

1852.

VICTORIA.

EMIGRATION.

(Ordered by the Council to be printed 30th November, 1852.)

C J. LA TROBE,

Message, No. 40.

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the information of the Council, the accompanying Copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, dated July 16th, 1852, No. 37, giving cover to the Copy of a Report of the Land and Emigration Commissioners, on the mode of keeping the Emigration Accounts of New South Wales and Victoria respectively, and enclosing a Statement of the cost in England of the Ships despatched to Sydney and Port Phillip, from 1847 to 1851.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 30th November, 1852.

No. 37.]

Downing-street, 16th July, 1852.

SIR,

With reference to your Despatch, No. 47, of the 12th of November, 1851, on the subject of Immigration to Victoria during the present year, I transmit for your information and guidance the copy of a Report of the Land and Emigration Commissioners on the mode of keeping the Emigration Accounts of New South Wales and Victoria respectively, and enclosing a statement of the cost in England of the ships despatched to Sydney and Port Phillip from 1847 to 1851.

Copy of Report,  
24th June, 1852.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed)

JOHN S. PAKINGTON.

Lieutenant Governor La Trobe,  
&c., &c., &c.

[COPY.]

Colonial Land and Emigration Office,  
24th June, 1852.

SIR,

We have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 29th April, enclosing a Despatch from Lieutenant Governor La Trobe on the mode of keeping the Emigration Accounts of New South Wales and Victoria, and requesting to be furnished with a careful Report upon the subject.

2. With reference to an inaccuracy pointed out by Mr. La Trobe in including a ship sent to Twofold Bay among those apportioned to the Port Phillip District, we have to state that this was an error in the drafting of the Report and not in the calculations on which it was founded, in which the *Bermondsey* was set down, as was right, to the Sydney District.

3. Before further proceeding to report the result of the investigation which we have made into these accounts, it may be desirable to advert to the principle which in our letter of the 12th June, 1851, we recommended for adoption in respect to the adjustment which became necessary on the separation of New South Wales into two independent Colonies.

4. The principle on which we have acted in carrying on this Emigration to New South Wales is laid down in our Annual Report of 1848. Assuming the money which we received to have been raised by Debentures, chargeable in equal moieties on the Land Revenues of the Sydney and Port Phillip Districts, we understood it to be the decision of the Secretary of State that the Emigrants were to be despatched in equal proportions to each District. Not receiving separate remittances from each Colony, we did not imagine ourselves intended to open separate accounts for each, and accordingly merely directed our efforts to secure that each received, as nearly as might be, the same number of Emigrants.

5. When, therefore, it became clear that the Accounts of the Districts must be divided, we examined how far we had succeeded in this object, and finding that, in an expenditure of more than £400,000, the numbers despatched to each District (after taking into account those to which the Sydney District had an exclusive right in virtue of the Parliamentary vote) did not differ by nearly one-half of the numbers conveyed in a vessel of the smallest size, we considered that the claims of each District had been met with sufficient accuracy to justify the equal division between them of the Funds remaining unexpended.

6. It appears, however, that in Governor La Trobe's view of the case a more complete separation of the two Funds should have been kept from the commencement of 1848, a mode of proceeding which would have had the effect of causing the claims of the two Districts to be measured, not by the number of Emigrants despatched to each, but by the amount expended on their conveyance, and we understand it to be Sir John Pakington's wish that we should state to him how the Account would stand if made out on this basis.

7. From the annexed statement it appears, that from the commencement of the Emigration of 1847, up to the 30th June, 1851, when the two Districts were erected into different Colonies and the Accounts accordingly separated, the net amount expended on the Emigration to the Sydney District (after deducting the contributions received from Emigrants) was £185,000, of which nearly £24,000 was derived from the Parliamentary vote, and consequently £161,000 was the amount of Colonial money expended in despatching Emigrants to this District.

8. The net cost of the Emigration to the Port Phillip District was, as nearly as can be ascertained, £157,000. If, therefore, it should be deemed right that the adjustment between the two Districts should be based upon the expenditure incurred for each, the sum of £4000 would have to be allotted to Victoria out of the balance of the old account before its division in equal proportions between the two Colonies.

