New Zealand Company – Glasgow Committee

4 May 1839 James Lumsden, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170203314/view
1839/22 General Letter: The Meeting of the Friends of New Zealand Colonization, which was to be held on Monday is postponed as Provost Dunlop is not to be home from London till the end of next week. You will probably see the Provost in London. His address is at Messrs Cranell & Richardson the City Parliamentary Solicitors, Fludyer Street and we wish you to call on him and get all the information you can with a view to forward the measure in this quarter _ by a junction with the London Company or otherwise. Have the goodness to write how you get on.

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14 May 1839 Andrew Tennent, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170294234/view
1839/95 General Letter: To John Crawford. This post carries you a letter from Mr Lumsden stating that he, Lawrence Hill, John Fleming and myself are willing to be a committee of direction here for the New Zealand Company and I have no doubt we shall prevail on the provost to give his name also, his only objection when Mr Lumsden and I saw him yesterday was his having appeared on so many new schemes of late, he has however a great fancy for this undertaking and is much pleased with the Gentlemen he met with in London, who take the lead, so, get us all the information you possibly can and I think the business ere long be made well worth the attention of all concerned, it is perhaps the finest opening for enterprise that has occurred for many a day. At your leisure time in London try if you can pick up some information regarding the new sort of Banking concerns about to be established in the City for the conducting of Country Bank agency business. Mr Charles Twigg is the chief mover and is at present here trying to obtain business from the Scotch Banks.

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4 Jun 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217179321/view
I beg to send you herewith for your guidance a copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to Mr Baillie Lumsden, and I have the pleasure to hand you the gratuity of £50 awarded to you by the Directors.

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13 Jun 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217181474/view
In order to prevent disappointment to intending Purchasers in your Neighbourhood, I think it right to inform you that the Sales are proceeding rapidly in London, the number of Sections of 101 acres each already disposed of being 360.

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15 Jun 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170350419/view
New Zealand Land Company's Office, 24 Queen Street, Glasgow
1839/170 General Letter: Dear Sir, I am favored with your letter of the 12th & 13th instant. By this post, you will receive copies of the Glasgow Chronicle and Courier and Paisley Advertiser containing the announcement of the West of Scotland Branc of the New Zealand Land Company by which you will perceive business has been fairly commenced in this quarter. On Monday, I shall forward applications for purchases of land from the Company.

You will observe the names of the Local Committee have not been published. The reason of this is that the whole of the gentlemen wish first distinctly to understand what amount of the subscribed Capital Stock will be called up; and should the Board not be able to give any pledge or assurance on this point, then they are desirous that their qualification as Local Directors be reduced to the holding of one share instead of five, as they wish their interest in the Company to be to this extent only, and to invest the large amount in the purchase of land. It is hoped this will be agreeable to the Directors, and that the qualification will be reduced accordingly.

PS Mr Arrowsmith has never sent me the set of New Zealand maps I ordered. This is a great disappointment as several gentlemen have been wishing to see them. I will expect to secure copies of your pamphlet as soon as it is ready; and it will be obliging if you will favor me at same time with one or two copies of the instructions to Colonel Wakefield.

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17 Jun 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217182513/view

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 15th and observe the advertisements which are quite proper. In regard to the Shares, you will observe by the prospectus that the Calls are to be made at intervals of three months and that a considerable time must necessarily elapse before the full amount of the Shares could be required. I have submitted your question to the Directors, and although they will not pledge themselves, specifically upon the point, they have at present no reason to believe that the full Capital subscribed for, can be required for two years from this time, if indeed the whole should ever be required, which is very doubtful, as the sales of Land promise so ample a source of funds for the purposes of the Company. Under these circumstances the Directors do not anticipate any objection from the Gentlemen of your Committee to hold five shares each, according to their original offer. I am also to authorise you to act as the Agent of the Company in the disposal of Shares. Your allowance for this, will be the commission (usual in other Companies) of five shillings per share, you guaranteeing the payment of the first Deposit of £10 per Share, and this allowance will extend to the Shares of the Gentlemen of the Committee who have agreed to take them at your suggestion.

I have forwarded by parcel this evening a set of maps, and also 12 copies of the Pamphlet containing information for Colonists which you will be good enough to sell on account of the Company; more may be had on application to me or the Publisher.

PS 533 Sections disposed of.

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17 Jun 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170352347/view

1839/173 General Letter: Please register the following Gentlemen as applicants for land orders for the Company's lands. James Lumsden Esq., of Yoker (101 acres), James Lumsden Jnr, merchant, Glasgow (101), Andrew Tennent, merchant, Glasgow (101), James Smith, architect, Glasgow (101), Archibald Tod, 48 George Square, Glasgow (101), James Forbes, Marchfield, Paisley (202), Lawrence Hill of Barlanark (101), William Gilmour of Oatlands, merchant, Glasgow (101), Robert Rule, merchant, Paisley (101) – total 1010 acres.

I require more copies of the land regulations and will thank you to send me a supply with copies of the new Edition of the prospectus, and also copies of the pamphlet which has been published. It will be obliging also if you acquaint me what was the result of the interview at the Colonial Office on Thursday, as several individuals have been enquiring what is to be the nature of the Government to be established in the Colony. They say their taking shares or purchasing land will depend a great deal, if not altogether, on the circumstance whether British Government is founded in New Zealand or not. I am most anxious to receive the maps I ordered from Mr Arrowsmith and will thank you to request Mr Alfred or Mr Riddiford to call on him if passing that way and urge him to send them. I am directed to enquire by a House in town, to what House (if any) they could consign a vessel in New Zealand if they were sending one out.

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19 Jun 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2230501075/view

1839/174 General Letter: I have received your letter of the 17th instant, which I laid before the members of Committee and I am directed by them to state that before subscribing for shares of the Company's stock, they would like to see the draft of the Deed of Settlement and to know in particular whether a charter limiting the responsibility of the Shareholders is to be applied for. Should the terms of the Deed of Settlement or of the Charter be satisfactory (which they do not doubt will be the case) they will then take shares. In the meantime, they are willing to allow their names to be published as the Local Committee for the West of Scotland to act as such and to lend their influence in promoting the interests of the Company, and they will also invest money in the purchase of the Company's lands. I trust the Directors will agree to the Local Committee being nominated or announced on the above conditional terms, as it is most desirable that their names should be immediately published.

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19 Jun 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217184085/view

I have registered the applications for ten land orders of the gentlemen mentioned in your favour of the 17th. The Deposits may be remitted at your convenience. The Interview at the Colonial Office was very satisfactory to Lord Durham and the other Directors. I am not at liberty to mention the whole that fell from Lord Normanby, but he announced the intention to despatch Captain Hobson RN with sufficient authority to protect British Settlers, and that British Law and Government would be established in the intended Settlements without delay, the Government having ascertained its powers to effect this without any Act of Parliament being introduced this Session, all purchasers of Land made bona fide, and for sufficient consideration, will be confirmed and the Government is desirous of encouraging the introduction of British Capital and labour into New Zealand.

No publicity in Newspapers must be given to this letter, but you will communicate it otherwise in your own discretion. I forwarded you a parcel last night with Map and have sent through a further parcel of prospectuses, land regulations and pamplets. The number of sections sold is now 590 or upwards of 59,000 acres.

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21 Jun 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217186291/view

The Directors here are quite as much impressed as the Gentlemen at Glasgow with the necessity of obtaining Letters Patent for the protection of the Shareholders from individual liability. A resolution was passed some time since to this effect, and there is no reasonable doubt of the Charter being obtained.

A deposit of £10 is all that will be required at present, and ultimately, so far as a judgment can be formed, not more than 25 per cent upon the £100 Share. The Deed of Settlement is not yet prepared. The object of the suggestion that the Gentlemen of the Committee should take Shares, was to identify them with the Company; and it was distinctly understood that they would take shares. I do not however see any objection to your publishing the names at once, as this step is necessary in regard to the Public and if you will let me know the Decision of the Gentlemen before the 1st July, when the Shares are to be finally appropriated, it will then be for the Board here to say whether the reasons assigned by the Gentlemen who may not take Shares are satisfactory. The fact is that the Share-list is now very nearly full, in consequence of the rapid sale of the land. 613 Sections are now disposed of.

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25 Jun 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170355132/view

1839/177 General Letter: In consequence of your letter of the 21st I have been enabled to prepare an advertisement containing the names of the Committee for the West of Scotland at Glasgow which will appear in the Glasgow Chronicle tomorrow, and the other newspapers of the following days, and of which I will send you copies. In the meantime, I request you will register the following applications for shares of the Company's Stock – James Lumsden of Yoker (3 shares), Lawrence Hill of Barlanark (3), Andrew Tennent, merchant, Glasgow (3), John Crawford, agent of the Company at Glasgow (3).

Also the following parties as purchasers of land – John Nicol of Stirling (101 acres), Francis Logan, surgeon RN residing at 26 Whertson Street, Glasgow (101), Robert Wallace residing No.26 Robertson Street, Glasgow (101), Andrew Reid, nurseryman, Paisley (101) and John Yule residing 26 Whertson Street, Glasgow (101).

I presume the Directors will allow me the Commission on the two sections I bought in my own name before leaving London. I wish you or Mr Parker to send me a further supply of the Information for Colonists. I request also to be furnished with printed forms for application by labourers and others for free passage.

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28 Jun 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217188816/view
I have registered the applications for shares of James Lumsden (3 shares), Lawrence Hill (3), Andrew Tennant (3), John Crawford (3). In consequence of a Resolution of the Board passed yesterday, I am now able to give you an express assurance that no more than £25 per share will at any time be required. You shall hear further, after the day of appropriation. I have also registered the application for land orders of John Nicol (No.706), Francis Logan, Surgeon (707), Robert Wallace (708), Andrew Reid (709) and John Yule (710). You will be allowed the Commission on the two Sections taken in your own name.

I have forwarded by tonight's mail a parcel containing two dozen pamphlets and will send on Monday or Tuesday next, the Regulations for labourers &c as to a free passage.

29 Jun 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170357433/view
1839/180 General Letter: I request you will register the following applications for land – Adam Reid residing No.24 Robertson Street, Glasgow (101 acres), John Galbraith, merchant, Glasgow (101), Henry Dunlop of Craigton, Lord Provost of Glasgow (101), Robert Galbraith, merchant, Glasgow (101), Duncan Grant of Clyde Bank merchant, Glasgow (101).

Mr Lumsden will deliver this letter and he means to speak to the Directors as to the propriety of a certain number of Sections being allotted for this quarter, as there is no doubt that as the plan becomes better known sales to a considerable amount will be effected. Some of the gentlemen who have purchased sections have suggested that a much simpler and a far better plan for choosing the land might be adopted than that fixed by the regulations viz., that the Sections should all be numbered on the plan of the settlement and drawn for at once – the number drawn corresponding with the number on the plan determining the section – instead of drawing for the order on which the section is to be chosen and in this way all the trouble and delay &c of choosing would be done away with. This suggestion as appeared to most of the purchasers here to be a decided improvement, and at their request I have now mentioned it to you – in order that it may be brought under the consideration of the Directors.

3 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170566832/view
1839/436 General Letter: I find a very general impression has been produced by Mr Labouchere's speech, as it was reported in the Glasgow newspapers, that Government have refused to recognize the New Zealand Land Company – that they regard it as a "wild scheme" and will not sanction or confirm any sales by the Company. The idea is operating here against the sale of land. Indeed some of the purchasers have desired me to withdraw their names and pay back the deposit. I am satisfied myself that Mr Labouchere did not utter anything to the above effect – and could not do so – but that what he did really say was very different and quite satisfactory to the Company. But I wish some authoritative statement on the point, which I may publish, in order to counteract the erroneous impression which prevails. It is impossible for any great undertaking of the kind to prosper without exciting envy and hostility and accordingly the enemies of the Colonization of New Zealand are in the meantime making a great handle against the Company of the report of Mr Labouchere's speech.

4 Jul 1839 Committee for the West of Scotland https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2320161401/view
The Honourable Henry Dunlop, of Craigton, Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow
James Lumsden of Yoker; Lawrence Hill of Barlamark; Andrew Tennant, merchant, Glasgow; Alexander Johnston of Sheidhall. *Bankers* – The Clydesdale Bank. *Secretary* – John Crawford.

