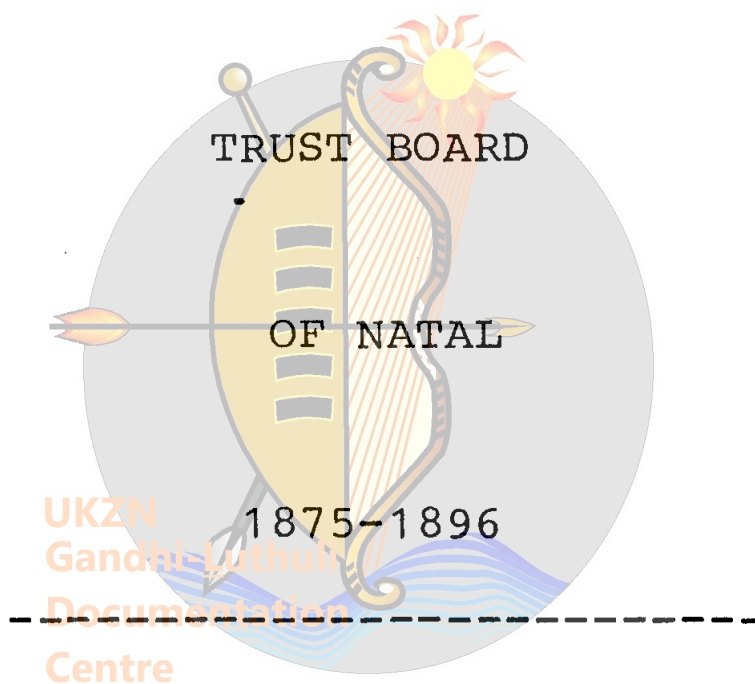


INDIAN IMMIGRATION



MISSING: 1879,1882,1892,1893,1894

INDIAN IMMIGRATION.

STATEMENT, SUPPLEMENTARY TO ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

Ships.	Arrived.	Immigrants.				Payments in Natal.				Payments in India.				Total actual Net Payments. £ s. d.	Estimated Additional Expenditure. £ s. d.	Total Probable Cost. £ s. d.	Average Cost per Adult Male. £ s. d.																		
		Number and Sex.		No. of Adults.	No. of Children.	Passage Money, Gratuity, &c., Landing Charges, and Medical Inspection, &c. £ s. d.	For Departmental Services, Depot and Quarantine, Maintenance of Quarantine, Investments and Interest, &c. £ s. d.	Recruiting and Shipment, &c. £ s. d.	Rent and Establishment and all other Charges. £ s. d.																										
		Men.	Women.							Boys.	Girls.																								
Jason	July, 1874	841	167	43	21	28	14	29	543	5,388	2	11	1,481	14	5	£88,971 17 0½ 32,531 10 4	16 14 10 15 0 0 11,016 4 0 2 12 0 1,947 18 9 18 7/16																		
Ailsa	" "	278	115	42	21	23	16½	36	425½	4,572	1	1	1,089	14	8½																				
Bionhelm	" "	359	160	50	25	49	24½	51	568½	6,788	1	11	1,427	15	8½																				
Philosopher	Aug. "	241	97	31	15½	22	11	24	364½	4,546	11	4	876	6	10½																				
Samore	Sept. "	295	188	63	31½	30	15	49	529½	6,687	11	9	1,251	12	8½																				
Stenheim (2nd)	Oct. "	385	165	51	25½	24	12	37	587½	6,241	19	10	8,053	1	2			1,423	19	9	5,128	13	10½	83,971	17	0½	19,435	11	8	103,407	8	8½	29	9	1
Amvoti	Dec. "	111	67	15	7½	10	5	18	190½	1,956	9	4	468	6	10½																				
Samore (2nd)	Jan. 1875	359	140	47	23½	21	10½	34	533	5,546	10	11	1,398	0	6½																				
Wassay	Feb. "	405	129	53	26½	23	11½	33	572	5,954	7	10	1,891	9	9½																				
Peterborough	April "	456	114	28	13	15	7½	23	590½	5,933	2	8	1,540	13	5½																				
Wainsborough	May "	236	54	21	10½	6	3	16	353½	3,555	9	0	891	18	11½																				
			3,511	1,396	220½	180½	354	5,258	57,618	8	7	8,053	1	2	13,171			13	4½	5,128	13	10½	83,971	17	0½	19,435	11	8	103,407	8	8½	29	9	1	

