

Letter: Alfred Greenfield to John Morrison, 173 Fenchurch Street, London 2 Jul 1859
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Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the dates quoted in the margin [21 Mar & 16 Apr 1859] the first enclosing duplicates of 7 promissory notes for the passages of certain Emigrants per "Queen of the Avon".

With reference to your claim of half-passage money forfeited by Mr Savery I am directed by the Commrs to state that they do not consider they are in any way liable for the same, as the conditions of Contract provide against charges of this kind, by stipulating that the first moiety of the Passage money is to be paid on a certificate that the passengers have actually embarked. I may add that the Commrs have no claim against the sureties as the latter only bind themselves to pay within a certain time after the immigrants have landed in Nelson. However much then the Commrs may regret that you should be at any loss by their nonfulfilment of engagements of this kind by intending emigrants, they trust you will perceive that no claim on this account can be entertained by them. It appears to the Commrs that such sums should be recovered from the person signing the agreement to ship & they presume that the latter could be compelled by law to pay.

I am also directed to inform you that claims for compensation have been made by Joseph Blaymires & Charles Moore for losses suffered by them in consequence of your late firm having failed to provide a ship to convey them with their families to this Province in accordance with the terms of notice served on them by Messrs Rufus Powell & Co the particulars of which claims will be forwarded by next mail.

I now enclose Schedule No.5 with regard to the families to be named by Mr Cullen. I am directed by the Commrs to request that you will take bonds from that Gentleman for the exact amount of the passage money of the persons he may nominate, security for a nominal sum only having been taken here.

Bonds should be taken from John Keohan, No.5 schedule 3 - one of his securities having left the Province.