

veniened the passengers, and especially the invalids. Again we have to complain of the practice of allowing private passengers in emigrant ships, for not only is the space they occupy under the poop urgently required for hospitals, dispensary, &c., but their conduct is frequently a great annoyance to the captain and surgeon-superintendent, and in the case of "The Douglas" this was so with the second-class passengers. There was also a great deal of dissatisfaction amongst the single men when eleven of them found, after paying Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co. full passages, that they might; by applying to the Agent-General, have come out free.

In conclusion, we have very great pleasure in recommending the payment of all gratuities, and consider that Captain Wilson and Surgeon-Superintendent Purcell are deserving of the highest praise for the manner in which they struggled against almost overwhelming difficulties, caused by the crowding together of a number of weak and badly-constituted families, the effect of which can best be understood by the following remark by Dr. Purcell:—"The health of the immigrants was bad, and at one time the 'tween-decks could only be compared to a floating hospital." The Rev. Mr. Rowe also deserves praise for his exertions on behalf of the immigrants, both during the voyage and since their arrival here.

We have, &c.,

ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, M.D.
H. J. H. ELIOTT.
JOHN HOLLIDAY.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

No. 52.

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

(No. 353.)

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 16th December, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the ship "Auckland," which arrived in Port Chalmers upon the 21st ultimo:—

1. Immigration Commissioners' report.
2. Certified list of births and deaths upon the voyage.

The only point in the report to which I have to direct your attention is the inadequacy of the galley accommodation.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

H. A. ATKINSON.

Enclosure in No. 52.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER'S REPORT on Ship "Auckland."

SIR,— Port Chalmers, 23rd November 1874.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Auckland" arrived in port from the Clyde on Saturday, the 21st instant, having made a passage of eighty-five days. She brought to the province 357 souls, equal to 304 statute adults, Government immigrants, besides a number of paying passengers. The immigrants arrived in port in excellent health, and appear a superior class, and most suitable for supplying the wants of the province, the majority being agricultural labourers, selected by Mr. James Adam, the agent sent to Britain by the Provincial Government. There were four births and four deaths during the voyage, the latter being infants. Having minutely inspected the ship, we found the several compartments well fitted and unusually clean, and well ventilated by side scuttles and deck ventilators. The condenser (Chaplin's) proved equal to its demands. We would suggest that the galley should be larger in future ships carrying so many immigrants as the "Auckland" had on board. Two of the immigrants made complaints, but on investigation they were found to be frivolous and unfounded. We are satisfied that the provisions of the Passengers Act were faithfully fulfilled, and that Captain Stevens and his officers, as well as the surgeon, Dr. Allan, performed their respective duties very efficiently.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN.
JOHN DRYSDALE, M.D.
WM. THOMSON.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

No. 53.

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

(No. 358.)

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 17th December 1874.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "Star of India," which ship arrived in Port Nicholson upon the 10th of November last:—

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

You will be pleased to learn that the Commissioners have reported favourably upon this vessel and the immigrants she brought.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

H. A. ATKINSON.