

themselves as being perfectly satisfied and comfortable, which was confirmed by their healthy and cleanly appearance, as well as by the regret shown by them all at parting with their late master.

BERMUDA.

John L. Hurdis, Esq.,
Comptroller Customs and Navy Laws.

I am, &c.
(signed) *G. Cockburn Harvey,*
Comptroller Customs and Navy Laws.

Memorandum from proceedings at a Magistrate's Court, St. George's, Bermuda,
20 November 1850.

WE convict Thomas William Burrows, of British brig "James," of having violated the 17th and 19th sections of the Act of Parliament, 12 & 13 Vict., c. 33; viz., by not providing himself with a properly fitted life-boat, and by having on board said vessel 12 kegs of gunpowder, with 21 passengers, on her voyage from London here during the last month, and now direct that said Thomas William Burrows shall pay over to G. C. Harvey, Comptroller of Her Majesty's Customs and Navigation Laws, for said offences, 5 £, for the use of Her Majesty and Her successors.

Port of St. George's, Bermuda,
2 December 1850.

(signed) *John Stewart Hunter.*
John S. Fisher.

Despatch from Governor Elliot.

— No. 2. —

(No. 19.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor *Elliot* to Earl *Grey*.

Bermuda, 22 March 1851.

(Received, 22 April 1851.)

My Lord,

IN reply to your Lordship's despatch, No. 473, I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter from the Attorney-general, reporting that the penalty of 5 £. imposed on the master of the brig "James" by the magistrates at St. George's in November last, for an evasion of the Passenger Act, has been duly paid into the Colonial Treasury.

Governor *Elliot*
to Earl *Grey*,
22 March 1851.

2. I take this opportunity to mention, that I have received a letter from the authorities of St. Pancras parish by the last mail, requesting me to furnish information respecting the disposal and welfare of the children sent out from that place to this colony, and I hope to be able to reply to that communication by the next mail. In the mean time I would wish to observe, that, although I have not heard of any instance of ill-treatment or neglect towards these children, but believe on the contrary that they are generally well cared for, still I cannot but think it would be more prudent that children should not be sent out by the parishes, without previous communication with the government of the colony.

3. It seems to me to be desired that persons wishing to receive children from England in this way, should be called upon to forward a clear statement of the conditions on which they are willing to do so, to the parishes, through the Secretary of the Government, and that a certificate should be required from the Governor of their respectability and ability to fulfil those conditions.

4. I entertain the opinion that it would be advantageous to this colony to introduce a limited number of white children under these precautions, and I am also persuaded that in this way, there would be no risk of unfortunate consequences as regards the children themselves. But your Lordship is aware that there is not a large number of white persons at Bermuda of sufficiently easy means to be entrusted with the care and instruction of friendless children, and I think it right to recommend that they should not be sent out in future without previous inquiry and precaution of the nature here suggested.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Charles Elliot.*

Enclosure in No. 2.

Sir,

Hamilton, 11 March 1851.

WITH reference to your Excellency's communication to me on the 5th instant, on the subject of the penalty of 5 £. imposed on the master of the brig "James," by the Magistrates at St. George's in November last, for an evasion of the Passengers Act, for the payment of 348.