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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From W. P. AUSTIN, Esq., Protector of Emigrants, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 22nd March 1897, No. 104.

I have the honour to submit my Administration Report on the Emigration operations at this port for the year 1896 and to enclose the usual statements and copy of the Medical Inspector's report.

2. I fully endorse the Medical Inspector's remarks in regard to the condition of the depôts and the health of the emigrants during the year. I regularly inspected the depôts once a week and invariably found them clean and in capital order. No disease of a severe nature occurred and the coolies were generally healthy. They were always well looked after and I never came across a complaint worthy of notice. Forty-five cases of measles, nineteen cases of mumps and one sporadic case of cholera occurred in the Natal depôt, none of them proving fatal.

3. It will be seen from the statistics that the Natal emigration was in fact slightly more brisk than in the previous year, while there was a heavy fall in the number that proceeded to the Mauritius, due to the smallness of requisition for immigrants for that colony.

4. The Natal Emigration Agents explain the detention of coolies in their depôt over three months by the circumstance that there was a long interval between the last shipment in 1895 and the first shipment in 1896 and between the latter and the second shipment.

A very small number of coolies were detained in the Mauritius depôt over three months and this needs no comment.

5. One hundred and seven recruiters' licenses were granted for the Natal and forty-two for the Mauritius agencies.

6. Five shipments were made for Natal and two for the Mauritius during the year;

	Men.	Women.	Children.
Natal	1,183	446	343
Mauritius	169	58	15

the number of men, women and children despatched to each colony is noted on the margin. The number of women sent to Natal fell short of the required proportion by 27. This number, however, was made up by 11 female passengers who emigrated on their own account during the year and

18 extra female emigrants sent by the first ship this year.

The stores supplied for the voyages were always satisfactory both in respect of quality and quantity and the steamers which conveyed the emigrants were always neat and well fitted up.

7. During the year two ships returned from Natal with 124 coolies—viz., the *Umlazi* and the *Congella*. The emigrants brought with them savings amounting to Rs. 13,848-14-3.

Four hundred and ninety-six emigrants returned from the Mauritius in two batches by the *Warora* and the *Fazilka* and brought savings amounting to Rs. 5,827. There were two deaths on board the former and four on board the latter.

8. The fees collected on emigrants embarked aggregated Rs. 5,568 and the disbursements in Madras were Rs. 5,936-11-2.

9. There was no embarkation to French colonies.

10. Messrs. Parry & Co. continued to be the Natal Emigration Agents and Mr. J. G. Conran, the Mauritius Emigration Agent.

11. The service registers of the office have been verified to date.

12. An inventory of valuable stock is kept and duly checked (*vide* G.O., No. 920, Financial, dated 18th September 1893).

ENCLOSURES.
NATAL.

No. 1.—Statement showing the number of Emigrants admitted into the depôt from 1st January to 31st December 1896 and how they were disposed of.

Months.	Number admitted into the depôt.		Number re-admitted from hospital, &c.		Number of emigrants who renounced their engagement or deserted the depôt.		Rejected			Number of emigrants died.		Number in hospital.		Number detained for future shipment.		Number emigrated.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	By Medical Officer.	By Protector.	By Emigration Agent.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Balance on 31st December 1895 ..	193	80	273	117	27	2	19	21	64	2	1	3	1	3	1	239	117
January 1896 ..	178	82	260	127	27	5	9	12	48	3	1	1	1	3	1	356	117
February ..	127	50	177	60	27	6	18	18	31	1	1	1	1	3	1	239	117
March ..	136	49	185	66	30	3	18	5	29	1	1	1	1	3	1	325	135
April ..	145	38	183	53	28	2	14	6	16	1	1	1	1	3	1	325	135
May ..	154	54	208	83	24	4	14	17	37	1	1	1	1	3	1	175	86
June ..	215	97	312	128	25	5	13	14	52	1	1	1	1	6	1	346	176
July ..	225	117	342	134	15	4	7	8	51	1	1	1	1	6	1	269	104
August ..	210	81	291	111	39	1	19	20	27	1	1	1	1	10	1	346	176
September ..	213	99	312	112	34	5	14	14	76	1	1	1	1	4	1	269	104
October ..	159	38	197	63	17	3	11	12	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	269	104
November ..	243	77	320	120	22	3	15	16	64	1	1	1	1	4	1	349	153
December ..	326	151	477	176	15	..	24	25	62	1	1	2	2	38	349	1,354	618
Total ..	2,524	1,013	3,537	1,242	306	40	168	182	587	6	3	26	12	502	502	1,354	618

No. 2.—Statement showing the period of detention of Emigrants in depôt from 1st January to 31st December 1896.

Number detained one month and under.	Number detained between one and two months.	Number detained between two and three months.	Number detained between three and four months.	Number detained more than four months.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6
766	591	344	183 *	88 *	1,972

* The interval between the last shipment in the year 1895 and the first shipment in the year under report and between the first and second shipments accounts for 271 coolies being detained in the depôt over three and four months.

No. 3.—Statement showing the number of Emigrants in hospital from 1st January to 31st December 1896.

Months.	Number of emigrants in depôt. hospital.	Number of emigrants in the outside hospital.	Number of deaths in the depôt.	Number of deaths in the outside hospital.	Remarks.
January	47	4	2 *	1 †	* 1 Pneumonia, 2 Premature birth † Pneumonia.
February	42	4	2	..	1 Gastritis, 2 Fever.
March	36	3	..	1	Pneumonia.
April	21	1	..	..	..
May	32	1	1	..	Pneumonia.
June	10	3	..	..	..
July	19	..	..	..	..
August	30	6	..	..	..
September	21	10	..	..	..
October	6	1	1	..	Fever.
November	11	1	..	..	..
December	35	4	1	..	Diarrhoea.

No. 4.—Statement showing the number of Indians embarked from Madras from 1st January to 31st December 1896.

Month and date.	Names of vessels.	Destination.	Number of heads.			Total souls.	Total adults.
			Men.	Women.	Children.		
7th March	Congella	Natal	219	93	44	356	328
3rd June	Umlazi	Do.	281	100	79	460	410
2nd July	Umlazi	Do.	151	60	50	261	230½
25th September	Do.	Do.	290	126	106	522	455½
25th November	Congella	Do.	242	67	64	373	327
Total			1,183	446	343	1,972	1,751

No. 5.—Statement showing the number of Emigrants registered in each district and admitted into the Depôt and the number actually embarked out of them.

Districts.	Number admitted.			Coolies not brought to the depôt.			Number registered.			Total.	Number embarked.			Total.
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.		Men.	Women.	Children.	
Balance on the 31st December 1895—														
Madras	59	30	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	107	43	18	9	70
Chingleput	9	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	6	3	4	13
North Arcot	24	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	14	5	6	24
Tanjore	14	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	7	5	..	12
Madura	17	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	11	2	..	13
Coimbatore	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	2	..	3
Bangalore	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1
Godavari	48	11	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	29	6	1	36
Madras	176	64	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	273	112	41	19	172
Chingleput	848	300	288	5	..	..	853	300	288	1,441	439	193	188	820
North Arcot	73	20	19	..	..	1	73	20	20	113	30	13	13	56
South Arcot	392	149	155	36	..	..	428	149	155	732	190	79	86	355
Tanjore	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	1	..	..	1
Trichinopoly	35	12	1	1	1	1	36	13	2	51	13	8	1	22
Madura	15	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	15	9	..	..	9
Salem	137	20	5	1	..	..	138	20	5	163	84	14	3	101
Coimbatore	43	23	12	5	..	..	48	23	12	83	19	21	15	55
Bangalore	52	10	4	6	..	..	58	10	4	72	26	6	2	34
Nellore	74	17	6	17	..	..	91	17	6	114	37	6	5	48
Kistna	16	7	3	2	..	..	18	7	3	28	5	3	1	9
Godavari	6	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	6	4	..	..	4
Vizagapatam	379	107	31	29	1	3	408	108	34	550	213	62	10	285
Total	2,251	729	557	102	3	6	2,177	668	530	3,648	1,183	446	343	1,972

* Includes three souls, ten years old, registered as adults.

No. 6.—Statement showing the number of Indian Emigrants returned from Natal to Madras from 1st January to 31st December 1896.

Date of arrival.	By what steamer arrived.	From where.	Number returned.					Number of emigrants that died during the voyage.	Savings.
			Men.	Women.	Children.	Total souls.	Total adults.		
4th June	Umlazi	Natal	39	15	18	72	62½	1	Rs. 8,863 5 4 = £. 498
29th October	Congella		29	10	12	51	44	..	4,995 8 11 = 281
			68	25	30	123	106½	1	13,848 14 3 = 779

No. 7.—Statement showing the districts of Emigrants.

Districts.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Madras	9	3	4	16
Chingleput	117	44	32	193
North Arcot	404	190	198	792
Salem	72	15	17	104
Bangalore	2	..	..	2
Coimbatore	37	18	13	68
Malabar	3	..	..	3
Pudukkottai	2	..	..	2
South Arcot	118	51	49	218
Pondicherry	3	2	..	5
Tanjore	14	9	..	23
Trichinopoly	27	8	4	39
Madura	54	18	7	79
Tinnevely	28	7	..	35
Cuddapah	8	3	1	12
Nellore	9	3	1	13
Ganjam	4	1	..	5
Godavari	165	44	7	216
Vizagapatam	64	22	4	90
Kistna	22	3	1	26
Travancore	1	..	..	1
Panjab	4	..	..	4
Bellary	2	1	2	5
Calicut	3	1	1	5
Mysore	6	2	..	8
Trivandrum	1	..	..	1
Anantapur	1	..	..	1
Ceylon	1	1	2	4
Nagpore	1	..	..	1
Peshawar	1	..	..	1
Total	1,183	446	343	1,972

No. 8.—Statement showing the number of Emigrants despatched to and returned from Natal with the total amount of expenditure from 1st January to 31st December 1896.

