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Emigration—Reunion.

Recording endorsement of the Government of India forwarding copy of a report on Indian Coolie Immigration at Réunion during 1896.

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Read—the following paper :—

Endorsement of the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), dated Calcutta, the 11th January 1898, No. 64—82-1.

Read—the following paper :—

From JOHN J. PIAT, Esq., Her Majesty's Acting Consul at Réunion, to the Government of India, dated the 20th October 1897.

I have the honour to inclose a report upon Indian Coolie Immigration at Réunion during the year 1896.

ENCLOSURE.

REPORT by Acting Consul Piat upon Indian Coolie Immigration at Réunion during 1896.

The figures given below are very unreliable, being entirely derived from official sources and there existing no means of effectively checking their accuracy.

Annexure No. 1.

In Annexure No. 1 is contained a table showing the increase and decrease of the immigrant population in 1896.

It will be noticed that there is a net decrease of 814, and that the deaths, 559, are far in excess of the births, 137. This small number of births is probably mainly caused, as in previous years, by many births not having been duly registered. The very defective way in which the registration of births is carried on in this country was made very apparent last year by the application at Réunion of the French Military Service Law. It was then found that scores of immigrants had no civil status, their names having been merely entered in the registers kept at the Immigration Department. The local authorities have since issued strict orders, under penalty of heavy fines, for the registration of all births, and should these orders be properly carried out, there is but little doubt that in future the returns will show a noticeable improvement on the present figure.

One hundred and twenty-six immigrants were freed from engagement. They were for the most part infirm and destitute and totally incapacitated for any kind of manual labour.

In 1896, only 31 children of immigrants claimed the benefits of Article 2, section 2, of the Decree of 30th March 1881. This number shows a decrease of one-half over the returns for the previous year when the number was 63. This great difference is mainly due to the fact that, when the Military Law was applied to Réunion last year, Indians whose conception of the Decree of 1881 is very erroneous were made to understand by those persons who had an interest in retaining them as contract labourers, that by claiming the benefits of the above decree, and ceasing to be immigrants, they became French subjects and as such liable to forced military service under the French colours. Believing this to be true, they naturally chose to retain their British Nationality by remaining immigrants. Ninety-four Indians were repatriated *via* Mauritius; they were for the most part infirm and destitute and the sum of money carried away by them was exceedingly small, amounting only to Rs. 22 per head, as the savings of Indians, who had been from fifteen to forty-four years in Réunion, and who had worked hard all the time.

The number of deaths, although not unusually large, shows an increase on the returns for 1895. I know of no special cause for this increased rate of mortality, unless it be that the old age of a great many had something to do with it.

Annexure No. 2.

In Annexure No. 2 will be found a return of the general Indian population at Réunion.

A census of the inhabitants of the colony is now being made, and it is very probable that the result will materially differ from the present official returns and give a more correct number of Indians now at Réunion.

Annexures Nos. 3 and 4 give returns of Indians and masters tried and condemned before the Courts in 1896. Two hundred and sixty-four Indians were condemned before the High Courts as follows:—

Annexures Nos. 3 and 4.

Robbery, 100; as Vagabonds, 112; Abuse of confidence, 7; Drunkenness, 20; Assault with violence, 16; Rape, 1; Arson, 1; Unvoluntary Arson, 2; Murder, 1; Burglary, 1; Attempted Burglary, 2; Rape with violence and attempted murder, 1.

The sentences varied from one day to two years' hard labour. Four crimes, however, were punished with heavier sentences: 1 Rape, 7 years' prison; 1 Rape with violence, 8 years' hard labour; 1 Burglary, 5 years' hard labour; 1 Murder, 8 years' hard labour.

The bill of costs, Francs 1,846.95, shows a great improvement on the returns for 1895 when it amounted to Francs 8,077.00. These costs were purely legal and exclusive of lawyers' fees. The fines inflicted amounted to Francs 429.00.

Twenty-one masters were prosecuted and only five condemned. It is very unsatisfactory to note that in many instances the Consulate had to interfere to obtain redress for the Indian.

From Annexure No. 5 it will be noticed that bounties to the amount of 187.862 francs were paid to Indians. This shows how very anxious masters are to retain their labourers.

Annexure No. 5.

The taxes levied directly or indirectly upon Indian immigrants in 1896 are shown in Annexure No. 6 to amount to 111,000 francs; all the items except that for the permis de séjour are very much under-rated.

Annexure No. 6.

It is probable that capture money alone amounted to several thousand francs.

Annexure No. 7.

A statement of complaints brought before the Syndics is annexed and calls for no special remarks.

A roll of complaints proffered at the Consulate is also annexed. The complaints are very much the same as usual and call for no special remarks except Nos. 74 and 98 which were of a serious nature. The official correspondence concerning them was forwarded to the Foreign Office in Mr. Consul Bennett's Despatch No. 36 of 10th December of last year.

Annexure No. 8.

The French Military Service Law was applied to Réunion in 1896 and was the cause of many complaints. It has besides been a source of great vexation to the Indian population at large. So far, however, the conscripts have only been called up before the Conseil de Revision, and there is every reason to believe that this law will never be enforced in its entirety at Réunion and that Indians and others called up will never do any effective service under the French colours.

Twenty-seven marriages between Indians were legally celebrated in 1896, and five between Indians and Creoles.

There were ten suicides, one sudden death, and five accidental deaths.

Sixty-five Indians passed through the hospitals, 59 having been treated at the expense of the Communal authorities and six at that of private persons.

ANNEXURE No. 1.

INCREASE and decrease of General Indian Immigration during 1896.

Population on 31st December 1895	..	..	..	17,528
Births in 1896	..	..	..	137
Re-engaged	..	..	..	2
Freed from engagement	..	..	..	126
" became permissionnaires	..	..	..	75
" under Decree of 30th March 1881	..	..	..	31
" children of 2nd generation	..	..	..	63
Left for Mauritius, Madagascar, &c.	..	..	..	5
Repatriated	..	..	..	94
Deaths	..	..	..	559
Total population on 31st December 1896	..	..	..	16,714
				17,667
				17,667

ANNEXURE No. 2.

RETURN of General Indian Population in 1896.

Contract labourers and children of same	9,438	4,295	2,981	16,714
Old engage's holding permis de séjour at 10 francs each	647	..	..	647
Free Indians paying from 50 to 500 francs	39	..	..	39
Traders, clerks, &c., agriculturists	28	..	..	28
Wives and children of permissionnaires	707	..	..	707
Total	10,859	4,295	2,981	18,135

ANNEXURE No. 3.

RETURN of Indians and Masters condemned by Courts in 1896.

	Indians.	Masters.	Fines.	Costs.
Before Higher Courts	264	5	429.00	1846.95
Before Juges de Paix (Macadam)	1,006	..	2928.90	..
	1,270	5	3342.90	1846.95

ANNEXURE No. 4.

NOMINAL roll of Masters who were prosecuted in 1896.

Name of Master.	Nature of Complaint.	At whose request prosecuted.	Result.
Adam de Villiers	Assault with violence	..	Non-suited.
"	Blows and illegal imprisonment on estate	..	"
Lagourque	Assault with violence	..	Unfounded.
Flacourt	No medical treatment	..	Non-suited.
Morange	Assault	..	"
"	"	..	"
Magnon	Blows	..	Paid 20 francs 80 cents.
Jules Vidot	Six months' wages unpaid	Consul	Non-suited.
Mirbel	Two	..	16 francs fine.
Foliquet	Assault	Consul	Non-suited.
Archambault	"	..	Cow returned to Indian.
Credit Foncier	Cow illegally detained by engagiste	Consul	Paid 75.00 francs.
Irma Payet	Six months' wages unpaid	..	Unfounded.
Louis Breton	Engagement over	..	Paid.
A de Lupperrière	Claiming wages for days of illegal imprisonment.	Consul	Paid 68 francs 75 cents.
Sequestre Bellemère	"	..	"
Antoine Bonny	Five months' wages unpaid	..	Non-suited.
Féroul	Assault	..	"
Eugène Lafosse	"	Consul	"
One' oime	Ill-treatment and assault	..	"
Desiré de Périgny	Assault	..	"

ANNEXURE No. 5.

RETURNS of Indians engaged or re-engaged during 1896 showing amount of bounty received.

Engagements with bounty.	Engagement without.	Totals.	
		Engagements.	Bounty paid.
2,056	3,735	5,791	frs. cts. 18 862

ANNEXURE No. 6.

TABLE showing taxes, &c., levied upon Indian Immigrants and upon their engagements showing by whom payable.

Nature of Tax.	Rate per head.	Payable by	Total amount.	Remarks.
Poll Tax	frs. 6	Indian ..	67 500	At least.
Engagement Tax	6 00	Master ..	37 746	"
Ferme de Séjour	10 00	Indian ..	7 140	Unreliable.
Capture money	2 50 each arrest.	" ..	836 50	Very much underrated.
Fines (Annexure No. 3)	"	" ..	3 336 90	"
Costs (")	"	" ..	1 846 95	Moderate.
Total			118 396 45	

ANNEXURE No. 7.

