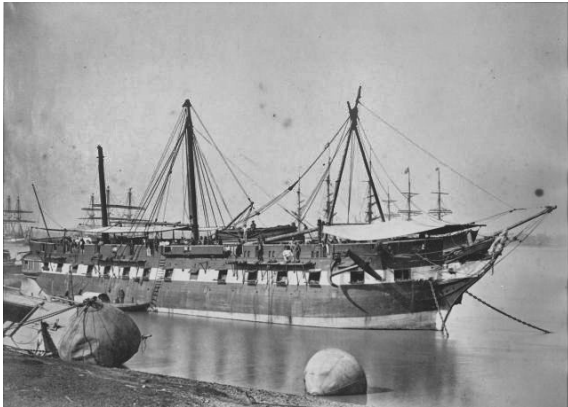


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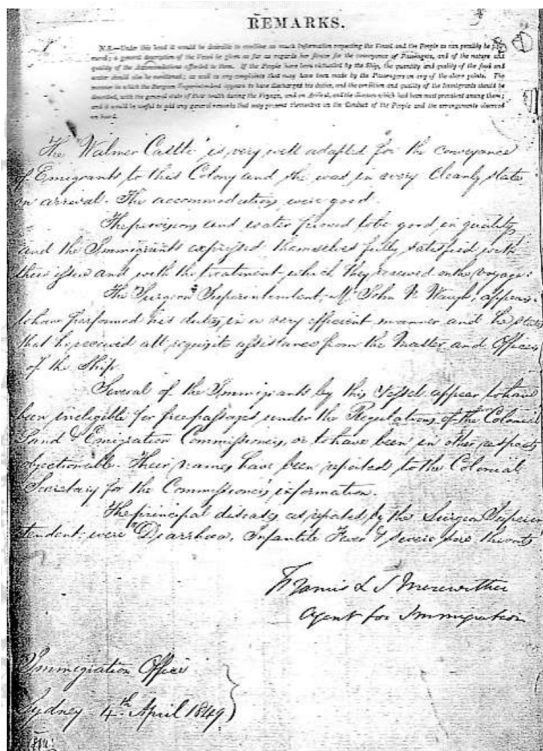


Walmer Castle as a hulk

Ship Rig, 656 tons Old Measure. Length 133'0", Breadth 32'8", Depth 15'0"
Built by: Wigram & Green at Blackwall, London
Launched: February 1836 as an East Indiaman
Built of: Timber sheathed in "yellow metal" (new copper in 1843 and some repairs and a new keelson in 1848)
Owner in 1848: Richard Green and Company
Early voyages: London to Bombay and Calcutta, 1848 England to Australia
Sold 1855 and last year in Lloyd's Register was 1867.

Sailed 22 September 1848 from Plymouth for Port Jackson with Captain Joseph Thorne, Surgeon Superintendent Dr Neil Waugh, 301 emigrants, 10 passengers and cargo for the Sydney merchants
Arrived Saturday 30 December 1848 after 110 days at sea

Surgeon Superintendent Dr Waugh was born in London in 1818, graduated with a M.R.C.S. from St Andrews, London in 1840 and later became a well-respected homeopathic physician in Brisbane



Ship's Return for Walmer Castle 1848 Voyage

The Walmer Castle is very well adapted for the conveyance of Emigrants to this Colony and she was in a very cleanly state on arrival. The accommodations were good.

The provisions and water found to be good in quality and the Immigrants expressed themselves fully satisfied with their officers and their treatment that they received on the voyage.

The Surgeon Superintendent, Dr John N Waugh appears to have performed his duty in a very efficient manner and he stated that he received all assistances from the Master and Officers of the Ship.

Several of the Immigrants by this vessel appear to have been ineligible for free passages under the Regulations of the Colonial Land Emigration Commission, or to have been in other respects objectionable. Their names have been reported to the Colonial Secretary for the Commissioner's information.

The principal diseases as reported by the Surgeon Superintendent were Diarrhoea, Infantile Fever and severe sore throats.

Francis LS Merewether
Agent for Immigration

Immigration Office
Sydney 4th April 1849