

PAPERS

RELATING TO

IMMIGRATION.

I.—GENERAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY COMMAND OF
HIS EXCELLENCY.

WELLINGTON.

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1871.

SCHEDULE TO IMMIGRATION PAPERS.

CIRCULARS TO SUPERINTENDENTS.

| No. | Date. | From. | To. | Subject. |
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| 1 | 1871. Jan. 24 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendents of New Plymouth, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington | Drawing attention to the provisions of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," requiring them to recommend immigration; and to the purchase of land for railway and immigration purposes. |
| 1 | Jan. 24 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendents of Nelson, Marlboro', Canterbury, Otago, and Chairman of County of Westland | Drawing attention to those provisions of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," requiring them to recommend immigration. |
| 2 | May 31 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendents of Provinces and Chairman of County Council | The necessity existing for reservation of sufficient blocks of land in the vicinity of lines of roads and railways for immigration and other purposes. |
| 3 | June 28 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendents of Provinces and Chairman of County Council | Information as to demand for labour and prices of provisions and clothing requested, for transmission to Agent General. |

AUCKLAND.

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| 4 | 1870. Nov. 21 | Superintendent of Auckland | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Forwarding copy of Provincial Council resolutions on immigration and public works. |
| 5 | Dec. 3 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Auckland | Explaining in what way the above resolutions are defective, and expressing the desirability of His Honor and the Provincial Council placing the Government in possession of their views upon the whole subject. |
| 6 | Dec. 9 | Superintendent of Auckland | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Will lose no time in consulting Provincial Council on subject of No. 5. |
| 7 | 1871. Jan. 24 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Auckland | Requesting views of His Honor and Provincial Council, as promised in No. 6. |
| 8 | Jan. 31 | Superintendent of Auckland | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Forwarding copy of resolutions adopted by Provincial Council in reference to the operation of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," with which His Honor concurs. Immigration and continuation of Waikato Railway line to the frontier settlements of the delta. |
| 9 | June 6 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Auckland | Government would have given favourable consideration to wishes expressed by Provincial Council and His Honor, but obliged to delay while uncertainty existed in reference to financial mission of Colonial Treasurer. That uncertainty being removed, copy of Wellington Immigration Regulations forwarded (as a guide), and requests specific views as early as possible. Early decision will be come to in reference to Waikato line. |
| 10 | June 30 | Superintendent of Auckland | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Reply to circular of 31 May. Auckland and Tuakau Railway will pass through a country in which Provincial Government have no land for immigration reserves. |
| 11 | July 29 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Auckland | Reminding His Honor that Immigration Regulations have not yet been received. Government will be glad of co-operation in planting settlements on such of the confiscated lands within the Province of Auckland as may be available for that purpose. |

TARANAKI.

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| 12 | 1870. April 5 | Superintendent of Taranaki | Hon. Col. Secretary... | The restrictions which beset the dealing with the Taranaki lands render it impossible for that Province to derive full benefit of the Immigration and Public Works Act. Suggests the purchase of the aboriginal claims to confiscated lands, and locating the outlawed Maori wanderers. |
| 13 | April 21 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Taranaki | Government are alive to importance of settling Native questions, and Native Minister will take action in the matter at the earliest possible moment. |

HAWKE'S BAY.

| No. | Date. | From. | To. | Subject. |
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| 14 | 1870. Dec. 1 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | What land can be put apart for railways and immigration? |
| 15 | Dec. 2 | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Land most valuable and available is the Tamaki Bush, but it has yet to be purchased. The blocks of Crown land available are at the foot of Ruahine Range, at Mahia, and at Nuhaka. |
| 16 | Dec. 5 | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Is it not necessary to obtain assent of Provincial Council before setting apart blocks above mentioned? Hopes the purchase of the Tamaki Block will lead to that district being opened by a railway. |
| 17 | Dec. 6 | Mr. Cooper | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Necessary that Provincial Council should concur in setting apart land. |
| 18 | Feb. 8 | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Defers replying to No. 1 until Provincial Council shall be in Session. |
| 19 | Feb. 8 | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Wishes to know, for information of Provincial Council, whether the blocks of land already mentioned are sufficient security for purposes named. |
| 20 | Feb. 14 | Mr. Blackett | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Memorandum on above. |
| 21 | April 18 | Mr. Tyler | Hon. A. Domett | Report on the character of the Ruahine, Nuhaka, and Mahia Blocks. |
| 22 | June 7 | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Forwarding and remarking on resolutions of Provincial Council setting apart four blocks for special settlement. Ruataniwha, 10,000 acres; Seventy Mile Bush, 15,000 acres; Nuhaka, 14,000 acres; Mahia, 15,000 acres. |
| 23 | July 3 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Agent-General will meanwhile be advised of desire to introduce special settlements; but before he can be instructed to take any decided steps the minute conditions must be arranged with Government. The arrangements should be on a business basis, and no dependence placed on colonization from benevolent views. |
| 24 | May 27 | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Forwarding resolutions relating to introduction of nominated, single women, and special immigrants, and requests that female immigration now on its way may be included. |
| 25 | June 5 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Nominated and other immigration will be sanctioned, and Agent-General instructed. Government has no power to include immigration now on its way, but will propose an appropriation to the Legislature to cover it. Requests plans of blocks of land proposed to be set apart for special settlements. |
| 26 | June 8 | Hon. Minister for Public Works | Agent-Gen., London | Forwarding correspondence relating to nominated immigration. |
| 27 | June 17 | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Recommending same conditions for nominated immigration as are gazetted for Wellington. |
| 28 | June 19 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Draft regulations enclosed will be gazetted as requested. Instruction in reference thereto. |
| 29 | June 21 | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Acknowledging receipt of above. |
| 30 | June 26 | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Hon. Col. Secretary... | From twenty-five to thirty young women required every three months. Desires that Agent-General may be permitted to avail himself of Rev. P. Barclay's services in the selection. Failing Scotch, young German women will be found most suitable. Will forward cost of immigration now on its way as soon as possible. Plan sent of the three blocks for special settlement. |
| 31 | July 1 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Agent-Gen., London | Agent-General instructed to avail himself of Rev. P. Barclay's agency, and carry out wishes as far as practicable. |
| 32 | July 7 | Hon. Minister for Public Works | Agent-Gen., London | Forwarding correspondence relating to special settlements. |
| 33 | July 7 | Hon. Minister for Public Works | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Requesting that the services of the Rev. P. Barclay may be made available for selection of single women, to whom free passages are to be offered. |
| 34 | August 8 | Hon. Minister for Public Works | Superintendent of Hawke's Bay | Forwarding draft of regulations for assisted immigration. |

PLANS.

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| Ruahine or Ruataniwha Block, for special settlement | ... | ... | ... | ... | Page 19 |
| Nuhaka Plan and Mahia Blocks, for special settlement | ... | ... | ... | ... | Page 19 |

WELLINGTON.