5 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170568718/view

1839/438 General Letter: James Clelland of Ravenshall, Lanarkshire, who is an extensive agriculturalist and possessed of considerable capital intends to go out to New Zealand to settle there. He is desirous of purchasing three sections of the Company's land on condition that the privilege of a free Cabin passage to himself and wife and five children be allowed him next Spring or Summer before which time it is impossible he can take his departure. Mr Clelland would be a most desirable Colonist. He is a mechanic as well as agriculturalist and several individuals of all classes belonging to the Middle ward would accompany him.

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5 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217192276/view

I have registered applications as under.

No.753 Adam Reid (101 acres); No.754 John Galbraith (101); No.755 Henry Dunlop (101); No.756 Robert Galbraith (101); No 757 Duncan Grant (101). The Directors cannot now alter the Regulations as to the choice, and they do not think the time is yet arrived for publishing the plan of the Settlement. The Surveying Staff has been appointed and will, it is hoped sail from London within a fortnight.

The Report of Mr Labouchere's speech was not accurate. He used the term "wild scheme" in a general sense, and not as particularly applicable to this company. Several of our Directors were in their places in the house, and they all concur in approving the speech in so far as it announced the intentions of Government to establish a regular colony, and that all purchases made bona fide would be confirmed. The Company is anxious for inquiry into the merits of its purchases, being well assured they will stand the test of any investigation. W. Laterer may be apprehended at Glasgow, the speech has done us no harm in London, for our sales have now reached 812 sections, and the number of colonists continues to increase. I have forwarded you a parcel by favour of Mr Lumsden.

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9 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170571578/view

1839/441 General Letter: I prefix Copy of the Minute of Meeting of the West of Scotland Committee held this day and I have to request you will lay the same before the Directors as soon as possible and communicate to me the necessary authority for enabling the Committee to make arrangements for the dispatch of the first vessel from the Clyde. The Colonists here number already ten cabin passengers and there are applications from about 60 persons for steerage passages besides their wives and children. In the meantime, I forward a proof copy of the advertisement proposed to be published… the sanction of the London Board… the members of Committee have agreed to take each four shares of the Company's stock. Have the goodness therefore to enter James Lumsden, Andrew Tennent, Lawrence Hill and John Crawford for one share additional each; Henry Dunlop (4 shares), Alexander Johnston (4).

Please also to register the following applications for land – John Fleming of Claremont (1 section or 101 acres), James Lumsden (1 or 101), James Semple of Middleton near Paisley (1 or 101), Robert R. Strang, writer, Glasgow (1 or 101).

Insert also Mr Fleming of Claremont as an applicant for four shares of the Company's stock. It is understood that purchasers of land will be entitled to a free Cabin Passage in the first vessel from the Clyde – the same as the Colonists to sail from London in August. I will expect copies of the forms of tender &c to be sent. A remittance will be made after hearing from you.

> Signed by Henry Dunlop, Chairman: It was agreed that each member of the Committee should hold four shares of the Company's Stock. Mr Crawford was instructed to write the Directors informing them that a sufficient number of Colonists would in all likelihood be ready by September next to enable them to dispatch a ship from the Clyde; and requesting authority to make the requisite arrangements for chartering a vessel, selecting the emigrants for a free passage &c and Mr Crawford was also instructed to publish the necessary advertisements on getting the sanction of the London Board, and in the meantime to forward a draft of the advertisement proposed to be issued.

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9 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217193722/view

I laid before the Board yesterday your application on behalf of James Clelland Esq of Raven Hall to be allowed to purchase three sections of land on condition of a free Cabin Passage next Spring or Summer and I am desired to express the regret of the Directors that they cannot comply with Mr Clelland's wishes as it has been determined that the free passage is to be limited to the first Colonist who will depart during the ensuing Autumn and for which application must be made by the 15th July.

In reference to what you say of Mr Matthew, we have already an Agent in Dundee (Messrs MacEwen and Millar) and the Board is not disposed to appoint more Agents in Scotland as it might interfere with you and the Edinburgh Agency.

I observe your Advertisement &c which will do very well. Our Sale goes on briskly having sold 840 sections. The Shares are all appropriated.

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10 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170573530/view

1849/443 General Letter: Please register the following parties as purchasers of land – Archibald Tod and James Lumsden (one section additional each), William Reid of Paisly (one section). I fear I omitted yesterday to include Mr Alexander Johnstone's name as one of the Committee as a holder of four shares of the Company's Stock. Please insert his name along with the others.

I have been told by an Argyleshireman that some parties in that County are getting up an association amongst themselves to freight a vessel and go out to New Zealand and purchase land directly from the Natives. Whether Mr Roy is concerned with this or not I do not know but I am anxious our vessel should be advertised to sail from the Clyde as speedily as possible as it may have the effect of making the party yet join "The First Scotch Colony" – in connection with the Company and give up the idea of a separate expedition.

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11 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217194822/view

I have registered your application for the following Land Orders:- No.844 to 848 Alexander Johnston (5 Sections), No.864 John Fleming (1), No.849 James Lumsden (1), No.850 James Semple (1), No.851 Robert R. Strang (1). I have also entered applications for shares for James Lumsden (4 shares), Andrew Tennant (4), Lawrence Hill (4), Henry Dunlop, Lord Provost (4), Alexander Johnston (4), John Crawford (4), John Fleming (4). The additional shares are placed at your disposal in consequence of a private application from me, to one of the Directors, there being no shares now for sale to the public.

Although we have committees meeting daily, the proposition in regard to the Ship from the Clyde, is of a nature which must be submitted to the Board of Directors, who meet on Monday next after which I shall not fail to write you on the subject and send you all requisite papers.

We are glad to see the progress you are now making. The Land Deposits, and also the Deposits of £10 per share, should now be remitted. On application, stating that the same is wanted, I will obtain Directions to remit you the £100 promised.

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12 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170576961/view

1839/446 General Letter: Please register the following parties as applicants for land – Richard Hall, writer, Glasgow (1 section), Thomas Cruickshanks, Crown Forrester for Scotland & Forrester to the Duke of Hamilton (2 sections), Duncan Grant of Clyde Bank, merchant, Glasgow (1), John Gemmill, writer, Paisley (1), Rev Andrew Lone, Kirkintilloch (1). "The First Scotch Colony" will number some first rate people; and the Committee are most anxious to receive the necessary instructions as to chartering a vessel.

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13 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170578431/view

1839/448 General Letter: Please register Messrs William Anderson, Millwright in London and Alexander Anderson, Engineer No.42 St Andrew's Square, Glasgow for one section each. They both intend to sail from London on 15th August, and you will therefore consider this as an application on their behalf for a free Cabin passage. If Mr Ward's speech be published I wish you to send me a copy of it.

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16 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217197762/view

I am happy to acquaint you that the Board has approved of your proposal for despatching a vessel from the Clyde in the course of the present season and you are authorised to announce the same as publicly as possible. The Board referred it to our Shipping Committee to report on the best arrangement, which is to meet tomorrow and you shall then hear again. I entered yesterday your applications for Lands as follows: No.937 Richard Hall (1 section), No.938 to 939 Thomas Cruickshanks (2), No.940 Duncan Grant (1), No.941 John Gemmill (1), No.942 Rev Andrew Lone (1), No.943 William Anderson (1), No.944 Alexander Anderson (1). And I have entered the application of the last two for a free passage.

One Land Book closed yesterday, the 990 sections being all taken, and I am desired to inform you that purchasers are required to complete their purchases by paying the balance of their purchase monies to the Company's Bankers Messrs Smith, Payne & Smith, on or before Thursday next the 25th instant.

The Lottery for priority of choice will take place at this office on Monday the 29th of July instant at 12 o'clock precisely when purchasers are requested to attend by themselves or an agent, but if the purchasers are not completed they will forfeit their deposit and lose their right to the benefit of the Lottery.

As applications for land still come in a register has been opened in which applicants are entered provisionally in case of further sales or in case there should be any defaulters in the purchase monies of the preliminary sections.

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17 Jul 1839 Shipping Committee https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2218307673/view

The application from Glasgow was considered. An advertisement ordered for Tender of a ship from the Clyde in September, of from 350 to 500 Tons.

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17 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170580075/view

1839/451 General Letter: Please register Dr William Lumsden, second son of James Lumsden for one section; George Lumsden, third son of James Lumsden (1) and William Barr of Drums (1). The Committee are disappointed in no letter with authority as to chartering the Clyde vessel having come this morning. Put 868 in name of James Lumsden Jnr.

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17 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217198342/view

The Shipping Committee have directed me to advertise for a Ship to be taken up by Tender to sail from the Clyde in September. I will send you tomorrow an advertisement for insertion in your Local Newspaper.

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18 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217198807/view

I send you on the other side the Terms of an Advertisement for Emigration Ships, which you will immediately insert in the Glasgow Papers. The Terms shall be forwarded as soon as possible.

Although the Preliminary Sections are all sold I have opened a provisional Register, in cases of former applicants making default, or other contingencies. Parties applying provisionally are to pay deposits as before. We have already many such applications.

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19 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217200103/view
I have registered provisionally Dr William Lumsden (1 section), George Lumsden (1), William Baw (1). Deposits must be paid upon provisional applications. I wrote you yesterday with an advertisement for Ship Tenders.

20 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170585400/view
1839/456 General Letter: I request you will enter Mr William Goodfellow, lately Baker in Hawick, as a purchaser of one section and I beg to refer you to the prefixed letter granted and to him this day, as explanatory of the circumstances of his case; and I have to state that as he is to find a passage for himself and his wife and two children in the *Palmyra* to Port Philip and from thence to New Zealand the Local Directors here are of opinion a Land order should be issued to him entitling him in virtue of the payment of £26 to receive his section on arrival in the Colony.

I was this morning favored with your letter prefixing form of advertisement for Tenders for emigration ships but as by it, no sufficient time was left betwixt the date of furnishing the forms of Tender and the day for opening them, there being only two days in fact as they were required to be forwarded to London. The Directors here considered such an announcement would never do, and accordingly they directed me to prepare the one inserted in the Renfrewshire Reformer – a copy of which is sent you by this Post; and it is hope it will be equally agreeable to the Directors that the Contract should be fixed here as in London. Three of the Local Board are quite experienced in all shipping matters. Your parcel containing copies of Mr Ward's speech &c has arrived.

I have a long letter from Mr Bridges, Edinburgh, this morning informing me of Mr Roy's proceedings which I hinted at in my letter the other day and stating that he or his friends have made a large purchase of lands at Port Manikow and mean to come out immediately with a rival Company. This accounts for the hostility our Company has met with from certain parties in this quarter who I suspect are _ with Mr Roy. I should like all our proceedings in Scotland to be marked with _ and decision so as to strike terror into the hearts of our opponents.

> 20 Jul 1839 to William Goodfellow from John Crawford: Sir, I have this day entered you for one section of the New Zealand Land Company's lands in the First Official Settlement to be founded in New Zealand. You have deposited with me £26 sterling, and as you had secured a passage on board the *Palmyra* of Greenock for Port Phillip and Sydney before you resolved to settle in New Zealand in preference to either Port Phillip or Sydney, and it is expedient that you should not lose your passage. Therefore it is agreed, with consent of the Local Board of Directors of this Company for the West of Scotland, that you shall be entitled to receive one section of 101 acres of the Company's lands on your arrival in the settlement for which this will be your warrant, in the absence of a regular land order, (which in the peculiar circumstances of your case you cannot receive as the *Palmyra* sails tomorrow). A copy of this letter will be forwarded by this Post to the Head Office in London in order that you may be duly entered as a purchaser in the Company's Books.

20 Jul 1839 Morning Herald (London) – Emigration Ships Wanted
The Directors of the New Zealand Land Company hereby give Notice that they will be ready, on Monday, 29 July at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely, to receive tenders for the hire of a ship of not less than 350, and not exceeding 500 tons, for the conveyance of emigrants from the Clyde to New Zealand, in the month of September next. Also for the Hire of a Ship of not less that 400 tons, for the conveyance of emigrants from London to New Zealand. Forms of tender, and conditions of the proposed engagements may be had at the Company's offices, No.1 Adam Street, Adelphi, London; and No.24 Queen-street, Glasgow; also of Captain W. H. Whitehead, No.3, India-buildings, Liverpool, on or after Thursday, the 25th of July instant. By order of the Directors, London July 18, 1839. John Ward, Secretary.

20 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170584037/view
1839/455 General Letter: Since writing you this forenoon I have received information that Mr Roy has agents on board the *Palmyra* going to Port Manikow to take possession of land for his Company. Port Manikow is considered by the intending settlers going from this to be the best locality for a settlement and I should regret were it taken possession by any other than our own Company. The 25th instant is rather short notice to the purchasers here to pay up the Balance of their purchase monies. Some of them will require a longer time.

