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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BOARD OF IMMIGRATION :

REPORT FOR HALF-YEAR TO JUNE 30, 1883.

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Immigration Office, Hobart, 25th July, 1883.

SIR,

THE Board of Immigration have the honor to report, for the information of the Government, that during the half-year ending the 30th June there has been an increase in the number of Immigrants under the System of Assisted Passages as compared with the first half of 1882.

The total number introduced was 61, of whom 16 were children, and the cost of their introduction amounted to £961 10s.

The reduction in the price of "Bounty Tickets," or, as they are now designated, "Passage Certificates," which was decided upon by the Board should take effect on the 1st January last, and the increasing demand for labour, has resulted in the issue by the Board of 33 Family, 35 Single Male, and 23 Single Female Certificates.

Taking the average number of persons in a family at five, these Certificates may be considered as representing 223 Immigrants, sent for by friends or by employers of labour.

Up to the 18th May last the London Agents of the Board advise the issue of 12 Family, 12 Single Male, and 12 Single Female Bounty Tickets and Passage Certificates. Since that date advices have been received of the departure of Emigrants for Tasmania, and of passages engaged, as under:—

Per s.s. *Iberia*, on 14th June, 61 persons, equal to 49 Statute Adults.

Per s.s. *Potosi*, on 28th June, 39 persons, equal to 30½ Statute Adults.

Per s.s. *Orient*, on 12th July, 48 persons, equal to 37½ Statute Adults.

Per s.s. *Cape Clear*, on 21st August, 250 persons, direct to Tasmania.

"Land Certificates" have been issued under the 7th Section of the Act 31 Vict. No. 26, which, including children, represent an addition of 96 persons to the population, and entitle the holders to select 1810 acres of the Waste Lands of the Crown.

"Land Orders" under the 5th Section of the same Act have also been issued representing 33 adults and 16 children under 15 years of age. The holders of these Orders are empowered to select or purchase at any Government Land Sale 748 acres of the Waste Lands of the Crown.

We append copy of the Instructions prepared by the Board, and approved by the Governor in Council, for the guidance of the Emigrant and Colonists' Aid Corporation, and of the Emigration Agent, Mr. Humphries, (who arrived in England on the 7th June). We trust that their united action will secure a steady stream of useful colonists.

The compilation of a Hand-book of Tasmania has been satisfactorily completed by Mr. T. C. Just, and 9000 copies have been forwarded to the Agents in London. A Map of the Colony, prepared by the Lands Department, has been forwarded to England to be lithographed, a copy of which will be inserted in each of the Hand-books.

The latest advices from the London Agents and other sources show that great and unusual interest is taken in Emigration to Tasmania at the present time both in Great Britain and on the Continent of Europe; and the Board therefore feel no hesitation in expressing their belief that the whole amount available for Immigration purposes can be fully expended within the period named in the Act of Parliament 46 Vict. No. 40.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

WM. MOORE.

J. S. DODDS.

HENRY BUTLER.

P. O. FYSH.

ADYE DOUGLAS.

WM. CROSBY, JUN.

C. H. GRANT.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

IMMIGRANTS.

PARTICULARS relating to Immigrants per Steamers Iberia, Potosi, Orient, and other Vessels of the Orient Line.

NAME OF SHIP.	Port of Departure.	Date of Departure.	otal Number.			Conjugal Relations of Adults.				Ages.							Birth Place.					Occupation.							
			Persons.	Males.	Females.	Married.		Single.		0-10.	10-20.	20-30.	30-40.	40-50.	55-60.	60-65.	Ages not specified.	England.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Germany.	Unspecified.	Artisans and Skilled Labourers.	Miners.	Labourers.	Domestic Servants.	Domestic.		Other Occupations.
						M.	F.	M.	F.																		Wives.	Children.	
<i>Iberia</i> , s.s.	London	1883. June 14	61	30	31	11	11	8	9	18	12	17	11	3	—	—	—	35	8	—	—	18	11	—	8	8	11	22	—
<i>Potosi</i> , s.s.	Ditto	June 28	39	24	15	7	7	8	2	15	2	16	6	—	—	—	—	27	2	6	—	4	14	—	1	4	7	15	—
<i>Orient</i> , s.s.	Ditto	July 12	48	25	23	5	5	12	8	15	9	9	14	—	—	—	1	27	19	1	—	1	13	1	2	8	5	18	—
Various other vessels of the Orient Line	Ditto	At different dates, to 19 April, 1883	61	23	38	5	8	11	20	13	17	14	7	7	1	*2	—	30	16	8	7	—	10	—	9	18	7	17	—
			209	102	107	28	31	39	39	61	40	56	38	10	1	2	1	119	45	15	7	23	48	1	20	38	30	72	—

* Charged £5 each under Bounty Regulations, being over age.

