

would be tried, to obtain the information which the Association desired.

The meeting adjourned to the 23^d of May.

W. Brittan
Chairman

May 23^d general meeting.

Thirty-nine gentlemen present. W. Brittan in the chair.

The Chairman announced donations of books to the Library from The Hon Francis Baring - Sir William Molesworth & the Archbishop of Dublin.

The Chairman announced that two ships had been taken up and recommended applicants for cabins & the cargo: - That chief cabin passage wd be fixed at £42 - Intermediate £25 - Steerage £15. That passengers of every grade would be allowed 1/2 a ton weight & c. and Mr Bowler attended to answer various enquiries and requested the colonists to let the superintendent know the amount of freight he might expect. Dead weight, such as iron, bricks, machinery, should be sent at once. Public notice of all these points wd be given. The ships wd be ready to be seen in a week and plans sh^d be immediately provided.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Frederic Moore on the subject of Steam communication with New Zealand. And thereupon it was moved by Mr. Dampier seconded by Mr. Ward and resolved

"That the Secretary be requested to convey to Mr. Moore