=49.75 on Men.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The Estimated Additional Expenditure includes, Liability, a Moiety of cost of erection of Quarantine Station	£ 725 11 8
Estimated Cost of Return Passages	14,110 0 0
Less Amount Invested	1,400 0 0
Estimated Interest on Loans	12,710 0 0
	6,000 0 0
	£19,435 11 8

The losses in deaths are not taken to account in this Statement, but since July, 1874, 135 men, 42 women, and 2 children of the above Immigrants have died.

J. H. B. MORELAND, Acting Secretary I. I. T. B. of Natal.

<p>Advances Outstanding (ordinary) 16 14 10</p> <p>Payments Account of the Government, due to the Board... .. 1,947 18 9</p> <p style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">11,179 7 0</p>	<p>Advances Outstanding (ordinary) 16 14 10</p> <p>Payments Account of the Government, due to the Board... .. 1,947 18 9</p> <p style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">11,179 7 0</p>
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Indian Immigration Trust Board of Natal,
November 8th, 1875.
J. H. B. MORELAND,
Acting Secretary.

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May	12	6	10	6	11	6
June	11	6	10	0	10	9
July	12	0	9	0	10	6
August	12	0	9	6	10	9
September	12	6	9	6	11	0
October	12	6	8	6	10	6

NOTE.—Every instance of sounding the Bar of this Harbour for the purpose of the entry or departure of vessels, or otherwise, is not necessarily noted but only when any marked alteration takes place it is always done.

ALEX. AIRTH, Port Captain.

FOURTH SESSION, SEVENTH COUNCIL—1875.

L. C.—No. 32.

THE following return of Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Langalibalele Expedition to 20th November, 1875, is published for general information.

By order of the Legislative Council,
W. B. MORCOM, Clerk.

Legislative Council Office, Natal,
November 24th, 1875.

COLONY OF NATAL.

Return of Receipts and Payments on account of the Langalibalele Expedition to date (November 20th, 1875):—

	Receipts.			Amount.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sales:						
Captured Stock	24,588	17	9			
Other confiscations	936	2	3			
				25,525	0	0
Sale of Returned Stores, &c.	765	19	11			
Refunds and Sums recovered... ..	150	17	5			
				916	17	4
Total Receipts				26,441	17	4
Excess of Expenditure to 20th November, 1875				14,123	16	4
				40,565	13	8

Payments.

	Amount.		
	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Stores	1,459	14	11
„ Cattle	615	0	0
„ Horses	941	5	0
„ Field Services, Rations, &c.	615	0	11
Ammunition, Tents, Clothing, and Arms	3,143	3	0
Wagons	400	0	0
Pay to Volunteers and Native Levies	10,055	2	5
Transport and Expenses of Staff	1,504	0	9
Extra Allowance to Her Majesty's Forces	432	14	7
Transport Material and Stores	4,447	13	9
Medical—Hospital Supplies	126	7	6
Expenses Troops from Cape	150	12	10
Compensation—Losses and Seizures	3,564	6	2
Compensation to the Parents of the three Carbineers killed at Bushman's Pass	900	0	0
Mail Service—Native Messengers... ..	180	7	3
Charge of captured Cattle and Stores	226	12	0
Auctioneers' charges on Sales	1,608	0	8
Charge of, and Rations, Stores, &c., to Prisoners of both Tribes, including cost of conveyance of Langalibalele and son to Robben Island, and maintenance of them there	6,133	8	7
Expenses of Trial—Witnesses' Expenses, and Travelling Expenses of Court	1,342	10	3
Picks and Blankets for Amangwe Tribe	476	18	4
Cash Payments for purchase of seed, &c., for Amanzwe Tribe	700	0	0
Board of Audit—Clerical assistance	63	11	8
Cattle for Amanzwe Tribe	1,085	0	0
Miscellaneous—Petty Expenses	91	15	5
Expenses of Bushman's Pass Enquiry Commission	302	7	8
	£40,565	13	8

and payments by the Indian Immigration Trust Board between 1st January, 1874, and 30th September, 1875, including transactions in India from February, 1874, to March, 1875; also Statement supplementary to account of Receipts and Payments, are published for general information.