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| 35 | 1871. Jan. 27 | Superintendent of Wellington | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Requesting that nominated immigration may be set on foot. Considers the satisfactory performance of contracts hitherto by Messrs. Shaw, Saville, and Co., should induce Government to make terms again with them, and deprecates promissory-note system. |
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WELLINGTON—continued.

| No. | Date. | From. | To. | Subject. |
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| 36 | 1871. May 25 | Superintendent of Wellington | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Requesting that arrangements may be made for introducing the following classes of immigrants, viz. :— (1) 500 labourers, with their wives and families ; (2) 500 unmarried females ; (3) 400 nominated immigrants ; (4) 100 families Scandinavians ; and (5) sundry manufacturers. |
| 37 | May 26 | Superintendent of Wellington | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Renewing application of previous Superintendent, contained in No. 35. |
| 38 | May 31 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Wellington | Enclosing regulations for nominated immigration made by the Governor. |
| 39 | June 1 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Wellington | Government prepared to introduce immigrants of classes 2 and 5, those of class 4 having already been sanctioned ; but declining to introduce classes 1 and 3 until provision for locating them has been made. Object to promissory-note system. |
| 40 | June 5 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Agent-Gen., London | Forwarding correspondence, and directing him to act on assurance given by Government in reference to classes 2, 3, and 5. |
| 41 | July 4 | Superintendent of Wellington | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Detailing arrangements proposed for locating classes 1 and 4 on blocks of land to be set apart for that purpose in the neighbourhood of public works, and urging adoption of promissory-note system. |
| 42 | July 8 | Hon. Minister for Public Works | Agent-Gen., London | Government, for reasons stated, have sanctioned classes 1 and 4 ; to arrive, however, within two years instead of one year as originally intended. Attention directed to form and execution of promissory note. |
| 43 | July 18 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Wellington | In reply to No. 41, Government have sanctioned the introduction of classes 1 and 4 during two years instead of one as originally contemplated. Encloses copy of Memorandum (No. 10) to Agent-General (No. 42), and requests regulations may be prepared for the whole of the assisted immigration now sanctioned. |
| 44 | July 25 | Superintendent of Wellington | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Forwarding draft regulations for assisted immigration. |
| 45 | August 8 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Wellington | Regulations for assisted immigration have been made by the Governor, and issued in last <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> , enclosed. |

NELSON.

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| 46 | 1871. Feb. 10 | Superintendent of Nelson | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Not prepared to recommend introduction of immigrants until important public works have been definitely authorized by General Assembly. |
| 47 | July 19 | Superintendent of Nelson | Hon. Col. Secretary... | No considerable blocks of agricultural land fit for settlement by immigrants remain in the hands of the Crown outside the boundaries of the gold fields. A Bill is now in preparation enabling lessees to acquire freeholds by paying a moderate rent for a certain number of years. Encloses Mr. Dobson's report. |
| 48 | August 2 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Nelson | Acknowledging receipt. |

MARLBOROUGH.

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| 49 | 1871. March 1 | Superintendent of Marlborough | Hon. Col. Secretary... | As there are no lands available for the settlement of any large number of immigrants, only proposes to introduce nominated immigration on payment of one-half of the passage money. |
| 50 | April 18 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Marlborough | Forwarding copy of Wellington Nominated Regulations for his guidance. |
| 51 | May 15 | Superintendent of Marlborough | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Will forward regulations of a similar nature at an early date for approval. |

CANTERBURY.

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| 52 | 1870. August 26 | Superintendent of Canterbury | Hon. J. Vogel ... | Requesting that the immigration on its way may be brought under Government Bill now before Legislature. |
| 53 | Sept. 9 | Superintendent of Canterbury | Hon. J. Vogel ... | Renewing application contained in No. 52. |
| 54 | Dec. 30 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Canterbury | Government have no power to make immigration sections of Act retrospective. |
| 55 | 1871. May 1 | Superintendent of Canterbury | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Again pressing retrospective application of immigration sections on attention of Government. |
| 56 | May 27 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Canterbury | Will propose a refund of expenditure on retrospective immigration to the Legislature. |

| CANTERBURY—continued. | | | | |
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| 57 | August 3 | Superintendent of Canterbury | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Forwarding a statement of amount of retrospective expenditure on immigration. |
| 58 | Jan. 25 | Superintendent of Canterbury | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Submitting immigration arrangements for current season, equal to 650 adults. |
| 59 | Feb. 1 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Canterbury | Proposals approved, and authorized to be carried into effect. |
| 60 | Feb. 1 | Superintendent of Canterbury | Mr. Ottywell ... | Instructions as to immigration for current season. To consult Hon. Mr. Vogel and Agent-General. |
| 61 | June 14 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Canterbury | Distinction should be made between nominated and assisted regulations. Deposits hitherto received by Superintendent to be paid to Receiver at Canterbury. |
| 62 | June 27 | Superintendent of Canterbury | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Forwarding regulations for approval. Amounts received as deposits will be dealt with as requested. |
| 63 | July 5 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Canterbury | Regulations enclosed have been approved. |
| 64 | July 7 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Agent-Gen., London | Forwarding correspondence relating to regulations. |
| 65 | July 8 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Agent-Gen., London | Immigration to be increased by 100 more single women. |
| 66 | July 27 | Superintendent of Canterbury | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Council have resolved to increase immigration by 300 adults to Timaru. Requests that Agent-General may be authorized to carry out this resolution. |
| 67 | July 27 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Canterbury | Agent-General will be authorized. |
| 68 | July 31 | Superintendent of Canterbury | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Particulars of immigration to Timaru requested in No. 66, enclosed. |
| 69 | August 5 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Agent-Gen., London | Instructions to carry Timaru immigration into effect. |
| 70 | August 3 | Superintendent of Canterbury | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Forwarding copy of resolutions passed by Provincial Council relative to setting apart land for special settlements. |
| OTAGO. | | | | |
| 71 | 1871. April 27 | Superintendent of Otago | Hon. J. Vogel ... | Requesting that retrospective immigration may be brought under provisions of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870." |
| 72 | May 27 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Otago | Government will propose an appropriation for retrospective immigration to the Assembly. |
| 73 | June 10 | Superintendent of Otago | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Acknowledging receipt. |
| 74 | 1870. Dec. 19 | Superintendent of Otago | Hon. J. Vogel ... | Forwarding his recommendation to Executive Council, with their deliverance thereon. Takes the responsibility of commending this matter to favourable consideration of Government. |
| 75 | Dec. 21 | Hon. J. Vogel ... | Superintendent of Otago | Regrets the Executive Council declines to support His Honor's recommendation. Act makes it necessary that Government should act on joint advice of Superintendent and Executive Council. |
| 76 | 1871. May 9 | Superintendent of Otago | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Forwarding extracts from minutes of His Honor's Executive, requesting provision to be made for nominated immigration, and that the Agent-General be instructed to aid in the promotion of special settlements on Stewart's Island, and of manufacturing classes elsewhere. |
| 77 | May 27 | Hon. Mr. Bell ... | Superintendent of Otago | Government will cordially assist, but Provincial Council must first set apart sites for special settlements, and clearly set forth the conditions of settlement. |
| 78 | July 19 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Superintendent of Otago | Reminding His Honor that no regulations for nominated immigration or for special settlements have yet been received. |
| WESTLAND. | | | | |
| 79 | 1871. Feb. 9 | Chairman of County Council | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Forwarding resolution of Council requesting nominated immigration. |
| 80 | June 1 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Chairman of County Council | Enclosing copy of Wellington Nominated Regulations as a guide. |
| 81 | June 15 | Chairman of County Council | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Will bring Nominated Immigration Regulations under consideration of County Council. |
| 82 | June 15 | Chairman of County Council | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Will submit Circular of 31st May, relative to reservations of land for immigration purposes, to County Council. |
| GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENT-GENERAL. | | | | |
| 83 | 1871. April 1 | Hon. W. Fox ... | Dr. Featherston ... | Appointing him Agent-General for New Zealand in the United Kingdom. |
| 84 | June 8 | Hon. Col. Secretary... | Agent-Gen., London | General instructions in reference to immigration. |

PAPERS RELATING TO IMMIGRATION.

CIRCULARS TO SUPERINTENDENTS.

No. 1.

CIRCULAR from the Colonial Secretary's Office to their Honors the SUPERINTENDENTS of
TARANAKI, HAWKE'S BAY, and WELLINGTON.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 24th January, 1871.

I have to draw your Honor's attention to the Fifth Part of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," relating to immigration, and to request you to be good enough to furnish me with such information, under the 39th and 41st sections, as will enable steps to be taken for the introduction of such classes of immigrants, and in such numbers and sexes, as in your opinion the requirements of the Province would justify during the next twelve months.

It is important that in furnishing this information your Honor should state whether you desire that immigrants should be introduced upon the basis of the payment of the passage money in each case, or on part payment; whether you desire to afford facilities to persons now resident in the Province, to secure the sending out of emigrants upon arrangements being made in the Province by such residents; whether you desire that to those immigrants whose passage money may be wholly or partly paid there should be given grants of land; whether you desire that arrangements should be made with associations or companies, by which, in the event of the introduction by them of a large number of immigrants, land shall be made available for the settlement of such immigrants, subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon for the expenditure of stipulated amounts of capital by the occupation and cultivation of such lands.

