

DUKE OF BRONTE



***Ship rig, 423 tons Old Measure, Owner: Thomson, Registered in London
Built: Rotherhithe 1825 by Thomas King
Dimensions: 112'4" Length x 29'3" Beam x 6'4" Draft***

***1849 voyage: London and Plymouth to Port Phillip via Adelaide,
Arrived Melbourne 16 October 1849
Master: John Thomas Barclay, Surgeon: Mr Cunningham
Steerage passengers included James Harrison, wife and 2 children***

The newspaper *The Argus* Wednesday 17 October 1849, p2, Shipping Intelligence, reported:

The *Duke of Bronte* arrived here yesterday with 66 passengers from London via Adelaide on the Mutual co-operation system, all of whom speak in the highest terms of the captain, for his extreme urbanity and kind attention during the voyage. She will proceed to Singapore in a few days, not having any cargo to discharge here.

Captain Barclay replied to the passengers via a letter published in *The Argus* on Monday 22 October 1849:

To the passengers per ship *Duke of Bronte*.

Ladies and Gentlemen, - In acknowledging the kindness in which you have expressed yourselves towards me and the manner in which the whole passage from England has been conducted, I beg to tender you my best thanks, and to assure you that my utmost endeavour has been to make you generally happy and comfortable, and consequently rejoice to see that my exertions have not been wholly without success.

It will therefore afford me much pleasure to hear of your being successful in all your various undertakings through life, and believe me to remain,

Yours faithfully

J.T. BARCLAY

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Port Phillip, 20th October 1849.

Auctioned on Saturday 27th October 1849, were the fittings of the immigrant ship "Duke of Bronte", together with the Cooking Apparatus, and the following surplus stores –
Blankets, Medicine Chest, Mustard, Mess Kids (sic), Preserved Meats, Soups, Salmon, Raisins, &c., &c., &c.
Terms – Cash

The *Duke of Bronte* sailed from Melbourne for Guam or perhaps Ceylon on 3 November 1849 with no passengers.