

in a boat dug out on the outside of St. George's Church, the land
of which, who by the way is as big as a prize bullock and whose
husband died of consumption, is constantly impressing
upon our minds, when we venture to make any modest plea
that we are in the colonies, and people cannot expect to have
things as comfortable as at home. She has the conscience
to charge us £12.2. per week for board and lodging for
ourselves and a servant, which according to her account
is a considerable reduction upon her usual charges,
which she says are £6.6. for a married couple £2.2 for a single
gentleman and £1.10. each for children, however with
Newcastle coal at £4.10. per ton, and eggs 4/- a dozen,
bread fourteen pence per four pound loaf, and rents ex-
orbitant one cannot well be surprised. We have
managed to secure a house large enough to hold us
for six months at the rate of £150 a year, during which
time Mr. Tennent hopes to build one, the use to let are
scarce articles, and being built of wood do not last long
so those that are to let are generally used up concerns.
The house, is the same of the one we have secured, the room across
summing in front, fit is a long house consisting of a body
and two wings, one of which Mr. Tennent intends letting
it is just within the town, and close to Mr. Fraser's.

All the single women, with one or two exceptions
that came out with us that wanted situations have
found them, but emigration is to be stopped
for the present having been rather overdone lately.

There has been a bad state of things amongst
the sailors of the "British Empire" they struck for good the
day after casting anchor, and threatened to do so again
the next day, but were pacified by having fresh meat
delt out to them, the boatswain however behaved in a
rather mutinous manner, and with another sailor
ran away from the vessel, having shaved himself clean
to avoid recognition. Mr. Henry recovered but has
left the vessel as a matter of course, he however expressed
great sorrow, and his determination to become a
temperance man, remaining here and sending for
his family. Of those who came out as first and second
class passengers one after another drops into a situation
and I hope will soon all be disposed of. Trust my return
will come soon, one young man who worked his way
out as assistant purser has had a situation given by
the Government in one town worth £280 a year.