I would also draw your Honor's attention to the Fourth Part of the same Act, which enables the Governor, at the request of the Superintendent, to purchase to a certain extent land in the North Island, the cost of which is to be charged to the Province, and the land thereof to be available for purposes of railways and immigration.

Their Honors the Superintendents, Wellington, Taranaki, and Hawke's Bay.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

[The above circular, with the omission of the last paragraph, was also sent to their Honors the Superintendents of Nelson, Marlborough, Canterbury, and Otago, and the Chairman of the County Council, Westland.]

No. 2.

CIRCULAR from the Colonial Secretary's Office to their Honors the SUPERINTENDENTS of
PROVINCES and the CHAIRMAN of the COUNTY COUNCIL.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 31st May, 1871.

An indispensable feature of the Colonial policy of last Session is the concurrent progress of immigration and of public works (such as roads and railways), in due relation of each to the other, so that while on the one hand the construction of those works supplies a market for labour, and their creation encourages industrial enterprise, so, on the other hand, the increase of population facilitates the construction of those works, and utilizes them to the greatest extent when constructed. By the term "immigration" I do not mean the mere introduction of immigrants, but their permanent settlement on the soil. Public works without immigration in that sense would, I fear, be a failure and waste of public funds.

In order to secure this essential object, it is necessary that sufficient blocks of land in the vicinity of the lines of the roads and railways should be marked out and reserved for immigration purposes,—that their disposal should be subject to regulations agreed to by the Provincial and General Governments,—and that, when this has been done, the Agent-General in London should be instructed to make arrangements for the settlement of suitable emigrants on such lands upon the terms prescribed.

Fully anticipating your Honor's concurrence in these views, and your desire to insure by every practicable means the success of a policy the object of which is to people and open up, or, in one word, to colonize waste lands, I invite with confidence your Honor to take the necessary steps for the reservation, in convenient areas, and in sites contiguous or adjacent to lines of railway and roads now in course of construction, of blocks of agricultural land, to be laid off in villages and farms for the purposes of immigration. It will also be necessary that your Honor should submit to the Government a scheme of regulations for the disposal of such land on such terms as will best secure the introduction of immigrants representing in due proportions capital and labour, and their permanent location in the district reserved for them. When these regulations are approved by the General Government, and, should it be found necessary, legislative authority for such approval obtained, they will be communicated to the Agent-General, who will be instructed to make the necessary arrangements without delay.

I would also draw your Honor's attention to the 17th and 20th sections of the Immigration and Public Works Act, which respectively authorize the Superintendents and Provincial Councils to recommend the Governor to reserve waste lands of the Crown within each Province for the construction of railways, and also to agree with the Governor, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, that waste lands shall be accepted in place of money chargeable to the Province for the construction of railways.

Your Honor will perceive by the 24th section, that the Act contemplates that 2,500,000 acres of land should be contributed towards the cost of the construction of railways, and that that territorial contribution forms a part of the fund available for that purpose.

Under these circumstances, I feel assured that you will see the necessity of adequate reserves being made, and thus sufficient provision secured for the completion of the great works now in progress.

As unnecessary loss of time in this important matter will be prejudicial to public interests, I shall be glad to learn from your Honor that every expedition will be used in the reservation of suitable blocks of land, and in the other preparations for the attainment of the very important objects to which I have called attention.

His Honor the Superintendent.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

[This letter was addressed to all the Superintendents of Provinces and the Chairman of the County Council of Westland.]

No. 3.

CIRCULAR from the Colonial Secretary's Office to their Honors the SUPERINTENDENTS of PROVINCES and CHAIRMAN of the COUNTY COUNCIL, Westland.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 28th June, 1871.

With a view to placing the Agent-General for the Colony in possession of authentic information relative to certain topics of inquiry amongst those classes of immigrants to be from time to time introduced, under the Immigration and Public Works Act, into New Zealand, I shall feel obliged if your Honor will favour me with the statistics of the demand for, and wages of, labour, the retail cost of the necessaries of life, and such other particulars concerning the Province of——— as you may think desirable for that object.

The annexed sketch will serve to indicate what is wanted, and as it will be convenient that the information obtained from the various Provinces should bear the same date, the first of July proximo is suggested as a convenient one.

I shall be happy to receive from your Honor any information which, in your opinion, may be of service to the Agent-General in reference to immigration.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

Enclosure in No. 3.

Demand for Labour.

Farm labourers
 „ female servants
 Mechanics
 Labourers
 Domestic servants

Wages of Labour.

Farm labour, viz :—
 Married couples
 Single men
 „ women
 Mechanics, viz :—
 Blacksmiths
 Bricklayers
 Carpenters
 Coopers
 Painters
 Ropemakers

Mechanics, &c., continued :—

Shoemakers
 Tailors
 Labourers
 Female cooks
 Domestic servants

Retail Prices of Provisions.

Bread (4 lb loaf)
 Beef, mutton, pork, bacon
 Butter, cheese
 Tea, coffee, sugar (good brown), milk
 Potatoes
 Coals, firewood
 Soap
 Beer (qrt.), tobacco (lb.)

Retail Price of Clothing.

Per cent. over English prices.

[This letter was addressed to all the Superintendents of Provinces and the Chairman of the County Council of Westland.]

AUCKLAND.

No. 4.

His Honor T. B. GILLIES, to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 21st November, 1870.

I have the honor to enclose copy of resolutions passed by the Provincial Council of Auckland in reference to the carrying into effect the Government policy of immigration and public works and purchase of Native lands in this Province. In doing so I may express my cordial concurrence with these resolutions and my desire to give effect to them in a liberal spirit, and generally to assure the Government of my desire to cordially co-operate with them in carrying into effect their policy.

I have, &c.,

T. B. GILLIES,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 4.

ADDRESS No. 29.—Session XXVI., 1870.

(Extract from the Journals of the Auckland Provincial Council, Wednesday, 16th November, 1870.)

Resolved, That this Council is of opinion that advantage should be taken, at the earliest possible period and to the fullest extent, of the Acts passed by the General Assembly, during its last Session, for the promotion of public works and immigration.

Resolved, That this Council is further of opinion that no delay should take place in carrying out so much of the policy of the General Government, embodied in the aforesaid Acts, as relates to the purchase of Native lands in the North Island; and would respectfully suggest that preference should be given, in any purchase to be made, to the extinguishment of the Native title over the gold fields, and to the acquirement of such land as may be immediately available for settlement.

Resolved, That this Council, believing that the interests of the Province are identical with the interests of the Colony in the success of these colonizing schemes, is likewise of opinion that the waste lands of the Crown in the Province of Auckland, available for settlement, after satisfying holders of scrip and land orders, should be administered by the Provincial Government in such manner as to enable the Colonial Executive to give effect to their immigration scheme without delay.

Resolved, That an address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, and also to take such steps as may be necessary to give them effect in a liberal spirit, as far as His Honor can legally do so.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE,
Speaker.

No. 5.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor T. B. GILLIES.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 3rd December, 1870.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter No. 680, of the 21st ultimo, transmitting copies of resolutions in reference to carrying into effect the policy of immigration and public works and purchase of Native lands in the Province of Auckland.

I have to request your Honor to be good enough to convey to the Provincial Council the great gratification which the General Government feel at the expression of the desire of that body to aid in taking advantage of the colonizing policy adopted by the Assembly last Session. I would at the same time offer a few remarks which I think will aid in enabling practical effect being given to those resolutions.

