

Enclosure in No. 56.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Janet Court."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 2nd June, 1874.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Janet Court" arrived from the Clyde with Government immigrants on the 29th ultimo, making a passage of eighty-six days from port to port. She brought 262 souls, equal to 216½ statute adults. There were three births and four deaths on the passage, the latter being children of one year old and under. Having minutely inspected the ship we found all the immigrants in good health, the several compartments clean and very fairly ventilated through deck ventilators, the cooking range good and fully equal to its requirements. There was no condenser on board, but the supply of water was ample, and remained good throughout the voyage.

The whole of the immigrants expressed themselves as fully satisfied with their treatment, and spoke in high terms of Captain Crawford and Dr. Purvis for their kindness and attention during the passage.

The medical and children's comforts were abundant, and given as necessity required.

We have much pleasure in recommending that the surgeon-superintendent, captain, and officers of the ship be paid the several gratuities assigned to them.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN,
D. O'DONNOGHUE, } Commissioners.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

No. 57.

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

(No. 171.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 17th June, 1874.

I have the honor to forward herewith, copy of the Immigration Commissioners' report upon the ship "Buckinghamshire."

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

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COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Buckinghamshire."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 2nd June, 1874.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Buckinghamshire," with Government immigrants, arrived in port on the 29th ultimo, having made a passage of seventy-seven days from London. According to her passenger list, she sailed with 496 souls equal, to 408½ statute adults, and landed 493 souls, equal to 406½ statute adults, exclusive of six births.

The ship came into port in fine order, being remarkably clean in every compartment. She is well fitted up in the usual style of London ships, having a passage between the sides and the bunks, thus allowing a free circulation of air from the side scuttles all through the 'tween-decks.

The ventilation of the ship throughout was excellent. The condensing apparatus (Chaplin's) performed its duties well, and supplied about 500 gallons daily of good water.

The provisions were excellent, and the cooking range fully adequate to the requirements of the immigrants.

Upon the whole, we have seen but few ships coming into port in better order, considering the large number of immigrants she had on board. Dr. Welsh, the surgeon-superintendent, deserves credit for his attention to the health and comfort of the passengers. There were no complaints.

We have much pleasure in recommending that the surgeon-superintendent, captain, and officers of the ship be paid the usual gratuities.

We have, &c.,

COLIN ALLAN,
WM. THOMPSON, } Commissioners.
D. O'DONNOGHUE,

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.