Name of agency.	Number of emigrants despatched.		Number of emigrants returned.		Expenditure on account of emigrants despatched.	Expenditure on account of emigrants returned.	Grand total.	Rate of expenditure.	Sterling.
	Souls.	Adults.	Souls.	Adults.					
Natal	1,972	1,751	123	106½	RS. A. P. 1,23,143 6 8	RS. A. P. 462 5 7	RS. A. P. 1,23,605 12 3	•	£ s. d. 6,919 16 2

• January to March 1896	RS. A. P. 31,696 4 5	s. d. at 1 1½	=	£ s. d. 1,749 17 11½
April to December 1896	RS. A. P. 91,909 7 10	s. d. at 1 1½	=	£ s. d. 5,169 18 2½
Total	RS. A. P. 1,23,605 12 3		=	£ s. d. 6,919 16 2

MAURITIUS.

No. 1.—Statement showing the number of Emigrants in the Depôt during the year 1896 and how they were disposed of.

Months.	Number admitted in depôt.			Number of extracts and emigrants not received in depôt.			Number of emigrants renounced their engagements and absconded.			Rejected by					
										Medical officer.		Protector.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
March	17	3	20	..	..	..	8	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
April	24	12	36	2	..	2	6	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	1
May	35	2	37	2	..	2	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	50	24	74	9	6	15	11	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..
July	15	4	19	4	..	4	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
August	76	22	98	10	2	12	16	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	50	10	60	..	..	..	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
October	30	4	34	6	..	6	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	297	81	378	33	8	41	62	..	62	..	..	..	1	..	1

Months.	Rejected by—cont.						Number in Hospital.			Number of emigrants died in depôt.			Number of emigrants embarked.		
	Depôt Surgeon.			Emigration Agent.											
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
March	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2	13
April	9	3	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	12	28
May	11	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	3	29
June	18	6	24	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	29	16	45
July	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	9
August	18	2	20	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	42	18	60
September	16	2	18	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	30	8	38
October	6	1	7	..	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	17	3	20
Total	89	16	105	..	..	..	9	..	9	..	..	..	176	66	242

No. 2.—Statement showing the period of detention of Emigrants in Depôt during the year 1896.

Number detained one month and under.	Number detained between 1 and 2 months.	Number detained between 2 and 3 months.	Number detained between 3 and 4 months.	Total.
65	67	88	22	242

No. 3.—Statement showing the number of Emigrants in Hospital during the year 1896.

Months.	Number of in-patient emigrants in depot hospital.	Number of emigrants sent to outside hospital.	Number of deaths in depot hospital.	Number of deaths in outside hospital.
March	..	..	..	..
April	..	..	..	..
May	..	..	..	..
June	..	..	..	..
July	1	..	..	..
August	1	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..
October	2	..	..	..
	5	..	..	..

No. 4.—Statement showing the number of Indian Emigrants embarked from Madras in the year 1896.

Month and date.	Names of steamers.	Destination.	Names of heads.				
			Men.	Women.	Children.	Dependent.	Total.
26th June 1896 ..	S.S. <i>Booldana</i> ..	Mauritius	80	28	7	..	115
13th October 1896 ..	S.S. <i>Lavada</i> ..	Do.	89	30	8	..	127
		Total ..	169	58	15	..	242

No. 5.—Statement showing the number of Emigrants registered in each district and the number actually embarked out of those registered.

Districts.	Number admitted.			Extracts of emigrants received.			Total of columns 1 and 2 registered.		Number embarked.			Total number of souls.	Total number of adults.
	Males.	Females.	Children.	Males.	Females.	Children.	Souls.	Adults.	Males.	Females.	Children.		
Madras	179	53	22	4	1	..	259	248	104	42	11	157	151½
North Arcot	10	5	2	2	..	..	19	18	7	4	2	13	12
Tanjore	24	11	..	4	1	1	41	40½	17	10	..	27	27
Chingleput	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	1
Madura	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..
Trichinopoly	42	..	..	6	..	..	48	48	28	..	..	1	1
Vizagapatam	4	1	1	7	4	3	20	18	1	1	1	3	2½
Bangalore	17	1	1	5	2	..	26	25½	10	1	1	12	11½
Total	281	71	26	29	8	4	419	404	169	58	15	242	234½

No. 6.—Statement showing districts of Emigrants embarked in the year 1896.

Districts.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Madras	2	2	..	4
Ganjam	..	1	1	2
Vizagapatam	1	1	..	2
Godavari	1	..	..	1
Kistna	1	..	..	1
Nellore	4	..	..	4
Chingleput	39	16	6	61
North Arcot	46	12	5	63
South Arcot	12	6	2	20
Trichinopoly	20	6	..	26
Tanjore	12	11	..	23
Madura	7	..	..	7
Tinnevely	1	..	..	1
Cuddapah	3	1	..	4
Salem	10	1	..	11
Coimbatore	5	..	..	5
Malabar	1	..	..	1
Travancore	1	..	..	1
Mysore	3	1	1	5
Total	169	58	15	242

No. 7.—Statement showing the number of Indian Emigrants returned to Madras in the year 1896.

Date of arrival.	By what vessel arrived.	From where.	Number returned.				Number of emigrants died during the voyage.	Amount of savings.	Remarks.
			Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.			
17th April 1896.	"Warora" ..	Mauritius.	142	40	27	209	1 male. 1 female.	RS.	Pre-vious year.
23rd Novem-ber 1896.	"Wardha" transhipped "Fazilka."	Do.	165	63	59	287	2 males. 1 female. 1 male infant.	5,827	Returned .. NO. 436 Died .. 7
			307	103	86	496			Year under report. 496
									RS. 4,789
									RS. 5,827

No. 8.—Statement of Advances paid to Emigrants at Madras in the year 1896.

Number of emigrant men.	Rate of advances.	Total amount of advances.	Total amount paid to maistries.	Balance to emigrants.
From 12 to 14 years	RS. 3	MEN. ..	RS. ..	..
" 15 to 17 "	4	5	20	..
" 18 years and above	5	164	820	..
Total		169	840	..

Colonial Emigration Form No 19.

Form of report of delayed despatches of Emigrants.

No. 9.—Return showing cause of lengthy detention of Emigrants in the Dépôt of the Mauritius Emigration Agency during the year 1896.

	Number despatched to the colony of Mauritius during 1896.	How disposed of.					Cause of detention.
		Number released.					
		Under section 50.	Under section 50.	Under section 50.	Under section 50.		
Over one month	65	..	..	..	..	..	
„ one and two months ..	67	..	..	..	..	..	
„ two and three months ..	88	..	..	..	..	..	
„ three and four do. ..	22	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	242	..	..	..	..	..	

No. 10.—Statement of Emigration Receipts during the year 1896 in the Office of the Protector of Emigrants, Madras.

Months.	Number of emigrants registered.			Amount of embarkation fees collected.	Amount of license fees collected.	Total receipts.
	Men.	Women.	Children.			
January 1896	91	40	36	RS.	..	..
February "	36	13	12	..	..	..
March "	88	26	27	936	..	936
April "	86	32	24	..	..	..
May "	71	13	11	..	..	..
June "	129	52	38	1,143	..	1,143
July "	66	25	45	957	..	957
August "	128	36	40	..	..	..
September "	93	22	14	..	..	..
October "	54	13	9	1,605	..	1,605
November "	77	34	18	..	..	..
December "	108	48	36	927	..	927
Total ..	1,027	353	310	5,568	..	5,568

No. 11.—Statement of Emigration Charges during the year 1896 in the Office of the Protector of Emigrants, Madras.

Establishment.	Cost.	Contingencies.	Repairs.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		R. A. P.
Protector's allowance at Rs. 200 a month less fund deduction	2,304 0 0	..	..	..
Medical Inspector's allowance at Rs. 150 a month	1,800 0 0	..	..	..
Manager	960 0 0	..	..	..
Clerk	360 0 0	..	..	..
Attender	120 0 0	..	..	..
Two peons	180 0 0	..	..	..
Contingencies .. { Postage	..	14 12 0	..	..
Assessment	..	87 15 8	..	..
Other contingencies	..	109 15 6	..	..
Total ..	5,724 0 0	212 11 2	..	5,936 11 2

ANNUAL Report from Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. WALKER, M.D., Medical Inspector of Emigrants, to the Protector of Emigrants, Madras, No. 6, dated 4th March 1897.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the Natal and Mauritius Emigration depôts, Madras, for the year ending 31st December 1896.

2. *Condition of the Depôts.*—Always clean and in good order; I inspected them weekly and always found them in satisfactory condition; all sanitary arrangements were properly carried out. Provisions were invariably of excellent quality and were well cooked. Diets were issued in accordance with the authorized scale; no complaints were made by the emigrants. The latrine of the Natal depôt is superior to that of the Mauritius depôt, but the latter serves the purpose sufficiently well. Both are kept constantly clean.

