

NEW SOUTH
WALES.

Mr. Secretary
Stanley to Major-
general Bourke.

of emigrant, to enable them to defray their expenses to the colony, with the exception only of those whose habits of industry and sobriety can be safely depended upon.

In the concluding part of your despatch, you advert to the difficulty of obtaining a valid obligation from the parties to whom the advance of 20*l.* is made, for the payment of that sum, the master of the ship in which the emigrants may have obtained their passages not always producing them before the proper officer after their arrival in the colony, and the emigrants themselves neglecting to enter into a new security. With the view of obviating this difficulty, and of meeting the suggestion of the collector of internal revenue on this point, proper steps will be taken for the future for securing the evidence of the master and mate of the ship by which the emigrants may embark; or, in case the master should be owner of the vessel, of the mate and the surgeon, as witnesses to the hand-writing of the party by whom the promissory note for the repayment of the advance may have been signed; and care will be taken at the same time to explain to the master or owner of such vessel, that he will not be entitled to receive any portion of the sum which may be due on behalf of the emigrant whom he may take out to the colony, until he shall have produced the parties before the officer who may be appointed by the colonial government for the purpose, and gone through all the forms which may be deemed necessary for rendering the promissory notes available in the colony: and in order that no obstacles may be opposed to this arrangement, on the part of the emigrant, he should not be allowed permanently to quit the vessel, or to have his baggage delivered to him, if his detention on board should prove, as it possibly may, inconvenient to the ship, until the preliminary step before mentioned shall have been undertaken. On the other hand, you will of course appoint to this especial duty some officer of your government, who may, in addition to his other employment, be capable of attending to it, and who should be made responsible for the accuracy with which it may be performed.

Major-general Bourke,
&c. &c. &c.

I am, &c.
(signed) E. G. Stanley.

(Enclosure.)

Colonial Office, April 1833.

MR. HAY is directed by the Secretary of State to acquaint that the funds allotted for the encouragement of emigration to the Australian colonies being at present exhausted, no further applications for aid can be complied with until next year, when it is proposed that fresh funds should be made applicable to the purposes of emigration.

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Copy of a DESPATCH from Major-general Bourke to Mr. Secretary Stanley.

Government House, Sydney,
6 December 1833.

Sir,

Maj.-gen. Bourke
to Mr. Secretary
Stanley.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, dated 26th July last, informing me, that as the funds appropriated by this colony to the emigration of married mechanics and single females from Great Britain for the years 1832 and 1833, amounting to 20,000*l.*, were then nearly exhausted, and would be wholly so by the time of the arrival of the emigrants to whom assistance had been promised and afforded, it had been determined by His Majesty's Government to send out no more of those persons until further information had been obtained from hence; referring also to a letter from Mr. Hay, of the 10th of March last, requiring certain returns bearing upon this subject.

I have now the honour to forward a Return of the total number of free persons who have arrived in New South Wales, between the 1st January 1832 and 30th November 1833, distinguishing those who have received assistance from those for whom no advance has been made or bounty paid.

The quarterly returns of territorial revenue will be sent in the beginning of next year.

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