The second resolution is to the effect that there should be no delay in purchasing Native lands in the North Island, there being added the suggestion "that preference should be given, in any purchase to be made, to the extinguishment of the Native title over the gold fields, and to the acquirement of such land as may be immediately available for settlement." I have to point out to your Honor that the resolution, as it stands, would seem to indicate the desire that purchases calculated to effect, or to aid in, the extinguishment of the Native title over the gold fields, should have the preference before any other purchases whatever. I am not aware whether the Council understands that land purchased under the provisions of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," although it is to become Provincial estate, is to be made available specially for the purposes of the Act. But, in any case, I think the Council may feel assured that whilst it is desirable to extinguish the Native title over land within the gold fields, it is not necessary in doing so to give it a decided preference over the acquirement of land available for purposes of settlement. I lay some stress on this point lest it should be understood that your Honor should give special preference to purchases of land within the gold fields, and lest it may be regarded by you as a bar to your consenting to other purchases; for your Honor is aware that the Act is so framed that no land purchases can be made under its provisions without the concurrence of the Superintendent. The Resident Minister at Auckland has already addressed your Honor on the subject of the purchase of Native lands, and I earnestly trust that your Honor will co-operate, as suggested, with the General Government in this important matter.

The third resolution recommends that the whole of the waste lands of the Province available for settlement should, after satisfying holders of scrip and land orders, be administered by the Provincial Government in such manner as to enable the Colonial Executive to give effect to their immigration scheme without delay. In the latter part of the resolution reference is made to the "immigration scheme," and in the former part to "the colonizing schemes;" and it is, therefore, important that it should be distinctly understood whether the Council desires that these lands should be specially applied to immigration purposes, or should be applicable for the general purposes of the Act. It is also desirable that a more specific form should be given to the opinion of the Council; because, while the resolution, as adopted, indicates the desire of the Council that the lands shall be used for the advancement of colonization, and while the resolution indicates that the administration of the lands should be in the hands of the Provincial Government, the resolution does not indicate what specific parts of the Act it is desired should be taken advantage of, nor in what manner. There are various ways in which the lands of the Province can be made available for the purposes of the Act of last Session. For instance, under the 17th clause of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," lands may be set apart for the purposes of railway construction; but that must be done by a Provincial Act or Ordinance, and a mere resolution will have no effect. If, therefore, the Council desires that lands should be set apart, under the 17th clause, for the construction of railways, an Act or Ordinance will be necessary. Your Honor will observe that, by the terms of the 17th section of the Act, the Council may attach to the recommendation to the Governor contained in any such Act or Ordinance such conditions and limitations as may by the Council be deemed desirable. The 20th clause gives power to a Superintendent to negotiate with the General Government for the acceptance of land in lieu of a money payment or payments for railways, but this section also requires the passing of an Act or Ordinance specifying the land, and the amount or amounts of money in lieu of which it is proposed such lands shall be accepted. I am not, however, prepared to indicate that the General Government would be able to enter into any arrangements under the 20th clause; and to make such arrangements would seem to be not consistent with the desire of the Council, since the control and disposal of lands as accepted in lieu of money payments would be taken out of the hands of the Provincial authorities, and be left to be decided by the Assembly.

There is one other portion of the Act to which the Council might mean its resolutions in reference to the waste lands of the Province to be exclusively applicable, and that is Part V., which relates to immigration. In that part it is provided that the Governor may introduce immigrants at the request of the Superintendent of a Province; and I presume that, putting it generally, the interpretation of such a provision may be taken to be that the General Government shall ascertain from the Superintendent of a Province the conditions under which he desires that immigrants shall be introduced, and that the Governor may enter into arrangements in conformity therewith. There are provisions under which the Governor may make regulations in regard to the conduct of immigration; for the nomination of immigrants by residents in the particular Province; for the distribution of funds available under Act for immigration purposes; for the introduction and settlement of immigrants; for the sale to such immigrants of lands acquired from the Province or under "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863;" and for laying out and allotting such lands, &c.

It will be seen, therefore, that under this part of the Act, inducements in the shape of land may be offered in various forms. But if the resolutions of the Council are meant to apply specially to Part V. of the Act, relating to immigration, it is of very great importance that your Honor should, with as little delay as possible, indicate to the General Government your opinion on the question generally: and I would suggest that your Honor should state whether you desire that immigrants should be introduced upon the basis of the payment of the passage money in each case, or its part payment, and what class or classes of immigrants should be so introduced; whether you desire to afford facilities to persons now resident in the Province to secure the sending out of immigrants, upon arrangements being made in the Province by such residents; whether you desire that to those immigrants whose passage money may be wholly or partly paid, there should be given grants of land; whether you desire that arrangements should be made with associations or companies by which, in the event of the introduction by them of a large number of immigrants, land shall be made available for the settlement of such immigrants, subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon for the expenditure of stipulated amounts of capital by the occupation and cultivation of such lands. It will be very desirable that your Honor should, as early as possible, place the General Government in possession of your views upon the whole subject; and I take the present opportunity to invite your Honor's attention to clause 6 of the Immigration and Public Works Act, with a view to asking that your Honor will lay before the Government the opinion of yourself and of the Provincial Council of Auckland, in reference to the construction of railways within the Province under the provisions of that clause.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

No. 6.

His Honor T. B. GILLIES to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 9th December, 1870.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 295, dated the 3rd instant, replying to the resolutions passed by the Auckland Provincial Council in reference to the operation of the Public Works and Immigration Act within this Province, which I had the honor to forward to you with my letter of the 21st ultimo.

I thank you for your prompt reply and the valuable suggestions contained in your letter, and beg to state that I shall lose no time in consulting the Provincial Council upon the subject.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS B. GILLIES,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 7.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor T. B. GILLIES.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 24th January, 1871.
 Adverting to your Honor's letter No. 165, of the 9th ultimo, in which you stated that you would lose no time in consulting the Provincial Council in reference to the operation of the Public Works and Immigration Act within the Province of Auckland, I should feel much obliged by being favoured with your Honor's views and also those of the Provincial Council in reference thereto.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

No. 8.

His Honor T. B. GILLIES to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 31st January, 1871.
 In reply to your letter No. 23, of date the 24th instant, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of resolutions adopted by the Auckland Provincial Council in reference to the operation of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," within the Province, and to state that I concur with the Council in the views expressed by them in such resolutions.
 Upon receipt of your letter dated the 3rd December ultimo, I lost no time in consulting the Provincial Council upon the subject, but they failed to arrive at any conclusion before the 27th instant (last Friday).

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS B. GILLIES,
Superintendent.

Enclosure in No. 8.

ADDRESS No. 127.—Session XXVI.

(Extract from the Journals of the Auckland Provincial Council, Friday, 27th January, 1871.)

Resolved, That in recommending, in Address No. 29, that "purchases calculated to effect or to aid in the extinguishment of Native title over the gold field should have the preference before any other purchases whatsoever," this Council had in view the great advantage which the Province would derive from extinguishing the Native title over the gold field, but it did not intend that this recommendation "should be a bar to the Superintendent's consenting to other purchases" of Native land calculated to promote settlement, as the Hon. the Colonial Secretary would appear to infer from his letter to His Honor the Superintendent. This Council believes that the extinguishment of the Native title over all or a considerable portion of the gold field would largely aid in making the colonizing scheme of the General Government a success in the Province, by enabling the Provincial Government to offer more liberal terms to capitalists and miners to develop its mineral resources, thereby stimulating the active work of colonization. This Council, however, whilst considering the extinguishment of the Native title over the gold fields to be of more importance to the Province than any other probable purchase of Native land, does not and did not intend to recommend that it should have the exclusive attention of the Government.

Resolved, That this Council intended by its third resolution, Address No. 29, to avail itself of the provisions of Part V. of the Immigration and Public Works Act, with the view of promoting speedy settlement of "The Waste Lands Act (Auckland), 1870," so far as this could legally be done.

Resolved, That the classes of immigrants most desirable for this Province are those of small farmers, agricultural labourers, single women, and relatives of residents in the Province. That to single women free passages should be granted, and assisted passages to the other classes, to such extent as the Provincial Executive may deem advisable from time to time; and that every encouragement, consistent with the Waste Lands Acts in force within the Province, should be given to companies or associations sending out bodies of immigrants.