3. *State of Health of Emigrants.*—Exceptionally good, considering that, during the latter portion of the year, the rains were phenomenally heavy and continuous, and the fact that the population of the Natal depôt for the year was unusually large, the total admissions into that depôt for the year being 3,254—a figure which has not been reached since 1893. The total population of the Mauritius depôt was, on the other hand, unusually small, the total admissions into that depôt being only 378.

The following statement shows the sick and death rate in the two depôts for the year, viz.:—

Total population.	Admissions into hospital.	Died.	Ratio per mille of population.
3,632	319	7	1.927

The seven deaths were all due to pneumonia, a particularly fatal affection amongst Natives.

4. *Hospital and other Medical arrangements.*—Hospital accommodation was ample and satisfactory, medicines being sufficient and of good quality. As usual, serious cases are sent for treatment to the Native Infirmary, which is in my charge, those of an infectious nature being sent at once to the contagious wards of the same hospital; mild cases of communicable disease are isolated, together with their relatives, in the depôt quarantine sheds. Vaccination is satisfactorily carried out, every admission into the depôts being vaccinated.

5. *Epidemic Disease.*—No epidemic of a serious nature occurred during the year. Measles of a mild type was prevalent in the Natal depôt from January to April, during which time, 45 cases occurred with no death; 19 cases of mumps were treated in the Natal depôt from July to December with no death.

One sporadic case of cholera occurred in the Natal depôt in November, which was sent to the isolation wards of the Native Infirmary. The patient recovered.

Cholera was epidemic in the southern districts during the latter part of the year; and, as a precaution, all recruitments were quarantined for seven days prior to admission into the depôt.

No case of epidemic disease occurred in the Mauritius depôt.

As a precautionary measure against the diffusion of Plague, the emigrants were not permitted to take their own clothing to Natal or Mauritius, as was previously the custom, but were supplied with entirely new clothing before shipment.

6. *Steamers and Emigrants despatched and returned.*—During the year five steamers conveying 1,972 emigrants (1,183 men, 446 women and 343 children) were despatched to Natal, and two steamers returned therefrom, bearing 123 time-expired and sick coolies. Two steamers conveying 242 souls (169 men, 58 women and 15 children) sailed for Mauritius, and two returned with 496 time-expired and sick labourers. All the emigrants were carefully examined here immediately before embarkation in regard to their health and fitness to undertake the voyage.

I consider that, taken generally, a very fine body of labourers was despatched—especially to Natal—of superior physique and health to the average labourer of this Presidency.

I invariably examined the provisions for the use of the emigrants during each voyage previous to shipment and overhauled the emigration steamers in regard to accommodation, sanitary and hospital arrangements, water-supply, medicines and medical comforts; in all cases, the vessels sailed in satisfactory condition as regards these points. The sick return emigrants were admitted into hospital (the Native Infirmary or General Hospital), or were sent to their villages under escort.

7. *Medical Subordinates.*—Mr. R. W. Pedroza, Resident Apothecary of the Natal depôt, has been two years in that appointment. He has had seven years' emigration sea service as Assistant Medical officer in emigrant ships to Natal from Calcutta and Madras, which service has afforded him invaluable experience in regard to the needs and disabilities of emigrants before embarkation, during the voyage, and on landing at their destination. He continued unremitting in his care and attention to the emigrants in the depôt, and in the maintenance of order and discipline amongst them, and the large body of depôt peons and servants. I continue to retain the high opinion of Mr. Pedroza that I expressed in my report last year. The Resident Apothecary of the Mauritius depôt had but little work during the year, on account of the paucity of Mauritius emigrants.

8. *The Emigration Agents.*—The Natal Emigration Agents (Messrs. Parry & Co.) and the Mauritius Agent (Mr. J. G. Conran) cordially complied with every recommendation made by me, and did everything that was necessary for the comfort and well-being of the emigrants whilst in their respective depôts.

From Captain L. H. HAWKES, Acting British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th March 1897, No. 60.

I have the honour to submit my report on emigration and free passenger traffic at Pondicherry and Karikal for the calendar year 1896.

2. (I) *French Colonies.*—There was no emigration to French Colonies; consequently, statements 1 to 10 are blank. From statement No. 11 it will be seen that 87 emigrants returned during the year under report against 298 in 1895—a decrease of 211 on the number returned in the previous year. Only one colony, viz., La Réunion, repatriated emigrants in 1896, whereas there were returns from Martinique also in 1895. The Réunion emigrants returned by British India Steam Navigation Company's steamers in three batches. There was no mortality among the returned emigrants. Their savings declared were Rs. 2,008, giving for 72 adults an average of Rs. 27-14-1 per head. In the previous year, the average saving of the returned emigrants from the same colony gave an average of Rs. 34-9-2 for 59 adults.

3. (II) *Straits Settlements.*—One thousand two hundred and seventy-six passengers embarked from Karikal for the Straits against 413 in 1895—just over three times the number. They were conveyed in five steamers—*Sirsa*, *Secundra*, *Lalpoora*, *Katoria* and *Goalpara*. Out of 1,276 passengers, 740 were British subjects. 1,245 passengers returned to Karikal from the Straits during 1896 against 1,497 in 1895, showing a decrease of 252 passengers. Seventy-five passengers embarked at Pondicherry for the Straits; of these, sixteen were British subjects. None returned to Pondicherry from the Straits.

4. (III) *Burma, Mauritius, Ceylon.*—The number of passengers embarked from Pondicherry for Burma was 73 against 56 in 1895, and of those from Karikal was 141 against 88 in the previous year. None returned to either port from Burma.

There was no passenger traffic between these ports and the Mauritius.

There were 10 embarkations for Ceylon from Karikal against 9 in the previous year; and 47 passengers returned to Karikal from Ceylon against 11 in 1895. Four British and 33 French subjects left for Ceylon from Pondicherry; and 2 British and 26 French subjects returned to Pondicherry from that colony.

5. (IV) *Other Places.*—One hundred and fifty-nine French subjects and one British subject left for French Colonies from Pondicherry, and 29 British and 49 French subjects embarked from Pondicherry to the several ports of British India. 282 French subjects from French Colonies and 35 French subjects from the several ports of British India returned to Pondicherry during 1896.

Thirty-seven British and 23 French subjects returned to Karikal from ports within British India.

6. *Receipts and Charges.*—There were no receipts during the year. The emigration charges at Pondicherry and Karikal amounted to Rs. 11,467-9-8, which is only a moiety of the total expenditure of both the offices, the other half being debited to "Political."

7. *Establishments.*—General H. McLeod, R.A., resigned the Consular Agency on the 20th October 1896 and I have been ordered to act till a successor to General McLeod is appointed. I visited Karikal in January 1897 and found everything correct. Chief clerk S. Kuppuswami Aiyar was on privilege leave for one month from 1st August 1896, and P. Ganapati Aiyar, clerk at Karikal, was appointed to act at Pondicherry during the absence of the permanent incumbent on leave.

The clerks have given every satisfaction in their work during the year. The chief clerk, S. Kuppuswami Aiyar, has been specially useful to me on taking over office, and I recommend him to the notice of Government.

8. The service registers of the establishments are properly kept up to date.

9. I have no stock of valuable stores in my Pondicherry or Karikal offices; hence no inventory is kept. This information is given in this report in accordance with G.O., No. 920, Financial, dated 18th September 1893.

ENCLOSURES.

Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements showing the number of emigrants admitted into the Pondicherry and Karikal depôts from January to 31st December 1896 and how they were disposed of.—*Nil.*

No. 3.—Statement showing the period of detention of the emigrants in the Pondicherry and Karikal depôts during the year 1896.—*Nil.*

No. 4.—Statement showing the number of emigrants in Pondicherry and Karikal hospitals from January to December 1896.—*Nil.*

No. 5.—Statement showing the number of Indian emigrants embarked from Pondicherry and Karikal in 1896.—*Nil.*

No. 6.—Statement of advances paid to emigrants at Pondicherry and Karikal in the year 1896.—*Nil.*

Nos. 7 and 8.—Statements showing districts of emigrants embarked at Pondicherry and Karikal during the year 1896.—*Nil.*

Nos. 9 and 10.—Statements showing the number of emigrants registered in each district and the number actually embarked at Pondicherry and Karikal.—*Nil.*

No. 11.—Statement showing the number of Indian Emigrants returned to Pondicherry in the year 1896.

Date of arrival.	By what ship arrived.	From where.	Number embarked.			Number of emigrants died during the voyage.	Number of children born during the voyage.	Total number landed at Pondicherry.	Amount of savings.	Remarks.	
			Men.	Women.	Children.					Return- ed.	Previous year.
										NO.	RS. A. P.
17th June 1896	S. S. "Matiana"	La Réunion	39	9	10	58	..	58	1,386 0 0	75	From Réunion.
10th July "	" " "Rajpootana"	Do.	1	..	..	1	..	1		1	2,039 10 9
22nd Nov. "	" " "Fasilka"	Do.	18	5	5	28	..	28	622 0 0	* 223	From Martinique.
		Total ..	58	14	15	87	..	87	2,008 0 0	298	1 5,336 1 9 2 7,375 12 6

No. 12.—Statement showing the number of Indian Emigrants returned to Karikal in the year 1896.—*Nil.*No. 13.—Statement of Emigration receipts at Pondicherry during the year 1896.—*Nil.*

No. 14.—Statement of Emigration charges at Pondicherry during the year 1896.

