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HEALTH OFFICER.

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Queenscliff, January 4th, 1854.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward my report for the six months ending December 31st, 1854, comprised under the following heads :—

- 1st. Number of vessels boarded in each month.
- 2nd. List of vessels arrived from London.
- 3rd. Ditto ditto Liverpool.
- 4th. Ditto ditto Scottish Ports.
- 5th. List of Government Immigration Ships.
- 6th. Total number of Government Immigration Ships from the same Port, with average passage, proportion of deaths to passengers, and rate per cent. of same.
- 7th. Total number and average passage of vessels from London, Liverpool, and Scottish Ports, with the proportion of deaths to passengers, and rate per cent. of same.
- * 8th. Total number of ships from all ports, crews, proportion of deaths, and rate per cent. of same.
- 9th. Return shewing total number of passengers arrived from all Ports, with total crews, also the number of deaths and causes, distinguishing passengers from crews, and infants from adults.
- 10th. Return of vessels placed in quarantine.
- 11th. Remarks.

* I have to express my regret that the return of the crews, as also of the causes of death, is imperfect, as I have no data for these heads excepting for the last three months.

No. I.

Total number of vessels boarded by the Health Officer.

July ...	...	...	...	...	...	8
August ...	...	...	...	...	...	9
September	...	...	...	...	...	27
October ...	...	...	...	...	...	50
November	...	...	...	...	...	64
December...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Total	...	...	...	...	...	220

No. II.

List of Passenger Ships from the Port of London.

No.	Names.	Tonnage.	No. of days.	No. of Passengers.	Deaths.	Crews.	Deaths.
1	Black Warrior ...	1897	77	6			
2	Valparaiso ...	335	105	2			
3	Brilliant ...	548	91	25			
4	Admiral ...	785	90	18			
5	Competitor ...	400	102				
6	Lolo ...	360	118	2	1		
7	Concord ...	108	160				
8	Dinah ...	547	113	15			
9	Alfonse Coesara ...	459	110	25			
10	Robert Passenger ...	478	102	106			
11	Pictura ...	744	94	8			
12	Thorwaldsen ...	907	105	331	2	36	
13	West Indian ...	713	134	...	...	25	
14	William the III ...	574	119	...	...	23	
15	Lady Louisa ...	1023	130	...	...	25	
16	Two Sisters ...	660	150	33	...	22	
17	Orion ...	332	131	...	...	14	
18	Land o'Cakes ...	561	109	...	...	21	
19	Blackwall... ..	838	85	125	...	53	
20	Orient ...	576	94	220	5	26	
21	Tongataboo ...	533	103	30	...	20	
22	Aberfoyle ...	417	100	11	1	17	
23	Calabar ...	754	90	140	4	33	
24	Blanche ...	188	133	5	1	12	
25	Dureland... ..	621	112	...	...	23	1
26	Maria Julia ...	168	117	1	...	15	
27	Woden ...	263	104	...	...	14	
28	Voyager ...	290	114	2	...	14	
29	Albricht Beyling ...	667	106	16	...	21	
30	Vorwark ...	663	107	41	1	25	
31	Esprit ...	287	130	...	...	14	
32	Bengalen... ..	305	118	...	...	14	
33	Titania ...	485	122	...	...	18	
34	Iago ...	778	116	...	...	26	
35	Neptunus ...	764	125	27	...	27	
36	Edward Maria ...	542	121	...	...	20	
37	Burgomaster von Reenen ...	523	114	2	...	20	
38	Charlotte Anne ...	450	98	...	...	21	
39	Elizabeth... ..	485	111	40	1	90	
40	Jane Frances ...	390	112	30	...	15	
41	Elizabeth... ..	445	134	20	...	18	1
42	Huntly ...	186	141	...	...	9	
43	Highlander ...	147	121	...	...	9	
44	Cornelius Gipps ...	650	116	12	1	24	
45	Anglesea ...	1018	99	125	...	60	1
46	Aberfoyle... ..	996	109	140	...	40	1
47	Walter ...	330	124	4	...	13	
48	Ebenezer ...	47	174	11	...	6	
49	Stebonheath ...	1012	105	180	2	39	
50	Swallow ...	1323	73	12	...	40	
51	Sussex ...	969	73	128	...	52	
52	Ouderkirk ...	725	100	100	1	26	
53	Belle of the West ...	936	80	1	...	36	
54	Governor... ..	211	217	...	...	24	
55	Asia ...	1397	95	432	2	50	
56	Indemnity ...	741	93	11	...	25	
57	Windermere ...	589	129	30	1	25	
	Totals ...	34140	6455	2467	23	1130	4

No. III.

