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Dated Réunion, the September 1896.

From—C. W. BENNETT, Esq., Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Réunion,

To—THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL OF ELGIN, G.M.S.I., Viceroy and Governor General of India.

I HAVE the honour to enclose my Report on Indian Immigration at Réunion of 1895.

Report by MR. BENNETT upon Indian Coolie Immigration at Réunion for the year 1895.

THE figures given in the following report can only be taken as approximately correct. Her Majesty's Consul has no means of effectively checking the accuracy of the returns forwarded to him by the Protector of Immigrants.

Annexure No. 1. In Annexure No. 1 is contained a table showing the increase and decrease of the immigrant population in 1895.

It will be noticed that there is a net decrease of 838, and that the deaths (471) during the year are far in excess of the births (175). The death-rate, however, is not unusually large 26·8 per 1,000, and the difference is probably mainly caused by many births not having been duly registered. In spite of all efforts it has been found impossible as yet to enforce registration of all births.

Of the 471 deaths, 281 (200 men and 81 women) occurred upon estates which are required by law to have a hospital. Of the 14,451 adult immigrants, 9,262 are employed on the large estates, the remainder working for small planters or as servants and hawkers. Nearly one-third of the total Indian labour colony, however, is unproductive as regards agriculture; and were the actual conditions under which the minority of 5,189 Indians live carefully inquired into it would undoubtedly be found that at least 4,000 of their engagements were fictitious engagements. I have met cases where engagés themselves had engagés; where engagés have been ceded to persons in receipt of parish relief, to common policemen, petty clerks, "garde espions" or persons who are paid to find out and run to earth at 2·50 francs a head, Indians who are as regards their contracts in an irregular position, and even to common prostitutes. "Anybody who pays his taxes is allowed to have an engagé." In practice anybody may have one. If these 4,000 were made to work, as they were originally meant to, on the estates, there would be an ample labour supply in the Colony, but in view of the political interests involved a Protector who took such a step would not hold office for a week.

The system of repatriation of time-expired Indians *via* Mauritius is working well: 83, of whom 61 were paupers, left during 1895, taking with them a sum of R2,718. Twenty Indians also left at their own expense for Mauritius, Madagascar and France.

In Annexure No. 2 will be found a return of the general British Indian population at Réunion, showing a decrease of 690 on the returns of the previous year. The number of old engagés holding free permis

de séjour has greatly increased.

Annexures Nos. 4 and 5 give returns of Indians and masters tried or condemned before the Courts. The Indians were condemned as follows: robbery

Annexures Nos. 4 and 5. 88; as vagabonds 86; abuse of confidence 8; assaults with violence 32; arson 1; drunkenness 4; offences against forest law 2; murder 2. The sentences varied from one day to two years' hard labour. Three crimes, however, were punished as follows: arson five years' hard labour; two murders, one by ten years' imprisonment, and the second to hard labour for life. The bill of costs, 8077·00 francs for purely legal charges, exclusive of lawyer's fees, seems to be remarkably high.

It is satisfactory to notice (Annexure No. 4), that complaints brought directly before the Syndics were actively taken up without any intervention on the part of the Consulate. Although the Indian did not invariably succeed, it shows that the Syndics in many cases have the interests of the Indian at heart.

The very large sum of nearly 200,000 francs paid in bounties show how anxious planters are to retain their labourers. It is sad however to think that such a large sum has practically had no effect but that of

increasing the receipts of the sellers of rum.

The usual rolls of complaints preferred at the Consulate and Syndicates is annexed.

Annexures Nos. 7 and 8. There are no very serious complaints, and none appear to call for special mention.

It is satisfactory to note that only four suicides occurred during the year.
Twenty marriages between Indians were legally celebrated during 1895, and six between Indians and Creoles.

One hundred and seventy-four Indians passed through the State hospital, 153 having been treated at the expense of the Communal Authorities and 21 at that of private persons.

REUNION,
1st September 1896.

C. W. BENNETT,
Consul.

ANNEXURE No. 1.

Increase and decrease of Indian Immigrant population during 1895.

