

NEW
BRUNSWICK

many of the emigrant ships on their passage to the ports of the United States at the very same time.

I have, &c.
(Signed) EDMUND HEAD,
Lieut.-Governor.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.

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Government Emigration Office, St. John,
December 1, 1853.

SIR,

Nov. 21 & 22.

I HAVE the honour to report the arrival of the packet ship "Liberia" and "Middleton" with passengers, and enclose the usual ship return for each.

I have never seen a vessel arrive (unless a wreck) whose sails and rigging were so thoroughly dilapidated as those of the "Middleton." Her hull must have been uncommonly strong to have stood what she appears to have encountered.

They are engaged for three years by the Messrs. Jackson and Co., at wages varying from 35s. to 36s. sterling per week, and they go on to-morrow by Portland to Richmond in Lower Canada.

The Hon. J. R. Partelow,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) M. H. PERLEY,
Her Majesty's Emigration Officer.

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Extract from "Ship Return."

"The 'Liberia' is one of Messrs. Reed's comfortable packet ships. Food and water good and abundant. The emigrants in excellent condition on arrival."

"The 'Middleton' is one of Messrs. Reed's line of packets. This vessels encountered very severe gales, and was greatly damaged in sails and rigging. The quality of food was good; but owing to the severity of the weather and violent tossing of the ship, some of the water casks were stove, and the sugar was damaged. For a few days there was no sugar, and but half allowance of water, for which deficiency Messrs. Reed paid each passenger a sum of money which was perfectly satisfactory. The passengers were all in good health."

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieut.-Governor Sir EDMUND HEAD to
the Duke of NEWCASTLE.

(No. 1.)

Government House, Fredericton, N.B.,
January 11, 1854.

MR LORD DUKE,

(Received January 31, 1854.)

I HAVE the honour to enclose the report of Mr. Perley, Emigration Officer at St. John, which will, I trust, be found satisfactory.

I may state that I have appointed Mr. Thomas M'Avity to act as assistant Emigration Officer under Mr. Perley, as I am informed it will be convenient to have a person in that capacity.

The concluding sentences of Mr. Perley's report relating to the mode of disposing of Crown lands have not escaped my attention.

The difficulty adverted to by him arises from the obligations of the Civil List Act, which requires as a general rule that land should be sold only at public auction.

I have more than once brought the matter before my Council and suggested that an Act should be obtained enabling the Government to put up tracts of land, surveyed without any special application, at a certain upset price, and if no advance on the price should be offered at public sale, afterwards to dispose of lands once so offered by private contract at a minimum rate.

This is I believe the course adopted with advantage in some other colonies.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) EDMUND HEAD.