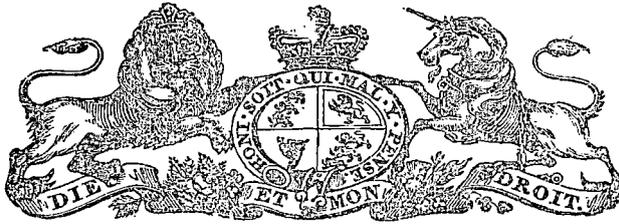


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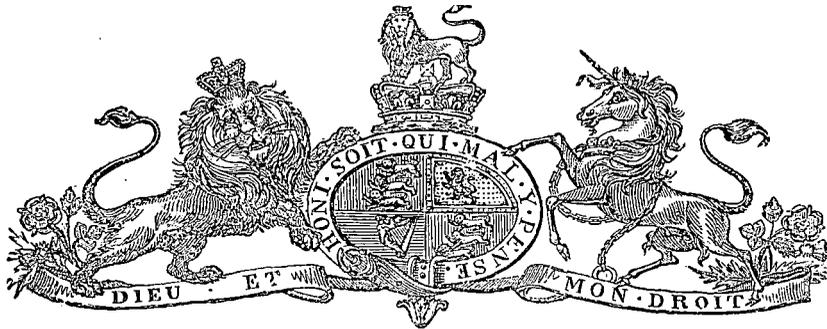
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IMMIGRATION AGENTS' REPORT

FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1858.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Henty, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
14 September, 1858.



Immigration Office, Hobart Town, August 28, 1858.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit my Report on Immigration for the half-year ending 30th June 1858, which has been delayed pending the settlement of the affairs connected with the ship *Trade Wind*, which it was found necessary to place in Quarantine,—there having been Typhus fever on board during a considerable part of the voyage, and on arrival.

2. The *Trade Wind* is the only Emigrant ship which arrived during the half-year, and the tabular returns of the Emigrants are hereto attached, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The conditions of the Bounty Regulations not having been fulfilled as regarded the treatment of the Emigrants during the voyage, it was not in my power to certify the Bounty Tickets for payment. An aggregate sum was therefore paid to the Agents, being the amount of the Bounty less the sum disbursed by the Government on account of Quarantine expenses; besides which the cost of provisions, medical comforts, freight, &c., connected with Quarantine, was defrayed by the Agents.—See Return No. 1, hereto appended.

A Special Report having been made upon the ship, it is unnecessary here to submit further details.

The affairs of this unfortunate vessel have occupied much of the time of this office; and in investigating the particulars much of my own attention has been engaged under a sense of great responsibility. In my Report it has been my object so to state the circumstances that they should be plain and undeniable, as well as unexaggerated; and I have performed this unpleasant, and indeed painful duty, as in the case also of the *Persian*, in the hope that though there can be no adequate remedy for what is past, some benefit may, through the influence of this Government, result as regards the future.

The greater part of the Emigrants for Launceston were taken round by steamer from the Quarantine station; the others, and those for Hobart Town and various parts of the Colony, were received into the *Depôt* at this place.

3. I may here beg to notice the Highland Society's Emigrants, who arrived by the *Persian* on the 31st October, 1857. After being released from Quarantine, they were received into the *Depôt* at this place, the first of them arriving on the 5th January, and every endeavour was made to provide them with suitable situations; but they proved very inert, and not disposed to exert themselves, or to enter into engagements, many thus remaining idle. In various instances, where the young women of the families had been engaged to service, they quitted it, and were brought back into the *Depôt* by their friends without ever requesting permission; and there appeared to be no prospect of a period when these Emigrants generally would provide for themselves, or cease to be a burden on the public.

As they were almost all fishermen, it occurred to me to suggest a subscription for the purpose of obtaining boats and nets to be lent to them till they might be able to pay the purchase money, and so possibly enable them to benefit themselves, and the Colony, in the line of occupation to which they had been accustomed. With the aid of the kind interest taken in the subject by Mr. A. M'Naughton, this plan was adopted on the 22nd March; and in two days £156 10s. was obtained by subscription. Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Colvin, and various other gentlemen, also personally interested themselves,—and three whale-boats were purchased

and fitted with wells, as also fishing lines, and materials which the men themselves made into nets, at a cost of £83 15s. 1d.; and several gentlemen taking an interest in their success, offered them advice and assistance in locating themselves down the river. I have no doubt that, had they manifested energy and perseverance, the kindness of the public would have even extended so far as to add to the balance of £72 14s. 11d. remaining of the subscriptions to purchase a piece of land that they might settle on: but here also they were found deficient in those qualities,—and although competent judges represented to them that the curing of fish, with which they were well acquainted, presented, if pursued near the fishing ground, and where they could live at small expense, a very profitable employment, they proved indisposed to continue this pursuit.

