

THE PROPOSED SEAMAN'S HOSPITAL AT WILLIAMS TOWN.

A meeting for the purpose of considering the best means of establishing an Institution of this kind, at the above place was held at the Ship Inn, on Monday evening. Charles Ferguson, Esq. being voted to the Chair, briefly stated the intention of the present meeting, and that all must concur as to the necessity of founding some Institution for the relief of the numerous cases daily occurring in this port, amongst so great a number of ships, large at present, but small in comparison to what may be expected in a short time. For the last five months ending May 31st, five hundred and eleven vessels entered Hobson's Bay, amounting to a tonnage of ninety-five thousand three hundred and seventy-two tons, which, in the same proportion for twelve months, would give two hundred thousand tons annually, and, calculating four men for each one hundred tons, shows that eight thousand sailors arrive at this port in the space of a year, for whom, at present, there is no provision made for either sickness or accidents.

A lengthened conversation ensued, in the course of which several instances were pointed out of the great benefit conferred upon the shipping interest, by the establishment of an hospital at various ports named, and all agreed that such would be a great boon here. After some further discussion as to the wording of the resolution, the following was proposed by Captain Beazley, and seconded by Captain Goss, "That this meeting is convinced of the necessity existing for a Seaman's Hospital, at Williams Town; and that a committee be appointed to draw up a memorial to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully praying, that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, for this purpose; and that the memorial be given to William Westgarth, Esq. M.L.C. in order to its presentation,—and that the committee accompany Mr Westgarth at the presenting of the said memorial. This proposition was carried unanimously, and the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draw up the memorial: Captain Beazley (Clifton), Captain Ross (Hathemy), Captain Baker (City of Manchester), Captain Goss (Candahar), Capt Luke (Diana), Captain Nicholson (Calphurnia), Captain Haramach (Cambodia); and for carrying out the above, a meeting is appointed to take place on board the Clifton, this day, at four p.m. A vote of thanks to the Chairman being proposed by Thomas Hunt, Esq. and seconded by A. A. Broadfoot, Esq. the meeting adjourned.