RETURN of Complaints proffered before the Syndics during 1896.

Nature of Complaint.	Saint Denis.		Saint Marie.		Saint Suzanne.		Saint André.		Saint Benoît.		Saint Rose.	
	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Claiming wages	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
" rations	..	2	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Overworked	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault, &c.	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
No medical care	..	4	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Claiming new clothes	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
For various causes	1	4	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	2	29	..	16	5	6	..	2	1	10	..	2

Nature of Complaint.	Saint Joseph.		Saint Pierre.		Saint Louis.		Saint Len.		Saint Paul.		Possession.		Total.	
	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Claiming wages	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	19	13
" rations	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5
Overworked	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	9
Assault, &c.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	10
No medical care	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	10
Claiming new clothes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
For various causes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total	2	..	..	4	8	1	1	1	9	1	2	2	30	74

ANNEXURE No. 8.
ABSTRACT of complaints proffered at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants during the year 1896.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate.	Nature of Complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
1	January 6	Ramascandin M. Ruben du Coudar.	His engagement has expired and he desires to be repatriated to India. He further claims one month's wages.	Engagement was over only on January 8th. He had been paid his wages up to December 15th, 1896.	It was subsequently admitted that 1830 francs was due to Sitarate and sum was paid.
2	" 7	Govendama Mardaye, St. Denis.	Is the wife of a "permissionnaire," who left for India six months ago. She is destitute and has three children. Has she any right to repatriation?	Was born in Réunion and does not belong to Immigration service. Protector, however, will write to the Governor and ask that she might be repatriated with her children as indigent.	
3	" 9	Sibarate Oneray, M. Mirbel Rivière des Pluies.	Complains: 1st, that six months' wages are due to him; 2nd, that rations are neither good nor sufficient; 3rd, that his employer cuts his wages when he does not sell all the garden produce handed to him. He has already complained to Syndic.	Complaint unfounded. 1st, he owes his engage 750 francs; 2nd, he spent part of money collected for sale of garden produce and same was deducted from his wages. Case has been referred to Juge de Paix.	
4	" 14	Sinatamby Oleguin, St. André.	He is not allowed to reside with his grandson, who is willing to take charge of him and complains that the Syndic forces him to re-engage.	Request granted, man has been given a "permia."	
4A	" 18	Palany Modely, M. Nativel, St. André.	Complains that two months' wages are due to him, and that he is very ill-treated.	Is a bad character and was sent to prison several times. Engagiste only owes him 5 francs.	
5	" 22	Enama Sinama, Mrs. Laprade, St. Denis.	Engagiste after first agreeing to cancelling of her engagement altered her mind, and now refuses to release Sinama. Why?	This woman was kept in her service by engagiste, until Mrs. Laprade was provided with another servant. Engagement now cancelled.	A correspondence ensued and at last men were paid for lost time.
6	" 23	A batch of four Indians Belle-mène, St. Paul.	Were three days ill in hospital. When they resumed work, engagiste refused to allow them to, and sent them back to hospital where they were looked up. What steps will M. le Protecteur take on this occasion and will the men be paid for days of enforced idleness?	M. le Protecteur himself went to enquire into this complaint and found that the men's statements were true. They have now resumed work.	Consul appealed unsuccessfully to Governor as payment if made at all was illegally made.
7	February 4	Gouraya Issape, M. Folliguet, St. Denis.	Claims two months' wages and demands that his engagement be cancelled on grounds of non-payment. Case having been referred to Juge de Paix, who decided against Gouraya, could an appeal be made before the higher courts?	Engagiste declares that he has paid Gouraya .. No appeal can be made as the sum claimed is under 250 francs (Law of June 6, 1898, Article 5).	
7A	" 4	Aroumenayagon, Foncier Colonial.	Complains that his engagement has now been over for some time, but that engagiste refuses to return his livret.	On expiration of engagement on July 23, 1896, man had 616 days of work to put in.	
8	" 6	Binguin Tambian, Rivière du Mat.	Contracted in November 1894 a two years' engagement. Now his engagement is declared to be over, notwithstanding the fact that he only worked 16 months. He is further made to pay 70 francs to his engagiste and he denies owing that money. He complained to the Syndic. There is no hospital on the estate.	Facts as stated are not correct. Man himself asked for his engagement to be cancelled, and this having been agreed to by engagiste, he had to refund 70 francs as part of the bounty given to him when he first engaged and which he had not earned as he still owed nine months' work.	

Abstract of complaints proffered at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants during the year 1896—cont.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate.	Nature of Complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
9	February 6	Mourguin Alamelon, M. Châteauneuf, St. Léu.	Complains that he is called upon to pay a fine of 38 francs 90 cents, which ought to be paid by his former engagiste, as this fine was inflicted upon him for having driven to St. Denis, two mules belonging to that latter gentleman (and according to his instructions) at a time when it was strictly prohibited for horses or mules to enter St. Denis, on account of cattle disease being then prevalent in the country around.	Man was in an irregular position at the time this incident happened. Mr. Fourcade, the engagiste alluded to, could not be made to pay as he has no money under his own name.	A most unjust decision given by the Juge de Paix. A long correspondence ensued, but no redress was obtained. Had he not obeyed the orders given to him, he would have been prosecuted for "refused travail."
10	" 11	Govinden Minatchy, Liebel, St. Suzanne.	Proffered a complaint before M. le Procureur some time since. His master having threatened to illtreat him if he went back on the estate to resume work, he wishes to remain at the depot until a decision is arrived at in his case.	Case was referred to justice, but evidence not being sufficient to allow of any action being taken, man has been sent back to his engagiste.	
11	" 24	Adolphe Angame, M. Adam de Villiers, St. Marie.	Complains of having been violently assaulted by the manager of the estate who struck him very heavily in the face.	Complaint referred to Procureur de la République, but no action taken, the evidence not proving sufficient.	
12	" 24	Letchoumanin Vingedassalom.	His engagiste refuses to allow him to remain on the estate, threatening to illtreat him, if he sees him there. Asks that his engagement be cancelled.	No truth in statement and man will be prosecuted by his master for lodging a false complaint.	
13	March 13	A batch of five Indians, M. Duran de Volcomte, Bras Panon.	Were deputed by the other 26 engagés of M. Volcomte to lodge the following complaints: 1st, they are overworked; 2nd, they never receive their wages in full; 3rd, they are given no clothes; 4th, they are very ill-treated. On these grounds they ask that their engagements be cancelled and claim the money they are entitled to.	M. le Procureur himself went to see into this complaint. There is no truth in the statements made by the men who were led to do so by a priest of their religion.	
14	" 23	Vinouchetty Vingetachetty, M. Kerveguen, St. Suzanne.	Complains that for the last six months he was never offered the exact amount of wages owed him.	Complaint unfounded. Man is a French subject.	
15	April 1	Aroumougom Anonon, M. d'Harambure, St. Marie.	He is ill. Medical treatment has been prescribed for him by doctor, but none has been given to him and he is not allowed to go to hospital.	No cause for complaint. Man received and receives due medical treatment.	
16	" 7	Chanon Randiale, Miss Julien, St. Denis.	Complains that his engagiste uses up all the milk produced by his cow and never pays him a cent for same. Also complains of receiving no wages.	See Nos. 26 and 72.	
17	" 8	Adin Vellin, M. Kerveguen, St. Suzanne.	Although he has been seriously ill for some time past, he complains of receiving no medical care.	No ground for complaint; man refused to be treated.	
18	" 8	Negrin Toppée, Simonette Salazie.	Was violently assaulted by a Kafir and seriously wounded in the face. Complaint lodged at the Police Commissariat, and then referred to Procureur de la République.	Case dismissed, evidence proving insufficient.	
19	" 10	A batch of three Indians, M. Oaille, Revière des Pluies.	Complain of being overworked, and on that ground ask that their engagements be cancelled.	Complaint unfounded.	