Resolved, That this Council recommends that the following railway should be undertaken by the Colonial Government, in pursuance of clause 6 of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870:"—A continuation of the line from Auckland to Waikato, by the valley of the Waikato to the frontier settlements of the Waikato Delta; and that, if practicable, it should be carried out under the guarantee by the Colony of 6 per cent. upon the outlay.

Resolved, That an address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to forward these resolutions to His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with the terms of the 6th section of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870."

G. MAURICE O'RORKE,
Speaker.

No. 9.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor T. B. GILLIES.

SIR,— Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 6th June, 1871.
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st January last, forwarding a resolution of the Provincial Council of the Province of Auckland, relative to immigration and public works.

The Government would have had much pleasure in at once giving their most favourable consideration to the wishes expressed by the Provincial Council in reference to immigration; but as your Honor is aware, a delay has necessarily been caused by the uncertainty existing in reference to the financial mission to London of the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer. That uncertainty having been successfully

removed, the Government are now prepared to receive from your Honor such specific recommendations as you may see fit to make ; for you will perceive, on reference to the Immigration and Public Works Act, that the Government cannot take steps for giving effect to the views of your Honor and the Council until you first recommend the number, sexes, and classes of immigrants to be introduced, and the terms on which they should be introduced.

I take this opportunity, with the view of saving time, to forward to you the regulations for nominated immigration sanctioned for the Province of Wellington, which will serve as a kind of model for any that you may recommend. With regard to such other classes of immigration as you may desire the Government to order, I shall be glad to receive your specific views as early as possible. The only point on which I think it necessary to make any anticipatory remark is, that the Government are anxious to avoid the taking of promissory notes from immigrants, and they will be glad if, in framing the recommendations alluded to, you are able to avoid adopting that system.

I have instructed Mr. Blackett to take steps for enabling the Government to come to an early decision in reference to the extension of the Waikato Railway, and will lose no time in informing you fully thereon.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

No. 10.

His Honor T. B. GILLIES to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 30th June, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your circular of the 31st ultimo, relative to reserving land along lines of proposed railways for immigration purposes. Permit me to offer a few observations in regard thereto, so far as it may be supposed to apply to this Province.

1. You will observe that the only line of railway yet authorized in this Province is the Auckland and Tuakau Railway. This passes entirely through already settled country, within which the Provincial Government possess no waste lands available for settlement. The General Government possess some small portions of confiscated territory.

2. The proposed extension of the above line up the Waikato Valley passes wholly through confiscated lands, with which the Provincial Government have no power whatever of dealing. I would, however, call your attention to the anomalous position of the confiscated territory in the Waikato and elsewhere, which places this Province in a worse position with respect to co-operating with the public works policy of your Government than any other part of New Zealand. Were this position reversed, as I submit with confidence it might now be, without the slightest injustice to any part of the Colony, the Provincial Government would have great pleasure in co-operating with your Government to the utmost extent possible in the direction indicated in your circular.

3. In reference to the 17th and 20th sections of the Immigration and Public Works Act, authorizing the acceptance by the Governor of land in lieu of money chargeable to the Province for construction of railways, I have to remark that the small amount of land available for settlement within the Province, at the disposal of the Provincial Government, renders it impossible that the Provincial Government can offer lands in lieu of money.

4. The only lands I am aware of, which the Province would be glad to be relieved of, are those lands mentioned in my communication of the 25th April last as having been paid for out of the loan of 1856 and charged against the Province, but never handed over, and which the Provincial Government will be happy to agree to hand over to the General Government for railway purposes, at cost price, with interest added.

Your circular was, I have no doubt, specially intended for the Southern Provinces, who have vast tracts of land at their disposal, but in this Province the want of large tracts of good land for settlement has ever been its great want. I have therefore felt bound, in reply to your circular, to call attention to the above facts.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS B. GILLIES,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 11.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor T. B. GILLIES.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 29th July, 1871.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter of the 30th ultimo, in reply to my circular of the 31st May, relative to the reservation of lands along lines of proposed railways and main roads for purposes of immigration.

I would remind your Honor that I have not yet received from you any regulations, as asked for in my letter of the 6th ultimo, for immigration into the Province of Auckland, or any specific recommendation for the selection and transmission of immigrants of certain stated numbers, sexes, and classes, to that Province.

The Government strongly feel that a due supply of immigration concurrently with the construction of public works is essential to the development and success of the policy contained in the Immigration and Public Works Act of last Session, and they trust that, with a view to the full participation by the Province of Auckland in the benefits derivable therefrom, your Honor will be able soon to furnish me with the requisite information.

The Government will be glad to receive your Honor's co-operation in planting settlements on such portions of the confiscated lands in the Province of Auckland as may be available for that purpose.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

TARANAKI.

No. 12.

His Honor F. A. CARRINGTON to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth, 5th April, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular of the 24th January, 1871, 70-3571, in which you call my attention to Part V. of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," relating to immigration, and you request me to furnish you with such information, under the 39th and 41st sections, as will enable steps to be taken for the introduction of such classes of immigrants, and in such numbers and sexes, as in my opinion the requirements of this Province would justify, during the next twelve months, &c.

In reply, I beg to observe that the restrictions which beset the dealing with the land of this Province renders it impossible for Taranaki to derive the benefit which the Act confers on other Provinces where land can be dealt with; and unless the claims of the aborigines to the confiscated lands be extinguished, and the outlawed and unsettled Maoris of this West Coast be provided for by placing them on lands assigned for that particular purpose, there will be but little chance of our obtaining, for years to come, the benefits which would otherwise accrue from immigration to this Province.

I therefore respectfully submit, for the consideration of the Government, the propriety of taking steps for purchasing at once, under the authority of Part IV. of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," the claims of the aborigines to the confiscated lands in this Province; and I would also, at the same time, submit for consideration the advisability of placing in approved localities the now outlawed and unsettled Maori wanderers of Taranaki.

I have, &c.,

F. A. CARRINGTON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

P.S.—I have not yet been favoured with an answer to my letter of the 11th February, 1871, No. 9, in which I submitted for consideration the placing of immigrants at Opunake*.—F. A. C.

No. 13.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor F. A. CARRINGTON.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 21st April, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, relative to the introduction, under the provisions of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," of immigrants into the Province of Taranaki, in which your Honor states that the restrictions which beset the dealing with the land of the Province render it impossible for Taranaki to derive the benefit which the Act confers on other Provinces where land can be dealt with, and that unless the claims of the aborigines to the confiscated land be extinguished, and the outlawed and unsettled Maoris of the West Coast be provided for by placing them on lands assigned for the purpose, there will be little chance of the Province obtaining, for years to come, the benefits which would accrue from immigration.

And you submit for consideration the propriety of purchasing, under the authority of Part IV. of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," the claims of the Natives to the confiscated lands, and of placing in approved localities the now outlawed and unsettled Maori wanderers of Taranaki.

The Government are fully alive to the importance of settling the Native questions which impede the colonization of the West Coast; and your letter shall, without delay, be communicated to the Native Minister, with a view to action being taken at the earliest possible moment in the matter.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Taranaki.

* For His Honor's letter No. 9, relative to immigrants at Opunake, see Papers relating to Scandinavian Immigration.

HAWKE'S BAY.

No. 14.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 1st December, 1870.

WE desire to make arrangements as soon as possible about railway line to Napier and New Plymouth, the payment of which, as you are aware, will depend greatly on land. Will you inform me what land you consider can be put apart, under "Public Works and Immigration Act, 1870," for construction of railway in Hawke's Bay Province, and for introduction of immigrants into that Province.

His Honor J. D. Ormond, Napier.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 15.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

(Telegram.)

Napier, 2nd December, 1870.