By order of the Legislative Council,
W. B. MORCOM, Clerk.

Legislative Council Office, Natal, Nov. 23rd, 1875.

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.

Loans from Colonial Government	51,701	5	9
Colonial Government—part ½ cost, S. 9, Law 20, 1875	20,000	0	0
Employers and Government Contributions, S. 22, Law 12, 1872, and S. 7, Law 20, 1874	1,989	9	3
Sale of Laws	14	8	0
Annual Instalments	19,762	0	0
Protector's Court—Fines and Fees, &c.	93	3	7
Sums Refunded	21	10	9
Deposits	15	0	0
Dépôt Charges	108	8	0
Investment Fund—Interest	36	2	8
	93,741	8	0

Per Emigration Agent in India.

Drafts Drawn	19,511	10	0
Special Receipts	1,726	6	9½
Recruiting and Shipment, &c.	20	0	0
Reimbursements	11,016	4	0
Natal Government	2	12	0
	32,276	12	9½
Gross Receipts	£126,018	0	9½

DEDUCT:—

Sums Refunded	21	10	9
Deposits	15	0	0
Drafts Drawn	19,511	10	0
Reimbursements	11,016	4	0
Natal Government	2	12	0
	30,566	16	9
Net Receipts	£95,451	4	0
Total... ..	£95,451	4	0

Payments.

Departmental Services	3,428	12	0
Dépôt Expenses	2,066	5	1
Quarantine	478	13	11
Maintenance of Quarantine Station	14	4	3
Investments.—Account of Fund for return passages... ..	1,400	0	0
Interest... ..	662	8	8
Freights, Landing Charges, &c.	57,618	8	7
Sums Refunded	27	0	0
Deposits	15	0	0
Advances	16	14	10
Drafts Paid	19,511	10	0
	85,238	17	
<i>Per Emigration Agent in India.</i>			
Rent and Establishment	2,337	15	5½
Recruiting and Shipment, &c.	13,171	13	4½
Miscellaneous Services	13,807	2	4½
Natal Government	1,947	18	9
	31,264	10	

L. C.—No. 17.

THE following accounts of the Indian Immigration Trust Board of Natal, from October 1st, 1875, to June 30th, 1876, laid upon the table of the House by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, are published for general information.

By order of the Legislative Council,
STEPHEN STRANACK,
Clerk

Legislative Council Office, Natal.

October 27th, 1876.

THE INDIAN IMMIGRATION TRUST BOARD OF NATAL, FROM
OCTOBER 1ST, 1875, TO JUNE 30TH, 1876.

