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22nd March

Surgeons could be found at a moderate charge to the ship-owners. The enclosed Return of the number of Surgeons who would have been required in the first three quarters of this year was transmitted to those Institutions for their information, but with a statement, that it was not probable that in future years Emigration would be carried on to the same extent as in the season just concluded.

I now send you the replies received from the principal Colleges in England, Scotland, and Ireland, with a report made to me respecting them by the Emigration Commissioners. It seems to me apparent from these documents that it would not be practicable, without often arresting Emigration and entailing great confusion, to render the employment of a Surgeon in passenger ships to North America compulsory by law.

I trust also that the enactment, by the Provincial Legislature, of a law in accordance with the suggestions contained in my Despatch to your Lordship of the 1st December, (No. 142,) may give to the owners and masters of Emigrant ships so strong an interest in adopting all the precautions in their power for preserving the health of the passengers, that no practical evil may result from not enforcing the employment of a Surgeon on board such ships.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) GREY.

Governor General The Right Honourable
The EARL OF ELGIN and KINCARDINE,
&c., &c., &c.

(Enclosure, No. 1.)

Number of Vessels from the under-mentioned ports between January and June, 1847, which carried 100 Statute Adults and upwards, and which therefore would have required a Surgeon, if the law on that subject had extended to North America.

FIRST QUARTER.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	TOTAL.
London .....	...	...	2	2
Liverpool	15	30	69	114
Plymouth	1	...	2	3
Glasgow and Greenock .....	...	...	4	4
Dublin .....	...	...	3	3
Belfast .....	...	3	5	8
Londonderry .....	...	...	5	5
Sligo and Outports .....	...	...	2	2
Limerick .....	...	...	...	...
Cork .....	...	...	4	4
Waterford and New Ross .....	...	1	...	1
Baltimore .....	...	...	...	...
Galway .....	...	1	4	5
	16.	35	100	151

SECOND QUARTER.

	April.	May.	June	TOTAL.
London	5	9	9	23
Liverpool	78	73	38	189
Plymouth	1	1	1	3
Glasgow and Greenock	6	5	5	16
Dublin	7	10	8	25
Belfast	13	11	6	30
Londonderry	14	11	7	32
Sligo and Outports	11	14	9	34
Limerick	12	19	3	34
Cork	20	16	10	46
Waterford and New Ross	6	16	4	26
Baltimore	2	1	...	3
Galway	5	3	2	10
	180	189	102	471
First Three Months				151
Total				622

(Enclosure, No. 2.)

College of Surgeons,
Lincoln's-Inn Fields, 18th Nov., 1847.

Sir,

In reply to the inquiry addressed by The Honourable the Secretary for the Colonies to the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, in reference to the expediency of an amendment in the Passengers' Act, so as to compel every ship carrying 100 passengers to British North America to be provided with a Surgeon, "Whether an adequate number of duly qualified Surgeons could be found " to undertake this duty at a moderate charge to the shipowners?"

The President having submitted the same to the Council of the College, together with a table shewing the number of vessels which sailed from the principal ports of the United Kingdom during the present year, is desired to express their doubt whether the entire number of duly qualified Surgeons required could be obtained for the year 1848; but, as regards the contingent required for English ports, viz., 334, the Council are of opinion that for the service of the year 1849 (if not for that next ensuing) the required number might be found of Surgeons competent to undertake this duty, provided the return of the Surgeon to this country were guaranteed without delay and free of cost, and what the Council would deem a sufficient remuneration were secured to him.

(Signed) BENJ. TRAVERS,
President of Royal College of
Surgeons of England.

BENJ. HAWES, Esq.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Colonial Department.

(Enclosure, No. 3.)

Apothecaries' Hall, 5th Nov. 1847.

Sir,

I have conferred with my colleagues on the subject of your letter of the 27th ultimo, and I am enabled to report to you, for Lord Grey's information, that it is our unanimous opinion that, as respects ships leaving the ports of England for British North America, and carrying 100 passengers, an adequate number of duly qualified medical practitioners would be found to serve on board such ships at a moderate charge to the ship-owners.

In submitting this opinion to Lord Grey, I am requested by my colleagues to state, that having regard to the nature of the duties which the medical practitioners serving on board such ships will be called upon to discharge, it is essential for the protection of the passengers, many of whom are women and children, that such practitioner should have given evidence of his competency to practise medicine as well as surgery; and we are satisfied that an adequate number of practitioners, possessing both a medical and surgical qualification, would be found without difficulty, who would undertake the duty at a moderate charge to the ship-owners.

The Society have no reason whatever to doubt that an adequate number of duly qualified medical practitioners would be found to undertake the duty in question on board of ships leaving the ports of

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