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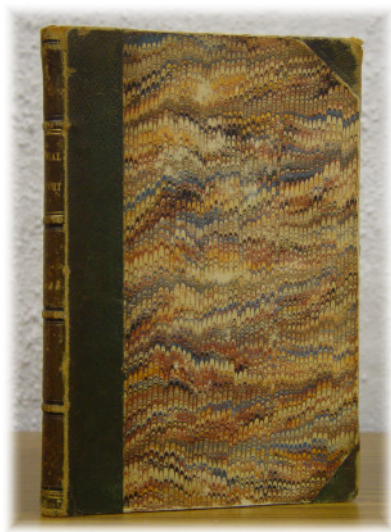
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OF THE

COLONIAL LAND AND EMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS.

Colonial Land and Emigration Office,
April 3, 1850.

MY LORD,

WE have the honour to submit to your Lordship herewith our Report on matters connected with Emigration and the disposal of the Crown Lands in the Colonies during the year 1849. And, following the course which we in part adopted last year, we shall begin by bringing into one view the principal matters connected with emigration, reserving other questions to be disposed of, as on former occasions, under the heads of the several colonies. We take this course because it would not be easy in any other way to exhibit clearly the exact position of the questions connected with emigration, to which, both from their extent and magnitude, great and increasing importance is attached.

The emigration from the United Kingdom during the 10 years ending 31st December, 1846, amounted to 856,392 persons, giving an average of 85,639 emigrants a-year. During the years 1847 and 1848 the number of emigrants was 258,270 and 248,089 respectively, being nearly double the largest number that had emigrated in any previous year. During the year 1849 the emigration has reached the unprecedented number of 299,498 persons. The tables printed in the Appendix show the general distribution of the emigrants.

Increase of emigration.

This emigration naturally divides itself into two branches—1st, that which is carried on by private resources, and over which this Board exercises nothing beyond a general superintendence; and 2nd, that which is carried on in vessels chartered by this Board, and paid for out of public funds. The great bulk, though not the whole, of the former emigration is directed to the continent of America; the latter exclusively to the Australian colonies and the Cape.

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1. The emigration which is carried on by private resources is usually resorted to as an escape from the pres-

Emigration by private resources proceeding to North America.

TABLE OF PROSECUTIONS.

Place.	Party Prosecuted.	Nature of Offence.	Result of Prosecution, showing the Money recovered for Emigrants, and Amount of Penalties.	Prosecutions in this country.
London .	J. Sutton . .	Taking money for a passage without authority from the broker.	Fined 10 <i>l</i> .	
Liverpool.	Thomas Godfrey	Receiving money under false pretences.	To pay 2 <i>l</i> . 3 <i>s</i> . compensation; fined 10 <i>l</i> . and deprived of licence: imprisoned for non-payment.	
	John Glynn .	Substituting a ticket for a wrong destination.	To return passage-money, 4 <i>l</i> . 12 <i>s</i> . 8 <i>d</i> .; fined 10 <i>l</i> . and 4 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . compensation: deprived of licence.	
	J. W. Shaw .	Evading the Passengers Act.	3 <i>l</i> . each compensation, and to be found a passage.	
	E. A. Rayner .	Receiving money for passage without authority to book for the "London."	To return the money; fined 10 <i>l</i> ., and to lose licence.	
	W. Wilson & Co.	Breach of contract. .	To return passage-money, and pay detention-money.	
	George Saul .	Ditto ditto . .	Passage-money, 6 <i>l</i> . 10 <i>s</i> ., returned.	
	Patrick Carey .	Receiving money under false pretences, and without proper authority.	Fined 5 <i>l</i> .	
	Elias Rutherford	Receiving money under false pretences and breach of contract.	Return passage-money, and fined 10 <i>l</i> .	
	J. O. Kearney.	Booking for the ship "Hero of Sidon" without authority.	Parties to be sent in the "Wilson Kennedy," and paid detention-money in the mean time.	
	James Rippard	Refusing to fulfil contract entered into by his agent.	Ordered to refund the passage-money, 10 <i>l</i> . 4 <i>s</i> ., and deprived of licence.	
John F. Duffy .	Ditto ditto ditto	Ordered to refund 15 <i>l</i> ., & deprived of licence.		
George Saul .	Not allowing or accounting for a second deposit of 5 <i>l</i> . paid by one of the party in Dublin.	The amount to be allowed in the paying of balance, less 10 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . commission.		
Waterford	Farrell Matthew	Passage not provided according to contract, in accordance to clause 32 of Passenger Act.	Passage-money returned, 2 <i>l</i> .; compensation & costs, 1 <i>l</i> . 17 <i>s</i> .	
Glasgow .	James W. Lyon	Breach of the 20th clause	Convicted in penalty of 5 <i>l</i> ., with 3 <i>l</i> . expenses.	
Belfast .	Fran. Pinkerton	Obtaining money under false pretences, and not having a written authority to engage for the ship.	Recovered 2 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . deposit and 1 <i>l</i> ., with severe reprimand.	

