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IMMIGRATION.

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A REPORT

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FOR

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Immigration Office.
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SIR,

1. I do myself the honor to submit to your Excellency my Report upon Immigration for the latter half of the year 1851, accompanied by the detailed Statistical Returns in Appendices I. to XVI.

2. Return I. contains particulars of the ships which have arrived in the Colony during the half-year, under contract with Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners. The number of these is seven, four of which landed their passengers at Melbourne, two at Geelong, and one at Portland. Immigrant Ships.

3. The average tonnage of these vessels, according to the new measurement, was 750. Those of the greatest size were found to be, upon the whole, the best adapted for the conveyance of passengers, and it is my opinion that no ship whose burthen is less than 800 tons should be sent to these Colonies with Immigrants. Tonnage.

4. Of the seven Surgeons Superintendent, five were for the first time employed in this service. It has not been found necessary in any case to withhold the usual gratuity or certificate. Surgeons.

5. The number of births which occurred at sea was 20, and of deaths 37. The latter number gives a favourable result upon a comparison with the average mortality in Immigrant ships. No serious cases of infectious disease have been reported to me, nor has it been found necessary to place any vessel in Quarantine. Births, Deaths.
Disease.

6. The number of assisted Immigrants landed at the several Ports was as follows:— Number of Immigrants.

| | SOULS. | == | STATUTE ADULTS. |
|-----------|--------|----|-----------------|
| Melbourne | 1125 | == | 984½ |
| Geelong | 666 | == | 596½ |
| Portland | 196 | == | 169 |
| Total | 1987 | == | 1750 |

Of these 569 were single male and 412 single female adults; the remainder, 1006, being members of 312 families. [Return II.]

7. Return III. distinguishes the ages of the Immigrants by each ship. From this table it appears that only 400, that is 20·1 per cent of the whole number, were under the age of fourteen years, and 87, that is 4·3 per cent above forty. Ages.

8. In Return IV. will be found the native places of the Immigrants. It will be seen that the numbers who arrived from the several parts of the United Kingdom, and from elsewhere, were as follows:— Native Places.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| From England, Northern Counties | ... | ... | 15 |
| " " Midland | " | ... | 134 |
| " " Eastern | " | ... | 329 |
| " " South-Eastern | " | ... | 36 |
| " " South-Western | " | ... | 218 |
| | | — | 732 |

| | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|------|
| | | | | Brought forward | ... | 732 |
| | From Wales | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| | „ Scotland, | Northern Counties | ... | ... | 495 | |
| | „ „ | Southern „ | ... | ... | 197 | |
| | | | | | — | 692 |
| | „ Ireland, | Ulster | ... | ... | 71 | |
| | „ „ | Leinster | ... | ... | 123 | |
| | „ „ | Munster | ... | ... | 353 | |
| | „ „ | Connaught | ... | ... | 6 | |
| | | | | | — | 553 |
| | „ Isle of Man | ... | ... | ... | 3 | |
| | „ Poland | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| | | | | | — | 1987 |
| | | | | Total | | 1987 |

Children born on the voyage have been reckoned with their parents.

Excess of Scotch Immigration.

9. It will be observed that the number of Immigrants from Scotland is, in proportion to the population of that part of the United Kingdom, excessive. It has been the intention of the Commissioners to make up the deficiency of Scotch Immigration during the years 1848 to 1850, and for a similar reason the assisted Immigration from Ireland in the year 1850 exceeded the proportion due to her population. The numbers who have arrived since the resumption of Immigration in 1847 to the present date have been fairly apportioned between the three Kingdoms. But it may be noted that including the persons dispatched under the Bounty System, Ireland has supplied far more than her share of the Immigration introduced into Port Phillip at the cost of the Colony.

Undue proportion of Irish Immigration.

Education.

10. Return V. shows the education of the Immigrants, classed according to their ages. The number of adults unable to write was 29.9 per cent. of the whole; and it should be noticed that the ratio of those unable to read or write, to those able to read only, appears to increase with the increase of age. May this curious fact be attributed to the recent improvement in the education of the poor in the mother country?

11. Return VI. distinguishes the religious persuasions of the Immigrants who arrived from the several portions of the United Kingdom. The total numbers were—

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|-----|
| Members of the Church of England | ... | ... | 643 |
| Presbyterians | ... | ... | 644 |
| Wesleyan Methodists | ... | ... | 88 |
| Roman Catholics | ... | ... | 535 |
| Persons of other persuasions | ... | ... | 77 |
| | | | — |
| Total | ... | 1987 | |

Members of the Free Church of Scotland have been reckoned with other Presbyterians.

Occupations.

12. Return VII. shews the trades and callings of the adult males and unmarried adult females.

The total numbers were—

| | | | | |
|---|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Agricultural labourers | ... | ... | ... | 727 |
| Shepherds, herdsmen, &c. | ... | ... | ... | 87 |
| Domestic servants | ... | ... | ... | 382 |
| Mechanics engaged in erecting buildings | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Tradespeople engaged in preparing articles of food | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Tradespeople engaged in making articles of clothing | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Other tradespeople, mechanics, &c. | ... | ... | ... | 59 |
| | | | | — |
| Total | ... | 1285 | | |

The callings, shewn in this Return, cannot be, I fear, implicitly relied upon. Under “agricultural labourers” are included a considerable number of common labourers, unaccustomed to farming work; and many of the so called female “domestic servants,” especially the Irish, appear to have been utterly ignorant of the duties of household service.

Number of Children.

13. Return VIII. shews the number of children in the different families. From this Table it appears that the average number of children, under fourteen years of age, in each immigrant family, was less than 1.3.

Cost of introduction.

14. The cost of importing these immigrants cannot be accurately stated. The principal items of expenditure, on this account, are—(1) the passage money, paid by the Commissioners in London upon the receipt of a certificate countersigned by your Excellency; (2) the gratuities to surgeons, officers, constables, &c., regulated by the

Commissioners, but paid in the Colony; (3) the expenses of my department, and of the maintenance of Immigrants in depot; and (4) the cost of selection, and of the establishment in England. From these expenses must be deducted the sums contributed by the Immigrants themselves, or by institutions in the United Kingdom. The first and second charges, and the amount of contributions are shewn, for each ship, in Return I.

15. Return IX. contains a detailed statement of the number of passengers who have arrived in the Colony unassisted by Government. The total number of these Immigrants, during the half year, was as follows:—

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| From New South Wales | ... | ... | ... | 950 |
| „ Van Diemen's Land | ... | ... | ... | 3721 |
| „ South Australia | ... | ... | ... | 2500 |
| „ New Zealand and South Seas | ... | ... | ... | 28 |
| „ Great Britain | ... | ... | ... | 1778 |
| „ Other Countries | ... | ... | ... | 52 |
| Total | ... | ... | ... | 9029 |

Unassisted Immigration.

From the imperfect nature of the Returns forwarded to me, I am unable to state with certainty the number of persons who left the Colony by sea during the half-year. It may be, however, estimated at 2000.

16. During the first six months of the current year, the number of Immigrants who have arrived in Government ships is 2521. They have been landed at the different ports of the Colony as follows:—

| | |
|--|--------|
| At Melbourne, 4 ships, with 1089 souls | |
| „ Geelong, 4 „ „ | 1218 „ |
| „ Portland, 1 „ „ | 214 „ |
| Total | 2521 |

Emigration.

Assisted Immigrants during the current year.

Besides these, two ships have been chartered for Melbourne and two for Geelong.

17. The number of unassisted Immigrants who have arrived during the first five months of this year is as follows:—

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| From New South Wales | ... | ... | 5343 |
| „ Van Diemen's Land | ... | ... | 9368 |
| „ South Australia | ... | ... | 8835 |
| „ New Zealand and South Seas | ... | ... | 148 |
| „ Great Britain | ... | ... | 1164 |
| „ Other Countries | ... | ... | 58 |
| Total | ... | ... | 24,916 |

Unassisted Immigration during the current year.

18. In Return No. X. is shown the average wages obtained at the different Ports since the 1st of October, 1851, by labourers hired on board ship or in the depots, and the number of Immigrants who refused to take service. From this Table may be gathered the amount of labour available for the Agricultural and Pastoral Interests which has been introduced at the public expense since the discovery of Gold.

Wages on board Ship and in Depots.

19. Return XI. shows the demand for labour, the principal productions, and the rates of wages current in the several districts of the Colony during the first quarter of this year, as reported by the Commissioners of Crown Lands.

Demand for Labour.

