

The Commissioners have much pleasure in testifying to the thorough cleanliness of the ship, and the efficiency of its appointments, and in recommending the following gratuities to be paid to the officers :—

The captain, £25 ; the chief officer, £10 ; the purser or officer who served out provisions, £5.

J. B. GREY,
Acting Harbour Master.
FRANCIS ALEX. MONCKTON,
Surgeon and Health Officer.
WALTER H. PEARSON,
Immigration Officer.

P.S.—There were 232 passengers on board the “Zealandia,” of whom 197 were landed at the Bluff, 184 for Messrs. Brogden and Sons, and 13 for the Government. Although the circular to Immigration Officers of 21st ultimo makes no mention of the gratuity to be paid to surgeon-superintendents of immigrant vessels, as the Agent-General in his communication of 16th October last mentions that the gratuity of £50 will be paid to Mr. Yorath, surgeon-superintendent of the “Zealandia,” on the recommendation of the inspecting officers, the Commissioners have much pleasure in recommending the payment of this gratuity, as they entertain a high estimate of his capacity and zeal.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
Wellington.

WALTER H. PEARSON,
Immigration Officer.

No. 47.

MEMORANDUM No. 24, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I FORWARD herewith copy of a telegram from the Superintendent of Otago, requesting that Mr. Seaton may be instructed to select some work-people in Britain for Mr. Burns's woollen factory in Otago, and I shall feel obliged by your instructing Mr. Seaton accordingly.

Immigration Office,
Wellington, New Zealand, 12th February, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

Enclosure in No. 47.

His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Wellington.
(Telegram.) February 11, 1873.

MR. BURNS desires to engage a number of work-people in Britain for his woollen factory. He wishes to intrust their selection to Mr. Seaton ; will you be good enough to direct Mr. Seaton to act in this matter ? Burns will write to him. Reply.

J. MACANDREW.

No. 48.

MEMORANDUM No. 25, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

REFERRING to my Memorandum No. 13, 1873, of the 16th ultimo, I have now to inform you that the instructions relative to the conveyance of private passengers by emigrant ships under charter to the Government have been revoked, and it is left to you to decide whether it is desirable to allow private passengers in those ships.

The Government, however, trust that whatever arrangements you may make, the private passengers will not have similar grounds of complaint to those by the “Jessie Readman” on her recent voyage to this port.

Immigration Office,
Wellington, New Zealand, 13th February, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

No. 49.

MEMORANDUM No. 27, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I ENCLOSE herewith for your information copy of a very interesting letter by the Rev. Mr. Ogg, who has recently arrived in the Colony, and has had some experience in emigration matters, on the subject of promoting emigration from the Shetland Islands. You will learn from Mr. Halcombe's Memorandum (copy enclosed) that Mr. Ogg has been in communication with the Rev. Mr. Barclay on this subject.

Immigration Office,
Wellington, New Zealand, 14th February, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

Enclosure 1 in No. 49.

The Rev. C. S. OGG to Mr. A. F. HALCOMBE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 24th January, 1873.

I take the liberty of writing a few lines on the scheme for obtaining emigrants from a group of islands with which I am acquainted, “the Shetland Islands,” forming the most northerly county of Scotland.