

grant against unreasonable and unwarranted expectations; and such agent shall also ascertain that every such emigrant is in good health, and not incapacitated for labour by old age, bodily infirmity, or disease.

4th. It shall not be lawful to ship on board of any ship or vessel carrying any emigrants from India to Mauritius, any number of passengers exceeding the proportion of one person for every two tons of the registered burden of such ship or vessel; and no such ship or vessel carrying emigrants, and having more than one deck, shall have less than the height of six feet at the least, between decks; and in case such ship or vessel shall have only one deck, a platform shall be laid beneath such deck in such manner as to afford a space of the height of six feet at the least; and that such platform shall not be so laid as that the lower beams shall project above the same; and that no such ship or vessel shall have more than two tiers of berths, and that no such ship or vessel shall carry passengers on any such voyage to Mauritius unless there shall be an interval of six inches, at the least, between the deck or platform and the floor of the lower tier, throughout the whole extent thereof; and, whatever may be the tonnage of the ship or vessel, no greater number of passengers shall be taken on board of such ship or vessel than shall be after the rate of one such person for every twelve superficial feet of the lower deck or platform unoccupied by goods or stores, not being the personal baggage of such persons.

5th. In the computation of the number of passengers within the meaning of these regulations, two children, under the age of ten years, shall be considered as equal to, and shall be reckoned as, one person only.

6th. There shall be actually laden and on board of every ship or vessel bringing emigrants into Mauritius, at the time of the departure of such ship or vessel from the port or place at which such labourers shall be embarked, good and wholesome provisions for the use and consumption of the said passengers, over and above the victualling of the crew, to the amount or in the proportion following, that is to say, a supply of water to the amount of five gallons to every week of the computed voyage for every passenger on board such ship or vessel, such water being carried in tanks or sweet casks; and a supply of rice, bread, biscuit, flour, oatmeal, or bread stuffs, to the

amount of seven pounds weight to every week of the computed voyage for every such passenger; provided always, that when any such ship or vessel shall be destined to call at a port or place in the course of her voyage, for the purpose of filling up her water casks, a supply of water, at the rate before mentioned, for every week of an average voyage to such port or place of calling, shall be deemed to be a compliance with this regulation; and provided that the preceding regulations regarding food shall be deemed to have been complied with in any case where it shall be made to appear that, by the special authority of the Governor General of India, any other articles of food were substituted for the articles above enumerated as being in his judgment equivalent thereto.

7th. The number of weeks which shall be deemed necessary for the voyage to Mauritius from any port or ports in India, shall be such as shall, from time to time, be determined by any law or ordinance to be promulgated for that purpose by the Governor General of India in Council, and according to any such law or ordinance, shall and may be further determined whether, at different periods of the year, different estimations are to be made of the probable length of any such voyage; and, if by any such law or ordinance, the removal of emigrants should, during any particular period of the year, be prohibited altogether, then any such removal, during such prohibited period, shall, in Mauritius, be regarded, dealt with, and punished as an infringement of these present regulations.

8th. Before any such ship or vessel shall be cleared out on any such voyage, the agent, appointed under this Ordinance, for the port or place from which such ship or vessel shall be cleared out, shall survey, or cause to be surveyed by some competent person, the provisions and water hereinbefore required to be on board for the consumption of the passengers, and shall ascertain that the same are in good and sweet condition; and also that, over and above the same, there is on board an ample supply of water and stores for the victualling of the crew of the ship or vessel; and shall also ascertain that such ship or vessel is generally reputed seaworthy, and that the directions hereinbefore contained for ensuring the health and safety of the passengers have been complied with; and shall grant a certificate thereof under his hand to the master of such ship or vessel.

9th. The master of every ship or vessel bringing