

Letter: John Morrison to Nelson Emigration Commissioners 16 Nov 1858
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Written from 173 Fenchurch Street, London
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Sir, I beg to hand you herewith duplicate of my last, per "Salsette" ... on 30th ultimo to which I have reference.

... you have particulars of the emigrants, who are preparing to sail, & who decline to avail themselves of the privilege granted. The Government of Mecklenburg Schwerin issued last year some restrictive Laws respecting Emigration, the following is from the British Consul at Rostock? on the subject. "It was ordained that every body who wishes to emigrate must apply to the Government or to the Local Authorities for a permission and that such permission shall only be granted, if the parties are of full age have complied with their military duties, leave no children or a wife behind without having provided for or settled them, are not under a Law proceeding and finally who produce the contract for their passage with a duty appointed and authorised (by the Mecklenburgh Schwerin Government authorized) agent who must be domiciled in Mecklenburgh."

Under these circumstances, there is a greater delay required than I at first anticipated, those that can be in London by the 20th of December shall be forwarded by the "Mariner" which vessel makes Nelson the first port. I am still without the 2nd Schedule that I was informed had been sent on. By next Mail I expect to hand you a correct list of those going per "Mariner". I have the honor to be Sir, Your most obedient servant, John Morrison.