the parliamentary grant in aid of free emigration to this colony, as a place to which convicts are sent.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

In this colony the quantity of land belonging to individuals, at the end of 1848, amounted to 1,327,825 acres, of which 19,000, exclusive of townships and reserves, have been surveyed, and are ready for settlement. The land sales in 1848 amounted to 6431*l.* 4*s.*, but only 462*l.* 4*s.* is stated to have been actually received in cash, the residue, 5,969*l.*, being the nominal value of remission tickets. But although the land revenue does not increase, we are glad to observe an improvement in the general revenue. This improvement is attributed by the Governor, in his Report accompanying the Blue Book, to the increased trade with Singapore and China, to which places sandalwood is now exported. We join in his regrets that this product and other timbers, such as the "jarrah," which he describes as very fine, and especially serviceable for ship-building, should remain in their native forests undisturbed for want of the means of conveyance to a market.

It is, however, probable that the arrangements at present in contemplation, with reference to the formation of a convict establishment in Western Australia, and the colonization scheme originated by Mr. Nash, on which we have recently reported, may materially improve, and that at no distant period, the prospect of settlers in this colony.

To carry out the colonization scheme a company has been formed, and a Bill has been introduced into Parliament to incorporate them, under the name of the Colonization Assurance Company, on terms which are stated in detail in the Appendix, but of which the leading principles are as follows:—

That for all labourers and their families introduced by the company into Western Australia, with the previous approval of this Board (including under the term labourers all persons, whether farmers or artizans, working with their own hands), the company should receive land scrip at the rate of 20*l.* per statute adult: that for every 1000 immigrants so introduced the company should be entitled to exchange 30,000 acres of land, acquired by them from private landholders, for 10,000*l.* of land scrip,—this right of exchange, or (to adopt an expression of Mr. Nash) of surrender; to cease in case 10,000 immigrants should not be introduced into the colony within

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Prepared by Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, in pursuance of the 41st section of the "Passengers Act, 1849."—12 & 13 Vic., cap. 33.

Meals and bed-time.

1. Every passenger to rise at 7 A.M., unless otherwise permitted by the surgeon; or, if no surgeon, by the master.

2. Breakfast from 8 to 9 A.M., dinner at 1 P.M., supper at 6 P.M.

3. The passengers to be in their beds at 10 P.M.

Fires and lights.

4. Fires to be lighted by the passengers' cook at 7 A.M., and kept alight by him till 7 P.M.; then to be extinguished, unless otherwise directed by the master, or required for the use of the sick.

5. The master to determine the order in which the passengers shall be entitled to the use of the fires for cooking. The cook to take care that this order is preserved.

6. Three safety-lamps to be lit at dusk; one to be kept burning all night in the main-hatchway, the two others may be extinguished at 10 P.M.

7. No naked light to be allowed at any time, or on any account.

Cleaning berths, &c.

8. The passengers, when dressed, to roll up their beds, to sweep the decks (including the space under the bottom of the berths), and to throw the dirt overboard.

9. Breakfast not to commence till this is done.

10. The sweepers for the day to be taken in rotation from the males above 14, in the proportion of 5 for every 100 passengers.

11. Duties of the sweepers to be to clean the ladders, hospitals, and round-houses, to sweep the decks after every meal, and to dry-holystone and scrape them after breakfast.

12. But the occupant of each berth to see that his own berth is well brushed out; and single women are to keep their own compartment clean in ships where a separate compartment is allotted to them.

13. The beds to be well shaken and aired on deck, and the bottom-boards, if not fixtures, to be removed and dry-scrubbed and taken on deck at least twice a week.

14. Two days in the week to be appointed by the master as washing days, but no clothes to be washed or dried between decks.

15. The coppers and cooking vessels to be cleaned every day.

Ventilation.

16. The scuttles and stern-posts, if any, to be kept open (weather permitting) from 7 A.M. to 10 P.M., and the hatches at all hours.

Hospital.

