

Commissioners' report. 2. Immigration Officer's report. 3. Surgeon-superintendent's report. 4. Certified list of births and deaths.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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

### Enclosure in No. 23.

#### COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Helen Denny."

SIR,— Immigration Commissioners' Office, Napier, 15th October, 1875.

The Commissioners beg to express their unqualified approval of the manner and condition in which Captain Ruth and the doctor have landed the immigrants put on board the "Helen Denny," destined for Napier, Hawke's Bay.

The Commissioners, whilst expressing their opinion as above, regret to have to record the death of a man named G— F—, who, in an apparent state of temporary insanity, jumped overboard in the roadstead. The inquiry which was made resulted as follows:—"That the man had during the passage been most exemplary in his conduct, and was liked by all hands; but from the fact of his being a professional swimmer, and using the expression, as he stood on the taffrail of the vessel, 'I'll be in the depôt before any of you,' induces the idea that he had become for the time insane." The Commissioners fully exonerate the captain and doctor from any carelessness in this matter.

As this is the second time Captain Ruth has brought his ship into this port and received the approval of the Commissioners, they, the Commissioners, beg to (although not usual) recommend that an additional gratuity should be granted to Captain Ruth of £10, for his careful attention to the wants of the immigrants.

I have, &c.,  
GEO. THOS. FANNIN,  
(for Commissioners).

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

### No. 24.

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

(No. 249.)

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 17th November, 1875.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "Howrah," which vessel arrived at Wellington upon the 9th instant:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report, covering extracts from the surgeon-superintendent's journal. 2. Certified list of births and deaths.

It is gratifying to me to notice the very favourable character of this report.

I have, &c.,  
E. RICHARDSON,  
(in the absence of the Minister for Immigration).

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

### Enclosure in No. 24.

#### COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Howrah."

SIR,— Wellington, 15th November, 1875.

We have the honor to report the arrival of the ship "Howrah," on the 9th instant, with 249½ statute adult immigrants. There were nine deaths, equal to two and a half statute adults, and one birth, during the voyage. We boarded the vessel immediately after she anchored, but as it was nearly dark nothing could be done that day. Early on the 10th the immigrants were inspected, and immediately afterwards were landed. They appeared to be a healthy and well-conditioned body of people, with the exception of two or three of the Irish families. The single men were a particularly fine class of immigrants, and their compartment was, in our opinion, the most comfortable in every respect in the ship; their bunks were well arranged, having alley-ways all round, with plenty of light and ventilation. The married people's compartment was rather confined and close at the time of our inspection, but no complaints were made either by the surgeon-superintendent or the immigrants: the bunks were in blocks on the longer plan, with alley-ways around. The single girls' compartment was in the after part of the saloon and 'tween-decks, with a direct entrance on the poop. The W.C., bath-room, and matron's cabin were under the poop, and were exceedingly convenient. The two female hospitals were the stern cabins of the saloon, and were, in our opinion, suitable for what was required. We observe, however, that the surgeon-superintendent objects to their position on account of the motion of the ship. The male hospital was one of the deck-houses, but we are happy to state that there was no necessity for its use during the voyage. The galley, condenser, bakehouse, &c., were each convenient and efficient.

The immigrants all expressed themselves in the highest terms of praise of the captain, surgeon-superintendent, and officers, giving three hearty cheers in response to the questions usually put to them; and we have much pleasure in recommending the payment of all the gratuities.

We have, &c.,  
ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, M.D.  
JOHN HOLLIDAY.  
H. J. H. ELLIOTT.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.