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With Messrs. Temperleys, Carter, & Darke, respecting the Capitation Tax charged on the Emigrants in 1870.

NOTE.—It may be remarked that the Committee paid the Capitation Tax in 1869, Messrs. Temperleys' contract price that year being £5 5s; and it was understood that the Capitation Tax should be paid; Messrs. Allan's rate from London via Liverpool being about £5 12s. 6d. Messrs. Temperleys' Contract Tickets in 1869 were issued to the Committee with the rate filled up £6 10s.

In 1870 there was an entirely new state of affairs; there was prospect of a large Emigration, and all Shipowners engaged in the Canada trade were anxious for the Contract. Messrs. Allan tendered at £5 2s. 6d. per statute adult from London to Quebec, reducing their actual sea-passage rate from Liverpool to Quebec to £4 10. This amount included Capitation Tax. As will be observed, Messrs. Temperleys came forward with an offer early in the year, and their Contract Tickets delivered to the Committee for the Emigrants expressly state their rate to be £5 5s. including Capitation Tax.

The following Copies of Letters have, however, been furnished by Messrs. Temperleys' Solicitors as the ground of their claim for the Tax.

3, WHITE LION COURT, CORNHILL, E.C.,

19th January, 1870,

J. STANDISH HALY, Esq.

DEAR SIR,

We beg to inform you that our first steamship for Canada this year will be the "Medway," to leave the Victoria Docks on Thursday, 21st April.

We can engage your passengers by her to the extent of four hundred adults.