The average money wages were as follows:—

| | £ | s. | d. | |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|----------------------------|
| For Carpenters | 0 | 10 | 0 | per diem, without rations. |
| „ Smiths | 0 | 9 | 4 | „ „ |
| „ Wheelwrights | 0 | 10 | 8 | „ „ |
| „ Bricklayers | 0 | 10 | 0 | „ „ |
| „ Masons | 0 | 9 | 4 | „ „ |
| „ Farm Labourers | 38 | 0 | 0 | per annum, with rations. |
| „ Shepherds | 42 | 0 | 0 | „ „ |
| „ Cooks | 27 | 0 | 0 | „ „ |
| „ Housemaids | 21 | 0 | 0 | „ „ |
| „ Laundresses | 26 | 10 | 0 | „ „ |
| „ Nursemaids | 19 | 0 | 0 | „ „ |
| „ Farm Servants | 23 | 0 | 0 | „ „ |
| „ General House Servants | 24 | 10 | 0 | „ „ |

Wages current in the Colony.

20. In Return XII. will be found a statement of the wages current in Melbourne during the month of April, which has been compiled, with much care, in my department.

Wages current in Melbourne. (April, 1852.)

Nominations under the Deposit System.

21. Return XIII. contains particulars respecting persons nominated, during the half year, for free passages to the Colony by depositors for the purchase of land, under the regulations dated 22nd December, 1848. The total number of statute adults, "named in the Colony," was 130, and "to be selected by agents, in the United Kingdom," 2245½. The cost of introducing these Immigrants will probably amount to £33,257; which has been, or will be, remitted to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners for this service.

Nominations under the Remittance System.

22. Only two nominations have been made under the Remittance Regulations of the 22nd December, 1848. One of these was, in fact, a renewal of a former remittance, the person originally named having failed in obtaining a passage.

New arrangements.

23. I now proceed to notice the leading alterations in the arrangements affecting Immigration which have been made by the Commissioners, or the Colonial Government, since the date of separation from New South Wales.

Ship to Portland Bay.

24. The first of these is the dispatch of a ship from England to Portland Bay. This step was taken in compliance with a resolution, proposed by Dr. Dickson in the Legislative Council of New South Wales, on the 28th August, 1849, which met with the favourable consideration of your Excellency and the Home Government. The experiment has proved, in every sense, successful; the passengers by the "Tasmania" having been safely landed, and readily disposed of, in the month of November last. This ship was intended to be the first of a series dispatched to the same port, and accordingly the "Runnymede" has arrived there on the 3rd instant, and a third vessel is expected shortly.

Surgeons' Passage home.

25. Another advantageous arrangement is, that by which Surgeons Superintendent are enabled to recover the expense of their passage home. The sum of £40 may be claimed by these officers on their return, upon certain conditions, one of which is the production of a certificate of efficiency and good conduct, having been complied with. Although the rate of remuneration in the Immigration Service is still considerably below that offered in the Convict Department, I anticipate a favourable result from this measure.

New Regulations for the Selection of Immigrants.

26. In Appendix XIV. I have given the new Regulations for the selection of Immigrants, issued by the Commissioners on receipt of the first advices of the Gold discoveries in New South Wales. It has been imagined that labourers with large families would be less likely to be attracted to the Gold Fields than others, and accordingly the number of children in a family admissible for free passages has been raised from 3 under 10 years of age, to 4 under 12 years of age, and the amount of contributions for them diminished from £2 (or £4, as the case may be) to 10s. When the despatch covering these Regulations was referred to me, I ventured to express to your Excellency my doubt whether such a change would have a beneficial effect, my impression being, that not only should we receive a less valuable class of labourers at a greater expense to the Land Fund, but that the high price of provisions would prevent persons encumbered with many young children from obtaining good wages, and that they would thus be the more tempted to seek their fortune at the Gold Fields. I am not as yet in possession of data sufficient to verify this opinion, but I may remark, that some difficulty has been experienced, both here and at Geelong, in disposing of labourers with large families.

Suspension of the Land and Emigration Deposit System.

27. From the first of January, 1852, the Land and Emigration Deposit system has been suspended by the Colonial Government. The abuses to which the Deposit Regulations have been perverted appear to have simultaneously attracted the attention of the Home Government and of the Local Executive. Without increasing the Territorial Revenue, these rights of nomination have been turned to the profit of speculators, and Emigrants have been called upon to pay to private persons in England or in the Colony part of the cost of a passage which it was intended should be gratuitous. Even before the discovery of gold as much as £5 per head has been obtained for nominations, which would, probably, at the present time have commanded a still higher price. This traffic, however, having come under the notice of the Secretary of State, the Commissioners have been instructed to enforce with the utmost strictness their regulations as to the eligibility of Depositors' nominees; and many persons who have purchased nominations will be disappointed in the value which they anticipated to receive for them.

New Remittance Regulations.

28. A new code of Immigration Remittance Regulations, superseding those of the 22nd December, 1848, was published on the 29th May last. The principal alterations which have been made consist of, (1) the reduction of the deposit to secure a free passage for eligible females from £8 to £4 per head, and (2) the classification of country mechanics in the same degree of eligibility as farm servants, shepherds, and domestic servants. I have reason to anticipate that as soon as the terms of the notice are generally known and understood, many persons will avail themselves of this privilege. By direction of the Secretary of State, the time during which these nominations are available has been limited to 12 months from the date of the certificate.

29. The arrangements for the reception of Immigrants on their arrival have been, of necessity altered during the past year. The insufficiency of the public buildings in Melbourne for the additional police and military accomodation required since the discovery of gold, has led to the removal from my charge, in the first instance, of the Depot set apart for married couples, and latterly of that provided for single females. The need of the former buildings has been, to a certain extent, obviated by the readiness with which almost all Immigrants have obtained employment, and by the alternative which I have been empowered to offer to such as are not engaged within a certain time, either to leave the ship at the conclusion of the lay days, or to be sent to one of the out ports. Temporary accomodation has been provided for single females in a ward attached to the building occupied by the Colonial Storekeeper, and, as soon as labour can be obtained, it is proposed to erect a new and commodious Depot on one of the Government reserves.

30. In Appendix XV. will be found the new form of circular handed to the Surgeon Superintendent upon the arrival of each Immigrant vessel, and a notice, which has appeared in the Government Gazette, embodying the regulations to be observed in the hiring of Immigrants. It is hoped that the publication of these instructions will prevent charges of neglect, in the arrangements referred to, being revived against the Immigration Department.

31. I may here notice three attempts to improve the system of emigration from Great Britian to these Colonies which have attracted public attention during the past year; one of which proposes to economize the cost of the system conducted by the Government, while the promoters of the other two have succeeded in sending out a systematic emigration, unconnected with the Commissioners.

32. Mr. Leslie Foster's scheme, which I will first consider, would require that every emigrant, before leaving England, should sign a promissory note for a portion of the expense of his passage, and that these notes, having been transmitted to the Colonial authorities, should be transferable to the employers of labourers and others, and should be made, by local enactment, a legal set off against any pecuniary demand of the emigrant at any time.

33. It is argued that, as the greater number of labourers, arriving in the Colony, take service for twelve months, and would become entitled, within that time, to wages sufficient to pay off these debts, employers would be willing to buy the notes from Government at a moderate discount, and deduct the amount from the first payments due to their servants.

34. This feature of the plan would necessarily fail at the present time, from the fact, that only a small proportion of adult labourers, who arrive in Government ships, are willing, or indeed have any inducement, to take service; and that those who do so rarely engage for the period above-mentioned. But, independently of this consideration, it would be difficult to recover the amount of a promissory note, of value only as a set off, as long as it is in the power of the Immigrant to make his bargain for cash. And without some alteration, in the present law, it would often be impossible to prove in the Colony, signatures attached in England.

35. Systematic Immigration, unaided by the public funds of the Australian Colonies, has been attempted by two bodies, one denoted the Family Colonization Loan Society, with which the much honoured name of Mrs. Chisholm is connected, the other administering the Fund for Promoting Female Emigration, under the Presidency of the Right Honourable Sidney Herbert, M.P.

36. Mrs. Chisholm's benevolent exertions on behalf of the suffering poor of Great Britain, have earned for her universal admiration and gratitude, both in the Colonies and in the Mother Country. Her success may be attributed mainly to the high personal character which she bears, and in part to the unwillingness which many desirable persons entertain to becoming dependent on public charity for the cost of their emigration, and to the difficulty which others find in satisfying the necessary conditions of the Land and Emigration Commissioners. Not having officially examined the Immigrants who have arrived under the auspices of this Society, I am unable to express a decided opinion upon the manner in which these persons are treated and governed on board ship. I may be, at the same time, allowed to doubt whether some of the minor arrangements are not capable of improvement, and whether the Surgeons Superintendent are possessed of the requisite authority and supervision secured for them in Government ships. I would suggest, for the protection of these Immigrants, that a moiety of the passage-money should be made payable upon the receipt of a certificate of good treatment (in the usual form) from the proper Colonial authority, and that the ships be subjected on arrival to the same inspection as those chartered by the Commissioners.

37. Three ships, bringing out 90 single females, have, since the 1st of July, 1851, been sent to this Colony by Mr. Sidney Herbert's Committee. The young women have, in each case, been inspected by me, and received into the Government Depot, on the same footing as assisted Immigrants. In Appendix XVI. is given an

abstract statement of the ages and occupations of these persons, and the manner in which they have been disposed of.

