

vessel; and even were it otherwise, his decision is subsequently overruled by the Government Medical Inspector on a casual survey of the passengers at the last moment, and by this means the responsibility is divided, and persons are sent out to the colony at the public cost, as in the case of A—C—, who, if not confirmed invalids, are yet unfitted for ordinary daily labour.

We beg to enclose herewith the surgeon-superintendent's report of this case. We would also state that two persons similarly situated arrived by the "Waitangi," and the same number by the "Assaye," within the past two months.

The fitting up on board the "Dilharree" was excellent. The respective compartments, especially the single women's, presented a most creditable appearance for cleanliness, and all were well lighted and ventilated.

The provisions were unexceptionable, and the supply of fresh water was abundant. The condenser worked well at all times. The authorized allowance of preserved onions and carrots was served out during the voyage, and the supply of medical comforts was equal to all requirements.

In conclusion, we recommend payment of the usual gratuities to the surgeon-superintendent and ship's officers.

We have, &c.,

H. ELLIS,

T. M. PHILSON, M.D.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 71.

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

(No. 41.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 16th February, 1875.

I have the honor to forward copies of the following documents relating to the ship "Humboldt," which vessel arrived at Port Nicholson upon the 28th ultimo:—

1. Report of Immigration Commissioners.
2. Surgeon-Superintendent's report.
3. Certified list of births and deaths during the passage.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 71.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Humboldt."

SIR,—

Wellington, 4th February, 1875.

We have the honor to report the arrival of the ship "Humboldt" on the 28th ultimo, with 311½ statute adults, Scandinavian immigrants from Hamburg. There were eleven deaths and eight births during the voyage.

On inspecting the vessel we found her in exceedingly good condition. The 'tween-decks of the "Humboldt" are high for a vessel of her tonnage, which makes her specially adapted for carrying immigrants. The single girls had a comfortable compartment; their hospital, bath-room, and closet being very convenient. The married compartment was roomy, clean, and well ventilated; the hospital was particularly good. The single-men's compartment was very comfortable and clean. The bunks were in blocks against the side of the ship. We were particularly struck with the superior character of the fittings, ladders, hatchways, &c., as compared with vessels arriving from a British port.

The immigrants were a fine healthy-looking lot of people, and most of them seemed to be well clothed and tidy in appearance.

In conclusion, we recommend the payment of all gratuities, with the remark that both Captain Busch and Surgeon-Superintendent Von Mirbach seem to have each performed their duties zealously and faithfully. A short summary of the voyage by Dr. Mirbach is appended.

We have, &c.,

ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, M.D.

JOHN HOLLIDAY.

H. J. H. ELLIOTT.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

No. 72.

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

(No. 51.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington 15th February, 1875.

I have the honor to transmit copies of the following documents relating to the ship "Warwick," which arrived at Auckland upon the 22nd ultimo:—

1. Report of the Immigration Commissioners.
2. Report of the Surgeon-Superintendent.
3. Certified list of births and deaths during the passage.

I desire to call your attention to the letter of Dr. Nesbit, in which he speaks of the insufficiency, in his opinion, of the medical inspection of the emigrants before embarkation, and states the difficulties he personally experienced from your department in obtaining his appointment as surgeon-superintendent, for which, at least from his statement, he appears to have been indebted to a Mr. Moore, a chemist and druggist, in 14, St. Mary-Axe, upon payment of a fee of £10 10s. It is not my