

valid form. If it should be the desire of His Majesty's Government that the repayment of advances should be sought by legal process, I beg to be honoured with your commands on the subject.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Richard Bourke.*

NEW SOUTH
WALES.

Maj.-gen. Bourke
to Mr. Secretary
Stanley.

RETURN of the NUMBER of FREE PERSONS who have arrived in *New South Wales* from the 1st January 1832 to the 30th November 1833; distinguishing those who have received Assistance under the Arrangements sanctioned by His Majesty's Government for the promotion of EMIGRATION, from those for whom no Advance has been made or Bounty paid.

Year of arrival	FREE PERSONS who have arrived under the Arrangements sanctioned by H. M. Government.															TOTAL.						
	EMIGRANTS without Bounty or Advance.				Advances.					Bounties.		Total Advances and Bounties.										
												Number of Persons.				Amount.						
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Amount advanced.	Number of Females.	Amount paid.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	£.	s.	d.	Total number of Persons.			
1832	679	451	284	1,414	140	134	195	469	£. s. d. 2,759 - -	321 and two child- dren.	£. s. d. 2,497 6 9	140	455	197	792	£. s. d. 5,256 6 9			819	706	481	2,006
1833 to 30 Nov.	629	388	338	1,355	170	161	337	668	3,451 - -	324	5,194 - - Including £1,522 paid this year for passengers per "Red River," in 1832.	170	485	337	992	8,645 - -			799	873	675	2,347
Totals	1,308	839	622	2,569	310	295	532	1,137	6,210 - -	645	7,691 6 9	310	940	534	1,784	13,901 6 9			1,618	1,579	1,156	4,353

(signed) *Alexander McLeay,*
Colonial Secretary.

ENCLOSURE with Mr. Secretary Stanley's Despatch, 26 July 1833.

Colonial-office, 18 July 1831.

INFORMATION respecting the *Australian Colonies.*

The Commissioners for Emigration have collected the following Information for the use of persons desirous of emigrating to New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land.

Price of Passage.—The Commissioners for Emigration have reason to expect, from the result of the inquiries which they have made on this subject, that passages can be provided for people of the working classes, including their maintenance during the voyage, at a charge not exceeding 16 *l.* for adults, and 8 *l.* for children. More exact particulars, and the precise charge for which passages can be provided, will be stated at the time of entering into the agreements with such persons as may apply to the Commissioners for that purpose.*

Probability of Employment and Rates of Wages.—The Commissioners have examined a considerable number of letters upon these subjects from respectable inhabitants of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land; and they find that all concur in representing the existence of a great demand for labour. These representations

* The price of 16 *l.* is computed on the supposition of a whole vessel's being taken up for the conveyance of passengers, but as the Commissioners for Emigration do not at present contemplate engaging a vessel in that manner, the best course for persons possessed of the requisite funds is to engage their passages by private agreement with the owners of ships sailing to New South Wales or Van Diemen's Land. The price of steerage passages thus engaged has usually ranged from 30 *l.* to 40 *l.*; but passages have lately been provided by some shipowners for people of the working classes, at so low a charge as from 20 *l.* to 18 *l.* for adults, and 9 *l.* for children.—12th. Dec. 1831.