Establishment.		Contingencies.	Refunds.	Total charges.	Remarks.
Details.	Cost.				
	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	Previous year.
One British Consular Agent.	* 8,815 12 10	Office rent ..	150 0 0		Establishment 11,369 7 10
One chief clerk ..	† 987 6 6	Service postage and telegrams ..	25 8 0		Contingencies 227 8 11
Four peons ..	‡ 384 8 9	Hot weather charges ..	44 15 4		Refunds
One sweeper ..	§ 10 0 0	Ordinary office contingencies ..	4 4 6		
	† 168 0 0				
	‡ 3 2 0				
	§ 6 0 0				
Total ..	10,438 3 1		224 11 10	10,662 14 11	Total .. 11,597 0 9

* Salary—Includes Rs. 479-11-1, moiety of salary drawn by General McLeod at Madras for first twenty days in October 1896.

† Exchange compensation allowance—Includes Rs. 52-9-9, moiety of exchange compensation allowance drawn by General McLeod at Madras on his salary for first twenty days in October 1896.

‡ Travelling allowance.

§ Includes Rs. 24-8-9, moiety of pay drawn by the acting chief clerk during the absence of the permanent incumbent on privilege leave.

N.B.—Only moiety of the consulate charges is shown here as "Emigration charges," the other half being debited to "Political."

No. 15.—Statement showing Emigration charges of the British Consular Agency, Karikal, during the year 1896.

Establishment.		Contingencies.	Refunds.	Total charges.	Remarks.
Details.	Cost.				
	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
Consular clerk ..	455 0 0	Office-rent ..	120 0 0		Debited on ac- count of Emi- gration .. 402 5 4
Two peons ..	167 12 0	Service postage ..	20 0 0		Debited to 25. Political .. 402 5 5
One sweeper ..	12 0 0	Service telegrams ..	..		
		Hot weather charges ..	29 14 9		Total .. 804 10 9
		Ordinary office contingencies ..	..		Previous year .. 842 11 9
Total ..	634 12 0		169 14 9	804 10 9	

No. 20.—Statement showing the number of passengers who embarked at Karikal for Ceylon during the year 1896.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Passengers embarked.								Remarks.
		British subjects.				French subjects.				
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	
8th August 1896..	S.S. Vita ..	5	..	1	6	3	..	1	4	Previous year .. no. Present year .. 1
	Total ..	5	..	1	6	3	..	1	4	Increase ..

No. 21.—Statement showing the number of passengers landed at Karikal from Ceylon during the year 1896.

Date.	Names of vessels.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Remarks.
11th April 1896 ..	Dhony Poornalakshmi ..	3	..	..	3	Previous year .. no. 11
1st May ..	S.S. Vita ..	4	..	..	4	Present year .. 47
22nd July ..	Schooner Balasundra Vinayagam ..	5	..	..	5	
5th Aug. ..	Dhony Saint Annalakshmi ..	1	..	..	1	Increase .. 36
25th Sept. ..	S.S. Megna ..	3	..	..	3	
14th Oct. ..	Schooner Mailvahanapuravai ..	8	..	..	8	
20th ..	Dhony Maria Sudhatari Andoni ..	20	..	..	20	
21st Nov. ..	Puravi ..	3	..	..	3	
	S.S. Vama ..	..	..	..	..	
	Total ..	47	..	..	47	

No. 22.—Abstract statement showing the number of passengers who went to British Burma, Straits Settlements and Ceylon during the year 1896.

Ports from which embarked.	Number of passengers embarked for Burma.							Number of passengers embarked for Straits Settlements.		
	British subjects.				French subjects.			British subjects.		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pondicherry ..	20	12	4	36	20	8	9	30	4	3
Karikal ..	85	..	1	86	53	..	2	630	48	62
Total ..	105	12	5	122	73	8	11	639	52	65

Ports from which embarked.	Number of passengers embarked for Straits Settlements—cont.				Number of passengers embarked for Ceylon.						
	French subjects.			Total.	British subjects.			French subjects.			Total.
	Men.	Women.	Children.		Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Pondicherry ..	30	20	9	59	2	2	..	31	2	..	33
Karikal ..	458	40	38	536	5	..	1	3	..	1	4
Total ..	488	60	47	595	7	2	1	34	2	1	37

(1) Besides these 159 French subjects and 1 British subject left for French Colonies from Pondicherry.
(2) Twenty-nine British subjects and forty-nine French subjects embarked from Pondicherry to the several ports of British India.
N.B.—No embarkations for Mauritius from either port.

No. 23.—Abstract statement showing the number of passengers who returned from Burma, Straits Settlements and Ceylon during the year 1896.

Ports to which returned.	Passengers returned from Burma.				Passengers returned from Straits Settlements.				Passengers returned from Ceylon.			
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Pondicherry—												
British subjects ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	4	..	24
French subjects ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	8
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	6	2	28
Karikal—												
British subjects ..	..	..	..	..	630	40	31	701	30	..	..	30
French subjects ..	..	..	..	..	501	28	15	544	17	..	..	17
Total ..	..	..	..	..	1,131	68	46	1,245	47	..	..	47

(1) Besides these 282 French subjects returned to Pondicherry from French Colonies.
(2) Thirty-five French subjects returned to Pondicherry from several ports of British India.
(3) Besides these 37 British subjects and 23 French subjects returned to Karikal from ports within British India.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), No. 161, dated 27th April 1897.

Resolution—No. 161, dated 27th April 1897.

The Board begs leave to submit its report on emigration and immigration for the year 1896. Only one British subject emigrated to Marseilles via Pondicherry. Emigration to Assam has been excluded from this report as directed in G.O., No. 80, Public, dated 2nd February 1892.

2. The following statement shows the number of emigrants, including children, registered during 1896, for Mauritius and Natal under Act XXI of 1883 and for the Straits Settlements, Burma and Ceylon, as compared with the corresponding figures for 1895:—

	Regulated Emigration.		Non-regulated Emigration.	
	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.
Mauritius	1,123	393	..	..
Natal	2,589	3,261	..	..
Straits Settlements	1,741	2,977	14,545	17,613
Burma	..	..	38,978	61,020
Ceylon	..	..	123,975	119,912
Other Parts of India	..	..	61,227	61,136
	5,453	6,631	238,725	259,681
	1895	1896	1895	1896
	244,178	266,312		

The total number of emigrants registered during the year under report shows an increase of 22,134 or nearly 9·1 per cent.

REGULATED EMIGRATION.

3. *Emigration to Mauritius.*—The following statement shows the number of emigrants registered for Mauritius and the number that actually embarked for the colony during 1896 and the previous year:—

Districts.	Number registered.				Number embarked.			
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1. Vizagapatam	11	5	4	20	1	1	1	3
2. Nellore	48	8	1	57	13	4	6	23
3. Madras	183	54	22	259	104	42	11	157
4. Chingleput	454	129	64	647	297	94	43	434
5. North Arcot	12	5	2	19	7	4	2	13
6. Tanjore	30	10	1	41	17	10	8	27
7. Trichinopoly	48	13	6	67	28	18	2	48
8. Madura	62	2	2	66	40	11	7	58
9. Coimbatore	36	6	4	46	14	4	3	21
10. Malabar	67	16	10	93	36	13	5	54
Total	290	74	29	393	159	57	14	230
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896
	806	212	105	1,123	483	161	80	724

* The Collector's figures are here entered but the Protector of Emigrants has shown 28 males, 12 females and 1 child. Explanation has been called for.

These figures show that the great increase which took place in 1894 and 1895 in the number of emigrants to this colony has been followed by a sudden decrease, which was most marked in Madras but is also conspicuous in Vizagapatam, North Arcot, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura and Coimbatore. The Protector of Emigrants reports that the heavy fall was due to the very small demand for labour, the result probably of the large emigration during the past two years.

4. *Emigration to Natal.*—The following statement shows the number of emigrants registered for Natal and the number that actually embarked for the colony during 1896 and the previous year:—

Districts.	Number registered.				Number embarked.			
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1. Vizagapatam	1	1	1	3	1	..	..	1
2. Gódvári	(a) 408	108	34	550	213	62	10	285
3. Kistna	(a) 6	..	..	6	4	..	..	4
4. Nellore	18	7	3	28	5	3	1	9
5. Madras	553	300	288	1,441	439	193	188	820
6. Chingleput	635	238	184	1,057	340	161	112	613
7. North Arcot	73	20	20	113	30	13	13	56
8. South Arcot	93	21	9	123	33	12	1	46
9. Tanjore	428	149	155	732	190	79	86	355
10. Trichinopoly	388	110	85	583	197	68	54	319
11. Madura	4	..	..	4	1	..	..	1
12. Coimbatore	15	8	4	27	9	7	3	19
13. Salem	36	13	2	51	13	8	1	22
	48	22	6	76	17	10	3	30
	15	..	..	15	9	..	..	9
	138	20	5	163	84	14	3	101
	99	21	8	128	48	15	7	70
	58	10	4	72	28	6	2	34
	85	26	6	117	36	12	1	49
	48	23	12	83	19	21	15	55
Total	2,086	651	524	* 3,261	1,034	399	319	† 1,752
	1,754	516	319	* 2,589	902	333	192	† 1,427

* Excludes the number of emigrants registered at Bangalore.
† Excludes the number of emigrants from Bangalore and the number (172) that embarked out of those remaining on hand on 31st December 1895.
‡ Excludes the number of emigrants from Bangalore and the number (244) that embarked out of those remaining on hand on 31st December 1894.
(a) The figures here entered are those shown by the Protector of Emigrants which do not tally with those reported by the Collectors. The matter is under correspondence and will be reported on, if found necessary.