Dr.		BALANCES.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1875.	Oct.—	In the colony 1st October, 1875	...	8,502	10	8			
		In India 1st April, 1875	...	1,012	2	9			
				<hr/>			9,514	13	5
		Annual Instalments on Indian Immigrants...		132	0	0			
		Laws and regulations (sale of)...		0	4	0			
				<hr/>			132	4	0
	Nov.—	Annual Instalments on Indian Immigrants...		1,416	0	0			
		Employers' Contributions, Section 19, Law							
		12, 1872	...	61	12	0			
		Depot charges	...	2	17	0			
		Laws and regulations (sale of)...	...	1	4	0			
		Protector's Court fees and fines	...	0	12	6			
				<hr/>			1,482	5	6
	Dec.—	Annual Instalments on Indian Immigrants...		16	0	0			
		Employers' Contributions, Section 19, Law							
		12, 1872	...	15	15	0			
		Protector's Court fees and fines	...	0	10	0			
		Deposit for remittance to India	...	10	0	0			
		Colonial Treasurer, repayment, advance to C. Stevens (salary)	...	17	14	10			
		Do, repayment advance in India, September and December, 1874, account of return Immigrants	...	1,851	6	9			
		Do, Interest on do.	...	108	6	3			
		Do, Advances in India, wages to 12 Lascars for Port Office	...	77	18	0			
		Interest on do.	...	6	3	4			
		Do, Advances in India, wages and passage, Mr. Carvallo (Interpreter)	...	18	14	0			
		Interest on do.	...	1	2	7			
		Government contribution, Section 21, Law 12, 1872, for the year 1875	...	250	0	0			
				<hr/>			2,373	16	9
1876.	Jan.—	Annual Instalments on Indian Immigrants...		118	0	0			
		Employers' contributions, Section 19, Law							
		12, 1872	...	116	8	0			
		Laws and regulations (sale of)	...	0	12	0			
		Deposit for remittances to India	...	20	0	0			
		Protector's Court fees and fines	...	0	2	6			
				<hr/>			585	2	6
	Feb.—	Annual Instalments on Indian Immigrants...		1,221	0	0			
		Employers' Contributions, Sect. 19, Law							
		12, 1872	...	176	13	0			
		Fines under Sect. 42, Law 2, 1870	...	3	0	0			
		Laws and Regulations (sale of)	...	0	4	0			
		Deposit: Special account of Laljee Indian Immigrant No. 8,434	...	50	0	0			
				<hr/>			1,453	17	0
	Mar.—	Annual Instalments on Indian Immigrants...		1,452	0	0			
		Employers' Contributions, Sect. 19, Law							
		12, 1872	...	59	8	0			
		Laws and Regulations (sale of)	...	0	8	0			
				<hr/>			1,511	16	0
	April.—	Annual Instalments on Indian Immigrants...		188	0	0			
		Employers' Contributions, Sect. 19, Law							
		12, 1872	...	4	0	0			
		Fines under Section 42, Law 2, 1870	...	0	10	0			
		Protector's Court Fees and Fines	...	2	0	0			
				<hr/>			194	10	0
	May.—	Annual Instalments on Indian Immigrants...		1,412	0	0			
		Employers' Contributions, Sect. 19, Law							
		12, 1872	...	18	19	0			

Col. Government Loan £7,500, Treasurer's Bill on Crown Agents	3,235 10 0	
Col. Government Loan £7,500, Mr. Firth's Bill on Crown Agents	1,000 0 0	
	<hr/>	5,727 2 0
June.—Annual Instalments on Indian Immigrants...	2,020 0 0	
Employers' Contributions, Sect. 19, Law 12. 1872	108 16 0	
Laws and Regulations (sale of)	0 8 0	
Protector's Court Fees and Fines	0 2 6	
Depôt Charges (Ration Expenses)	9 1 0	
	<hr/>	2,138 7 6
Total		<hr/> 25,113 8 8 <hr/>

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1875. DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES.

Oct.—Salaries and Allowances Protector of Immigrants Department (September, 1875) ...	90 18 4	
Salaries and Allowances Acting Secretary Indian Trust Board (September, 1875)...	25 0 0	
Advances to C. Stephen, Indian Interpreter (September, 1875)	2 0 0	
Rations to Messengers (July, 1875)	2 11 4	
Rent Durban Office	3 10 0	
Provisions and Medicines for invalid Indians in Depôt	3 17 10	
Hospital Fees	5 16 0	
Rations to Messengers (August)	2 5 8	
Rent Durban Office	3 10 0	
Provisions and Medicine for Invalid Indians in Depôt (August)	3 0 6	
Hospital Fees	4 6	
Travelling Expenses Protector of Immigrants (August)	14 5 0	
Travelling Expenses Protector of Immigrants (September)...	6 15 0	
	<hr/>	167 15 8
Nov.—Salaries and Allowances Protector of Immigrants Department (October) ...	91 1 4	
Salaries and Allowances Acting Secretary Indian Trust Board (October)	25 0 0	
Advance to C. Stephen, Indian Interpreter (October)	2 0 0	
Salaries Protector Immigrants Department (June, 1875)	5 11 1	
Allowances	2 8 0	
Rations to Messengers (Sept. and Oct.)	3 19 4	
Rent Durban Office	7 0 0	
Provisions and Medicines Invalid Indians in Depôt (September and October)	6 11 8	
Hospital Fees Invalid Indians in Depôt (September and October)	6 0 0	
	<hr/>	149 14 5
Dec.—Salaries and Allowances Protector of Immigrants Department (November) ...	90 18 4	
Salaries Acting Secretary Indian Trust Board (November)	25 0 0	
Advance to C. Stephen, Indian Interpreter (November)	2 0 0	
Increase Salary J. Gonsalves, Interpreter (August)	1 0 0	
Remittance to India, account of Indian Immigrant No. 81	10 0 0	
	<hr/>	128 18 4
Stationery and Printing (Oct. and Nov.)	1 6 10	
Interest on £50,000 Loan to 31st Dec., 1875	2,447 6 9	
£7,500	51 10 7	
Stationery, Durban Office (May and June)...	6 15 5	
	<hr/>	2,506 19 7

1876.

