

Appendix.

Letters from
Landed Proprie-
tors in England,
with Answers
thereto.

George Mathews, now sent from Sherborne, St. John, and Charles Mathews, sent from Dean, are brothers.

A party of 23 emigrants sail at this time also with the "Severn," for Quebec, from a parish in this immediate neighbourhood (Church Ountley). The minister of this parish will forward a letter to you by them.

To A. C. Buchanan, Esq., Quebec.

Office of His Majesty's Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration
in Upper and Lower Canada, Quebec, June 16th, 1836.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d April, handed me by the passengers per ship "Severn" from Bristol, who arrived here a few days since, and I am happy to say all in good health, though they had a long and tedious passage, and had to put in at some of the lower ports for provisions. They all complain of the quality of the provisions furnished for their use, which they state it was almost impossible to use, and that they were obliged to purchase other provisions from the ship, which exhausted the greater part of their small stock of cash. On their arrival here, very many had scarcely sufficient to pay their passage up to Montreal; and they will consequently, on their arrival there, become a burthen on the charitable societies. I furnished them all with letters of recommendation to the different Government agents on their route to Toronto, and also a letter to Mr. Hawke, the Government Agent at that city, with recommendations to the contractors on the different public works for employment.

I should recommend to your attention, in the case of any more emigrants being sent from your part of the country, the adoption of the plan at present pursued by the different parishes of Norfolk, Suffolk, Southampton, Kent and several others, who have sent out a very considerable number of emigrants this season; that, in place of paying the sum intended for the use of the emigrant on his arrival here to himself or to the captain of the vessel, it should be remitted to J. D. Pinnock, Government Agent General, at the Colonial Office, London, who would forward an order to this department for the distribution of the money among the different families, in accordance with a list furnished, showing the amount to be paid to each individual or family; and these poor people would be certain to receive full benefit of the difference of currency and exchange. Besides, it frequently happens that when the money is entrusted to the captain, they sometimes pay them in the currency of the country, which, at par, is 10 per cent. less than sterling, and at the present rate of exchange, is from 17 to 18 per cent. less than the emigrant would receive if his money was transmitted under the control of this department.

I merely offer these remarks, as I think they might tend to the ultimate benefit of the poor industrious emigrant, who emigrates to this fine country in hopes of providing for himself and family.

The emigration of this season has been very large, and, up to this period, more than the total number of last year, being now over 11,000 souls, who have all been able to get employment so soon as they arrive.

The accounts I have received from all parts of the country are very encouraging, labourers of all descriptions being in great demand, and with very high wages. Carpenters receive from 6s. to 7s. 6d. currency per day; masons from 4s. 6d. to 6s.; blacksmiths, 5s. 6d. to 10s.; common farm labourers, 3s. 9d. to 4s., with their board; tailors and shoemakers in very great demand, and immediate employment on their arrival here.

You will have the kindness to mention to the Rev. Mr. Harrison, that I received his letter, and the parties which he recommended have all proceeded to Upper Canada, and that they received every advice and assistance they required from this office.

I shall at all times feel much pleasure in forwarding your views in advancing the interest of the emigrant who may seek an asylum in these fine provinces.

I have, &c.

(signed)

A. C. Buchanan, jun.,
Acting Chief Agent.

To the Rev. John Harrison,
Vicar of Sherborne, St. John, Basingstoke,
Hants, England.

Sir,

North Runcton, near Lynn, Norfolk, 13 April 1836.

I SEND you herewith the letter which you were good enough to send to me, printed with extracts of letters from Norfolk emigrants. I have taken the liberty of altering your letter slightly here and there. It has produced a considerable effect in this neighbourhood; and, indeed, the effect of the New Poor Law Bill, together with the favourable reports from Canada, has induced a very considerable emigration from Norfolk this spring.

I have not succeeded in persuading any labourers from this and the adjoining parishes to leave England; but several of my friends have been more successful, and amongst others the Rev. Robert Hankison, of Walpole, who has requested me to ask your kind attention towards