

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

IMMIGRATION, No. 2, 1860.

Colonial Office, Cape of Good Hope,
19th January, 1860.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor desires the publication of the following Report of the Secretary to the Immigration Board, Cape Town, on the subject of the arrival of the Steamer *Stanley* from Pernambuco, with the remainder of the Immigrants by the wrecked ship *John and Lucy*.

By command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, administering the Government,

RAWSON W. RAWSON,
Colonial Secretary.

Immigration Office, Cape Town,
January 16, 1860.

To the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Sir,—I have the honour to report, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the arrival of the steam-ship *Stanley* in Table Bay, on Saturday morning, the 14th inst., from Pernambuco, with the remainder of the emigrants wrecked in the *John and Lucy*.

Shortly after she anchored I proceeded on board, and examined the accommodation which had been provided for the emigrants, and which I found as suitable and comfortable as circumstances would admit of. The emigrants appeared healthy, with one or two exceptions, and expressed themselves satisfied with the treatment on board. I had them mustered, and found two hundred souls, including an infant born at sea, and eight men, reported by Dr. Wylde, the surgeon-superintendent, to have been put on board to replace some who had deserted.

Early in the afternoon they were all landed, with their bedding, and such small articles of baggage as they could conveniently bring on shore, and were received into the Depot, and arrangements made to land the heavy baggage to-day. The captain of the vessel having reported that there was a quantity of surplus stores on board belonging to Government, I have given instructions to have it landed and deposited in the Queen's Warehouse. The emigrants appear to be a better selection than the last, and the surgeon reports that their conduct generally from Pernambuco has been good.

I have, &c.,

W. SAMPSON, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

IMMIGRATION No. 44, 1859.

Colonial Office, Cape of Good Hope,
24th December, 1859.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, has directed the publication of the following communications respecting the loss of the Emigrant ship *John and Lucy*:

1. Letter from the Emigration Agent, Cape Town, reporting the arrival of the American bark *Ceres*, with part of the passengers by the *John and Lucy*, dated 23rd December, 1859.

2. Report of the Surgeon-Superintendent of the *John and Lucy*, dated 12th November, 1859.

By command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, administering the Government,

RAWSON W. RAWSON,
Colonial Secretary.

Immigration Office, Cape Town, Dec. 23, 1859.

The Honourable the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honour to report, for the information of his Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, that the American bark *Ceres* arrived in Table Bay yesterday morning, from Pernambuco, having on board a number of emigrants embarked on board the *John and Lucy* at Birkenhead, on the 2nd September last, and now forwarded by the British Consul at Pernambuco, acting on behalf of her Majesty's Emigration Commissioners.

The *John and Lucy*, it is stated, was wrecked at Garcas, about 183 miles from Pernambuco, to which place the immigrants were conveyed by steamer. The *Ceres* brings only a portion of those wrecked, leaving the remainder to be brought on by another vessel, which may be daily expected.

It having been stipulated in the charter party that the ship should land the immigrants, I proceeded on board and had them mustered, and directed that those selected by Mr. Field should be landed immediately with their baggage, and that the permit immigrants for Mr. Pickering, the railway contractor, should remain on board until this morning, having been given to understand, by Mr. Pickering's agent, that no arrangements had been made by him for their reception.

The emigrants, generally, appeared to be healthy, and the surgeon reported that there was no sickness and there had been no deaths. Many of them complain that the meat served out during the voyage was so bad at times as to be unfit to eat; but it appears that no blame is attributable to the master of the ship on that account, as the provisions were supplied by the British consul. There is a quantity of surplus stores on board belonging to the Government.

The number of emigrants found on board was ... 198 souls as mentioned in the consul's list.

A man, answering to the name of White, found on board, reported by the consul as having disembarked ...

A child named Angelina Neal, mentioned in Mr. Field's list of passengers per *John and Lucy* as being 13 years old, was shipped as a child, the difference in age claimed by the ship.

A stowaway, answering to the name of Wilson ...

Total on board ... 200 souls.

I have, &c.,
W. SAMPSON, Emigration Agent.

Pernambuco, November 12, 1859.

To the Hon'ble the COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Cape of Good Hope.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that I left Liverpool on the 4th of September last, in charge of 406 emigrants on board the ship *John and Lucy*, bound for Table Bay. At 5 a.m. of the 9th October, we had the misfortune to strike upon a reef of rocks, off Garcas, on the coast of Brazil, in lat. 5° 10' east, about 85 miles from Rio Grande and 183 from Pernambuco.

