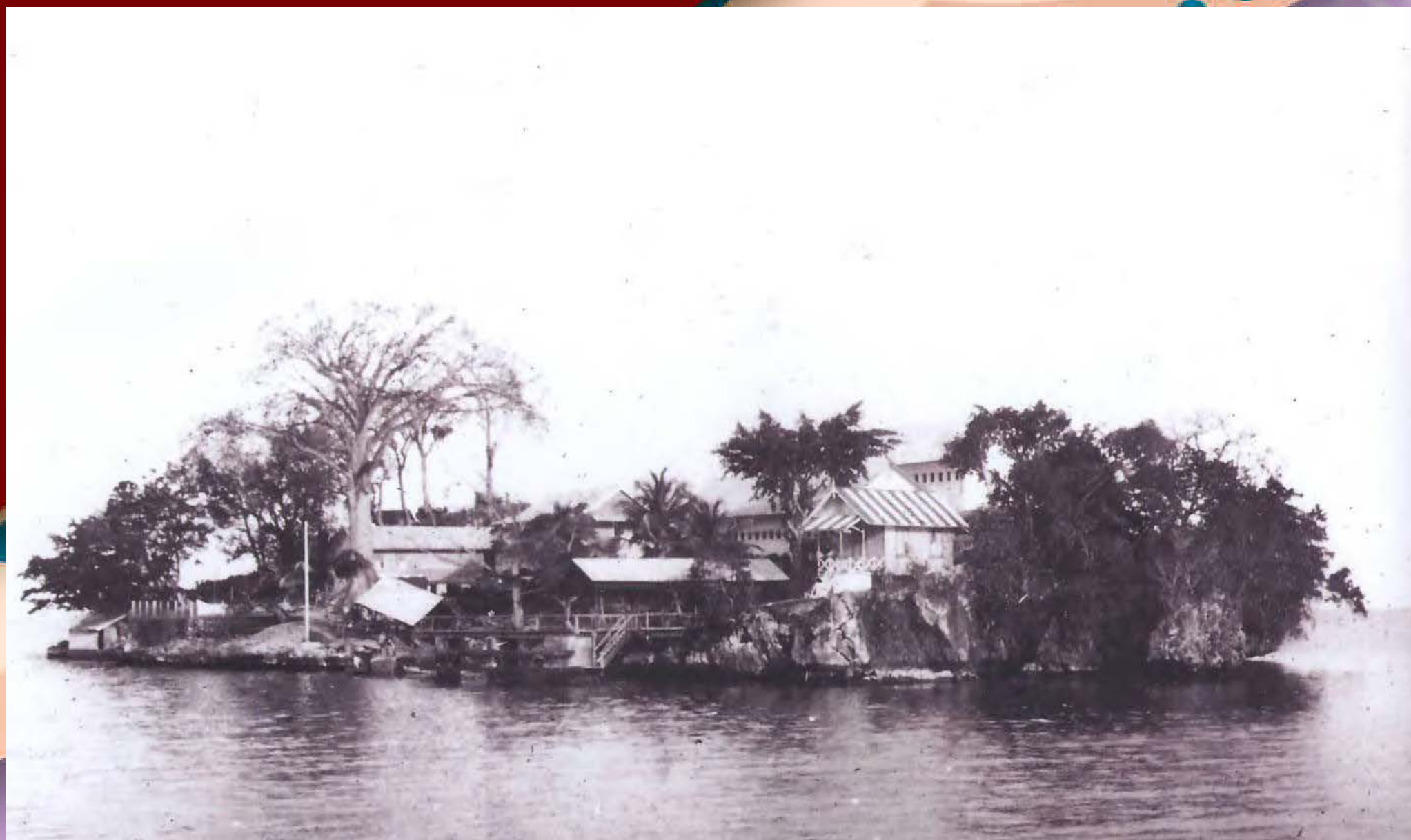


Nelson Island and Indian Indentureship in Trinidad

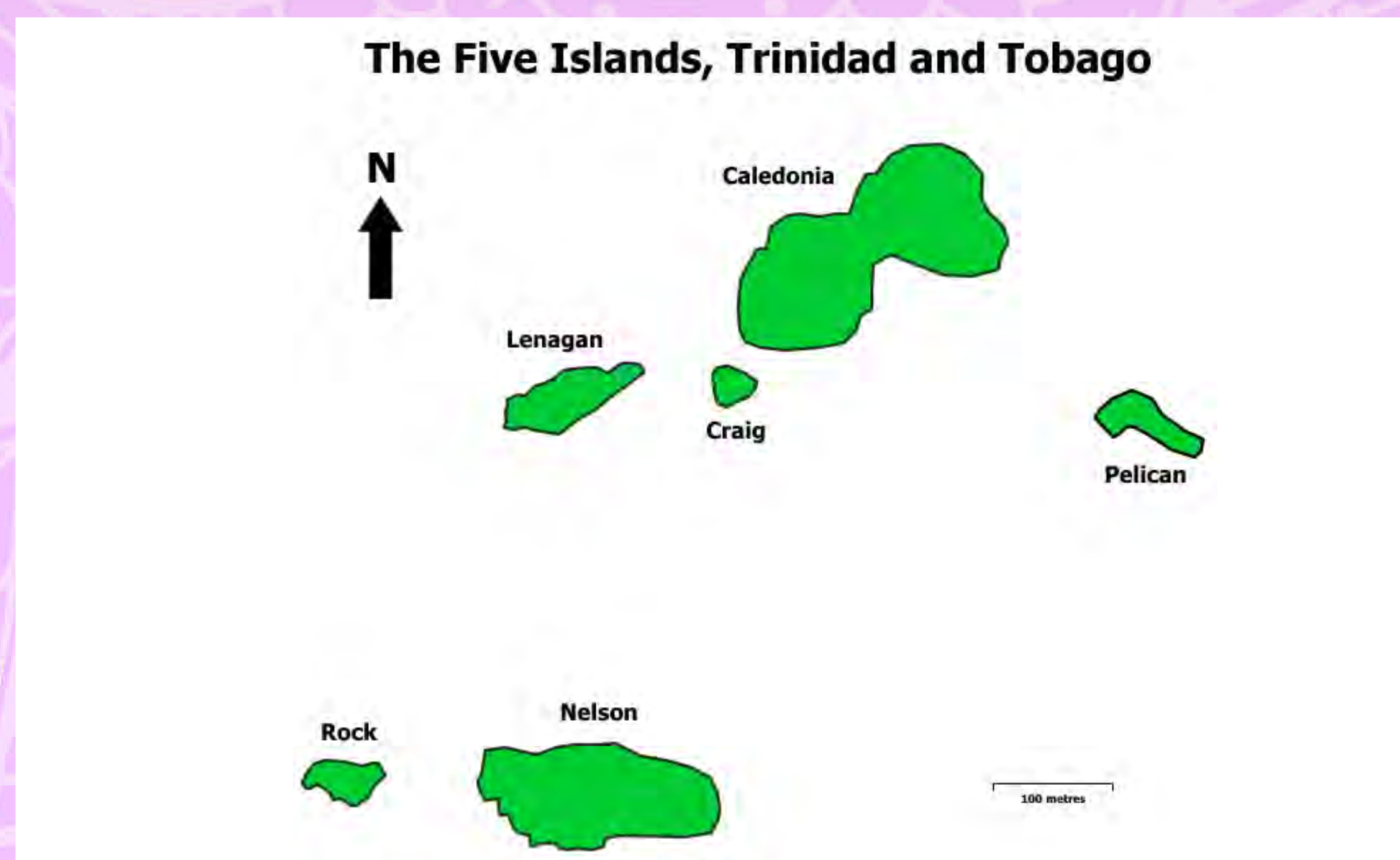
Nelson Island is one of the Five Islands off Trinidad which lies west of Port of Spain in the Gulf of Paria.

