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* [Despatch Abstract.]

Receiving letter from the Govt of India
forwarding copy of the Annual report
for 1897 on British Immigrants in
Guadeloupe.

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The Govt of India
Dept. of Revenue and Agriculture

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for information,
Copy of a despatch from the
Secretary of State for India
transmitting a copy of the
Annual Report for 1897,
on British immigrants to
Guadeloupe.

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Public (Emigration)

No. 189.

India Office,

London, 29th December 1898.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor
General of India in Council.

My Lord,

Annual Report
(enclosed in
Foreign Office
letter, of
2nd December
1898.)

I forward for the information of your
Excellency in Council a copy of the Annual Report for
1897, on British Indian Immigrants in Guadeloupe.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble servant

Sd. George Hamilton.

British Vice Consulate,

Guadeloupe,

Pointe a Pitre.

27th September 1898.

No. 72/29.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that there remained
in this Colony on 31st December 1897 15,399 Indian
Immigrants, as follows:-

Under Administration		With free residence permission	
Adults	{ Men 6919 Women 3276	Adults	{ Men 989 Women 629
Children	{ Male 1697 Female 1475 13362	Children	{ Male 242 Female 170 2036

Total 15,399 which means an increase of eight souls
over the number of the previous year. The difference is
attributed to a surplus of 125 individuals recorded in the
population. Census of the island of Marie Galante which
make up for the deficiency occasioned by the number of
deaths that took place during 1897 in excess of births.

Marriages. No marriages were registered during the year 1897.

<u>Births.</u>	Male	Female	Total.
First 1/2 year	51	68	119
Second 1/2 year	<u>34</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>65</u>
Total	<u>75</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>184</u>

Deaths. The number of deceased Indian Immigrants during the year numbered 392 on a total of 15,399 souls, hence the rate of mortality averaged 25.45 per thousand as against 26.42 among the other classes of the population, say a difference of .0097 in favour of the Immigrants.

The deaths were as follows.

First 1/2 year	Second 1/2 year	Total.
Men 105	120	225
Women 42	46	88
Male children 20	20	40
Female Do <u>23</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>39</u>
<u>190</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>392</u>

There were three deaths occasioned by violence and three suicides.

The following is the number of cases that were treated and deaths that occurred at the Colonial Hospitals, the Immigration Depots and the Desirade Asylum during the year.

<u>Name of Hospitals or Depots.</u>	<u>No. treated.</u>	<u>No. of Deaths</u>
The Hyacinthe Basse-Terre	161	15
Lunatic Asylum, St Claude	16	2
Ste. Hyacinthe, Capesterre	73	16
Hotel Dien, Pointe-a-Pitre	83	5
Ste. Elizabeth, Abymes	473	37
Ste. Marie, Marie Galante	112	2
Lepet Asylum Desirade	39	4
Depot Basse-Terre	211	.
Do Pointe-a-Pitre	<u>132</u>	<u>.</u>
Total	<u>1300</u>	<u>82</u>

On 31st December 1897 there remained in the Hospitals and reports of the Colony the following crippled Indian Immigrants, viz:-

Blind	2
Paralytic	2
Infirm	15
Lunatic	16

The number of coolies employed on the Estates of the Island and its Dependencies was :-

Under Original Engagement	197
Under re-engagement	2181
Without engagement	<u>7989</u>
Total	<u>10,367</u>

The average days work performed by the coolies was 18½ days per head per month, their contracts calling for 26 days.

The Courts and Tribunals of the various districts of the Colony which sat in judgement upon the Immigrants condemned 527 during the year, thus:-

Assizes	13
Correctional Court	199
Simple Police	<u>315</u>
Total	<u>527</u>

Besides the above, an Indian was condemned by the simple Police Court for misdemeanour towards the Representative of an Engapist.

The following were the condemnations in the Superior Law Courts, viz:-

Crime	13
Various assaults and offences	162
Vagabondage and desertion	<u>37</u>
Total	<u>212</u>

Of the thirteen that were condemned for crime, eleven

were

were convicted and deported to the Penitentiary Department at Cayenne (French Guiana) to serve their sentence.

102 Indians terminated their contracts during 1897 and acquired the right to return passage to India.

Of these, 86 renewed their engagement.

The re-engagement bounty paid by the Engagists varied at between 225 to 300 francs.

On the 31st December last the total number of Immigrants who were entitled to a free return passage to India numbered about 4,200, of whom 2,036 renounced their right of repatriation and obtained free residence permission. Finally there were still left about 2,000 of those who sold their right of repatriation in exchange for a nominal bounty of 194 francs which was paid prior to the established re-engagement bounty.

The deposits in the Banque de la Guadeloupe and savings Bank at the end of the year amounted to francs 80,140.32 and were made by 129 depositors.

The deposits were as follows:-

Banque de la Guadeloupe	79 depositors	56410.00
Savings Bank	50 "	<u>23730.32</u>
Total francs		80,140.32

A vote of 15,000 francs was made by the Conseil General last December and was placed at the disposal of the Government for the repatriation of the time-expired Emigrants in the Colony.

The Council decided, besides, that the Colonial Commission might come to an understanding with the Government with the view of gratifying the new demands for repatriation during the year 1898.

I have &c,

Sd. J.E. Deyaux.

Vice Consul.

P.S. The amounts voted by the General Council for

for Immigration purposes in 1898 are as follows:-

Staff, Syndics, Clerks &c	Francis	40230
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Depots, Keepers &c		5519
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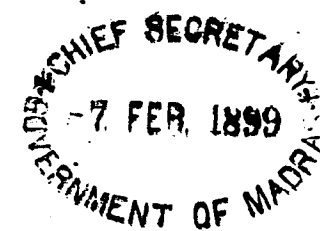
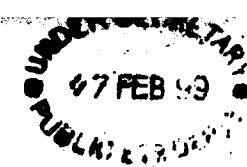
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Miscellaneous, Hospitals and repatriation		<u>56800</u>
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Francis	<u>103,849</u>
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Sd. James Japp.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

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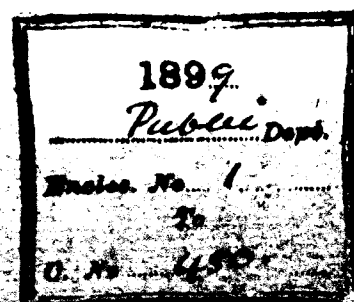
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Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

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