Jan.—Salaries and Allowances, Protector of Immigrants Department (Dec.)	91 4 4	
Acting Secretary, Indian Trust Board (Dec.)	25 0 0	
Remittances to India on account of Indian Immigrant (2898)	20 0 0	
Rent, Durban Office (Nov. and Dec.)	7 0 0	
Rations to Messengers	3 16 10	
Hospital Fees, Invalid Indians (Nov. & Dec.)	6 2 0	

Immigrants Department (Jan., 1876) ...	92 4 4	
Acting Secretary, Indian Trust Board (Jan.)	25 0 0	117 4 4
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Mrch. —Salaries and Allowances, Protector of Immigrants Department (Feb.) ...	91 12 4	
Acting Secretary, Indian Trust Board (Feb.)	25 0 0	
Hospital Fees on Indian Immigrant Laljee (Oct., 1875, to Feb., 1876)	13 0 0	
Do. on Abdool Rahaman (Jan. 1 to Feb. 10)	4 2 0	
Supplies to Depôt (Feb.) ...	6 2 6	
Rent, Durban Office (Jan. and Feb.) ...	7 0 0	
Office Furniture (Jan.) ...	0 9 0	
Rations to Messengers (Jan. and Feb.) ...	3 16 6	
Maintenance Quarantine Station (Jan. and Feb.); wages and rations to man in charge ...	7 19 6	
Colonial Treasurer, Charges Indian Audit ...	100 0 0	
Investment Account, Return Passages ...	1,367 5 0	
Investment Account, 1st instalment Interest Return Passages, capitalized ...	36 2 8	
Depôt Expenses, Convict Labour ...	0 10 0	
Book Binding, Indian Immigration Trust Board ...	0 5 9	
	<hr/>	1,663 5 3
April. —Salaries and Allowances, Protector of Immigrants Department (March) ...	90 4 4	
Salary, Acting Secretary Indian Trust Board (March) ...	25 0 0	
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May. —Salaries and Allowances, Protector of Immigrant's Department (April) ...	89 18 4	
Acting Secretary, Indian Trust Board (April)	25 0 0	
Rent, Durban Office (March and April) ...	7 0 0	
Rations to Messengers " " ...	4 8 0	
Hospital Fees, Laljee " " ...	6 2 0	
Maintenance, Quarantine Station (March and April) ...	8 7 0	
Travelling Expenses, Protector of Immigrants Passage Money on 359½ Adults, ex <i>Atalanta</i> , at £9 per adult ...	3,235 10 0	
Gratuity, Sirdars, Cooks, &c. ...	23 0 0	
	<hr/>	3,406 15 4
Gratuity, Ships' Officers, <i>Atalanta</i> ...	39 6 0	
" Compounder and Interpreter, do. ...	23 11 0	
" Surgeon Superintendent, do. ...	98 5 0	
Indian Agency, Mr. Firth's Bill on Crown Agents (23rd March, 1876) ...	1,000 0 0	
	<hr/>	1,161 2 0
June. —Salaries and Allowances, Protector of Immigrant's Department (May) ...	72 1 4	
Acting Secretary, Indian Trust Board (May)	25 0 0	
Advance on account of Medical Fund (April and May)		
Salary, Dr. H. W. Jones ...	33 6 8	
" Dr. E. Kretzschmar ...	33 6 8	
" Dr. J. J. J. Seaton ...	50 0 0	
" Dr. E. Drummond ...	50 0 0	
" Dr. J. Hooper ...	33 6 8	
" Dr. G. L. Bonnar ...	17 15 7	
Passage Money on 349 Adults, ex <i>Merchantman</i> , at £7 10s. per adult ...	2,617 10 0	
Passage Money on 4 Foremen, at £10 ...	40 0 0	
½ per cent. Premium on Exchange, 90 days	13 5 9	
Gratuity to Surgeon Superintendent ...	94 15 0	
" Compounder, Interpreter, Sirdars, Cooks, Captain, and Officers	83 19 4	
	<hr/>	3,164 7 0
	<hr/>	12,734 9 5
In India, 30th June, 1876	1,012 2 9
In the Colony, Balance to Credit Indian Trust Board, 30th Jan., 1876	11,366 16 6
	<hr/>	£25,113 8 8