INSTRUCTIONS for the guidance of "The Emigrant and Colonists' Aid Corporation, Limited, London," acting as Agents for the Tasmanian Board of Immigration.

1. The Corporation is requested to continue to discharge the duties heretofore entrusted to it, subject to the new Regulations of the Board of the 23rd December, 1882, and the Instructions to the Emigration Agent, copies of which are herewith forwarded.

2. The Board of Immigration having appointed an Emigration Agent, the Corporation is requested to afford him the benefit of its advice as regards the localities most likely to supply suitable Emigrants, and to render him all the assistance in its power in carrying out his duties as defined by the Agent's Instructions.

3. "The Emigrant and Colonists' Aid Corporation, Limited, London," is appointed the Treasurer and Accountant in England of the Board of Immigration, and will be furnished by the Government with a Credit with the Crown Agents or Bankers of the Colony for the reimbursement of all expenses actually paid by it after the expenditure of the funds collected by the Corporation on account of the Government. The Corporation to furnish the Board with a quarterly statement of accounts.

4. When a sufficient number of Emigrants have been selected to warrant the despatch of a vessel for Tasmania under charter, the Corporation is to advertise for tenders in such papers as it may deem most advantageous; and on receipt thereof will, in conjunction with the Emigration Agent, act together as a Board to accept the tender that after a careful examination proves the most favourable, and will thereupon make all the necessary negotiations and arrangements with the shipowners and others, and together sign the Charter Party and any agreements or documents that may be necessary in connection with the despatch of the Emigrants in the terms of the Regulations.

5. The form of Charter Party, and annexed schedules, regulations, suggestions, and instructions herewith forwarded are to be used by the Agents, and such shall be submitted for the inspection of intending tenderers.

6. The passage-money of Emigrants who come out in any other than a vessel chartered for the conveyance of Emigrants direct to the Colony will not be paid unless such Emigrants present themselves at the Office of the Immigration Agent in Hobart or Launceston. In case of death the full passage-money will be paid on presentation of a certificate of death by the Captain of the vessel.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE EMIGRATION AGENT.

1. UPON arrival in England he will at once place himself in personal communication with "The Emigrant and Colonists' Aid Corporation, Limited," 79½, Gracechurch-street, London, E.C.

2. He will take counsel with the Corporation as to the several localities likely to afford the best opportunities for the selection of Emigrants, and with as little delay as possible proceed to the centres decided upon, and adopt such means, by advertisement or otherwise, to give publicity to the terms under which assisted passages to Tasmania can be obtained for approved Emigrants, together with the prospects of employment and rates of wages, &c.

3. The Agent will keep himself in constant communication with the Corporation; and when a sufficient number of Emigrants have been approved, the Corporation will advertise for tenders for the chartering of a suitable vessel.

4. When the selected tender has been approved, and the date and port of departure fixed, the Emigration Agent will send a printed notice to each approved emigrant containing full instructions for his or her guidance.

5. Especial care must be taken that the required certificates as to character and physical and mental qualifications are properly supplied and are genuine.

6. While seeking to secure a preponderating number of able-bodied agricultural labourers, he will also accept applications from journeymen mechanics and artisans, such as carpenters, bricklayers, stonemasons, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, quarrymen, miners, &c.

7. He will also endeavour to select female servants of good character, arranging where possible that they should accompany some family.

8. It is highly desirable that the Emigration Agent should personally interview all applicants for assisted passages, in order that he may satisfy himself that they are in all respects eligible, and in a position to procure the required clothing for the voyage and provide the means for joining the ship should they be approved.

9. He should also test, as far as practicable, the value of the certificates as to character, &c., and if not satisfied, he will call upon the applicant to obtain others.

10. The above instructions specially apply to single women, with reference to whom the utmost care must be taken that they are recommended by reliable persons.

