No. 4.

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

(No. 339.)

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

1st June, 1875.

SIR,-I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 55, of 9th March, 1875, forwarding copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Invererne," which, you inform me, arrived at Auckland upon the 29th January, viz.:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Immigration Officer's report. 3. Certified list of births and deaths upon the voyage.

I am pleased to learn that the Commissioners reported very favourably respecting the fittings and condition of the vessel, the supplies of provisions and water, the behaviour and treatment of the passengers, &c. The emigrants are referred to as "perhaps above the average," and the "large pro-

portion of single men" in this shipment is mentioned with approval.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Agent-General.

No. 5.

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

(No. 340.) 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., 1st June, 1875. SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 62, of 10th March, 1875, forwarding copies of the following documents, relative to the ship "Gareloch," which, you inform me, arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 12th February, viz:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Letter from the Superintendent of Otago, enclosing a report by the surgeon-superintendent, relative to the outbreak of scarlet fever. 3. Certified list of births and deaths on the voyage.

With reference to the suggestion of Dr. van Hemert, that the scarlet fever which broke out on board the ship "had its origin at the depôt at Blackwall," careful inquiry into this statement shall be

made, and the result shall be communicated to the Government at an early date.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Agent-General.

No. 6.

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

(No. 341.) 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., 1st June, 1875. SIR,-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 82, dated 16th March, 1875, forwarding copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Berar," which, you inform me, arrived at Port Nicholson upon the 22nd January:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Report of surgeon-superintendent. 3. Certified list of births and deaths during the voyage.

The Commissioners explain that the vessel having been quarantined, the fittings were removed prior to their visit on board, and that they were in consequence unable to report fully upon the between-deck arrangements. They report that the immigrants "as a body appear to be a good class of people, and many have already found employment."

I notice that a Royal Commission had been appointed "to inquire into the cause of sickness on

board this vessel."

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Agent-General,

No. 7.

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

(No. 342.) 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., 1st June, 1875.

1 have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 59, of 10th March, 1875, forwarding copies of the following documents relative to the ship "City of Dunedin," which, you inform me, arrived at Port Chalmers from the Clyde upon the 20th February, after a long passage of 112 days, viz.:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Certified list of births and deaths upon

I note that the Commissioners were satisfied with the general arrangements on board, the quality of the provisions and water, and the conduct of the captain, surgeon-superintendent, and other officers.

I have, &c.,

I. É. FEATHERSTON,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Agent-General.