20	" 16	Antony Savrimont, Miss Lafosse, St. Denis.	Complains that his mistress owes him two months' wages and refuses to pay him.	Not engaged to Miss Lafosse, but to M. Labonne. Statement true and has now received his wages.	
21	" 24	Montalou Rangama, M. Archambault, Rivière des Pluies.	Complains of having been violently assaulted by an employé of the estate. The man produces a medical certificate to the effect that he sustained serious injuries.	Case sent to Juge de Paix and M. Payet was fined 16 francs.	
22	" 26	Jogny Rangaray, M. de Laperrière, St. Paul.	States that his engagement is now over, but that engagiste refuses to give up his livret. Also complains of having been fined 15 francs unjustly.	Complaint unfounded. Man has still 44 days of work to put in. He was fined 15 francs for refusal to work.	
23	May 13	Virapin Carpin, M. Archambault, Rivière Pluies.	States that he was violently assaulted by a Kafir, who struck at him with a knife.	Bafa, the Kafir, was tried and condemned to one month's prison.	
24	" 16	Sally Papounaik	Desires a dispense d'engagement as she is old and infirm and cannot find an engagiste. She has already been captured three times by the police. Her son too, aged 11, had to pay "taxe de la capture." Medical certificate attached.	Medical certificate is of no value and Protector cannot grant a dispense d'engagement as this woman can work. As to her son he was born on June 5, 1886, and is consequently liable to engagement.	After much trouble Consul obtained a dispense d'engagement for her as she was really ill, but capture money was not repaid.
25	" 18	Etonari Dinoukan, Mad. Manés, St. Denis.	Complains of having been arrested by the policeman on duty at the Protectorate, who knew that he was in an irregular position. It appears that three days before he was captured Etonari having found an engagiste applied at the Protectorate for an extension of his permit. This was promised him, but after he had waited for three hours, he had to leave the Protectorate without one. The policeman knowing that fact arrested him.	This man does not speak the truth. He is only trying to get a dispense d'engagement and employs all the means in his power to that effect. He was legally captured by the policeman on duty who knew he was in an irregular position when Etonari called at the Protectorate three days previously.	A long correspondence ensued and money was finally paid back to Indian.
26	" 19	Chanon Randiale, Miss Juliette, St. Denis.	Is engaged as a "Colon partiaire" and to have two-thirds of the produce raised. The engagiste is a woman of low character and possesses nothing but a small hut at St. François. Having no land to let to Chanon, this latter cannot consequently raise any crops. He neither receives the minimum wages secured him by Article 26 of the Labour Law. The engagement is one then fore secured by false representations and the woman should be prosecuted. As regards cow incident, this woman produces a false document stating that Chanon gave her the cow. She further wants to charge this man for the keep of the cow. The two statements are contradictory.	See No. 72.	
27	" 29	Carpanin Ellapin, St. Denis.	States that he is ill and unable to work and that he receives no medical attention.	Complaint unfounded. This man is a confirmed deserter.	
28	June 3	Govinden Minatchy, Liebel, St. Suzanne.	Complains that his engagiste has appropriated all the produce of his garden without having given him a cent for same. He wishes to return to M. Liebel whatever money he owes him and have his engagement cancelled.	There was a sum of 13 francs 60 cents owed Minatchy and this has been paid at once. This man has now resumed work.	
29	" 11	Vingedassalom Carpy and others.	Asking for their birth certificates to enable them to claim exemption from the French Military Service, and to decline French Nationality.	Case settled.	
30	" 13				
31	" 13				
32	" 16				
33	" 16				

Abstract of complaints proffered at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants during the year 1898—cont.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate.	Nature of Complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
34	June 16 ..	Andie Chinamou, Mon Ting, St. Denis.	Complains that he is not properly lodged and that the food given to him is uneatable.	Complaint unfounded. Engagement has been cancelled by mutual consent.	
35	" 16 ..	Two Indians M. Laude, St. André.	State that on last pay day they did not receive the full amount of their wages. Also that they are given too much work.	Complaint totally unfounded.	
36	" 17 ..	Poniana Minatchi, Mrs. Selhausen, St. Denis.	States that her engagement is over and claims her livestock which engagee refuses to give up.	Case satisfactorily settled.	
37	" 19 ..	Poniane Tayalo and others ..	Military Service. (Vide No. 29) ..	Settled.	
38	" 23 ..	Dilmahomed Ousseny, Adam de Villiers, Rivière du Mat.	Complains of having been violently assaulted in his hut by a Kafir, dragged outside and then struck by the son of an employé of the estate.	An inquiry has been made, but evidence proving insufficient, case fell through.	
39	" 30 ..	Emile Poiny and others ..	Military Service. (Vide No. 29) ..	Settled.	
40	July 3 ..		Complains that he is ill and receives no medical attention.	False complaint. Engagement will be cancelled.	
41	" 16 ..	Felix Mariama, St. Louis ..	Claims the benefits of Article 2, section 2, of the Decree of March 30, 1881. She applied to Syndic, who refused to grant her request.	She was told of the Decree of 1881 by the Syndic when she became of age but she declined to avail herself of its benefits.	
42	" 16 ..	Nayema Nayegom, St. Denis.	States that when he was sent back to his engagee yesterday, this gentleman violently assaulted him for having proffered a complaint at the Consulate.	Complaint transmitted to justice, but as there was not sufficient evidence, the case was dismissed.	
43	" 17 ..	Felix Mariama (No. 41) ..			
44	" 18 ..				
45	" 18 ..				
46	" 18 ..				
47	" 18 ..	Gorinden Sinaouty and others.	Military Service. (Vide No. 29) ..	Settled.	
48	" 18 ..				
49	" 18 ..				
50	" 18 ..				
51	" 18 ..				
52	" 18 ..	Nayema Nayegom (No. 42) ..	Has still a right to avail herself of Decree of March 1881, as she is not yet 22 years of age.	Case settled and girl has ceased to be an immigrant.	
53	" 31 ..	Sourouya, St. Len ..	He is compelled by the Syndic to re-engage although in an unfit state of health.	Case has been arranged and Sourouya has been granted a premis.	
54	" 31 ..	Rougavin and others ..	Military Service. (Vide No. 29) ..	Settled.	
55	Aug. 1 ..				

56	" 6	Mahomed Domane, St. Denis.	His engagement is now over. He is old and wishes to obtain a "dispense d'engagement."	....	
57	" 7	Vayaboury and others ..	Military Service. (Vide No. 29) ..	Settled.	
58	" 10	Pawady Alamel, St. André ..	States that his engagement is over, and also that being ill he desires to enter the hospital.	Has been sent to hospital and will soon be well again.	
59	" 10		Complains that his master owes him four months and-a-half wages. When is his engagement over?	Man is a bad character, and has 314 days of work to replace. He has been paid all his wages.	
60	" 17	Culi Mehon, M. Mirbel, St. André.	Military Service. (Vide No. 29) ..	Settled.	
61	" 19	Viramontou Minatchy and others.	States that his master owes him two months' wages and also complains of being very ill-treated.	Was not paid his wages in full at his own request. Complaint unfounded as to ill-treatment.	
62	" 24	Nalletamby Amouny, M. Lavi-grand, St. Denis.	Military Service. (Vide No. 29) ..	Settled.	
63	" 24	Pernal Soueri and others ..	States that his engagement is over and complains that a sum of 150 francs is unduly claimed from him.	False complaint. Man acknowledged owing that sum.	
64	" 25	Ramsamy Nayaranin, St. Paul (No. 74).	Complains that the Syndic of St. Paul refuses to allow him to re-engage. Why?	Had no Civil status. Birth being now declared, he has engaged.	
65	" 26	Naranamy Sinama, St. Paul.	States that his master has threatened to ill-treat him on account of his having lodged a complaint at the Consulate. He wishes his engagement to be cancelled.	M. Lavi-grand refuses to cancel engagement and denies the charge of ill-treatment proffered against him.	This case was ultimately settled. Nalletamby having reached the age of 21 claimed the benefits of Article 2, section 2, of Decree of 1881, and ceased to be an immigrant.
66	" 26	Nalletamby Amouny (No. 63).			
67	" 26				
68	" 28	Ramsamy Sitaya (No. 98) ..	Applied for a permis de séjour. His request was not granted, the Syndic having issued a certificate to the effect that Sitaya had been sentenced to prison in March 1884. This man now produces another certificate proving that he was never sentenced to prison. Has been called up for Military Service. How can this be? This man is a British subject born in India.	This man's statement is correct. A wrong entry was made against his name by M. le Protecteur's predecessor. Instructions have been given to cancel instructions issued by Syndic.	
69	Sept. 1	Ramsamy Minatchy, Credit Foncier, St. Suzanne.	Complains that for the last seven months he has not been paid his wages.	Was called up through a mistake.	
70	" 1	Marimontou Poiny M. Jouvancourt, St. Denis.	Complains that he has not received any wages for the last six months.	Case brought before Juge de Paix, who allowed Poiny 5 francs 80 cents, which sum has now been paid to him.	
71	" 15	Souprayen, Vingatanarin, M. Liebel, St. Denis.	Complains that he has not received any wages for the last six months.	Complaint unfounded.	
72	" 16	Chanou Ramdiale (No. 26) ..	Her Majesty's Consul has the honour to express to Monsieur le Protecteur his great regret that the affair of Chanou Ramdiale which might have been arranged in half an hour has taken over six months, whilst a settlement appears as far as ever.	Case will not be tried until after the vacations in November.	After a long correspondence had been exchanged, case was at last brought up before the Courts for trial. The case was returned to Chanou, but no wages whatever or compensation of any kind awarded to him.