Population on December 31st, 1894	18,366	...
Births in 1895	175	...
Re-engaged	4	...
	18,545	
Freed from engagement, mostly infirm	128	
" become permissionnaires	73	
" under Decree, March 30th, 1881	63	
" children of second generation	179	
Left for Mauritius, Madagascar, etc.	20	
Repatriated	83	
Deaths	471	
Total population on December 31st, 1895	17,528	
	18,545	18,545

ANNEXURE No. 2.

Return of general Indian population.

Class.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Contract labourers and children of				
Old engagés holding permis de Séjour at 10 francs each	10,014	4,447	3,067	17,528
Old engagés holding free permis	...	...	...	675
Free Indians paying 50 francs to 500 francs	230	...	...	695
Traders, clerks, etc.	91	...	...	230
Agriculturists	40	...	...	91
Wives and children of permissionnaires	(P)	...	...	40
	10,375	4,447	3,067	19,259

ANNEXURE No. 3.

Return of Indians and Masters condemned by Courts in 1895.

Designation of Courts.	Indians.	Masters.	Fines.	Costs.
Before higher Courts	261	15 (P) only 5	627'00	8,077'00
Judges de Paix (Macadam)	945	condemned.	1,995'00	...

ANNEXURE No. 4.

Nominal Roll of Masters who were prosecuted in 1895.

Name of Master.	Nature of complaints.	At whose request prosecuted.	Result.
François Guilloteau	A month's wages unpaid	...	Nonsuited.
Leon de Pindray	Nearly four months' wages unpaid at 12'50 a month.	...	Paid 46'95.
Louis Rambaud	Assaulted by Master	Consul	Unfounded.
Adrien Lagourgue	Assault with violence	...	Ditto.
Yules Potier	Ditto	...	Ditto.
Eugène Lepervanche	Assault	...	Ditto.
Adrien Lagourgue	Blows and illegal imprisonment on estate	...	Condemned.
Tongues et Lekoy	Five months' wages unpaid	...	Paid.
Adolphe de Laperrière	Two months' wages unpaid	...	Do.
Mrs. Barbot	Ill usage	...	Unfounded.
Henri Gonthier	Ditto	...	Ditto.
Joseph Lamet	Ditto	...	Ditto.
Joseph Keraurio	Blows	...	Ditto.
Benjamin Lagrange	Ill usage	...	Ditto.
B. de Lanux	Assault with violence	...	Condemned to 100 francs fine.

ANNEXURE No. 5.

Return of Indians engaged or re-engaged during 1895 showing amount of bounty received.

Engagements with bounty.	Engagements without bounty.	TOTAL.	
		Engagements.	Bounty.
2,441	{ 4,446 83 }	6,970	frcs. 199,588 c. 75

ANNEXURE No. 6.

Table showing taxes, etc., levied upon Indian Immigrants and upon their engagements, showing by whom paid.

Nature of tax.	Rate per head.	Payable by	Total amount.	REMARKS.
	frcs.		R	
Poll-tax	6	Indian	72,840'00	At least.
Engagement tax	6	Master	41,332'00	Ditto.
Permis de Séjour	10	Indian	...	
Capture money	2'50 on each arrest.	Ditto	675'00	
Fines annex	2 50 francs.	Ditto	2,622'00	
Costs	2'50 "	Ditto	8,077'00	

ANNEXURE No. 7.

Roll of complaints at Consulate.

ANNEXURE No. 8.

Return of complaints preferred before the Syndics.

ANNEXURE No. 8.

Plaintes portées devant les Syndics par les Immigrants Indiens en 1895.

NATURE DE LA PLAINTÉ.	ST. DENIS.		ST. MARIE.		ST. SUZANNE.		ST. ANDRÉ.		BRAS PANON.		ST. BENOÎT.		ST. ROSE.		ST. JOSEPH.		ST. PIERRE.		ST. LOUIS.		ST. LEU.		ST. PAUL.		POSSESSION.		TOTAL DES PLAINTES.
	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	Fondées.	Non-fondées.	
Réclamations de salaires .	5	3	1	..	..	7	..	..	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	2	1	2	2	..	..	..	4	2	..	1	33
Réclamations de vivres .	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6
Veuvail excessif .	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Voies de fait, etc. .	1	1	1	3	..	10	2	..	2	..	3	3	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	30
Refus de soins médicaux .	..	2	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	9
Pour forcer au rengagement .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manque de rechanges .	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Diverses . . .	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	8	..	..	..	20
TOTAUX .	7	10	4	11	..	23	3	..	4	..	2	9	..	2	..	..	1	4	3	..	..	9	11	1	4	107	