LOUIS H. MASON, Secretary.

Indian Immigration Trust Board of Natal,
Durban, October 10th, 1876.

NOTE.—Although the account shows a Balance to Credit of the Trust Board on the 30th June, 1876, of £11,366 16s. 6d., there is due and payable out of the

The following Report of the Protector of Immigrants, for the Year 1876, on the Indian Immigrants in this Colony, from the table of the House by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, is published for general information.

By order of the Legislative Council,
STEPHEN STRANACK,
Legislative Council Office, Natal, Clerk.
July 17th, 1877.

Immigration Department, Durban,
Natal, June 22, 1877.

Hon. The COLONIAL SECRETARY, Natal.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit for the information of Your Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and for transmission to the Government of India, the following Report for 1876, on the Indian Immigrants in the Colony.

Indentured Immigrants.

1. Owing to the abundant harvests, the competition in the labour market by the tea plantations and other Indian enterprises, the number of Emigrants despatched from Calcutta in 1876, fell far short of the requirements of this Colony, much injury has resulted to the planting interest thereby.

2. His Excellency has taken steps for the appointment of an Agent for this Colony at Calcutta, in the place of Mr. [Name], whose services are entirely required by the Government of British Guiana. A temporary and experimental Agency has been established at Madras, and it is trusted that, with the aid of two Agencies, the indents for Coolies for the present may be enabled to be completed.

3. During the year under report, there arrived in the Colony three ships, viz., the *Atalanta*, *Merchantman*, and *Kilda*. The numbers embarked were one thousand, one hundred and fifty-four (1,154); arrived one thousand one hundred and forty-seven (1,147). There were eight (8) deaths on board these ships, and fifteen (15) deaths on shore, a small percentage, and speaking well for the care bestowed by our Agent, Mr. Firth, in the selection of a healthy class of emigrants, and providing passages by good ships, and also the strict supervision exercised by the Protector of Immigrants at Calcutta. The condition of the Immigrants on arrival too, speaks highly for the attention bestowed on them by the Medical Officers.

4. These ships were inspected on their arrival, and in all respects the requirements of Act VII. of 1871 (Bengal) were found to have been carefully carried out. No complaints, of the most trivial description, were made by the Immigrants, as regards their treatment during the voyage.

5. On arrival Indian Immigrants are received into the Immigration Depot, and after a few days, are distributed privately, and by lot, to the various applicants. Care is taken to separate families, or persons from the same village; indeed, where possible, they are allowed, as far as possible, to select their own friends, and those who come from India as man and wife are registered together. No other marriages are allowed to be registered until after the Protector has visited the estates to which the land has been allotted, or until sufficient time has elapsed for them to have considered the matter.

6. At the estates to which they are sent, Indians meet with people from their own country, by whom they are received with kindness, and finding that the work is not too hard, and the pay good, soon become contented. They are allowed garden-ground, and in various ways have it in their power to increase their gains and earn money. They see their neighbours near them well-to-do Indians, whose term of service has expired, and who are engaged in profitable vocations, and no doubt look forward to the time when they will be in a similar circumstance.

7. Two hundred and seventy-six (276) births were reported during this year for the whole Indian population.

Deaths.

8. Twenty-three deaths occurred amongst the Immigrants introduced during the year, or about two per cent.; a portion which every subsequent year of residence tends naturally to diminish, as will be seen from the fact that the number of deaths reported during the year amongst

registered during the year, and at all my visits to estates the people are eager for it. There are now registered—

Married women	1,649
Single women	911
In concubinage	56
Total	2,616

Some of the single women are aged widows and respectable persons. I regret to say there are also a considerable number of abandoned characters who spread disease on the plantations.

