

Your Committee again met the Agents who had signed the Agreement. They declared themselves willing to enter into any arrangement as to the number of passengers to be regulated by tonnage, which your Committee would recommend as being requisite for the public health, provided it would be acted upon by all the Boats; but they would not agree to give any particular Boat an advantage beyond the others.

In adverting to Mr. Phillips' reply, your Committee are informed that the accommodation for emigrant passengers on board the Patriot are not so extensive as those of the Eagle, although the former has no cabin on deck; that the Eagle has the advantage of about fifty large berths, each four feet wide, in the forecabin, which will accommodate 150 persons, and the forecabin is spacious; while the Patriot has only a small steerage nearly similar to that of the Lady of the Lake, scarcely more than requisite for her firewood, and so hot from the boilers being below us to be very unhealthy to the passengers. These two boats not being in port, your Committee can make no reference in their report on the comparative advantages which Mr. Phillips stated the Patriot to possess.

Your Committee regret to state that as all the Agents of Boats have not agreed to the proposed arrangement, the agreement signed by some of them is, according to previous understanding, to be considered void.

Montreal, 23d August, 1831.

JAMES CARSUPELL,  
JAMES DUNCAN GIBB.

Felix Souigny, Esquire,  
Chairman of the Special Sanitary Committee,  
Montreal.

The following Affidavit is published from the circumstance of its having been known in Montreal long before the arrival of the Sisters, that an unseaworthy vessel of that name had been laid on for passengers at Londonderry:—

DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, SS.

Personally appeared before me, Adam L. Macnider, Esq., one of his Majesty's Justices appointed to keep the Peace for the District of Montreal, DOMINICK M'DEVOY, of the Parish of Kilmaecrumman, County of Donegal, Ireland, who being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, deposeth and saith, That the Deponent and his two brothers paid to Mr. Cook, Ship Agent of Londonderry, the sum of forty shillings each for their passage by the brig Sisters. Captain Dryden, bound from that port to Quebec.

That the brig sailed from Londonderry about the 11th of June with about ninety passengers, and that after being five days at sea, she sprung a leak of such a dangerous nature, that notwithstanding every exertion there remained about four feet of water in the hold. The passengers, both men and women, were compelled to assist the crew in keeping the vessel clear. Upon this the crew refused to work unless the Captain put the ship about, and some of them were crying on account of the danger.

The crew also counselled the passengers to tie the Captain, saying that they would then take the vessel back to Ireland. After this the Captain was compelled to put about, and she arrived in Londonderry after being about nine days out, when she was put upon the stocks for repairs. The brig then remained in port