Abstract of complaints lodged at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants in 1895.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant, employer, or estate on which employed.	Nature of complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	REMARKS.
1	January 10th	1. Ramsamy Papp 2. Soupin Moutien, Mon Rapos St. Paul.	Have not received their wages for last two months and complain of the hospital being used as stables.	No ground for complaint; men have been paid, and hospital arrangement very good.	
2	" 14th	Ayenamodely Marondemouton	Is engaged as "colon partiairi," but complains that the land given to him for cultivation is very bad.	Has deserted the estate and worked elsewhere for five months.	
3	" 18th	Jalle Pondama . . .	Is ill and unfit to work; she asks for a dispense d'engagement and to be allowed to live with her sister in St. Denis.	Request granted.	
4	" 30th	1. Govinden Gorinden . 2. Soupraven Perounal . 3. Ramin Yirin . M. J. Bone, St. Denis .	Are not paid regularly and were condemned to 15 days' macadam for having refused to work on that account.	Complaint not founded. Men only wish to have their engagements cancelled so as to go and work on neighbouring estate; were condemned to macadam because they refused to work.	
5	February 1st	Mourguin Naguin Le Desert, St. André.	His engagement has expired and a sum of 143 francs is unduly claimed from him.	Money due to comrades and paid by engagiste. Matter laid before Juge de Paix who sanctioned debt due to engagiste only.	Procureur General consulted.
6	" 12th	Vingedessalom Minatchy .	Complains that a sum of 279 francs 35 cents is unduly claimed from him. Has no civil status and wishes to enjoy the benefits of Article 2, section 2 of the Decree of March 1881.	This woman (who is half mad) has been the cause of much delay in bringing this affair to an end.	Money was eventually paid.
7	" 11th	Mangetaye . . .	Has a sum of 300 francs still due to her and she cannot receive it until a certain formality has been fulfilled.	Procureur de la République admits that the assault is proved, but declines to prosecute because the assault was provoked by plaintiff's attitude.	
8	" 20th	Comorassamy Minatchy M.E. Vinson, Ste. Marie.	Complains that he was violently assaulted by an employé of the estate whilst he was at work in the fields.	The man has been allowed to engage this Indian.	
9	" 23rd	Nadarassin Ramsamy . . .	Syndic refused to sanction his engagement with an Indian jeweller, this latter having not yet obtained the necessary authority from the Directeur de l'Interiem for engaging the man.	Complaint not founded. Engagiste, however, will cancel engagement if man returns the money.	
10	March 4th	Lachoumanin Sinagovinden .	Is not properly looked after when ill. He desires to return to his engagiste whatever he owes him if the latter will cancel his engagement.		