9. If this difference had resulted merely from the various accidents which affect the prices of ships taken up on different occasions, we think that the fairest mode of adjustment between the two Colonies would have been that which we adopted, and which would throw these accidents on the two parties interested in a common fund. But it is also to be considered that Port Phillip received more readily what are called Assisted Emigrants, *i. e.*, Emigrants of a less eligible class, but who contributed more towards the cost of their conveyance. As Port Phillip then put up with the disadvantage of this inferior class it should also be allowed the advantage of the payments received from them, and this can only be effected by adopting the basis of calculation suggested by Mr. La Trobe which credits each District with its own proper receipts and debits it with its proper expenditure. If Sir John Pakington should be of opinion that this, under the circumstances, would be the fairest course and that the principle of settlement proposed by Mr. La Trobe should be substituted for that sanctioned on the Report of this Board by your letter of 5th July last, it would remain for us, as the expenditure is now practically closed, to pay from the old New South Wales account to that of Victoria the sum of £4000 and to divide the remainder in equal proportions between the Colonies. If any liabilities on the old account were hereafter to be discovered, it could of course be charged to one or other District as the case might seem to warrant.

10. We have suggested to pay over the round sum of £4000 because, upon the large expenditure which we are called upon to divide, the mode in which the accounts have been hitherto kept would make it impossible to obtain a perfect accuracy of apportionment without a degree of labour which it would be difficult to calculate, and which we feel confident would not produce any material alteration of the result.

11. With reference to the 2nd paragraph of Mr. La Trobe's letter, we have to state, that we have no means of knowing whether all the Land Deposits made in Port Phillip were duly forwarded to this Country through Sydney. But we are able to say that all which have reached us have been placed to the separate accounts of the Colony of Victoria, and are not included in the balance now under consideration.

We have, &c.,

(Signed)

T. W. C. MURDOCH.

C. ALEXANDER WOOD.

Herman Merivale, Esq.,  
&c., &c., &c.

#### STATEMENT,

Shewing the cost in England of the Ships despatched respectively to New South Wales (Sydney) and Port Phillip, from the opening of the Emigration in 1847, to 30th June, 1851.

#### SYDNEY.

	Ship.	Gross Cost.			Emigrants' Contributions.			Nett Cost.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1847	Sir Edward Parry.....	1195	17	5	49	13	9	1146	3	8
	Hyderabad.....	3450	1	5	220	0	0	3230	1	5
	Sobraon .....	2097	10	11	176	10	0	1921	0	11
1848	Thetis .....	2319	13	5	200	19	0	2118	14	5
	Canton .....	2722	16	4	197	10	0	2525	6	4
	Carried forward	£ 11785	19	6	844	12	9	10941	6	9

