CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

There are at present no free passages granted to this colony. Mr. Saunders, the Colonial agent, is, in certain cases, authorised to provide in private vessels assisted passages, on conditions which can be ascertained on application at his office, 3, Bridge-street, Westminster.

NATAL.

No free passages are now granted to this colony. Persons resident in Natal can, however, nominate their relations or friends for passages in the Commissioners' ships, on giving to the Colonial Government a guarantee for the repayment of the passages, at the rate of 10 l. per statute adult, within 12 months after the landing of the emigrants. Married persons, with the members of their families under 12 years of age, are required to repay the advance at the rate of 10 l. per annum. Any excess of passage money, beyond the 10 l., is

paid out of colonial funds.

When the Emigration Commissioners have colonial funds in their hands for the purpose (which is not the case at present), they can also grant assisted passages to eligible candidates, provided such candidates can pay to the Commissioners before embarkation, towards their passage, for each adult person of the age of 12 years and upwards (two children between the ages of one and 12 counting as an adult), 3 l. 6 s. 8 d., with 1 l. for bedding and mess utensils on the voyage. The emigrants, however, must enter into a bond to repay to the Colonial Government 6 l. 13 s. 4 d. for each such adult, at the rate of 10 l. per annum in the case of a family. In the case of a single individual, the amount is to be repaid within 12 months after arrival.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

There are no colonial funds appropriated for emigration to this colony. It is only occasionally, when authorised by the Secretary of State, that the Commissioners can select emigrants for passages to this colony at the expense of Imperial funds. On these occasions the emigrants are required to be for the most part unmarried females of good character, and a few married agricultural labourers, having, if any, not more than two young children.

TO NORTH AMERICA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, and the other British Colonies, there is no free or assisted emigration.

INFORMATION for Emigrants proceeding in Ships despatched by the Emigration Commissioners.

- 1. New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and Queensland, are five separate colonies in Australia, the capitals of which are several hundred miles apart. Sydney is the capital of New South Wales; Melbourne is the capital of Victoria; Geelong, near to Melbourne, is the next principal town, and Portland and Belfast are also thriving towns, about 300 miles to the west of Melbourne. As Melbourne and Geelong are situated in the same land-locked bay, and are only about 45 miles apart, with steam communication daily between them, at the cost of a few shillings, the Commissioners treat them as practically the same port. Adelaide is the capital of South Australia; and Perth of Western Australia. Brisbane, Moreton Bay, is the capital of Queensland. Port Curtis is a fine harbour in the same colony, about 300 miles north of Moreton Bay. Keppel Bay and Wide Bay are also ports in the same colony.
- 2. The Commissioners engage none but first-class vessels, which are despatched from Southampton, Plymouth, and Birkenhead. At these ports the Commissioners have depôts fitted expressly for the reception of emigrants, who are lodged and fed, free of charge, from the day named in their embarkation order, until they are embarked. They can travel to the depôt by any of the ordinary trains on the London and North-Western, the Great Western, and the South Western, or the lines of railway connected therewith, for 1 d. per mile. Emigrants should look carefully after their luggage both in travelling and in the depôt, as the Commissioners or their officers cannot be responsible for it in any way.
- 3. The ship sare fitted with a proper regard to the health and comfort of the emigrants, as well as for the preservation of good order amongst them. The single men occupy the fore part of the ship; next to them are placed the married couples and their young children in the middle of the vessel, and the single women have a distinct compartment set apart for them in the after-part of the ship.

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