5. There was an increase both in the number of persons registered and in that of those that actually embarked as compared with the figures of 1895. The increase is marked in Gódvári, Madras, North Arcot, Madura and Salem, the variations elsewhere being small.

6. The total number of children registered for Mauritius and Natal was 553, the number that actually embarked being 333 against 272 in the previous year.

7. The emigration operations of the year under report are reported to have been generally satisfactory. It is reported that forty-five cases of measles, nineteen cases of mumps and one sporadic case of cholera occurred in the Natal depôt, none of them proving fatal. The provisions supplied to the coolies were good and the premises of both the depôts were neatly kept.

8. Two hundred and seventy-one of the Natal coolies were detained at the depôt for over three months, and this is ascribed to the long interval that occurred between the last shipment in 1895 and the first shipment in 1896 and between the latter and the second shipment. The number detained in the Mauritius depôt over three months was small (22) and calls for no remarks.

9. *Emigration to the Straits Settlements.*—As usual indentured emigrants proceeded only from Negapatam. The subjoined statement shows the number of emigrants of this class registered during the year and the number of them that embarked:—

	1895.				1896.			
	Adults.	Children.	Dependants.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Dependants.	Total.
Number of emigrants registered.	1,670	51	20	1,741	2,828	112	37	2,977
Number embarked	1,546	51	20	1,617	2,712	112	37	2,861

The increase is very marked and is attributed partly to the large orders for coolies from Penang and partly to the medical examination not having been so strict as in the previous years.

NON-REGULATED EMIGRATION.

10. *Emigration to the Straits Settlements.*—The number of passengers that embarked for the Straits Settlements during 1896 is compared below with the figures for 1895:—

Ports of embarkation.	1895.			1896.		
	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Madras ..	459	31	490	482	16	498
South Arcot ..	247	..	247	506	..	506
.. { Porto Novo ..	38	3	41	58	8	66
.. { Cuddalore ..	25	5	30	13	3	16
.. { Pondicherry ..	192	11	203	678	62	740
Tanjore ..	12,847	687	13,534	15,006	781	15,787
.. { Karikal ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
.. { Negapatam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	13,808	737	14,545	16,743	870	17,613

* Excludes 48 French subjects.
† „ 536 „

† Excludes 210 French subjects.
§ „ 59 „

There was a considerable increase as compared with the previous year which was almost entirely contributed by the Tanjore district. The increase in the demand for coolies in the Straits Settlements already referred to accounts for the additional passenger traffic.

11. *Emigration to Burma.*—The following statement shows the number of passengers that proceeded to Burma during the year under report as compared with the previous year:—

	1895.			1896.		
	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Ganjám ..	8,213	405	8,618	14,834	687	15,521
Vizagapatam ..	4,528	327	4,855	11,063	524	11,587
Górávari ..	9,560	363	9,923	12,852	396	13,248
Kistna ..	270	23	293	290	9	299
Madras ..	4,854	563	5,417	5,445	614	6,059
South Arcot ..	36	5	41	32	4	36
.. { Pondicherry ..	224	16	240	264	15	279
.. { Cuddalore ..	8,918	597	9,515	13,049	851	13,900
Tanjore ..	66	7	73	85	1	86
.. { Karikal ..	3	..	3	5	..	5
.. { Negapatam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malabar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	36,672	2,306	38,978	57,919	3,101	61,020

* Excludes 15 French subjects.
† „ 37 „

† Excludes 15 French subjects.
§ „ 55 „

It is not possible to distinguish accurately between real emigrants to Burma and Ceylon and ordinary passengers as emigration to those places is free. The figures given in this and the next paragraphs merely represent the number of persons who actually embarked for those countries. The figures of the year under report show an increase of 22,042 persons or of nearly 60 per cent. to which the districts of Ganjám, Vizagapatam, Górávari and Tanjore largely contributed. The Collectors of Ganjám and Vizagapatam attribute this increase to the unfavourable character of the season in the latter part of the year and the Collector of Górávari to the devastation caused by the floods in August 1896 which compelled many of the inhabitants to quit their homes. The Collector of Tanjore ascribes the increase to the unusual demand for labour in Burma during the year under report. The increase in the other districts is small and calls for no remark.

12. *Emigration to Ceylon.*—The number of passengers that embarked for Ceylon during 1896 is compared below with the figures of 1895:—

Districts.	1895.				1896.			
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Vizagapatam ..	1	1	1	3	..	1	1	2
Górávari ..	3	..	2	5	..	..	..	..
Madras ..	58	21	8	87	142	31	4	177
South Arcot. { Porto Novo ..	7	..	..	7	2	..	..	2
.. { Pondicherry ..	24	10	4	38	2	2	..	4
.. { Negapatam ..	545	48	35	628	860	76	33	969
Tanjore ..	3,300	337	31	3,668	2,964	320	39	3,323
.. { Minor ports ..	31,396	8,619	3,592	43,607	26,983	5,988	8,238	36,209
Madura ..	55,070	11,581	9,241	75,892	54,960	16,074	8,154	79,188
Tinnevely ..	9	6	..	15	3	1	..	4
South Canara ..	21	3	1	25	33	..	1	34
Malabar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	90,434	20,626	12,915	123,975	85,949	22,493	11,470	119,912

* Excludes three French subjects.

† Excludes four French subjects.

Emigration to Ceylon was, as usual, almost wholly confined to the Madura and Tinnevely districts. There was a large decrease in the number of emigrants from Madura while in Tinnevely there was an unimportant increase. The decrease in Madura is reported to be due probably to the exceptionally favourable character of the season in that district during the year under report.

13. *Emigration to other parts of British India.*—During the year under report 61,136 persons emigrated to other parts of British India against 61,227 in 1895 as shown below:—

	1895.	1896.
Ganjám ..	(a) 422	(b) 104
Vizagapatam ..	405	202
Górávari ..	762	670
Kistna ..	466	427
Madras ..	1,631	1,210
South Arcot ..	13	29
Tanjore ..	133	15
Madura ..	31,010	30,078
Tinnevely ..	1,020	1,486
South Canara ..	22,424	23,088
Malabar ..	2,941	3,827
Total ..	61,227	61,136

(a) Excludes 750 emigrants to Assam.
(b) Do. 943 do. do.

14. *Immigration.*—The statistics of the last two years are compared below:—

	1895.			1896.		
	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Ganjám ..	5,117	150	5,267	5,186	140	5,326
Vizagapatam ..	8,729	223	8,952	8,246	194	8,440
Górávari ..	7,828	107	7,935	8,838	92	8,930
Kistna ..	663	34	697	566	25	591
Madras ..	7,647	616	(a) 8,263	8,203	476	(c) 8,679
South Arcot ..	257	8	265	305	5	310
.. { Cuddalore and Porto Novo ..	291	70	(b) 361	74	15	89
.. { Pondicherry ..	23,619	1,162	24,781	21,640	1,085	22,725
Tanjore ..	1,434	74	1,508	735	33	768
.. { Karikal ..	4,313	95	4,408	3,900	79	3,979
.. { Minor ports ..	58,153	2,452	60,605	67,753	3,258	71,111
Madura ..	64,874	4,624	69,498	71,325	4,458	75,783
Tinnevely ..	18,909	1,869	20,778	23,437	2,191	25,628
South Canara ..	2,885	129	3,014	3,372	145	3,517
Malabar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	204,719	11,613	216,332	223,580	12,296	235,876

(a) Of these eight persons died during the voyage.
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There was an increase of 19,544 or 9.03 per cent. in the number of immigrants recorded during the year as compared with the previous year. This occurred principally in the district of Madura, the favourable character of the season having induced many of those who had previously emigrated to return in search of work. The increase in Tinnevely is not explained and is probably accidental. In the other districts, the variations are trifling and call for no remarks.

15. The various colonies from which the immigrants returned are specified below :—

From Burma	35,517
" Ceylon	121,193
" Straits Settlements	13,163
" Natal	123
" Mauritius	496
" La Réunion	87
" Other parts of British India	65,297
Total	235,876

16. The following statement compares the number of emigrants to, and immigrants from, Burma, the Straits Settlements and Ceylon for the last five years :—

Years.	Burma.		Straits Settlements.		Ceylon.	
	Emigrants to	Immigrants from	Emigrants to	Immigrants from	Emigrants to	Immigrants from
1892	61,677	42,792	19,139	18,934	116,179	85,576
1893	54,574	42,535	18,343	14,665	91,021	87,983
1894	39,282	42,672	15,016	14,012	87,235	82,223
1895	38,978	35,888	16,162	14,843	123,975	101,156
1896	61,020	35,517	20,474	13,163	119,912	121,193

17. The following statement compares the total number of emigrants from, and the immigrants to, the Madras Presidency during the past ten years :—

Years.	Number of Emigrants.	Number of Immigrants.
1887	128,114	89,844
1888	140,834	97,318
1889	152,264	106,924
1890	133,661	98,336
1891	152,196	162,665
1892	263,701	209,183
1893	219,857	203,047
1894	202,109	199,549
1895	242,737	216,332
1896	264,696	235,876
Average	190,017	161,907

Taking the average of the last ten years it appears that over 85 per cent. of the number of emigrants returned to their homes, while about 15 per cent. have settled, either temporarily or permanently, in the various countries to which they proceeded or have died abroad.

