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Original Correspondence Section  
To the Editor of the Argus - "The Ticonderago" (sic)

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Sir - A garbled and false representation respecting the state of the ship *Ticonderago* (sic) having appeared in the Argus of Friday last written by a person who signs himself "Observer". I beg you will allow me the space of a few lines to disabuse the public on that subject, more particularly as that statement unjustly reflects on the conduct of the Captain and Officers of the vessel. Those gentlemen having evinced the most hearty desire for the welfare of the emigrants throughout the whole of her disastrous voyage. So far from the generality of the people being in an emaciated condition, as "Observer" seems to imply, the fact is, that out of nearly 600 only two were sent to the hospital; about a dozen were suffering more or less from diarrhoea or debility, none severely; the rest were in perfect health. The apparently unseemly haste with which the passengers were hurried over the side was caused by the impatience of the captain of the steamer, who would not wait a moment even to allow the husband of the mother of a seven-week's infant to join his wife with the child.

When the people were re-embarked from the Sanitary Station on the Monday previous, the ship was perfectly clean; but it having been necessary to take down the berths, and destroy them for the purpose of thoroughly purifying the vessel, the passengers were obliged for a few days they remained on board to lie on the decks, thus causing an untidy appearance, and a difficulty of attending minutely to cleanliness. As regards the Government officials, I can testify that the greatest pains were taken to thoroughly eradicate the disease before granting the ship pratique, and not a single case of infectious disease existed at the time the vessel left Point Nepean.

I am, Sir,

Your most obt. Servt.,

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