

Messrs. SHAW, SAVILLE, and Co. to Mr. E. MAJOR.

The Passengers Line of Packets for New Zealand, &c.,
 Offices, 34, Leadenhall Street, E.C., London, 15th August, 1872.

SIR,— We are in receipt of your favour of 13th instant, and in reply beg to inform you that since writing we have postponed the sailing date of the "Jessie Readman" until 20th September; your luggage will be in time if alongside on that date. By return, we shall be pleased to receive a deposit on account of your passage money.

Mr. E. Major, 58, Pembroke Terrace,
 St. Heliers, Jersey.

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Messrs. SHAW, SAVILLE, and Co. to Mr. E. MAJOR.

The Passengers Line of Packets for New Zealand, &c.,
 Offices, 34, Leadenhall Street, E.C., London, 24th August, 1872.

SIR,— We are in receipt of your favour of 22nd instant. The passage money for your family will be £18 per adult, half price being charged for children between 1 and 12 years of age. If you wish to engage passages per "Jessie Readman," sailing 20th September to Wellington, you should at once furnish us with the names and ages of your family, also a deposit of half passage money, on receipt of which we will return you the requisite contract ticket. If you will send us the particulars of your luggage, or a bill of lading when you forward it from Jersey, we will see to its conveyance from the Custom House Quay to the East India Docks. Waiting the favour of your reply,

Mr. E. Major, 58, Pembroke Terrace,
 St. Heliers, Jersey.

We remain, &c.,
 SHAW, SAVILLE, AND Co.

Messrs. SHAW, SAVILLE, and Co. to Mr. E. MAJOR.

The Passengers Line of Packets for New Zealand, &c.,
 Offices, 34, Leadenhall Street, E.C., London, 5th September, 1872.

SIR,— We have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your favour of 3rd instant, handing us a remittance of £30 on account of your passage money to Wellington, per "Jessie Readman," for which vessel we return you herewith the requisite contract ticket. We have received the bill of lading for your luggage, which shall have our due attention.

Mr. E. Major, 58, Pembroke Terrace,
 David's Place, St. Heliers, Jersey.

We have, &c.,
 SHAW, SAVILLE, AND Co.

STATEMENT of S. D. FRASER.

ON the 19th September I applied to Shaw, Saville, and Co., at their office, for a steerage passage in the "Jessie Readman," to Wellington, for which I paid £17. They did not tell me that there were Government emigrants going out by her; they said there were steerage and saloon passengers. On the 20th September I went on board the ship in the Docks. I had no opportunity of inquiring about my accommodation at that time, as there was so much confusion and hurry on board. After the ship arrived at Gravesend I found that the vessel was a Government emigrant ship, instead of what had been represented to me by Shaw, Saville, and Co.

When Mr. Sutherland came on board I complained to him that there had been no accommodation provided for me as a steerage passenger. He said that if I would be satisfied for a day or two until things got straight, I should then have proper accommodation.

After we had been out three days at sea I asked the doctor to see that proper accommodation was given me as a steerage passenger. He replied, "that he was very sorry to say that there was no more accommodation for me than the Government emigrants, and that I had been swindled." During the rest of the voyage I was treated the same as the Government emigrants.

Witness to mark—A. Grimstone.

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 SIMON D. × FRASER,
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STATEMENT of C. JONES.

I APPLIED to Shaw, Saville, and Co., for a steerage passage in the "Jessie Readman."

When I applied to Shaw, Saville, and Co., they sent me a prospectus, at the same time informing me that there were a few steerage and saloon passengers. I then went to Shaw Saville's office and paid £18 for a steerage passage; they told me I should have to find my own bedding, tins, plates, &c. I went on board in the Docks on the day the vessel sailed, and I found, after the vessel had left, that there was no accommodation provided for me as a steerage passenger. I complained to the doctor, and threatened to go off with the pilot. He said it was a very bad case, but he thought I had better stay on board. When Mr. Sutherland came on board at Gravesend, I complained to him. He said, "You must go down there," (meaning the tween-decks,) "and find a bunk for yourself." On the voyage I was treated just the same as the Government emigrants.

C. JONES.