

sanctioned by laws to be for that purpose enacted in India, subject to various provisions to be in such laws made for the protection of such emigrants, and for the prevention of abuses: and whereas it is probable that, amongst the provisions so to be made as last aforesaid, will be a provision for enabling the Governor General of India to appoint, at ports or places in India, officers charged with the care, protection, and superintendence of all persons proposing to emigrate as Labourers from India to Mauritius: and whereas it is probable that provision will be made by law, at Mauritius, for defraying, from the public revenue of that island, the expence of introducing immigrants thither from British India: and whereas it is necessary that effectual provision should be made by law, at Mauritius, for regulating any such expenditure, and for the prevention of abuses in the introduction of immigrants from British India into that island:

It is, therefore, hereby ordered by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, that, in the event of any law being made in British India authorizing the immigration to Mauritius of the natives of India, and repealing the restrictions now in force there in regard to such immigration; and in the event of any such law containing provisions enabling the Governor General of India to appoint, at the several ports of embarkation in India, officers charged with the protection of persons emigrating from such ports to Mauritius, the various rules and regulations comprized and set forth in the schedule to this present Order subjoined shall, within the island of Mauritius, have the force and effect of law, and shall be observed and carried into effect by all Her Majesty's officers, civil and military, in Mauritius, and by all Her Majesty's subjects within the said island, as to them may respectively appertain.

And the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

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*The SCHEDULE referred to in the preceding Order, comprising the Rules and Regulations to be observed at Mauritius, in regard to Emigrants from British India resorting to, and arriving at, that Island.*

1st. The Governor of Mauritius may, from time

to time, nominate such persons as he shall see fit to act as emigration agents at any port or place in India, which the Governor General of India may designate as a port or place for the embarkation of emigrants to Mauritius, and may also, from time to time, nominate a proper person to act as protector of immigrants at Mauritius.

2d. The remuneration to be given to any such agent in India, shall not depend upon, or be regulated by, the number of the emigrants sent to Mauritius by him, but shall be in the nature of an annual salary.

3d. Every such emigration agent shall ascertain, by personal communication with every emigrant, previously to his or her embarkation from the port or place for which such agent shall be appointed, that such emigrant has not been induced to emigrate by any fraud or false or unreasonable representation, and is aware of the distance of Mauritius from the place where he or she is about to emigrate; and such agent shall explain the real advantages likely to be derived by such emigrant from a removal to Mauritius, at the same time cautioning such emigrant 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