10. Section 18, Law 12 of 1872, under which the Protector has power to punish for seduction and adultery has proved very deterrent. The Protector has power to adjudicate the offender under this section to be fined the sum of £1 (neither more nor less), to be imprisoned (without labour) for any period not exceeding thirty (30) days, and at his discretion to receive a flogging not exceeding twenty (20) lashes. A woman convicted of adultery may also be imprisoned for one month without labour.

11. As the fine of £10 is never paid, it would be better if the Protector had power to modify it; cases have occurred in which the defendant has offered to pay half the amount. The sentence to imprisonment should also include labour. Since I took office, no case has been brought before me in which I considered it necessary to sentence to flogging.

Divorce.

12. My predecessor, Major-General Lloyd, maintained that the Protector had no power to grant divorces. I am also of opinion that, at any rate for some years to come, the Indians should look upon their marriages when registered as indissoluble.

13. I am frequently besought by the women to grant them divorces, but never by the men. Many evils of which this is one arise from the paucity of women—forty per cent being too small a proportion, bearing in mind that marriage is an almost universal custom in India.

Time-expired Indians.

14. The following Return shows the number of time-expired Indians sent back to India during 1876:—

Ship.	Date of Embarkation.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Umvoti	Feb. 10, 1876.	140	78	218
Do.	Sept. 9, 1876.	169	95	264
Total		309	173	482

No disaster of any kind occurred, and no extraordinary sickness or complaints have been brought to my notice. The people took large sums of money away with them, and many informed me that they intended returning with their friends to Natal.

Increase and Decrease of Population since 1875.

15. Estimated number in 1875	99
Arrived during 1876	1,147
Born in the colony	276
Returned to India	482
Deaths reported	153
Left the colony	76
Total	711
Total	11,3

Number in the colony, Dec. 31, 1876 ... 10,6

Visitation of Estates.

16. On my tour of inspection, I have found the state of the Indians to be very good; they are well treated, and are better off in many respects than they would be in their own country. They are very pleased to be visited by the Protector, and have any little grievances they may have to complain of redressed.

17. These complaints are generally of a very trifling nature, and employers, as soon as the matter is explained to them, show the greatest willingness to afford redress. General complaints of servants against their masters are rare; in one case of assault has been brought before me, and this of a very slight character. Indians are fully aware that they can obtain redress at my office. I frequently converse with them when travelling, and if they were discontented should be made aware of it.

Rabbits.

by many of the planters who have of their own accord increased it. After a short residence here the Indian becomes more robust, capable of doing more work, and requiring more sustenance.

Payment of Wages.

19. Wages are paid monthly; the rates range from ten to fourteen shillings (10s. to 14s.) per month, for indentured men, with food and lodging. All employers keep a Wages Book which is inspected at my visits and any mistakes rectified. Time-expired men are paid from eighteen to twenty-five shillings (18s. to 25s.) per month, according to skill; and I know of several instances where Sirdars and men employed in responsible positions receive as much as £60 to £100 a year.

Hours of Labour.

20. The hours of labour are nine (9), between sunrise and sunset, with an interval for dinner. I am aware that Indians frequently work longer, but they do so of their own accord and are paid for over-time.

Sunday Labour.

21. Beyond necessary work, such as the feeding of animals, which is remunerated, no Sunday labour is exacted.

Hospitals.

22. A system of District Hospitals has been sanctioned and is about to be tried. It is expected that even the little sickness which exists will by this means be lessened. At present there are no reliable data to go upon; some employers allowing as many as ten per cent. of their men to report themselves sick, only making enquiry when this number is exceeded. In fact it is often taken for granted, when a man wants to work in his garden or to go on a day's visit to some friend, when he reports himself sick. As soon as the system is in full operation, all who are really sick will have to remain in Hospital until discharged by the Doctor.

Veneral Disease.

23. This disease is prevalent. I trust, however, that the evil will be much mitigated when these cases can be treated in the District Hospitals, where it will be possible to attend the patients more effectually than in the Estate hospitals.

Infectious Diseases.

24. No epidemic has ever appeared amongst the Indians Natal.

Leprosy.

