

# WALMER CASTLE



*Walmer Castle,  
from painting Walmer Castle and Queensbury, Artist Michael Whitehand*



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***Ship, 656 tons Old Measure***

***Built 1836 at Blackwall, London by Wigrams and Greene,***

***Master: Captain Joseph Thorne, Surgeon Superintendent: Dr Neill Waugh***

***Plymouth, September 12, 1848 to Port Jackson December 30, , 1848 – 110 days at sea***

**Surgeon Superintendent Dr Waugh was born in London in 1818, graduated with a M.R.C.S. from St Andrews, London in 1840 and later became a well-respected homeopathic physician in Brisbane.**

REMARKS.

N.B.—Under this head it would be desirable to receive as much information respecting the Food and the People as may possibly be procured; a general description of the Food to be given as far as regards the fitness for the conveyance of Passengers, and of the nature and quality of the Accommodations afforded to them. If the People have been attended by the Ship, the quantity and quality of the food and water should also be mentioned; as well as any complaints that may have been made by the Passengers on any of the above points. The manner in which the Surgeon Superintendent appears to have discharged his duties, and the condition and quality of the Passengers should be described, with the general state of their health during the Voyage, and on arrival, and the diseases which had been most prevalent among them; and it would be useful to add any general remarks that may present themselves on the Conduct of the People and the arrangements observed on Board.

The Walmer Castle is very well adapted for the conveyance of Emigrants to this Colony and she was in every clearly state on arrival. The accommodations were good.

The provisions and water found to be good in quality and the Emigrants expressed themselves fully satisfied with their food and with the treatment which they received on the voyage.

The Surgeon Superintendent, Mr. John P. Waugh, appears to have performed his duties in a very efficient manner and he states that he received all requisite assistance from the Master and Officers of the Ship.

Several of the Emigrants by this Vessel appear to have been ineligible for free passages under the Regulations of the Colonial Land Emigration Commission, or to have been in other respects objectionable. Their names have been reported to the Colonial Secretary for the Commission's information.

The principal diseases reported by the Surgeon Superintendent were Dysentery, Infantile Fever & several cases of Throat.

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