

COPIES OF EXTRACTS OF CORRESPONDENCE between the Secretary of State and the Governors of the *British Colonies*, respecting EMIGRATION.

— No. 1. —

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Earl of Gosford to Lord Glenelg.

MY LORD, Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 29 Dec. 1835.

I HAVE the honour of transmitting herewith the usual Annual Report on Emigration to the Canadas, which I have received from the Chief Agent for Emigration to these Provinces.

I do not consider it necessary to make any remarks upon the information contained in Mr. Buchanan's Report, further than to draw your Lordship's attention to the great decrease which appears to have taken place during this year in the comparative number of emigrants from the United Kingdom to this country, as exhibited in the document marked No. 3, of the Appendix.

I have, &c.
(signed) Gosford.

The Lord Glenelg, &c. &c. &c.

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My Lord, Office of His Majesty's Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration to Upper and Lower Canada, Quebec, 12 Dec. 1835.

THE accustomed period having arrived when it becomes my duty to make my Annual Report on Emigration to Upper and Lower Canada, for the information of His Majesty's Government, I have the honour to submit the following to your Excellency.

Your Lordship will perceive, on reference to Paper No. 1, in the Appendix, that there has been this year a decrease in the number of emigrants from the United Kingdom.

The Paper No. 2, in the Appendix, shows a detailed statement of the ports and country, with the numbers from each respectively, whence these emigrants sailed, while the Paper No. 3, exhibits a comparative account of the immigrants who have arrived in the province during the last and six preceding years, amounting in the aggregate to 211,159 souls. It affords me great satisfaction to be able to state, that only one shipwreck attended with loss of life has been reported to this department during the past season. Two or three vessels with passengers from the United Kingdom bound to this port were wrecked on the coast of Newfoundland, and on the fatal Island Scatari, near Cape Breton. Particulars of these accidents will be found in Paper No. 3, in the Appendix.

Your Excellency will have observed in the Report which I had the honour to make to Lord Aylmer on the subject some suggestions for affording additional safety to ships entering the Gulf of St. Lawrence with emigrants; that Report his Lordship, on retiring from the government of this province, was pleased to inform me, had been placed in your Excellency's hands as suggesting a measure not unworthy of consideration, which it will, I trust, meet with from your Lordship.

It is a source of great thankfulness that neither the cholera nor any other malignant disorder has existed here, or was experienced among the immigrant population this year. Your Excellency will observe in Paper No. 4, in the Appendix, the places to which the immigrants proceeded this year, for settlement or employment; and it gives me great satisfaction to be able to report, that in general they arrived in remarkably good condition, and well provided in every respect, very few cases requiring the interference of benevolent and charitable institutions for the relief of destitute emigrants. Many respectable and wealthy settlers were among the immigrants this season.

The proportion of persons of the working classes, particularly agricultural labourers and artisans, aided in their emigration by parochial assistance or by their landlords, was, in comparison to the total emigration, greater than last year; as will be seen on reference to Paper No. 1, in the Appendix.

The majority of the persons so aided came from Norfolk, Berkshire, Sussex, Hants, Yorkshire and Wiltshire. All amply provided with funds for their benefit on arrival here, and at their final destination. In many instances funds were sent out for that purpose, to be paid to them under the cognizance of this department; which sums, through the zealous

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