I am glad to be able to record that all were safely landed. The distance from the shore when we struck was from ten to eleven miles. I at once wrote to the British consul at Pernambuco, demanding his advice and assistance. As there were only a few poor huts on the shore at Garcas, I had a quantity of sails sent, and tents were erected; the single women being placed under one in charge of the matron, whom I was after-

supplied with meat, jams, &c. I regret to say that much drunkenness prevailed, partly owing to the fact that a great deal of spirit had been floated ashore from the wreck of an American vessel, which struck fifteen miles south of us, a few days previous. After being six days at Garcas, a steamer arrived, bringing a letter from the President of Rio Grande, placing the steamer at my disposal, and, as it seemed advisable, to remove as many emigrants as possible from the hot sands of Garcas, I determined to avail myself of it, and accordingly embarked 272 persons, furnishing a list of names; and I wrote a letter to the president requesting him to take care that no one escaped.

The matron went in the saloon, with all the single women under her care. On the 19th, the British consul arrived in the steamer *Ignarassu*, followed by another small one, the *Camarajibe*. It was arranged that three children, who were suffering from scarlet fever should be placed with my hospital assistant, on board the *Camarajibe*, and that I should go with the remainder in the large steamer, that we should call at Rio Grande, on our way to Pernambuco, and pick up those who had been sent on by the president's steamer. Accordingly, we started on the evening of the 20th, and reached Rio Grande on the following morning, and immediately went ashore with the consul, and called on the president. After a great deal of trouble in collecting the people, I found, on mustering at nightfall, that I had my number correct on board the *Ignarassu*. On the following morning we weighed anchor, and reached Pernambuco on Sunday morning, October 23.

The consul went to see the president at once, and arranged that the people should be landed on Coconut Island, about two miles from the town, and thither they, with their baggage, were at once dispatched, the consul accompanying them and arranging them in comfortable huts there, whilst I waited for the arrival of those suffering from fever. Those were placed in a separate room, joining the place which I made my surgery. The consul left his house with his wife to come and live on the island, in a house about a mile from the married emigrants' abode, and I joined him, and though he has left for his own house again, I remain to attend, to the best of my ability, to the wants of the emigrants. I feel bound to say that the consul has been most indefatigable in his endeavours to provide for the comfort of the people under my care. As spirits are easily procured at little expense here, a great deal of drunkenness, and its concomitant evils, prevail, and although we have a small guard of soldiers at the single women's place, they cannot prevent disorderly conduct. My wife and myself have several times been intruded on by drunken men; the drink "aguardente" seems to make them mad. The consul has arranged to send 220 of the emigrants per bark *Ceres*, as there is no vessel here large enough to take the whole. Dr. McEwen, under my direction, goes in charge of them, and is paid by the consul.

I have given him the best advice I can, and written to him officially on the duties which will devolve on him.

I am sorry to inform you that there have been six deaths among the children since we left Liverpool—three on board the *John and Lucy*, one at Garcas, and two here. I send a list of those who died, reserving my printed form until I reach the Cape. Diarrhea and cramp in the stomach, and derangement of the bowels generally, have prevailed very extensively since we landed at Pernambuco, and also at Garcas, but the cases have generally yielded pretty readily to treatment, and terminated favourably. The change of climate, change of water and provisions, an abundance of coconuts, bananas, and other fruit, are, I think, the cause of the prevailing malady. Wages here are very high, and some of the men who escaped into the country and worked on the railway, but who have now returned, finding it too hot for them, tell me that they can earn half-a-crown an hour, and I believe this to be no exaggeration.

I expect to leave here with the remainder of the emigrants in a steamer which should arrive from England on the 19th or 20th, and I trust that I may be able to hand over my dispatches to you from the emigration commissioners within a month from this date.

I have, &c.,
ROBERT TRACEY WYLDE,
Surgeon-Superintendent of Emigrants
per ship *John and Lucy*.

List of Deaths.

Name.	Age.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.
William Grant	Infant	Sept. 23	Scarlet Fever
Archd. McLauchlan	1 yr.	Sept. 29	Teething
Anne Anderson	Infant	Oct. 5	Idio

THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1859.