

Charles Anderson to Colonel Sec., 5 Sep. 1838, MA:20/18 [Special Justin Anderson]

"Salamas Group"

18 June - 3rd Sept. 1838

6 isls are specks w/ brushwood but 5 of 1 1/2 - 1/2 mi in length "are
richly covered w/ trees of considerable dimensions, consisting of Fauxgailac,
Tatamuka, Bois de Feu, + Bois Blanc. The Cocoa Nut Tree also grows
here in gr. abundance."

H₂O by d'ggs + superior soil to other depends. But only coco is prod'd
for human subsist.

(- Wood v. valuable but decaying.

1-10 free p. ($3\frac{1}{2}$).

The p. ^{came} ~~eng'd~~ are formerly Govt slaves, from PL under engagement for Sal. @
\$5 - \$6 / mo. + rations.

"great discontent" has arisen" b/c worked many mo. w/o rations +
expected to work Suns., act'd by engagements, which pointedly but
should be discontinued - contracts of this sort, ^{highly} prejudicial to the
encouragement of free labor."

PB

73 prodials + 12 free children + 3 apprentices undeclared by Mess^{rs}
Majastre

Produce cocos, + by apps. personally, bananas, lemons, Indian corn

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Grk # coco trees than anywhere, even Ag., but smaller not. + inferior sort.
Attr. signt. adv. in oil prod'd @ Ag. to superior mgmt. there.

"The labor of the Apprentices here is easy, + perf'd by a moderate task."

fed rice for selves + for children based on legal quantity.

Also supplied w/ tobacco + "Garden goods" is allowed to those who choose to cultivate it. — but they have only received one half of their clothing for the ~~pre~~ three first yrs. of the App'ship + none for the present yr. — this = only complaint.

"The ^{mgmt.} is perfectly sat. w/ their gen. conduct"

"There is not attn. paid to the comfort of the Apps in this Estab. Their Hots are badly placed + of a v. inferior description. The Hosp. is scarcely fit for a Pig sty + the gen. mgmt. appeared to be in ill."

"utter deficiency" of med. attendance as @ other ~~est~~ Depen's + Zuyjat cases here.

"The heat is most oppressive" but the "gen. health of the Apps is good." w/ only 3 deaths since start of app'ship.

Aduson, cont.

Eagle Isl + 3 fr.

Eagle known in the Arch as "Iste des Marrons"

Estab. of Mr. Maure from which 3 fr. formerly worked. 3 fr. abundant for some time" b/c of diminished strength of the Estab., though 3 fr. abund. in Coco trees.

Cultivation of Cocos + Ind. Corn @ Eagle alone now w/ "abundance of fruit" [i.e. cocos] b/c "richly covered" w/ trees. Soil v. good.

24 gradials + 7 free children. "Their labor is used in by an easy task."

fed rice + Ind. corn.

"They are allowed Garden ground which enables them to rear poultry in grt. quantities. The Mayor + the Apps appeared to be mutually satisfied w/ ea. other."

Azure suffers clothing not supplied - Only 1 shirt + 1 trousers; 1 chemise + 1 petticoat (♀) annually, since start app'ship. No covers, hats or handkerchiefs ever provided.

refused to pay for fowls (by sailors) but p. quickly agreed when offered butter for h'chiefs.

Also profits a few salt fish + some tortoise shell.

B/c lacks labor fr. # cocos wasted + output could be 5 or 6 lbs oil.

Anderson, cont.

6 Islands

Is. to other isls but diff ship access so cannot supply them.

"17 Apps who are tr'd w/ grt. liberality by their emp'rs."

3 suits of clothes/yr., "well fed," + allowed garden grass.

"comfortable" + "well kept" Hts.

"their labor a v. moderate task w/ which they are partly satisfied."

Pigs + poultry abund; 100 pigs for sale

Prods: ^{abund} fruits in addn to cocon + Ind. corn.

D6

Plenty H₂O, firewood, pigs, poultry.

"much resorted to by whalers + vessels bound from Engh. to Ind. for supplies" as above.

Cocon + firewood = only prod.

"the heat is v. great"

Anderson cont.

DG cont.

3 estabs:

↪ Majastre, Mess^{rs}: 59 app^s + 9 free children
13,000 Vols out / yr.

