

Capt. Chisholm removed with his family to Australia, as his health required a temporary change of climate. At Sydney Mrs. Chisholm's sympathies were enlisted by the sufferings of the emigrants, who frequently arrived friendless and penniless. When Capt. Chisholm returned to India, it was deemed desirable that his family should remain for a time at Sydney, and his wife devoted all her spare nest efforts, and for them, after great difficulties, she succeeded in establishing a temporary home. She undertook several journeys into the interior, for the purpose of forming committees and establishing country homes, taking with her at the same time parties of young women, varying in number from fifteen to sixty, whom she placed in service at the farms on the route. Their travelling expenses were at first borne by herself, and afterwards refunded. No sooner, however, did the settlers become acquainted with her praiseworthy object, than they offered to find conveyance as well as food; and Mrs. Chisholm records the fact that her own expenses during seven years amounted only to £1. 18s. 6d. When labourers were required in the interior, though there was an excess in Sydney, she undertook, at the Government expense, many journeys of 300 miles into the bush for the purpose of planting families; sharing the hardships of her companions, and performing the duties of leader, adviser, and commissary-general. Mrs. Chisholm established an office in Sydney, at which all persons needing employment might attend daily; and by her disinterested efforts has placed many thousands in positions of respectability and comfort. Having collected a quantity of facts bearing on the history and prospects of settlers in the colony, she published them under the title of "Voluntary Information of the People of New South Wales." Early in 1845 Capt. Chisholm rejoined his wife, and gave her the benefit of his hearty co-operation. In 1846 they found it necessary to revisit their native land; and Mrs. Chisholm left Australia, having accepted a public testimonial of one hundred and fifty pounds, which she set aside for the furtherance of her benevolent views. In fact, she returned to England, not to rest from her labours, but to carry them out more effectually. Possessing neither rank nor influence, and with an income scarcely amounting to a competency, Mrs. Chisholm began her contest with Government officials for the rights of her poor clients. She secured attention to her representations by the confidence she inspired, and at length the order was given which consigned two shiploads of children from various workhouses to their parents in Australia, at the expense of Government. Similar success attended her efforts on behalf of the convicts' wives, who had been promised a free passage in certain cases of meritorious behaviour on the part of their husbands. But the great achievement of her visit to England was the establishment of the Female Colonization Loan Society, for the promotion of family emigration. She returned to Australia in 1854, and after devoting many years to the philanthropic objects she had at heart, again visited England in 1866.

Family Colonization Loan Society,
Charlton Crescent, Islington.

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Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of
informing you that your
kind zeal and advocacy
has brought some valuable
assistance from the Miss
Leigh Smiths to be available
at a future day as my great
difficulty with this ship is nearly
over -

Having established a
system of country dispensaries in
New South Wales

Chas. Adair

I am anxious to give the
Emigrants we send out the
full benefit of my experience
and as house rent is now
enormously high I have opened
a special fund to provide the
Emigrants on landing with
Tent accommodation and as
they will be able to land with
about 20 days provisions they
will by going into tents avoid
many dangers they would be
exposed to in looking for
lodgings - The Tents will
cost about £5 each and
last for years and be
of great use to others

emigrants - Mr Samuel Gamoy
has given me £10 for the Tent
Fund and if your relatives
would allow the donations
they are going to pay to the
Society to go to this fund
they would confer a
great blessing on many
poor families -

Yours Sincerely
Caroline Chisholm