

REGULATIONS

TO BE
OBSERVED ON BOARD EMIGRANT SHIPS
OF THE
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

The object of the following Regulations is to secure the Health and welfare of the Steerage Passengers. It is obvious that where a large number of persons are compelled to live together for several weeks in a small space, cleanliness must be observed, and regularity and order maintained, if discomfort and disease are to be avoided. On the other hand, experience shows that when those points are attended to, the Passengers are as healthy on the average as the same number of people on shore. It is the wish of the Agents of the Government to make everyone as comfortable as the circumstances will admit of, to exact no unnecessary duty, and to impose no unnecessary restrictions. It is hoped then that these Rules will be responded to in the spirit in which they are framed, and that the requirements and directions of the Officers charged with administering them will be met with cheerful acquiescence and submission.

There may be found very occasionally among the Passengers some person who is not amenable to an appeal to good sense and proper feeling, and in respect to such a one it may be observed that the law invests the Surgeon-Superintendent and Captain of the Ship with the powers necessary for the repression of misconduct, and the maintenance of order and discipline, and they will not hesitate to use them if an occasion for doing so should unhappily arise; and the Captain is further instructed to prosecute any case of wilful misconduct, immediately on the arrival of the Ship at Canterbury.

The Emigrants are under the immediate charge of the Surgeon-Superintendent. They are to respect his authority and give effect to his directions. He will hear any objections or complaints they may desire to make, and determine any differences or disputes which may arise amongst them.

The Emigrants will be divided into Messes, and one of each Mess will be selected to be its Captain or head Mess-man. He will receive from the Purser the Provisions for the Mess, will take such portions as require Cooking to the Galley, and receive them again when cooked. He will see that the Rations are fairly divided between all the Members of the Mess, and will report to the Surgeon any misconduct or neglect which may arise amongst them. This rule applies to the Single Men's and Married Compartments of the Ship. One man out of the Male Emigrants above fourteen years of age may be taken daily, if necessary, to act as assistant to the Passenger's Cook.

The Married Men will, in rotation, keep a watch in their part of the Ship during the night. Two men will be put into each watch, The night will be divided into three Watches, viz., from 8 p.m. to midnight, from midnight to 4 a.m., and from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. The duties of the Watch will be to prevent irregularities, to assist any person taken ill, and to see that the hatchways, deck ventilators or scuttles are kept open or otherwise, as may be directed by the Captain or Officer of the Watch, to whom they will report whatever may be necessary.

The Surgeon will name, every morning, the Cook's-Assistant for the day, and make a list of the Watchmen for the following night. He will also make a list of those whose turn it is to become sweepers and cleaners for the day, according to the 10th section of the "Queen's Order in Council."

Constables will be appointed for the Single Men's and Married Compartments of the Ship. They are to take their instructions from the Surgeon. They are to see that the Sweepers do their work efficiently, that the Watch is properly kept, that the "Orders in Council" and these Regulations are observed in their respective compartments, and they are to report to the Surgeon any misconduct that may occur, and especially any violation of the 20th and 21st sections of the "Order in Council." The Crew are forbidden to go into the 'tween decks except on the Ship's Duty, and the Single Men are forbidden to enter the Forecastle. The Constables are to see that this Rule is observed. One of the Constables will also attend at the serving out of the Provisions daily, to see that each Mess gets its proper allowance.

One or more Constables will be appointed to attend to the Single Women's Compartment. They will draw their provisions, take them to the Galley when they have been prepared for cooking, deliver them at the Single Women's Compartment when they have been cooked, and perform any other service in connection with the Single Women's Compartment which the Surgeon may direct. Each of the Constables will be entitled to receive from the Captain a gratuity of £2 at the end of the voyage if their duties have been efficiently done.

A Special Constable will be appointed to keep the Water-Closets clean and in good order. He will be similarly entitled to a gratuity of £5.

The Constables are exempt from the Duties of Sweepers and Cleaners.

The arrangements for the division of the food amongst the several members of each Mess, and the Rules with respect to Sweeping and Cleaning, apply equally to the Single Women's Compartment. The Matron will name daily in rotation those whose duty it is to act for the purpose, and see that the work is done. A report will be made to the Surgeon of any instance of refusal or neglect.

The Married people and their children must, when on deck, remain on the midship part of the maindeck, and the Single Men forward. The Single Women are to be on the poop, and upon no pretext whatever will they be permitted to go to any other part of the Ship. The Matron is instructed to permit no communication with the Single Women on the part of the Ship's Company, or the other passengers. It is hoped that a sense of propriety on their part will prevent any attempt to infringe this rule.

All the Children between the ages of five and fourteen years are to attend School daily, unless permission to the contrary shall have been given to their parents by the Surgeon or the Captain.

The Schoolmaster is instructed to form an Adult Class among the Single Men if there should be a sufficient number who desire to receive instruction.

Every Sunday morning a general muster and inspection will be held on deck, weather permitting, by the Captain and the Surgeon, as provided by the 17th section of the "Order in Council," and after this inspection, Divine Service will be read. It is not absolutely required that everyone should attend it, but it is hoped that all who are not prevented by illness will do so.

In addition to the Provisions named in the Dietary Scale, certain extras will be put on board to be used at the Surgeon's discretion. The Emigrants are not entitled to these as a matter of right, but they will be distributed among the sick and others whose health may require them. These extras and indulgencies will be withheld from any person who may refuse to abide by these Regulations, or who may otherwise misconduct himself.

Luggage will be put into the Hold. The Emigrants will have access to their boxes once in every three or four weeks, as the Captain may direct.

Copies of the "Queen's Order in Council," and of these Regulations will be posted in each Compartment of the Ship, and all persons are requested to make themselves acquainted with their provisions.

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