

NEW
BRUNSWICK.

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Return, No. 10.

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Government Emigration Office, St. John, June 18, 1851.

SIR,

I HAVE to report the arrival of the barque "Perseverance" from Cork, with 303 passengers, and enclose a ship return.

On inquiry as to water, I found that the supply on the voyage had been ample, and of good quality. The oatmeal was excellent, the rice and the tea good, but the bread was below the standard of navy bread; the flour was musty, and the sugar of the most inferior description.

The passengers stated, that when Lieutenant Friend, the emigration officer at Queenstown, came on board to inspect the provisions, the samples exhibited to him were all of good quality, but after they had been at sea a short time those of worse quality were served out to them. All the flour issued was musty. The bread was said to be baked by Gregory O'Neill, the passage broker who shipped these emigrants at Cork, and it was worse than the ship bread furnished by the master to the crew of the vessel, and that was admitted to be inferior to navy bread.

Of the passengers by the "Perseverance," one hundred and sixty had contract tickets which bound the ship to take them to Boston, via St. John. The ship came into port on the 11th instant, and on the 12th was brought to the wharf, and began to discharge cargo and ballast. On the 13th the passengers became clamorous to be forwarded to Boston, and I gave the master notice to proceed with them without delay. He thereupon gave me the letter, copy of which is annexed*, engaging to send the passengers next morning by steamer.

The next morning, the 14th, he failed to do so, and alleged as an excuse that he had been forbidden by Mr. Lewis Burns, the agent here for Gregory O'Neill, the broker, who had written him a letter†, copy of which is annexed.

I then took out a summons for the master, requiring him to show cause why he did not proceed with the passengers to Boston. He was not served with the summons, but a legal gentleman appeared at the police office, read the letter from Mr. Burns, and said that Mr. Burns would forward the passengers by steamer on the following Tuesday. With this they were obliged to be content; and meantime I furnished them with clean straw, saw that the ship was properly cleaned, and that a sufficiency of provisions was issued to them.

On Tuesday, the 17th, they were not forwarded, as promised. In the evening of that day, the steamer "Creole" was brought alongside the ship, and they were told to embark. They declined doing so until they had assurance that they would be landed free of expense at Boston (as the "Creole" only proceeds to Portland,) and were paid for the time they were unnecessarily detained.

The master then gave me a written undertaking that they should be placed in Boston free of expense or charge, and paid to each passenger five shillings currency, detention money. This morning they all left in the "Creole," quite satisfied. I gave them a letter to Captain Grignon, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Portland, requesting him to aid them, if necessary, and advise me if any difficulty occurred.

I am bound, in justice to Captain Morris, of the "Perseverance," to say that his conduct throughout this troublesome business was most satisfactory to me, and also to the passengers, to whom he was very kind on the voyage. All of the difficulties have arisen from the acts of Mr. O'Neill himself, or of Mr. Lewis Burns, his agent here.

The Hon. J. R. Partelow,
Provincial Secretary.

I have, &c.
(Signed) M. H. PERLEY,
H. M. Emigration Officer.

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SIR,

Government Emigration Office, St. John, June 19, 1851.

I HAVE to report the arrival of the "Lord Fitzgerald and Vesci" from Galway, and "Charles" from Youghal, with passengers; a ship return is enclosed for each.

I have commenced a prosecution against the master of the "Charles," for the excess of passengers, the result of which will be reported hereafter. This vessel had a very small supply of water left on her arrival yesterday, and if she had been longer at sea the consequences might have been serious.

The Hon. J. R. Partelow,
Provincial Secretary.

I have, &c.
(Signed) M. H. PERLEY,
H. M. Emigration Officer.

* No. 1, not received with this despatch.

† No. 2, not received with this despatch.