The island has historical importance for the many ethnic groups that now populate the twin-island state of Trinidad and Tobago. From 1866 to 1917, Nelson Island was used as a landing, immigration and quarantine station for Indian indentured immigrants to Trinidad.

This exhibition highlights the role of Nelson Island during the period of Indian Indentureship, with photos and records from the National Archives of Trinidad and Tobago.



Source: Adrian Camps-Campins



Indian Indentureship in Trinidad

On May 30th 1845, the Futtle Rozack commonly known as the Fatel Rozak docked in the Port of Spain harbour in Trinidad with 225 adult passengers on board. The passengers were the first immigrants from India who had come to the British colony to work on the sugarcane plantations after the abolition of African slavery. They had spent 103 days at sea during the long and dangerous journey that spanned 14,000 miles (36,000 km). The immigrants were contracted for five to ten years to work on estates (sugar, cocoa and coconut) in a system that ended in 1917.

A total of 147,596 Indians came to Trinidad over this 70-year period. Although they were promised a free return passage back home, at least 75 percent of them stayed

and settled in the New World colony. In many ways, they brought India to the Caribbean. They continued with their traditions of Hinduism and Islam, and continue to add colour to Trinidad and Tobago's cosmopolitan society.

Descendants of these Indian immigrants, who now comprise about half of the multi-ethnic society of the twin-island state (1.3 million), commemorate the arrival of their ancestors to these shores annually.

This historic day was proclaimed a national holiday – Indian Arrival Day, in 1994.

Source: Dr. Kumar Mahabir



New arrivals

Futtle Rozack
30th May 1845

Name	Father's Name	Sex	Age	Remarks
Aburath	Singop	Male	20	50
Adose	Ahudo		15	50
Asto	Looful		30	50
Doothee	Darhoo		22	50
Aulloothie	Sobardhun		18	50
Ashatoh	Darhoo		24	50
Chowdry	Auchata		18	50
Bunthoo	Darhoo		19	50
Buchoo	Darhoo		16	50
Beter	Mohes		23	50
Opoul	Sawah		30	50
Curnun	Darhoo		27	50
Suntra	Saloo		26	50
Munee	Bohore		27	
Mohun	Sakoo Roy		18	
Bazmaath	Dhunian		27	
Ahach	Maighob		30	50
Sonach	Madhoo		25	
Shaden	Puteeran		27	1
Ninia	Muriam & Mungul			
Munsaram	Aheta		30	
Rameswar	Sonow		28	50
Sungaram	Chamoo		24	
Shiam	Rusean		22	50
Athoo	Ahooda		18	
Mohun Roy	Mohun Roy		28	
Misham Roy	Persad Sing		27	50

General Register of the Futtle Rozark showing the first Indian immigrants to arrive in Trinidad. The general registers record the name of the ship and date of arrival, name of indentured, father's name, registration number, sex, age and estate of indenture.
Source: General Register 1845-1856

FORM No. 51
Serial No. 576
HEALTH CLERK

18672
MAN'S
EMIGRATION PASS. PETTY BOOK
proceeding to Trinidad.
MADRAS 12th Feb 1917.

For Steam Ship *Springer*

Name *Yogala Patta*
Father's Name *Mundanna Patta*
Age *18* years
Caste *Hindoo*
Height *5 feet 5 inches*
Name of next-of-kin *Narayanaammaal Mathur*
If married, to whom *None*
District *Chingleput*
Taluk *Do*
Village *Bandur*
Bodily marks *Two black moles left collarbone
A scar on spine
None*
Occupation in India *Labourer*
Chest measurement

Certified that we have examined and passed the above-named man as fit to emigrate; that he is free from all bodily and mental disease; and that he has been vaccinated, since engaging to emigrate.

Surgeon Superintendent. Deput Surgeon.

Certified that the man above described has appeared before me and has been engaged by me on behalf of the Government of Trinidad as willing to proceed to that country to work for here, and that I have explained to him all matters concerning his engagement and duties.

Government Emigration Agent for Trinidad.
18 FEB 1917
Inspector of Emigrants.



An Artist's conception of the 'Fattel Rozack' which arrived in Port-of-Spain harbour, May 30, 1845.

Emigration Pass – each immigrant was assigned an emigration pass on leaving India.
Source: General Register 1916-1917



First arrivals on Nelson Island

Nelson Island became the Immigration Depot for newly arrived Indian immigrants after the system for receiving immigrants was reorganized in 1866. This involved the disembarkation of immigrants from the ship onto barges and then onto Nelson Island.

The first ship to anchor at Nelson Island in 1866 was the Humber which brought 473 immigrants: 329 men, 84 women, 32 boys and 14 girls.



Newly arrived immigrants on Nelson Island

General Register Number 26 December 1866

Ships Number	Registered Number	Name	Fathers Name	Sex	Age	Estates	Passage Money	Remarks
91	29359	Harma	Soola	Male	16	Tarouba	£11. 10. 0	Returned to India 1873
90	29360	Koomar	Soola		17			
378	29391	Rajith	Sobhur		18			
379	29392	Wargoo	Kunjeet		25			Returned to India 1878
380	29393	Sobsonner	Dubbe		20			
377	29394	Burattaly	Kusumratly		22			
267	29395	Burhad	Borahad		23			
36	29396	Abelack	Sree		20			From ship
295	29397	Shoolah	Abunoor		22			
275	29398	Seerajee	Bahodee		33			R. C. Allen 1877
439	29399	Chahiboy	Kichow		12			See list of R.P.
277	29400	Aborteah	Seerajee	Female	11			R. C. Allen 1877
271	29401	Seethoosah	Kashhoo		24			R. C. Allen 1877
255	29402	Abonick	Tammul		24			
432	29403	Shagmonee	Kogon		27			
279	29404	Sorobally	Swarie	Boy	9			R. C. Allen 1877
278	29405	Jogally	Shoolah		9			See list of R.P.
266	29406	Koorboj	Kichow		7			
261	29407	Abulanea	Kichow	Girl	5			
201	29408	Bachaneu	Shoolah		5			
310	29409	Suchlee	Seerajee	Female	14	Wellington		
391	29410	Audum	Kujetoo	Male	33			
405	29411	Brother	Khyboj		16			
451	29412	Rowdee	Kunmion		20			Died 30. 6. 70
423	29413	Buyrungee	Jankoo		28			25m from R.P.
373	29414	Shoddie	Kanharie		26			Died 30. 6. 76
420	29415	Shojee	Kunglaul		29			
427	29416	Shookaree	Kiertoll		23			
413	29417	Shodaboy	Badasee		26			Died 31. 12. 69
534	29418	Banshee	Kashoo		22			
323	29419	Sobhar	Kuller		38			
271	29420	Abonice	Buyrungee		21			From list of R.P.
573	29421	Karber	Andee		12			R. C. Allen 1877
18	29422	Bicharee	Dargahie		30			
277	29423	Tammoo	Deyahie		21			Returned to India 1878
100	29424	Tancher	Jethur		23			
282	29425	Shonoree	Shoolah		30			
8	29426	Harria	Seekran	Female	20			