Abstract of complaints proffered at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants during the year 1896--cont.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate.	Nature of Complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
73	Sept. 15	Mohamed Ally, St. Denis	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	After a long correspondence the facts were admitted by Protector and Governor, but no legal redress could be obtained, and the three Indians left burdened with a debt of 150 francs each. Case referred to Foreign Office in No. 36 of December 10, 1896.
74	" 16	Ramsamy Nayanarin and two other Indians, M. de Laperrière, St. Paul.	Having been accused of stealing sugar were threatened by their engagiste with prosecution unless each would acknowledge himself indebted to his master in the sum of 150 francs. Indians yielded under influence of fear. Engagiste deceived Syndic hiding real nature of case and describing the 150 francs as an advance. During engagement the sum was not collected by instalments under provisions of law, and when engagement was over alleged debt was used as a means to compel them in lieu of bounty.	Complaint absolutely false. These men owned before Jugo de Paix owing M. de Laperrière 150 francs each. Protector did everything in the interests of the Indians.	
75	" 19	Ponama, St. Denis	Is unfit for work on account of frequent attacks of epilepsy. Wishes to obtain a "dispense d'engagement."	Request granted.	
76	" 21	Poiny	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	
77	" 23	Marimouton Poiny, M. Jouvancourt, St. Carpin Mardin, St. Marie	Why have not this man's wages been settled for over six months when under law wages are to be paid monthly? His engagement is over and he desires to return to India.	Instructions have been given to M. Jouvancourt to pay his men at least every two months.	
78	" 24	Lachoumanin Manzarie, Union des Planteurs, St. Paul.	States that he is very ill and unable to work, and that he does not receive proper medical attention. Wishes his days' wages are due to him.	Request granted.	
79	" 26	....	I have the honour to annex a very serious complaint against the Dépôt Master at St. Pierre. I shall be much obliged if you inquire into the alleged facts and inform me of what has been done.	This man was examined by Doctor and found to be really ill. His engagement has been cancelled, and he has been paid his wages, deduction being made for unearned bounty.	
80	" 28	....	States that his engagement is over, and that his master refuses to give up his livret. He desires having three months' work to replace.	False complaint. Man has 102 days of work to replace.	
81	" 30	Saminadon Montama, Bras-Panon.	On 28th ultimo I had the honour to draw your attention to a serious complaint coming from St. Pierre. I now inclose a further complaint from same Indian. Although the reports may be somewhat exaggerated I think you will agree with me that the state of affairs calls for a serious inquiry.	....	
82	October 1	....	Is 70 years of age and past all work. Desires a dispense d'engagement.	Request granted.	
82A	" 6	Ramsamy Pichoumontal, Salazie.	Complains that she is not allowed to see her husband, who instead of being sent to the dépôt has been imprisoned at the gaol at St. Paul. Why was Leteboumanin sent to gaol.	Complaint unfounded. This man was not sent to gaol, but to the Dépôt Communal. His wife was allowed to visit him.	There is no difference between the Dépôt Communal and the gaol, except perhaps that the latter is a little better than the former.
83	" 6	Parrady, St. Paul	....	....	

84	" 19	Soupin Souprayapadeachy, M. Lafosse, St. Benoît.	Complains that some time ago, he was violently assaulted by his master. He further states that he is ill and unable to work.	The case has been referred to justice. Man was examined by a doctor and found able to work.	
85	" 20	Santa Bodie, St. Denis	Is the bearer of a medical certificate to the effect that he is ill and unable to work. Desires to obtain a dispense d'engagement.	He has been sent to the "Hospital Communal."	
86	" 22	Moidénesab Ibrahimarib, Mr. Parbean, St. André.	States that he is made to work the whole day on Sundays. Further complains of having been several times assaulted by his master.	Complaint utterly false.	
87	" 24	Compoussamy Virapin, M. de Roland, St. André.	Complains that having trusted his savings to his master's wife and this latter having died, M. de Roland now refuses to return his money.	False complaint.	
88	November 2	Montoussamy Sinan, Padvontan Sapany, Mrs. Beret.	States that their engagement is over, but that engagiste refuses to give up livret.	These men are bad characters. Sinan has 239 days of work to replace, and Sapany 264.	
89	" 2	Joseph Rangama, St. Gilles.	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Case settled.	
90	" 6	Ramsamy Sitays, St. Denis (No. 92).	What decision has been come to as regards his request for a permis de séjour? This man is well off and in a position to pay tax.	His request has been refused, as it appears his means of existence are very limited.	
91	" 7	Ramsamy Tapapoule, M. d'Harambure.	States that his engagement is over, but that his master refuses to give up his livret. He looks ill and would perhaps require medical care.	Man has been a deserter ever since 1st September last. Has 90 days of work to put in.	
92	" 10	Ramsamy Sitays, St. Denis (Nos. 68 and 90).	Asking for extension of Sitaya's permis in order that he might present a fresh request and also denying the allegation that he has not sufficient means of existence.	Permis extended for a fortnight.	This case was sent direct to the Director de l'Intérieur, and the man who is a well-to-do Indian at last secured a permis de séjour after he had been kept waiting for four months.
93	" 10	Carpin Ramalingom, M. Jouvancourt, St. Denis.	States that he sustained very serious injuries in a fall whilst at work, and that he receives no medical attention.	Case satisfactorily arranged.	
94	" 10	Savimouton Mével, St. Denis.	Is the bearer of a dispense d'engagement. His son-in-law with whom he resides does not look after him properly. He is ill, and wishes to be sent to hospital.	Man has been sent to hospital.	The food was in fact very bad. A sample of it was cooked at the Consulate and proved unpalatable. Protector, however, cautioned M. Bruniquel to have to treat his Indian engagés better in future.
95	" 17	A batch of five Indians, M. Bruniquel, St. Marie.	Complain: 1st, that the rations given to them are short and of bad quality; 2nd, that there is no hospital on the estate, the shed now in use being a stable; 3rd, that when ill they are sent to their huts, and in some cases deductions are made in their wages for medicines used; 4th, that their engagement is over, days of illness having not been paid for; 5th, that M. Bruniquel threatens to ill-treat them because they had on the above-mentioned grounds already laid a complaint against him before the Syndic.	False complaint as to food being bad. The stable now used as a hospital is also used as a stable for a donkey. Men are treated in their huts when ill, at their own request. They saw the Syndic and complained to him, but did not wait for the inquiry to be over before they went to the Consulate.	
96	" 27	Ringum Pandaya M. Colson, Ravine Blanche.	Complains that he was violently assaulted by the Syndic of St. Pierre. Also that his engagement is over, but that he is refused his livret.	False complaint. He has 67 days of work to put in.	
97	" 30	Virapin Houpiarpanin	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	

Abstract of complaints proffered at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants during the year 1896—concluded.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate.	Nature of Complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
98	December 1	Viratrin Carpanin M. Kerreguen, St. Pierre.	His engagement now being over he wishes to await at the depot the departure of the next convey for India.	His request cannot be granted. Some time since, whilst driving a cart belonging to his master, he unwillingly hurt a donkey belonging to M. Chéron. This latter claimed 200 francs damages from him and his engageiste paid the money without any further inquiries. When Carpanin's engagement was over he was offered the 200 francs as a bounty if he would re-engage. Carpanin having denied owing that money, the case was brought up before the Juge de Paix. In the meantime the donkey had been sold by M. Kerreguen for 100 francs. The Juge de Paix sentenced Carpanin to pay his engageiste the sum of 170 francs, thus :— Francs. For donkey, deduction being made of sale money 100-00 Veterinary 10-00 Medicines 10-00 Food and maintenance 50-00 Total .. 170-00 Carpanin must therefore refund that sum before he can be repatriated.	This case was brought to the knowledge of the Governor and the Procureur General; they both admitted that it had been very badly dealt with, and constituted a gross injury to the man. Nothing could be done, however, as the Juge de Paix's decision was final. Carpanin had therefore to re-engage and pay back money for which he was in no way responsible. Correspondence sent to Foreign office in No. 86 of 11th December 1896.
99	"	Seelingom Virasamy, St. Denis.	States that he is ill and unable to work and desires a dispense d'engagement.	Complaint unfounded. Man is not seriously ill and refuses to work.	
100	"	Nalletamby Amouny, St. Denis.	Complains that he is ill and that he receives no medical care.	False complaint.	
101	"	Antony Adelin, St. Denis	Complains of having been assaulted by M. Casal St. Denis. Also states that he has not been paid his wages for the last three months.	Wages have now been paid, and man has no further wish to prosecute M. Casal.	
102	"	Virapatin Aromooom, St. Denis.	Wishes to go over to Mauritius and asks that a permis for a month be granted to him as he has to make arrangements before he can leave.	Request granted.	
103	"	Mary Sarian, St. Denis	Is now without engagement. States that he has been ill for over 13 months and now wishes to obtain a dispense d'engagement.	Man can work as a gardener and therefore Protector cannot grant his request.	
104	"	Marde Tailamee, Adam de Villiers, St. Marie.	When will his engagement be over? He appears ill and unable to do any hard work.	When engagement was over in October last, man had 333 days to replace. He is a bad character.	
105	"	Virin Siranguin, M. Arthur, St. Denis.	Complains that the rations given to him are poor and insufficient in quantity. Also that his master deducts two francs a day from his wages when he is ill.	He has got the same food as his master. However, he will now receive money instead. Complaint unfounded as to deduction made in wages.	

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(By Order.)

(Signed) F. G. SLY,
Dy. Secy. to the Government of India.