17. Hospitals to be established, with an area, in ships carrying

Tables exhibiting the Selection and Character of Emigrants, and the Conduct of the Surgeons, &c.—*continued.*SYDNEY—*continued.*

No.	Name of Ship.	Selection and Character of Emigrants.	Conduct of Surgeon.
5	Canton . . .	The immigrants less satisfactory than those by the <i>Thetis</i> ; showed an indisposition to betake themselves to work.	Surgeon wanting in energy.
6	Equestrian . . .	The immigrants generally, and more particularly the single women, of a very superior description.	A marked want of energy in the surgeon, but people arrived in an orderly state.
7	Royal Saxon . . .	The immigrant families and single men were of a good description, but the single females possessed but very ordinary ability for domestic service, and two were found to be pregnant after embarkation.	Surgeon died on the voyage from a disease brought on by intemperance.
8	Fairlie . . .	The immigrants generally were of a good description. Four of the single females were delivered of children, and five others turned out to be of abandoned character.	Surgeon performed his duties creditably, though showing a want of temper in his subsequent communications with the authorities.
9	Earl Grey . . .	Fifty-six of the orphan girls proceeding from Belfast were charged with being prostitutes; on examination, however, the charge was considered to be exaggerated, and to show no want of care in the selection.	Surgeon's duties very efficiently performed.
10	Agincourt . . .	Mr. Merewether reports, that the immigrants, among whom were the Calais workmen, were as fine, healthy, and respectable a body of people as ever passed under his observation.	Surgeon, though a man of ability and knowledge, was deficient in energy.
11	Castle Eden . . .	Immigrants generally of an excellent description, but eight considered ineligible for a free passage.	Surgeon's duties very well performed.
12	Charlotte Jane . . .	Immigrants generally of an excellent description; one single female believed to be of loose habits, and a man considered ineligible, as having property.	Surgeon should not be re-employed, on account of his intemperate habits.
13	Emperor . . .	Married couples and unmarried men generally of a good description, but of the single females several were of bad character. Great freedom of intercourse between sailors and single women.	Half the surgeon's gratuity disallowed on account of his intemperate habits and inefficient performance of his duty.

No.	Name of Ship.	REPORT.
		grants during the voyage. I cannot, therefore, venture to suggest any alterations therein by which the objects in view could be more successfully attained."—Extract from Report of the Colonial Secretary, for the quarter ended 30th September, 1848.
20	Santipore . . .	"No complaint."
21	Bussorah Merchant	Ditto.
22	Poitiers	Ditto.
23	Roman Emperor	"The Irish orphans who arrived here in the 'Roman Emperor' have, in most cases, given great satisfaction to their employers."—Extract from Report of the Immigration Agent, for the quarter ended 31st December, 1848.
24	Duke of Bedford	"No complaint."
25	Baboo . . . 1849:—	Ditto.
26	Rajah . . .	"There have been many cases of great impropriety of conduct on the part of the single female immigrants who have arrived lately, both on the passage out and after their arrival, principally occurring among those who have been sent out without the protection of relatives on board; and great care is needed in their selection, as it is quite evident that many of them must have been improper characters at home; indeed, it would be well if no single women were granted passages who did not accompany relatives, thereby securing them protectors naturally interested in their good conduct. The surgeon-superintendents generally complain of the great difficulties they meet in preserving moral conduct among these young women, especially with their limited powers for punishing them for their misconduct. A great number of ships have arrived lately, bringing out persons who have paid their own passages, but who are of the labouring classes or small tradesmen: they generally complain of bad treatment on board ship with regard to the indifferent quality of the provisions and insufficient quantity; and there is no doubt that the emigrants who come out under the auspices of the Land and Emigration Commissioners are in every respect much better taken care of."—Extract from Report of the Immigration Agent, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1849.
27	William Money	
28	Samuel Boddington . . .	
29	Trafalgar . . .	
30	Marion . . .	
31	Ramillies* . . .	
32	Pakenham . . .	* On board the "Ramillies" the surgeon was guilty of the gross impropriety of inflicting personal chastisement on four of the single female emigrants. This chastisement was inflicted, in consequence of the general misconduct and violent insubordination of the emigrants in question, in the presence of the matron and two constables; and though quite indefensible, does not appear to have been attended with any indecency or severity. The emigrants themselves made no complaint of it on their first arrival, and consequently it was not discovered until after the surgeon's gratuity had been paid. Had it been otherwise, the colonial authorities would, no doubt, have marked their sense of his misconduct by mulcting him of a part or the whole of his gratuity. His name has been noted as not to be re-employed.
33	Calphurnia . . .	"The immigrants who have arrived during the quarter appear to have been generally well selected; but there have been again several instances of misconduct among the
34	Mary Ann . . .	
35	David Malcolm	

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