

young women who have been brought up in such a manner as to qualify them for farmers' servants.

Your Lordship may depend upon my exerting myself to the utmost to promote the complete success of a measure which I feel confident will be followed by the most beneficial results to the Colony, and I trust also to those who may avail themselves of the opportunity to emigrate. I have directed public notice to be given of your Lordship's intention, requesting that persons desirous of obtaining such a description of servants will apply to the Colonial Secretary, and, at the same time, state the assistance they are willing to contribute towards defraying the proportion of the expense which is to be provided for in the Colony; but it will be necessary, I apprehend, to resort to the revenue derived from land, which there can be no doubt will be sufficient to cover the charge for the small number which it is first proposed to send out.

A much greater number however than 400 may eventually find employment, but it will be obvious to your Lordship, that as the settlers have long experienced the inconveniences arising from the wretched description of female convict servants, and been driven to the necessity of employing men in services which fall to women at home, some little time may elapse before the advantage of the introduction of free women will be fully appreciated.

As young females of the class in question will necessarily be exposed to great temptation and difficulties during a long voyage, I hope your Lordship will permit me to suggest, that in making arrangements for their passage the utmost care should be taken in selecting steady married men as masters of the vessels, and the same observation applies to the selection of the surgeons, who, I presume, will be appointed to superintend the arrangements on board, and gentlemen who have acted as surgeons superintendent of female convicts, would, I imagine, be most eligible for such a trust.

I would also suggest that no allowance whatever of spirits or even wine, except in case of sickness, should be allowed during the voyage; and it would be very desirable if any missionaries, who may wish to proceed to these Colonies, or to the South Sea Islands, were offered a passage in these vessels.

I trust your Lordship will excuse my throwing out these suggestions, experience having proved to me during my residence in this Colony, that the greatest possible consequence attaches to the treatment which females of the lower class meet with on the voyage, and too great precaution cannot possibly be used to prevent their demoralization.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Geo. Arthur.*

## N° 17.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Viscount *Goderich* to Lieutenant-Governor *Arthur*, dated Downing-street, 25th June 1832.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 14th February last.

I am gratified to find that the measure which has been adopted of sending out a number of young females to the Colony is one from which you anticipate the same beneficial results as were expected to be derived from it by His Majesty's Government. From the care which has been taken in selecting the persons desirous of seeking employment in a new country, to whom encouragement and assistance has been afforded, I have no doubts in my own mind as to the complete success of the experiment, aided as the exertions at home will be by the zeal of yourself and the respective officers of the Colonial Government, upon whom so much will depend in the management of its details. The precautions which you have recommended in respect to the arrangements connected with the care of these young persons on their passage out to the island, have not been overlooked in the case of those who have already quitted this country, and I trust that the regularity of their habits at the time of their arrival will sufficiently prove to you the pains which have been taken to ensure to them every proper attention during their voyage. This however will not prevent me from availing myself of the further suggestions pointed out in your despatch, so far as they may be practicable, and I am glad of this opportunity of expressing to you my thanks for the unreserved manner in which you have communicated them.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Godrich.*