25. Two cases of Leprosy are now under treatment. It broke out shortly after the arrival of the individuals in the Colony, and was probably only latent in their systems.

Distribution and Employment.

26. Of the ten thousand six hundred and twenty six Indians in the Colony, about nine thousand (9,000) are employed on the coast plantations; the remainder are domestic servants, traders, storekeepers, market-gardeners, fishermen, railway servants, &c., in the Colony generally.

27. At first Indians were only employed on the Coast, since their usefulness has become generally known, they in great request in the Up-Country districts as well, for domestic servants, in saw mills, for the management of machinery, and are much liked.

Education.

28. I am indebted for the information I give under this head to the Rev. Mr. E. Stott, Wesleyan Missionary, who has laboured among the Indians almost since their first introduction. He writes—

"In reference to the state of education among the Indians residing in Natal, I only know of two Schools, one at Durban which are both in Durban and under my care.

A Day School containing thirty-four (34) scholars. An Evening School containing twenty (20) scholars. In these Schools the English and Indian languages are taught, writing and arithmetic.

"I may remark that when the Coolies from the North of India came here I do not believe that one in twenty can read, I have got a supply of alphabets in Kailhi for the Hindus, in Perso-Arabic for the Mahomedans, which I distribute to the Estates, and I am glad to find that many are now learning their own languages. I believe if English spellings were distributed among them in the same way, many would learn to read English.

I think that Schools ought to be established on all the

and the Teachers' rations. The men also themselves who I believe would give one shilling each per month, and each of the single men would pay for a Night School.

"Twenty Schools might be established at once if we could get Teachers, but they are not to be had in Natal. Government ought at once to send to Madras or Calcutta for competent men, whom they could obtain, I believe, for £5 a month.

Land.

29. The Indians in the Colony show a great desire to possess a bit of land in freehold, to which, under Section 2, of 1870, they are entitled, in lieu of a free return passage to India. Many of them have become squatters on Crown Lands, and a still greater number are tenants of private land-owners, paying as much as twenty to thirty shillings (20s. to 30s.) per acre per annum of rent.

30. A Land Bill having been passed by the Legislative Council, the Government will be in a position, on its confirmation by the Secretary of State, to deal with the numerous applications for freeholds.

Indians from Mauritius.

31. Between two and three hundred Indians have been introduced from Mauritius during the past year; they are chiefly employed in the construction of the Railway Lines.

32. They are received on arrival by this Department, at a Register kept of their names, &c., but it has been decided by the Government that they are not under the care of the Protector in the same manner as Indians introduced direct from India. Many of them, having been born in Mauritius, are not subjects of the Indian Government.

Conclusion.

33. I cannot conclude this Report without thanking my predecessor, Major-General Lloyd, M.I.C., for the very great assistance he has at all times afforded me.

34. Mr. Louis H. Mason, the Assistant Protector of Immigrants, has the sole charge of the Department during my frequent absences, and it is mainly to his ability, zeal, and assiduity, as was said by the late Protector, that the successful working of the Department is due.

35. Mr. F. Colepeper, Senior Clerk in this Department, being in ill-health, and requiring a change of air, I applied for leave of absence for him to visit India. This was granted him, and he went to that country in the *Umvoti*, with return passage for Immigrants. He visited both Madras and Calcutta, and at my request, during his stay in the latter place, made himself thoroughly acquainted with the working of our Agency there, and with the subject of Emigration generally, bringing back with him a very excellent Report, for which he has received the thanks of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

MURDOCH McLEOD,

Protector of Immigrants, Natal.

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BILL,

(AS SET DOWN FOR THIRD READING.)

"To regulate the importation, landing, storage, and carrying of dynamite and other explosive substances."

WHEREAS the importation, landing, storing, and conveyance through this Colony of dynamite and other explosive substances is calculated to become a source of danger to the property and lives of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, unless placed under precautionary restrictions and regulations:

AND WHEREAS the Laws now in force in this Colony make no sufficient provisions in this behalf:

BE IT THEREFOR ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Natal, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

IMPORTATION.

1. With respect to the importation from any place out of the Colony of Natal of any explosive, the following provisions shall have effect, that is to say:—

a. The owner and master of any ship having on board