

This family ought not to have been allowed to leave in any ship before a period of at least three months had elapsed after the most final evidence of such a disease as scarlatina especially had disappeared from among them.

H. Eliott, Esq., Immigration Officer, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
H. DONALDSON.

No. 52.

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

(No. 151.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 4th June, 1874.

Referring to my letter No. 100, of 21st April last, I now forward, for your information, copy of newspaper report of the decision of the Court of Appeal on the questions raised on the trial of the surgeon of the "Isles of the South" for larceny of the stores.

The verdict of guilty returned in the Resident Magistrate's Court has been confirmed, and the defendant will be brought before the Supreme Court for sentence in July.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 53.

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

(No. 158.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 3rd June, 1874.

Herewith I have the honor to forward the following papers respecting the ship "Asia," which arrived in Port Chalmers April 27th, 1874:—

- (1.) Immigration Commissioners' Report.
- (2.) Certified list of births and deaths on the voyage.
- (3.) Reports by the Immigration Officer upon the character and behaviour of some of the immigrants.

1. In my letter No. 129, of May 9th ultimo, I have already called your attention to the fact that the shipment by this vessel included a number of girls out of the Cork workhouse, and I took the opportunity of remarking upon the very undesirable character of such immigration. A perusal of the report of the Immigration Officer at Dunedin, addressed to my colleague the Hon. Mr. Reynolds, forwarded herewith, will, I think, convince you how very disastrous it is likely to prove to the cause of emigration if such modes of selection as those adopted by Mrs. Howard are, under any circumstances, permitted. A few disreputable, noisy women of the class which are to be found in the workhouses, are sufficient to destroy the comfort of a whole shipload of respectable people, and the knowledge that there is a chance of such company will deter the better sort, whom the Colony really wants, from taking advantage of the emigration scheme. The result in the Colony of the landing and distribution of such women as these complained of, and of such immigrants as the "young men" whom Mr. Allan states he has ascertained to be "professed thieves, and one of them a ticket-of-leave man," is naturally a feeling of indignation and dismay, and you will be good enough in each case to cause a searching inquiry to be made, and report to me fully the whole circumstances which led to the arrangements with the Cork workhouse authorities for shipping their paupers as emigrants, and also inform me what officer of your department accepted as free emigrants the young men, H—, T—, R—, M—, and S—, and upon what certificates and recommendations.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

Enclosure 1 in No. 53.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Asia."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 30th April, 1874.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Asia" arrived from London on 27th instant, having made a passage of 78 days.

She brought to the Province 467 souls, equal to 390½ statute adults, all being immigrants assisted by the Government. The ship arrived in a very creditable condition, for which Dr. Flint, surgeon-superintendent, and Captain McMillan and his officers, deserve the highest praise. The whole of the immigrants expressed themselves as highly satisfied with their treatment on the voyage. The order and discipline on board were admirable, the provisions of the best quality, and abundance of water was always available from the condenser. We have no hesitation in stating that the provisions of the Passenger Act and the charter party were fully carried out and acted upon. No sickness of an infectious nature prevailed during the voyage. Two deaths occurred, being those of infants born on the passage.

We have much pleasure in recommending that the usual gratuities be paid to the captain and officers of the ship.

We have, &c.,
COLIN ALLAN,
DAVID O'DONNOGHUE, } Commissioners.
WM. THOMSON,

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.