IN reply to yours respecting land that can be put apart under "Public Works and Immigration Act, 1870," for construction of railway in Hawke's Bay Province, and for introduction of immigrants,—as I read the Act, it will be necessary to obtain the assent of the Provincial Council before such land can be assigned. Is this so? I do not doubt the Provincial Council will readily give the necessary assent, but if needed, I should require to call Provincial Council together and obtain assent, so as to avail of Mr. Vogel's mission. The land most valuable and available, both for paying railway and for immigrants, is the Tamaki Bush. This, you are aware, has to be purchased, and negotiations are in progress. Certainly the land will be bought. If hurried, the difference in price will be considerable. There will be about 300,000 acres of available land when purchase is completed. Of lands, now Crown lands, the following blocks can be set aside:—Bush land between foot of Ruahine Range and Ruataniwha Plain, from 20,000 to 25,000 acres; some of this is clear, mostly bush, and good soil. At Mahia, good land, suitable for settlement, especially for Germans, vine-growing, &c., 15,000 acres. This is really good land, and with water communication. Mr. McLean can speak as to it. Also the Nuhaka Block, 14,000 acres. This block has a quantity of good land in it. It belongs to Hawke's Bay: 10,500 are situated in the Hawke's Bay Province, remainder is in Province of Auckland. Mr. McLean knows this block also. The above are the only suitable lands this Province can offer. There are blocks of considerable extent towards Taupo, but they are unfit for settlement. Have no doubt the Provincial Council will set aside the above, or such portions as may be required, and shall like to hear from you, so that, if approved, I may take necessary steps for Council meeting to set lands aside. The question of purchase of Tamaki is purely one of price. The Natives all consent to sell. The sole point at issue is the price to be paid. Without doubt, it will be settled before long. Mr. McLean is communicating with some principal claimants on West Coast, and making advances on account of purchase. Will send by mail, tracings of Crown lands now available, and shall await your reply.

The Hon. W. Gisborne, Wellington.

J. D. ORMOND.

No. 16.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 5th December, 1870.

Referring to my telegram of the 2nd instant, on the subject of setting apart land, under the Public Works and Immigration Act, for construction of railways and for introduction of immigrants, I have now the honor to transmit a plan showing the different blocks I described as available for the purposes above named. I shall be obliged if you will inform me as soon as possible whether it is not necessary, under the Public Works Act, reference should be made to the Provincial Council for their assent before lands can be so set apart. I have little doubt they will approve, but hesitate, at this busy season of the year, summoning the Council and withdrawing the members from their avocations. I have already by telegram given you some description of the different blocks. The block adjoining the Ruataniwha is bounded entirely on one side by freehold land; and the Mahia Block, as you will observe, is admirably situated for settlement, and contains very good land. With regard to the Nuhaka Block, about 14,000 acres of the best of the land is situate in this Province, and the remainder is within the Province of Auckland. The land, however, was purchased by and belongs to this Province.

I hope the early completion of the purchase of the Tamaki Block may enable that district to be opened by railroad and diverted to purposes of colonization, and I would suggest that, pending that being accomplished, a start in the railroad works that will eventually connect Napier and Wellington should be made, and the portion of the railroad from Napier to the Paki Paki, through the Ahuriri Plains, be contracted for and formed as early as arrangements can be completed. The line between the points I have named will be a dead level, would run through one of the very richest districts in the Colony, and, at the Paki Paki, would meet the entire trade of the inland districts of this Province. I have no doubt the Provincial Council will readily authorize the block of 20,000 acres at the foot of the Ruahine being set apart for the construction of the line, and a railway would, I believe, pay at once with the present traffic. I suggest this in the hope that advantage may be taken of Mr. Vogel's proposed mission to England to start these works. I shall be glad to hear from you upon this, and would further suggest that the necessary plant for this portion of the line should be procured and sent out, and arrangements for entering upon the work advanced, so that, at the earliest date at which the authority of the Legislature can be procured, the work can be started.

I have, &c.,

J. D. ORMOND,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works, Wellington.

No. 17.

Mr. COOPER to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

(Telegram.) Government Buildings, 6th January, 1871.
 In reply to your letter of the 5th ultimo, it is necessary that the Provincial Council should concur in setting apart land for railways. See 17th section of "The Immigration and Public Works Act 1870."

G. S. COOPER.

No. 18.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Napier, 8th February, 1871.
 Referring to your letter requesting me to inform you to what extent this Province desires to avail of the provisions of the Immigration and Public Works Act in getting out immigrants, and also as to the terms upon which they should be brought,—as the Provincial Council will shortly be in session, I will defer replying to your letter until the question has received the consideration of that body.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
 J. D. ORMOND,
 Superintendent.

No. 19.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Napier, 8th February, 1871.
 As the Provincial Council of this Province will necessarily meet at no distant date, I am anxious to receive definite replies from you to questions brought under your notice in former correspondence, and to which I now again have the honor to draw your attention.

In my telegram of the 2nd December, and in my letter of the 5th of the same month, I described and sent tracings of certain blocks of land which I stated the Provincial Council would be ready to set aside for railway works and immigration, as required by the Public Works Act. It is not necessary for me to repeat what I have already stated in those communications as to the character of those lands, their extent and position: those questions are already fully gone into. What I am anxious for, is to be informed by you whether the Government are satisfied that the blocks named by me are sufficient security for the purposes named, and how far the Government are prepared to proceed with the public works indicated by me, on the Provincial Council setting aside the land in question.

With respect to the Nuhaka and Mahia lands, I should rather desire to see them devoted to immigration purposes, and think the more suitable portions of those blocks might be offered for special settlement on such terms as would induce their colonization, whilst the remainder might be set apart for the promotion of general immigration to the Province.

I shall be obliged if you will favour me with a reply at an early date in order that the necessary action may be taken by the Provincial Council at its approaching Session.

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
 J. D. ORMOND,
 Superintendent.

No. 20.

Mr. BLACKETT to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

LAND reserves for railway and immigration purposes:—

| <i>Proposed Reserves.</i> | | | | |
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| Foot of Ruahine Ranges | ... | ... | ... | 20,000 acres. |
| Part of Nuhaka Block | ... | ... | ... | 14,000 " |
| Mahia Block | ... | ... | ... | 15,000 " |
| Total | ... | ... | ... | 49,000 " |

1. Mr. Ormond desires to know whether the blocks reserved are sufficient security for the purposes named.

2. Whether the Government are prepared to proceed with the public works indicated by him should the Provincial Council agree to reserve the lands, viz., commencement of railway works, Napier to Paki Paki, as early as possible. Also, that railway plant for this portion of the work be procured and sent out from England.

3. Suggests that the Nuhaka and Mahia Blocks be devoted to immigration purposes.

Remarks on above.

1. The portion of the railway line within Hawke's Bay Province will be about eighty miles long, which, at £4,000 per mile (assumed cost), would require £320,000. The whole of land reserved at £1 an acre would represent a length of about twelve miles.

2. As the railway line through Hawke's Bay Province will be one included in Third Schedule of Railways Act, the sanction of the General Assembly will be required before any action can be taken towards their construction, and as it is most probable that the lines in this Schedule will be constructed under guarantee of interest, it will not be necessary or advisable to order any of the plant required for them.

3. Should the Nuhaka and Mahia Blocks be devoted to immigration purposes, only 20,000 acres will be left for railway purposes, representing about five miles of line.

NOTE.—Should land be offered to the contractors for the construction of any railway, it appears to me advisable that such land should be as near to the proposed line as possible,—along each side of it, in fact,—as in this way every acre of land so situated would be worth much more to the contractors (and to the Province), even if of inferior quality, than that reserved at a distance. This I think should be borne in mind, and the contractors should at least have some choice in selection, as it is fair to assume that they would choose the bulk of it along the railway line, unless it were absolutely worthless.

JOHN BLACKETT.

14th February, 1871.

No. 21.

Mr. J. T. TYLER to the Hon. A. DOMETT.

Crown Lands Office, Napier, 18th April, 1871.

SIR,—

In compliance with instructions contained in your telegram of the 15th instant, calling on me to give my opinion upon the character and value of the land at Nuhaka, Mahia, and foot of Ruahine Ranges, proposed to be set aside for railway or other purposes, I have the honor to report that I am not sufficiently acquainted with the land to give an opinion from personal observation: indeed, the land at Nuhaka and Mahia I have never seen. I have therefore been compelled to obtain information as I best could, and this I have carefully collected from what I consider reliable authority.