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No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant, employer or estate on which employed.	Nature of complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	REMARKS.
11	March 12th	1. Mounoussamy Arasamy 2. Ragavini Cary, M. Galland, St. Len.	M. Galland has borrowed from these two men 100 and 300 francs, respectively, which he now refuses to pay although the bills are overdue. Will Syndic assist and advise them in order to have judgment given against M. Galland, as the men wish to be repatriated.	Syndic has applied for judicial assistance for these men.	
12	" 15th	Saïdassim Saidoussen, Le Desert, St. André.	Was violently assaulted by engagisté and then arrested and condemned to a fine of 10 francs for alleged insolence. He asks that the engagement be cancelled, his mother and himself being born in the Colony.	Condemnation was quite regular and there is no case against engagisté. This man is French, and will be dealt with as Protector thinks proper.	
13	" 16th	Raïmane Gobineasing, M. Morange, St. Pierre.	States her engagement is over, and that engagisté refuses to give up her livret.	False complaint; the woman left the estate on the very day she was engaged and did not come back till the engagement had expired.	
14	" 18th	Pajemaiindy Ringuin, M. A. de Touria, St. Marie.	Some time ago he fell and broke one of his ribs; although new better, he does not feel strong enough to perform heavy work; but M. de Touris refuses to give him light work. Also complains that six months' wages are due to him.	It is stated that only light work was given to this Indian. There was 4 francs 29 cents due to him, and it has now been paid.	
15	" 20th	Cheekjamahe Cheeknamond .	Complains that his former engagisté, M. Denis, never gave him any medical assistance.	Engagement has been cancelled, and this Indian placed at the dépôt to be repatriated.	
16	" 23rd	Saïdassim Saidoussen Le Desert, St. André.	States that he was taken ill with fever whilst at work in the fields and was not allowed to hospital. He further states that when in the hospital on a previous occasion he was never given the medicine prescribed by the doctor.	Complaint unfounded. Patients are very well cared for in hospital. The man is a confirmed deserter.	
17	" 26th	Ramsamy Peroumél, M. Hibon, St. Léu.	Although his engagement is over, his engagisté will not give him his discharge; he also claims six weeks' wages.	Has 11 journées de remploi to put in and only 18 days of wages due to him.	
18	" 27th	Arekion Mondiapin Union des Planteurs, St. Paul.	Complains that he is given hard work, although consumptive, wishes to reimburse amount of bounty and have his engagement cancelled.	Plaintiff has acknowledged that his complaint is not founded and has withdrawn it.	
19	" 27th	Savrimouton Rany, M. Bellier, Riviere des Roches.	Is covered with sores, and says that his master gives him no medical assistance.	Has been a deserter. His disease will be attended to immediately.	

20	" 28th	Mounoussamy, Marimonton, St. Denis.	Entered the dépôt at St. Denis yesterday awaiting repatriation; complains that the rice is so badly cooked that his children cannot eat it.	Complaint well founded and case referred to Mayor or St. Denis for action.	The Immigration Department has sanctioned a most irregular arrangement in favour of M Pirame.
21	" 29th	Batinom Parvedy, M. Natinel, St. Louis.	Complains that his master owes him twelve months' wages.	It is the Indian who owes 114 francs to engagisté.	
22	April 1st.	Ringuin Eambian. Mme Veyrieres, Bras Pannon.	States that he is given too much work for his advanced age and claims his bounty as yet unpaid.	Is not given any hard work, although paid for such. His bounty has been paid into the hands of the Syndic.	
23	" 5th	Vingatskitchenin Lingaya la Grande Ravine, St. Len.	His engagement has expired, but his engagisté refuses to release from engagement a young woman who has been exclusively employed as Lingaya's housekeeper.	This woman is unwilling to leave La Grande Ravine Estate, where she now cohabits with another engagé.	
24	" 8th	A batch of six Indians, M. Claverie, Champ borne.	They complain that their wages have not been paid in full, money for stores taken in M. Claverie's shop being deducted.	Complaint not founded as to wages. Steps taken to stop the existing system of I. O. U's.	
25	" 25th	Virapin Moutien, M. Adam de Villiers, St. Marie.	States that the doctor has declared the disease he is suffering from, incurable, and as he is unfit for work, he asks his engagement to be cancelled.	M. Adam will cancel engagement on Vipapin, refunding unearned for bounty.	
26	May 17th	Guidon Goolab Bolleméne, St. Paul.	States that he was engaged at 20 francs a month, but is only given 17.50 now.	Complaint unfounded	
27	" 18th	Pounoussamy Armougom, M. de Kerueguen Quartier, Français.	Complains that he was assaulted by an employé in the presence of several Indians.	Procuren de la Republique not deeming the evidence sufficient, declines to interfere.	
28	" 21st	1. Nayarain Velayondom . 2. Ramsamy Mounesson, Belleméne, St. Paul.	Complain that whereas they only consented to engage for one year, "two years have been inserted on their livrets." A large number of Indians are allowed to remain on Belleméne without engagement for as much as nine months. What is the cause of this state of affairs?	There is no serious cause for complaint as to the truth of the men's statement. It is true that many Indians were allowed to work without engagement, but it was all owing to the failure of the then proprietor M. Pirame.	
29	" 27th	Mardaye Peria, Salazie .	This woman is ill and cannot engage for the moment; she claims the benefits of Article 2, section 2 of the Decree of 1881.	Having failed to comply with the law of 1889 by claiming her parent's nationality when of age. This woman is now a French subject.	
30	June 4th	Amoumy Minatchy, M. Vergoz, St. Marie.	States that when she was engaged to M. Vergoz, it was an understood thing that she was to be the housekeeper of an Indian who paid the engagement tax and who has now left the estate. M. Vergoz, however, refuses to release her from engagement.	Her engagement was a normal one and M. Vergoz will not cancel it.	
31	" 18th	Vellin Navin, Beauforda, St. Benoît	He complains that his engagisté refuses to return his livret although his engagement is over.	Has some journées de remploi to put in.	