They did, however, fish for some time; and as it appeared that they might very well provide their own food, they were allowed to continue to reside at the *Depôt*, procuring their own provisions. Some occasion for labourers arising, they requested that employment, which was given to them, and they were then required to provide themselves with lodgings, and by the end of June they had quitted the *Depôt*; but all pressing for this employment, the limited funds were soon exhausted.

They were then offered the boats and nets again, but declined them: they took a house in Hobart Town, where I understand they have since been living, without apparently engaging in any occupation; those who had gone to service in the country appearing to be assembling there, and I believe their object is to leave this Colony.

They have received more assistance than any body of Emigrants who have come to Tasmania, and have done less for themselves. They appear to be insensible to the consideration shown them, and are certainly the most unsatisfactory people who have been introduced at the public expense.

4. The greater part of the Emigrants by the *Trade Wind* who were specially for Launceston were conveyed thither by steamer direct from the Quarantine Station, but a large proportion of the Emigrants by this ship were received into the *Depôt* at Hobart Town,—commencing on the 21st March, and terminating on the 16th May; and it is proper to submit that thus and otherwise the *Persian* and the *Trade Wind* have created an amount of duty and occupation of time very considerable and not at all anticipated. I need scarcely observe to the Colonial Secretary that the amount of attention which the affairs of these ships have required and received from the Government has been great and inconvenient. These two ships are instances of the great injuries arising from neglect in fitting out such vessels, and errors in the management of Emigrants.

The Quarantine expenses of the *Persian*, which fell upon the Government, are not far short of £3000; and those of the *Trade Wind*, which fell upon the Agents, nearly £1100. During the past half-year all Immigrants, whether for Hobart Town or Launceston, have in the first instance been conveyed to Hobart Town.

5. A considerable amount of attention continues to be required in returning deposits on unused Bounty Tickets, which are continually coming in at uncertain times from the Colony generally.

6. Such attention has been given by this office as circumstances permitted to preventing the departure of Emigrants from the Colony without repayment of their proportion of passage money; but the amount of other business, and the reduced scale of the Establishment, has rendered it impossible to give adequate attention to this duty at Hobart Town. The duty is attended to at Launceston as heretofore; and the total amount collected at both places in this manner during the half-year is £173 14s. 11d., in addition to the benefit of the check placed upon the re-emigration of Emigrants.

7. The rates of wages continue much the same as during the preceding half-year. For skilful farm labour there is a considerable demand, especially in the neighbourhood of Launceston.

Regarding the demand for Female Servants, I can only repeat the representations I have submitted in former Reports relating to the urgent necessity for a very considerable Immigration of this description. For years past, I have, on all opportunities, felt it my duty to bring under consideration the great importance of establishing systematic and sufficient arrangements for this, in which the interests of the Colony are greatly involved, not only as regards the obtaining well-conducted domestic servants at reasonable wages, but in the promotion of marriages, and the extension of a settled population.

I have long entertained and submitted the opinion, that no expenditure could be more beneficial to the public interests than that of a well-considered, systematic, and permanent plan for obtaining suitable Female Emigrants, who will certainly be required in this Colony for many years to come.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,
JOHN D. LOCH.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

No. 1.

RETURN of IMMIGRANTS introduced under the Bounty Regulations of 1st March, 1856, and 1st July, 1856, with the amount of the Bounty, and the sum paid in lieu of Bounty in full of all demands, after deducting Expenses paid by the Colony on account of Quarantine, during the Hal-fyear ending 30th June, 1858.