Humber Ship Records
Source: General Register 1866

The Establishment of Nelson Island as an Immigration Depot

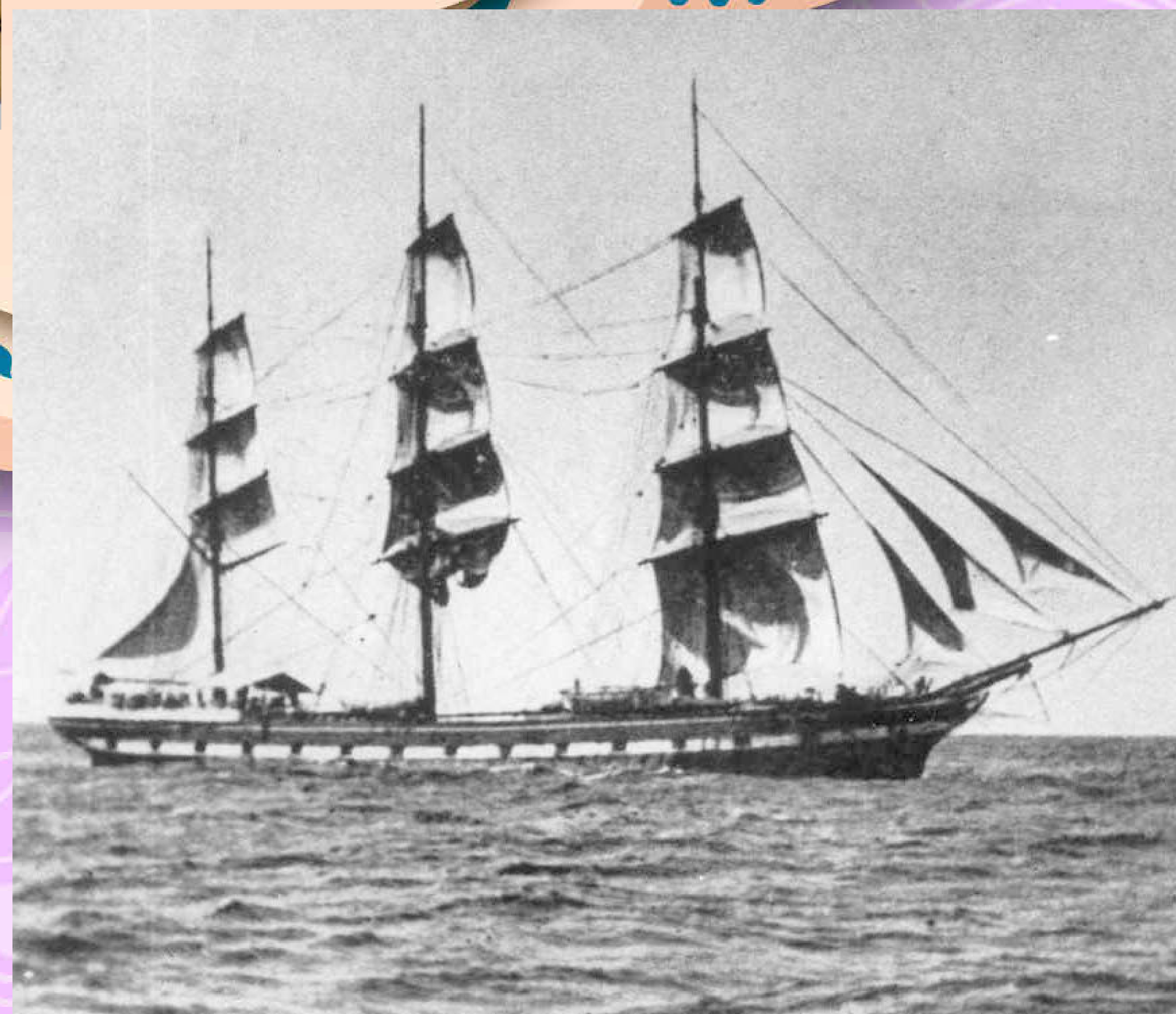
THE TRINIDAD CHRONICLE, FEBRUARY 15, 1867.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES.

