

INFORMATION respecting FREE and ASSISTED PASSAGES to the COLONIES.

Government Emigration Board, S, Park-street,
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THE only Colonies which at present promote immigration from the United Kingdom by means of their public funds, and through the instrumentality of the Emigration Commissioners, are Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, the Cape of Good Hope, and Natal.

The system on which assistance is afforded varies in each Colony, as more fully explained below.

VICTORIA.

Immigration into the Colony at the expense of the Colonial Funds is governed by regulations issued by the local government, dated Melbourne, 24th June 1862.

Free Passages.—Under these regulations the Emigration Commissioners are authorised to select as well as to provide with free passages, in vessels to be chartered by them, unmarried female domestic servants of good character.

Assisted Passages.—Persons resident in the Colony may, by making the subjoined payments to the Colonial Government, obtain what are called "Passage Warrants," for the introduction of their relatives and friends. By these warrants the Colonial Government engages to pay to certain shipowners (who have contracted to provide passages for the warrant holders) at the rate of 13 *l.* 19 *s.* for each person of 12 years of age or upwards, and half of that sum for each child between 1 and 12 years of age, if the service be properly performed. Unprotected single females, however, may proceed in the vessels of the Emigration Commissioners, but the other nominees are to proceed in vessels dispatched by the agents in this country of the contractors, namely, Messrs. James Baines & Co., and Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, & Co., of Liverpool, and Messrs. Mackay & Co., of 1, Leadenhall-street, and Mr. Thomas Irving, 17, Gracechurch-street, London.

The passage warrants are valid for nine months only, after the date of their issue in the Colony, and are transferable with the previous sanction of the Emigration Commissioners.

The Commissioners cannot extend the duration of the warrants, nor sanction the transfer to males of warrants issued for females.

Scale of payments to be made in Victoria, for obtaining "Passage Warrants":—

SEX.	Under 12 Years.	Between 12 and 40.	40 Years and upwards.
	<i>£. s. d.</i>	<i>£. s. d.</i>	<i>£. s. d.</i>
Each Male - - -	4 - -	8 - -	9 - -
Each Female - - -	3 - -	4 - -	5 - -

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Emigration at the expense of this Colony is carried on by means of "Passage Certificates," issued under Colonial Regulations, dated 21st June 1861. The "certificates" can be obtained only from the Colonial Government by residents in the Colony, on payment of the following sums:—

SEX.	Under 12 Years.	12 and under 40 Years.	40 and under 50 Years.	All above 50 Years.
	<i>£. s. d.</i>	<i>£. s. d.</i>	<i>£. s. d.</i>	<i>£. s. d.</i>
Male - - -	3 - -	5 - -	8 - -	12 - -
Female - - -	2 - -	3 - -	6 - -	12 - -