22 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217201132/view
The Board does not approve of the alteration of the advertisement and adheres to the Instructions already sent you, Forms of Tender will be sent you tomorrow, so as to reach Glasgow by the 25th.

23 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170586311/view
1843/457 General Letter: I beg to direct your attention to the prefixed excerpt from Minute of meeting of the Local Committee held today. The reason why purchasers in this quarter are allowed till the 10th day of August is that several of them live in the country and that really it is impossible for them to pay in so short a time as betwixt this and the 25th or even the 29th when the balloting for priority of choice takes place. A list of the persons selected for a free passage from the Clyde by the Committee here with the assistance of some of the purchasers of land going out as settlers will be forwarded to the London Board; and it is hoped that this arrangement will supersede the necessity of individual applications being sent. As Mr Cruickshanks, the purchaser of lots of sections Nos 938 & 939, finds it impossible for him to go by the first vessel, or until next Spring or Summer, please substitute in his stead, Mr Ebenezer Hay, 105 Bridgegate, Glasgow who is to pay the Balances and go out as a Cabin passenger.

> Excerpt: It was resolved that a circular should be drawn up containing a schedule of particulars to be filled up, to be printed and addressed to each applicant for a free passage, who answers to the description in the printed regulations and that Mr Hill and Mr Crawford should prepare the Circular and Schedule.
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> It was resolved also that a circular should be printed and addressed to the purchasers of land in the Agency requiring that the Balances of the purchase monies should be paid into the Clydesdale Bank on or before the 10th day of August next and Mr Crawford was instructed to apprise the Directors in London of this and the reason for it and that the Ballot for priority of choice on the 29th instant should be proceeded with without any forfeit being made as it should be taken for granted that the Balances would be paid up.

23 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217201715/view

I have forwarded by this night's mail a parcel containing Forms of Tender for applicants, as promised. I beg to assure you that in disapproving the alteration of the advertisement the Board had not the least wish to prevent Glasgow Ships being tendered, quite the reverse, but the Directors felt it to be their duty to receive the Tenders themselves, and also to offer them to the widest possible competition which would not be the case if the place for receiving Tenders had not been fixed in London.

I have entered provisionally the application of Mr William Goodfellow, you did quite right, under the particular circumstances to depart from the letter of the regulations and I only regret that it is not certain that a preliminary land order can be awarded to him.

On the other side is the Copy of a letter which I have written to Mr Roy and in the parcel is the form of an advertisement which you will please insert in the Glasgow Newspapers.

You are already aware that the Purchase monies for Land must be remitted forthwith to Messrs Smith, Payne & Smith without any deduction of Commission which will be paid separately as soon as possible.

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25 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170587815/view

1839/459 General Letter: I am favored this morning with your letter of the 23rd instant; and also with the parcel per mail containing forms of Tender for ships and advertisement of sale of lands which I have ordered to be inserted in the Glasgow newspapers.

As to the forms of Tender, I am instructed by the Committee here to say that it is of no use to give out any of them to Shipowners or Brokers here, or in Greenock, as it is impossible they can prepare their tenders in the space of two days, which is all that is allowed; and indeed several Brokers who have applied on being told the tenders must be dispatched to London on Saturday have refused to take them. The Committee in those circumstances decline to give any of them out. I am further desired to say that the Committee have no wish to interfere with – far less to dictate to the London Board – But they conceive the Clyde Shipowners and Brokers should have at least the same opportunity as the London or any other shipowners or Brokers for offering for the Ship from the Clyde, and that no harm could have arisen – seeing the Clyde Ship is to sail in all September – in extending the time for receiving tenders till 5th August next.

As to the advertisement for the sale of lands I am desired to enquire if these new sales are to be effected only at the Head office? Or if applications may not be received through this Agency? If through this agency, then it is requested that copies of the terms of purchase may be immediately forwarded and authority given for advertising accordingly.

The Balances of the price of purchases in this quarter are ordered to be paid into the Clydesdale Bank on the 10th August next and the whole amount will by then be remitted.

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25 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217204034/view

I have laid before the Board your letter of the 23rd with a copy of a resolution of your Committee whereby the Committee has taken upon itself to extend the time for completing the purchases of Land, until the 10th August next, and to declare that the Ballot for priority of choice should be proceeded with, without any forfeit and that it should be taken for granted that the Balances would be paid up.

In reply I am directed to convey to you the surprise of the Directors that the Committee should have taken such a step, not only without the authority, but in contravention of the express regulations and public notices issued from this Board. Had it not been from the consideration of hardship upon the purchasers after your notice to them, the Board would have excluded them all from the benefit of the Lottery, for non-compliance with the conditions of Sale, but under the circumstances the Board contents itself with holding your committee responsible for the Balances due, and upon this express condition, will admit the parties in question to the Ballot on Monday.

I am further to request that all the monies in the hands of your Committee may be remitted in full to me, or Messrs Smith, Payne & Smith without delay.

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26 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170588784/view

1839/460 General Letter: Mr Francis Logan, Surgeon, who has purchased one section of the Company's lands and who goes out to settle in New Zealand by the ship to sail from the Clyde in September has requested me to write you with respect to his being appointed Surgeon for the Vessel. Mr Logan has had considerable experience as Surgeon on board of convict ships to New South Wales having been five different voyages and having been at New Zealand once or twice on his return home. He can refer to Messrs Burke, owners of *The Mangles* and Captain _ of that ship, and also to Messrs McLachlan the owners of *The Royal Sovereign* and Captain Moncrieff of that vessel. In my opinion it would be agreeable to the different gentlemen and their families who intend to go out as Cabin passengers were Mr Logan to receive the appointment. Mr Logan addressed you himself on this subject about three weeks ago.

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27 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170589773/view

1839/461 General Letter: Your letter of the 25th instant received this morning has been laid before a meeting of the Committee; and I am instructed to state in reply that the Committee have the greatest confidence in all the purchasers here completing their purchases, but that it was really necessary that more time should be allowed them than the short notice intended to be given to them of the Order to pay on the 25th intant. The Committee are fully aware of the propriety and necessity of strictly observing the regulations of the Board but they take the liberty of submitting that there may be occasions when, on account of peculiarities in local circumstances, it may be advisable some small discretionary _ should be allowed them; and that the extension of time in the present case, and also with respect to the tenders for the Clyde ship are just two such occasions. A strict adherence to the letter of the regulations might in such instances very materially obstruct the proceedings of the Company and defeat the objects in view.

The Committee in compliance with your request that all the monies in their hands should be remitted to you, resolved that £1,000 sterling should be sent you; and you have accordingly hereunto an order by the Clydesdale Bank on Messrs Barnett Hoares & Co. for this sum, although the deposits in the hands of the Committee do not amount to this sum. Have the goodness to acknowledge receipt.

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27 Jul 1839 John Crawford, Paisley https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170590688/view

1839/462 General Letter – Private: I am happy to secure such excellent accounts of our Company. I am not at all displeased either that you have administered to us a gentle rebuke. The fact is the Committee – a little lukewarm perhaps at first – are now getting over zealous – but I have no doubt whatever we will all work most harmoniously by and bye. Your not _ them in the matter of the ship has wounded their pride – but no harm in keeping a tight rein – nothing like stern discipline for "Britons love the law that serves their strength to nerve." I have some friends at dinner with me this afternoon and we have just been drinking a _ with all the honors to Lord Durham and the New Zealand Land Company – nor have we forgotten Ward or Wakefield or Hutt or Evans. Tell the Dr to look to his laurels for our Scotch Colony will boast some Capital fellows – the flower of Scotsmen. The whole of the Balances will be with you by the 12th of August. The mercantile spirit should not altogether be the animating principle of a great enterprise like this – no harm in being mixed up with a little of the Chivalrie. And do not so much mind if in the more formal part of the business we be awaiting at first – Order will soon spring out of confusion – Trust to me I beg it of you. Trust us all for we are honest and true.

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30 Jul 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217207040/view

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a remittance of the thousand pounds on account of the Glasgow Deposits which I should have done yesterday had I not been engaged the whole day with the Ballot; the Glasgow numbers drawn shall be sent you tomorrow, your own numbers for applications 37 and 38 are 623 and 621.

Tenders have been received for a Ship from the Clyde and as soon as one is definitely accepted I shall let you know and you may rely upon attention being paid to your recommendation in favor of Mr Logan.

I hope to forward to you in a day or two the Terms of 50,000 acres of Country land to be sold through Agency as before and you may advertise with reference to you accordingly. This Company attaches no weight whatsoever to the pretended claims of other parties to the Manukow District and will proceed without any regard whatever to such claims.

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31 Jul 1839 Shipping & Emigration Committee https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2218308393/view

The *Bengal Merchant* to sail from the Clyde in September. The owner to be informed that the Master was to have an Awning Cabin.

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1 Aug 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217207040/view

I send you the numbers of Choice which had fallen to the lot of your applicants for land. Should any be omitted please do let me know. Enclosed are the forms for Country Lands. More will be sent you by parcel. The Board has accepted the Tender of the Ship *Bengal Merchant* of 303 Tons, for the Voyage from the Clyde to New Zealand in September. Please to let me know the number of Cabin and Steerage passengers expected and when they will be ready.

Application	Name	Residence	Choice
37	John Crawford	Glasgow	613
38	John Crawford	Glasgow	621
574	James Lumsden	Yoker, Glasgow	973
575	James Lumsden Jnr	Yoker, Glasgow	980
576	Andrew Tennant	Yoker, Glasgow	995
577	James Smith	Yoker, Glasgow	290
578	Archibald Tod	48 George Street, Glasgow	896
579	James Forbes	Glasgow	846
580	James Forbes	Glasgow	740
581	Lawrence Hill	Glasgow	276
582	William Gilmour	Glasgow	612
583	Robert Rule	Glasgow	608
706	John Nicol	Glasgow	838
707	Francis Logan	Glasgow	231
708	Robert Wallace	Glasgow	791
709	Andrew Reid	Glasgow	45
710	John Yule	Glasgow	42
753	Andrew Reid	Glasgow	287
754	John Galbraith	Glasgow	441
755	Henry Dunlop	Glasgow	917
756	Robert Galbraith	Glasgow	444
757	Duncan Grant	Glasgow	1073
844	Alexander Johnson	Glasgow	686
845	Alexander Johnson	Glasgow	770
846	Alexander Johnson	Glasgow	792
847	Alexander Johnson	Glasgow	372
848	Alexander Johnson	Glasgow	809
849	James Lumsden	Glasgow	439
850	James Semple	Glasgow	91
851	R. B. Strang	Glasgow	696
852	John Fleming	Glasgow	182
867	Archibald Tod	Glasgow	41
868	James Lumsden	Glasgow	513
869	William Reed	Glasgow	521
931	Richard Hall	Glasgow	445
938	Ebenezer Hay	Glasgow	806
939	Ebenezer Hay	Glasgow	693
940	Duncan Grant	Glasgow	784
941	John Gemmill	Glasgow	1035
942	Richard Andrew Lane	Glasgow	858
943	William Anderson	Glasgow	121
944	Alexander Anderson	Glasgow	107

3 Aug 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217213035/view
Your forms appear very proper to be adopted, but your committee will of course bear in mind that personal enquiry and examination in every case is found more important than any certificates. Purchasers cannot nominate to cabin passages except on particular cases, to be specially approved by the Board – each on its own merits.

7 Aug 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217214301/view
In reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo I have to acquaint you that the Directors have much pleasure in placing the appointment of Surgeon to the *Bengal Merchant* at the disposal of your Committee and that the Board approves of Mr Francis Logan, as the nominee of your Committee, who will of course take care that he furnishes satisfactory testimonials.

In respecting the Emigrants, I am desired to impress upon you again the great importance of personal enquiries, both of the referees, and at the abodes of the parties, so that their habits, and character may be ascertained beyond a doubt, and you will please to record in every case the name of the person, by whom the personal enquiries shall have been made. The Board may possibly send an officer from London to Glasgow before the sailing of the Ship for final inspection of the persons selected.

Mr Labouchere has complained of the omission of the word "probably" in the letter from him to Mr Fleming, a printed copy of which you forwarded to Mr Smith, which through this office found its way into the London papers. The publication of this letter has unquestionably done us a service, but the Board is much concerned that Mr Labouchere should imagine that the alteration should have been designedly made by any one in the service of this Company; and feels confident that there can be no foundation for the surmise of the word having been intentionally omitted in the copy. I am to request you to enquire and ascertain immediately for the information of the Board how the circumstance occurred.