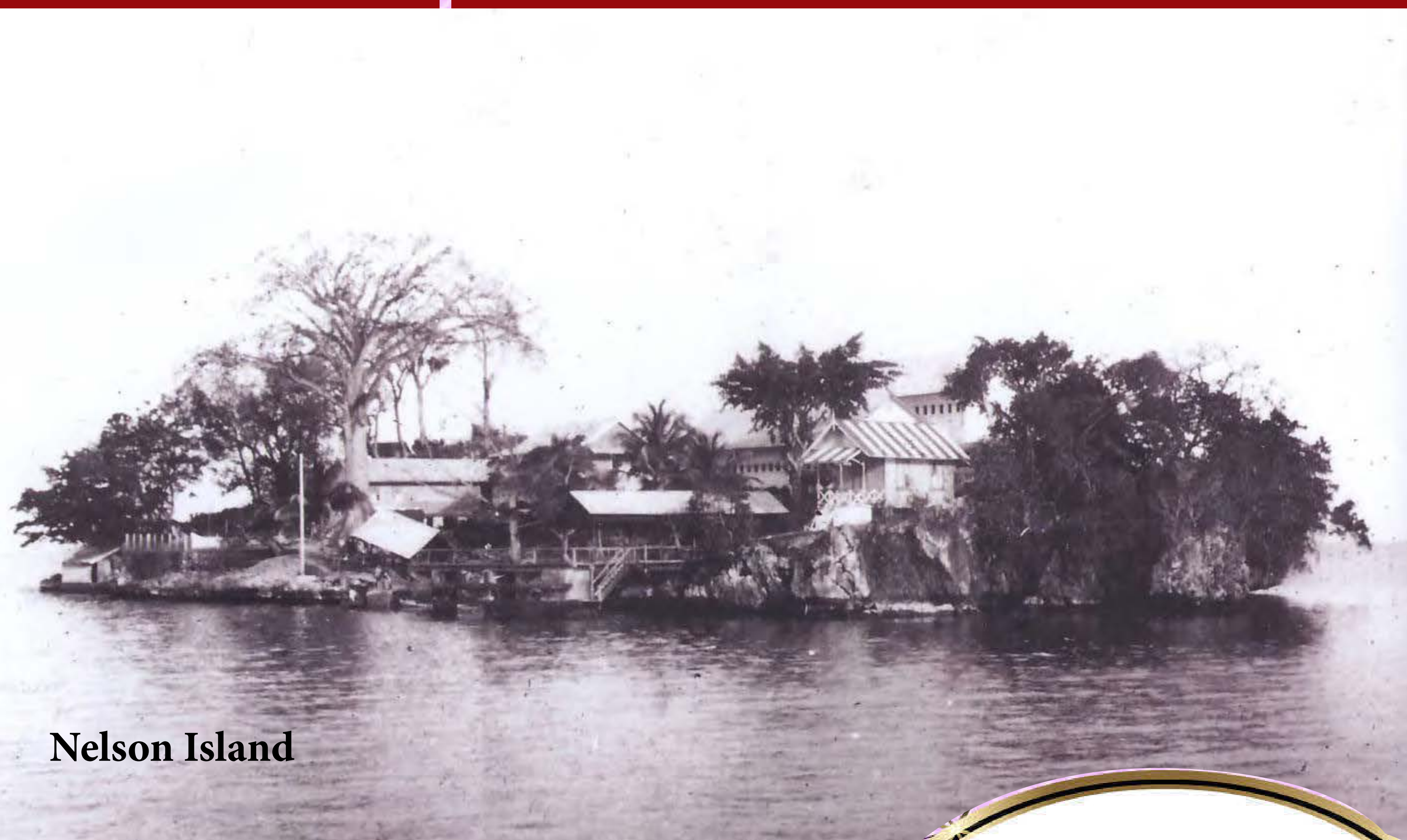
The two most important of the Messages read at the last meeting of the Legislative Council refer to the establishment of an Immigrant Depot and to the state of the law with regard to the sick and destitute poor. In the first Message his Excellency refers to the fact that a vote of £540 for the erection of Depot Buildings at Carrera's Island was asked for by Mr. Rushworth, including in the sum an additional amount of £340 for their improvement and extension. Mr. Rushworth on that occasion informed the Council that this expenditure had exceeded the amount originally contemplated by Mr. J. H. Manners-Sutton in consequence of the temporary conversion of these buildings into an Auxiliary Ulcer Hospital, a step taken partly in order to diminish the pressure upon the Colonial Hospital, then crowded far above its means of proper accommodation, and partly on account of the benefits which it was anticipated the patients would receive from sea bathing and sea air. It soon became evident, however, that the causes which had led to the occupation of the Island for Hospital purposes in the first instance, were likely to render the period at which it would be again available for the uses for which it was originally destined very uncertain. The number of ulcer cases sent to the Island in the first instance was only 23. This number had in September increased to 94, and in December it amounted to 120. The number of patients in the Colonial Hospital at Port-of-Spain remained all this time almost undiminished, and considerably in excess of that for which proper accommodation can be there provided. It was originally contemplated to erect an additional building on Carrera's Island for the reception of the Immigrants, but this course appeared to the Governor to be open to many obvious objections, among which not the least was the inexpediency of discouraging the newly arrived Immigrants by bringing them at once in contact with a mass of festering disease. Of the other Islands, that which after examination appeared best suited for the proposed Depot was the one known as Neilson's or Stevenson's Island. The Governor in the first instance contemplated the removal to this Island of the Convalescent Ulcer Hospital, the establishment of which in a permanent form had certainly not been contemplated by the Legislature, or so far as the Governor is aware by his predecessors in office. He would then have been enabled to apply Carrera's Island to those purposes to fit it for which the sums expended there had been voted. Medical testimony, however, proved that Neilson's Island, though not unsuitable for the purpose of a temporary residence for such short periods as those during which newly arrived Coolies would probably be detained there, was not so well adapted for more permanent occupation, or hospital

accommodation. The Ulcer Convalescent Hospital has accordingly been allowed to remain where it was originally placed, and the Immigrant Depot has been established at Neilson's Island. The hope that the Colonial Hospital would have been free from pressure before the season at which the arrival of Immigrant Ships might be anticipated, and the buildings on Carrera's Island consequently available, had been cherished up to the last possible moment. The preparations made for the reception of the Coolies at Neilson's Island, were consequently not fully completed on the arrival of the *Humber* and *Roxburgh Castle*. Nevertheless, the arrangements made proved sufficient, and worked very satisfactorily. The vote asked for (viz., £467. 2. 4.) comprises two items, a sum of £208. 6. 8. applicable to the purchase of the Buildings on the Island, and compensation to their occupier; and a sum of £258 15 8 intended to defray the expense of the additional buildings which it has been found necessary to erect, and which are all of a temporary and inexpensive character.

The Governor's message in the Trinidad Chronicle announcing the use of Nelson Island as an immigration depot.
Source: Trinidad Chronicle
February 15th 1867



Ailsa was among the 228 ships that brought Indian immigrants to Nelson Island from 1866 to 1917.



Nelson Island

Nelson Island as an Indian Immigration Depot



New arrivals on Nelson Island

On arrival, Indian immigrants were medically examined and either sent to the Marion Hospital for medical treatment or to the Convalescent Depot to regain their strength after a long journey at sea.

In the early years, the Nelson Island Immigration Depot provided accommodation for approximately 450 people. By 1881 it was improved and enlarged to hold 600 persons and by 1912, there was accommodation for 1000 persons.

Following arrival on the island, immigrants were requested to sit in the assembly area to be addressed by the Protector of Immigrants and his interpreters, where they were read their contract in Hindi and Urdu. Most immigrants spent about ten days on the island before being transferred to work on the estates.

