

almost the whole system of proceeding, a copy of that document has been appended to the present report.

Agent General  
for Emigration  
to the Marquess  
of Normanby,  
15 August 1839.

I look forward with anxiety to the result of the emigration of 1839, to see what may be the effect of the various changes which have just been recapitulated.

With regard to the proceedings next year, I think it will be desirable, in so far as people may continue to be sent under the direct charge of Government, to try at the port of London the plan of making a contract with private ship-owners at a certain rate for each passenger; but I do not yet know how far this experiment would suit the course of business at the out-ports. With respect, on the other hand, to emigration by bounty, it appears to be generally agreed that some regulations should be established with a view to throwing it open, under proper precautions, to all respectable ship-owners who may be disposed to embark in the business. To what extent these two methods of promoting emigration to New South Wales are to be carried, and in what proportion each is to be employed, are questions which will remain to be decided by Her Majesty's Government, and which will depend, I presume, in great measure upon the nature of the reports that may arrive from the colony in the interval between this time and the preparation for the emigration of next spring.

Proceedings next  
year.

In conformity with the wishes of several gentlemen connected with that settlement, I have submitted to Her Majesty's Government for approval the details of a plan for facilitating emigration to Western Australia, which I understand to be at present under the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. Governor Stirling sent home at the end of 1838 the outline of a scheme drawn up in the colony for introducing Indian labourers, and a certain number of juvenile emigrants from this country, which will, I presume, be laid before Parliament amongst the other emigration papers of the year, together with the report I had the honour to offer upon it, stating some of the objections to that proposal; and as those objections are so nearly allied to others which I had occasion to point out nearly a year and a half ago, in regard to an application for a juvenile emigration to the Cape of Good Hope, it may perhaps be thought convenient to annex the report made at that time to the more recent documents connected with the similar proposal from Western Australia.

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The Marquess of Normanby,  
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