

missioners upon the ships "Dover Castle" and "Otago," which vessels arrived at Port Chalmers on the 10th and 11th instant respectively.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

Enclosure 1 in No. 8.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Dover Castle."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 15th October, 1873.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Dover Castle" arrived in port, from London, on the 10th instant, having made a passage of 101 days. She brought to the Province 167 souls, equal to 137 statute adults, classified as follows:—Married couples, 30; single men, 23; single women, 27.

The health of the immigrants was good throughout the passage, no death having been registered. One birth occurred on 22nd August.

The ship is admirably fitted in the several compartments, and the ventilation appeared to be all that could be desired,

The conditions of the charter-party were fully complied with.

The immigrants by this ship are a very superior class, and well fitted to supply our present requirements. The single women are particularly respectable, and the good order and discipline which must evidently have been maintained on the voyage, reflect great credit on Captain Culbert and Dr. Young, the surgeon-superintendent.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN,
DAVID O'DONNOGHUE, } Commissioners.
WM. THOMSON,

The Under Secretary, Immigration Office, Wellington.

Enclosure 2 in No. 8.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Otago."

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 15th October, 1873.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Otago" arrived in port from Glasgow on the 11th instant, having made a passage of 87 days. She brought to the Province 161 souls, of whom 102½ were assisted and 17 nominated immigrants.

Three deaths and one birth were registered, one of the former having occurred in port, before the immigrants were landed.

The number of statute adults landed were equal to 118 exclusive of the paying passengers. Dr. Stewart, surgeon-superintendent of the ship, reports that the health of the immigrants was very good throughout the voyage.

After the immigrants were mustered they were visited in their several compartments, and the usual questions being asked as to their treatment on the voyage, they unanimously expressed themselves as fully satisfied. We are of opinion that the Passengers Act was fully complied with in every respect.

The immigrants are a good class for the Colony, the single men and women being particularly suitable.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN, } Commissioners.
WM. THOMSON,

The Under Secretary, Immigration Office, Wellington.

No. 9.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 246.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 29th October, 1873.

I have the honor to forward herewith report of the Immigration Commissioners at this port, upon the ship "Edward P. Bouverie," which vessel arrived on the 20th instant.

I am much pleased to notice the very favourable character of this report. The ship appears to have been excellently suited for the service, and the health and comfort of the immigrants carefully studied in all arrangements.

Appended to the report of the Commissioners is a memorandum on the economy of emigrant ships generally, by the surgeon-superintendent, upon which I shall be glad to receive any comments you may consider it desirable to offer.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

Enclosure in No. 9.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "E. P. Bouverie."

SIR,—

Wellington, 24th October, 1873.

We have the honor to report the arrival, on Monday, the 20th instant, of the ship "Edward