Ship Number	No.	NAME	Father's Name	Sex	Age	Religion	Caste	bodily Marks	Name of Native Place	Date of Indenture	Platation assigned
517	118636	Bakura	Bhawar Singh	F	17	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Raipur	23.6.00	St. Helena
518	118637	Rambhai	Sumara	F	16	5	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Raipur	4.1.00	St. Helena
519	118638	Bella	Hananta	F	23	4	Hindu	Moles on face	Delhi	4.1.00	Pictou
520	118639	Hanua	Kangal	F	16	4	Hindu	Scar near right eye	Bangalore	18.1.00	St. Helena
521	118640	Baomaha	Thurshal	F	16	2	Hindu	Scar near right eye	Raipur	18.1.00	St. Helena
522	118641	Champa	Hickma	F	20	5	Hindu	Scar on right chin	Delhi	11.1.00	Pictou
523	118642	Khanzadi	Chand	F	16	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Bygones	11.1.00	St. Helena
524	118643	Jagdee	Chhotkan	F	20	4	Hindu	Both arms tattooed	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
525	118644	Runa Ram (Muniam)	Nanda Bux	F	22	5	Hindu	Scar on right forehead	Lucknow	11.1.00	St. Helena
526	118645	Seeta	Shakur	F	28	5	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Bygones	11.1.00	St. Helena
527	118646	Soua	Bisnath	F	20	5	Hindu	Face port marked	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
528	118647	Durpad	Bisnath	F	16	4	Hindu	Both forearms tattooed	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
529	118648	Sukwara	Bisnath	F	16	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
530	118649	Dusroy	Shiv Arshad	F	20	5	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
531	118650	Hanuda	Kangal	F	18	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
532	118651	Shikaram	Shikaram	F	16	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
533	118652	Bisnath	Bisnath	F	16	4	Hindu	Face port marked	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
534	118653	Shoraji	Mangal	F	17	4	Hindu	Both forearms tattooed	Bygones	11.1.00	St. Helena
535	118654	Mongua	Mogaram (Mogaram)	F	16	4	Hindu	Scar near left eye	Raipur	25.4.00	St. Helena
536	118655	Snda	Snda	F	20	5	Hindu	Scar on right elbow	Raipur	18.1.00	St. Helena
537	118656	Sothini	Caclot	F	20	5	Hindu	Scar on right forehead	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
538	118657	Pansa	Jamduar Singh	F	18	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
539	118658	Mot Bakhtawan	Mohamad Hussain	F	17	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
540	118659	Mherajia	Rampershad	F	20	5	Hindu	Both forearms tattooed	Allahabad	4.7.00	St. Helena
541	118660	Baghdurda	Bahar	F	21	5	Hindu	Scar on left cheek	Gonda	9.5.00	St. Helena
542	118661	Bahura	Pancham	F	16	4	Hindu	Scar on left chin	Raipur	29.2.00	St. Helena
543	118662	Bhauraja	Pancham	F	22	4	Hindu	Both forearms tattooed	Bygones	18.1.00	St. Helena
544	118663	Fekna	Ram Lalson	F	18	4	Hindu	Scar near left eye	Banarasi	25.1.00	St. Helena
545	118664	Ranga	Raja	F	25	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Cawnpur	28.1.00	St. Helena
546	118665	Torloo	Upad	F	35	5	Hindu	Scar on left cheek	Bygones	1.2.00	St. Helena
547	118666	Mahabir	Lukai	F	17	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Bygones	1.2.00	St. Helena
548	118667	Lukhli	Lukai	F	2		Hindu	Scar on forehead	Bygones	1.2.00	St. Helena
549	118668	Kellu	Lamunda	F	5		Hindu	Scar on forehead	Raipur	18.1.00	St. Helena
550	118669	Jewan	Lamunda	F	2		Hindu	Scar on forehead	Raipur	18.1.00	St. Helena
551	118670	Foolveia	Foolveia (Mother name) Ramgopal (Father)	F	12	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Banarasi	2.3.00	St. Helena
Marion Hospital											
552	118671	Nihal Singh	Jawan Singh	M	24	5	Hindu	Scar on right chin	Delhi	18.1.00	St. Helena
553	118672	Sundar	Mektalia	F	24	5	Hindu	Scar on right side of face	Raipur	18.1.00	St. Helena
554	118673	Datta Ram	Kishna	F	26	5	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Bygones	21.12.00	St. Helena
555	118674	Nagesar	Ludra	F	22	5	Hindu	Scar on right side of face	Raipur	18.1.00	St. Helena
556	118675	Jagornath	Peluvr	F	17	4	Hindu	Both arms tattooed	Banarasi	25.1.00	St. Helena
557	118676	Bahuman	Budha	F	20	4	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Lucknow	1.2.00	St. Helena
558	118677	Sachcharan	Sachcharan	F	20	5	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Delhi	18.1.00	St. Helena
559	118678	Phagwanda	Moonandau	F	9	2	Hindu	Scar on forehead	Delhi	18.1.00	St. Helena
560	118679	Murmi	Bahuman (Mother name)	F	3		Hindu	Scar on forehead	Banarasi	1.2.00	St. Helena

List of persons who arrived from Calcutta on the S.S. Main on 2nd December 1903 showing persons assigned to the Convalescent Depot and the Marion Hospital, and a summary of the distribution of such persons.

Ship Number	No.	NAME	Father's Name	Sex	Age	Religion	Caste	bodily Marks	Name of Native Place	Date of Indenture	Platation assigned
Depot Staff											
115	118680	Badloo	Alyan	M	20	5	Hindu	Face port marked	Lucknow	4.1.00	St. Helena
116	118681	Gaugalen	Parmohar Lal	M	20	5	Hindu	Scar on right side of forehead	Lucknow	25.5.00	St. Helena
117	118682	Majur	Baniwar	M	20	5	Hindu	Scar near left knee	Buxar	19.11.00	St. Helena
118	118683	Samaal	Rathkoo	M	19	5	Hindu	Scar on right elbow	Patna	4.7.00	St. Helena
119	118684	Neelut (Naulat)	Chorag Ali	M	20	5	Hindu	Mole on chest	Delhi	4.1.00	Pictou
120	118685	Phorat Singh	Bhataur Singh	M	20	5	Hindu	Face port marked	Lucknow	4.1.00	St. Helena
121	118686	Murara	Majur	F	23	5	Hindu	Face port marked	Gonda	4.1.00	St. Helena
Died on Board											
122	118687	Hanua (Muniam)	Basa	F	20	5	Hindu	Face port marked	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
123	118688	Bendama	Hananchal	F	22	4	Hindu	Scar on left knee	Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
124	118689	Pratap	Estamad Singh	M	2		Hindu		Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
125	118690	Pradum	Raghoonandan	M	9		Hindu		Raipur	11.1.00	St. Helena
Summary											
											Number distributed
											Convalescent
											Marion Hospital - Staff
											Marion Hospital - Ship
											Bought from
											Returned
											Dead on Board
											Embarked at Calcutta
											209 156 16 24 5

