

NEW BRUNSWICK.

— No. 8. —

(No. 53.)

Copy of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *E. Head*, Bart., to Earl *Grey*.

Government House, Fredericton, 31 May 1849.

(Received, 19 June 1849.)

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My Lord,

Lieut.-Governor
Sir E. Head to
Earl Grey.
31 May 1849.

I HAVE the honour to enclose the usual ship returns for the emigrant vessels "Albion" and "Waterford," which have arrived at St. John, together with a copy of Mr. Perley's letter relating thereto.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Edmund Head*.

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Government Emigration Office, St. John,
29 May 1849.

Sir,

Encl. 1. in No. 8.

Returns, No. 7 and
No. 8.

I HAVE to report the arrival of the barque "Albion" from Cork, with 172 passengers, and brig "Waterford," from Limerick, with 156 passengers, for which vessels Ship Returns are enclosed.

It will be observed by the return No. 7, that the passengers by the "Albion," arrived in a very healthy state, and that their number increased during the voyage.

The passengers by the "Waterford" are all on Partridge Island, where they are undergoing purification, and endeavouring to recruit. I was present at their landing yesterday, and observed some very miserable and emaciated persons among them. All the adults were able to walk up to the buildings, although afflicted with fever and dysentery to a certain extent. They come from a district where cholera has prevailed, yet there was no case on board, or any approach to that disease.

In my whole experience I have rarely seen a more dirty, reckless, and apparently lawless set of people than a majority of the passengers by the "Waterford." Long suffering seems to have deprived them of all moral sense.

At present there are no passenger-lists in this office; but it is said that some small vessels may be expected from outports in Ireland during the season. In all probability the emigration of this season will be very limited.

I have, &c.

(signed) *M. H. Perley*,
H. M. Emigration Officer.

The Hon. John R. Partelow, Provincial Secretary.

Enclosure