

intention of His Excellency the Commander of the Forces to effect an exchange of troops between Toronto and Kingston, and directing the Assistant Commissary General, Bailey, to endeavour to make arrangements with Mr. Bethune, the contractor, with a view, if practicable, of a steamer being specially appropriated to that service. His Excellency being desirous to provide against soldiers being embarked with emigrants on board, in consequence of the typhus fever having broken out among some troops recently moved in this manner; and further directing that if the arrangement could not be carried out, to impress upon Mr. Bethune the necessity of excluding the lower class of emigrants in an unhealthy state, on the occasion of contemplated movements.

"To this requisition Mr. Bethune also assented, offering to be prepared to convey the troops in the manner required, and to carry no emigrants at such times.

"He then received a letter from the Assistant Commissary General, enclosing one from the Assistant Quarter Master General, dated 27th July last, conveying His Excellency's orders that no troops were to be embarked on board of vessels which had carried emigrants, unless such vessels had undergone a purifying process, to the satisfaction of the Quarter Master General's Department.

"To this Mr. Bethune answered, that he would be willing to adopt any method of purification which might be suggested; and stating the mode which had been adopted on board his boats, namely, the thorough washing and cleansing of the boats and offices, at the end of each voyage, and the use of chloride of lime.

"Mr. Bethune also received in the same letter from Mr. Bailey, a copy of a letter from the Assistant Quarter Master General, requiring that when small detachments of troops should be embarked in a vessel containing emigrants, the troops should be accommodated in the after part of the vessel, separated entirely from the emigrants. To this arrangement Mr. Bethune also assented.

"Mr. Bethune then received a letter from Assistant Commissary General Bailey, dated 29th July, with a copy annexed of a letter addressed to that officer from Major DeRottenburg, stating that Mr. J. H. Greer, of Kingston, for the purpose of preventing any possibility of infection from fever occurring amongst the troops to be embarked between Kingston, Toronto and Hamilton, had offered, on the part of Mr. Bethune, to provide steamers