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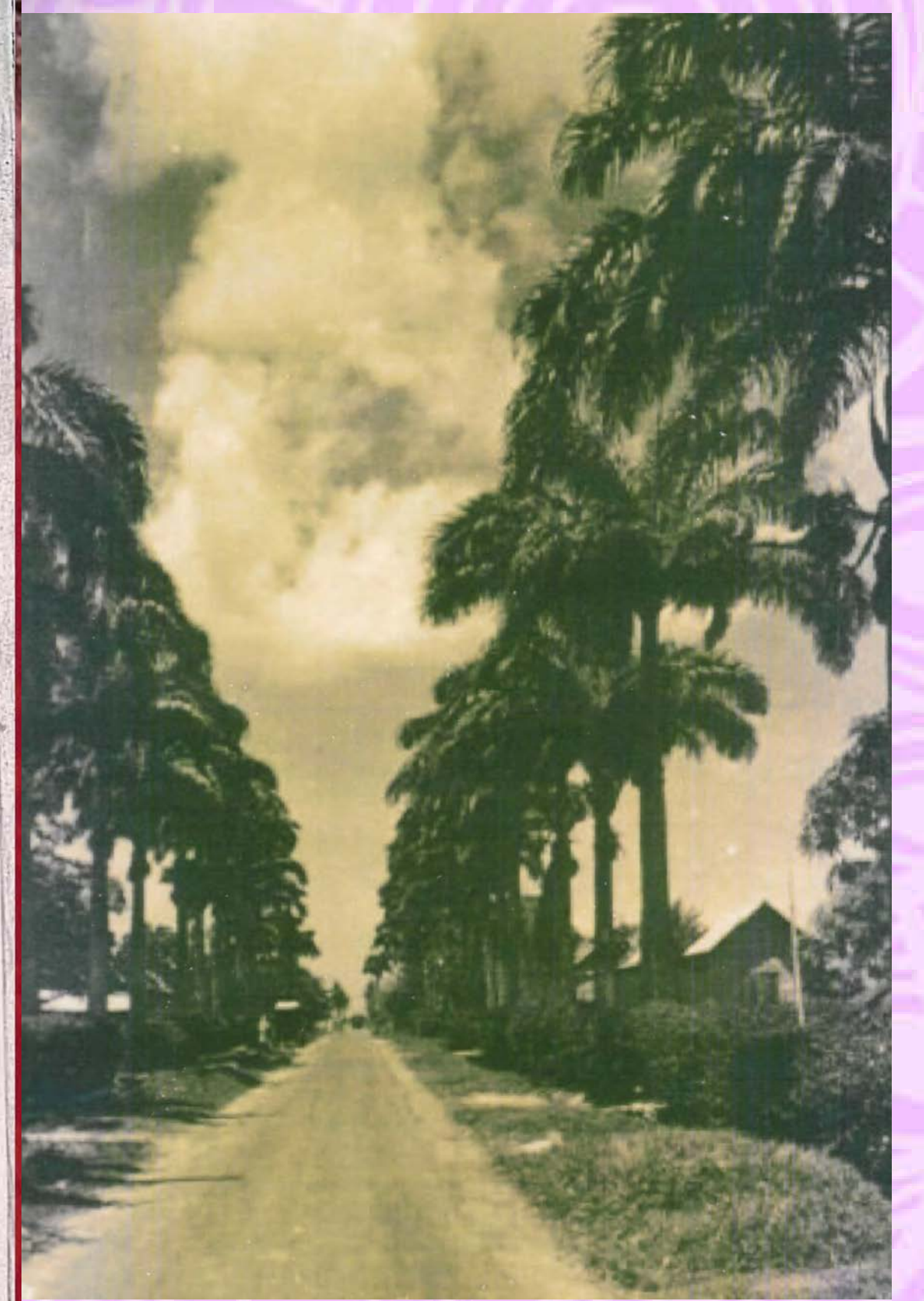


Siparia Indian couple

In theory, immigrants were required to work nine hours a day except Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas and New Year's day.⁷ In practice, the immigrants' working day began between 6 and 6:30 in the morning. About 10:30 a.m. a halt was made for the midday meal. Legally the break was for only half an hour; in practice it usually lasted about an hour. At approximately 2 o'clock those with specific jobs to be done in one day finished and returned to the barracks or other quarters. The slow workers and men working in excess of the standard finished by 4 p.m. The less efficient and slower workmen took more frequent casual halts. Those who worked by the hour usually stopped about 4:30 p.m.⁸

There were two classifications of work assigned; task and time. Time work comprised nine hours of labor at various tasks, and was paid by the hour. Task work consisted of an assigned job which in theory should require nine hours work to complete, but usually took much less, and was paid by the job. In the fields, almost 80 to 90 per cent of the work was done by assigned tasks.⁹

Source: *Stark's Guide Books History of Trinidad*
By James H. Stark



Waterloo Road



Source: Stark's Guide Book and History of Trinidad, Boston, 1897.

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English Name	SAME	Father's Name	Sex	DATE	Date of Birth	1st Year	2nd Year
52921 Sukha		Parsan	M	St. George's	October 1899	/	/
52924 Gurbaja Singh		Sh. K. Singh	M			/	/
52925 Saradha		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52929 Dwarasari		Dharmoo	M			/	/
52930 Niharana		W. S. S.	F			/	/
52931 Sukhmani		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52932 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52933 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52934 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52935 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52936 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52937 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52938 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52939 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52940 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52941 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52942 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
52943 Shwara		Sh. K. Singh	F			/	/
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Estate Register for Waterloo
1884-1891

Return to India

Nelson Island served as a port of departure for ex-indentureds returning to India until 1939. The returning immigrants stayed on the island until 300 to 400 of them were gathered to fill a shipload. Some of the returnees even came from neighbouring Suriname and Guyana.

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"Bangalore"

24th Dec 1846

No.	Name.	Father's Name	Sex.	Age	B.	Remarks.
633	Golam	Goolajee.	Male	40	50	
634	Rammohun.	Golam.		24	50	
635	Gopaul.	Mohun.		16	50	
636	Bersaud.	Solaujee.		32	50	
637	Bhojshunee.	Raukhanbun.		30	50	
638	Sunkur.	Akheer.		28	50	
639	Aunund.	Choytan.		29		
640	Loehun.	Bejooram.		31		
641	Khosul.	Akheer.		31	50	
642	Chaupe.	Dhangoo.		29	50	R. Arima - 1869
643	Modoo.	Coobram.		15	50	
644	Peghoo.	Sceemunta.		15		
645	Lifor.	Sauttack.		27	50	
646	Shundoo.	Baichup.		25		
647	Gopseemath.	Auruth Doss.		28		
648	Beenund.	Moorolee.		20	50	
649	Sunkur.	Borkah.		15		Arabia
650	Sosul.	Comde.		16	50	
651	Kaunoo.	Rospchand.		23	50	R. Arima 1869
652	Judoo.	Choonce.		27	50	
653	Shunoo.	Mooji Sing.		25		London and R. Passage
654	Koifak.	Bundhoo.		17	50	
655	Shujoo.	Sauttack.		19	50	
656	Koyelah.	Krijoon.		25	50	Died 31. 5. 73
657	Maunick.	Coslan.		18		
658	Saudoo.	Gosheem.		19	50	
659	Ram.	Persad.		20	50	
660	Bheetthama.	Kawal.		14		Eliza
661	Shullo.	Foofance.		25		
662	Lofur Sing.	Boym Sing.		16		
663	Jugunnalath.	Cora.		18	50	
664	Aunund.	Shaup.		28	50	
665	Culle.	Sceeharry.		24		Eliza
666	Chummun.	Badhee.		31		
667	Canhoye.	Shundhos.		32	50	

The ship Arima was among the first ships listed to leave Nelson island with returnees

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No. 100 of 22. Office of the Protector of Emigrants,
G.P.O. Madras,
6th November 1922.

From
A.R. Cox Esquire, I.C.S.,
Protector of Emigrants.

To
THE PROTECTOR OF IMMIGRANTS AND DIRECTOR LABOUR EXCHANGES
TRINIDAD.

Sir,
Emigration - Emigrant - Gopalakrishnen alias Gopala Kisten
(Trinidad) - Repatriation of - Your letter No. 159 A dated
28-8-1922.