9 Aug 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170809502/view
1839/717 General Letter: The prefixed copy of my letter to Mr Labouchere contains my explanation respecting the omission of the word "probably" in the publication of his letter to Mr Fleming of 29th June last. Neither Mr Fleming, nor the gentlemen of the Committee here, had anything to do with the publication of that letter.

Your instructions as to the selection of Emigrants will be attended to. The applications for free steerage passages are at this date 342, exclusive of wives and children. The selection was commenced by the Committee today.

As to Mr Logan's application, the letter I addressed to you was in my own name individually, and not in name of the Committee who wish to have the appointment still considered as open and to secure particular instructions from you as to the qualifications required on the part of the surgeon.

Mr Lumsden is to be in London on Monday or Tuesday next when he will wait on you.

20 Jul 1839 Crawford letter to Mr Labouchere https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170809241/view

6 Aug 1839 Shipping & Emigration Committee https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2218308913/view
The Committee considered Mr Crawford's letter as to the Glasgow Emigrants and was willing to leave the selection generally to the Glasgow Committee, subject to final approval by the Company's officer to be sent down for that purpose, if the Board should think fit. Mr Francis Logan having been strongly recommended by the Glasgow Committee as Surgeon, ordered that he be appointed Surgeon to the *Bengal Merchant*, subject to the approval of the General Board and subject to his furnishing satisfactory testimonials.

14 Aug 1839 Shipping & Emigration Committee https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2218309771/view
The Committee considered the resolutions of certain Land purchasers at Glasgow communicated by Mr Strang. The Secretary directed to answer the same with reference to the instructions issued to the Company's Surveyor General and to the contemplated provision for the Emigrants.

14 Aug 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170809760/view
1839/719 General Letter: Above, you have a letter of Credit by the Messrs Barnett Hoares & Co. for £3,000 sterling which I have been instructed by the Committee to remit to you. Have the goodness to acknowledge receipt. It is requested you will now transmit the different Land Orders to be delivered to the purchasers. Do not send the Land Orders till I write you tomorrow.

Several very eligible young men unmarried – carpenters, masons, joiners, blacksmiths, and ploughmen are amongst the applicants for free passages. The Committee have requested me to enquire if in no case are they to be at liberty to recommend such persons unless they be married.

The Committee have also directed me to enquire when the *Bengal Merchant* will be round and in the Clyde. They expect, unless she carry more than 300 passengers, to have her complement of selected passengers completed by the middle of next week.

15 Aug 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170810344/view
1839/720 General Letter: I hope you will approve of the prefixed advertisement which I wish you to get inserted in the First Number of the New Zealand Gazette to be published on Monday. I have already procured subscriptions to a considerable amount and every day I am getting additional subscriptions. I have not the smallest doubt that when fairly announced the whole capital will be subscribed in a few days. All our Committee here will take shares and all the intending Colonists who have purchased lands. I request you will order at least a dozen copies of The Gazette to be sent to me.

15 Aug 1839 Shipping and Emigration Committee https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2218310034/view
In reference to an application from Glasgow the Committee there to be desired to engage a Surgeon for the examination of the Emigrants in the *Bengal Merchant* at a reasonable sum for the whole say ten guineas.

15 Aug 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217218900/view

Your letter of the 13th instant was duly received. The advertisement will appear in the New Zealand Gazette and possibly the extract also. I have undertaken to berth the Cabin passengers till I sail, which will be in the *Adelaide* between the 25th of August and first of September. The *Aurora, Oriental* and *Adelaide* are filled and I have still some first class cabin passages requiring Cabins. It would have eased my task had all from the north been ordered to take shipping at Glasgow in the *Bengal Merchant*. I know not how many in the Cabin you have arranged for, but send the following names of parties in Scotland for whom I hope you will have room in the *Bengal Merchant.*

Mr John Brown, Cairnie (self or agent) one section entitling him to one first class cabin passage.
Mr John Nichol, Melville Terrace, Sterling, one section entitling him to one first class passage.

Mr W. A. Thomas and Thomas Durie. These Gentlemen have each one section of land. The Edinburgh Agent can give you their addresses; but it is not unlikely you will be immediately applied to for these passages, as I have this day referred the parties to you.

Mr Alexander Anderson of Glasgow has been here today. I believe it will be arranged that he is to go in the *Bengal Merchant* and I think he will have his wife with him. He is proprietor of one section. If he require two passages of the first class he will have to pay a balance of £75, if of the second class £25.

You must also put on your list David Johnston of 59 Rose Street, Edinburgh; has one section. He will take a £50 cabin; the balance of £25 with an equal sum to be paid by him is to furnish another cabin of the second class for his brother.

I have just seen Mr Anderson again. I think he will not only have his wife, but two children also who will be charged as an adult. He talks of taking a rural Section upon which he will be entitled to 60 per cent. His own passage, that of his wife and the two children in the second class cabin will amount to £150. He is now entitled to £75, will be to £60 and there will be a balance of £15 to be paid.

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16 Aug 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217220271/view

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your remittance value £3,000 on account of the Glasgow Committee. In reference to the unmarried men it is not absolutely indispensable that all the parties should be married so that the numbers of the two sexes are equalized. You may therefore exercise a discretion on this respect, preferring, of course, married people, as a general rule.

The *Bengal Merchant* will probably be in the Clyde from the 10th to 15th September but as soon as the exact day is fixed I will let you known.

Mr Revans wrote you yesterday I find relative to the Cabin passengers, but I apprehend your Committee will have no difficulty in distributing the berths among the applicants. A surgeon should be engaged for the Medical approval of the labouring Emigrants an agreement being previously made with him for the job, and I should think a competent person would undertake it for a fee of ten guineas. I have had some conversation with Mr Bailee Lumsden and am to see him again before he leaves Town.

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22 Aug 1839 Shipping & Emigration Committee https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2218311215/view
Captain Nairne reported that he had found it impracticable to ascertain the precise number of first class and second class cabins that would be required in the *Bengal Merchant* and suggested that that Ship might more conveniently be fitted at Glasgow than in London. The Committee concurred with Captain Nairne and ordered the *Bengal Merchant* to be fitted at Glasgow accordingly. Instructions to that effect to be sent to the Glasgow Committee with a plan of the arrangement of one of the Company's Ships fitted in London in order that they might approximate there to as nearly as circumstances would permit.

Upon the application of the Glasgow Committee for an alteration in the diet of the Scotch Emigrants, ordered that a precise statement of the desired changes be submitted and that if reasonable they be allowed. Ordered also that the *Bengal Merchant* do proceed up the Clyde and lie in the Wet Dock at the Broomice Law at Glasgow to receive her passengers.

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24 Aug 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217225349/view
The Directors have considered your suggestions or several points relative to the *Bengal Merchant* and I am now desired to write you on the subject. The Directors do not object to the *Bengal Merchant* being fitted at Glasgow so that the Committee may superintend the Cabin Managements, and may provide the requisite accommodation for both first class and second class passengers and may fill the Ship with Emigrants. A plan of the fitting of one of our Ships will be sent you for a guide as nearly as circumstances will permit.

I understand also that an alteration in the dietary is desired and if you will specify in what the alterations consist there is little doubt that the Directors will approve the same.

The Ship may come up to Glasgow and be in the Dock at the Bromielaw; as suggested to take in her passengers but it is hoped that your committee will take care that this arrangement does not lead to any unnecessary delay.

It is the desire of the Board that your Committee should proceed immediately to the appointment of a Surgeon Superintendent when testimonials should be forwarded to me; also if one of the Emigrants who is married and appears qualified for the Duties, to be assistant to the Superintendent. This should not be a professional person, but one of the labouring class going in the Steerage.

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27 Aug 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170815026/view

1839/729 General Letter: It is the wish of the Committee here that the *Bengal Merchant* should come round not to the Broomies law at Glasgow but to Port Glasgow, three miles above Greenock and where there is the advantage of a Wet Dock and lower dues; and as it appears the ship is to be fitted up here, it is wished she should come round as early as possible. In the meantime the plan of the fittings should be sent so that a ship's joiner may be engaged and preparations be commenced. The Committee should also be informed whether a ship-agent is to be engaged – whether it is to be provisioned in London or Port Glasgow – so that arrangements maybe made accordingly. Arrangements as to watering the ship will also require to be made.

It would not do for the *Bengal Merchant* to sail from the Broomielaw as the chances are she would run aground if heavily loaded, and her departure thereby be delayed. Prefixed you have a list of all the Cabin Passengers, 1st and 2nd Class, whose berths are engaged – Please shew this list to Mr Revans.

The Alteration in the dietary will consist merelu in a greater supply of oatmeal and Peasemeal in place of flour and suet. This can be easily attended to when the ship comes round. The Committee will pay the earliest attention to the appointment of a Surgeon Superintendent and assistant from amongst the steerage passengers. They expect the appointments will be quite satisfactory to the Board and to all concerned. Please enter the following parties as purchasers of Country Sections – Andrew Duncan, Baker, Oxford Street, Glasgow (1 section), John Colville, Southend, Campbellton (1), John and James Nisbet, St Enoch's Square, Glasgow (1)

PS I will thank you to send me a further supply of copies of the New Zealand Gazette. There has been a great run for them. Mr Semple brought your letter under the consideration of the Committee today and they agreed that Mr Carruth should get a free Cabin passage in place of Mr Semple.

Bengal Merchant from the Clyde https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170814705/view

1st Class			
Mr Strang	Lady and daughter	696	1 Section
Mr Logan	Lady and daughter	331	1 Section
Mr A. Todd		41, 896	2 Sections
Mr W. Todd			
Mr Yuill		42	1 Section
Mr Ebenezer Hay		693, 806	2 Sections
Mr Marjoribanks	_ Finlay	1038	1 Section
Mr John Brown Cairnie			
Mr John Nicol	and Lady	838	1 Section
Mr Durie		142	1 Section
Mr Thomas?	William	881	1 Section
	Joseph	398	1 Section
Mr Carruth			
2nd Class			
Mr Reid	Wife and daughter		
	Andrew	45	1 Section
	Adam	287	1 Section
	William	521	1 Section
Mr David Johnson and Mr James Johnson		874	1 Section
	£25 additional to pay		
Mr Andrew Duncan			
Mr William Webster	8 William Street, Glasgow		

28 Aug 1839 The Scotsman – First Scotch Colony for New Zealand
A numerous party of emigrants are now making the necessary arrangements for embarking in the *Bengal Merchant*, to sail from Greenock in September. The committee for the west of Scotland, and their agents, are now employed in selecting eligible persons as settlers, and, judging from the number of applications, the directors will be called on to send a second vessel from the Clyde. A clergyman of the Scotch Church, who accompanies the colony, will officiate as chaplain on board. It is intended that the Clyde shall be made the principal shipping port of Scotland for New Zealand, and that the strictest regulations shall be put in force in order to ensure the comfort, safety, and convenience of the passengers – *New Zealand Gazette.*

28 Aug 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2170814182/view
1839/728 General Letter: Mr Robert Carruth, a brother of Mr John Carruth whom Mr Semple of Middleton wrote you about has made up his mind to accompany his brother as a Settler to New Zealand in the *Bengal Merchant*. He has purchased a Country Section and will pay £15 to entitle him to a Cabin Passage the same as his brother. He wishes to know if he will be allowed to take out two young cows of the Cunningham or Ayrshire breed, and also a young Durham bull. He will be at the expence of the boxes or stalls for their accommodation on deck, and will also provision them during the voyage, and the milch of the Cows he will allow the passengers to get the benefit of. As the Cows are of the most celebrated dairy breed, and must therefore be of advantage to the Colony, he thinks the Directors should encourage him in taking them out, as well as the Bull, without expence or charge for freight, and he has accordingly requested me to write soliciting them to agree to this, which for my own part I wish the would do, as Mr Carruth will really in my opinion make a valuable settler as he appears to be a first rate farmer in all points as respects land crops, cattle &c. Have the goodness to write in answer in course. Please add Mr Carruth's name to the list of Cabin passengers, which I sent you yesterday. Mr Carruth bids me enquire what would be the freight of a stallion if he should think of taking one out. How much also is charged for agricultural implements per ton.

30 Aug 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217226986/view
In reply to your letters of the 27th and 28th instant on the subject of the *Bengal Merchant*. I have to inform you that in compliance with the wish of the Committee the Ship has been ordered to be at Port Glasgow in the Wet Dock. She will leave the river on the 10th September as fixed. Mr Haviside, one of the owners will proceed to Glasgow in a few days and intends to provision her principally there but probably to water her in London. The alteration in the dietary will be made as desired.

