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OFFICE OF THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
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From

J. Thomson Esq.

AG. PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
Madras,

To

The Honble Mr. J. F. D. C. S.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George,

SIR,

I have the honor to offer the remarks
A Called for in G. O. No. 1039 of 27th September
last on the report of the Protector of Immigrants
Katab for 1896.

2. Two vessels sailed from Madras with a
total embarked of

men.	women.	Boys.	girls.	Infants.	Total
1183	446	128	116	43	56
		3	5		1980

and Born on Board.

who were all landed except 1 Boy and 2 girls
infants, testifying in the clearest manner to the
selections made and care taken during the voyage,
and Comparing favorably with the immigration
by the Ships from Calcutta.

3. The returning immigrants numbered

men.	women.	Boys.	girls.	Infants.	Total
68	24	11	13	3	3
					122

Carrying

with their savings of £ 779 an average of over £ 6 per head. Those from Calcutta returned with a considerably larger average.

4. The distribution of the year's importation is not so fully given as it might be: it appearing only that labour - up Country on farms and mines is becoming popular.

5. The birth rate 28.18 and the death rate 14.46 indicate satisfactory conditions of life though the lives are selected. An unsatisfactory feature is the large number of infant and of unnatural death and of suicides. The names given show that these were largely of people from Madras. As regards suicides it is difficult to believe that the causes could not in any case be ascertained.

6. The Indian population of the Colony has advanced from 10,626 in 1876 to 49,643 in 1896. The small number of those returned in 1896 as time expired and invalid (296) shows that the Country does not suffer by comparison with this in the minds of the settlers.

17.

7. Vaccination was largely performed and the use of it was clearly shown in only one attack of Small-pox occurring. There was comparative freedom from infections or contagious disease. The infant mortality alluded to, if due to want of proper clothing, is surely capable of prevention by those charged with the control of the parents.

8. The remarks of the Protector on the conduct and pursuits of the time expired immigrants are very satisfactory, showing a contented, orderly and industrious addition to the free population.

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annexures
C 5 J. H.
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9. From the annexures to the report it would appear that eight hospitals exist for treatment of immigrants and had an attendance of over 7 per cent of the total population. The prevalent diseases were fever, diarrhoea, dysentery, lung and venereal affections. Of the total yearly deaths reported (718) 137 would appear to have occurred in hospitals.

10. The relations between the Coolies and their employers seem on the whole to have been fairly good. The instances of disagreement that are given show that the Protector is exercising care.

Care and vigilance and that where grievances do exist full Endeavours are made to afford redress. It would be well if a tabulated statement showing the nature, action taken and result of each Complaint formed an annexure to future reports.

11. The remittances to India vary in yearly quantity, but of late years are maintaining a high average, while the number and value of deposits in the Government Savings Banks have undergone a remarkable increase in the past three years. The latter fact coupled with the relatively small remittances to the home country show clearly the confidence reposed in the Government and the contentment of the emigrants with their existing conditions.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most obedt. Servant
Wm. H. H. Thompson
As Protector of Emigrants

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Purke DEPARTMENT

The Hon. Sir Henry Bliss K.C.I.S.

SUBJECT.

REPORT OF THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS,
NATAL, AND THE REMARKS OF THE PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS MADE ON IT.

FOR ORDERS.

Who is this?
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The report of the Protector of Emigrants Natal, and the remarks of Mr Thompson thereon are submitted for orders.

The current contains a clear summary of the chief points which appear to require notice. These are briefly:-

- 1.) (para. 4.) The way in which the emigrants are employed on arrival in Natal is not clearly stated. In the report of the year 1895, para. 15 a difficulty was alluded to of "instances in which Indians, especially new arrivals, have positively declined to work on estates. I would refer to men such as Brahmins, petty shopkeepers, potmakers, gold and silver-smiths, professional beggars and other unsatisfactory emigrants of a similar class. Men such as these no doubt emigrate to the colony only with the view of being released from indenture on arrival and thereby enabled to carry on

connected in this country on the

The Protector may be left
to deal with this. We need not
introduce an Indian system of
enlarging annual Reports by calling
for further information. H.P.

The Protector has no complaint
to make under this head
H.P.

their respective trades and callings.

It is submitted that the
para. in the present report which deals
with this subject is somewhat meagre,
(para. 3) and it would be as well
to suggest that, as far as possible, the
various ways in which the Madras
emigrants were disposed of on arrival
were stated in the report. This infor-
-mation might be useful, as it would
show that in the majority of cases the
emigrants were imported for classes of
work which Europeans could not do, or
which it would not pay them to do, with
reference to the argument ~~which~~
~~that~~ sometimes seen that the Indian
emigrants are supplanting the white
element in the colony.

Clearly it not inten-
-ded, or desirable that shopkeepers &c
should obtain admittance to the
colony under false pretences.
(2). Mr Thompson notes that there were
a large number of infant and unnat-
-ural deaths, and of suicides, and sugg-
-ests that the causes of the suicides
should be ascertained more generally.

In the absence of any
allegation of ill-treatment (as eviden-
-ced by the small numbers of emigrants
who return to India) ~~it is~~
probably the information, if obtained,
would not be more informing than
that collected in this country on the

mt. | same subject.

Not only ~~it~~ does the Indian population in the colony show an enormous increase in the last 20 years, but in 1896 1980 emigrants went from Madras as against 1729 in 1895. The proportion of women is still less than one quarter of ~~the~~ the number of men (3) That a tabular statement should ~~be~~ accompany the ~~the~~ report showing the nature of the action taken, and the result of ~~all~~ all complaints.

Para. 13 of the ~~the~~ report gives an account of two cases in which action was ~~the~~ taken, and the result.

The suggestion may be approved of with the proviso that only such cases as were inquired into by the Protector need be given. Among people of this class many frivolous complaints must always occur, which are not worth inquiring ~~into~~ into at all.

Orders are solicited as to whether the above points should be referred to India.

*This does not seem essential.
Iw? for any more tabular
statements. mt.*

*This does not seem
necessary.*

*The letter may simply
be Recorded. Everything is working well.*

*mt. 2.11.97
3/4 - There's nothing much to complain of
none can't get perfection in this world*

*mt.
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