As desired in your letter referred to above, I forward herewith a draft for £. 7-17-2 to meet the cost of passage of the abovenamed emigrant and to request you to be so good as to arrange to send him to Madras by the earliest steamer available. The date of his departure from that place and the probable date of his arrival in Madras may be intimated to me. I have etc.,

7-11-22

P.T.O.

PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS

Letters between the Emigration Agent at Calcutta and the Protector of Immigrants, Trinidad, reveal valuable information on immigrants, including issues of repatriation.

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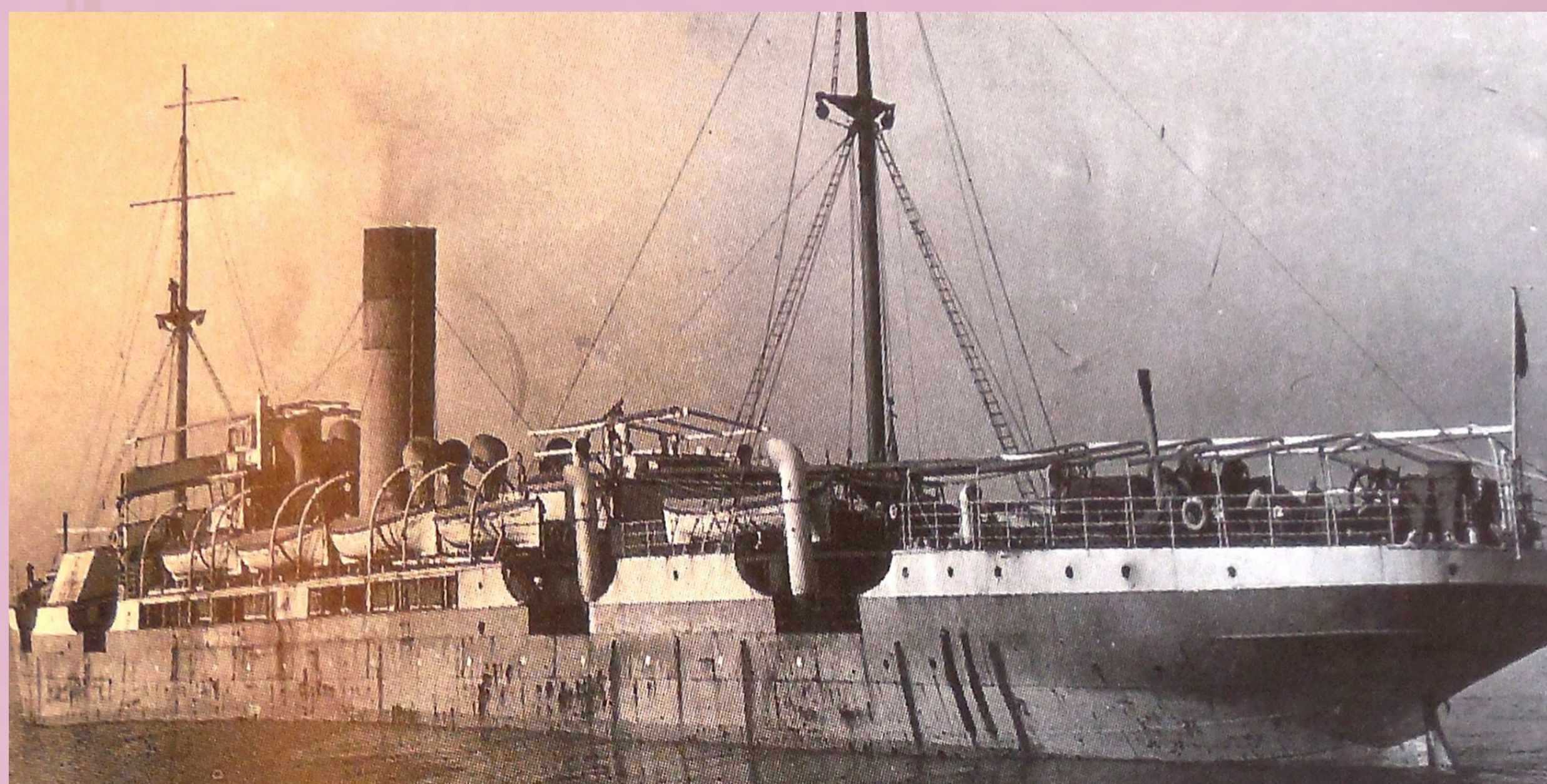
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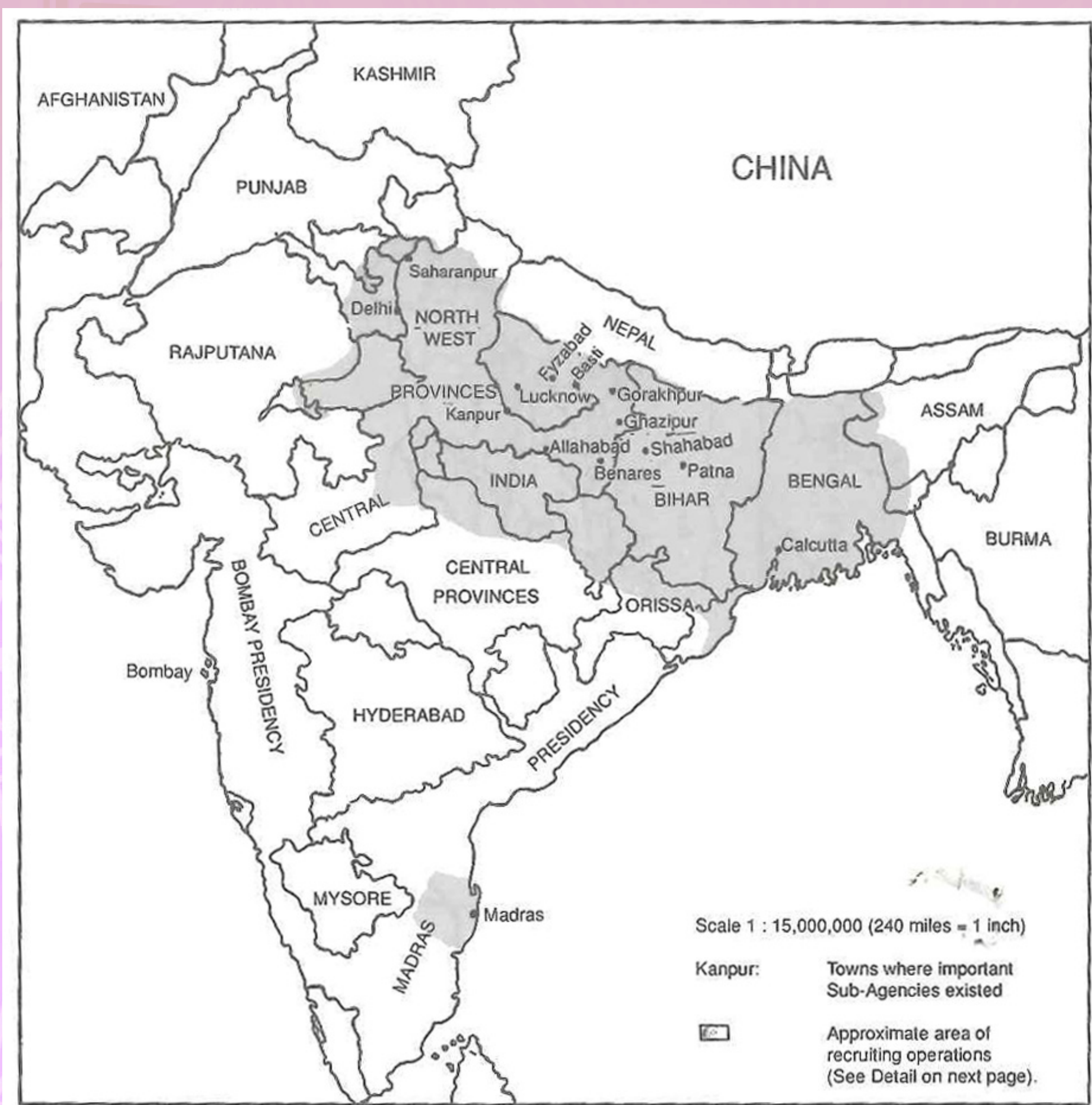
End of Indentureship