18. The statement of receipts and charges on account of emigration during the year has been verified by the Accountant-General as directed in G.O., No. 1916, Public, dated 18th September 1896, and is appended below :—

Districts.	Receipts.	Districts.	Expenditure.	
	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Madras	5,568 0 0	Presidency.		
		Protector of Emigrants' allowances at Rs. 200 per month from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896 less Annuity Fund deductions ..	2,304 0 0	
		Medical Inspector of Emigrants' allowances at Rs. 150 per mensem from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896 ..	1,800 0 0	
		Pay of clerks and servants ..	1,620 0 0	
		Assessment ..	121 4 6	
		Service postage and telegrams ..	14 12 0	
		Other contingencies ..	109 15 6	
			5,970 0 0	
		Add 25 per cent. on the third item on account of leave and pensionary allowance ..	405 0 0	6,375 0 0
		South Arcot.		
		Moiety of the salary of the British Consular Agent at Karikal including the pay of his military rank from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896 ..	8,815 12 10	
		Moiety of exchange compensation allowance of the British Consular Agent at Karikal from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896 ..	988 2 11	
		Moiety of pay of clerks and servants at Pondicherry from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896 ..	558 8 9	
		Moiety of office rent ..	150 0 0	
		Do. of service postage and telegrams ..	25 8 0	
		Do. of travelling allowance ..	76 7 0	
		Do. of other contingencies ..	49 3 10	
			10,663 11 4	
		Add 25 per cent. on the third item on account of leave and pensionary allowance ..	139 10 2	10,803 5 6
		Tanjore.		
		Pay of clerks and peons of the Protector of Emigrants, Negapatam, and of those under the Deputy Magistrate, Tanjore, from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896 ..	491 1 6	
		Travelling allowance ..	11 7 0	
		Service postage ..	3 0 0	
		Contingencies ..	3 2 6	
			508 11 0	
		Add 25 per cent. on the first item on account of leave and pensionary allowance ..	122 12 5	631 7 5
		Moiety of pay of clerks and servants of the Consular Agent's office at Karikal from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896 ..	317 6 0	
		Moiety of office rent ..	60 0 0	
		Do. of service postage ..	10 0 0	
		Do. of other contingencies ..	14 15 4	
			402 5 4	
		Add 25 per cent. on the first item on account of leave and pensionary allowance ..	79 5 6	481 10 10
		Mysore.		
		Fees for copying the agreements of emigrants ..	5 4 0	5 4 0
Total, Receipts	5,568 0 0	Total, Charges		18,296 11 9

The receipts of the year excluding those relating to inland emigration to Assam amounted to Rs. 5,568 against Rs. 6,246 in the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 678. The charges amounted to Rs. 18,297 against Rs. 19,228 in the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 931. The charges exclude a moiety of the salaries of the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry and Karikal and of his establishments, which has been debited to "Political" under the orders of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department.

" all Collectors.

" the Protector of Emigrants, Madras.

" the Deputy Conservator of the Port of Madras.

Copy to the Accountant-General, Madras.

" " Sanitary Commissioner, Madras.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Charges in the Madras Presidency on account of Emigration to British and French Colonies for the year 1896.

Receipts.	British Colonies.	French Colonies.	Charges.	British Colonies.	French Colonies.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	<i>Presidency.</i>	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
			Protector of Emigrants' allowance at Rs. 200 per month from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896 less Annuity Fund deduction	2,304 0 0	
			Medical Inspector of Emigrants' allowance at Rs. 150 per month from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896	1,800 0 0	
			Pay of clerks and servants from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896	1,420 0 0	
			Assessment	121 4 6	
			Service postage and telegrams	14 12 0	
			Other contingencies	109 15 6	
			Add 25 per cent. on the third item on account of leave and pensionary allowance	5,870 0 0	
			<i>Tanjore.</i>	405 0 0	
			Pay of clerks and peons of the Protector of Emigrants, Negapatam, and of those under the Deputy Magistrate, Tanjore, from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896	491 1 6	
			Travelling allowance	11 7 0	
			Service postage	3 0 0	
			Contingencies	3 2 6	
			Add 25 per cent. on the first item on account of leave and pensionary allowance	508 11 0	
			<i>Mysore.</i>	122 12 4	
			Fee for copying the agreements of emigrants	681 7 4	
			<i>Tanjore.</i>	5 4 0	
			Moiety of pay of clerks and servants of the Consular Agent's office at Karikal from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896	317 6 0	
			Moiety of service postage	10 0 0	
			Do. of office rent and contingencies	74 15 4	
			Add 25 per cent. on the first item on account of leave and pensionary allowance	402 5 4	
				79 5 6	
				..	481 10 10
Fees levied on emigrants, Madras ..	5,568 0 0	..			..

Excess charges over receipts ..	1,443 11 4	11,285 0 5	<i>South Arcot.</i>		
			Moiety of the salary of the British Consular Agent at Karikal and Pondicherry including his pay of military rank from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896	8,815 12 10	
			Moiety of exchange compensation allowance of the British Consular Agent at Karikal from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896	988 2 11	
			Moiety of pay of clerks and servants at Pondicherry from 1st December 1895 to 30th November 1896	558 8 9	
			Moiety of office rent	150 0 0	
			Do. of service postage and telegrams	25 8 0	
			Do. of travelling allowance	76 7 0	
			Do. of other contingencies	49 3 11	
				10,663 11 5	
			Add 25 per cent. on the third item on account of leave and pensionary allowance	139 10 2	
	7,011 11 4	11,285 0 5		..	10,803 5 7
				7,011 11 4	11,285 0 5

No. B.B.P.—1.

To the Chief Secretary to Government of Fort St. George with reference to G.O., No. 1517, Public, dated 22nd July 1886.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
7th April 1897.W. H. MICHAEL,
Offg. Accountant-General.

ORDER—No. 761, Public, dated 17th June 1897.

The foregoing papers relate to the operations in connection with emigration from the Madras Presidency during the year 1896, with the exception of that from the Ganjam district to Assam.

I.—REGULATED EMIGRATION.

(a) To British Colonies.

2. The Agencies maintained at Madras by the Mauritius and Natal Governments continued under the management of Mr. J. F. Conran and Messrs. Parry & Co., respectively. There were forty-five cases of measles, nineteen of mumps and one sporadic case of cholera in the Natal depôt. None proved fatal. The Medical Inspector's report on the depôts is satisfactory. The health of the emigrants is stated by him to have been exceptionally good and their physique of a higher stamp than usual.

3. *Mauritius*.—The sudden decrease in the number of emigrants to this colony in 1896, which was most marked in Madras, is ascribed by the Protector to the very small demand for labour, the requirements of employers having been supplied by the large emigration during 1894 and 1895.

The following statement contains particulars of emigration to, and returns from, the Mauritius during the past triennium:—

Years.	Admissions.	Rejections.	Absconded or removed.	Deaths.	In hospital.	Actual embarkations.	Percentage of women to men.	Advances paid by the agency.	Return emigrants.	Savings brought by them.
1894	NO. 908	NO. 248	NO. 77	NO. 1	NO. 39	NO. 543	32.28	RS. 1,891	NO. 316	RS. 2,300
1895	1,102	213	70	..	95	724	33.33	2,401	436	4,789
1896	378	106	62	..	9	242	34.32	840	496	5,827

* Prescribed proportion.

4. The actual number of embarkations was 242 in two shipments. Of these, 157 were registered in Madras, 28 in Trichinopoly, and 27 in Tanjore. There were only 22 emigrants detained in the depôt over three months.

5. *Natal*.—As shown in paragraph 4 of the Board's report, there was an increase

* Districts.	Years.	Number registered.	Number embarked.
Gôdâvari	1896	550	285
	1895	462	268
Madras	1896	1,441	820
	1895	1,067	613
North Arcot	1896	732	355
	1895	583	319
Madura	1896	163	101
	1895	128	70
Salem	1896	83	55
	1895	..	..

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1895 1,691
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were detained for future shipment. The remaining 1,972 were despatched in five shipments. The percentage of women to men was only 37.70, but the deficiency was made up by 11 women who were free emigrants and 18 extra female emigrants sent by the first ship in 1897. As shown in Statement 6 of the Protector's report, 123 coolies returned from Natal during the year with savings amounting to Rupees 13,848-14-3 against 279 in 1895 with Rs. 52,890. The detention of 271 coolies

at the depôt for over three months is ascribed to the long interval between the last shipment in 1895 and the first in 1896, as also to that between the latter and the second shipment.

6. The following statement compares the average savings of an adult returned emigrant for the last three years:—

Years.	Mauritius.		Average.	Natal.		Average.
	Number of adults.	Total savings.		Number of adults.	Total savings.	
1894	266	RS. 2,300	RS. 9	162	RS. 45,537	RS. 281
1895	366	4,789	13	216	52,891	245
1896	410	5,827	14	93	13,849	149

Note.—Children are not counted as half adults for this purpose.

(b) To French Colonies.

7. There was no emigration to French Colonies. The repatriations are shown below:—

Colonies.	1895.		1896.	
	Number of emigrants.	Savings.	Number of emigrants.	Savings.
Martinique	223	RS. 5,336	Nil.	RS. Nil.
La Réunion	75	2,040	87	2,008

There were no deaths on the return journey.