List of Vessels arrived from the Port of Liverpool.

No.	Name.	Tonnage.	No. of days.	No. of Passengers.	Deaths.	Crew.	Deaths.
1	Fitz James	1307	81	458	4		
2	Star of the East	1219	76	453			
3	Oliver Lang	1275	86	206			
4	Flora Temple	1420	78	443	7	50	
5	Maria Elizabeth	788	114	...	...	30	
6	Muidora	1329	89	277	2	35	
7	Marco Polo	1655	92	620	6	96	
8	Bee	1352	96	322	...	45	
9	Emma	1011	87	330	1	52	
10	Emu	382	127	...	...	15	
11	Buonaventura	1124	89	225	...	43	
12	Phoenix	906	99	362	3	34	
13	John Knox	1197	111	276	2	38	
14	Flora	93	235	11	...	9	
15	Clesmarden	1761	84	423	3	70	
16	Arabian	1060	86	300	3	30	
17	Neil Dow... ..	107	137	1	...	9	
18	Virginia	830	90	...	...	31	
19	Andraclous	320	121	...	...	16	
20	James Carson	1164	94	414	2		
21	Red Jacket	1694	70	478	2		
22	Great Britain	3500	65	451	3		
23	Delgany	909	113	275	3	30	
24	Sultana	1316	86	375	1	52	
25	Constance	1106	104	311	1	43	
26	Lincluden Castle	1028	84	255	...	37	
27	Mobile	1040	87	397	4	45	
28	Falcon	1072	96	350	...	41	1
29	Herald of the Morning	1354	117	248	6	50	
30	Geuzisters	728	128	25	...	26	
31	Nabob	1245	102	247	1	42	1
32	Spray of the Ocean	992	87	50	...	34	
33	Champion of the Seas	2212	74	780	4	109	1
34	Marian Moore	1037	104	218	...	35	
35	Fullwood	1160	81	435	...	57	
	Totals	40697	3470	10016	58	1204	3

No. IV.

List of Vessels arrived from Scottish Ports.

No.	Name.	Tonnage.	No. of days.	No. of Passengers.	Deaths.	Crew.	Deaths.
1	Neptune	84	117	4			
2	Loch Lomond	571	105	46			
3	Storm Bird, s.s.	79	118				
4	Hilja	568	110	40	...	24	
5	Isle of France	338	110	...	...	16	
6	Oliver Cromwell	478	112	12	...	20	
7	John Bell	1207	97	125	2	43	
8	Venus, s.s.	136	138	...	...	9	
9	Meteor, s.s.	77	112	...	...	12	
10	Corio, s.s.	78	120	...	...	13	2
11	Lady Sale	199	170	4	...	10	
12	Friends	101	120	...	...	10	
13	Storm Cloud	906	86	83	1	35	
14	Fair City... ..	115	115	...	...	7	
15	Colchester	183	142	..	...	9	
16	Wonga Wonga	75	124	...	...	10	
17	Parisien	749	97	101	1	33	
18	Prince of the Seas... ..	1427	98	120	3	45	
19	Brothers	159	112	...	...	11	
20	Retriever... ..	104	140	...	...	10	
21	Lady Octavia	1319	123	118	4	40	
22	Ann	111	176	21	1	7	
	Totals	9064	2652	674	12	364	2

No. V.

List of Government Immigration Ships.

No.	Name.	Tonnage.	No. of days.	No. of Passengers.	Deaths.	Crew.	Deaths.
1	City of Manchester ...	1108	102	410	5		
2	Hilton	1440	81	484	8		
3	Ontario	694	126	298	10		
4	Maria Hay	1007	90	398	4		
5	Pride of the Seas	1345	77	458	5		
6	Marshall Bennett	353	107	181	7		
7	Geelong	397	98	190			
8	Stamboul... ..	1274	94	432	5		
9	Joshua	804	96	340	4		
10	Black Eagle	1465	93	504	2	63	
11	Hornet	1285	83	433	1	56	1
12	Appoline... ..	452	108	177	1	23	
13	Neleus	982	72	338	5	45	
14	Agra	715	99	314	3	29	1
15	Phoebe Dunbar	704	109	270	2	38	1
16	Tudor	1061	81	416	3	32	
	Totals	15086	1516	5643	65	306	3

No. VI.

Average passage of Government Immigration Ships, with proportion of deaths to passengers, and rate per cent. of ditto.

Where from.	No. of Ships.	Average Passage.	No. of Passengers.	Deaths.	Rate per cent. of deaths.
Southampton	7	97 days	2297	37	1·610
Liverpool	5	85 "	2311	21	·908
Plymouth	4	97 "	1035	10	·966

No. VII.