The end of the Indian Indentureship Scheme had its genesis in the politics of the Indian middle classes. In the late 1800s, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi initiated massive protests against the discrimination of free, professional Indians in Natal, South Africa. This protest later expanded to include Indian indentured labourers. This was taken up by the Indian nationalists in India and later spread to Fiji and Mauritius.

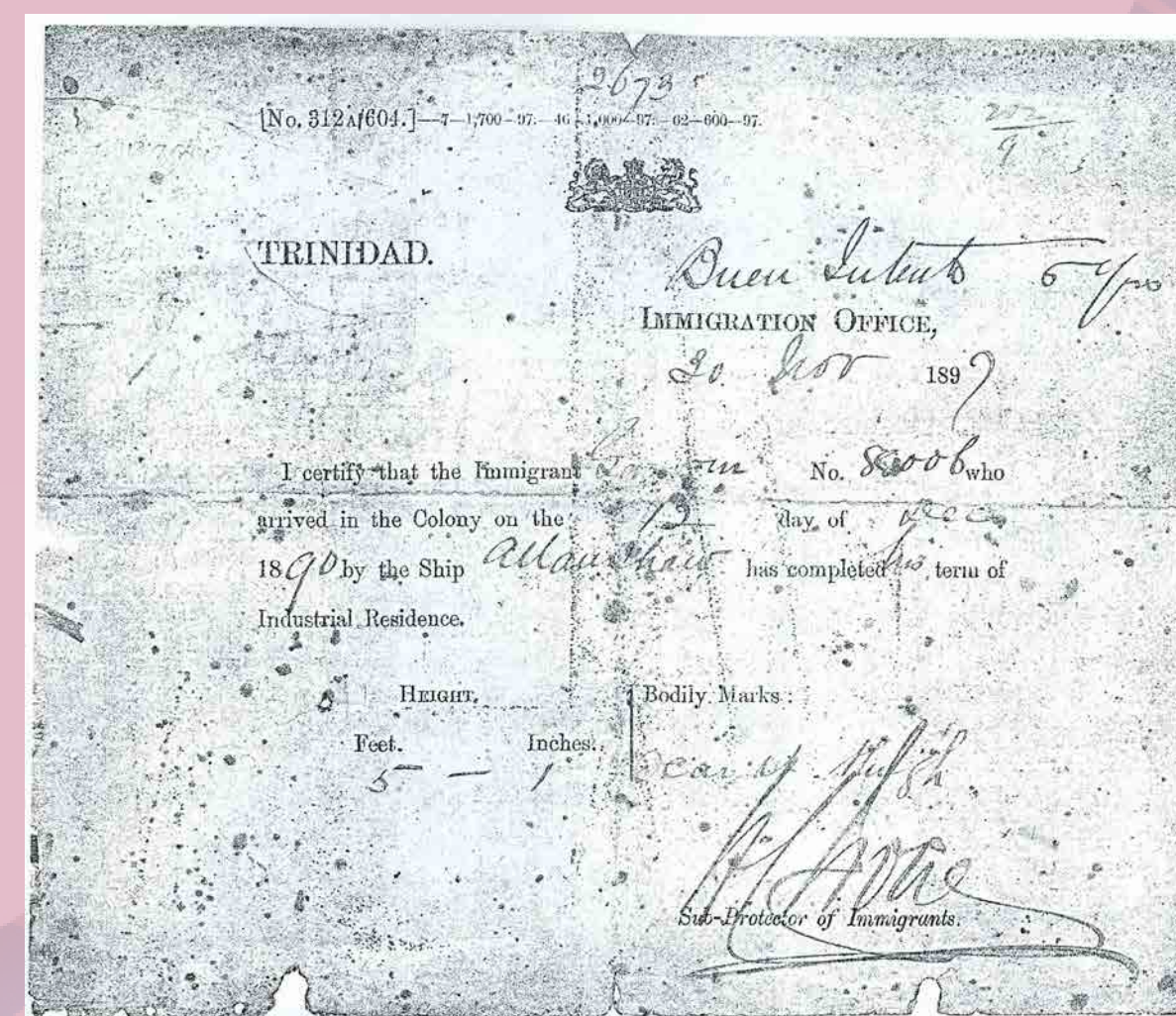
The recruitment of Indian labourers to work in overseas colonies was suspended on 12 March 1917 due to the military requirements of the First World War (under India's Defence of India Act 1917), but never resumed after the war. The anti-indentureship protests continued throughout India until the British Imperial Government and the Government of India had to give in to the pressure to end the system and on 1 January 1920 it was abolished completely.



The last ship to arrive with indentured labourers in Trinidad was the S.S. Ganges on 22 April 1917.



Emigrant recruiting areas in India



Certificate of Industrial Residence acquired by the indentured labourer at the end of the period of contract.

General Register 1916-1917 showing Indian immigrants arriving on the Ganges ship on 22 April 1917.

Deposited No. 106.

COLONIAL EMIGRATION FORM NO. 5.
FORM OF AGREEMENT FOR INTENDING EMIGRANTS.
Particulars of Emigrant executing a contract for service in TRINIDAD.

REGISTRATION		EMIGRANTS			DEPENDENTS			RESIDENCE					SUCCESSOR TO ESTATE IN INDIA			
Date	Number	Name	Father's name	Name	Relation to Emigrant	Sex	Age	Caste	Occupation	District, Thana	Village or Town and Mahalla	Name	District, Thana	Village or Town and Mahalla	Father's Name	Relationship
2. 6. 17	6	Prasanna	Prasanna			Male	21	Hindu	Labourer	Benares	Benares	Prasanna	Benares	Benares	Prasanna	Brother

I agree to emigrate on the conditions of service specified on the reverse.

Executed in my presence.

Registered Officer

Dated at Benares this 26th day of June 1917.

Mark of Emigrant

1917

An Indenture Contract, the reverse side of which stipulated the terms and conditions of the contract in three languages: English, Hindi and Urdu.

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