Imperfections of the System.

38. A careful examination of the working of this Emigration satisfies me that before it can be made thoroughly satisfactory, increased caution on the part of the promoters will be necessary. Your Excellency's Despatch to the Chairman of the Committee, dated the 19th July, 1850, contains more than one valuable suggestion, the adoption of which might have obviated some of the irregularities for which ships bringing out needlewomen are here notorious. But until far greater discrimination is shown in the selection of these females, it may be doubted whether arrangements, however excellent experience has proved them to be, will remove all the evils complained of. I am unwilling to discourage the laudable exertions of the Committee, and I therefore refrain from further comment, beyond the expression of my hope that this practical manifestation of English charity will not be lavished (as in a great number of cases I fear it has been) upon the worst characters of the Metropolis.

Future Prospects of Immigration.

39. Having now concluded my remarks upon the Statistics of Immigration during the past year, and upon the propositions connected with it, which have already engaged the attention of the Government, I request leave, before bringing my Report to a termination, to notice one or two important considerations bearing upon the future prospects of this service. In doing so, I may be allowed to refrain from expressing a decided opinion upon some of the questions which are likely to be disputed, my intention being rather to submit such suggestions as may assist others in arriving at a right conclusion on this momentous subject.

Insignificant supply of Labour.

40. I would, in the first place, point out the insufficiency of assisted male Immigration, at its present rate, to meet the demand for labour. Not only is the positive amount of the supply inadequate, but its relative proportion to other (*i. e.* unassisted) Immigration causes the relief to the labour market to be scarcely perceptible. The number of adult males who have arrived in the Colony at their own cost during the seven months, November, 1851 to May, 1852, is 22,482; of whom I estimate that 10,000, at least, had emigrated from the mother country to other colonies at the public expense. The number of assisted adult male Immigrants who arrived directly from England during the same time was 1,033, the cost of their introduction (with their families) being above £21,000. Of these Immigrants only 122 took service for more than six months. Can so large a portion of the public funds be said to be judiciously invested in the introduction of this, comparatively, insignificant supply of available labour?

Appendix No X.

Emigration to America.

41. In estimating the probable Immigration unassisted by public funds which which may be attracted to these shores from the mother country, it may be useful to examine the statistics of Emigration to America during recent years. I find that in the five years 1846 to 1850, the total number of persons who left the United Kingdom in private passenger ships was 1,163,123, and it is calculated that from £1,000,000 to £1,200,000 per annum has been expended in conveying them to their adopted countries. Upon the supposition of one half of this sum being annually available for passengers to the gold regions of Australia, 50,000 adults may be expected to arrive yearly in Victoria and New South Wales; an Immigration which the entire land funds of the two colonies have failed to supply since the year 1841.

Private Remittances for Emigration.

42. A large proportion of the Emigration from the mother country to America has been provided for by remittances from settlers to the friends and relatives whom they had left behind. The amount of these remittances was in 1848, according to official returns, £460,180, and has been estimated for 1850 and 1851 to exceed £60,000 per month. They have been drawn chiefly from cultivators of the soil in the western states and in the back settlements of Canada. What portion of the twelve millions sterling, at which annual rate the produce of our gold fields is now estimated, may be expected to be devoted to a similar purpose?

The "Wakefield" Theory.

43. In considering the expediency of introducing Immigrants, at the public expense, it is necessary to bear in mind the doctrine of political economy upon which that system has hitherto been based. The leading principle of the theory, which devotes the proceeds of the sale of Crown Lands to the purposes of Immigration, is the advantage of restraining the undue dispersion of population and of ensuring a supply of labourers who would be necessitated to work for wages. I need hardly remark, that this theory cannot apply to the present circumstances of the Colony. There is no necessity or inducement held out to a labourer to work for wages when he can, for a trifling outlay, dig for gold, with as fair a prospect as the capitalist. It is therefore necessary to find other grounds for advocating the introduction of such labourers at the public expense, and the question appears to resolve itself into the bare consideration, whether such an expenditure be a remunerative investment of the funds of the Colony.

Advantageous position of the Labourers

44. The advantages, gained by the English labourer, who henceforth avails himself of an assisted passage, should also be considered. It has been estimated that the average earnings of every able bodied man in Victoria, provided he be sober and industrious, are at the present time not less than £3 per week, or £150 per annum. It is asked, whether the prospect of obtaining an independence, with such ease, will not be

a sufficient inducement to emigrate, without the additional boon of a free passage at the cost of the Government, and whether, in conferring so great benefits upon the poor of the mother country, the Colony would be expending her public revenues with the greatest advantage to herself?

45. I have already noticed a scheme propounded by an influential Colonist, now in England, according to which Immigrants might be compelled to repay, out of their earnings, a portion of the cost of their passages. I observed that the success of this proposal would be very problematical as long as the inducement to take service was as slight as it is now. But it may be suggested that all persons, introduced at the public expense, should be bound to work for wages during a certain time, and that with that view they should be indentured to a representative of the Executive Government, who might be empowered to transfer them to the employers of labour. This is, in the main, the system adopted at the Mauritius, and in some of the West West Indian Colonies, the required labour being introduced from the East Indies and Sierra Leone. It is possible, that if it were considered advisable to undertake, at the cost of the Land Fund, Coolie or Chinese Immigration, some such arrangement might be made; but there are many obvious reasons for pausing before applying the same principle to Immigrants from the United Kingdom.

Engagements to Work
for Wages.

46. If, however, the introduction at the public expense of a greatly-increased Immigration be desirable, it is worthy of inquiry whether it could be better carried on according to the existing regulations, or by means of a modified bounty system. There is good reason for anticipating that persons will be readily found to contract for the importation of eligible labourers at a far less cost than that entailed upon the country by the present arrangements, and allowing a more thorough control by the local authorities, provided that the contractor were allowed to make his own bargain with the emigrant. Such a plan, however, would not be satisfactory unless sufficient security were afforded against the undoubted evils which formerly attended Emigration on bounty.

Bounty System.

47. In conclusion, whatever modifications it may be considered necessary to make in the character of Immigration to this country, one feature of it will henceforth assume a greater prominence, I mean the introduction of young unmarried females. The disproportion of the sexes, enormously aggravated as it has been since the discovery of gold, the certainty that the great majority of female immigrants will be available for domestic service, and the rapidly increasing demand for labour of this kind, must cause such an importation to be profitable to the Colony. It is to be hoped that the altered attraction of Emigration to Australia will render the selection of suitable persons of this class more successful than it has hitherto been.

Female Immigration.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most humble, obedient Servant,

(Signed)

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Immigration Agent.

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&c., &c., &c.
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