Total number and average passage of vessels from London, Liverpool, and Scottish Ports, with proportion of deaths to passengers, and rate per cent. of ditto.

Where from.	No. of Ships.	Average Passage.	No. of Passengers.	Deaths.	Rate per cent. of deaths.
London	57	111 days	2467	23	·932
Liverpool	35	99 "	10016	58	·579
Scottish Ports	22	120 "	674	12	1·780

No. VIII.

Total number of ships from all Ports, crews, proportion of deaths, and rate per cent. of ditto.

No. of Ships.	No. of Crews.	No. of Deaths.	Rate per Cent.
160	4098	18	·439

No. IX.

Return shewing the total number of passengers arrived from all ports, with total crews; also the number of deaths and causes, distinguishing passengers from crews, and adults from infants.

Total Passengers.	Total Deaths.	Adults.	Infants.	Causes.	No. of Deaths.	Total Crews.	Total Deaths.	No. of Deaths.	Causes.
21214	173	118	55	Diarrhoea ...	5	4098	18	12	Drowned
				Debility ...	16			1	Accident
				Phthisis ...	10			1	Dysentery
				Convulsions ...	8			1	Asiatic cholera
				Mesenteric disease	4			1	Phthisis
				Dentition ...	6			1	Merasmus
				Apoplexy ...	2			1	Exposure
				Sea sickness ...	4				
				Hydrocephalus ...	5				
				Asiatic cholera ...	5				
				Heart disease ...	3				
				Hooping cough ...	2				
				Found dead ...	2				
				Bronchitis ...	5				
				Dysentery ...	5				
				Pneumonia ...	3				
				Dropsy ...	1				
				Merasmus ...	3				
				Enteritis ...	6				
				Purpura ...	1				
				Drowned ...	2				
				Small pox ...	1				
				Labour ...	1				
				Sunstroke ...	1				
				Epilepsy ...	1				

No. X.

Return of Vessels placed in Quarantine.

Name of Vessel.	Where from.	Nature of Disease causing Quarantine.	Duration of Quarantine.	No. of Passengers.	Deaths on Voyage.	Rate per cent. of deaths.	Deaths in Quarantine.	Whether Immigrant or other Vessel.
City of Manchester...	Southampton ...	Fever ...	3 days	410	5	1.224	1	Government Immigrant.
Ontario ...	Southampton ...	Ditto ...	7 "	298	10	1.440	2	Ditto ditto.
James Carson ...	Liverpool ...	Ditto ...	2 "	414	2	.482	1	Private Passenger.
Great Britain S.S. ...	Liverpool ...	Small Pox ...	17 "	451	3	.664	1	Ditto ditto.
Eliza Harbeck ...	San Francisco ...	Coming from infected Port ...	2 "	1	...	...	...	Ditto ditto.
Spartaeus... ..	San Francisco ...	Ditto ditto ...	2 "	6	...	...	...	Ditto ditto.
Chamois ...	Mauritius ...	Ditto ditto ...	3 "	2	...	...	...	Ditto ditto.
Susan and Kate Denning ...	San Francisco ...	Ditto ditto ...	2 "	...	...	...	...	Ditto ditto.
Victoria ...	Hamburgh ...	Ship Fever ...	2 "	161	5	3.104	...	Ditto ditto.
Baron of Bramber ...	Mauritius ...	Coming from infected Port ...	3 "	1	...	...	...	Ditto ditto.
Scotia ...	Mauritius ...	Ditto ditto ...	3 "	4	...	...	...	Ditto ditto.
Narwhal ...	Mauritius ...	Ditto ditto ...	3 "	20	...	...	...	Ditto ditto.
Champion of the Seas ...	Liverpool ...	Small Pox... ..	3 "	780	4	.512	...	Ditto ditto.

REMARKS.

Of the vessels which have arrived during the last six months, only two require special notice, viz. :—the *Neleus* and the *Agra*, Government immigrant ships.

Asiatic cholera prevailed in the Dépôt at Southampton at the time when the immigrants embarked in the above vessels.

The *Neleus* sailed on the 10th August, and on her arrival reported four deaths from Asiatic cholera as having occurred on the 10th, 11th, 14th, and 16th of the month. From the last date (the sixth day after sailing) there were no further signs of the disease, although no means were taken to separate the sick.

The *Agra* sailed on the 25th August, and reported on her arrival two deaths from Asiatic cholera, the first of these occurred on the 28th of the month, and the second on the 2nd September, nine days after sailing. After this date Diarrhœa prevailed, but the cases were neither unusual in number nor unusually severe.

(Signed)

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