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Recorded in continuation of G.O., No. 63, Public, dated 20th January 1897.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
 „ Protector of Emigrants.
 „ British Consular Agent, Pondicherry and Karaikal.
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Coolie Immigration at Réunion during 1896.

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READ—the following paper :—

Endorsement of the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), dated Calcutta, the 11th January 1898, No. 64—82-1.

Read—the following paper :—

From JOHN J. PIAT, Esq., Her Majesty's Acting Consul at Réunion, to the Government of India, dated the 20th October 1897.

I have the honour to inclose a report upon Indian Coolie Immigration at Réunion during the year 1896.

ENCLOSURE.

REPORT by Acting Consul Piat upon Indian Coolie Immigration at Réunion during 1896.

The figures given below are very unreliable, being entirely derived from official sources and there existing no means of effectively checking their accuracy.

Annexure No. 1.

In Annexure No. 1 is contained a table showing the increase and decrease of the immigrant population in 1896.

It will be noticed that there is a net decrease of 814, and that the deaths, 559, are far in excess of the births, 137. This small number of births is probably mainly caused, as in previous years, by many births not having been duly registered. The very defective way in which the registration of births is carried on in this country was made very apparent last year by the application at Réunion of the French Military Service Law. It was then found that scores of immigrants had no civil status, their names having been merely entered in the registers kept at the Immigration Department. The local authorities have since issued strict orders, under penalty of heavy fines, for the registration of all births, and should these orders be properly carried out, there is but little doubt that in future the returns will show a noticeable improvement on the present figure.

One hundred and twenty-six immigrants were freed from engagement. They were for the most part infirm and destitute and totally incapacitated for any kind of manual labour.

In 1896, only 31 children of immigrants claimed the benefits of Article 2, section 2, of the Decree of 30th March 1881. This number shows a decrease of one-half over the returns for the previous year when the number was 63. This great difference is mainly due to the fact that, when the Military Law was applied to Réunion last year, Indians whose conception of the Decree of 1881 is very erroneous were made to understand by those persons who had an interest in retaining them as contract labourers, that by claiming the benefits of the above decree, and ceasing to be immigrants, they became French subjects and as such liable to forced military service under the French colours. Believing this to be true, they naturally chose to retain their British Nationality by remaining immigrants. Ninety-four Indians were repatriated *via* Mauritius; they were for the most part infirm and destitute and the sum of money carried away by them was exceedingly small, amounting only to Rs. 22 per head, as the savings of Indians, who had been from fifteen to forty-four years in Réunion, and who had worked hard all the time.

The number of deaths, although not unusually large, shows an increase on the returns for 1895. I know of no special cause for this increased rate of mortality, unless it be that the old age of a great many had something to do with it.

Annexure No. 2.

In Annexure No. 2 will be found a return of the general Indian population at Réunion.

A census of the inhabitants of the colony is now being made, and it is very probable that the result will materially differ from the present official returns and give a more correct number of Indians now at Réunion.

Annexures Nos. 3 and 4 give returns of Indians and masters tried and condemned before the Courts in 1896. Two hundred and sixty-four Indians were condemned before the High Courts as follows:—

Annexures Nos. 3 and 4.

Robbery, 100; as Vagabonds, 112; Abuse of confidence, 7; Drunkenness, 20; Assault with violence, 16; Rape, 1; Arson, 1; Unvoluntary Arson, 2; Murder, 1; Burglary, 1; Attempted Burglary, 2; Rape with violence and attempted murder, 1.

The sentences varied from one day to two years' hard labour. Four crimes, however, were punished with heavier sentences: 1 Rape, 7 years' prison; 1 Rape with violence, 8 years' hard labour; 1 Burglary, 5 years' hard labour; 1 Murder, 8 years' hard labour.

The bill of costs, Francs 1,846.95, shows a great improvement on the returns for 1895 when it amounted to Francs 8,077.00. These costs were purely legal and exclusive of lawyers' fees. The fines inflicted amounted to Francs 429.00.

Twenty-one masters were prosecuted and only five condemned. It is very unsatisfactory to note that in many instances the Consulate had to interfere to obtain redress for the Indian.

From Annexure No. 5 it will be noticed that bounties to the amount of 187,862 francs were paid to Indians. This shows how very anxious masters are to retain their labourers.

Annexure No. 5.

The taxes levied directly or indirectly upon Indian immigrants in 1896 are shown in Annexure No. 6 to amount to 111,000 francs; all the items except that for the permis de séjour are very much under-rated.

Annexure No. 6.

It is probable that capture money alone amounted to several thousand francs.

Annexure No. 7.

A statement of complaints brought before the Syndics is annexed and calls for no special remarks.

A roll of complaints proffered at the Consulate is also annexed. The complaints are very much the same as usual and call for no special remarks except Nos. 74 and 98 which were of a serious nature. The

Annexure No. 8.

official correspondence concerning them was forwarded to the Foreign Office in Mr. Consul Bennett's Despatch No. 36 of 10th December of last year.

The French Military Service Law was applied to Réunion in 1896 and was the cause of many complaints. It has besides been a source of great vexation to the Indian population at large. So far, however, the conscripts have only been called up before the Conseil de Revision, and there is every reason to believe that this law will never be enforced in its entirety at Réunion and that Indians and others called up will never do any effective service under the French colours.

Twenty-seven marriages between Indians were legally celebrated in 1896, and five between Indians and Creoles.

There were ten suicides, one sudden death, and five accidental deaths.

Sixty-five Indians passed through the hospitals, 59 having been treated at the expense of the Communal authorities and six at that of private persons.

ANNEXURE No. 1.

INCREASE and decrease of General Indian Immigration during 1896.

Population on 31st December 1895	..	..	..	..	17,528
Births in 1896	..	..	..	..	137
Re-engaged	..	..	..	..	2
Freed from engagement	..	..	..	..	126
" became permissionnaires	..	..	..	..	75
" under Decree of 30th March 1881	..	..	..	..	31
" children of 2nd generation	..	..	..	..	63
Left for Mauritius, Madagascar, &c.	..	..	..	..	5
Repatriated	..	..	..	..	94
Deaths	..	..	..	..	559
Total population on 31st December 1896	..	..	..	..	16,714
					17,667
					17,667

ANNEXURE No. 2.

RETURN of General Indian Population in 1896.

Contract labourers and children of same	9,438	4,295	2,981	16,714
Old engagés holding permis de séjour at 10 francs each	647	..	..	647
Free Indians paying from 50 to 500 francs	39	..	..	39
Traders, clerks, &c., agriculturists	28	..	..	28
Wives and children of permissionnaires	707	..	..	707
Total	10,859	4,295	2,981	18,135

ANNEXURE No. 3.

RETURN of Indians and Masters condemned by Courts in 1896.

	Indians.	Masters.	Fines.	Costs.
Before Higher Courts	264	5	429.00	1846.95
Before Juges de Paix (Macadam)	1,006	..	2923.90	..
	1,230	5	3342.90	1846.95

ANNEXURE No. 4.

NOMINAL roll of Masters who were prosecuted in 1896.

Name of Master.	Nature of Complaint.	At whose request prosecuted.	Result.
Adam de Villiers	Assault with violence	..	Non-suited.
"	Blows and illegal imprisonment on estate	..	"
Lagourque	Assault with violence	..	Unfounded.
Flacourt	No medical treatment	..	Non-suited.
Morange	Assault	..	"
"	"	..	"
Magnon	"	..	"
Jules Vidot	Blows	..	Paid 20 francs 80 cents.
Mirbel	Six months' wages unpaid	Consul	Non-suited.
Foliquet	Two "	..	16 francs fine.
Archambault	Assault	Consul	Non-suited.
Credit Foncier	"	..	Cow returned to Indian.
Irma Payet	Cow illegally detained by engagiste	Consul	Paid 75.00 francs.
Louis Breton	Six months' wages unpaid	..	Unfounded.
A de Lipperrière	Engagement over	..	Paid.
Sequestre Bellemnée	Claiming wages for days of illegal imprisonment.	Consul	Paid 68 francs 75 cents.
Antoine Bonny	Five months' wages unpaid	..	Non-suited.
Féroul	Assault	..	"
Eugène Lafosse	"	..	"
Oné oime	Ill-treatment and assault	Consul	"
Desiré de Périgny	Assault	..	..

ANNEXURE No. 5.

RETURNS of Indians engaged or re-engaged during 1896 showing amount of bounty received.

Engagements with bounty.	Engagement without.	Totals.	
		Engagements.	Bounty paid.
2,056	3,735	5,791	FRS. CTS. 187 862

ANNEXURE No. 6.

TABLE showing taxes, &c., levied upon Indian Immigrants and upon their engagements showing by whom payable.

Nature of Tax.	Rate per head.	Payable by	Total amount.	Remarks.
Poll Tax	FRS. 6	Indian	67 500	At least.
Engagement Tax	6 00	Master	87 746	"
Permis de Séjour	10 00	Indian	7 140	Unreliable.
Capture money	2 50 each arrest.	"	836 50	Very much underrated.
Fines (Annexure No. 3)	"	"	3 336 00	"
Costs (")	"	"	1 846 05	Moderate.
Total			118 396 45	

ANNEXURE No. 7.

