

The laborers are to be engaged for three years, and an agreement is to be entered into, by which they have the privilege of obtaining fixed wages, or the right of disposing of their services to the best advantage after reaching the destination, and on the other hand a pledge is given to return them to their homes after the expiration of the period for which their services were engaged, and free of all charges for transportation. From motives of policy it is thought best to favor his plans and views, as he is disposed to make the authorities cognizant of all of his transactions with the natives, and to hold himself amenable to our laws: were an opposite disposition shown, and he chose to locate himself here, or elsewhere among the natives within our jurisdiction, I do not know for certain that we have any right of interference (at all events we could not maintain it) he might have it in his power to operate against our interests far more effectually than he can by any possibility in the proposed situation; besides, his residence among us will add to the Revenue by the amount of duty he must pay on all merchandize imported into the Colony, for paying advance wages to the laborers employed. Now, regarding the matter in its bearing upon the natives: he will take from this, from one, to ten hundred, efficient and able bodied heathen annually (diminishing by so many the number of those we shall by & by have to contend with), and place them in a position where they must imitate something of civilization, and acquire knowledge of modes of husbandry that will be of use in Africa, and

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