

bodily health, and although infected at the time no symptom of disease might show itself for many days after the ship had left. How is it possible in such a case to prevent the seeds of an infectious disease being carried away in the very midst of a body of emigrants? As pointed out in another communication by the present mail, the real danger lies in the detention of the emigrants at the port of embarkation, and this I am anxious in every possible way to avoid.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

No. 7.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 1385.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

12th June, 1874.

SIR,—

Referring to your letter of 11th February last (No. 37), as to embarking emigrants at Plymouth instead of at London, I have the honor to point out that the agreement which I had previously entered into with Mr. Hill, as reported in my letter of 4th April (No. 1114) has committed the Government to a certain course of action as to depôt arrangements, and that a departure from it now would entail on the colony a very heavy loss.

In addition to this, I may mention that Plymouth is only suited as a port of embarkation for emigrants from the southern and south-western counties. The expense of a long railway journey from the counties adjacent to London would be a very serious consideration to intending emigrants, besides being very fatiguing in the case of women and children.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

No. 8.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 1350.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

26th June, 1874.

SIR,—

Referring to your letters No. 87 and No. 88-74, of 9th April, 1874, I have the honor to state that I have carefully perused the reports of the Immigration Commissioners upon the ships "Carnatic" and "Wild Deer," which were forwarded therewith, and I note that these reports are of a favourable character.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

No. 9.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 1352.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

26th June, 1874.

SIR,—

Referring to your letter No. 81-74, of 8th April, forwarding copies of correspondence with the Superintendent of Auckland upon the subject of the distribution of the emigrants by the ship "Mongol," I regret to observe that of the seventy-two emigrants intended for the province only thirty-eight reached Auckland.

I note your instructions as to the inadvisability, except under very special circumstances, of sending emigrants to ports outside the province for which they are destined, and I shall give effect to them in further arrangements.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

No. 10.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 1346.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

29th June, 1874.

SIR,—

Referring to your letter No. 72-74, of 1st April, enclosing copy of the report of the Immigration Commissioners at Lyttelton upon the ship "Dilharree," &c., I note that the general arrangements of the vessel were pronounced to be satisfactory, and that the Immigration Commissioners considered the emigrants "very good, and well suited to the requirements of the province."

I regret to notice that the plumbers' work in the baths and closets was defective, and I have called the attention of the Despatching Officer to these complaints, in order to prevent a recurrence of them in the case of other vessels.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.