The owners will I believe consent to Mr Carth taking out the two Cows and the Bull at his own expense. This is a favor which has been refused to several applicants in London by owners here. If you obtain Mr Haviside's permission the Company will charge no freight upon the Cows and Bull upon condition that the labouring Emigrants and their Children shall have the benefit of the milk during the voyage. Whether the stallion could be taken must depend upon the quantity of freight wanted for other purposes. We have been obliged to refuse it in London. The charge for extra freight is 50s per Ton measurement and 25s per Ton for dead weight.

I hope to forward you by tonight's mail a plan of the fittings of the *Oriental* which will be some guide for the *Bengal Merchant* making proper allowances for the intermediate passengers. I have entered the applications from Andrew Duncan, John Colville, and J. & J. Nesbitt for land orders which will be sent you in exchange for the purchase monies say £300. I am to request that the account for the preliminary sections and share may be now settled, as the land orders are ready.

3 Sep 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow
1839/947 General Letter Relative to Mr Carruth's cows; land orders, dues at the Port

6 Sep 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217231906/view
In reply to your letter of the 5th instant the Directors have no objection to Mr Dorsay's purchasing and paying for a land order for the sum of £100, and they will allow him for his passage in any Ship he thinks proper for the sum of £60 to be paid by an order upon the Union Bank of Australia through which he will receive the amount on his arrival in New Zealand.

12 Sep 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217232943/view
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Draft for £2 14s but have not time just now to examine the account. The Land orders will be forwarded to you by this evening's mail. The *Bengal Merchant* received her sailing orders on Tuesday to go round to the Clyde without delay.

14 Sep 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow
1839/952 General Letter Receipt of land orders; stating # of Emigrants per *Bengal Merchant*

16 Sep 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow
1839/950 General Letter Draft for £214, wishes NZ Gazette &c

19 Sep 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217235854/view
I am directed by the Board to send you the Articles of Agreement which have been concluded amongst the Colonists with the application of the Directors for the provisional government of the intended Colony. These articles were on Saturday last signed at Gravesend on board the ship by the settlers and labouring emigrants now proceeding to New Zealand and were received not only with approbation but with great applause. A duplicate copy with Director's signatures is sent you by tonight's mail and I am to request that your Committee will obtain the signatures thereto of every male person of full age, proceeding as a passenger on board the *Bengal Merchant*. The Signatures will best be obtained after embarkation, and it would be desirable that the Lord Provost, or one of the Committee, shall address the assemblage explaining the objects and intent of the Agreement.

It is the wish of the Directors that a good dinner should be provided on board the Ship for the labouring Emigrants at the Company's expence on the day of Signature, also that some trifling presents should be given to the children upon the occasion. And you are to consider it as a positive injunction that no person refusing his signature is to proceed as a passenger in the Ship.
When the signatures are obtained you will return me the Documents and in the mean time care must be taken that no person whatever obtains a copy, as it is important that the Agreement itself should not appear in the newspapers, although its substance is already reported.

The *Bengal Merchant* was in the Downs on Saturday last and may be expected as soon as the present unfavourable weather will permit.

21 Sep 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow
1839/954 General Letter £200 for land on account of Nisbett and Duncan

21 Sep 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217240930/view
I am directed to forward you a letter of appointment for the assistant to the Surgeon Superintendent of the *Bengal Merchant* together with duplicate copies of the printed Instructions for the Surgeon and of the Terms of Tender and Contract entered into with the owners of the ship.

> A letter has been received this morning informing me that she reached the Downs last night, and as the wind has been more favourable today, it is probable she has now put to sea together with the *Oriental, Adelaide, Aurora* and *Duke of Roxburgh* and other vessels. John Jennings for the Secretary.

23 Sep 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow
1839/955 General Letter £500 for land for R. Wigmore & draft payable to him in NZ
1839/956 General Letter Minutes of Committee as to document to be signed by Scotch _

23 Sep 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217240930/view
I have to acknowledge the receipt for £200 on Messrs Barnett Hoare & Co. and enclose you the following land orders. No.31 John & James Nesbitt part 1 & 2; No.29 Andrew Duncan part 1 & 2.

25 Sep 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow
1839/957 General Letter Free passage for son and daughter of Mr Wallace

25 Sep 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217242559/view
Your remittance of £100 is received. Enclosed is a land order in duplicate for Mr Wigmore and the Bill on the Bank in New Zealand shall be sent tomorrow. I observe your resolution in regard to the agreement, which you will before the receipt of this, have delivered to Mr Jennings. We are in correspondence with the Government on this subject.

27 Sep 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217243672/view
On the other side you have an order on the New Zealand Bank for £60 in favour of Mr Robert Wigmore, please acknowledge.

28 Sep 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow
1839/958 General Letter Mr Wigmore's draft Dietary of *Bengal Merchant*

28 Sep 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217244191/view
I regret that Mr Wallace through his want of application to the Directors within the limited time should have lost the benefit of the passage allowance upon the preliminary sections of land held by him since the regulations of the Company forbid the Directors favorably considering Mr Wallace's present request on the part of his son and daughter.
Annotation: Permission afterwards granted.

PS Sent you yesterday the order on New Zealand Bank for Mr Wigmore being for £60 less the usual charges.

30 Sep 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217244770/view
I will take the earliest opportunity of bringing before the Directors your suggestions for an increase of Dietary and will let you know. Be good enough to apprize me immediately of the arrival of the *Bengal Merchant* in order that the Company Superintendent of Shipping may be sent down without delay.

The Directors will be very glad to hear of the proposed public Dinner, which will have a good effect. The Dinner should be given to the Emigrants as previously contemplated, although, on account of negotiations pending with the Government it is considered not advisable to require signatures to the articles of Agreement.

The Company is not at present prepared to grant Cases. When the accounts arrive from the first expedition, that point is to be taken into consideration. The produce of New Zealand is not present in many instances, charged as Foreign, although remonstrances have been made to the Treasury and Messrs Enderby (a large House in the Oil Trade) have taken some steps in the way of legal resistance in the Exchequer. But whenever the declared intentions of Government take effect, and British Sovereignty is established New Zealand goods will, of course, become Colonial and not Foreign produce and charged the low Duty accordingly.

The Ships have made their way down channel, in spite of contrary winds, without putting in. The *Oriental* has been head of off Dartmouth, all well.

4 Oct 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217245773/view
The Directors have considered your suggestion that in the Scale of Dietary of the *Bengal Merchant* there should be an addition of ¼ pound more Beef and ¼ pound more pork per diem, with plenty of oatmeal, and a full pound of potatoes per diem, and the flour to be proportionately reduced, and that a supply of whiskey should be amongst the medical stores, and I am to signify to you the approval of the Board, after additions, provided the necessity thereof be certified by Captain Brash, Superintendent of Shipping, upon which a due allowance will be made in account with the owners.

The Directors have much pleasure in subscribing the sum of £50 towards the proposed public dinner, upon the understanding that it is to be in every sense a public one, so as to give eclat to the departure of the Ship. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your amount of expenses which will be examined as soon as possible.

In reply to Mr Logan's letter of the 30th ultimo requesting for the reasons stated, the transfer of the free passage of Mr Robert Wallace to his son aged 17 and his daughter aged 12. I am to inform you that under the circumstances his request has been complied with.

With reference to Mr R. R. Henery's application for a free passage for his wife and daughter the Directors do not see any reason for such a departure from the Regulations. I am desired to request your attention to the correspondence of the List of Cabin Passengers, with the amounts of their respective purchases for land, as the Directors rely upon the vigilance of the Committee to prevent any improper appropriation of Cabins. Send me a completed list of Cabin Passengers as soon as possible.

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4 Oct 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217245773/view
The Manager of the Clydesdale Bank has omitted to sign the accompanying Draft. Therefore return it for correction.

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4 Oct 1839 R. Brash, Glasgow
1839/1495 General Letter Arrangements on board *Bengal Merchant*

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7 Oct 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217248033/view
I have duly received your Remittance of £100 for Mr William Dorsey. The land order shall be sent with Mr Carruth's without delay. I trust the *Bengal Merchant* will not be detained later than the 25th which is a long delay, as it is. The reason for not requiring Signatures to the Articles of Agreement is that since the proceedings at Gravesend, communications have taken place with Government, which render it inexpedient for the Company to do any act having the appearance of interfering with what is about to be effected by the Crown.

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9 Oct 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217248556/view
Herewith you will receive Mr Carruth's and Mr Dorsey's land orders. Mr Lumsden pressed strongly Mr Strang's application and the Directors regretted very much they could not properly comply with it, as they have not in any instance granted a free passage as mere matter of favour and felt it their duty not to make so bad a precedent. I observe that Captain Brash is with you, and as to the time of the dinner. The sailing Instructions and dispatches, shall be forwarded in due time.

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9 to 21 Oct 1839
1839/1496 to 1509 Proceedings relative to *Bengal Merchant*
1839/1509 Manifest of *Bengal Merchant* https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2168751276/view

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15 Oct 1839 Shipping & Emigration Committee https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2218312989/view
Read letters from the Superintendent of Shipping, now at Glasgow, and from the Secretary of the Committee there, suggesting the proprietary of increasing the Dietary of the Intermediate passengers per the *Bengal Merchant*. Referred to the Superintendent of Shipping in conjunction with the Glasgow Committee, to make the requisite additions, so that the price per head do not exceed £50 for each adult Intermediate Passenger.

16 Oct 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217251217/view
The Directors will not require Mr Dorsey to make any payment beyond the surplus £10 for his child aged about 16 months. Mr Colville's land order will be sent per parcel tomorrow with the forms of Emigration Registers.

17 Oct 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217251217/view
I beg to enclose you Mr John Colville's land order No.44 part 1 and 2 and please acknowledge the receipt of the same at your earliest convenience.

21 Oct 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217252180/view
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your remittance for £100 for Mr Buchanan's land order which I herewith enclose No.46 part 1 and 2. Miss Strong's passage money may be taken at the rate of one third of an adult. I observe your list of toasts which reads well, also your letter to the Glasgow Courier which is exactly to the point. The Tenor of Captain Hobsons Instructions corresponds with the Assurances which we have repeatedly reserved from the Colonial Office that unless our purchases can be shown to be fraudulent, they will unquestionably be confirmed and those instructions sanction the very principle by which we have all along been striving, namely the establishment of uniform System of Sale and price, and the suppression of land sharking.

I assure you that Captain Hobson's instructions, although somewhat vague, have been highly approved by the Directors here, and it is quite wrong to suppose them calculated to damage our proceedings.

Captain Hobson left England with the most friendly feelings to the Company, and Colonel Wakefield has been instructed to co-operate with and aid him in carrying his orders into execution. This might be mentioned at the Dinner, as a proof that we feel no kind of alarm at the measure of Government.

23 Oct 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217252707/view
I have forwarded to your address by tonight's mail a Bag of Dispatches for the Captain of the *Bengal Merchant*. Will you be good enough to deliver it to him first removing the present Direction and affixing another as follows – To Colonel William Wakefield, Principal Agent of the New Zealand Land Company, London 23 Oct 1839.

24 Oct 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217252707/view
Your remittance of £100 has been received and in return I enclose the land orders in the names of Messrs Douglas Collins, Robert Weir and Alexander Miller as requested. Miss Strang is to be charged for at the rate of one third an adult Cabin passenger, as I have already written you.

31 Oct 1839 John Crawford, Greenock
1839/1145 Departure of the *Bengal Merchant*

Nov 1839 John Crawford despatching *Bengal Merchant*
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Glasgow Committee's account.
Allow Mr Crawford £1 per head for each adult – with £10 for head money and dispatch of the ship – 89 adults - £89

4 Nov 1839 The Pilot – New Zealand Colonists
On Monday the New Zealand emigration committee, including the Lord Provost, Mr Johnstone of Shieldhall, Mr Tennant, Mr John Crawford, Secretary, and a large party, paid a visit to the *Bengal Merchant* which was anchored in Gourock Bay, to bid farewell to the first Scottish colonists for that settlement. The emigrants were addressed by the Lord Provost, Mr Johnstone, and others; and, after partaking of a refreshment on board, the committee returned to Glasgow by the Inverary Castle steamer. The *Bengal Merchant* sailed on Thursday with a fair wind.

