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A HEARTRENDING SCENE

On Friday evening, at a late hour, between two and three hundred of the immigrants by the unfortunate ship *Ticonderago* (sic) were brought up from the Bay in one of Captain Cole's steamers. On their landing at the wharf the majority of them seemed in a deplorable condition from debility and sickness, the females especially looking most emaciated and feeble, and many required assistance to the drays which conveyed them to the Immigrants Depot. Whilst the steamer was coming up the river one poor little child died of fever, whilst, on the boat arriving in Melbourne, its mother was engaged in laying out the body of her child on the deck, having left, we hear, her husband on board the ship, still suffering from fever. Another female was carried from the vessel, apparently in a dying state, it being doubted whether she would ever reach her destination alive. The disgust and astonishment, mingled with the greatest sympathy, that these poor unfortunate passengers should have been sent on shore while still in so weak and sickly a state was loudly expressed by the spectators of the scene at the wharf. We were told by persons in the steamer that there are at least thirty cases of sickness on board the ship now that she has been permitted to come into the harbour. The number of deaths on the *Ticonderago* (sic) already exceeds 180!!