II.—EMIGRATION TO THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

8. As usual, indentured emigrants proceeded only from Negapatam. The annexed tables show the numbers embarked for the Straits Settlements during 1896 as compared with the figures for 1895:—

A.—Labourers registered under Form A (with minor dependents).

Ports of embarkation.	1895.				1896.			
	Adults.	Children.	Dependents.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Dependents.	Total.
Negapatam	1,546	51	20	1,617	2,712	112	37	2,861

B.—Free Passengers.

Ports of embarkation.	1895.			1896.		
	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Madras	459	31	490	482	16	498
South Arcot	247	..	247	506	..	506
	38	3	41	58	..	58
	25	5	30	13	3	16
Tanjore	192	11	203	678	62	740
	12,847	687	13,534	15,006	781	15,787
Total	13,808	737	14,545	16,743	870	17,613

Note.—These figures do not include French subjects.

The increase of 1,244 in the number of indentured emigrants is attributed partly to the large demand for labour in Penang and partly to less rigid medical examination; the former cause accounts also for the large increase in the free passengers.

III.—FREE EMIGRATION.

9. Emigration to Burma and Ceylon is subject to no restrictions; it is therefore not possible to distinguish accurately emigrants from ordinary passengers. The number of British subjects who embarked for Burma was 61,020, or nearly 60 *per cent.* more than in the two previous years, viz., 38,978 and 39,282, respectively, the largest contributions being from Ganjām, Tanjore, Gó dávari and Vizagapatam. The most marked rise was in Vizagapatam, viz., from 4,855 in 1895 to 11,587 in 1896. This advance, as well as that in Ganjām, is ascribed to the unfavourable character of the season, while the increase in Gó dávari is accounted for by the floods of August last which compelled many of the inhabitants to quit their homes. The unusual large demand for labour in Burma is assigned as the reason for the increase in Tanjore.

10. Emigration to Ceylon was, as usual, chiefly confined to the Tinnevely and Madura districts. The total number that embarked was 119,912, or 4,063 less than in 1895. The decrease of 7,398 in Madura is attributed to the exceptionally favourable character of the season in that district.

IMMIGRATION.

11. The number of immigrants from the various colonies and from other parts of British India rose from 216,332 in 1895 to 235,876 in 1896. Ceylon and Burma returned 121,193 and 35,517 against 101,156 and 35,888, respectively, in the previous year. The number from "Other parts of British India", excluding Burma, shows a progressive increase in the past triennium.*

* 1894	..	..	..	59,605
1895	..	..	..	63,432
1896	..	..	..	65,297

GENERAL.

12. During the year under review, 203,620 British subjects left the Presidency for countries outside British India. The figures for the last three years are compared below :—

Countries to which emigration took place.	Regulated.			Non-regulated.		
	1894.	1895.	1896.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Mauritius	543	724	242	..	..	..
Natal	1,465	1,691	1,972	..	..	..
Straits Settlements	1,784	1,617	2,861	13,232	14,545	17,613
Burma	..	..	..	39,282	38,978	61,020
Ceylon	..	..	..	87,235	123,975	119,912
Total ..	3,792	4,032	5,075	139,749	177,498	198,545
Total emigration, regulated and non-regulated	..	..	..	143,541	181,530	203,620

Adding to this the number that emigrated to other parts of British India, the total is 264,756.

13. *Financial.*—The receipts and charges of the year, excluding those relating to inland emigration to Assam, amounted to Rs. 5,568 and Rs. 18,297, respectively, against Rs. 6,246 and Rs. 19,228 in 1895. There was a saving of Rs. 1,254 in the cost of the establishment in South Arcot. This was due to the reduction in the pay of the Consular Agent at Pondicherry and Karikal, a moiety of which is debited to

"Emigration". Arrangements have been recently made by which the reductions contemplated in G.O., No. 776, Public, dated 31st July 1896, will be carried into effect and the charges in future considerably reduced.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
 „ the Protector of Emigrants, Madras.
 „ the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal.
 „ the Accountant-General.
 „ all Collectors.
 Editors' Table.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 762, Public, dated 17th June 1897.

Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

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3. Mauritius- The sudden decrease in the number of emigrants to this colony, in 1896, which was most marked in Madras, is ascribed by the Protector to the very small demand for labour the ^{wants of employers} supply having been raised by the large emigration during 1894 and 1895.

The following statement contains particulars of emigration to and from the Mauritius during the past triennium:-

years	Admission	Rejections	Admitted or removed	Deaths	In hospital	Actual emigrations	Percentage of women to men	Advances made by the agency	Return emigrants	Servants brought by them
1894	908	248	77	1	39	643	32.28	1891	316	2300
1895	1102	213	70	1	95	724	33.33	2401	436	4789
1896	378	106	62	1	9	242	34.52	840	496	5827

* prescribed proportion.

4. The actual number of embarkations was 242 in two shipments. Of these 137 were registered in Madras, 28 in Trichinopoly and 27 in Tanjore. There were only 22 emigrants detained in the depot over three months.

5. Natal - As shown in para 4 of the Board's report there was an increase, both in the number of persons registered and in that of those actually embarked, as compared with the previous year, the increase being most marked in Godavari, Madras, N. Arcot, Madura and Salem.

Districts	Years	No. registered	No. embarked
Godavari	1896	500	285
	1895	462	268
Madras	1896	1441	820
	1895	1057	613
N. Arcot	1896	732	355
	1895	583	319
Madura	1896	163	101
	1895	128	70
Salem	1896	63	55
	1895	-	-

1894 ... 1465
1895 ... 1691
1896 ... 1972

The number of emigrants to this colony exceeded last year's figure by 281. In December 1895 there were 273 persons in the depot and 3264 were admitted during 1896, there being admissions in each month. Fifty nine were readmitted from hospital making a grand total of 3596. Of these, 306 renounced their engagements or deserted, 597 were rejected, 9 died, 38 were in hospital and 502 were detained for future shipment. The remaining 1972 were despatched in five shipments, of these the remainder were registered in Natal. The percentage of women to men being only 37.70, the deficiency was made up by 11 female passengers who emigrated on their own account and 18 extra female emigrants sent by the first ship in 1897. As shown in statement 6 of the Protector's report 123 coolies returned from Natal during the year with savings amounting to Rs. 13,848-14-3 against 279 in 1895 with Rs. 52,890. The detention of 27 coolies at the depot for over three months is ascribed to the long interval

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interval between the last shipment in 1895 and the first in 1896, as also between the latter and the second shipment.

6. The following statement compares the average savings of an adult returned emigrant for the last three years.

Mauritius			Natal		
Years	Number of adults	Total savings	Average	Number of adults	Total savings
1894	266	Rs 2,300	Rs 9	162	Rs 45,537
1895	366	4,789	13	216	52,891
1896	410	5,827	14	93	13,849

Note- Children are not counted as half adults for this purpose.

(b) To French Colonies.

7. There was no emigration to French Colonies. The repatriations are shown below:-

Colonies	1895		1896	
	No. of Emigrants	Savings	No. of Emigrants	Savings
Martinique	223	Rs 5336	Nil	Nil
La Reunion	75	2040	87	2008

There were no deaths on the journey.

II- EMIGRATION TO STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

8. usual indentured emigrants proceeded only from Negapatam. The annexed tables show the numbers embarked for the Straits Settlements during 1896 as compared with the figures for 1895:-

A- Labourers registered under A (with minor dependents)

Ports of Embarkation	1895			1896		
	Adults	Children	Dependents	Total Adults	Child-Dependents	Total
Negapatam	1546	51	20	1617	2712	112 37 2861

E- Free Passengers

Ports of Embarkation	1895		1896		
	Adults	Children	Total	Adults	Children
Madras	459	31	490	482	16
(Porto Novo	247	—	247	506	—
S. Arcot (Cuddalore	38	3	41	58	8
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Total	13,808	737	14,545	16,743	870
					17,613

Note - These figures do not include French subjects.

The large increase of 1244 in the number of indentured emigrants is ascribed partly to the large orders from Penang and partly to less rigid medical examination; while the former cause accounts also for the large increase of 2068 in the free passengers. The number of immigrants from the Straits Settlements is shown to have been 13,163 as against 14,948 in the preceding year.

III - FREE EMIGRATION

9. Emigration to Burma and Ceylon is subject to no restrictions; it is not therefore possible to distinguish accurately emigrants from ordinary passengers. The number of British subjects who embarked for Burma was 61,020 or nearly 60 per cent more than in the two previous years viz., 38,978 and 39,282 respectively, the largest contribution being from Ganjam, Tanjore, Godavari and Vizagapatam. The most marked rise was in Vizagapatam, viz, from 4855 in 1895 to 11,587 in 1896. This increase, in that district as well as that in Ganjam, is ascribed to the unfavourable character of the season, while

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while the increase in Godavari is accounted for by the floods of August last compelled many of the inhabitants to quit their homes. The unusual demand for labour in Burma is assigned as the reason for the increase in Tanjore.

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IMMIGRATION

11. The number of immigrants from the various colonies and other parts of British India rose from 216,332 in 1895 to 235,876. Ceylon and Burma returned 121,193 and 35,517 against 101,156 and 35,888 respectively in the previous year. The number from other parts of British India (excluding Burma) shows a progressive increase in the past triennium.