11. False declarations are sometimes made, material points concealed, and occasionally personation may be attempted. As a matter of fact, medical gentlemen do occasionally, in the Old Country, pass certificates for assisted Emigrants who will be benefited by a sea voyage, and clergymen sign certificates in the hope that change of scene will lead to amendment of life, whilst friendly householders are the greatest offenders of all. The Emigration Agent of Tasmania will consequently have to keep a watchful eye on this most important section of his functions.

12. When an application has been approved, the applicant is to be furnished with a memorandum as hereunder.

Emigration Department.
Office of the Emigration Agent of Tasmania,

To _____

1. On the faith that the statements contained in your application are in all respects strictly correct, and that the signatures to your certificates are genuine, your name has been placed on the List of Candidates for whom a passage to Tasmania is to be obtained.

2. As soon as the arrangement of the Office will admit, an order for admission to will be sent to you, stating when and where you are to join the ship, and you are not to quit your employment or make preparations for departure until you receive such order for admission to , which is not transferable.

3. No assurance can be given that passages will be obtained for you in any particular vessel; but with a view of preventing as far as possible the separation of families or friends, applicants who have been approved for passages and desire to proceed together may state their wishes by letter.

4. *The Deposit Money will be forfeited* if you do not present yourself at the time and place of embarkation mentioned in your Order, or if any of the statements in your application be found incorrect, or if the signatures to your certificates be not genuine, or if deception of any kind be attempted or practised.

5. Candidates are again warned that, though they may have been approved for passages, they and the members of their family, whom it would be contrary to the rules to separate, cannot be allowed to proceed, but must return home again at their own expense, in any of the following cases; viz.—(1) If, on arrival at the port of embarkation, they are found to have any infectious or contagious disorder, or not to be in a fit state of health to proceed on the voyage, or to have any mental or bodily defect likely to impair their usefulness; (2) if they have not the full quantity of clothing required by the regulations; (3) if they have omitted to state in their application form any material fact, or have furnished false statements or certificates as to age, character, or calling; (4) if, being married people, they have left any of their young children behind, or have brought with them more children than are mentioned in the application form, or expressly sanctioned; or (5) if they have attempted to practise any evasion of the regulations or deception of any kind.

6. In the event of any person for whom a deposit in the Colony has been paid for a passage declining to emigrate, or not being able to comply with the conditions required by these regulations, or in case the amount deposited shall exceed that required for the number of Emigrants actually introduced, the amount deposited or the amount in excess, as the case may be, will be returned to the depositor by the Immigration Agent in Tasmania, on return of the passage certificate and upon the receipt of the Emigration Agent's report recommending its repayment; but no Emigrant will be entitled to such recommendation in the event of his actually accepting an embarkation order and afterwards failing to proceed by the vessel named, and he will have no claim to a second embarkation order.

7. A proper Contract Ticket, according to the Passenger Acts, signed on behalf of the shipowner, will be handed to you so soon as you have been approved at the Depôt, from which time any responsibility of the Government of Tasmania, or of the Emigration Agent, to obtain a passage for you to Tasmania or otherwise, will absolutely cease, and the shipowner will become liable to you, according to the Contract Ticket.

8. The next ship sails from

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The Emigration Agent for Tasmania.

13. It will be the duty of the Emigration Agent to see that all the conditions contained in the charter party are fully and faithfully carried out; and he will consult with the Corporation should any occasion arise in which he may consider the charterers fail to abide by such conditions.

14. The Emigration Agent will personally attend at the port of embarkation of the emigrants, and satisfy himself that they are provided with the regulated outfit in clothing, &c. before permitting them to join the ship.

15. Each person must possess not less than the following:—For Male adults—2 complete suits of strong external clothing, 6 shirts, 6 pairs of stockings, 2 pairs of strong shoes or boots, and 2 warm flannel or guernsey shirts. For Female adults—6 shifts, 2 flannel petticoats, 6 pairs of stockings, 2 pairs of strong shoes, and 2 strong gowns, one of which must be warm. For each Child—9 shirts or shifts, 4 warm flannel waistcoats, 1 warm cloak or outside coat, 6 pairs of stockings, 2 pairs strong shoes, and 2 complete suits of external clothing. Each person must bring 2 lbs. of the best yellow soap, 2 lbs. of marine soap, and not less than 4 towels and 3 sheets; also the necessary brushes, combs, and clothes-brushes for cleanliness. Two or three coloured shirts for men, and an extra supply of flannel for women and children are very desirable.