RETURN of Complaints proffered before the Syndics during 1896.

Nature of Complaint.	Saint Denis.		Saint Marie.		Saint Suzanne.		Saint André.		Saint Benoît.		Saint Rosa.	
	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.
I	2	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Claiming wages	..	7	..	3	5	..	..	1	1	1	..	..
" rations	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Overworked	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault, &c.	1	6	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	6	..	1
No medical care	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Claiming new clothes	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
For various causes	1	4	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1
Total	2	29	..	16	5	6	..	2	1	10	..	2

Nature of Complaint.	Saint Joseph.		Saint Pierre.		Saint Louis.		Saint Len.		Saint Paul.		Possession.		Total.	
	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.	Founded.	Unfounded.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Claiming wages	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	1	4	..	2	..	19	13
" rations	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
Overworked	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Assault, &c.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	20
No medical care	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Claiming new clothes	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
For various causes	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	17
Total	2	..	..	4	8	1	1	1	9	1	2	2	30	74

ANNEXURE No. 8.
ABSTRACT of complaints proffered at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants during the year 1896.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate.	Nature of Complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
1	January 6	Ramacondia Ramacoondin M. Raben du Coudet.	His engagement has expired and he desires to be repatriated to India. He further claims one month's wages.	Engagement was over only on January 8th. He had been paid his wages up to December 15th, 1896.	It was subsequently admitted that 18-30 francs was due to St. Anne and sum was paid.
2	" 7	Gorandama Mardaye, St. Denis.	Is the wife of a "permissionnaire," who left for India six months ago. She is destitute and has three children. Has she any right to repatriation?	Was born in Réunion and does not belong to Immigration service. Protector, however, will write to the Governor and ask that she might be repatriated with her children as indigent.	
3	" 9	Sibarat Oneray, M. Mirbel Rivière des Pluies.	Complains: 1st, that six months' wages are due to him; 2nd, that rations are rather good but insufficient; 3rd, that his employer cuts his wages when he does not sell all the garden produce handed to him. He has already complained to Syndic.	Complaint unfounded. 1st, he owes his engage 7-50 francs; 2nd, he spent part of money collected for sale of garden produce and same was deducted from his wages. Case has been referred to Juge de Paix.	
4	" 14	Sintamby Oleguin, St. André.	He is not allowed to reside with his grandson, who is willing to take charge of him and complains that the Syndic forces him to re-engage.	Request granted, man has been given a "permis."	
4A	" 18	Palamy Modely, M. Nativel, St. André.	Complains that two months' wages are due to him, and that he is very ill-treated.	Is a bad character and was sent to prison several times. Engagiste only owes him 5 francs.	
5	" 22	Enama Sinama, Mrs. Laprade, St. Denis.	Engagiste after first acceding to cancelling of her engagement altered her mind, and now refuses to release Sinama. Why?	This woman was kept in her service by engagiste, until Mrs. Laprade was provided with another servant. Engagement now cancelled.	A correspondence ensued and at last men were paid for lost time.
6	" 23	A batch of four Indians Belleme, St. Paul.	Were three days ill in hospital. When they resumed work, engagiste refused to allow them to, and sent them back to hospital where they were looked up. What steps will M. le Protecteur take on this occasion and will the men be paid for days of enforced idleness?	M. le Protecteur himself went to enquire into this complaint and found that the men's statements were true. They have now resumed work.	
7	February 4	Gouraya Isape, M. Folliguet St. Denis.	Claims two months' wages and demands that his engagement be cancelled on grounds of non-payment. Case having been referred to Juge de Paix, who decided against Gouraya, could an appeal be made before the higher courts?	Engagiste declares that he has paid Gouraya. No appeal can be made as the sum claimed is under 250 francs (Law of June 6, 1838, Article 5).	Consul appealed unsuccessfully to Governor as payment if made at all was illegally made.
7A	" 4	Aroumenayagom, Foncier Colonial.	Complains that his engagement has now been over for some time, but that engagiste refuses to return his livres.	On expiration of engagement on July 23, 1896, man had 516 days of work to put in.	
8	" 6	Ringuin Tambian, Rivière du Mat.	Contracted in November 1894 a two years' engagement. Now his engagement is declared to be over, notwithstanding the fact that he only worked 15 months. He is further made to pay 70 francs to his engagiste and he desires owing that money. He complained to the Syndic. There is no hospital on the estate.	Facts as stated are not correct. Man himself asked for his engagement to be cancelled, and this having been agreed to by engagiste, he had to refund 70 francs as part of the bounty given to him when he first engaged and which he had not earned as he still owed nine months' work.	

Abstract of complaints proffered at the Consulate by Indian Immigrants during the year 1896—cont.

No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate.	Nature of Complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
9	February 6	Mourguin Alamelon, M. Chateaurieux, St. Leu.	Complains that he is called upon to pay a fine of 33 francs 90 cents, which ought to be paid by his former engagiste, as this fine was inflicted upon him for having driven to St. Denis, two mules belonging to that latter gentleman (and according to his instructions) at a time when it was strictly prohibited for horses or mules to enter St. Denis, on account of cattle disease being then prevalent in the country around.	Man was in an irregular position at the time this incident happened. Mr. Fourcade, the engagiste alluded to, could not be made to pay as he has no money under his own name.	A most unjust decision given by the Juge de Paix. A long correspondence ensued, but no redress was obtained. Had he not obeyed the orders given to him, he would have been prosecuted for "refused travail."
10	" 11	Govinden Minatchy, Liebel, St. Suzanne.	Proffered a complaint before M. le Procureur some time since. His master having threatened to illtreat him if he went back on the estate to resume work, he wishes to remain at the dépôt until a decision is arrived at in his case.	Case was referred to justice, but evidence not being sufficient to allow of any action being taken, man has been sent back to his engagiste.	
11	" 24	Adolphe Angama, M. Adam de Villiers, St. Marie.	Complains of having been violently assaulted by the manager of the estate who struck him very heavily in the face.	Complaint referred to Procureur de la République, but no action taken, the evidence not proving sufficient.	
12	" 24	Letchoumanin Vingedarsalom.	His engagiste refuses to allow him to remain on the estate, threatening to illtreat him, if he sees him there. Asks that his engagement be cancelled.	No truth in statement and man will be prosecuted by his master for lodging a false complaint.	
13	March 13	A batch of five Indians, M. Duran de Volcomte, Bras Panen.	Were deputed by the other 28 engagés of M. Volcomte to lodge the following complaints: 1st, they are overworked; 2nd, they never receive their wages in full; 3rd, they are given no clothes; 4th, they are very ill-treated. On these grounds they ask that their engagements be cancelled and claim the money they are entitled to.	M. le Procureur himself went to see into this complaint. There is no truth in the statements made by the men who were led to do so by a priest of their religion.	
14	" 23	Vinorchetty Vingetachetty, M. Kerveguen, St. Suzanne.	Complains that for the last six months he was never offered the exact amount of wages owed him.	Complaint unfounded. Man is a French subject.	
15	April 1	Arounougom Aneanon, M. d'Hambure, St. Marie.	He is ill. Medical treatment has been prescribed for him by doctor, but none has been given to him and he is not allowed to go to hospital.	No cause for complaint. Man received and receives due medical treatment.	
16	" 7	Chanon Rendiale, Miss Julien, St. Denis.	Complains that his engagiste uses up all the milk produced by his cow and never pays him a cent for same. Also complains of receiving no wages.	See Nos. 26 and 72.	
17	" 8	Adin Vellin, M. Kerveguen, St. Suzanne.	Although he has been seriously ill for some time past, he complains of receiving no medical care.	No ground for complaint; man refused to be treated.	
18	" 8	Naguin Toppée, Simonette Salazie.	Was violently assaulted by a Kaffir and seriously wounded in the face. Complaint lodged at the Police Commissariat, and then referred to Procureur de la République.	Case dismissed, evidence proving insufficient.	
19	" 10	A batch of three Indians, M. Opille, Rivière des Pluies.	Complain of being overworked, and on that ground ask that their engagements be cancelled.	Complaint unfounded.	

