

but the vessel we had seen all the morning crossing our path in one of our tracks, we signalled her and she proved to be the "Star of Peace" from London to Melbourne 23 days out.

2nd a beautiful day and plenty of wind, but still adverse, during the night we had caught up another vessel, viz the "Patron" 33 days out from Liverpool bound to Singapore. The "Star of Peace" was just visible in the horizon to the south of us she could sail closer to the wind than ourselves consequently made more progress. A newspaper entitled the "British Empire Gazette" has made its first appearance to day, the first issue is certainly a decided success, it is conducted by * belongs to Robt. Speechly Esq^r and contains, a leader, a tale, letters, notices to correspondents, advertisements, such as, things for sale, articles lost or found, notice of an auction, theatricals & births deaths & marriages, a chess problem, commendations a plan of W. Church, the surgeons reports statistics of souls ^{on} board, and will for the future contain our daily latitude and progress made, altogether it is very cleverly managed, and nicely finished, it is written on blue wove foolscap, ruled and the heading of each page is in old english. Subjoin some extracts, first the statistics.

Number of souls on board the British Empire leaving England.

Saloon passengers	39	32	Statute adults
Second Cabin do	31	27 1/2	" " "
Emigrants	59	59	" " "
assisted emigrants consisting of married people & families	206 1/2		
Singlemen	75 1/2		
Women	131 1/2		
		345	
		463 1/2	officers crew.
		72	
		535 1/2	Total statute adults.

	Summary				
	English	Scotch	Irish	Foreigners	Total
adults	230	106	55	2	393
Children between 1-12 yrs	101	26	14	-	141
Infants	26	8	6	-	40
Grand Total	357	140	75	2	574

* It appears the doctor has been throughout almost the sole editor Mr. Speechly doing little else than writing it all, he however corrected the account of the plagues.