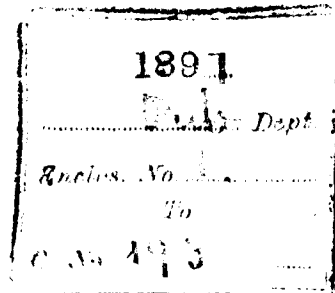
Abstract of complaints lodged at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants in 1895—continued.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate on which employed.	Nature of complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	REMARKS.
32	June 29th	Moutousamy Odeapatevin	States that he has not been paid regularly, and that his bounty was deducted from his wages.	Complaint unfounded. It was money advanced by engagisté which was deducted from man's wages.	
33	July 2nd	Kichenin Moutounaik, M. Robert, St. Marie.	States that his engagement is over	Is a confirmed deserter, and has many journées de remploi to put up.	
34	4th	Marimounton Carpin, M. Foreade, St. Leu.	Complains that 26 francs 32 cents are left due to him for wages.	Judgment has been given by which this man is entitled to amount claimed, but it has not yet been executed.	Vide No. 30.
35	5th	Amouny Minatchy, M. Virgoz, St. Marie.	Consul wishes to know who paid her engagement tax and who is her engagisté—Mr. d'Harambene or Coupayen Sinan; also at what date she was engaged and for what kind of work.	Engagement tax was paid by M. Vergoz, who is her engagisté. She, together with other women, is always employed during the crop season in the fields.	Procureur de la République appealed against this decision.
36	9th	Ellan Mouribayr, M. Rambaud, St. Denis.	Complains of having been assaulted by his master with a pointed stick and has three witnesses to prove the assault.	M. Rambaud has been prosecuted, but the Indian not having put in an appearance in Court, M. Rambaud was acquitted.	
37	9th	Cheekmira Cheekbavassab	Desires to have the custody of his son now with M. Salaun.	There is no proof that he is the father of the child who is moreover claimed by two other Indians as their son.	
38	10th	Linama Ayacanon, St. Rose	Is the wife of an aged permissionnaire who has been in the Colony for over 40 years; she wishes to be repatriated with her husband and two children per next steamer.	Request granted.	
39	15th	Mourguin Gobalretty, Belleméne Estate, St. Paul.	Complains that he has not received the total amount of wages he is entitled to.	Complaint not justified; man refused to take money when offered to him because of several creditors who were standing by at the time.	
40	23rd	Parrade Ponapin, Dépôt Communal, St. Denis.	Is not well; wishes to go to hospital, but is not allowed to. He has already proffered a similar complaint before the Syndic.	He had been given a permis to go to hospital, but did not avail himself of it. He did not see the Syndic.	
41	25th	Periecarpin Carpanin, M. Ronnald, La Possession.	Complains that last night he was violently assaulted by his engagisté.	False complaint.	
42	29th	Amouny Minatchy, M. Veroz, St. Marie.	Produces a medical certificate to the effect that she is incapacitated from work. Cannot the woman's engagement be cancelled.	Instructions have been given for the engagement of this woman to be cancelled.	This result could have been arrived at long ago. Vide Nos. 30 and 35.

