

name of the colonists, whether any ~~and~~ extra precautions ~~what~~, would be taken to ensure a supply of the best provisions for the ships chartered by the Canterbury Association.

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Mr. Bowler in answer to the Chairman's question stated that the system of the Association in such arrangements was to proceed on the principle of public tender. They had advertised for & accepted the tenders of the best ships, and they w^d do the same by the provisions contracting with the best provision-merchants. Besides that, the provisions w^d be inspected by an Officer of the Government and of the Association, and any colonist who chose was at liberty to attend the inspection. No further safeguard could be devised.

Mr. Ward moved in pursuance of notice to that effect "That a list be opened for subscription by the colonists to form a fund for providing food & other wild animals of England to be taken to and set at liberty in the Canterbury Settlement."

Mr. Felix Wakefield seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgerald drew attention to the state of the regulations in the Emigration department, which refused the privilege of an assisted passage to labourers above the age of 40. He was sure that this rule would not be relaxed in the case of families nominated ^{to assisted passages} by the Assocⁿ, but he had reason to think that in the event of a labourer or servant above the prescribed age being nominated by a purchaser of land, the circumstances w^d be treated as a special case by the Committee of Management. He w^d urge the colonists in their