

probable that some of them may be indisposed to go, either on the ground of their recent return to England or of being required to be borne on the articles of the ship. But should any accept the offer I will lose no time in referring them to you, in order that they may be made acquainted with the conditions of your service before their appointment takes place.

I may add that if on a future occasion you could conveniently favor us with a longer notice it would give a better chance of forwarding your views.

The New Zealand Emigration Board.

I have, &c.,

S. WALCOTT.

Enclosure 3 to No. 3.

NEW ZEALAND EMIGRATION BOARD to the SECRETARY TO HER MAJESTY'S EMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS.

Office of the New Zealand Government Emigration Board,
3, Adelaide Place, London Bridge,

London, E.C., 30th August, 1864.

SIR,—

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 26th instant, and have to thank you for your prompt attention to our wishes; and we shall be glad to be favoured with the result of your application to the several Surgeons on your list, to whom you have made known our proposals.

We perfectly understand the scale of remuneration you have fixed in your office, and we are prepared to adopt the same in reference to the Surgeons we have applied for, for the "Helenslee" and "Matoaka;" for future emigrant ships, however, we wish if possible to confine our terms of remuneration to those Surgeons who would come under the rates fixed for the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th voyages.

We understand that the payment of these allowances is contingent on the discharge of the duties of the Surgeon to the satisfaction of the New Zealand Government. It was our intention in regard to the "Matoaka," as she would carry a large number of emigrants, to propose a lump sum to the Surgeon as a remuneration in lieu of the rate per head, which we can submit to whoever you may nominate to that ship for his consideration and approval.

We presume it is imperative in the Surgeons we appoint being borne on the articles of the ship.

On future occasions we will not fail to give you longer notice on applying for any of your Surgeons. For the case of the "Helenslee," as well as the "Matoaka," we had a difficulty in fixing the exact date of their departure.

We have, &c.,

S. Walcott, Esq.,

Secretary H. M. Emigration Commissioners,
8, Park Street, Westminster.

WM. S. GRAHAME,

JOHN MORRISON,

New Zealand Government Emigration Board

Enclosure 4 to No. 3.

THE SECRETARY TO HER MAJESTY'S EMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS TO NEW ZEALAND EMIGRATION BOARD.

Government Emigration Board, 8, Park Street, Westminster,

31st August, 1864.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 30th instant, on the subject of the appointment of our Surgeons to your emigrant ships, and intimating your wish that the remuneration to the Medical Officer should, if possible, not exceed the rates fixed in our scale for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th voyages, namely, 10s. and 12s. respectively for each emigrant landed alive.

I have now to acquaint you that on the same day that we received your last letter, namely, on the 26th instant, I wrote to all the disengaged Surgeons on our list—eight in number—offering them an appointment in the "Helenslee" and "Matoaka" on the terms authorized in your letter. Of the eight thus applied to, six have for various reasons declined the appointment, and two, Messrs. Jolly and Ireland, have expressed their willingness to accept an appointment in the "Matoaka," as you will perceive by the enclosed copy of Mr. Jolly's letter, and an abstract from that of Mr. Ireland.

It occurs to me that as the time is growing short, that the best plan now will be for you to communicate direct to those gentlemen, with the view to arranging for an appointment of one of them to the "Matoaka," and for ascertaining whether the other would be disposed to take the "Helenslee."

Mr. Jolly having made fourteen voyages in our service, would, if appointed to one of our ships, be entitled to 20s. per head, and Mr. Ireland having made nine voyages, would be entitled to 18s. per head.

Should you fail to come to terms with these gentlemen and have difficulty in finding Medical Officers for your two vessels, I shall be most happy to give you any assistance in my power in making a selection from among the candidates for employment on our list who may not have yet had experience in our vessels.

W. S. Grahame, Esq.,
John Morrison, Esq.

I have, &c.,

J. WALCOTT.

Enclosure 5 to No. 3.

REPORT from SURGEON-SUPERINTENDENT of Ship "Matoaka."

GENTLEMEN,—

Ship "Matoaka," September 23rd, 1864.

I have to report with much regret the occurrence of a case of fever on board this ship, in the person of Mary Coop, a married woman, who was ailing when the ship left Gravesend, September 17th. She complained at that time of general catarrhal symptoms, but manifested no signs which might be strictly referrible to fever; still, as she complained of some soreness of the throat, I considered it my duty pointedly to draw the attention of the Government Medical Officer to her case, fearing it might possibly prove to be scarlatina, and after twice examining her, he came to the conclusion, which I could see no reason to gainsay, that it was merely a cold, caught, as the woman said, in travelling to join the ship. He consequently, after much hesitation, suffered her to proceed on the voyage, thinking with myself, that a few days would restore her to health. However, as night came on, febrile symptoms manifested themselves, and rapidly increased, and she became delirious, and the following day she was