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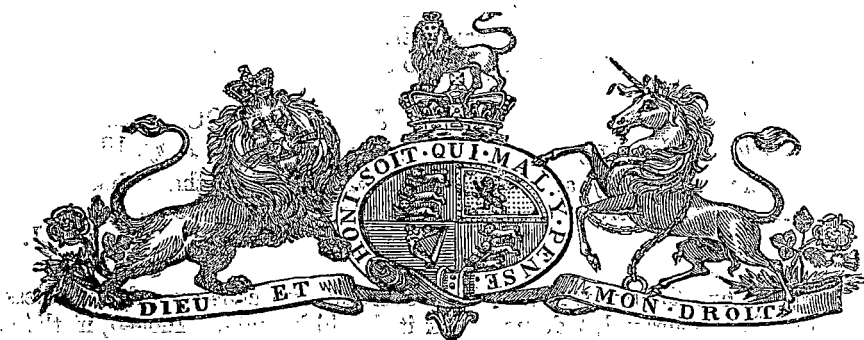
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**BOUNTY IMMIGRANTS.**

CORRESPONDENCE WITH MR. MACKERSEY.

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Laid upon the Table by Mr. Attorney-General, and ordered by the House to be printed, 3 June, 1857.



*Greenhill, Macquarie River, 10th May, 1856.*

SIR,

IN the justice of your decision that I should have to pay the passage-money of Eli Barnes and Sarah his wife, the two Emigrants I sent out upon the enclosed Bounty Ticket, I can have no reason to complain, it being strictly according to the letter of the Regulations, as I sent them out upon an over-dated Bounty Ticket; but the loss of (£44) Forty-four Pounds will fall very heavy upon my limited income, and, in the circumstances, I think undeservedly, as I receive no recompense for sending them out, nor shall I derive any personal benefit from their services in this country. I had no design in sending them but that of adding a useful and worthy couple of labourers to the supply of the Colonial market, which I knew to be much in want of such.

Before I went to England, little more than two years ago, the District of Oatlands requested me to be their Agent to select and send out some good ploughmen, farm labourers, and shepherds from Scotland. This I agreed to do upon their paying all necessary outlay, and my travelling expenses while looking out the men. I did not want any remuneration for my time or trouble.

It was thus that I was in any manner at all engaged in the Emigration business; and after sending out all I had tickets for to Oatlands, and supplying other friends also with a number amounting in all to above One hundred and twenty Emigrants, (who, I am happy to say, have proved a very useful and respectable class of labourers), I got so much into the spirit of it, and felt such a desire to send more, that, the present couple being so highly recommended, I was tempted to commit the mistake I have done: for, certainly, had I thought there was the slightest chance of my being called upon to pay their passage out of my own pocket, I never would have sent them, deriving, as I have stated above, not the slightest personal advantage by their coming out.

I knew the wants of the Colony well, and felt perfectly sure that the Bounty Ticket system would be soon resumed again; and when I returned and found it was resumed, I felt perfectly safe in the full persuasion that my mistake would now be looked upon as a trivial one, the Government and the country being still in want of, and ready to pay the passage of, the very description of the couple I had sent out.

Such being the circumstances of my case, I entreat that you would weigh it in your mind and reconsider the matter with a view to relieve me from paying the above passage-money; but if you find, after having decided upon it, you cannot again enter into the business, may I request that you would lay my case before His Excellency Sir Henry Young for his favourable consideration?

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,  
JAMES MACKERSEY.

N.B.—I have enclosed also with the Ticket the shipper's receipt for the passage-money.

J. M.

W. CHAMP, *Esq.*,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

REFERRED to the Immigration Agent. I do not recollect anything of this matter.  
14 *May*, 1856. W. CHAMP.

I BEG to submit that the Bounty Ticket in question was issued to Dr. Milligan for the Douglas River Coal Company, and entrusted to Mr. John Walker. Mr. Walker, in the United Kingdom, sold or transferred the ticket to Mr. Mackersey. Mr. Mackersey applied it to introduce Immigrants for, I believe, his son; and the ticket having been nearly three months overdue *when the ship sailed with them*, I considered myself unable either to certify for the passage-money, or to submit the ticket for special authority for payment.

JOHN D. LOCH, *Immigration Agent*.  
19 *May*, 1856.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

Mr. Mackersey probably alludes to my having told him that it had in other cases been decided that tickets overdue when the ship sailed could not be paid.

J. D. L.

SUBMITTED; but the ticket having been overdue, and consequently valueless, before the ship sailed from England, I do not think it should be paid. Indeed, if the claim be admitted, the Regulations may as well be altogether set aside.

28 *May*. W. C.

I CONCUR.

29 *May*, 1856. H. E. F. Y.

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*Colonial Secretary's Office, 3rd June, 1856.*

SIR,

I HAVE submitted to the Governor your letter of the 10th ultimo, again bringing under consideration your claim to be reimbursed a sum of £44, paid by you for the passage to this Colony of Eli Barnes and his wife, two Immigrants brought out by you on an overdue Bounty Ticket.

His Excellency has observed that the Ticket in question having been overdue, and consequently valueless before the ship in which the Immigrants arrived sailed from England, it is impossible to admit your present claim.

I have, &c.

W. CHAMP.

JAMES MACKERSEY, *Esq.*,  
*Greenhill, Macquarie River.*