

exactd even for a tea-pot full of boiling water! These rooms have mostly a disagreeable and cheerless appearance, generally swarming with bugs and rats. I have seen hundreds of families compelled to abide in the open air, because they had not wherewith to pay for this description of accommodation.

The Durham boats are long and narrow, and nearly flat in the bottom, with a shifting keel to lift up in shallow water; the time they occupy in going from Montreal to Kingston, averages from ten to fourteen days; they afford but a pitiful accommodation for passengers, as they are crammed almost to suffocation, and are exposed to all weathers, there being no covering to protect them; and to these inconveniencies is superadded that of being compelled to remain in a sitting position during the whole of the passage!

To such a calamitous state had many of the emigrants been reduced, that they had come to the determination, unless temporary relief were immediately afforded them, to seize the vessels in the harbour and compel the masters to convey them back to England. It appeared to me a most extraordinary anomaly, that with the knowledge that every owner of a ship is compelled, by law, to pay five shillings