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Emigration.

Recording endorsement of the Government of India forwarding copies of correspondence containing information respecting Seychelles and certain African ports for the benefit of intending Indian emigrants.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Endorsement of the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Emigration), No. 132—7-2/3, dated Calcutta, 19th January 1898.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Administrator, Seychelles, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 20th December 1897, No. D—216/97.

I have the honour to transmit for your information a copy of a despatch which I have received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and in compliance with the instructions therein contained, I annex a memo. giving all the information I can respecting Seychelles for the benefit of intending Indian emigrants.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Administrator, Seychelles, dated Downing Street, 7th October 1897, No. 60.

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the India Office enclosing a despatch from the Government of India in which it is requested that certain information may be supplied to it periodically from Seychelles and certain African ports for the benefit of intending Indian emigrants.

2. I should be glad if you would arrange that such a report may be supplied periodically direct to the Indian Government from Seychelles, a copy being at the same time forwarded to the Colonial Office for information.

A—Nature of Employment offering and suitable for Indians.—Field labourer on cocoanut and vanilla estates. Wages paid Rs. 12 per mensem, but rice is dear and the cost of living would absorb the wages given in toto. Domestic servants, cooks, in-door servants from Rs. 14 to 20. There is always a demand for this class of emigrant especially by English employers. Native tailors, dhobies should earn about Rs. 20 per mensem.

B—Nature of Climate.—Hot, resembles that of the southern parts of Ceylon and India. Very healthy.

C—Rate of Wages.—Answered under heading A. Government would always be glad to have road labourers at Rs. 10 per month with rations costing about one rupee per week per man.

D—Cost of Living.—As stated under heading A rice is dear, but the cost of living may be put down at Rs. 14 per month.

E—Cost of Transport to Seychelles.—Deck passage from Bombay to Seychelles, Rs. 25.

F—Treatment of Asiatics by Employers.—Indians are treated well and fairly by their employers without exception.

G—Whether agreements are usually made and kept.—There are written contracts of service entered into before the magistrate between planters and labourers, affording every protection to the latter. But, as a rule, engagements are monthly on verbal notice and are always kept.

H—Whether Indians are subject to any special Tax.—No. But all Indians and Africans have to pay the local rate tax, i.e., Rs. 3 to Rs. 4 per annum.

From Her Britannic Majesty's Consul, Mozambique, to the Viceroy and Governor-General of India, No. 1, dated 22nd December 1897.

In accordance with the instructions from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I have the honour to submit, for the information of the Government of India, the enclosed memorandum on certain points connected with the treatment, &c., of British Indian immigrants into Mozambique, Quelimane, and Inhambane, to which I have added Chinde, as offering the best opening for India immigration. In including Chinde, I do not only refer to the port itself but to the Hinterland of the British Central Africa Protectorate, where there is a good field for some classes of Indian labour.

ENCLOSURE.
MEMORANDUM as to Immigration of British Indians to

Place.	Nature of employment.	Climate.	Rates of wages per month.	Cost of living.	Transport from Bombay, deck without food.	Treatment of Asiatics.	Agreements made and kept.	Subject to any special taxation.
Mozambique ..	Cooks, house servants, gardeners, dhobies, all in small numbers.	Fairly good for Asiatics	Cooks, Rs. 20 to Rs. 30; servants, Rs. 15 to Rs. 20; gardeners and dhobies on their own account.	From Rs. 5 to Rs. 7.	Rs. 50	Good	Yes ..	Should register at Consulate as British subjects, cost 2s. 6d. No other special tax.
Quelimane ..	As above ..	As above ..	As above ..	As above ..	60	Good	Yes ..	As above.
Inhamitane ..	None offering ..				60			
Chinde and British Central Africa Protectorate.	Cooks, house servants, gardeners, carpenters, bricklayers, and dhobies.	Fairly good for Asiatics. Temperature in Highlands from 50° to 65° Fahr. On river and plains 60° to 100° Fahr.	Cooks, Rs. 25 to Rs. 30; servants, Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 in good demand; gardeners, Rs. 15 to Rs. 20; carpenters and bricklayers, Rs. 1 per day to Rs. 40 per month; dhobies on their own account do well.	When employed are given rations. Average cost of food, Rs. 6 to Rs. 8 per month.	60	Good	Agreements usually made and registered for two or three years.	None.

Mozambique,
22nd December 1897.

(Signed) J. F. McMASTER,
Her Britannic Majesty's Consul.

Endorsement—No. 132—7-2/3, dated 19th January 1898.

Forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information, in continuation of endorsement, No. 1917—37-9, dated the 31st December 1897.

(By Order.)

(Signed) E. MACONOCHE,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), through the Revenue Department.
" Protector of Emigrants.
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