

*Superintendent's Minute.*

REPORT read with satisfaction. A strict rule ought, in my opinion, to be laid down, to the effect that no private passengers should be taken on board immigrant ships.

To be forwarded to the Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

19th December, 1874.

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,  
Superintendent.

## No. 60.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 379.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 18th December, 1874.

I have the honor to forward herewith the following documents relative to the ship "Bebington," which arrived at Napier upon the 20th November ultimo:—

1. Commissioner's report.
2. Correspondence regarding the case of L—— P——.
3. Certified list of births and deaths.

The charges brought against the surgeon-superintendent and the captain, by the emigrant L—— P——, appeared to be of such a character that, pending full inquiry, I directed that the payment of the gratuities to those officers should be suspended. A full consideration of the whole circumstances, as set forth in the correspondence enclosed, induced me eventually to consider that the treatment of this woman, although, no doubt, in excess of the powers conferred by law, was only actuated by a desire to enforce proper discipline, and I therefore authorized the payment of the gratuities without restrictions.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
H. A. ATKINSON.

## Enclosure in No. 60.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Bebington."

SIR,—

Immigration Commissioners' Office, Napier, 2nd December, 1874.

I have the honor to inform you that the "Bebington," Captain Knight, arrived in the Ahuriri roadstead on the 20th ultimo, all well. Four births and three deaths occurred during the voyage. The Commissioners, in accordance with instructions, examined the ship and provisions, and found the ship clean, and the provisions of a satisfactory nature. The passengers were satisfied with the treatment they received from the doctor and officers of the ship; also with the provisions supplied to them during the voyage, except in the case of a single girl, named L—— P——. The Commissioners are of opinion that the conduct of the captain and doctor of the ship "Bebington" was very satisfactory in every respect, except in the case of the woman L—— P——, particulars of which, and the opinion of the Commissioners relating thereto, have been already furnished.

I have, &c.,  
G. T. FANNIN,  
(for Commissioners).

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

## No. 61.

The Hon. E. RICHARDSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 1.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 12th January, 1875.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "Pleiades," which vessel arrived at Lyttelton on the 17th December ultimo:—

1. Immigration Commissioners' report,
2. Surgeon-Superintendent's report.
3. Certified list of births and deaths.

You will be pleased to learn that this ship arrived in such a satisfactory condition, the only ground of complaint being that the supply of charcoal and sand was insufficient.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD RICHARDSON,  
(in the absence of the Minister for Immigration).

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

## Enclosure in No. 61.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Pleiades."

THE Commissioners report that on visiting this ship they found the various compartments in a fair state of cleanliness. The provisions throughout the voyage had been of first-class character, and served up well cooked and regularly. The condenser had worked well, and was capable of supplying 500 gallons in twenty-four hours. The supply of water to the passengers had been ample and good.