Ruahine.—This land is nearly all bush, with a few clearings. It is situated between the foot of the Ruahine Ranges and the open land on the Ruataniwha Plains. Selections have been made here and there by several small settlers who are located on their allotments, which are chiefly on the edge of the plain. It is here also that the Militia and Volunteers of the Province have made their selections. There are small rises in various parts, but the general character of the block is level, and the soil of fair quality.

Nuhaka.—The south end of this land is very good; the centre portion rough and covered with timber, of which a large portion is good totara. The back part or northern side is hilly country, and good grazing for sheep; in the neighbourhood of the south side, a settler for many years cultivated vines with considerable success, and the whole of the southern side is suitable for such purposes.

Mahia.—Chiefly hilly land, with a good deal of bush and a few bays on the coast. These bays contain from 50 to 150 acres each of good rich level land. At Long Point is a very good harbour for vessels in all winds except the S.W. The northern portion of this block is good rich land, well sheltered, and admirably adapted for growing grapes and early crops.

With reference to the value, it is very difficult to fix any price on these lands: so much depends on the circumstances attending the sale. I will therefore merely state that all the land alluded to is considered agricultural land, and, as such, would not be sold at less than 10s. per acre.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Secretary for Crown Lands,
Wellington.

J. T. TYLER,
Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands.

No. 22.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 7th June, 1871.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a resolution and report of a Select Committee of the Provincial Council of Hawke's Bay, both of which were passed unanimously, agreeing to set aside certain blocks of land for special settlement. The conditions upon which these lands shall be granted has been left by the Council to be arranged between the Government and myself; and before making specific recommendations to you, I shall be glad if you will inform me what terms other Provinces are proposing. I may, however, state that my wish is to grant these blocks of land free of cost to small societies of intending immigrants of a better class, who, on their part, should be required to undertake and guarantee that a certain number of immigrants will be brought out and settled upon the land,—the cost of passage from Europe, survey of the land, and all other expenses incidental to settlement, being borne by the parties to whom the land is given.

My hope is that these blocks may in this way be colonized by a class of immigrants who will bring sufficient capital to settle at once upon the land; and to effect this, I should desire to offer considerable advantages as regards acreage to be allowed each immigrant, and commonage where practicable. The blocks of land proposed to be granted for this purpose I will briefly describe:—

1. The Nuhaka Block, containing 14,000 acres, situate at the north end of Hawke's Bay. This block is very good land, chiefly open, but with plenty of good bush, containing totara and other useful timbers. It abuts on the shore of the bay, and the Mahia is the port. This block is represented to me as especially suited for Germans, as the vine grows well there. The climate is considerably warmer than Napier.

2. The Mahia Block, containing 15,000 acres. Although the acreage is in excess of Nuhaka, the available land is much less. The block is mostly timber and hilly, but there are a number of warm sheltered bays, well suited for settlement. Here again the vine would grow splendidly, and Germans would probably be the most suitable settlers. Part of the hills are open land, with fair grazing, and the bush hills, although broken, are said to be good soil.

The Ruataniwha Block, of about 10,000 acres, is bush land, situate at the base of the Ruahine Range, and between the spurs of the Ruahine and the open plain of the Ruataniwha. There are already a considerable number of small settlers scattered along the edge of the bush, whose holdings join the block proposed to be given. The land is good, and either flat or low hills. The adjoining district is settled, and the road connecting it with Napier is excellent. The proposed railway from Napier to Wellington would be within a few miles.

The Seventy Mile Bush Block, 15,000 acres, could be selected where thought desirable. The purchase is virtually concluded, and my wish would be to place the settlement within reach of the junction of the lines from Wellington to Napier and from Wellington to the West Coast. All accounts agree that the land in that block, the Ahua-o-turanga, is first class. People accustomed to bush work would be the most suitable for this settlement; and the proposed railway works, if determined on, would materially assist the immigrants.

I shall be obliged by your replying as early as convenient to this letter, in order that steps may be taken as soon as possible to carry out the objects proposed.

I have, &c.,

J. D. ORMOND,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure 1 in No. 22.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Provincial Council of Hawke's Bay.

THE Select Committee appointed, on 17th day of May, 1871, "to inquire and report what blocks of land are available for special settlement, and also as to the terms upon which such lands should be granted," beg to report as follows:—

The Committee recommend that the following blocks be set apart for "special settlements," and that the terms upon which the several blocks may be granted shall be matter of agreement between His Honor the Superintendent and the Colonial Government, viz.:—

- (1.) The block of land on the west side of the Ruataniwha Plain, between the Tuke-Tuke and Manga-Mauku Rivers, containing about 10,000 acres.
- (2.) A block of land in the Seventy Mile Bush, containing 15,000 acres, to be selected by the Superintendent.
- (3.) The Nuhaka Block, containing 14,000 acres.
- (4.) The Mahia Block, containing 15,000 acres.

The Committee would suggest that blocks 3 and 4 are well adapted for German settlements, as their soil and situation are suitable for vine-growing.

30th May, 1871.

JOHN A'DEANE,
Chairman.

Mr. A'Deane moved, That the Report of the Special Settlement Committee be adopted.
Mr. Tanner seconded the motion. Motion agreed to unanimously.

Enclosure 2 in No. 22.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Provincial Council of Hawke's Bay.

MR. ORMOND, pursuant to notice, moved,—Whereas under the Public Works and Immigration Act provision is made for the introduction of immigrants and the establishment of special settlements by the Governor:

And whereas the Select Committee appointed to report what blocks of land are available for special settlement, did, on the 30th May ultimo, report in favour of setting aside and granting certain blocks therein described for special settlement, and that Report has been adopted:

This Council resolves that the Superintendent be requested to move the Governor to take the necessary steps to give effect to the recommendation contained in the Report of the Select Committee above referred to.

Mr. A'Deane seconded the resolution.
Resolution adopted unanimously.

No. 23.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 3rd July, 1871.

I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th ultimo, in reference to immigration and the settlement of certain blocks of land in the Province of Hawke's Bay.

At present no terms have been submitted to the Government for special settlements by the Superintendents of other Provinces, and I am unable, therefore, to state more for your guidance in this respect than is contained in the following extract from the report of Mr. Halcombe relative to the Scandinavian immigrants at Manawatu:—

"Each immigrant family is located on forty acres of land, which they are to hold on the following terms:—

"Twenty acres is reserved for two years certain, and they have a right to purchase it at any time within that period; but if they purchase within twelve months, the other twenty acres is reserved for

two years longer, in order to give them the opportunity of acquiring it at the upset price of £1 per acre.

“ Thus within three years they may become freeholders of forty acres of land ; no very difficult matter for a thrifty family, with regular Government employment to begin with, and with the opportunity of obtaining the highest prices for any produce they may grow as population increases in their neighbourhood.

“ The land on which they are located is the finest possible description of bush land, and not very heavily timbered. Each family has a frontage of 10 chains to the main line of road from Palmerston to Ngawhakarau.

“ They appear to be perfectly satisfied with their prospects, and I have every faith in their ultimate success.”

The Government are prepared to instruct the Agent-General to carry out your views in reference to the settlement of the blocks named, and as experience has shown that much time is required to launch and carry into execution special settlement schemes, all the correspondence and plans to date shall be forwarded by the current mail ; but before the Agent-General can be instructed to take any decided steps in the matter, it will be necessary that the conditions of settlement in all their minute details should be prepared by you for the consideration of the Government.

The only suggestion which the Government feel themselves at present called on to make is, that as the colonization of these settlements is intended to be undertaken by independent bodies of persons, care should be taken to regard the promoters in a purely business light, and so avoid placing any dependence on colonization from merely benevolent views.

I have, &c.

W. GISBORNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

P.S.—As the Public Works Department has at present scarcely any drafting staff, it would facilitate communication with the Agent-General if in future you transmitted duplicates of such plans as it may be desirable he should be supplied with.

No. 24.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 27th May, 1871.

I have the honor to transmit the copy of a resolution recently passed by the Provincial Council of this Province on the subject of immigration.