43	30th	Henry Gamandy Baroussy, St. Andre.	Complains that he does not receive his wages in full and he is given no clothes. Also that a sum of more than 150 francs deposited at the bank by M. le Protecteur for him, has been withdrawn by Baroussy.	Matter laid before Juge de Paix and Baroussy condemned to pay 200 francs to plaintiff.	
44	August 3rd	Caïron Alpon, St. Paul	Has been the holder for many years past of a dispense d'engagement, but complains that the Syndic has now withdrawn same. Declares that he is not able to work and produces a certificate to that effect.	The dispense was withdrawn because he was found working by the month and receiving high wages. He has since engaged.	
45	16th	1. Sevetian Sinapin 2. Ramin Virin 3. Ramsamy Sidanbarom, M. T. Bone, St. Leu.	Complain that they are overworked, being made to carry 5,000 kilos (10,000lb) of canes from the fields to the carts.	Complaint without any foundation.	
46	17th	Perian Samon, M. Lagrange, St. Suzanne.	States that he is very ill-treated and has not been paid his wages for the last six months.	Complaint unfounded.	
47	27th	Ragavellon Nayanansamy, M. Adam de Villiers, Révén du Mât.	Complains that his master refuses to give him his discharge although his engagement is over.	Has more than twelve months' work to replace.	
48	29th	Sinama Ayacanon, St. Joseph	Wishes to be allowed to stay in St. Denis till the next batch of Indians are repatriated. Instead of being sent to St. Leu.	Permission to stay in St. Denis was never refused, but the woman was told to see the Commissaire de Police who had quality to grant her request.	
49	September 5th	Ellan Moribaye, M. Rambaud, St. Denis.	States that he has been kept a prisoner in the Dépôt Communal.	The Director of the Dépôt thought it was his right to lock up this man. He has been transferred to the Dépôt Colonial.	Vide No. 36.
50	23rd	Marinassamy Colondapi	Complains that his engagement is over, but that his master refuses to give him his discharge.	Man only engaged on June 17th, 1893, for four years. He is a very bad character and has been three times sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.	
51	27th	Abdouleadu Saïdmoldine, M. Rambaud, St. Denis.	Complains that he is not paid when through bad weather he is unemployed, also that his engagisté detains a sum of 100 francs which he had deposited with him.	Complaint not founded as to non-payment during bad weather. As for money, it is the Indian who owes 90 francs to his engagisté.	
52	30th	Mary Oumeyen, Dépôt Colonial, St. Denis.	Complains that she is made to work at the Dépôt of St. Paul, where she has been for some time past awaiting her repatriation, and also that the dépôt is not in a proper condition for people to live into.	False complaint. The woman has been a vagrant for some weeks past.	The dépôt at St. Paul is the common gaol.
53	October 14th	1. Monton Mouniandy. 2. Maravin. M. Archambault, Riveû des Plumes	Complain that the hospital is in a very bad state, not containing even one bed; also that they do not receive their rations regularly.	Rations are given daily instead of weekly. Hospital is the same as was inspected by Consul and Mr. Muir-Mackenzie.	A very poor place and quite unfit for a hospital.

Abstract of complaints lodged at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants in 1895—concluded.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant, employer, or estate on which employed.	Nature of complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
54	October 31st	Arnongon Pouniamodelar, M. Berchon de Lanux, St. Suzanne.	Complains that he has been assaulted by his master; he applied to the Syndic, but received no satisfaction hitherto.	M. Berchon de Lanux has been condemned by the Tribunal Correctionnel to pay a fine of one hundred francs.	
55	" 24th	Agilandom, Comorassamy, M. I. Grondin, St. Denis.	Claims his last month's wages and complains that he is only given 20 centimes a day for rations.	Is a confirmed deserter and has been sent to gaol six times. Engagement cancelled.	
56	" 28th	Soubravodon M. Adam de Villiers, St. Marie.	Complains that he has been violently assaulted while working in the mill by a M. Lagourque. He has several witnesses.	M. Lagourque has been tried before the Tribunal Correctionnel and sentenced to fifteen days prison and a fine of 200 francs. He benefits of the Beranger law.	
57	"	Perianin Perisacandin, M. Lamarque, St. Lenolt.	States that his late master owes him two months' wages; when he mentioned this to the Syndic, before contracting a further engagement, he was told to wait for the regular pay day of M. Lamarque.	Man owed M. Lamarque 121.75 francs; matter was brought before Juge de Paix, and Perisacandin condemned to pay 96.75 francs to his engager, deduction being made of wages paid as compensation.	
58	December 16th	Ramascandin, M. de Conder, St. Denis.	States that his master owes him three months' wages.	Has been paid since he lodged his complaint.	



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