20	" 16	Antony Savrimonten, Miss Lafosse, St. Denis.	Complains that his mistress owes him two months' wages and refuses to pay him.	Not engaged to Miss Lafosse, but to M. Labonne. Statement true and has now received his wages.	
21	" 24	Moutalon Rangama, M. Archambault, Rivière des Pluies.	Complains of having been violently assaulted by an employé of the estate. The man produces a medical certificate to the effect that he sustained serious injuries.	Case sent to Juge de Paix and M. Payet was fined 16 francs.	
22	" 26	Jogny Bangaray, M. de Laperrière, St. Paul.	States that his engagement is now over, but that engagiste refuses to give up his livret. Also complains of having been fined 15 francs unjustly.	Complaint unfounded. Man has still 44 days of work to put in. He was fined 15 francs for refusal to work.	
23	May 13	Viravin Carpin, M. Archambault, Rivière Pluies.	States that he was violently assaulted by a Kaffir, who struck at him with a knife.	Bafa, the Kaffir, was tried and condemned to one month's prison.	After much trouble Consul obtained a dispense d'engagement for her as she was really ill, but capture money was not repaid.
24	" 16	Sally Papounak	Desires a dispense d'engagement as she is old and infirm and cannot find an engagiste. She has already been captured three times by the police. Her son too, aged 11, had to pay "taxe de la capture." Medical certificate attached.	Medical certificate is of no value and Protector cannot grant a dispense d'engagement as this woman can work. As to her son he was born on June 6, 1886, and is consequently liable to engagement.	A long correspondence ensued and money was finally paid back to Indian.
25	" 18	Ktonari Dinoukan, Mad. Manès, St. Denis.	Complains of having been arrested by the policeman on duty at the Protectorate, who knew that he was in an irregular position. It appears that three days before he was captured Ktonari having found an engagiste applied at the Protectorate for an extension of his permis. This was promised him, but after he had waited for three hours, he had to leave the Protectorate without one. The policeman knowing that fact arrested him.	This man does not speak the truth. He is only trying to get a dispense d'engagement and employs all the means in his power to that effect. He was legally captured by the policeman on duty who knew he was in an irregular position when Ktonari called at the Protectorate three days previously.	
26	" 19	Chanon Rendiale, Juliette, St. Denis.	Is engaged as a "Colon partiaire" and to have two-thirds of the produce raised. The engagiste is a woman of low character and possesses nothing but a small hut at St. Francois. Having no land to let to Chanon, this latter cannot consequently raise any crops. He neither receives the minimum wages secured him by Article 26 of the Labour Law. The engagement is one therefore secured by false representations and the woman should be prosecuted. As regards cow incident, this woman produces a false document stating that Chanon gave her the cow. She further wants to charge this man for the keep of the cow. The two statements are contradictory.	See No. 72.	
27	" 29	Carpanin Ellapin, St. Denis.	States that he is ill and unable to work and that he receives no medical attention.	Complaint unfounded. This man is a confirmed deserter.	
28	June 3	Govinden Minatchy, Liebel, St. Suzanne.	Complains that his engagiste has appropriated all the produce of his garden without having given him a cent for same. He wishes to return to M. Liebel whatever money he owes him and have his engagement cancelled.	There was a sum of 13 francs 60 cents owed Minatchy and this has been paid at once. This man has now resumed work.	
29	" 11	Vingedarsalom Carpy and others.	Asking for their birth certificates to enable them to claim exemption from the French Military Service, and to decline French Nationality.	Case settled.	
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No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate.	Nature of Complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
34	June 16 ..	Andie Chinam, Mon Ting, St. Denis.	Complains that he is not properly lodged and that the food given to him is uneatable.	Complaint unfounded. Engagement has been cancelled by mutual consent.	
35	" 16 ..	Two Indians M. Laude, St. André.	State that on last pay day they did not receive the full amount of their wages. Also that they are given too much work.	Complaint totally unfounded.	
36	" 17 ..	Poniana Minatchi, Mrs. Selhausen, St. Denis.	States that her engagement is over and claims her livret which engagiste refuses to give up.	Case satisfactorily settled.	
37	" 19 ..	Poniane Tayale and others ..	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	
38	" 23 ..	Dilmahomed Onseny, Adam de Villiers, Bivirère du Mât.	Complains of having been violently assaulted in his hut by a Kafir, dragged outside and then struck by the son of an employe of the estate.	An inquiry has been made, but evidence proving insufficient, case fell through.	
39	" 30 ..	Emile Poiny and others ..	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	
40	July 3 ..	Felix Mariama, St. Louis ..	Complains that he is ill and receives no medical attention.	False complaint. Engagement will be cancelled.	
41	" 16 ..	Nayema Nayegom, St. Denis.	Claims the benefits of Article 2, section 2, of the Decree of March 30, 1881. She applied to Syndic, who refused to grant her request.	She was told of the Decree of 1881 by the Syndic when she became of age but she declined to avail herself of its benefits.	
42	" 16 ..	Felix Mariama (No. 41) ..	States that when he was sent back to his engagiste yesterday, this gentleman violently assaulted him for having proffered a complaint at the Consulate.	Complaint transmitted to justice, but as there was not sufficient evidence, the case was dismissed.	
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47	" 18 ..	Govinden Sinaouty and others.	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	
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52	" 18 ..	Nayema Nayegom (No. 42) ..	Has still a right to avail herself of Decree of March 1881, as she is not yet 22 years of age.	Case settled and girl has ceased to be an immigrant.	
53	" 31 ..	Sourouya, St. Lou ..	He is compelled by the Syndic to re-engage although in an unfit state of health.	Case has been arranged and Souraya has been granted a premis.	
54	" 31 ..	Rougavin and others ..	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	
55	Aug. 1 ..				

56	" 6	Mahomed Domana, St. Denis.	His engagement is now over. He is old and wishes to obtain a "disponse d'engagement."	....	
57	" 7	Vayaboury and others ..	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	
58	" 10	Pawady Alamel, St. André ..	States that his engagement is over, and also that being ill he desires to enter the hospital.	Has been sent to hospital and will soon be well again.	
59	" 10		Complains that his master owes him four months and-a-half wages. When is his engagement over?	Man is a bad character, and has 314 days of work to replace. He has been paid all his wages.	
60	" 17	Culi Mehon, M. Mirbel, St. André.	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	
61	" 19	Viramonton Minatchy and others.	States that his master owes him two months' wages and also complains of being very ill-treated.	Was not paid his wages in full at his own request. Complaint unfounded as to ill-treatment.	
62	" 24	Nalletamby Amouny, M. Lavilgrand, St. Denis.	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	
63	" 24	Pernal Soueri and others ..	States that his engagement is over and complains that a sum of 150 francs is unduly claimed from him.	False complaint. Man acknowledged owing that sum.	
64	" 25	Ramsamy Nayarain, St. Paul (No. 74).	Complains that the Syndic of St. Paul refuses to allow him to re-engage. Why?	Had no Civil status. Birth being now declared, he has engaged.	
65	" 26	Naramsamy Sinama, St. Paul.	States that his master has threatened to ill-treat him on account of his having lodged a complaint at the Consulate. He wishes his engagement to be cancelled.	M. Lavilgrand refuses to cancel engagement and denies the charge of ill-treatment proffered against him.	This case was ultimately settled. Nalletamby having reached the age of 21 claimed the benefits of Article 2, section 2, of Decree of 1881, and ceased to be an immigrant.
66	" 26	Nalletamby Amouny (No. 63).	Applied for a permis de séjour. His request was not granted, the Syndic having issued a certificate to the effect that Sitaya had been sentenced to prison in March 1884. This man now produces another certificate proving that he was never sentenced to prison. Has been called up for Military Service. How can this be? This man is a British subject born in India.	This man's statement is correct. A wrong entry was made against his name by M. le Protecteur's predecessor. Instructions have been given to cancel instructions issued by Syndic.	
67	" 26	Ramsamy Sitaya (No. 98) ..	Complains that for the last seven months he has not been paid his wages.	Was called up through a mistake.	
68	" 26	Ramsamy Sitaya (No. 98) ..	Complains that he has not received any wages for the last six months.	Case brought before Juge de Paix, who allowed Poiny 5 francs 80 cents, which sum has now been paid to him.	
69	Sept. 1	Ramsamy Minatchy, Credit Foncier, St. Suzanne.	Complains that he has not received any wages for the last six months.	Complaint unfounded.	
70	" 1	Marimonton Poiny M. Jouvancourt, St. Denis.	Her Majesty's Consul has the honour to express to Monsieur le Protecteur his great regret that the affair of Chanon Randiale which might have been arranged in half an hour has taken over six months, whilst a settlement appears as far as ever.	Case will not be tried until after the vacations in November.	After a long correspondence had been exchanged, case was at last brought up before the Courts for trial. The case was returned to Chanon, but no wages whatever or compensation of any kind awarded to him.
71	" 15	Souprayen Vingetamarin, M. Liebel, St. Denis.			
72	" 15	Chanon Randiale (No. 26) ..			