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		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
1848	Brought forward	£	11785	19	6	844	12	9	10941	6	9	
	Equestrian		3157	6	10	275	16	0	2881	10	10	
	Royal Saxon		2987	1	6	212	14	0	2774	7	6	
	Fairlie		3846	10	2	437	15	1	3408	15	1	
	Earl Grey		3284	3	4	10	0	0	3274	3	4	
	Agincourt		2694	12	10	798	0	0	1896	12	10	
	Castle Eden		4249	10	4	278	11	0	3970	19	4	
	Charlotte Jane		3067	18	0	280	4	8	2787	13	4	
	Emperor		3317	19	6	312	1	10	3005	17	8	
	General Hewitt		3797	1	9	278	10	0	3518	11	9	
	Artemisia (Moreton Bay)		2935	1	11	250	10	0	2684	11	11	
	Bermondsey (Twofold Bay)		2326	9	3	203	10	0	2122	19	3	
	Warnley		2018	13	11	155	10	0	1863	3	11	
	Walmer Castle		3268	16	6	361	17	6	2906	19	0	
	Thomas Arbuthnot		3298	17	6	250	10	0	3048	7	6	
	Harbinger		3776	0	7	404	0	0	3372	0	7	
	Wattes Morrice		3069	11	4	452	10	0	2617	1	4	
	Inchinnan		2700	12	5	50	10	0	2650	2	5	
	St. Vincent		2963	15	3	442	10	0	2521	5	3	
	Seadfast		3051	9	11	537	10	0	2513	19	11	
	Midlothian		2461	1	6	345	0	0	2116	1	6	
	Digby		3409	2	6	50	0	0	3359	2	6	
	Tory		2368	8	10	372	0	0	1996	8	10	
	Julinder		2681	17	0	381	0	0	2300	17	0	
	1849	Lady Amherst		2491	19	6	315	12	0	2176	7	6
		James Gibb		3412	10	8	402	0	0	3010	10	8
		Emma Eugenia		2460	8	9	241	10	0	2218	18	9
		Agenoria		3128	3	2	465	0	0	2663	3	2
Diana			2794	8	3	426	0	0	2368	8	3	
John Bright			2844	1	2	420	0	0	2424	1	2	
Emigrant			3768	7	8	496	0	0	3272	7	8	
Lady Peel			2730	19	4	19	0	0	2711	19	4	
Scotia			3850	18	0	468	0	0	3382	18	0	
Mary Bannatyne			2785	0	0	631	4	6	2153	15	6	
Duke of Roxburgh			2813	9	9	316	10	0	2496	19	9	
Victoria			3308	19	5	520	0	0	2788	19	5	
Kate			4182	9	9	803	10	0	3378	19	9	
Sea			4391	9	4	655	0	0	3736	9	4	
Una			3807	5	10	535	10	0	3271	15	10	
William and Mary			2611	11	11	14	0	0	2597	11	11	
Success			402	7	6	...	...	...	402	7	6	
Petrel			3972	9	6	522	10	0	3449	19	6	
Lismoyne			2658	2	3	29	0	0	2629	2	3	
Sarah			3465	14	9	475	0	0	2990	14	9	
Blonde			3159	1	8	588	0	0	2571	1	8	
Panama			2514	11	3	36	0	0	2478	11	3	
Cornwall			4046	10	5	673	0	0	3373	10	5	
Thomas Arbuthnot			3056	4	6	36	10	0	3019	14	6	
Anglia			1441	15	2	216	10	0	1225	5	2	
Oriental			2486	8	11	444	10	0	2041	18	11	
John Knox			4433	17	5	113	0	0	4320	17	5	
Elizabeth			3087	5	11	524	0	0	2563	5	11	
1850	Thetis		2581	7	11	456	0	0	2125	7	11	
	Maria		3437	10	11	82	10	0	3355	0	11	
	Lloyds		2227	11	0	456	10	0	1771	1	0	
	Tippoo Saib		4147	7	9	89	0	0	4058	7	9	
	Emigrant (Moreton Bay)		3176	12	6	627	0	0	2549	12	6	
	Ramillies		2917	16	6	205	15	0	2712	1	6	
	Lord Stanley		3308	19	7	617	0	0	2691	19	7	
	Emily		2555	3	2	430	10	0	2124	13	2	
	Kate		3157	19	10	713	0	0	2444	19	10	
	Duchess Northumberland (Moreton Bay)		2500	4	0	477	19	6	2022	4	6	
	Garland		3434	17	9	703	10	0	2731	7	9	
	1851	Emperor		3317	10	2	634	15	0	2682	15	2
Sarah			3086	19	5	689	5	0	2397	14	5	
Earl Grey			1688	1	5	671	0	0	1017	1	5	
		£	210162	15	10	25225	13	10	184937	2	0	