Married Men.....	27			
Ditto Women.....	28			
Single Men.....	105			
Ditto Women.....	51			
			£	s. d.
<i>Total Adults</i>	211	at £16 each.....	3376	0 0
Boys 3 and under 12 years.....	28	} 51 at £8 each.....	408	0 0
Girls, ditto.....	23			
Boys under 3 years.....	5	} 9 at £4 each.....	36	0 0
Girls, ditto.....	4			
<i>Deaths on the Voyage.</i>				
1 Married Man.....	} 2	at £8 each.....	16	0 0
1 Single Man.....				
1 Boy, 3 and under 12 years...	} 6	at £4 each.....	24	0 0
5 Girls, ditto.....				
<i>Total Souls for Bounty</i> 271		<i>Total Bounty</i>	3860	0 0
Birth on Voyage—Male..	1			
<i>Total Souls arrived</i> ..	272	Equal to Statute Adults	240½	
Deducted amount paid for expenses relating to Quarantine.....			396	9 6
Paid to the Agents of the <i>Trade Wind</i> as in full of all demands.....			£3463	10 6

A further Sum of £700 7s. 8d. has been disbursed by the Agents for Provisions, Medical Comforts, Freight, &c. relating to Quarantine, out of the above £3463 10s. 6d.

JOHN D. LOCH, *Immigration Agent.*

STATEMENT of the Native Countries and Religious Denominations of Emigrants introduced into TASMANIA during the Half-year ending 30th June, 1858.

	Married.		Single.		Children.		Total Souls.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
England	27	27	101	45	32	28	260
Scotland .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ireland .....	..	..	4	6	..	..	10
Other Countries .....	..	1	..	..	..	1	2
<i>Totals</i>	27	28	105	51	32	29	272
Protestants	27	28	104	51	32	29	271
Roman Catholics	1	1
Other Religions
<i>Totals</i>	27	28	105	51	32	29	272

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OCCUPATIONS of the Male Immigrants introduced during the Half-year ending 30th June, 1858.

	MARRIED.	SINGLE.	TOTAL.
Agricultural Labourers	14	35	49
Boot and Shoemakers .....	..	1	1
Brickmakers .....	..	1	1
Bricklayers .....	..	2	2
Carpenters .....	..	2	2
Carter .....	..	1	1
Currier	1	..	1
Colliers .....	..	16	16
Draper	1	..	1
Drapers' Assistants .....	..	3	3
Fellmonger .....	..	1	1
Farm Bailiff .....	..	1	1
Gardeners	4	3	7
Grooms	1	12	13
Hop-grower	1	..	1
Labourers	1	11	12
Miller .....	..	1	1
Miner .....	..	1	1
Shepherds	2	8	10
Stock-keeper .....	..	1	1
Sawyers	1	2	3
Sawyer (steam)	1	..	1
Salesman and Shopman	1	1
Wheelwrights	2	2
	27	105	132

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No. 4.

OCCUPATIONS of the Female Immigrants introduced during the Half-year ending 30th June, 1858.

Cooks	6
Cook and Dairymaids	2
Cook and Laundress	1
Domestic Servants	4
Dress Maker	1
Housemaids	19
Laundresses	2
Needlewomen	9
Nursery Maids	6
Straw Bonnet Maker	1
Total	<u>51</u>

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No. 5.

CONDITION of the Bounty Immigration System, under the Regulations of the 24th January, 1854, up to the 30th June, 1858.

	ON DEPOSIT.		BLANK TICKETS.			
			FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.		FROM GERMANY.	
	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.
Issued	891	1329	124	200	100	200
Less certified for } payment } Cancelled	725	1025	123	194	100	198
Overdue	64	143	1	5	—	—
Outstanding	—	—	—	—	—	—

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No. 6.

CONDITION of the Bounty Immigration System under the Regulations of the 1st March, 1856, up to the 30th June, 1858.

	ON DEPOSIT.		BLANK TICKETS.	
	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.	FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.	
	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.
Issued (during the half-year, 2 Family and 1 Single Tickets)	540	1198	26	500
Less certified for payment, or acted on*	424	857	6	149
Cancelled	64	195	..	..
Overdue	48	142	20	351
Outstanding	4	4	..	..

* The Bounty Tickets for the Bounty Immigrants per *Trade Wind* were not certified, in consequence of the conditions not having been observed as regards the treatment of the Immigrants, the Ship being paid an aggregate sum less expenses incurred on account of Quarantine. The tickets were, however, acted on for the introduction of Emigrants, and therefore appear under this head.

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No. 7.

CONDITION of the Bounty Immigration System under the Regulations of the 1st July, 1856, up to the 30th June, 1858.

	ON DEPOSIT.			BLANK TICKETS.	
	Family Tickets.	Man & Wife Tickets.	Single Tickets.	Family Tickets.	Single Tickets.
Issued (during the half-year, 4 Family and 13 Single Tickets)	95	11	187	6	150
Less certified for payment or acted on*	67	6	106
Cancelled	14	4	39
Overdue	3	..	10
Outstanding	11	1	32	6	150

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