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No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate.	Nature of Complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
73	Sept. 15	Mohamed Ally, St. Denis	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	After a long correspondence the facts were admitted by Protector and Governor, but no legal redress could be obtained, and the three Indians left burdened with a debt of 150 francs each. Case referred to Foreign Office in No. 36 of December 10, 1896.
74	" 16	Ramsamy Neyaranin and two other Indians, M. de Laperrière, St. Paul.	Having been accused of stealing sugar were threatened by their engage with prosecution unless each would acknowledge himself indebted to his master in the sum of 150 francs. Indians yielded under influence of fear. Engagiste deceived Syndic hiding real nature of case and describing the 150 francs as an advance. During engagement the sum was not collected by instalments under provisions of law, and when engagement was over alleged debt was used as a means to compel them in lieu of bounty. Is unfit for work on account of frequent attacks of epilepsy. Wishes to obtain a "dispense d'engagement."	Complaint absolutely false. These men owned before each. Protector did everything in the interests of the Indians. Request granted.	
75	" 19	Ponama, St. Denis	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	
76	" 21	Poiny	Why have not this man's wages been settled for over six months when under law wages are to be paid monthly? His engagement is over and he desires to return to India.	Instructions have been given to M. Jouvancourt to pay his men at least every two months. Request granted.	
77	" 23	Marimonton Poiny, Denis (No. 70).	States that he is very ill and unable to work, and that he does not receive proper medical attention. Wishes his engagement to be cancelled, also complains that 20 days' wages are due to him.	This man was examined by Doctor and found to be really ill. His engagement has been cancelled, and he has been paid his wages, deduction being made for unearned bounty.	
78	" 24	Carpin Mardin, St. Marie	I have the honour to annex a very serious complaint against the Dépôt Master at St. Pierre. I shall be much obliged if you inquire into the alleged facts and inform me of what has been done.	False complaint. Man has 102 days of work to replace.	
79	" 28	Lachoumanin Manzarria, Union des Planteurs, St. Paul.	On 28th ultimo I had the honour to draw your attention to a serious complaint coming from St. Pierre. I now inclose a further complaint from same Indian. Although the reports may be somewhat exaggerated I think you will agree with me that the state of affairs calls for a serious inquiry.	Complaint unfounded. This man was not sent to gaol, but to the Dépôt Communal. His wife was allowed to visit him.	There is no difference between the Dépôt Communal and the gaol, except perhaps that the latter is a little better than the former.
80	" 28	.....	Is 70 years of age and past all work. Desires a dispense d'engagement.	Request granted.	
81	" 30	Saminadon Montama, Bras-Panon.	Complains that she is not allowed to see her husband, who instead of being sent to the dépôt has been imprisoned at the gaol at St. Paul. Why was Latchoumanin sent to gaol.	.....	
82	October 1	.....	.....	.....	
82A	" 6	Ramsamy Fichoumontal, Salazie.	.....	Request granted.	
83	" 6	Parvady, St. Paul	.....	Complaint unfounded. This man was not sent to gaol, but to the Dépôt Communal. His wife was allowed to visit him.	There is no difference between the Dépôt Communal and the gaol, except perhaps that the latter is a little better than the former.

84	" 19	Soupin Souprayapadeatchy, M. Lafosse, St. Benoit.	Complains that some time ago, he was violently assaulted by his master. He further states that he is ill and unable to work. Is the bearer of a medical certificate to the effect that he is ill and unable to work. Desires to obtain a dispense d'engagement.	The case has been referred to justice. Man was examined by a doctor and found able to work. He has been sent to the "Hospital Communal."	
85	" 20	Santa Bodin, St. Denis	States that he is made to work the whole day on Sundays. Further complains of having been several times assaulted by his master.	Complaint utterly false.	
86	" 22	Moldenesab Ibrahimarib, Mr. Parbeau, St. André.	Complains that having trusted his savings to his master's wife and this latter having died, M. deRoland now refuses to return his money.	False complaint.	
87	" 24	Coupeusemy Virapin, M. de Roland, St. André.	States that their engagement is over, but that engagiste refuses to give up livret.	These men are bad characters. Sinan has 239 days of work to replace, and Sapany 264.	
88	November 2	Moutousemy Sinan, Padevontan Sapany, Mrs. Beret.	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Case settled.	
89	" 2	Joseph Rangema, St. Gilles.	What decision has been come to as regards his request for a permis de séjour? This man is well off and in a position to pay tax.	His request has been refused, as it appears his means of existence are very limited.	
90	" 6	Ramsamy Sitaya St. Denis (No. 92).	States that his engagement is over, but that his master refuses to give up his livret. He looks ill and would perhaps require medical care.	Man has been a deserter ever since 1st September last. Has 90 days of work to put in.	
91	" 7	Ramsamy Tapapoule, M. d'Harambure.	Asking for extension of Sitaya's permis in order that he might present a fresh request and also denying the allegation that he has not sufficient means of existence.	Permis extended for a fortnight.	This case was sent direct to the Director de l'Intérieur, and the man who is a well-to-do Indian at last secured a permis de séjour after he had been kept waiting for four months.
92	" 10	Ramsamy Sitaya, St. Denis (Nos. 68 and 90).	States that he sustained very serious injuries in a fall whilst at work, and that he receives no medical attention.	Case satisfactorily arranged.	The food was in fact very bad. A sample of it was cooked at the Consulate and proved unpalatable. Protector, however, cautioned M. Bruniquel to have to treat his Indian engages better in future.
93	" 10	Carpin Ramalingom, M. Jouvancourt, St. Denis.	Is the bearer of a dispense d'engagement. His son-in-law with whom he resides does not look after him properly. He is ill, and wishes to be sent to hospital.	Man has, been sent to hospital.	
94	" 10	Savinmouton Meyel, St. Denis.	Complain: 1st, that the rations given to them are short and of bad quality; 2nd, that there is no hospital on the estate, the shed now in use being a stable; 3rd, that when ill they are sent to their huts, and in some cases deductions are made in their wages for medicines used; 4th, that their engagement is over, days of illness having not been paid for; 5th, that M. Bruniquel threatens to illtreat them because they had on the above-mentioned grounds already laid a complaint against him before the Syndic.	False complaint as to food being bad. The stable now used as a hospital is also used as a stable for a donkey. Men are treated in their huts when ill, at their own request. They saw the Syndic and complained to him, but did not wait for the inquiry to be over before they went to the Consulate.	
95	" 17	A batch of five Indians, M. Bruniquel, St. Marie.	Complains that he was violently assaulted by the Syndic of St. Pierre. Also that his engagement is over, but that he is refused his livret.	False complaint. He has 57 days of work to put in.	
96	" 27	Ringum Pandaya M. Coleon, Ravine Blanche.	Military Service. (Vide No. 29)	Settled.	
97	" 30	Virapin Houpiarpanin			

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No.	Date.	Name of Immigrant employer or estate.	Nature of Complaint.	Reply of Local Authorities.	Remarks.
98	December 1 ..	Vintrin Carpanin M. Kerveguen, St. Pierre.	His engagement now being over he wishes to await at the depot the departure of the next convey for India.	His request cannot be granted. Some time since, whilst driving a cart belonging to his master, he unwillingly hurt a donkey belonging to M. Chéron. This latter claimed 200 francs damages from him and his engage paid the money without any further inquiries. When Carpanin's engagement was over he was offered the 200 francs as a bounty if he would re-engage. Carpanin having denied owing that money, the case was brought up before the Juge de Paix. In the meantime the donkey had been sold by M. Kerveguen for 100 francs. The Juge de Paix sentenced Carpanin to pay his engage the sum of 170 francs, thus :— Francs. For donkey, deduction being made of sale money 100-00 Veterinary 10-00 Medicines 10-00 Food and maintenance 50-00 * Total .. 170-00	This case was brought to the knowledge of the Governor and the Procureur General; they both admitted that it had been very badly dealt with, and constituted a gross injury to the man. Nothing could be done, however, as the Juge de Paix's decision was final. Carpanin had therefore to re-engage and pay back money for which he was in no way responsible. Correspondence sent to Foreign office in No. 36 of 11th December 1896.
99	" 1 ..	Seolingom Virasamy, St. Denis.	States that he is ill and unable to work and desires a dispense d'engagement.	Complaint unfounded. Man is not seriously ill and refuses to work.	
100	" 4 ..	Nalletamby Amouny, St. Denis.	Complains that he is ill and that he receives no medical care.	False complaint.	
101	" 7 ..	Antony Arlapin, St. Denis ..	Complains of having been assaulted by M. Casal St. Denis. Also states that he has not been paid his wages for the last three months.	Wages have now been paid, and man has no further wish to prosecute M. Casal.	
102	" 7 ..	Virapatrin Aromooom, St. Denis.	Wishes to go over to Mauritius and asks that a permis for a month be granted to him as he has to make arrangements before he can leave.	Request granted.	
103	" 12 ..	Mary Sarian, St. Denis ..	Is now without engagement. States that he has been ill for over 13 months and now wishes to obtain a dispense d'engagement.	Man can work as a gardener and therefore Protector cannot grant his request.	
104	" 14 ..	Marde Tailamee, Adam de Villiers, St. Marie.	When will his engagement be over? He appears ill and unable to do any hard work.	When engagement was over in October last, man had 833 days to replace. He is a bad character.	
105	" 15 ..	Virin Siranguin, M. Arthur, St. Denis.	Complains that the rations given to him are poor and insufficient in quantity. Also that his master deducts two francs a day from his wages when he is ill.	He has got the same food as his master. However, he will now receive money instead. Complaint unfounded as to deduction made in wages.	

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Bubonic Plague

Stating that suitable accommodation for the Commr. Med. Officers to be posted to the Plague inspection stations at Anthonam, Hospat & Kondapalle is available & requesting the Collectors of Anantapur & Guntakur to arrange for the construction of temporary sheds for the accommodation of the Med. Officers at Guntakur & Podanur.