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| No. of Vessels. | Name of Vessel. | Tonnage. | Name of Surgeon Superintendent. | Port of Departure. | Date of Departure. | Port of Arrival. | Date of Arrival. | No. of Days on the Voyage. | | | Number of Births on the Voyage. | | | Number of Deaths on the Voyage. | | | | | | Number of Immigrants Introduced. | | | | | | Contract Price per Statute Adult. | Amount of Passage Money. | Amount of Contributions. | Probable Cost to be defrayed by the Commissioners. | Amount of Gratuities to Surgeons, Officers, Constables, and others. | Total Cost of Conveyance and Superintendence. | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|--------|---------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|----------------------------------|---------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|---|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| | | | | | | | | Male. | Female. | Total. | Male. | Female. | Total. | Male. | Female. | Total. | Adults. | Children. | Infants. | Total Souls. | Total Adults. | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | | | | | | | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. |
| 1 | John Knox... | 1194 | Geo. Coward... | Plymouth | 1851. March 18 | Geelong ... | July 15 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 176 | 182 | 24 | 5 | 4 | 368 | 333 | £ 11 | 15 | 0 | £ 3018 | 12 | 6 | £ 1004 | 0 | 0 | £ 2514 | 12 | 6 | £ 323 | 2 | 0 | £ 3257 | 14 | 6 | |
| 2 | Sea | 760 | H. McKeitt ... | do. | May 18 | Melbourne | Aug. 20 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 155 | 116 | 30 | 9 | 9 | 347 | 300 | £ 10 | 13 | 3 | £ 3203 | 8 | 3 | £ 728 | 0 | 0 | £ 2281 | 8 | 3 | £ 305 | 12 | 0 | £ 2587 | 0 | 3 | |
| 3 | Statesman... | 740 | D. B. North ... | do. | June 28 | Geelong ... | Sept. 14 | ... | 2 | 2 | 1 | ... | 5 | 135 | 103 | 22 | 3 | 6 | 238 | 263 1/2 | £ 10 | 2 | 0 | £ 2679 | 0 | 6 | £ 776 | 0 | 0 | £ 1903 | 0 | 6 | £ 241 | 12 | 0 | £ 2144 | 12 | 6 | |
| 4 | Constance ... | 578 | Dr. Wilkins ... | do. | July 15 | Melbourne | Oct. 27 | 1 | 2 | 4 | ... | 3 | 100 | 74 | 20 | 17 | 4 | 5 | 220 | 192 1/2 | £ 10 | 2 | 0 | £ 1951 | 16 | 6 | £ 480 | 10 | 0 | £ 1471 | 6 | 6 | £ 178 | 0 | 0 | £ 1649 | 6 | 6 | |
| 5 | Tasmania ... | 502 | Chas. Grier ... | do. | July 25 | Portland .. | Nov. 23 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 5 | 82 | 69 | 22 | 14 | 4 | 5 | 196 | 163 | £ 9 | 18 | 5 | £ 1683 | 19 | 7 1/4 | £ 412 | 0 | 0 | £ 1251 | 19 | 7 1/4 | £ 161 | 4 | 0 | £ 1443 | 3 | 7 1/4 | |
| 6 | Houghly | 466 | A. T. Anderson | do. | Aug. 19 | Melbourne | Nov. 27 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 95 | 82 | 24 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 230 | 197 1/2 | £ 9 | 18 | 5 | £ 1964 | 6 | 6 | £ 435 | 0 | 0 | £ 1529 | 6 | 6 | £ 184 | 6 | 0 | £ 1713 | 12 | 6 |
| 7 | Stebonheath | 1013 | Dr. Kidd | do. | Sept. 9 | Melbourne | Dec. 16 | ... | 3 | 3 | ... | 8 | 131 | 138 | 28 | 23 | 4 | 5 | 326 | 294 1/2 | £ 9 | 9 | 5 | £ 3817 | 11 | 5 1/2 | £ 592 | 0 | 0 | £ 2225 | 11 | 5 1/2 | £ 263 | 6 | 0 | £ 2488 | 17 | 5 1/2 | |
| | | Totals.. | | | | | | 7 | 13 | 20 | 4 | 7 | 37 | 873 | 714 | 174 | 152 | 35 | 20 | 1987 | 1750 | | | £ 18264 | 15 | 4 1/4 | £ 4627 | 10 | 0 | £ 13687 | 5 | 4 1/4 | £ 1657 | 2 | 0 | £ 15264 | 7 | 4 1/4 | |
| Averages | | 750 | | | | Days. | | 102 | | Per Cent. | | 1.86 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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No. II.

RETURN, shewing the Condition of the Assisted Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of Victoria from July 1st to December 31st, 1852.

| NAME OF IMMIGRANT VESSEL. | CONDITION. | | | | | | TOTAL. |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | Families. | | Number of Souls. | Single Adults. | | TOTAL. | |
| | Number. | Number of Males. | | Number of Females. | | | |
| John Knox | 52 | 160 | 125 | 83 | 308 | | |
| Sea | 63 | 200 | 93 | 54 | 347 | | |
| Statesman | 50 | 155 | 86 | 57 | 298 | | |
| Constance | 34 | 112 | 67 | 41 | 220 | | |
| Tasmania..... | 31 | 107 | 51 | 38 | 196 | | |
| Hooghly | 39 | 130 | 56 | 43 | 229 | | |
| Stebonheath..... | 43 | 142 | 91 | 96 | 329 | | |
| Totals | 312 | 1,006 | 569 | 412 | 1,987 | | |

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No. III.

RETURN, shewing the Ages of the Assisted Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of Victoria from July 1st to December 31st, 1851.

| NAME OF IMMIGRANT VESSEL. | AGE. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total. | | Grand Total. |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| | Under 1 Year. | | 1 and under 7 Years. | | 7 and under 14 Years. | | 14 and under 21 Years. | | 21 and under 30 Years. | | 30 and under 40 Years. | | 40 Years and upwards. | | | | |
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | |
| John Knox | 5 | 4 | 16 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 48 | 34 | 97 | 76 | 25 | 13 | 5 | 9 | 208 | 160 | 368 |
| Sea | 9 | 9 | 22 | 14 | 8 | 14 | 40 | 26 | 75 | 66 | 33 | 20 | 7 | 4 | 194 | 153 | 347 |
| Statesman | 3 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 11 | 13 | 29 | 33 | 78 | 44 | 20 | 22 | 8 | 4 | 160 | 138 | 298 |
| Constance | 4 | 5 | 15 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 26 | 23 | 54 | 34 | 14 | 13 | 6 | 4 | 124 | 96 | 220 |
| Tasmania..... | 4 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 22 | 19 | 34 | 35 | 21 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 108 | 88 | 196 |
| Hooghly | 6 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 13 | 10 | 21 | 15 | 50 | 42 | 18 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 126 | 103 | 229 |
| Stebonheath | 4 | 5 | 15 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 30 | 51 | 63 | 53 | 31 | 24 | 7 | 10 | 163 | 166 | 329 |
| Total..... | 35 | 39 | 100 | 74 | 74 | 78 | 216 | 201 | 451 | 350 | 162 | 120 | 45 | 42 | 1083 | 904 | 1987 |

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No. IV.

RETURN, shewing the Native Places of the Assisted Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of Victoria, from July 1st to December 31st, 1851.

| ENGLAND AND WALES. | No of Immigrants. | SCOTLAND. | No. of Immigrants. | IRELAND. | No. of Immigrants. | OTHER COUNTRIES. | No. of Immigrants. |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Northern Counties.</i> | | <i>Northern Counties.</i> | | <i>Ulster.</i> | | | |
| Northumberland - - - | 4 | Caithness - - - | 45 | Donegal - - - | 2 | Isle of Man - - - | 3 |
| Cumberland - - - | .. | Sutherland - - - | 25 | Londonderry - - - | 4 | Poland - - - | 1 |
| Westmoreland - - - | 2 | Ross-shire - - - | 47 | Antrim - - - | 5 | | |
| Darham - - - | 1 | Cromarty - - - | .. | Tyrone - - - | 4 | | 4 |
| Yorkshire - - - | 4 | Nairnshire - - - | .. | Down - - - | 6 | | |
| Lancashire - - - | 4 | Inverness-shire - - - | 195 | Cavan - - - | 12 | | |
| Total - | 15 | Moraysire - - - | 5 | Monaghan - - - | 1 | | |
| <i>Midland Counties.</i> | | Banff - - - | 4 | Armagh - - - | 31 | | |
| Cheshire - - - | 1 | Aberdeen - - - | 56 | Fermanagh - - - | 6 | | |
| Derbyshire - - - | .. | Kincardine - - - | 7 | Total - | 71 | | |
| Nottinghamshire - - - | 7 | Forfarshire - - - | 5 | <i>Leinster.</i> | | | |
| Staffordshire - - - | 5 | Fifehire - - - | 5 | Longford - - - | 1 | | |
| Warwickshire - - - | 2 | Kinross - - - | .. | Westmeath - - - | 10 | | |
| Worcestershire - - - | 2 | Clackmannan - - - | 2 | Eastmeath - - - | 3 | | |
| Leicestershire - - - | 17 | Perthshire - - - | 28 | Louth - - - | .. | | |
| Rutland - - - | 16 | Orkney & Shetland } Isles - - - | 62 | Kinross County - - - | 5 | | |
| Northamptonshire - - - | 18 | Isle of Skye - - - | 9 | Kildare - - - | 3 | | |
| Buckinghamshire - - - | 9 | Total - | 495 | Dublin - - - | 16 | | |
| Oxfordshire - - - | 3 | <i>Southern Counties.</i> | | Queen's County - - - | 15 | | |
| Gloucestershire - - - | 54 | Midlothian - - - | 18 | Carlow - - - | 3 | | |
| Monmouthshire - - - | .. | Berwickshire - - - | .. | Wicklow - - - | 11 | | |
| Herefordshire - - - | .. | Roxburghshire - - - | 9 | Kilkenny - - - | 56 | | |
| Shropshire - - - | .. | Selkirkshire - - - | .. | Wexford - - - | .. | | |
| Total - | 134 | Peebles - - - | 5 | Total - | 123 | | |
| <i>Eastern Counties.</i> | | Lanarkshire - - - | 6 | <i>Connaught.</i> | | | |
| Lincolnshire - - - | 34 | Dumfriesshire - - - | .. | Leitrim - - - | 1 | | |
| Norfolk - - - | 27 | Kircudbright - - - | 3 | Sligo - - - | .. | | |
| Huntingdonshire - - - | 17 | Ayrshire - - - | 32 | Mayo - - - | .. | | |
| Cambridgeshire - - - | 112 | Dumbarton - - - | 3 | Galway - - - | 5 | | |
| Suffolk - - - | 18 | Argyleshire - - - | 95 | Roscommon - - - | .. | | |
| Bedfordshire - - - | 7 | Renfrewshire - - - | 9 | Total - | 6 | | |
| Hertfordshire - - - | 18 | Stirling - - - | 8 | <i>Munster.</i> | | | |
| Essex - - - | 49 | Linlithgowshire - - - | .. | Clare - - - | 160 | | |
| Middlesex - - - | 36 | Bute - - - | 9 | Kerry - - - | .. | | |
| Kent - - - | 11 | Wigton - - - | .. | Cork - - - | 32 | | |
| Total - | 329 | East Lothian - - - | .. | Waterford - - - | .. | | |
| <i>South Eastern Counties.</i> | | Total - | 197 | Tipperary - - - | 132 | | |
| Sussex - - - | 7 | <i>Munster.</i> | | Limerick - - - | 29 | | |
| Surrey - - - | 2 | Clare - - - | 160 | Total - | 333 | | |
| Hampshire - - - | 22 | Kerry - - - | .. | | | | |
| Berkshire - - - | 5 | Cork - - - | 32 | | | | |
| Total - | 36 | Waterford - - - | .. | | | | |
| <i>South Western Counties.</i> | | Tipperary - - - | 132 | | | | |
| Dorsetshire - - - | 8 | Limerick - - - | 29 | | | | |
| Wiltshire - - - | 72 | Total - | 333 | | | | |
| Somersetshire - - - | 90 | | | | | | |
| Devonshire - - - | 11 | | | | | | |
| Cornwall - - - | 37 | | | | | | |
| Total - | 218 | | | | | | |
| <i>Wales.</i> | | | | | | | |
| Carnarvonshire - - - | .. | | | | | | |
| Derbyshire - - - | .. | | | | | | |
| Flintshire - - - | .. | | | | | | |
| Merionethshire - - - | .. | | | | | | |
| Cardiganshire - - - | 4 | | | | | | |
| Montgomeryshire - - - | .. | | | | | | |
| Pembrokeshire - - - | .. | | | | | | |
| Caermarthenshire - - - | .. | | | | | | |
| Brecknockshire - - - | 1 | | | | | | |
| Glamorganshire - - - | 1 | | | | | | |
| Anglesea - - - | .. | | | | | | |
| Total - | 6 | | | | | | |
| Grand Totals - | 733 | | 692 | | 553 | | 4 |