19 Nov 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217263302/view
Your letter shall be laid before the Directors of the first board, after which I will write you. It will be necessary that you should transmit a Debit and Credit account of monies received and paid by your committee. Captain Brash brought up sundry Bills, but without any explanatory letter. The Gentlemen who hold Shares in the Company should be reminded that the 2nd instalment now due on the 15th October last. I may take upon myself to assure you that the Directors will be much gratified if you can prevail on the Earl of Glasgow and the other noblemen mentioned, to become Honorary Directors for the West of Scotland.

The Board have it in contemplation to despatch a vessel direct from Fort William, Invernesshire in the Spring, and Mr Donald McDonald has been authorised to act as a temporary agent there, previous to his departure for the Colony. Perhaps he may make you some communication on the subject.

22 Nov 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217265449/view
In reply to your application on behalf of Mr Swayne. I am to inform you that the Directors cannot make to that Gentleman, and his family, any greater allowance of passage, than the 60 per cent, offered to all purchasers. If he should desire to go by way of Sydney, you can refer him to the Resolution with which I have acquainted you by letter of this date.

You describe the applicant as Esquire and possessed of property. It would seem therefore that his daughters are not strictly of the labouring class, or domestic servants, and consequently are not properly admissible to a free passage.

22 Nov 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217265449/view
I have laid before the Board your letter of the 15th instant and am desired to inform you in reply.

1st. It is the intention of the Directors to despatch any more ships during the present year, but if any considerable increase should take place in the Sales of Land effected in Scotland, it will furnish a reason for sending a second ship from the Clyde at an early period. By a late resolution of the Board, it has been determined to accommodate purchasers of land proceeding by way of New South Wales, by returning them one embarkation 60 per cent of their purchase money, and granting them Special Land Orders, requiring them to take possession of the lands in person within 18 months, otherwise the orders to be void. This you will be good enough to make generally known.

2nd. The Directors will make to you, as the Secretary of the Committee, the same allowances, for the Emigrants selected by you, and who sailed in the *Bengal Merchant*, and for the despatch of that Ship, as are usually made by the South Australian Commissioners viz a fee of 40s for every couple and of 10s for each unmarried adult, son or dau ghter who accompanied his or her parents, provided the principal agent shall not report unfavourably of their conduct during the first six months of their residence in the Settlement. A payment of one fourth of the whole to be made now on account and the residue on the expiration of the period mentioned. Also for the despatch of the Ship a fee of £5 and a further fee of 1s for every labouring Emigrant embarked, children being counted according to the scale in Article 9 of the printed regulations.

3rd. The Directors regret that they do not consider themselves justified in allowing more than the £50, already voted towards the public dinner. A very heavy claim has been made upon the Company, by the owners of the *Bengal Merchant* for extra expenses whilst in the Clyde, and the despatch of the Scotch Colony will be altogether far more costly than that of any of the London ships. I am to request to be favoured with a debit and credit account from the Committee at your earliest convenience.

4th. The Directors will be much gratified by the addition of the noblemen you mention, 10 to the list of the West of Scotland Committee as Honorary Directors, and I am commanded to convey to the members of the Committee as well as to yourself the thanks of the Board, for your obliging services on the late occasion. The Eclat with which you despatched the *Bengal Merchant* cannot fail to advance the Infant Colony in public opinion.

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23 Nov 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217266486/view
I am obliged by the Glasgow Argus, with Mr Matthew's advertisement. Will you be good enough to transmit by Coach a few copies of the prospectus referred to as being on Sale and copies of any other pamphlets published in Glasgow relating to New Zealand. I wrote you yesterday that the Directors cannot promise another Clyde Ship at present, but I think they might be disposed to send one when we renew the Campaign in the Spring. The Directors are inclined to rest till the arrival of news from the *Tory* unless any special circumstances should previously occur.

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25 Nov 1839 John Crawford, Glasgow
1839/1337 Encloses letter from Mr Swague, Ireland

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26 Nov 1839 Shipping & Emigration Committee https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2218314335/view
The Committee proceeded to consider the Memorial of Messrs Haviside & Co. referred by the Board with the Statement of extra expenses per *Bengal Merchant*. There appeared no evidence as to whether any and what written orders had been given by the Glasgow Committee. Ordered that the Secretary do transmit a copy of the Statement to the Glasgow Committee and request their explanation as to all orders given by them and expressing also the desire of the Directors that in future no expenses whatever should be incurred on account of the Company without orders in writing. That in the meantime the Committee recommend to the Board that a further payment should be made to the Owners to complete the first Instalment due upon the Contract.

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27 Nov 1839 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2217267007/view
The claims of the owners of the *Bengal Merchant* having been under consideration of a Committee of the Directors, I am desired to forward you a copy of the demands made upon the Company in addition to the amount strictly due upon the Contract. The Committee will be glad to know whether any and what written orders were given by your Committee, and if so to have copies. In regard to Item Nos 2, 3 and 4 for how many passengers were the _ directed to provide? Because your letter of the 14th September did not anticipate so great a number as that alleged.

The Committee in conjunction with Captain Brash were authorized to add to the Dietary of Intermediate and Steerage passengers. It would be satisfactory to have an explanation of the necessity of adding so considerably to the Steerage Dietary. As to No.6 your Certificate is observed but if the wish of other passengers a sufficient reason for this charge? The parties not being entitled as purchasers of land.

Generally the Directors will be obliged by an explanation from the Committee for their guidance in regard to the charges numbered 1 to 10 and I am to observe that on all future occasions the orders of the Committee should be issued in writing, instead of being given verbally, which is apt to cause confusion and irregularity. The Directors have not yet been able to examine the accounts of your Committee which duly reached me.

I have to thank you for the parcel of pamphlets. We can really say nothing at present as to taking up more Ships, and the probability is that none will be taken up till early in the Spring when we hope to have news of the first Expedition.

31 Dec 1839 Manifest of Cargo *Bengal Merchant* https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2168751276/view
Port Glasgow

28 Jan 1840 Lecture on Colonization https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2320186894/view
And in particular The Colonization of New Zealand. Mr Crawford delivers a lecture at the Exchange Rooms, Moss Street, Paisley.

11 May 1840 Glasgow Chronicle – Petition https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2320204124/view
To the Honourable the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow… long list of signatories

1 Sep 1840 English Chronicle and Whitehall Evening Post
The Ship *Blenheim* for New Zealand. On Monday forenoon the Royal Tar steamer left Glasgow with the Rev Dr McLeod, Mr John Crawford, and other gentlemen, on a visit to the ship *Blenheim*, then lying at the tail of the Bank, previous to her departure for New Zealand. The ship is commanded by Captain Gray, and the emigrants amount to betwixt 150 and 200. They are chiefly from Lochaber, Morven, and Skye, with a few Lowlanders. The families consist of the parents, with from six to ten children each, and they are all under the kindly and fatherly care of Mr McDonald, of Drimintoran, a genuine and highly respectable Highlander, who, to prove his confidence in the benefits to be derived from emigration, and the trust that might be put in his sincerity, goes out along with his family and friends to the land of hope, which we understand is Wellington, Port Nicholson. Besides this gentleman, there is Captain Campbell, from Lochaber, and family, Dr Sutherland, Mr John Cameron, Mr McFarlane, and Dr Campbell, the surgeon of the ship, from Mull. Some families were taken into the steamer at Glasgow and Renfrew, to be conveyed to the ship, and it was pleasing to observe the kindness and attention paid to these people by the active secretary of the New Zealand Company there, Mr Crawford. When they had all got on board, they were assembled below to hear an exhortation, in Gaelic, from the Rev Dr McLeod, who seemed to be almost adored by his countrymen. Never, we believe, did a more simple and unsophisticated people traverse the deep, than those who sail in the *Blenheim*. The Bible seemed to be the chief treasure of the adults; and what a striking thing it was to see some of the young women perusing, in sadness, the ministerial certificates of good character and conduct they had all been careful to procure, before leaving the land of their fathers? With our whole heart we bid them all "good speed." Before leaving, Dr McLeod presented to the emigrants, from Mr McLean, 15 volumes of the most valuable books in the Gaelic language, with a view to found a Celtic library in New Zealand, under the superintendence of the Rev Mr McFarlan there. – *Scottish Standard*.

2 Oct 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216606743/view
Posted to 24 Queen Street, Glasgow: I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo with reference to several parties desirous of obtaining a free passage to New Zealand by one of the Company's ships from London and I am to inform you that except the two single men who cannot go unless with sisters, the Directors will Grant a passage to the three applicants and their families by their next ship and as soon as the time is fixed for despatching a Vessel you shall be informed.

17 Oct 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216609361/view
In reply to your letter to the Superintendent of Emigration dated the 15th instant I have to state that a free passage will be granted to the named parties included in your application but not knowing what number of Berths may be provided in the *Olympus* for _ persons I cannot inform you at present whether the Directors will grant a passage to unmarried people mentioned in your letter.

23 Oct 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216611071/view
As the *Olympus* will only take equal to 100 adults and no other ship will be sent before the spring; I must trouble you to inform me, how many out of your selection (and whose names are sent you on the other side) will positively be prepared to embark and on whom reliance can be placed when I will send you Embarkation Orders accordingly.

26 Oct 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216611642/view
In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing one from Mr Miller, I can only refer you to one written to you in my absence by Mr Young on the 17th October informing you that only the married parties mentioned in your letter of the 15th could receive a free passage. I can only repeat this as it is quite against the Regulations of the Directors to grant free passages to single men unaccompanied by their families besides which there is positively no room left in the next ship for single men. The *Olympus* sails positively on the 1st of December.

Nov 1840 John Crawford Agency commission on 21 Sections
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J. Macfarlane (1), A. Perry (1), A. Reid (1), N. & D. Sutherland (4), J. A. Gilfillan (1), J. Duncanson (1), J. & J. Allison (6), J. Brodie (2), K. Mathison (4) - @ £5 each – total £105
And half-year's rent of Glasgow Office £17 10s.

4 Nov 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216612234/view
In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant I am to inform you the Directors will grant a free passage by the *Olympus* to Robert Pollok and his sister.

5 Nov 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216612754/view
Sir, I have the pleasure to forward you embarkation orders (enumerated below) for all the applicants of your selection for whom there will be space in the *Olympus*. As the Ship will only contain equal to 100 adults, we have been obliged to close the lists and those who have not been stated to be ready for the *Olympus* will have a passage by the next following Ship.

9 Nov 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216613282/view
Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant and with reference to a free passage for the widow McNaughton by the *Olympus* I am to inform you that a single female having declined, Mrs McNaughton can supply the vacancy and I enclose her embarkation order. The Directors adhering strictly to their regulations will not grant a free passage to Mrs Millar, her age rendering her ineligible, but on payment of £20 for her passage, she will be permitted to accompany the free Emigrants. The Directors have determined to despatch two more Ships to sail from London on the 1st January and the 1st February and Anderson and such other applicants as have no children above one year old will be registered for the latter ship.

19 Nov 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216615542/view
According to your letter of the 16th instant the name of David Wilkinson with his wife and child has been substituted for a passage by the *Olympus* and I enclose his Embarkation Order. It is required that all the Emigrants should reach the Depot in sufficient time to be inspected by Sir John Doratt, the medical Director on the morning of Monday the 30th instant and it is to be feared that those who leave Leith so late as Saturday the 28th will not arrive in time and may also be too late to embark on the 1st December.

20 Nov 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216616648/view
It is much to be regretted that Melvin did not give earlier notice of his inability to take advantage of a free passage to New Zealand and as it will in all probability be too late for you to find others to fill his place the vacancy will be supplied from Parties who have already applied. The selection for the Ships that are to sail on the 1st January and 1st of February must be strictly confined to the agricultural class and as much as possible to newly married couples or those with few children and single men with sisters.

9 Dec 1840 NZ Company to John Campbell https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216622512/view
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant with reference to Robert Melvin having applied to you to be sent out with his family on the first of January. You are aware that a second Embarkation Order is rarely granted but if deposits £6 with you, to be forfeited if he is not at the depot on the appointed day on the receipt of a letter from you after you have received the £6 the Embarkation Order will be forwarded you. It will be necessary also to use the same precaution with regard to Berzeck and his nieces. We have received the application you allude to for Thomas Davie but a supply of Forms will be sent you tonight and as soon as you return one on his behalf he will be entered for a passage by the *Katherine Stewart Forbes*. I am to request you will use the printed forms of application instead of your schedules accompanied by all the Certificates you can procure. The Directors are particularly anxious that the *Katherine Stewart Forbes* should take only young married couples with no child above one year old or young men with sisters or single women who maybe sisters or near relations of the married men or women and whose ages should not much exceed 25 years and I am to call your attention to this in the hope that you may be able to select some parties of the above vessel in time to sail on the 1st of February.

