

S E C O N D
R E P O R T

FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

SUGAR AND COFFEE PLANTING;
(*Mauritius*)

TOGETHER WITH THE

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

AND APPENDIX.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
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S E C O N D R E P O R T .

THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to inquire into the present Condition and Prospects of the Interests connected with, and dependent on, SUGAR and COFFEE PLANTING in Her Majesty's East and West Indian Possessions and the Mauritius, and to consider whether any and what Measures can be adopted by Parliament for their Relief, and who were empowered to Report the MINUTES of EVIDENCE taken before them, from time to time, to The House ;

HAVE made a farther Progress in the Inquiry referred to them.

2 *March* 1848.

LIST OF WITNESSES.

Jovis, 24^o die Februarii, 1848.

Mr. Edward Chapman - - - - - p. 1

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Mr. G. W. Laing. about; they are perfectly capable of understanding the contracts they enter into.

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4420. As regards those who are now in the colony, do you think they would be inclined to take those services?—No, the time would be too long for them; after they have passed already their three years, they would wish for a shorter contract, and to return home to their families.

4421. Do you know anything of the education of the population?—No, I am not aware that there is any among the immigrant population.

A P P E N D I X.

Appendix.

AN ACCOUNT of the Quantity of FOREIGN UNREFINED SUGAR entered for Home Consumption in the United Kingdom, in the Year 1847.

Imported from countries the produce of which, during the operation of the Act 7 & 8 Vict. c. 28, now repealed, was admitted by Orders in Council to entry for home consumption at the distinctive rates of duty then applicable to sugar not the produce of slave-labour; viz.—	Cwt.	Cwt.
Java - - - - -	113,944	
Philippine Islands - - - - -	63,388	
China - - - - -	41,790	
Siam - - - - -	8,724	
British Possessions in the East Indies - - - - -	6,540	
United States of America - - - - -	162	
Venezuela - - - - -	1,928	
New Grenada - - - - -	765	
		237,241
Imported from other countries or colonies; viz.—		
Brazil - - - - -	202,411	
Cuba - - - - -	350,057	
Porto Rico - - - - -	120,242	
St. Croix - - - - -	58,808	
St. John - - - - -	50	
St. Eustatius - - - - -	1,010	
British Possessions in America - - - - -	4,002	
Europe - - - - -	1,102	
Other parts - - - - -	532	
		738,214
	Cwt.	975,455

Office of the Inspector-General of
Imports and Exports, Custom House, London, }
25 February 1848.

(signed) *W. Irving.*