No. V.

RETURN, shewing the Education of the Assisted Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of Victoria from July 1st to December 31st, 1851.

| EDUCATION. | AGE. | | | | Total. |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| | Under 7 years of Age. | 7 years and under 14 years. | 14 years and under 21 years. | 21 years and upwards. | |
| Persons who can Read and Write | 4 | 67 | 280 | 832 | 1183 |
| Read only..... | 45 | 69 | 101 | 218 | 433 |
| Neither Read nor Write | 199 | 16 | 36 | 120 | 371 |
| Totals... .. | 248 | 152 | 417 | 1170 | 1987 |

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No. VI.

RETURN, shewing the Religious Persuasions of the Assisted Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of Victoria from July 1st to December 31st, 1851.

| From what Country Emigrating. | RELIGION. | | | | | Totals. |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | Members of the Church of England. | Presbyterians. | Wesleyan Methodists. | Roman Catholics. | Persons of other persuasions. | |
| England..... | 552 | 29 | 88 | 5 | 64 | 738 |
| Scotland..... | 18 | 587 | .. | 74 | 13 | 692 |
| Ireland | 69 | 28 | .. | 456 | .. | 553 |
| Isle of Man | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| Other Places | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Totals..... | 643 | 644 | 88 | 535 | 77 | 1987 |

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No. VII.

RETURN, shewing the Occupation of the Adult Males and unmarried Adult Females who arrived in the Colony of Victoria as Assisted Immigrants from July 1st to December 31st, 1851.

| NATIVE COUNTRY. | TRADE OR CALLING. | | | | | | | | | | Total. | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--|---|---------|--|---------|---|--------|---------|
| | Number of Agricultural Labourers. | Number of Shepherds and Herdsmen. | Number of Domestic Servants. | | Number of Mechanics engaged in erecting buildings, or in obtaining or preparing building materials | Number of Tradespeople preparing or selling articles of food. | | Number of Tradespeople engaged in making articles of clothing. | | Number of Mechanics and others not included in the foregoing columns. | | |
| | | | Male. | Female. | | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | Male. | | Female. |
| England..... | 303 | 7 | 1 | 83 | 11 | 4 | 1 | ... | ... | 14 | 9 | 433 |
| Scotland..... | 248 | 76 | 1 | 108 | 12 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 | 16 | 473 |
| Ireland | 175 | 4 | 1 | 188 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 6 | 3 | 377 |
| Isle of Man | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Poland | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Totals..... | 727 | 87 | 3 | 379 | 23 | 4 | 2 | 1 | ... | 30 | 29 | 1285 |

NOTE.—Married Women and Children being included in the above Return, gives the following results:—

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Agricultural Labourers | ... | ... | ... | 1310 |
| Shepherds and Herdsmen | ... | ... | ... | 159 |
| Domestic Servants | ... | ... | ... | 382 |
| Mechanics Erecting Buildings | ... | ... | ... | 37 |
| Tradespeople Selling Articles of Food | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Tradespeople Selling Articles of Clothing | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Other Mechanics, &c.... | ... | ... | ... | 85 |
| | | | | 1987 |

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No. VIII.

RETURN, shewing the number of Children under Fourteen Years of Age in the Families of the Assisted Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of Victoria from July 1st to December 31st, 1851.

| NAME OF IMMIGRANT VESSEL. | Number of Married Couples without Children. | NUMBER OF FAMILIES, containing— | | | | | Total. |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| | | One Child. | Two Children. | Three Children. | Four Children. | Five Children. | |
| John Knox | 18 | 15 | 13 | 4 | 2 | ... | 52 |
| Sea | 26 | 14 | 13 | 4 | 6 | ... | 63 |
| Statesman | 21 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 50 |
| Constance | 14 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 34 |
| Tasmania | 16 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 31 |
| Hooghly | 14 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 39 |
| Stebonheath..... | 16 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 3 | ... | 43 |
| Totals..... | 125 | 71 | 57 | 29 | 22 | 8 | 312 |

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RETURN, shewing the number of Unassisted Immigrants and Passengers who arrived in the Colony of Victoria from the 1st July to 31st December, 1851.

PLACE OF DEPARTURE.

| Month. | Port of Arrival. | United Kingdom. | | | | Foreign Parts. | | | | South West Australia. | | | | New South Wales. | | | | Van Diemen's Land. | | | | New Zealand and South Seas. | | | | Totals. | | | | Total Souls. |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| | | Adults. | | Children. | | Adults. | | Children. | | Adults. | | Children. | | Adults. | | Children. | | Adults. | | Children. | | Adults. | | Children. | | Adults. | | Children. | | |
| | | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | |
| July | Melbourne | 33 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 53 | 26 | 7 | 7 | 69 | 13 | ... | ... | 226 | 28 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 389 | 79 | 30 | 18 | 516 |
| " | Geelong | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 | 1 | ... | ... | 12 | 6 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 | 7 | ... | ... | 32 |
| " | Portland | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| " | Port Fairy | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| " | Port Albert | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 1 | ... | ... | 6 |
| August | Melbourne | 212 | 69 | 45 | 38 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 74 | 28 | 13 | 13 | 33 | 21 | 2 | 1 | 206 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 2 | ... | ... | 539 | 147 | 64 | 56 | 806 |
| " | Geelong | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 30 | 9 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 45 |
| " | Portland | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 | 3 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| " | Port Fairy | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 5 | ... | ... | 11 |
| " | Port Albert | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 47 |
| September | Melbourne | 113 | 86 | 40 | 46 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 44 | 18 | 14 | 10 | 230 | 37 | 12 | 8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 415 | 150 | 74 | 70 | 709 |
| " | Geelong | 13 | 11 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 10 | 4 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34 | 22 | 7 | 6 | 69 |
| " | Portland | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| " | Port Fairy | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| " | Port Albert | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| October | Melbourne | 112 | 69 | 32 | 23 | 20 | 2 | 1 | ... | 116 | 6 | ... | ... | 93 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 896 | 36 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 1239 | 129 | 42 | 30 | 1440 |
| " | Geelong | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 50 | 6 | ... | ... | 32 | 2 | 1 | ... | 51 | 5 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 135 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 152 |
| " | Portland | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 1 | ... | 1 | 6 |
| " | Port Fairy | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| " | Port Albert | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 4 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 21 |
| November | Melbourne | 189 | 152 | 41 | 40 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 564 | 22 | 6 | 3 | 161 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 347 | 20 | 5 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1261 | 206 | 55 | 51 | 1573 |
| " | Geelong | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 274 | 27 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 1 | ... | ... | 283 | 19 | 7 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 568 | 47 | 18 | 16 | 649 |
| " | Portland | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 3 | ... | ... | 9 |
| " | Port Fairy | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 8 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 | 8 | ... | ... | 16 |
| " | Port Albert | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| December | Melbourne | 200 | 173 | 29 | 30 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 977 | 69 | 36 | 25 | 241 | 34 | 15 | 8 | 735 | 65 | 25 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2156 | 281 | 105 | 73 | 2615 |
| " | Geelong | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 | 7 | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 121 | 13 | 8 | 8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 144 | 20 | 12 | 10 | 186 |
| " | Portland | 4 | 5 | 1 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 36 |
| " | Port Fairy | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 | 1 | ... | 1 | 14 |
| " | Port Albert | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 17 |
| Total number for the 6 months | | 878 | 517 | 196 | 187 | 40 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2151 | 199 | 84 | 66 | 732 | 136 | 46 | 36 | 3265 | 300 | 95 | 61 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 7084 | 1162 | 428 | 355 | 9029 |

| From | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. |
|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| England | 789 | 470 | 176 | 173 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Scotland | 89 | 47 | 20 | 14 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| The rest of Europe | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 | 2 | 1 | ... |
| Other Countries | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

HUGH C. E. CHILDERS,
Immigration Agent.