21 Dec 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216627709/view
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 19th instant enclosing applications of William Telford and John Potter, two single men (but without mentioning their ages) to supply the places of Alexander Peddie and Alexander Kew in the *Lord William Bentinck*. Presuming they are desirable Emigrants and of suitable age, they will be allowed to go; but I wish it to be understood, that no Embarkation Order must be transferred from one to another, without your first communicating to and having the sanction of the Superintendent of Emigration. I have not received any application of Anderson and wife, who you propose substituting for David Wilkinson who sailed in the *Olympus.* Your total silence about the Melvin family, Jane & Isabella, Malcolm & George Bezesk (their Uncle) leads me to conclude they have all declined. Pray let me hear from you per return post.

24 Dec 1840 NZ Company to John Crawford https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2216628227/view
Agreeably to your request contained in your letter of 22nd I send you Embarkation orders for the Melvin family and I trust they will be at the Depot by the 29th instant. I have entered the names of James Van on the register for a steerage passage by the *Lord William Bentinck* and you can remit the amount £20 to Mr Alston.

25 Feb 1841 NZ Company authorises payment of invoice from J. Campbell Glasgow Agency
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1894 James Collins and wife (Slains Castle) 30s
1901 Jane Dowrie – single 7s 6d
2023 Thomas Crosbie and wife (Lord William Bentinck) 30s
2041 Thomas Honyman and wife (Olympus) 30s
2073 Jane Malcolm – single 7s 6d
2074 Isabella Malcolm – single 7s 6d
2075 George Bezeek – single 7s 6d
2076 Robert Pollok – single (Olympus) 7s 6d
2076 Janet Pollok – single (Olympus) 7s 6d
2078 Thomas Scott and wife (Olympus) 30s
2080 J. Anderson and wife (Lord William Bentinck) 30s
2092 David Wilkinson and wife (Olympus) 30s
2104 Mary Macnaughton – widow (Olympus) 7s 6d
2282 John Potter – single 7s 6d
2283 William Telford – single 7s 6d
2294 James Vans – single 7s 6d

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12 May 1842 John Dorran, Johnstone, Glasgow https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2199609925/view
1842/2758 General Letter: It is with feelings of the deepest anxiety that I am under the necessity of writing you these few lines. I have these two or three years done all in my power to enable myself to emigrate to your colonies, but all the efforts I have made have been unsuccessful, and I have not yet been able to acquit myself in such a manner as your directions instruct, but seeing that every season instead of getting better, I am getting worse, and having no prospect before me, that I will ever be able to do it, I implore your generosity and that your honourable Company when they have considered my case, will I hope, see cause to pity my condition, and grant me a free passage which I assure you would be great boon to me. Since the year 1839 (when my father Peter Dorran and his family my sisters and brothers who you granted a free passage to emigrated) I have been very anxious to emigrate, thinking every season I would be better, but as the seasons came I was always worse and could never obtain money to get myself rigged out and my mind has not been at ease since, nor never will until I arrive at that haven, And I am under the necessity of laying my case before you hoping you will give it mature deliberation, and that you will allow me as much as take me out to the place of embarkation and clothe me in the attire that's required by your regulations, for which I would be very thankful and would whenever it was in my power after being settled repay you your money with interest thereon. I would also keep the utmost secrecy as to this point. If you would grant the favor I request you could send an order to Mr Crawford, Agent for the New Zealand Company in Glasgow, or to any person you think proper who could see me embark when I got the clothes. I enclose my marriage certificate and the Schedule fill up is enclosed and request you will favor me with an answer as soon as convenient.

Following:
A listing of the applicants recorded as linked to John Crawford in the Register of Emigrant Labourers applying for free passages Jul 1839 to 29 Nov 1843 and 1 Jan 1847 to 4 Jul 1850. For further details see: https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-2319040246/view
Or a transcript at: https://www.nzpictures.co.nz/NZCo-ApplicationsForFreePassage.pdf

Appn No	Date	Name	Status	Age	Wife	Chn	Emb No.
1135	18 Nov 1839	John Branks	M	31	27		265
1136	18 Nov 1839	Robert Branks	M	24	20		266
1137	18 Nov 1839	Peter Brown	M	27	21	1	267
1138	18 Nov 1839	Malcolm Brown	S	20			268
1139	18 Nov 1839	William Brash	M	39	28	2	269
1140	18 Nov 1839	John Bryce	S	33		3	270
1141	18 Nov 1839	Sam Burnet	M	28	28	3	271
1142	18 Nov 1839	Adam Brown	S	23			272
1143	18 Nov 1839	Mathew Cook	M	35	35	3	273
1144	18 Nov 1839	George Crawford	S	27			274
1145	18 Nov 1839	William Cook	S	17			275
1146	18 Nov 1839	Matthew Cook	S	15			276
1147	18 Nov 1839	James Cullen	S	20			277
1148	18 Nov 1839	James Campbell	S	24			278
1149	18 Nov 1839	Peter Dorran	M	49	49		279
1150	18 Nov 1839	Thomas Dorran	M	19	17		280
1151	18 Nov 1839	Peter Dorran	M	24	19	1	281
1152	18 Nov 1839	Elizabeth Dugald	S		19		282
1153	18 Nov 1839	David Dick	M	22	24	2	283
1154	18 Nov 1839	Donald Drummond	M	28	22		284
1155	18 Nov 1839	Thomas Eckford	S	28			285
1156	18 Nov 1839	Ann Forbes	S		22		286
1157	18 Nov 1839	William Golder	M	29	26	2	287
1158	18 Nov 1839	David Galloway	M	20	18		288
1159	18 Nov 1839	James Gilbert	M	22	24	3	289
1160	18 Nov 1839	James Lansdale	M	31	26	1	290
1161	18 Nov 1839	William Leckie	M	23	24		291
1162	18 Nov 1839	Isabella Lockhart	S		21		292
1163	18 Nov 1839	J. A. Murray	S	25			293
1164	18 Nov 1839	William Murray	M	21	19		294
1165	18 Nov 1839	John McBeth	M	27	27	1	295
1166	18 Nov 1839	John McLaggen	M	29	25		296
1167	18 Nov 1839	David McEwan	M	21	20	1	297
1168	18 Nov 1839	Andrew McEwan	M	45	47		298
1169	18 Nov 1839	John McGeehen	M	20	20		299
1170	18 Nov 1839	Mrs Millar	S		57		300
1171	18 Nov 1839	George McLatchie	S	20			301
1172	18 Nov 1839	Jane McBeth	S		17		302
1173	18 Nov 1839	Joseph Mitchell	S	23			303
1174	18 Nov 1839	John Nisbet	M	40	36		304
1175	18 Nov 1839	Thomas Nisbet	S	31			305
1176	18 Nov 1839	James Neilson	M	27	27	1	306
1177	18 Nov 1839	Thomas Polloh	M	21	20		307
1178	18 Nov 1839	Mary Rankin	S		22		308
1179	18 Nov 1839	Andrew Rowand	S	22			309

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1180	18 Nov 1839	Thomas Reid	M	23	20		310
1181	18 Nov 1839	James Riddle	S	27			311
1182	18 Nov 1839	David Reid	S	39			312
1183	18 Nov 1839	Alexander Scott	S	30			313
1184	18 Nov 1839	Thomas Simpson	S	21			314
1185	18 Nov 1839	Henry Scullers	M	25	22		315
1186	18 Nov 1839	John Turner	M	19	19		316
1187	18 Nov 1839	James Turner	S	20			317
1188	18 Nov 1839	Andrew Turner	S	18			318
1189	18 Nov 1839	William Tannahill	S	20			319
1190	18 Nov 1839	Samuel Wilson	S	22			320
1191	18 Nov 1839	James Wilson	M	39	32	5	321
1192	18 Nov 1839	Alexander Yule	M	32	28	3	322
1193	18 Nov 1839	Moses Yule	S	24			323
1894	8 Sep 1840	James Collins	M	30	30		683
2022	30 Sep 1840	Archibald Sinclair	M	22	24	1	
2023	2 Oct 1840	Thomas Crosbie	M	29	28	2	904
2024	2 Oct 1840	John Crosbie	M	27	21		
2025	2 Oct 1840	Peter McGuire	M	22	21		
2041	7 Oct 1840	Thomas Honeyman	M	25	28		864
2073	21 Oct 1840	Jane Malcolm	S		19		940
2074	21 Oct 1840	Isabella Malcolm	S		21		941
2075	21 Oct 1840	George Bezeek	S	35			903
2076a	21 Oct 1840	Robert Pollok	S	29			880
2076b	21 Oct 1840	Janet Pollok	S		30		881
2077	21 Oct 1840	Lawrance Findlay	S	21			
2078	21 Oct 1840	Thomas Scott	M	24			885
2079	21 Oct 1840	John Coventry	M	25			
2080	21 Oct 1840	John Anderson	M	30			898
2081	21 Oct 1840	Peter Clark	M	40	35	4	
2082	21 Oct 1840	Robert Melvin	M	49	48	1	
2083a	21 Oct 1840	Robert Melvin	S	20			
2083b	21 Oct 1840	Hugh Melvin	S	24			
2084	21 Oct 1840	Janet Melvin	S		19		
2085	21 Oct 1840	Ann Melvin	S		17		
2086	21 Oct 1840	Jane Melvin	S		27		
2087	21 Oct 1840	Helen Melvin	S		15		
2088	21 Oct 1840	Alexander Peddie	S	21			
2089	21 Oct 1840	Alexander Kerr	S	30			
2090	21 Oct 1840	David Cumming	S	24			
2092	24 Oct 1840	David Wilkinson	M	28	23	1	897
2103	29 Oct 1840	Andrew Sutherland	M	27			
2104	29 Oct 1840	Mary McNaughton	S	29		1	876
2282	21 Dec 1840	John Potter	S	25			949
2283	21 Dec 1840	William Telford	S	24			964

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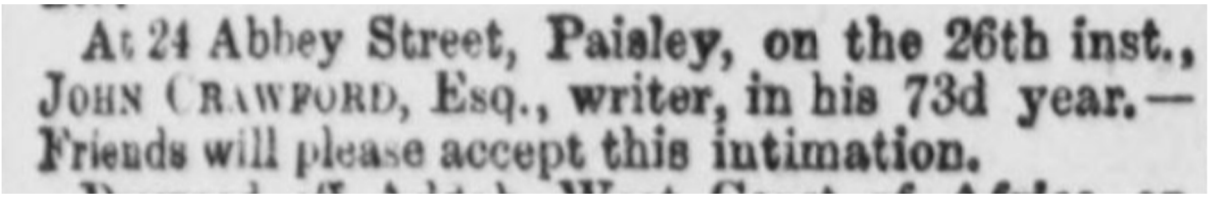
2294	24 Dec 1840	James Vans	S	25			967
2567	16 Feb 1841	Alexander Rankin	M	40	38	2	1096
2568	16 Feb 1841	James McDonald	M	39	38		1082
2569	16 Feb 1841	Margaret Robertson	S		16		
2570	16 Feb 1841	George Jeffery	M	39	37	2	
2571	16 Feb 1841	Elizabeth Jeffery	S		19		
2572	16 Feb 1841	James Craig	M	40	39	4	1070
2573	16 Feb 1841	John Jamieson	M	38	35	5	
2574	16 Feb 1841	John Jamieson	S	19			
2575	16 Feb 1841	John Murray	M	37	35	5	1085
2576	16 Feb 1841	Robert Donald	M	37	38	3	
2577	16 Feb 1841	Jean Donald	S		15		
2578	16 Feb 1841	Robert Cunningham	M	30	30	3	
2579	16 Feb 1841	Joseph Mitchell	M	28	31	2	
2580	16 Feb 1841	James Clark	M	36	37	4	
2581	16 Feb 1841	William Maver	M	43	41	4	
2582	16 Feb 1841	John Morrison	M	34	35	5	
2583	16 Feb 1841	Mary Morrison	S		29		
2584	16 Feb 1841	William Blackwood	S	20			
2585	17 Feb 1841	John Morton	M	30	21	1	
2586	17 Feb 1841	John Salisbury	M	27	24		
2587	17 Feb 1841	Samuel Bridge	M	28	22	2	
2588	17 Feb 1841	Hugh McLeod	M	27	21		
2589	17 Feb 1841	John Alexander	M	38	37	4	
2590	17 Feb 1841	Matthew Turnbull	M	31	32	6	
2591	17 Feb 1841	Jane Jeffray	S		18		
2592	17 Feb 1841	Elizabeth Jeffray	S		16		
2593	17 Feb 1841	Janet Findlay	S		23		
2594	17 Feb 1841	John McCrew	S	21			
2595	17 Feb 1841	John Murray	S	23			
2596a	17 Feb 1841	Alexander Murray	S	16			1086
2596b	17 Feb 1841	Catherine Murray	S		14		1087
2597	17 Feb 1841	Mary McLeod	S		18		
2598	17 Feb 1841	Angus McLeod	S	54			
2599	17 Feb 1841	Jane Donald	S		16		
2600	17 Feb 1841	Margaret Ranken	S		19		1097
2601	17 Feb 1841	Andrew Ranken	S	17			1098
2602	17 Feb 1841	William Ranken	S	15½			1099
2603	17 Feb 1841	Robert Clark	S	19			
2604	17 Feb 1841	Agnes Clark	S		16		
2605	17 Feb 1841	Robert Craig	S	19			1071
2606	17 Feb 1841	John Craig	S	16			1072
2607	17 Feb 1841	John Jamieson	S	19			
2608	17 Feb 1841	William Mavor	S	16			
2609	17 Feb 1841	Margaret McDonald	S		15		

Appn No	Date	Name	Status	Age	Wife	Chn	Emb No.
2610	17 Feb 1841	Christiana McDonald	S		16		1083
2611	17 Feb 1841	Alexander McDonald	S	18			1084

John Crawford

1874 Sep 28 Glasgow Herald – Death of Mr John Crawford
In our obituary notices this morning the death, in his 73rd year, of Mr John Crawford, writer, is recorded.