16. The quantity of baggage for each person over 12 must not exceed 20 cubic feet, or half a ton in weight. It must be closely packed in one or more strong boxes or cases, not exceeding 12 cubic feet each; larger packages and extra baggage, if taken at all, must be paid for.

17. Mattresses, feather beds and pillows, fire-arms, and offensive weapons, wines, spirits, beer, gunpowder, percussion caps, lucifer matches, articles of food of a perishable description or that require cooking, and any dangerous or noxious articles, cannot be taken.

18. Emigrants must look carefully after their luggage, both in travelling and at the port of embarkation, as neither the Colonial Government nor their officers can be answerable for its safety, or responsible in any way for its loss or damage on land or at sea.

19. Mattresses, bolsters, blankets, counterpanes, canvas bags to contain linen, &c., knives and forks, spoons, metal plates, and drinking mugs are to be provided by the Emigration Agent at the expense of the Board.

20. The Emigration Agent will place a suitable supply of books on board each vessel to a value not exceeding £10 in each case. These books can be obtained from the National Society's Depository, Sanctuary, Westminster.

21. He will also place on board, and in charge of the Matron, a moderate but sufficient supply of calicos, cottons, &c., for the use and employment of the single women while on the voyage.

22. All moneys received by the Emigration Agent to be at once remitted to the Corporation with full particulars; and also a detailed statement of expenses incurred for advertising, &c. is to be furnished periodically.

23. The Emigration Agent will communicate not less frequently than once a month with the Board in Hobart, furnishing a full and detailed report of his proceedings, and will telegraph the chartering of each vessel.

24. The port of final departure and destination of any vessel is to be determined by the Emigration Agent.

TASMANIA.

BOARD OF IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

Hobart, 23rd December, 1882.

THE following Regulations, made by the Board of Immigration under the provisions of the Act of Parliament 46 Vict. No. 40, and approved by the Governor in Council, are published for general information.

Forms of Application for "Passage Certificates" can be obtained upon application to the Immigration Agent in Hobart or Launceston, also from the Wardens of Rural Municipalities, and Police or Stipendiary Magistrates, and the Emigration Agent in London.

WM. MOORE, *President*.

1. To meet the public convenience, persons resident in the Colony who may desire to introduce Immigrants in accordance with these Regulations shall be entitled to nominate such Immigrants, and to deposit the necessary sum or sums in trust with the Agent for Immigration, at the Immigration Office, Hobart or Launceston, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 3 P.M., and, in the country districts, with the Wardens of Rural Municipalities, or Police or Stipendiary Magistrates, or other authorised person, as the case may be, during the usual office hours: provided that no person shall, without the consent of the Board, be entitled to nominate more Emigrants within any one year than shall be equivalent to twenty Statute Adults. All applications for Passage Certificates on account of such nominated Emigrants to be forthwith forwarded by the person receiving the same, in Launceston or any country district, to the Immigration Agent, Hobart. Such nominations will be subject, however, to the approval of the Emigration Agent in England, and the rules of selection prescribed by these Regulations as in cases where no such nominations have been made.

2. In the event of any person or persons nominated in the Colony for a passage declining to emigrate, or not being able to comply with the conditions required by these Regulations, or in case the amount deposited shall exceed that required for the number of Immigrants actually introduced, the amount deposited, or the amount in excess, as the case may be, will be returned to the depositor upon the receipt in the Colony of the Emigration Agent's report recommending its repayment. But if any attempt at fraud or concealment be made by the depositor or by the nominee under the certificate the deposit will be forfeited.

3. The selection of Emigrants shall be limited to such adult persons as can pay towards the cost of their passage to the Colony, or for whom has been paid in the colony, the following sums respectively—

Adult males	£5 for each person.
Adult females	£3 for each person.
Married couples	£6
Children, accompanied by their parents or parent, under 3 years of age, free.	

Children between the ages of 3 and 12, half the amount payable by adults. Provided that the amount to be deposited on account of themselves and their children under 12 years of age shall not exceed £12.

All children above the age of 12 years at the time of embarkation to be deemed "Adults."

4. All Emigrants shall be selected by (or, if nominated in this Colony, shall be subject to the approval of) the Emigration Agent, or by such persons as he may appoint for the purpose, under instructions from the Board of Immigration, provided such instructions shall not be contrary to these Regulations.

