

## No. 26.

The AGTNT-GENERAL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(No. 207.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,  
7th April, 1873.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of the Government, a copy of my correspondence relative to the emigrant ship "Edwin Fox," which was towed into Brest in a disabled condition, and put under repair in the Government Dockyard.

I need hardly express a hope that the Government will, with the least possible delay, convey their thanks in due form to the Imperial Government to the French Government, and to Her Majesty's Consul at Brest, for the valuable services rendered to the Colony on this occasion.

I have, &amp;c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,  
Agent-General.

The Hon the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

## Enclosure 1 in No. 26.

TELEGRAM received by SHAW, SAVILLE, and Co., from Brest.

CAPTAIN JOHNSON, of the "Edwin Fox," arrived here this morning in tow of steamer "Copernicus." Main-deck swept, cabin gutted, lost four boats, pumps, main-deck house, sails. Doctor and one seaman killed, others injured. Wire instructions from Liverpool. Strong head winds; made for Falmouth; hawsers parted.

The ship and emigrants are at Brest.

JOHN JOHNSON,  
Captain.

## Enclosure 2 in No. 26.

Dr. FEATHERSTON to Mr. HERBERT.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W., 10th February, 1873.

SIR,—

One of our emigrant ships has come to grief in the Bay of Biscay, and has been towed into Brest. I am sending Mr. Smith over, formerly one of the officers of Her Majesty's Emigration Commissioners, to take charge of the emigrants. Will you kindly move the Foreign Office to telegraph to the British Consul to render him any assistance in his power? The matter is urgent.

Yours faithfully,

I. E. FEATHERSTON.

## Enclosure 3 in No. 26.

Dr. FEATHERSTON to Dr. M. M. H. WELBY.

10th February, 1873.

SIR,—

Mr. E. A. Smith, the holder of this letter, has been appointed to superintend the arrangements of the passengers engaged to proceed on the ship "Edwin Fox," which vessel is now lying in Brest Harbour, and I have to request that you will place yourself under his directions.

I have, &amp;c.,

Dr. Montagu M. H. Welby,  
Surgeon Superintendent, ship "Edwin Fox."I. E. FEATHERSTON,  
Agent-General.

## Enclosure 4 in No. 26.

10th February, 1873.

I HEREBY authorize Mr. E. A. Smith to act on my behalf in all matters connected with the emigrants and ship "Edwin Fox," now lying in Brest.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,  
Agent-General for New Zealand.

## Enclosure 5 in No. 26.

Mr. HERBERT to Dr. FEATHERSTON.

Colonial Office, 10th February, 1873.

SIR,—

I will send at once to the Foreign Office to request by telegraph that the Consul at Brest may be desired to render any assistance he can to the officer whom you are sending to look after your disabled emigrant ship.

Dr. Featherston.

I have, &amp;c.,

ROBERT G. N. HERBERT.

## Enclosure 6 in No. 26.

Mr. HOLLAND to Dr. FEATHERSTON.

Downing Street, 11th February, 1873.

SIR,—

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant, I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to inform you that a letter has been received from the Foreign Office, stating that H.M. Consul at Brest