

Letters from
Landed Proprietors
in England, with
Answers thereto.

I shall be happy to hear from you, on the prospects of emigration from your part of the country for next year. The Chief Agent is at present in England for the benefit of his health; and if you wish to put yourself in communication with him, address him under cover to the Colonial Department.

I have, &c.

To the Rev. A. R. C. Dallas,
Wonston Rectory.

(signed) A. C. Buchanan, jun.,
Acting Chief Agent.

Letter from
J. D. Pinnock, Esq.

Sir,

Colonial Office, 5th April 1836.

WITH reference to my letter to you of the 26th ult., I have now the honour to acquaint you, that the ship "King William" has been engaged by me for the conveyance of between 200 and 300 emigrants from the parish of Downton, in Wiltshire. The vessel is to proceed to Southampton Roads for their reception; but, with a view of preventing any from seceding after their embarkation, it has been stipulated that the vessel shall sail immediately they are on board. It will be impossible to specify the precise number who may emigrate in the "King William," until they are actually on board; and as the ship sails immediately the embarkation has taken place, it will be equally impossible for me to send you, as in other instances, a bill upon the Quebec Branch of the Montreal Bank for the total amount to be divided amongst them on disembarkation. Under these circumstances, the agents of the ship (Messrs. Carter & Bonus, 11, Leadenhall-street, London) have undertaken to superintend the embarkation, and to inclose to you in this letter an order on their correspondents at Quebec, to pay to you, at sight, a sum sufficient to give 1*l.* 15*s.* to each emigrant on board above 14 years of age, and 17*s.* 6*d.* to all under that age and above one year. They will also inclose the lists and signatures, &c. of the parties to whom such sums are to be given; and I shall feel obliged by your aiding the party in question to locate themselves in that part of the Upper or Lower Province where they may succeed in obtaining suitable employment.

With a view also to the proper fulfilment of this duty on the part of the master of the ship, a portion of his freight will be withheld, until he produces a certificate from you, stating your satisfaction with the treatment of the emigrants. I have, therefore, to request that you will furnish him with such a document, should you consider him deserving of it.

I remain, &c.

A. C. Buchanan, Esq., &c. &c., Quebec.

(signed) J. D. Pinnock.

Office of His Majesty's Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration
in Upper and Lower Canada, Quebec, 26th May 1836.

Sir,

Mr. Buchanan's
Answer.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th March to hand a few days since, as also yours, of the 28th, per "Procris," Captain Arnold, who, I am happy to inform you, has arrived safe, and passengers all well; they all speak highly of Captain A.'s attention and kindness to them on their voyage. The draft for 28*l.* sterling I disposed to Messrs. F. Walker & Co., seven per cent., and, agreeable to your instructions, paid one-half to the respective amounts due each individual here; and as they all decide on settling in the Eastern Townships, I remitted the balance of their money to Mr. Webster, the sub-commissioner of the British American Land Company, with directions as to its distribution; I also furnished them with letters to the different agents on their route, and recommendations for employment, and they were all in good spirits on their future prospects.

The demand for agricultural labourers and tradesmen in all parts of the country is very great, and I think the country was never in a better condition for the reception of a large body of industrious emigrants than at the present moment, and those who are anxious and willing to work need not be a day unemployed after their arrival here. The British American Land Company are in want of several hundred labourers and carpenters, as they are making considerable improvements in their lands, and opening new roads, so that the industrious emigrant can obtain immediate employment on his arrival here. Domestic servants, both male and female, are very much wanted in this city and Montreal, with very high wages; I have also had several communications from By-town and different parts of Upper Canada, complaining of the want of farm servants.

The other vessels you alluded to shall meet with every attention and despatch on their arrival here; and it will afford me much pleasure in attending to any instructions you may be pleased to send with them.

I have the honour to be,

(signed) A. C. Buchanan, jun.,
Acting Chief Agent.

J. D. Pinnock, Esq.,
Government Agent for Emigration, London.