No. X.

RETURN, shewing the Average Wages obtained at Melbourne, Geelong, and Portland by the Assisted Immigrants who have arrived in the Colony of Victoria from the 1st October, 1851, to the 31st May, 1852, and the number of those who have refused to take Service.

| Name of Vessel. | Port of Arrival. | Date of Arrival. | Number of Families. | | | | Number of Single Men, not including Adult members of Immigrant Families. | | | | Number of Single Women, not including Adult members of Immigrant Families. | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | | | Refused to take Service. | Engaged without reporting particulars. | Engaged for Three months and less. | Engaged for Six months and less. | Above six months. | Average Wages, With rations. | Refused to take Service. | Engaged without reporting particulars. | Engaged for Three months and less. | Engaged for Six months and less. | Above six months. | Average Wages, With rations. | | | | | | |
| 1851. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Constance ... | MELBOURNE | October 27th | 21 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 33 | 30 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 27 | 15 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 2 | 1 |
| Hooghly ... | " | November 27th | 15 | 2 | 14 | 4 | 56 | 33 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 61 | 10 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 2 | 1 |
| Stebonheath. | " | December 16th | 31 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 58 | 46 | 0 | 25 | 4 | 8 | 49 | 25 | 36 | 10 | 5 | 18 | 10 | 5 |
| 1852. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Joshua | " | January 30th | 35 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 57 | 33 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 33 | 37 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 18 | 4 | 0 |
| Bride | " | " 31st | 20 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 44 | 28 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 38 | 24 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 4 | 1 |
| Lady Elgin.. | " | March 29th | 25 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 65 | 33 | 1 | 15 | 6 | 18 | 30 | 20 | 23 | 6 | 0 | 22 | 6 | 0 |
| Calphurnia.. | " | " 29th | 14 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 69 | 29 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 4 | 35 | 12 | 27 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 0 | 1 |
| | | Total..... | 161 | 5 | 52 | 32 | 55 | 232 | 16 | 67 | 38 | 37 | 39 | 143 | 149 | 28 | 9 | 19 | 28 | 9 |
| 1851. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clifton | GEELONG ... | January 30th | 27 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 48 | 26 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 31 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 21 | 10 | 3 |
| Cambodia ... | " | March 31st | 21 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 47 | 27 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 4 | 36 | 20 | 28 | 11 | 4 | 22 | 11 | 4 |
| Success | " | May 31st | 13 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 60 | 29 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 0 | 43 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 24 | 7 | 1 |
| | | Total..... | 61 | 15 | 7 | 29 | 52 | 82 | 3 | 10 | 36 | 6 | 37 | 32 | 52 | 28 | 8 | 22 | 28 | 8 |
| 1851. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tasmania ... | PORTLAND .. | November 23rd | 6 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 48 | 8 | 16 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 29 | 11 | 7 | 13 | 5 | 16 | 13 | 5 |
| | | Totals..... | 228 | 31 | 59 | 66 | 53 | 322 | 35 | 78 | 88 | 56 | 38 | 186 | 208 | 69 | 22 | 20 | 69 | 22 |

HUGH C. E. CHILDERS,
Immigration Agent.

Immigration Office,
Melbourne, June 30th, 1852.

No. XI.

STATEMENT, compiled from Returns furnished by the Commissioners of Crown Lands, in the Colony of Victoria, shewing the rates of Wages, the demand for Labour, and the principal Productions in each District, from January 1st to March 31st, 1852.

A.
W A G E S.

| County or District. | MALES. | | | | | | | FEMALES. | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | Carpenters. | Smiths. | Wheel-wrights. | Brick-layers. | Masons. | Farm Labourers. | Shepherds. | Cooks. | House-maids. | Laundresses. | Nurse-maids. | Farm Servants. | General House Servants. | |
| | <i>Per Diem, without Food or Lodging.</i> | | | | | | | <i>Per Annum, with Food and Lodging.</i> | | | | | | |
| Bourke | £ s. d. 0 12 0 | £ s. d. 0 10 0 | £ s. d. 0 14 0 | £ s. d. 0 12 0 | £ s. d. 0 10 0 | £ s. d. 40 0 0 | £ s. d. 34 0 0 | £ s. d. 26 0 0 | £ s. d. 20 0 0 | £ s. d. 27 10 0 | £ s. d. 16 10 0 | £ s. d. 22 10 0 | £ s. d. 22 10 0 | |
| Grant | 0 10 0 | 0 10 0 | 0 10 0 | 0 10 0 | 0 10 0 | 35 0 0 | 35 0 0 | 25 0 0 | 20 0 0 | 24 0 0 | 16 0 0 | 22 0 0 | 24 0 0 | |
| Norranby | 0 8 0 | 0 8 0 | 0 8 0 | 0 8 0 | 0 8 0 | .. | 40 0 0 | 26 0 0 | 21 0 0 | 30 0 0 | 21 10 0 | .. | 28 0 0 | |
| Western Port | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 0 0 | 34 0 0 | 26 0 0 | 20 0 0 | 27 0 0 | 16 10 0 | 22 10 0 | 22 10 0 | |
| Murray | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 0 0 | 25 0 0 | 25 0 0 | 25 0 0 | 25 0 0 | 25 0 0 | |
| Wimmera* | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| Portland Bay | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 47 10 0 | 35 0 0 | 21 0 0 | 25 0 0 | 18 10 0 | .. | 25 0 0 | |
| Gipps Land | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 60 0 0 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| Averages | 0 10 0 | 0 9 4 | 0 10 8 | 0 10 0 | 0 9 4 | 38 0 0 | 42 0 0 | 27 0 0 | 21 0 0 | 26 10 0 | 19 0 0 | 23 0 0 | 24 10 0 | |

* No returns have been received from the Wimmera.

B.

PRODUCTIONS AND DEMAND FOR LABOUR.

| COUNTY OR DISTRICT. | PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER PRODUCTIONS OF THE DISTRICTS. | DEMAND FOR LABOUR AND DESCRIPTION OF LABOURERS REQUIRED. |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Bourke | Wheat, Barley, Oats, and Potatoes | All descriptions of Labour are in great request. |
| Grant | { Grain of all the kinds grown in Europe; Vegetables and Fruits, of every description | The demand is unusually great for Farm and Domestic Servants. |
| Normanby | { Wheat, Oats, Barley, Hay, Vegetables, Dairy Produce, Tallow, Salt, Beef, Hides, Horns, Oil, Building-Timber, Guano, Sheep, Cattle, Wool, and Leather | There is a great demand for every kind of Labour throughout the District. |
| Western Port | Wheat, Barley, Oats, and Potatoes | Labourers, Artisans, and Mechanics are in request. |
| Murray | Wheat, Hay, Wool, Mutton, Beef, and Tallow | { All description of Labourers are required; but more especially Shepherds and Hutkeepers. |
| Wimmera* ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Portland Bay | Wheat, Barley, Oats, and Potatoes | All kinds of Labour are very much in request. |
| Gipps' Land | All kinds of Grain, and Fat Stock for Exportation | { Shepherds, Hutkeepers, Stockmen, Splitters and Fencers, House Servants, Nursemaids, &c., are in request; 500 or 600 Labourers would readily find employment. |

* No returns have been received from the Wimmera.

Immigration Office,
Melbourne, June 30th, 1852.

HUGH C. E. CHILDERS,
Immigration Agent.

No. XII.

RETURN, shewing the number of Persons nominated for Free Passages to Victoria under the Land and Emigration Deposit Regulations from July 1st to December 31st, 1851.

A.

PERSONS NOMINATED IN THE COLONY.

| In what Country Living. | Number of Souls. | Number of Statute Adults. | Estimated Cost of Passages. | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----|----|
| | | | £ | s. | d. |
| England | 21 | 17 | 238 | 0 | 0 |
| Scotland | 27 | 23½ | 329 | 0 | 0 |
| Ireland | 101 | 89½ | 1253 | 0 | 0 |
| Total..... | 149 | 130 | 1820 | 0 | 0 |

B.

