Amra," which reward, they said, they have been promised by the emigration authorities at Réunion. But the Agents of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie refused to pay them, the Captain of the "Amra" refused, and the French Commissaire d'emigration also refused. The British Consul at Réunion has consequently been addressed on the subject, with the request that arrangements may be made that in future such promises made on embarkation be carried out on arrival.

5. Forty per cent. of the emigrants were over the age of 50. The general appearance of the emigrants was debilitated. It may, however, be noted with satisfaction that none of them were found sick on landing.

6. Twenty of the emigrants are said to have brought savings amounting to Rs. 2,028 divided amongst them. Twenty-six are declared paupers and three more were found destitute on landing; and the French Government granted a relief of Rs. 48 to assist them to their villages. All 29 received a secour, except the one who was left behind at Mauritius and the one who died on the voyage. The relief of Rs. 2 voted for the latter has, however, been paid to me, and I have taken steps to ascertain his legal heirs.

7. Thirty-seven emigrants were given clothing on board just before landing.

On the voyage from Réunion there were very few cases of sickness. One case, however—an old man of 66—was sent on shore at Mauritius to hospital suffering from cardiac dropsy. Splendid weather all the way; cases of sea sickness were very few.

2. On the way from Colombo to here one man died. He had been suffering from chronic bronchitis with cardiac disease. He was buried at sea on the 7th instant.

3. In all 51 people were embarked at Réunion deducting two cases—one of sickness and the other of death—that left 49 to be disembarked.

PONDICHERRY,
8th October 1897.

(Signed) F. FINLAY,
Surgeon.

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The report will be forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal.

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Chief Secretary.

Exd. C. M. Thumbarany.

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