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(No. 47.)

Copy of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir *E. Head*, Bart. to
Earl *Grey*.

Government House, Fredericton, 15 May 1849.

(Received, 28 May 1849.)

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Perley, the Government Emigration Agent at St. John's, together with two original tickets referred to in that letter.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Edmund Head*.

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Government Emigration Office, St. John's,
8 May 1849.

Sir,

WITH reference to my letter of the 4th instant, and the Return, No. 4,* of the ship "Goliath," therein enclosed; I have now the honour to state, that the emigration officer at Liverpool advises me of the sailing of this vessel, without any inspection or examination by him, and desired me to ascertain, on arrival, if she had more passengers than the Act allowed. * Page 52.

By tonnage, the "Goliath" could bring 39 passengers, without coming under all the provisions of the Passengers' Act. On arrival the master reported 39 passengers; on inspection Dr. Harding reported 40 statute adults. The difference arose from one young female, who proved a cabin passenger; and another young female, stated to be under 14 years of age, whom Dr. Harding conceived to be older, and therefore a full passenger. Ship "Goliath," 988 tons per register.

As there had been no apparent desire to evade the law in this respect, and the excess (if any) was very trifling, and somewhat doubtful, I did not conceive it necessary to make a public investigation.

Three of the passengers, named Peter Brady, Michael Brady, and Patrick Coen, complained that they had not received any provisions on the voyage. They summoned the master, who appeared before two magistrates on Saturday last, and stated that the passage brokers who shipped the passengers, put no provisions whatsoever on board, and told him they were not to have any from the ship. In order to produce proof of this, he prayed an adjournment until Monday, which was granted. Meantime he made compensation to the three passengers mentioned, and paid the legal expenses.

The original contract tickets for the three passengers named are enclosed; and it occurs to me, that some inquiry ought to be made into the conduct of the licensed brokers, * * * and * * * who appear to have issued them, as they seem either to have violated the Passengers' Act, or intended a fraud upon these poor emigrants.

If the original tickets are transmitted to England, the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners will be enabled to bring these brokers to account.

I have, &c.

(signed) *M. H. Perley*,
H. M. Emigration Officer.