PERSONS TO BE SELECTED BY AGENTS.

| In what Country to be Selected. | Number of Agents. | Number of Statute Adults to be named. | Estimated Cost of Passages. | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----|----|
| | | | £ | s. | d. |
| England | 46 | 1645½ | 23,037 | 0 | 0 |
| Scotland | 13 | 445 | 6,237 | 0 | 0 |
| Ireland | 12 | 154½ | 2,163 | 0 | 0 |
| Total..... | 71 | 2245 | 31,437 | 0 | 0 |

Immigration Office,
Melbourne, June 30th, 1852.

HUGH C. E. CHILDERS,
Immigration Agent.

RETURN, shewing the Wages current in Melbourne during the Month of April, 1852, compared with the average rates of former years.

| Occupation | How Paid. | Present Wages. | | Remarks. | Former Wages. | | Remarks. |
|---|------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|
| | | From | To | | From | To | |
| Bakers | per week | £4 0 0 | £7 ... | and rations and lodging ... | £1 10 0 | £2 0 0 | and rations and lodging |
| Blacksmiths | " | 5 0 0 | £7 0 0 | ... .. | 1 15 0 | 2 5 0 | |
| Ditto (Foundries) | " | 3 10 0 | 4 0 0 | ... .. | 1 10 0 | 2 0 0 | |
| Bootmakers (Journeymen) | per piece | ... | ... | ... .. | ... | ... |  |
| Ditto | pair of Wellingtons | 1 19 0 | 2 2 0 | and other articles in proportion | ... | ... | |
| Boatmen | per diem | 10 0 | 12 6 | ... .. | 5 0 | 6 0 | |
| Boiler Makers | per week | 3 10 0 | ... | ... .. | 1 15 0 | 2 0 0 | |
| Brick Makers | the thousand | 1 5 0 | ... | ... .. | 10 0 | ... | |
| Bricklayers | per week | 4 0 0 | 5 0 0 | ... .. | 2 10 0 | ... | |
| Butchers | " | 3 10 0 | 8 0 0 | and rations | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 | and rations. |
| Bullock Drivers | " | 1 10 0 | 2 10 0 | and rations | 12 0 | 1 5 0 | and rations. |
| Ditto | per annum | ... | ... | none will hire | 20 0 0 | 30 0 0 | and rations. |
| Cabinet Makers | per week | 4 0 0 | 4 10 0 | ... .. | 2 0 0 | ... | |
| Carpenters | " | 3 5 0 | 5 0 0 | ... .. | 1 5 0 | 2 0 0 | |
| Ditto (Job Week) | " | 1 0 0 | ... | ... .. | ... | ... |  |
| Coach Makers | " | 3 0 0 | 5 0 0 | ... .. | 1 15 0 | 2 0 0 | |
| Compositors | the thousand | 1 6 | ... | ... .. | 9 | 10 | |
| Coopers | per week | 5 0 0 | ... | ... .. | ... | ... |  |
| Engineers | " | 5 0 0 | ... | ... .. | 2 0 0 | 2 5 0 | |
| Farm Labourers | " | 1 5 0 | 1 10 0 | and rations | 9 0 | 12 0 | and rations. |
| Fitters (Iron) | " | 3 12 0 | ... | ... .. | 1 15 0 | ... | |
| Firemen (Steamers) | " | 3 0 0 | ... | ... .. | 2 0 0 | ... | |
| Gardeners | " | 2 0 0 | 2 10 0 | and rations | ... | ... | |
| Ditto | per annum | ... | ... | none will hire | 30 0 0 | ... | and rations. |
| Gunsmiths | per week | 5 0 0 | ... | ... .. | 2 10 0 | ... | |
| House Servants (Males) | per annum | 50 0 0 | 100 0 0 | very few to be had | 25 0 0 | 30 0 0 | |
| Ditto (Females) | " | 18 0 0 | 30 0 0 | ditto | 12 0 0 | 20 0 0 | |
| Ditto (Girls) | " | 12 0 0 | 18 0 0 | ... .. | 8 0 0 | 12 0 0 | |
| Hutkeepers | " | 30 0 0 | 35 0 0 | and rations | 18 0 0 | 20 0 0 | and rations. |
| Lightermen | per month | 9 0 0 | 11 0 0 | ... .. | 4 0 0 | ... | |
| Livery Stablemen | per week | 3 10 0 | 4 0 0 | including perquisites | 1 0 0 | 1 5 0 | including perquisites. |
| Masons | " | 4 0 0 | 4 10 0 | ... .. | 1 10 0 | 1 15 0 | |
| Ditto (Labourers) | " | 2 10 0 | ... | ... .. | 8 6 | 9 6 | |
| Messengers | " | 1 15 0 | 2 0 0 | and board and lodging | 15 0 | 18 0 | and board and lodging. |
| Millers | " | 3 0 0 | 4 0 0 | ... .. | 1 10 0 | 2 0 0 | |
| Moulders | " | 3 0 0 | 5 0 0 | ... .. | 1 15 0 | 2 0 0 | |
| Ostlers, at Hotels | " | 3 10 0 | 4 0 0 | ... .. | 1 0 0 | 1 5 0 | and rations. |
| Painters and Glaziers | per diem | 12 0 | 1 0 0 | ... .. | 5 0 | 6 0 | |
| Pastry Cooks | per week | 3 3 0 | ... | and board and lodging | 1 10 0 | ... | and board and lodging. |
| Plasterers | " | 4 10 0 | 5 0 0 | ... .. | 2 10 0 | ... | |
| Ploughmen | " | 1 5 0 | 1 10 0 | and rations | 10 0 | 12 0 | and rations. |
| Porters (Shop) | " | 1 10 0 | 2 0 0 | and board and lodging | 10 0 | 15 0 | and board and lodging. |
| Printers | " | 3 5 0 | ... | ... .. | ... | ... |  |
| Quarrymen | " | 3 0 0 | 3 10 0 | ... .. | 2 0 0 | ... | |
| Saddlers (Journeymen) | " | 3 10 0 | 4 0 0 | ... .. | 1 15 0 | ... | |
| Sailors (to England) | the trip | 50 0 0 | 60 0 0 | ... .. | 4 0 0 | ... | per month. |
| Ditto (Coastwise) | per month | 8 0 0 | ... | ... .. | 3 0 0 | 4 0 0 | |
| Sail Makers | per piece per yard | 3 | ... | ... .. | 1 1/2 | ... | |
| Sawyers | per hundred feet | 15 0 | 1 10 0 | ... .. | 7 6 1/2 | 15 0 | |
| Seamen (on Steamers) | per month | 9 0 0 | 15 0 0 | and found | 4 10 0 | 8 0 0 | and found. |
| Salesmen | per week | 3 0 0 | 6 0 0 | ... .. | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 | |
| Ship Joiners | " | 3 10 0 | ... | ... .. | 1 10 0 | ... | |
| Shipwrights | " | 3 10 0 | ... | ... .. | 1 10 0 | ... | |
| Shepherds (Single Men) | per annum | 25 0 0 | 35 0 0 | and rations | 18 0 0 | 22 0 0 | and rations. |
| Storemen | per week | 2 10 0 | 4 0 0 | ... .. | 1 0 0 | 1 10 0 | |
| Tailors (Journeymen) | per piece | ... | ... | ... .. | ... | ... |  |
| Ditto | trowsers, per pair | 12 0 | ... | ... .. | 6 0 | ... | |
| Ditto | dress coats, each | 2 0 0 | ... | ... .. | 1 0 0 | ... | |
| Ditto | shooting jackets, each | 1 10 0 | ... | ... .. | 15 0 | ... | |
| Ditto | waistcoats, each | 10 0 | ... | ... .. | 5 0 | ... | |
| Tinsmiths | per week | 5 0 0 | 6 0 0 | ... .. | 1 15 0 | 2 0 0 | |
| Turners (Iron) | " | 4 0 0 | ... | ... .. | 2 0 0 | ... | |
| Labourers, (unskilled) generally | " | 2 0 0 | 2 10 0 | and rations | 9 0 | 12 0 | and rations. |
| Ditto | per diem | 8 0 | 12 6 | ... .. | 3 6 | 6 0 | |
| Ditto (on board Ship) | " | 10 0 | 15 0 | ... .. | ... | ... |  |
| Warehousemen | per week | 2 10 0 | 3 0 0 | ... .. | 1 0 0 | 1 10 0 | |
| Wheelwrights | " | 4 10 0 | 6 0 0 | ... .. | 2 0 0 | 2 10 0 | |
| Wharfingers (Labourers) | " | 3 0 0 | 4 0 0 | ... .. | 1 10 0 | ... | |

QUALIFICATION OF EMIGRANTS.

