

NEW SOUTH
WALES.

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

It is not necessary that emigration to the Australian colonies should be confined to any particular season, and the Commissioners for emigration will therefore be ready immediately to afford their assistance to persons desirous of going to New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land. In consequence, however, of the state of the population in the Australian colonies, the Commissioners do not propose to take charge of the conveyance of any but married men and their families, or of females.

The Commissioners for emigration take this opportunity of announcing, that they are not prepared to undertake the conveyance of emigrants to the settlement on the Swan River.

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

Sir,

Downing-street, 8th April 1834.

Mr. Secretary
Stanley to Major-
general Bourke.

IN reference to my despatch of the 26th July last, I have now the honour to inform you that two ships will be dispatched to New South Wales during the present year; one in the early part of July, the other in the month of September following. These vessels will each convey to the colony from 200 to 250 young women, whom you will be prepared to receive and provide with the same accommodation and protection, until they shall obtain suitable situations, as were afforded to those females who preceded them.

The mischiefs which were found to result in the case of the two first ships which were dispatched to the Australian colonies, from the indifferent character of many of the females who were embarked in them, have given rise to much greater caution in this respect than was found practicable in the first instance.

The selection of females on the present occasion will be confided to the committee, by whose exertions the "Bassorah Merchant" and the "Layton" were dispatched to New South Wales with female emigrants during the last year; and although no official accounts have been received from you of the arrival of either of those ships, yet the satisfactory information which has been sent home by the superintendent of the former ship, fully justifies the confidence which has been placed in the committee, by whose continued assistance it is hoped that a class of female emigrants will be introduced into the colony, whose previous habits of industry and virtue will tend much to the improvement of society there.

In my despatch before adverted to, you were required to send home an account of the expenditure which had been incurred in the encouragement of emigration, together with a statement of the funds available for that service during the present year. To this communication there has been scarcely time, as yet, for me to receive an answer. Your despatch, however, of the 9th July 1833, reporting that "the balance arising from the sales and rents of Crown lands, (and from which all advances and bounties on emigration had been paid,) would amount at the close of 1833 to nearly 20,000*l.*," supplies, in a great measure, this deficiency of information, and enables me, without waiting for any further information from you on this subject, to renew the assistance towards emigration, which was previously afforded; for, although orders to a considerable amount in favour of emigrants must have arrived in the colony subsequent to the date of your despatch, yet as these payments could not have exceeded 8,000*l.* or 10,000*l.* at the utmost, a balance of 10,000*l.* would still remain at the close of last year; to which may be added a further sum of 10,000*l.* arising from the sales of land during 1834, thus leaving a sum of not less than 20,000*l.* at the disposal of His Majesty's Government, for the promotion of emigration to New South Wales during the current year.

The whole expense of dispatching a ship to New South Wales, when filled with female emigrants, averages about 17*l.* per head. Of this sum the Government contributes 12*l.*, whilst the emigrant is required to furnish the remainder. One half of this bounty will be advanced, as was the case in former instances, by the Treasury, on the departure of the vessel, to be repaid into the military chest; but the other half will not require to be paid until after her arrival in the colony.

These arrangements I have deemed it right to impart to you thus early, in order that you may be prepared to make the respective payments, whenever called upon to do so by the arrival in the colony of the ships in question.

Whilst