
During the past year nine corpses arrived from the United States, having the proper certificates.

Not a case of infectious disease has communicated with the city from abroad, through the quarantine channels over which my duties extend among the shipping. And I must state that during the year, both masters of vessels and pilots have been strictly attentive to the quarantine laws on entering the harbour. My time and that of my boatmen has been devoted continually to watch over the arrival of vessels, to prevent infringement, and to deal with any cases of sickness that might arrive.

The hospital buildings at the quarantine station are at present in good condition; they will only require white-washing externally in the spring for appearance and their preservation; they have been properly looked after and kept in order, and the surrounding fences in proper repair.

Early in May, on the expectation of a number of emigrants coming direct, several beds with bedding were procured, and a cooking stove placed in the receiving building for the comfort of emigrants if they had been landed on the island.

Only one seaman was landed on the island during the year with varioloid, and discharged cured, which is unusual with the number of arrivals at the port.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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To the Hon. the
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