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		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1847	Sir Edward Parry.....	1496	17	6	62	3	11	1434	13	7
	Lady Peel .....	2441	14	7	181	8	0	2260	6	7
1848	William Stewart .....	2625	16	3	230	2	5	2395	13	10
	Adelaide .....	3185	10	1	303	19	0	2881	11	1
	Mahomed Shah .....	3144	2	11	243	18	0	2900	4	11
	Palmyra.....	3013	12	4	233	5	0	2780	7	4
	Cornwall .....	4338	7	8	365	1	6	3973	6	2
	Cheapside .....	3199	0	6	190	10	0	3008	10	6
	Berkshire .....	3057	14	4	229	15	6	2827	18	10
	Tasman .....	2821	5	5	219	17	6	2601	7	11
	Blonde .....	2965	3	0	265	5	10	2699	17	2
	Andromache .....	2754	19	1	225	6	0	2529	13	1
	Nelson .....	3105	10	7	258	0	3	2847	10	4
	Aurora .....	2644	5	7	197	5	6	2447	0	1
	Lady Kennaway .....	2764	15	8	17	10	0	2747	5	8
	Maitland .....	3431	0	5	337	0	0	3094	0	5
	Lysander .....	2612	10	7	257	10	0	2355	0	7
	Manchester .....	3099	17	8	387	10	0	2712	7	8
	Duchess of Northumberland	3151	17	7	516	10	0	2635	7	7
	Thetis .....	2846	9	4	373	10	0	2472	19	4
	Labuan .....	2947	5	7	338	10	0	2608	15	7
	Francis Reilley .....	2874	19	9	450	0	0	2424	19	9
	Osprey .....	3675	1	7	650	0	0	3025	1	7
	Lord George Bentinck .....	3044	19	2	346	0	0	2698	19	2
	Mary Shepherd.....	3348	2	5	538	10	0	2809	12	5
	General Palmer.....	3181	10	9	599	0	0	2582	10	9
1849	Sir George Seymour .....	3625	17	6	596	4	0	3029	13	6
	Pemberton.....	4889	4	0	22	0	0	4867	4	0
	British Empire .....	2867	8	9	368	0	0	2499	8	9
	Ann Miln .....	3072	15	5	538	0	0	2534	15	5
	Whitby .....	2073	10	1	468	0	0	1665	10	1
	Caroline Agnes .....	2823	12	8	504	10	0	2319	2	8
	Hope .....	2489	2	4	327	0	0	2162	2	4
	Saxon.....	3349	6	10	575	10	0	2773	16	10
	Elizabeth .....	2841	14	2	351	0	0	2490	14	2
	New Liverpool .....	3454	14	5	23	0	0	3431	14	5
	Medway .....	3378	5	11	695	0	0	2683	5	11
	Victory .....	629	15	0	77	0	0	552	15	0
	Coiner .....	5016	10	8	734	10	0	4282	0	8
	Mahomed Shah .....	3198	9	1	578	10	0	2619	19	1
	Tasman .....	2704	6	0	595	10	0	2108	16	0
	James T. Foord.....	3238	3	9	581	10	0	2656	13	9
	Nelson .....	2963	12	7	530	10	0	2433	2	7
	Royal George .....	2832	15	7	596	0	0	2236	15	7
	Andromache .....	2724	13	6	492	10	0	2232	3	6
	Maitland .....	3321	19	6	580	0	0	2741	19	6
	Diadem .....	3128	6	11	27	0	0	3101	6	11
	Derwent.....	2096	2	5	72	0	0	2024	2	5
	Lady Kennaway .....	3018	5	4	569	10	0	2448	15	4
	Reliance.....	3781	7	9	661	10	0	3119	17	9
	Aurora .....	2563	17	11	436	10	0	2127	7	11
	Eliza Caroline .....	3592	10	0	69	0	0	3523	10	0
1850	Bussorah Merchant .....	2693	10	0	591	0	0	2102	10	0
	Sir Robert Sale.....	2987	13	3	574	10	0	2413	3	3
	Harry Lorrequer .....	3661	4	11	908	5	0	2752	19	11
	James T. Foord.....	3034	4	4	639	0	0	2395	4	4
1851	John Knox .....	4495	17	8	1004	0	0	3491	17	8
	Sea.....	3874	13	8	928	0	0	2946	13	8
	Statesman .....	8201	1	10	776	0	0	2425	1	10
	£	181397	4	1	24447	17	5	156949	6	8

(Signed)

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22nd June, 1852.