

All the surgeon superintendent's letters on service are to be addressed to T. F. Elliot, Esq., the agent general for emigration, and, if sent by general post or from abroad, they are to be placed under cover to "The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Department, London."

Address of the surgeon superintendent's letters upon service.

JOINING THE SHIP.

1. The surgeon superintendent will hold himself in readiness to join his ship as soon as so directed, at the place where she is fitting, and previously to her being despatched to take her passengers on board.

To join at the place where the ship is fitted.

2. If it be at Deptford that he is to join, he will report himself personally at the office of the agent general for emigration in London, and will wait on the captain superintendent of the Royal Naval Yard as soon as he reaches Deptford; or if it be at an outport, he will communicate his arrival there by letter to the agent general, and will make it known forthwith to the officer of the emigration department under whose superintendence the vessel is being fitted.

To report himself.

3. He will make himself well acquainted with the conditions of the charter-party, of which a blank form is hereunto annexed, and will take care that they are strictly complied with, from the time of his entering on his duties to the end of the service, reporting any deviation from them to the agent general for emigration and to the governor of the colony, and noting the circumstances of the case in his journal. It will be the duty of the master to submit to his inspection the attested copy of the charter-party at all times when he may desire to refer to it.

Charter-party.

4. The master will furnish him with any information he may desire on the quantities of the stores and provisions shipped for the use of the emigrants, and will produce, if required, the bills of lading or any other documents best suited to exhibit the description and amount of the different supplies on board.

Master to give information.

5. The surgeon superintendent will see that the medicines and midwifery instruments are supplied to him according to the list No. 2, referred to in the Appendix to these instructions, and will arrange them in proper order, and secure them for going to sea.

Stores to be complete, viz. medicines;

6. He will take notice that the medical comforts, the hospital furniture, and the various articles for the use of the emigrants enumerated in lists Nos. 3, 4 and 5, in the Appendix, are all put on board.

Medical comforts and messing utensils, &c.;

7. He will ascertain that the several stores to be found by the owner are forthcoming, according to list No. 6; and he will also inspect the cooking apparatus, to see that it is complete.

Shipowner's stores for the emigrants;

8. He will inquire whether the books have been received; but the list of them will be supplied to him separately, as the collection is not considered sufficiently settled to admit of a catalogue's being printed in the Appendix to these instructions.

Books.

9. He is to observe that the berths are numbered from one end of the ship to the other, and that the beds are rolled up and lashed, with the bedding inside of them, and marked; for which purpose stencil plates and marking ink are to be furnished to the master or mates of the ship by the officers under whose charge she is fitted.

Berths and bedding to be numbered.

10. The surgeon superintendent will report any deficiency which he may observe under any of the foregoing heads of these instructions to the officer acting on the spot, or, if necessary, to the agent general for emigration.

Deficiencies to be reported.

11. He will be careful to sign any documents which may require his signature for supplies from the victualling or medical establishment at Deptford, or from any other source there or at the outports, and will deliver the receipt to the proper officer.

Receipts.

12. He is on no account to suffer the master or any person to ship goods on private account; and no articles or packages of any description not belonging to the emigrants or to the surgeon himself, or else forming part of the ship's stores, are to be received on board without a written order from the agent general for emigration, or from the proper officer authorized to superintend the fitting of the ship.

Baggage and private goods.

13. The surgeon will be allowed to ship baggage, &c., exclusive of cabin furniture and necessities for the voyage, to the extent of one ton; he is not, however, to abuse this privilege by availing himself of it for the purposes of trade. On his arrival in the colony he is to deliver to the colonial government, with his journal, a written declaration, in the following words:—

Surgeon's baggage.

"I do declare, on my honour as an officer and a gentleman, that I did not land in the colony any article whatever for sale."

Surgeon Superintendent
on board the Emigrant Ship

14. If the provisions are properly stowed, and the preceding limitations duly complied with, ample room ought to remain after all the stores are on board for putting away the emigrants' luggage. The allowance is at the rate of about half a ton measurement for every married couple with one or two children, and a moderate addition for any children beyond that number.

Emigrant's luggage.

15. The surgeon superintendent (assisted by the Government agent for emigrants, if there be one present at the proper opportunity) is to muster the crew, and make a return to the agent general for emigration of their numbers and qualities, bearing in mind that

Muster of the crew.