

H.M.S. "Miranda," Bon Accord Harbour,
Kawau, 26th September, 1864.
Sir,—
In pursuance of your order of this date, I have been on board the hulk "Marion," and have carefully measured the decks occupied by the Maori prisoners, and I have the honor to state I find the superficial measurement of the lower deck to be 1849.08, and main deck 1366.43 feet; and the cubic content 12831.56, and 8540.18 feet respectively, which, divided by the number of prisoners (220), gives 99.14 cubic feet per man. I have, &c.

To Capt. R. Jenkins, C.B., H.M.S. "Miranda."

J. H. C. BISHOP,
Chief Engineer H.M.S. "Miranda."

No. 15.

MEMORANDUM of MINISTERS in reply to His Excellency's Memorandum of the 20th September.

Ministers desire to thank His Excellency for the information contained in the Memorandum received from him this day relative to the cubic space allotted to each prisoner on board the hulk.

Ministers are not aware what bearing the information furnished by His Excellency has. If it is intended to describe the amount of atmosphere available for each prisoner, it is based on entire misapprehension of the case. The prisoners were not confined to any such space of atmosphere; but by means of the constantly open hatchways and the upper deck, to which they had free access, they had the space of the whole Harbor of Auckland for ventilation. There was no such close confinement as His Excellency's estimate would imply; and the principle which His Excellency seems to have taken as the basis of his calculation has no application at all to the case.

September 30, 1864.

WILLIAM FOX.

No. 16.

MEMORANDUM of COLONIAL SECRETARY, respecting the non-transmission of certain Memoranda to the SECRETARY OF STATE.

On the 29th of September last His Excellency forwarded to the Colonial Secretary a copy of a letter from Captain Jenkins to His Excellency, containing some statements relative to the ventilation and cubic space of air on board the hulk "Marion." His Excellency did not state why he sent Capt. Jenkins's letter, nor that he was going to forward it to the Secretary of State, which he did in a despatch written on the following day. On the latter day the Colonial Secretary addressed a Memorandum to His Excellency, in which he made some remarks on Captain Jenkins's letter. His Excellency must, it is presumed, have received this Memorandum on the day it was sent, which was eight days before the final departure of the Mail. His Excellency does not, however, appear to have forwarded it to the Secretary of State, so far as can be ascertained by the perusal of His Excellency's Despatch Book.

The Colonial Secretary will be very much obliged if he will inform him whether he has sent the Memorandum of the letter above referred to to the Secretary of State; and if not, if he will oblige the Colonial Secretary by doing so by the first Mail, accompanied by a copy of this Memorandum.

15th October, 1864.

WM. FOX.

No. 17.

MEMORANDUM requesting a reply to Memorandum of 15th October.

The Colonial Secretary will be very much obliged if His Excellency will favour him with a reply to his Memorandum of the 15th instant, enquiring whether when His Excellency forwarded to the Secretary of State Captain Jenkins' letter on the state of ventilation of the hulk, he also forwarded the Memorandum of the Colonial Secretary upon it.

October 18, 1864.

WILLIAM FOX.

No. 18.

MEMORANDUM of HIS EXCELLENCY respecting the transmission of certain documents to
SECRETARY OF STATE.

In reply to the Ministerial Memorandum of the 15th and 18th instant, on the subject of a Memorandum from the Colonial Secretary of the 30th of September, regarding the ventilation on board the hulk "Marion," the Governor begs to state that, on enquiring, he is informed that a copy of that Memorandum did not go home to the Secretary of State by the last Mail; and that in compliance with the wishes of the Colonial Secretary, a copy of it shall be sent by this Mail, together with copies of the Memoranda since written by the Colonial Secretary on the subject.

October 18, 1864.

G. GREY.

No. 19.

MEMORANDUM of COLONIAL SECRETARY respecting the non-transmission of certain documents to
SECRETARY OF STATE.

The Colonial Secretary is extremely sorry to learn that His Excellency has forwarded to the Secretary of State the letter of Captain Jenkins, R.N., relative to the ventilation of the hulk, and has not sent the Colonial Secretary's Memorandum, which shewed that Capt. Jenkins' measurements were based on an entire misapprehension.

The Colonial Secretary has already in a previous Memorandum expressed his deep regret that His Excellency should have forwarded to the Secretary of State his own statements, in reference to the