At 24 Abbey Street, Paisley, on the 26th inst., JOHN CRAWFORD, Esq., writer, in his 73d year.—Friends will please accept this intimation.

For some time past, Mr Crawford's health was not very good, but with brief intervals of repose he was wont to make his welcome re-appearance in public, until the beginning of last week, when his failing health set him finally aside. Mr Crawford lived with his sisters in Abbey Street, and he died on Saturday afternoon. The life of the deceased gentleman was of a most varied character – by profession a lawyer, in early years associated with railway schemes; and all through his life a man who was foremost in every question of local interest. He not only took a share in the consideration of these subjects, but he devoted much time to the discussion of the intricate questions relating to "currency," and on which he has written a pamphlet. On other subjects, Mr Crawford was esteemed by many as an authority, and in literature, legal and polite, his knowledge was most extensive. His retentive memory afforded his friends, on all occasons, a fund of information, and those who knew "the old man eloquent," will never forget the genial and intellectual treat which his conversation conveyed. On the platform, Mr Crawford was a most accomplished speaker. His style was clear, terse, and cogent, while ever running through his thoughts and arguments there sparkled a vein of fine sarcasm that made his public appearances a source of memorable enjoyment. In his social capacity the deceased gentleman was much beloved. Standing out as the exponent of the local history of more than half a century, holding in his own hands the facts, and having personally engaged in the local controversies of the burgh during the past quarter of a century, Mr Crawford enjoyed alike the friendship and esteem of young and old. A faithful likeness of the deceased hangs over the president's chair of the Social Club, of which he had been president for many years. It will become a portrait of some value now that the portly figure of the original has passed into the grave.

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3 Oct 1874 Paisley Herald and Renfrewshire Advertiser – Death of Mr John Crawford
In the death of Mr John Crawford, writer, 24 Abbey Street, the 19th instant, the community of Paisley has lost one of its most noted members. Mr Crawford died in the house in which he was born, and which has been the property of his family for 150 years. Mr Crawford had been in failing health for the past two years, but the illness which was the immediate cause of death – congestion of the lungs – had lasted only for about eight days, and his death was somewhat sudden and unexpected.

The deceased was widely known and very much esteemed. He was born on the 18th of May 1802 and his father was the principal partner of the firm – then so well known – of Crawford & Martin, writers. Mr Crawford was educated in the Paisley Grammar School, and under the tutorage of the Rev Mr Leitch, of Largs, in whose house he boarded, and for whom he entertained a high regard. He afterwards studied in the University of Edinburgh, where he made the acquaintance of Christopher North, the well-known Professor John Wilson, also a native of Paisley. Mr Crawford remained the most intimate friend of the eminent Professor till his death, the intimacy with the family continuing when the Professor passed away. Only one instance need be given of Mr Crawford's interest in the family, he being the means of procuring for Mrs Gordon, the Professor's daughter, an annuity from the Queen's bounty fund.

Mr Crawford's father died about the year 1820, and in a few years afterwards the son began business himself as a writer, and was admitted a member of the Faculty of Paisley. In early life he exhibited those eccentricities of genius which clung to him afterwards. He had a great aptitude for speculation, and soon relinquished his profession as a writer.

In connection with the Philosophical Institution of the day he distinguished himself, being one of the main supports of the Paisley Philosophical Institute in its early history and was the means of having fitted up in the Abbey Close a new hall for that Institution.

He originated the Paisley Commercial Bank, which was afterwards incorporated with the Western Bank. He was the projector and carried through the formation of the first passenger railway in Scotland, between Paisley and Renfrew, and was appointed the secretary to the company; but the schemes he propounded were of such a gigantic character that they seemed to baffle the comprehensions of the directors, and in the couse of time his connection with the undertaking ceased. The committee, having charge of the matter considered that Mr Crawford was too dogmatic, and appointed another writer in his stead, whereupon the deceased became so dissatisfied that he left for London, where he began to write on the subject of emigration.

On this matter he obtained the influence of noblemen and gentlemen in the metropolis, and the result was that Mr Crawford originated the New Zealand Land Emigration Society, which had amongst its directors the Earl of Eglinton, and Provost Lumsden, of Glasgow. The company acquired a large district of land in New Zealand and sent out several ships with emigrants. There are many persons in that country who have made fortunes, and who will learn with deep regret of the death of him under whose auspices they left their native land. The first Maori war alarmed the directors of the company, and they gave up the undertaking to the London Land Emigration Society. The deceased realised only lately the last portion of the money he had sunk in the transaction.

Mr Crawford afterwards endeavoured to gain a position as a Scotch Parliamentary solicitor in London, but finding that difficult, he accepted an appointment as secretary to the Trent Valley and Holyhead Railway Company, at a salary of £1,500 per annum. Again, he found the situation uncomfortable, and gave it up. He then went to the Isle of Man, but shortly afterwards retraced his steps to London, and was engaged as a solicitor.

Mr Crawford returned to Paisley in 1849, on the death of his sister. Recently, on the resolution of the Town Council to remove the old Cross steeple, he came forward as an opponent of the Municipal authorities, and maintained that they had no right to do so until they first obtained legal authority, his contention being that the steeple belonged to the community, was part of the common good, and that it could only be removed by judicial authority, and on the security being driven of its being rebuilt. Mr Crawford appeared at the Court of Session in his opposition, and his opinion was confirmed; and when subsequently permission was obtained to take down the dangerous structure, Mr Crawford advocated that provision should be made for its being rebuilt. None more regretted than he the expense incurred in the litigation.

Mr Crawford often lectured on local affairs; and those who knew him best felt that he was actuated by no selfish motives, but that he had at heart the best interests of his native town. Lately Mr Crawford published a work on the “Philosophy of Wealth,” in which he discussed at length the question of currency. His last appearance in public was so lately as the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Gamble Institute at Gourock.

At the request of many of the deceased’s friends, the funeral was a public one, which took place on Thursday last. The large and respectable company met in the Abbey Church, and the Rev Mr Watson, of the Middle Church, conducted the services. The body was afterwards carried shoulder high from his late residence to the Abbey Churchyard, where it was interred in the family burying-ground. The following gentlemen were the pall-bearers: Mr John Martin, W.S., Edinburgh; Dr D. Richmond; Dr A. F. Richmond, Greenock; Mr R. Culbertson, Eden Lodge, Edinburgh; Mr Francis Martin, writer, Paisley; Mr Thomas Wilson Richmond; Mr P. Comya Macgregor, of Brediland; ex-Bailie Eaglesham; and Mr John Culbertson, Edinburgh.

The deceased having been Chairman of the Troglodyte Club[1] for many years, and being respected and loved by the whole members for his urbane manner, dignified deportment, and high social qualities, met after the funeral in the Terrace Tavern, under the Presidency of Mr Hugh Smith, and partook of a service of cake and wine, and where Mr Thomas Campbell delivered the following short oration:-

John Crawford, Chair of the Troglodyte Club
Paisley Art Institute Collection held by
Paisley Museum and Art Galleries

Mr Chairman and gentlemen, on returning from the last earthly resting place of our late beloved chairman to where we so long, and still so recently, enjoyed his fellowship, we cannot but experience conflicting emotions – in me the pleasing far exceeding the painful. To have a lifetime's friendship such as his – constant as sincere – to look back upon, can only inspire a sense of serene pleasure.

To have been privileged to walk mentally, as it were, for over forty years, side by side with an intellectual giant, the support of whose arm was never withheld from the weaker pilgrim; to have had uncharitable thoughts, insidious jealousies, or unmanly aims, charmed or shamed away by his ever-abounding humour or his ever-gentle forbearance, was a wealth I was scarcely conscious of possessing until its fountain was sealed up – a light over the path of life, whose lustre could not be fully appreciated until the darkness came.

[1] Painting by Tavernor Knott (1816-1890) https://artuk.org/discover/artworks/john-crawford-chair-of-the-troglodyte-club-190241

Verily, Mr Crawford was no ordinary man. Enough has been chronicled by the Press during the last few days to show that his life was one or rare vicissitude. But those who knew him well could have no difficulty in finding at every period of that long life, in every variation of place and work, the man unchanged, the erudite scholar, the large-hearted philanthropist, the courteous gentleman, the staunch friend.

Not merely in search of personal advantage did he hie to the Isle of Man for a time, but to break up the despotic system of law and government that existed there as a blot on civilisation; and he did it, though personally suffering imprisonment in the task. Not for mere pelf did he descry in New Zealand a new field for fruitful industry; but, as Sheriff Alison said, when presiding in the Trades' Hall of Glasgow over a splendid banquet in honour of the sailing of the *Bengal Merchant* for that far off island with her living freight of enterprise and hope – "Mr Crawford has been actuated by the noble desire to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and by raising up a strong and virtuous people in a new colony, place another jewel in the British Crown."

I need not enumerate the many other forms, already so well recorded in our newspapers, through which his big heart shone forth, probably sometimes too little regarding self. It would be wrong, however, when the founding of a bank and the originating of a railway here have been honourably noticed, to pass silently over his more recent beneficence in the administration of help to the needy in stern seasons of distress. Of a truth, I repeat, our departed chairman was no ordinary man. As to his politics, you all know that he was born and bred under mild Conservative auspices; and perhaps no man ever more thoroughly manifested how that political quality is at its best when blending with rational progress. He gloried in being, and truly he was, a Conservative Democrat.

The good he kept firm hold of, and sought to add to it by expanding its influence through every channel that could keep it unpolluted, and yield back a sure return in more comfort to his fellow men. Here, sir, in the chair you now occupy, presiding over our meetings intended for mutual improvement, he reigned in every heart, for his reign was gentle, and his own heart warm and true. And now that the grave has closed over his mortal form, is it not some consolation to have his portrait, so life-like, to keep fresh on our memory the lineaments we would not willingly forget? The beautiful bust of his friend, Christopher North, in the Coffee-Room, is well worth a vist now and then from those who knew the great original, to refresh, as by a polish, their remembrance of his kingly head. And to this portrait, I think might well be applied Park's fine apostrophe to the marble bust.

"How like a lion in quiescent might
The noble-soul'd old gentleman appears!"

While condoling with each other over our great bereavement, I would call on you, gentlemen, before we part, to still more deeply condole with those two estimable ladies now mourning the irreparable loss of a brother, whose tender affection for them was only equalled by their devoted attachment to him, and their praiseworthy pride in his varied excellencies.

1851 Census 24 Abbey Street, Paisley

Margaret Crawford	Head	69 Annuitant	b Leith Walk, Midlothian
John Crawford	Son	48 Writer (not at present in practice)	b Paisley Abbey, Renfrew
Margaret Crawford	Dau	44 Spinster	b Paisley Abbey, Renfrew
Agnes Crawford	Dau	42 Spinster	b Paisley Abbey, Renfrew