recommend the payment of the usual gratuities to the other officers, including the master, mate, and purser of the ship. We have, &c.,

H. ELLIS.

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

T. M. PHILSON, M.D. I. J. BURGESS.

No. 13.

The Hon. J. Vogel to the Agent-General.

(No. 221.)

Immigration Office, Wellington, 30th July, 1874. I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship

"James Nicol Fleming," which arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 24th May:—
1. Report of the Immigration Commissioners of their inspection of the ship.

2. Report of the Immigration Officer.

3. Certified list of births and deaths.

4. Report of the Commissioners of an investigation held by them into certain charges made

against the surgeon-superintendent.

The Commissioners recommend that the surgeon-superintendent should be paid neither gratuity nor head money; but, considering that he might be without funds, and that he had performed some medical duties, I have authorized that he be paid a sum of £25, in addition to the £30 advanced to him in London.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Julius Vogel.

Enclosure in No. 13.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "James Nicol Fleming."

SIR,— Port Chalmers, 26th May, 1874. We have the honor to report that the "James Nicol Fleming" arrived in port from London on the 24th instant, having made a passage of ninety-two days. She brought to the province 369 souls, equal to $299\frac{1}{2}$ statute adults, all being Government immigrants. The whole of the immigrants arrived in good health, there being very few cases of sickness, and not a single death. The immigrants expressed themselves in high terms of the manner in which they were treated by the captain and his officers. A formal complaint was made against the surgeon-superintendent, for his inefficiency as a medical man. An investigation will be made into the matter by the Immigration Officer. We cannot

recommend that he be paid his gratuity in the meantime.

The ship arrived in port in a very creditable state, all the compartments being exceedingly clean.

The ventilation was through the deck, and appeared effective. The condenser (Chaplin's) did its work well, and supplied water sufficient for all purposes.

We congratulate Captain Peacock and his officers in having arrived in port without a death, and recommend that they be paid the gratuities assigned to each.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

We have, &c., Colin Allan. Wm. Thomson.

No. 14.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 222.)

SIR,-

Immigration Office, Wellington, 30th July, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of the Immigration Commissioners' report upon the ship "Hereford," which arrived at Lyttelton upon the 14th July.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c., Julius Vogel.

Enclosure in No. 14.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Hereford."

Lyttelton, 14th July, 1874.

THE Commissioners report the arrival of this ship, July 14th, 1874, eighty-four days from Gravesend. Two births and four deaths occurred amongst the immigrants. The health of the immigrants was good; character very good. All classes united in expression of kindness and gratitude to the captain, surgeon, and officers of the ship.

The cleanliness of every part was very remarkable, and the health and cheerfulness of all classes ally so. The condenser (Graveley's) had worked well. The bath-room and closets were well equally so.

The Commissioners recommend the payment of the usual gratuities.

WILLIAM DONALD. JOHN F. ROUSE. J. E. MARCH.

His Honor the Superintendent of Canterbury.