

Enclosure 2 in No. 12.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 24th December, 1879.

"WAITARA" arrived. All well on board. Three births. Six deaths: one case typhus, taken ill 26th September, died 1st October; two men, one child, died consumption; one man from apoplexy; and one child premature birth. Health of passengers generally good, and class very good. All compartments clean and satisfactory. One of the passengers, entered as J—— P——, but who now states that his name is L——, and who further states that he has relatives in Ashburton, is at present lunatic, and has been so nearly whole voyage. Steps have been taken to commit him to asylum, and the ship will be called on to enter into bond under Imbecile Passengers Act.

The Under-Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

J. E. MARCH.

Enclosure 3 in No. 12.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION to the IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 30th December, 1879.

SEE that the law is strictly enforced with regard to the two lunatics by the "Euterpe" and "Waitara." Report when bonds entered into.

The Immigration Officer, Christchurch.

H. J. H. ELIOTT.

Enclosure 4 in No. 12.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Lyttelton, 28th December, 1879.

"SOUTHESK" arrived with 339 passengers. All well on board. No births. One death, apoplexy. Compartments clean; but arrangements for dispensing, and female hospital, most objectionable. Fortunately no sickness has occurred. Surgeon complains of insufficient supply of medicines and stores; that a requisition of his for extras he considered requisite was refused by charterers, Shaw, Savill, and Co. Class of passengers good; but, in case of several families, not at all suited for colony. Passengers will land to-morrow. A large number have applied for admission to depôt. I will go by 10.30 train to-morrow, and make all necessary arrangements.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Christchurch.

J. E. MARCH.

Enclosure 5 in No. 12.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Lyttelton, 31st December, 1879.

"HEREFORD" arrived with 400 immigrants. Reports all well. Am now going on board.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Christchurch.

J. E. MARCH.

Enclosure 6 in No. 12.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Lyttelton, 31st December, 1879.

INSPECTION of "Hereford" highly satisfactory. One birth. Three deaths, all under two years. Class of immigrants very good. No complaints. Will land single women to-day if weather holds fine; others on Friday. A large number will be distributed in country districts direct from ship.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Christchurch.

J. E. MARCH.

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