1. The Emigrants must be of those callings which from time to time are most in demand in the Colony. They must be sober, industrious, and of general good moral character; of all of which decisive certificates will be required. They must also be in good health, free from all bodily or mental defects; and the adults must, in all respects, be capable of labour, and going out to work for wages. The candidates most acceptable are young married couples without children.
2. The separation of husbands and wives, and of parents from children under eighteen, will in no case be allowed.
3. Single women cannot be taken without their parents, unless they go under the immediate care of some near relatives. Single women with illegitimate children can in no case be taken.
4. Single men cannot be taken except in a number not exceeding that of the single women by the same ship.
5. Widowers and widows with young children:—Persons who intend to buy land, or to invest capital in trade, or who are in the habitual receipt of parish relief, or who have not been vaccinated or had the small pox, or whose families comprise more than four children under twelve years of age, cannot be accepted.

APPLICATION AND APPROVAL.

6 and 7. The same as in former Regulations.

PAYMENTS TOWARDS PASSAGES.

8. The Contributions above-mentioned, out of which the Commissioners will provide Bedding and Mess Utensils, &c., for the Voyage, will be as follows:—

| CLASSES. | AGE. | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | Under 45. | | 45 and under 50. | | 50 and under 60. | |
| | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| 1. Married Agricultural Labourers, Shepherds, Herdsmen, Miners, and their wives; also Female Domestic and Farm } Servants | 1 | 0 0 | 5 | 0 0 | 11 | 0 0 |
| 2. Single men of any of the above callings, and whether part of a family or not | 2 | 0 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 3. Country Mechanics—such as Blacksmiths, Bricklayers, Carpenters, Masons, Sawyers, Wheelwrights, and Gardeners, and } their wives; also, Females of the Working Class, not being Domestic or Farm Servants (when they can be taken) | 5 | 0 0 | 8 | 0 0 | 15 | 0 0 |
| 4. Children under fourteen | 0 | 10 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Passages to the port of embarkation, from Dublin, Cork, Granton Pier, and Hull, are provided by the Commissioners for Emigrants proceeding through those ports. All other travelling expenses must be borne by the Emigrants themselves.

CAUTIONS TO APPLICANTS.

- 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. The same as in former Regulations.
- 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. The same as in former Regulations.

OUTFIT, &c.

Government Emigration Office, Park-street, Westminster,
December, 1851.

(By order of the Board)

STEPHEN WALCOTT,
SECRETARY.

No. XV.

A.

*Instructions handed to the Surgeons Superintendent of Immigrant Vessels on arriving at
Port Phillip Heads.*

SIR,

I have the honour to call your attention to the following Regulations for your guidance in disposing of the Immigrants by the Ship

1. No Immigrant is to be allowed, on any account, to leave the Ship until the hiring shall have been declared by me to commence.
2. No person is to be allowed, under any pretence whatever, to board the Ship, until the hiring commence. From this regulation are excepted the Officers of H. M. Customs, of the Immigration Department, and of the Water Police; and Clergymen bearing a permit from me.
3. No Steamer is to be allowed alongside until the hiring commence, except for the use of the Immigration Board.
4. The Immigration Board will meet on board the Ship on the day after her arrival in Port. You will, of course, attend, and be prepared to give the Board every assistance in conducting their examination.
5. You will be so good as to request the Master to be in attendance, and to reserve the Cabin for the use of the Board.
6. The hiring of Immigrants will commence on board the Ship at 10 A.M., on a day to be appointed by the Board, and continue during the remainder of the fourteen days allowed by the Charter Party. Until the greater part of the people are disposed of, an Officer of the Immigration Department will come on board to register the Agreements. You will cause all applications for Servants to be made to you; and you will take care that no Immigrant leaves the Ship without your permission, and until his destination has been entered by the Immigration Officer.
7. The Ship must be cleared of strangers at 4 P.M., and no Immigrant allowed to go on shore after that time.
8. You will forward to me, on Monday in every week, until the people are disposed of, a list of those remaining unemployed, specifying their calling and age; and, on the day before the Immigrants finally leave the Ship, a full return of those who are coming on shore.
9. Before the hiring commences, all the Single Females will be brought into the Depôt; and, at the expiration of the fourteen days, such Married Couples and their Families as have not found employment, unless they have refused reasonable offers of service.
10. You will notify your arrival to me, for the information of the Governor, by the Mail-boat; and will hand to me, at the proper times, all documents for the use of this Department, or for transmission to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

HUGH C. E. CHILDERS,

Immigration Agent.

*To the Surgeon Superintendent
of the Ship*

B.

Regulations to be observed in the Hiring of Immigrants.

1. THE Hiring of the Families and Single Men, who arrive by a Government Immigrant Ship, takes place on Board; that of the Single Women, in the Depôt.

SHIP.

2. The Immigrants are open for engagement on board, between the hours of ten (10) A.M. and four (4) P.M., on and after a day of which due notice is given, until the conclusion of the fourteen lay days allowed by the Charter Party. Those who remain disengaged at the termination of the lay days, are forwarded to one of the outports, or required to leave the ship on their own account.

3. Persons coming on board to engage servants are expected to address themselves to the Surgeon Superintendent. It is his duty to point out such Immigrants as are of the class sought for, and generally to assist employers in making the necessary agreements. It is also his duty to see that no *unreasonable* engagement is made by an employer, and no reasonable offer refused by an Immigrant.

4. If an unreasonable offer be made by an employer, the Surgeon Superintendent should, in the first place, address him separately, and afterwards, if necessary, warn and advise the Immigrant.

5. All agreements are written out, and registered; on the first days, by an officer of the Immigration Department, sent on board for that purpose, and afterwards, under the direction of the Surgeon.

6. All Immigrants are expected to take service; but those who, for sufficient cause, decline to do so, are allowed to leave the ship as soon as the hiring commences. They must, in every case, take their boxes with them, and report their names and place of destination to the Surgeon or Officer who superintends the hiring. No Immigrant, after leaving the ship, is allowed to return without express permission from the Master.

7. No person is allowed to visit the ship, under any pretence whatever, before the hiring commences.

DEPOT.

8. The single women are open for engagement in the Depôt, between the hours eleven (11) A.M. and two (2) P.M., on days of which due notice is given.

9. No person is admitted into the Depôt to hire servants without an order, which may be obtained by personal application at the Immigration Office, during the usual hours of business. Employers are admitted in the order of their applications.

10. Any employer, unknown to the Immigration Agent, may be required to bring an introduction from a respectable householder in Melbourne. No publican or lodging-house keeper is, on any pretence, allowed to hire servants at the Depôt.

11. Applications for servants, at the Depôt, should be made to the Matron. It is her duty to point out those who are of the class sought for, and to assist employers in making agreements. She will report to the Officer who superintends the hiring, any *unreasonable* offers on the part of employers, or refusal by Immigrants of reasonable wages.

12. It is the duty of the Officer who superintends the hiring to prevent any unsuitable engagements being undertaken by women under twenty-one years of age, without the consent of their parents or guardians.

13. Single women, who have parents in the Colony, or who, for some other cause, are unable to take service, are allowed to leave the Depôt, with their boxes, at a stated time.

14. No person is allowed to visit the Depôt, except during the time of hiring, without special permission.

GENERAL.

15. Any Immigrant, who, either on board ship or in Depôt, refuses a reasonable offer of service, will cease to be maintained by the Government, and may be required to leave immediately. The fact of such refusal should be reported without delay.

16. With reference to Clauses 3, 11, and 15, and for the guidance of employers and employed, certified lists of the current wages are posted in conspicuous places at the time of hiring.

17. Agreements are made in duplicate, registered in the Immigration Office, and cannot be cancelled there without the consent of both parties.

18. Immigrants who have accepted service, must leave the Ship or the Depôt without delay, and cannot be re-admitted.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. LONSDALE.

No. XVI.

STATEMENT, shewing the Age, Occupation, and Disposal of the Single Females introduced into the Colony of Victoria from the 1st of July, 1851, to the 30th June, 1852, at the Cost of the Fund for Promoting Female Emigration.

| Name of Ship. | Date of Arrival. | Number of Persons introduced. | Age. | | Occupation. | | | Disposal. | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Under 21. | 21 and above. | Domestic Servants. | Milliners and Dressmakers. | Other Occupations. | Hired as Domestic Servants. | Average Wages per annum. | Otherwise disposed of. |
| City of Manchester | 1851. September 25th | 6 | 2 | 4 | 2 | .. | 4 | 4 | £ s. d. 15 0 0 | 2 |
| Northumberland | November 4th.. | 33 | 17 | 16 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 24 | 15 10 0 | 9 |
| Fortitude | 1852. June 13th | 51 | 29 | 22 | 30 | 16 | 5 | 36 | 22 0 0 | 15 |
| Total..... | | 90 | 48 | 42 | 51 | 27 | 12 | 64 | ..... | 26 |

Immigration Office,
Melbourne, June 30th, 1852.

HUGH C. E. CHILDERS,
Immigration Agent.