5. All Emigrants must be of sound mental and bodily health, and of good moral character, and shall consist either of married persons not exceeding 45 years of age (with or without children), or of unmarried men and women not exceeding 40 years of age, except under special circumstances approved by the Board; and shall be selected from the classes of agriculturists, mechanics, skilled and other labourers and domestic servants with a special view to the industrial requirements of the Colony, and the fluctuations affecting those requirements as reported from the Colony from time to time. Should the age of any intending Emigrant exceed the limits herein prescribed, the sum payable on his or her account shall be £15.

6. The person introducing any nominated Immigrant under a Passage Certificate issued by the Board of Immigration who shall be found upon arrival not to be in accordance with the description given in the application shall be liable to repay to the Immigration Agent, on demand, any money which may have been paid from Public Funds on account of such Immigrant.

7. The "Engagement" set out in the Passage Certificate must be signed by the Emigrant (for himself and Family), agreeing not to leave Tasmania within four years after arrival without having previously paid to the Immigration Agent at Hobart or Launceston one-fourth of the whole cost of the Passage-money for every year wanting to complete four years' residence in the Colony, and a proportionate sum for every part of a year. And if any Emigrant attempts to leave Tasmania contrary to such "Engagement" he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £50, which may be recovered in a summary way in the mode prescribed by "The Magistrates Summary Procedure Act."

8. The proportion of unmarried men shall not exceed twenty-five per cent. of the whole number of adult Emigrants.

9. A proportion of the Emigrants, not exceeding fifteen per cent. of the whole, may be natives of European countries other than Great Britain and Ireland, who shall answer to the physical, moral, and industrial descriptions embodied in these Regulations.

10. The Emigrants must be brought out in ships chartered for that purpose by the Emigration Agent on behalf of Tasmania, or by such other means as may be approved of by him, and under such Regulations as he may make and prescribe for their moral and sanitary condition during the passage, subject to the approval of the Board of Immigration.

11. All deposits of money on account of the passages of Emigrants, except as provided for in section fourteen, shall be paid to the Emigration Agent in London, and shall be accounted for by him on behalf of the Government of Tasmania.

12. No money paid by persons non-residents in Tasmania on account of any passage or passages will be returned should the person or persons making such payment not avail himself or themselves of the passage or passages so provided; but the Emigration Agent, in cases where circumstances satisfactorily explained may prevent embarkation on the ship first arranged for, may authorise a passage or passages by a succeeding ship.

13. Immigrants by chartered ships shall be entitled to remain on board, and will be provisioned at the ship's expense for seven clear days after the ship drops anchor in the port of arrival.

14. Every person authorised to receive deposits under these Regulations shall immediately on the receipt thereof remit the amount to the Agent for Immigration at Hobart, with a statement of the number and description of Immigrants whom the depositor wishes to introduce.

15. Forms of application, and all information for the guidance of depositors, can be obtained from the Wardens of Rural Municipalities or Police or Stipendiary Magistrates in the country districts, at the office of the Agent for Immigration in Hobart and Launceston, or in England from the Emigration Agent.

16. The passage certificate must be forwarded by the depositor to the nominee, who in every case must produce it within twelve months from the date thereof to the Emigration Agent in London.

17. A Quarterly Report shall be prepared under the instructions of the Board of Immigration, giving an account of the state of trade, of farming, mining, industrial operations, and domestic employment, including rates of wages, &c., and of the progress of the Colony generally; and copies of all such Reports shall be regularly transmitted to the Emigration Agent in London in January, April, July, and October of each year for his information and guidance and for distribution amongst suitable districts in Great Britain.

18. Persons resident in the Colony who introduce Immigrants under these Regulations, otherwise than by chartered ships, must provide for their reception immediately on their arrival.

Should any such nominated Immigrants be received into an Immigration Dépôt, a charge of Two Shillings a day, or part of a day, for each individual will be made against the introducer.

19. Pending the arrival of the Emigration Agent in England, the Emigrant and Colonists' Aid Corporation, 79½ Gracechurch-street, London, E.C., are empowered to act in all respects as the Agents of the Board as regards Emigrants nominated by persons in the Colony in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing Regulations.

20. These Regulations shall take effect on and after the 1st January, 1883.