Mess^{rs} Marcy V. Enoufs (formerly Florigny V. Lefouche): 49 app^s + 9 free children
16,000 Vols

↪ Mr. Payeaux: 28 app^s + 6 free children
7,000 Vols

+ 9 free bks who formerly
got slus. @ Mu. + receive
\$8/mo. of rations
but no clothing
Some work as app^s

"St + cond." of App^s is "decidedly inferior" to other ~~Depos.~~

↪ "The map of ^{the} App^s is composed of old, infirmed + diseased p^{pl} incl
"sev. deplorable cases of leprosy" on each Estab.

↪ "The guts part of the Negro's have been brought @ diff times from
Mu from where it had been the custom in many instances to remove
them to DG as a punishment. The evil effects of this syst.
are manifested by the indolent + idle habits of the App^s on the
Is^l, who never occupy themselves in any useful manner during
their own time." But crime uncommon as on other Depos. —
attributes it to inposs. of getting liquor.

↪ Discontent over imposed daily task which I consider too
severe + directed to be imminently abol'd or diminished accord^g
to a scale which is fixed."

68
58
34
160
24
146

Anderson cont.

DG cont

Hts "fairly good enough" but "deplorable deficiency of Hosp. accom." +
not a.v.

"In fact the comfort of the Apps is in no way considered, +
the Proprietors are highly blameable for having upheld the
proper supplies of Rice + clothing."

Complaints that p enfl'd in occups classed as "Non Products"
been classed as "Products attacked."

"For justice to
the 'Payee' provides full legal grant of cloth though Rice =
"fairly deficiency"

Almost no resident proprietors - majors instead, who dependent on
supplies sent from Mu. Conseqs are evident for Apps
e.g. on Majastre estab, rice ration = 1 lb. / day + <
when stock ↓.

→ Explain rights to Apps. Thinks props in Mu should be compelled to
right past deficiencies + other means shall be adopted to prevent
the repetition of such [wilful neglect]."

Free children fed + clothed as Apps.

Messrs Marcy Enout have 9 free Bks enfl'd, formerly got stks @ Mu
receive \$8/mo at ration but no cloth; no Sun l-bar in agreement
Same work as Apps.

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Ag. cont.

"the g.b. part of the page having been born on the Isl., + never having seen any other place."

Fauquier or Juana de Nova

"infested w/ rats, + I saw a wild cat of a most enormous size."

Ile des Roches

Est. passed through sev. owners in a few yrs, "which may in some degree account for the fact of the Aggs being of a less lib. note than in any of the other Is. which I have yet visited."

Rod.

Aggs' "gen. comfort has been entirely neglected - Their huts are miserable, + Med. attendance + even Hogs are unknown."

Gen comments

Ag. (+ Isle de Nord) are most productive of Deps. (incl. Rod.)

No clandestinely conveyed Ind. laborers found, does not believe ever were.

(w/ exception perhaps of DG)
* [Aggates esks, will get labor from Aggs once entirely free "more easily + @ a cheaper rate, from the self-interest which the Aggs have already acquired in the

Advertising cont.

Gen Comments cont.

* L properly by the possession of Garden ground, Pigs + Poultry, — + from the contented st. in which they appear to pass their lives."

|| App's moved from Sey to Mr. Ford's labor "much more" + more cost of living — by reports to their former companions, these transfers stopped.

As in Sey exp section, "I fear the chance of fut. enl. in the Sey exp is hopeless."

|| Freedom purch'd in M. for \$40; M. = \$200
|| "from the other Isls the desire to purch. entire freedom is never heard of."

★ L "I am firmly convinced that the labor of the App's throughout the Days is of a much milder nat. than that which is perfd on the Sugar Plains of M., + notwithstanding the deficiency in clothing + rations which I have been obliged to take ~~seriously~~ notice of, I consider the App's on the Isls. to be a happier, & better conducted, +, with some few exceptions, a more comfortable body of p., than any others of the same description which I have ever seen. This may arise from a variety of causes, but I attrib. it principally to so much of their own time being enpld. to their own advantage, to their v. lib. intercourse of strangers, + to being entirely deprived of the means of obtaining Spiritous Liquors, which have always been the bane of the App's of both sexes."

"great Establs" - Ag, PB, DG, Rev.
Dangerous + J.P. navigation round most isls.