

inattention to his wife immediately before she died, was made a subject of investigation by the Commissioners on the 5th and 6th instant. There were eleven signatures to the document, all excepting one being written by the same person; and in our examination of the witnesses it was found that three of the signatures were adhibited without authority. The gist of the complaint was that Dr. Stenhouse declined to visit Mrs. G—— about an hour before she died, when called by one of the immigrants to do so. Nine witnesses were examined, including the captain and second mate of the ship. It came out in evidence that Mrs. G—— was very delicate when she embarked—that she was attacked with measles—that on the night referred to in the complaint Dr. Stenhouse visited her at 10 o'clock, the patient being then very low, that he prescribed a draught and instructed the attendant nurse when to administer it—that being without proper rest for some nights previously he went to bed, and was called by a man named B—— to visit Mrs. G—— about two hours thereafter—that Dr. Stenhouse said that it was no use for him to visit the patient as he could do her no good—that he afterwards visited her with Captain Whitson, and found she had just died. The evidence of all the witnesses went to prove that Dr. Stenhouse paid every attention to the sick during the voyage, the complainant G—— himself also having acknowledged that the former attended to his wife and children regularly during the time they had been ill, and that he had nothing to say against him until the last call. From the evidence adduced, we have come to the conclusion that while Dr. Stenhouse is entirely exonerated from all blame in respect to his treatment of Mrs. G——, we think he committed an error in judgment in not immediately acceding to the request made to him to visit the patient, although in doing so the result would be the same. The immigrants by the ship appear to have been well satisfied with the general treatment they received on the voyage, no complaint having been made to the Commissioners, excepting the one already referred to. We believe Dr. Stenhouse, Captain Whitson and his officers performed their respective duties with the utmost fidelity, and are entitled to their gratuities.

The Under Secretary for Immigration,
Wellington.

We have, &c.,
WM. THOMSON.
COLIN ALLAN.

No. 11.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 18.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 6th February, 1877.

Referring to the Hon. Major Atkinson's letter of the 15th December last, transmitting copies of reports, &c., upon the ship "Dunedin," I have now the honor to forward copy of a memorandum from the Immigration Officer covering copies of the evidence in an inquiry into a complaint which was made against the surgeon-superintendent. You will observe that Dr. Stenhouse is again recommended for employment in the immigration service.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
D. REID.

Enclosure in No. 11.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Dunedin, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 29th December, 1876.

I HEREWITH enclose the evidence taken by the Immigration Commissioners in the matter of the complaint made by D—— G——, immigrant per ship "Dunedin," against Dr. Stenhouse, surgeon-superintendent of said ship. The matter of your circular of the 13th instant was laid before the Commissioners, and they are unanimous in their opinion that nothing has transpired in the course of the inquiry prejudicial to the character and conduct of Dr. Stenhouse, and would therefore have no hesitation in recommending him for re-employment from the Agent-General, if he should so desire.

COLIN ALLAN,

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

Immigration Officer.

No. 12.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 3.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 5th January, 1877.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following documents relating to the ship "Waitara," which arrived at Napier upon the 21st December ultimo, namely,—1. Immigration report Commissioners' report. 2. Report by the surgeon-superintendent. 3. Immigration Officer's report. 4. Certified list of births and deaths.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
D. REID.

Enclosure in No. 12.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "WAITARA."

SIR,—

Immigration Commissioners' Office, Napier, 27th December, 1876.

We beg to report the arrival of the ship "Waitara" on the 21st instant. Owing to unavoidable circumstances we were unable to inspect the ship on her arrival; the pilot, however, on taking her