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12. During the year under review 203,620 British subjects left the Presidency for countries outside British India. The figures for the last three years are compared below:-

Countries to which emigration took place	Regulated			Non-regulated		
	1894	1895	1896	1894-1895	1896	
Mauritius	543	724	242	—	—	—
Natal	1465	1691	1972	—	—	—
Straits Settlements	1784	1617	2861	13232	14545	17613
Burma	—	—	—	39282	38978	61020
Ceylon	—	—	—	87235	123975	119912
Total	3792	4032	5075	130749	177498	198545
Total emigration regulated and non-regulated				143541	181530	203620

Adding to this the number that emigrated to other parts of British India the total is 264,756, but it is given in paragraph 17 of the Board's Proceedings* as 264,696.

13. Financial-^{6.5000}Excluding those relating to inland emigration the receipts and charges of the year amounted to Rs. 5,528 and Rs. 18,297 respectively against Rs. 6,246 and Rs. 19,238 in 1895. The charges include a moiety of the cost of the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karikal, and his establishment, the other half moiety being, as usual, debited to "Political". The net expenditure by Government on account of emigration during the year was Rs. 12,729 or only Rs. 253 less than in 1895. In para 13 of G.O. No. 776, Public, dated 31st July 1896 it was observed that arrangements were under consideration which it was hoped would lead to a considerable reduction in this outlay in future years. The arrangements referred related to a proposed reduction in the cost of the Consular Agency at Pondicherry and Karikal which, as will be seen from the marginally noted figures, has been effected with a saving of Rs. 1,276.

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There was a saving of Rs. 1254 in the cost of the ~~British Consular Agent~~ ^{S. Arcot} ~~Pondicherry and Karikal~~ ^{at Pondicherry} ~~establishment~~. This is due to the reduction in the pay of the Consular Agent, a moiety of which is debited to 'Emigration'. The arrangement made is however only a temporary one: the plan for permanent reduction, contemplated in G.O. no 776 P.A. d. 31 July 1896, has not yet been ^{made} ~~made~~ ^{22/5/97}

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(1895)	Rs. 12057
S. Arcot (1896)	" 10803
Saving	<u>Rs. 1254</u>
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(1895)	Rs. 504
Tanjore (1896)	" 482
Saving	<u>Rs. 22</u>
Total saving	<u>Rs. 1276</u>

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The Board of Rev. (Separate Rev.)
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ORDER—No. 761, Public, dated 17th June 1897.

The foregoing papers relate to the operations in connection with emigration from the Madras Presidency during the year 1896, with the exception of that from the Ganjam district to Assam.

I.—REGULATED EMIGRATION.

(a) To British Colonies.

2. The Agencies maintained at Madras by the Mauritius and Natal Governments continued under the management of Mr. J. F. Conran and Messrs. Parry & Co., respectively. There were forty-five cases of measles, nineteen of mumps and one sporadic case of cholera in the Natal depôt. None proved fatal. The Medical Inspector's report on the depôts is satisfactory. The health of the emigrants is reported to have been exceptionally good and their physique superior to a higher than usual.

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3. Mauritius.—The sudden decrease in the number of emigrants to this colony in 1896, which was most marked in Madras, is ascribed by the Protector to the very small demand for labour, the wants of employers having been supplied by the large emigration during 1894 and 1895.

The following statement contains particulars of emigration to, and returns from, the Mauritius during the past triennium:—

Years.	Admissions.	Rejections.	Absconded or removed.	Deaths.	In hospital.	Actual embarkations.	Percentage of women to men.	Advances paid by the agency.	Return emigrants.	Savings brought by them.
1894	NO. 908	NO. 242	NO. 77	NO. 1	NO. 39	NO. 543	32.28	RS. 1,891	NO. 316	RS. 2,300
1895	1,102	213	70	..	95	724	33.33	2,401	436	4,789
1896	378	106	62	..	9	242	34.32	840	496	5,827

* Prescribed proportion.

4. The actual number of embarkations was 242 in two shipments. Of these, 157 were registered in Madras, 28 in Trichinopoly, and 27 in Tanjore. There were only 22 emigrants detained in the depôt over three months.

5. Natal.—As shown in paragraph 4 of the Board's report, there was an increase both in the number of persons registered and in that of those actually embarked, as compared with the previous year, the increase being most marked in Gôdâvari, Madras, North Arcot, Madura and Salem.

* Districts.	Years.	Number registered.	Number embarked.
Gôdâvari	1896	550	285
.. ..	1895	462	268
.. ..	1896	1,441	820
Madras	1895	1,057	613
.. ..	1896	732	365
North Arcot	1895	583	319
.. ..	1896	163	101
Madura	1895	128	70
.. ..	1896	83	55
Salem	1895	..	..

† 1894	1,465
1895	1,691
1896	1,972

502 were detained for future shipment. The remaining 1,972 were despatched in five shipments. The percentage of women to men was only 37.70, but the deficiency was made up by 11 women who were free emigrants and 18 extra female emigrants sent by the first ship in 1897. As shown in Statement 6 of the Protector's report, 123 coolies returned from Natal during the year with savings amounting to Rupees 13,848-14-3 against 279 in 1895 with Rs. 52,890. The detention of 271 coolies at the depôt for over three months is ascribed to the long interval between the last shipment in 1895 and the first in 1896, as also to that between the latter and the second shipment.

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III.—FREE E M GRATION.

9. Emigration to Burma and Ceylon is not possible to distinguish accurately emigration from ordinary passengers. The number of British subjects who embarked in 1896 was 61,020, or nearly 60 per cent. more than in the two previous years, viz., 38,978 and 39,282, respectively, the largest contributions being from Ganjam, Tanjore, Gó dá vá ri and Vizagapatam. The most marked rise was in Vizagapatam, viz., from 4,855 in 1895 to 11,587 in 1896. This increase, as well as that in Ganjam, is ascribed to the unfavourable character of the season, while the increase of August last which compelled many of Gó dá vá ri is accounted for by the floods of August last which compelled many of the inhabitants to quit their homes. The unusual large demand for labour in Burma assigned as the reason for the increase in Tanjore.

10. Emigration to Ceylon was, as usual, chiefly confined to the Tinnevely and Madura districts. The total number that embarked was 119,912, or 4,063 less than in 1895. The decrease of 7,398 in Madura is attributed to the exceptionally favourable character of the season in that district.

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• 1894	..	..	..	59,606
1895	..	..	..	63,439
1896	..	..	..	65,297

12. During the year under review, 20 British subjects left the Presidency for countries outside British India. The figures for the last three years are compared below :—

Countries to which emigration took place.	Regulated.		Non-regulated.			
	1894.	1895.	1894.	1895.	1896.	
Mauritius	543	242	..	..	..	
Natal	1,465	1,972	..	14,545	17,613	
Straits Settlements	1,784	2,861	13,232	38,978	61,020	
Burma	..	..	39,382	123,975	119,913	
Ceylon	..	..	87,235	..	..	
Total ..	3,792	5,075	139,749	177,498	198,545	
Total emigration, regulated and non-regulated	..	..	143,541	181,530	203,620	

Adding to this the number that
total is 264,756.

13. *Financial*.—The receipts and to inland emigration to Assam, amounting against Rs. 6,246 and Rs. 19,228 in cost of the establishment in South Ar of the Consular Agent at Pondicherr, “Emigration”. The arrangement has been found impossible as yet to bring contemplated in G.O., No. 776, Pub of the year, excluding those relating Rs. 5,568 and Rs. 18,297, respectively. There was a saving of Rs. 1,254 in the this was due to the reduction in the pay arikal, a moiety of which is debited to however only a temporary one; it has not been the plan for permanent reduction

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6. The following statement compares the average savings of an adult returned emigrant for the last three years :—

Years.	Number of adults.	Natal.		Average.
		Total savings.	Number of adults.	
1894	5	Rs. 2,300	9	162
1895	6	4,789	13	216
1896	10	5,827	14	93

Note.—Children are not counted as half adults for this purpose.

(b) To French Colonies.

7. There was no emigration to French Colonies. The repatriations are shown below :—

Colonies.	1895.		1896.	
	Number of emigrants.	Savings.	Number of emigrants.	Savings.
Martinique	223	Rs. 5,386	Nil.	Rs. Nil.
La Réunion!.. .. .	75	2,040	87	2,008

There were no deaths on the journey.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

II.—EMIGRATION.

8. As usual, indentured emigrants proceeded only from Negapatam. The annexed tables show the numbers embarked for the Straits Settlements during 1896 as compared with the figures for 1895 :—

A.—Labourers registered under Form A (with minor dependents).

Ports of embarkation.	1895.			1896.			
	Adults.	Children.	Dependents.	Adults.	Children.	Dependents.	Total.
Negapatam	1,546	51	30	2,712	112	37	2,861

B.—Free Passengers.

Ports of embarkation.	1895.			1896.		
	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Madras	459	31	490	482	16	498
South Arcot	247	3	247	506	8	506
Porto Novo	38	5	41	58	3	66
Cuddalore	25	11	30	13	3	16
Pondicherry	192	687	203	678	62	740
Karikal	12,847	737	13,534	15,006	781	15,787
Negapatam	13,808	737	14,545	16,743	870	17,613
Total	13,808	737	14,545	16,743	870	17,613

Note.—These figures do not include French subjects.

The increase of 1,244 in the number of indentured emigrants is attributed partly to the large demand for labour in Penang and partly to less rigid medical examination; the former cause accounts also for the large increase in the free passengers.

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