Under the first section of the resolution it is proposed that a number of immigrants, not exceeding five hundred, shall be brought out during the present year, and that these immigrants shall be nominated by persons resident in the Province. I shall be obliged by your informing me under what regulations this system of immigration will be sanctioned, in order that as early as possible the necessary steps may be taken by parties here desirous of bringing out their friends.

The second section of the resolutions relates to female immigrants, and I shall be glad to be advised by you when arrangements can be made for sending for the first batch of immigrants of this class. I wish to arrange for bringing out twenty-five as soon as possible, and the same number every succeeding three months. I may mention that about thirty single women are expected at an early date, having been sent for by the Province some months ago ; and I wish, if possible, to obtain your consent to these women being included in the arrangement you may approve for the introduction of this class of immigrants.

Under the third section of the resolution it is proposed to promote colonization by special settlement, and the Provincial Council is now considering a Bill for setting aside and granting, free of cost, blocks of land for settlement.

The Provincial Council unananimously passed the resolution, so that this Act will certainly be agreed to, and I hope to be able to forward the same to you at an early date. Meanwhile, any information you may be able to give as to the opinion of the Government respecting this class of settlement will be much esteemed.

I have, &c.,

J. D. ORMOND,

Superintendent.

The Hon. W. Gisborne.

Enclosure in No. 24.

RESOLUTION passed by the Provincial Council of Hawke's Bay.

Thursday, 11th May, 1871.

MR. ORMOND, pursuant to notice, moved the following resolution :—

Whereas under the thirty-ninth clause of “ The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870,” the Governor is empowered to provide for the selection of, conveyance to, and settlement, in any Province of the Colony, of such classes of immigrants and such numbers as the Superintendent, acting with the advice of the Provincial Council, shall request : And also, whereas the Governor is authorized, in contracting for the introduction of such immigrants, to provide for giving them employment on public works, or for giving free or other grants of land to any such immigrants, or for compensating the person bringing out such immigrants by grants of land or money : And further, whereas the Governor may make regulations for the nomination of immigrants by persons residing in New Zealand :

And whereas it is desirable to promote the settlement of the Province of Hawke's Bay by availing of the above provisions: This Council is of opinion that the Superintendent shall request the Governor,—

- (1.) To make regulations to allow of the introduction, during the year ending 30th June, 1872, of any number of immigrants not exceeding 500, to be nominated by persons resident in the Province.
- (2.) To cause to be brought out, during the year ending 30th June, 1872, 100 single women, to be selected by such agents in Great Britain as the Superintendent may appoint.
- (3.) To enter into agreements for the special settlement of such blocks of land as may be set aside for that purpose by Act during the present Session of the Council, such special settlements to be colonized free of cost to the Province and on such conditions as the Council shall determine, a free grant of the land so set aside being given in consideration thereof.

No. 25.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 5th June, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, forwarding copy of a resolution unanimously passed by the Provincial Council of the Province of Hawke's Bay in reference to the immigration which, with your Honor's concurrence, is recommended to be introduced into that Province under the provisions of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870."

1. With reference to nominated immigrants, the Government will advise His Excellency the Governor to issue regulations so soon as they receive your recommendation as to the amount to be paid by the applicants.

Without seeking unduly to control the action of individual Provinces, the Government nevertheless desire to adopt as uniform a system as circumstances will permit, and I enclose for your information the regulations which have been issued for the Province of Wellington in reference to this class of immigrants.

In the meanwhile, as I understand from your telegram of yesterday's date that you are anxious at once to receive applications from Colonists, your Honor is authorized to do so under conditions similar to those adopted for the Province of Wellington, should you intend to recommend similar terms.

2. The Government are fully alive to the importance of female immigration, and are prepared to adopt your Honor's recommendation as to the number to be introduced, with proper selection and under due protection; but as the Government cannot divest itself of direct responsibility, they can only authorize such immigration as is conducted under the supervision of the Agent-General. As the Agent-General has, however, power under the 46th clause of the Act to appoint sub-agents, the Government will be willing to recommend to his favourable notice the names of such persons as you wish to be appointed to select the female immigrants for the Hawke's Bay Province.

The Agent-General will also be instructed with respect to the dates at which you wish these immigrants to be introduced, but as the season closes in October and does not reopen until about the beginning of April, the Government do not propose to give any definite instructions on this point, contenting themselves with indicating to the Agent-General their general desire that the wishes of the Province should be carried out as far as practicable.

I do not observe any intimation, either in your letter or in the resolution of the Provincial Council, as to the terms on which female immigration is recommended to be conducted. Experience shows that it will be necessary to authorize the Agent-General to offer as large an inducement as possible, and I should be obliged by your Honor favouring me with your views thereon.

The Government is advised that it has no power to include the immigration now on its way to Hawke's Bay as within the conditions of the Act, but if you will inform me of the amount, an appropriation of money will be proposed to the Legislature at the next Session of Parliament, the amount being repaid to the Province and charged as a payment on account of immigration under the Act.

3. With reference to the proposed special settlements, I shall be obliged by your furnishing the Government with plans of the blocks of land intended to be reserved by your Honor in the vicinity, if possible, of public works, the construction of which is in progress, under direction of the Government, together with a scheme of regulations to be agreed to by the General and Provincial Governments for the settlement thereon of the immigrants proposed to be introduced for that especial purpose.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 26.

MEMORANDUM No. 2, for the Agent-General, London.

COPY of a correspondence with the Superintendent of the Province of Hawke's Bay is forwarded for your guidance.

You will perceive that the only class of immigration at present sanctioned is that of nominated immigration, on the condition that a deposit of £5 is paid by the applicant here at the time of making the application; but that the regulations in connection therewith have not yet been submitted by His Honor for the approval of the Government.

Public Works Office, Wellington, 8th June, 1871.

W. GISBORNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay, 27 May, 1871. Reply thereto, 5 June, 1871.

No. 27.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

(Telegram.)

Napier, 17th June, 1871.

REFERRING to your letter of June 5th, I recommend the same conditions for nominated immigrants, Hawke's Bay, as are gazetted as applying to the Province of Wellington. I conclude I am authorized to issue orders for passages on receipt of the £5, in form adopted by Wellington. Please inform me can settlers desiring to bring out immigrants, such as gardeners, shepherds, ploughmen, &c., send blank orders for name to be filled in by friends at home? This is very necessary, and I hope can be sanctioned. I will reply to other parts of letter by post. Anxious to start nominated immigration.

The Hon. W. Gisborne, Wellington.

ORMOND.

No. 28.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 19th June, 1871.

With reference to your telegram of the 17th instant, relative to the introduction of nominated immigrants into the Province of Hawke's Bay, I have the honor to reply as follows:—

1. The Wellington regulations adapted to the Province of Hawke's Bay will be printed in the first *New Zealand Gazette*. A draft of these regulations is enclosed.

2. A copy of the passage order is also enclosed. These are given in duplicate to applicants to send to their friends. Care should be taken that "Duplicate" is legibly written across one of them.

3. As every encouragement should be given to employers of labour to get exactly the description of labour they require, the names in passage orders can be filled up by their agents at home, thus enabling them to make their own selection.

4. The passage money received from applicants should be paid daily to the Public Account, J. M. Tabuteau, Esquire, Receiver at Napier, and triplicate lists of orders granted forwarded to the Public Works Department, Wellington, as opportunity permits, for transmission to the Agent-General in London. A form of this list is also enclosed.

As it may not unfrequently occur that passage orders may be given by you after the despatch of the lists to Wellington, but in sufficient time to be sent by the applicants to their friends by the outgoing mail to Europe, instructions will be given to the Agent-General to honour such temporarily unadvised orders, with the view of preventing the delay of a month which would otherwise arise.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

W. GISBORNE.

Enclosure in No. 28.

NOMINATED Immigration Regulations, Hawke's Bay.

WHEREAS by "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," it is among other things enacted that the Governor may, at the request of the Superintendent of any Province, from time to time make regulations (as therein mentioned) for the conduct of immigration under the said Act into such Province, and for the nomination of immigrants by persons resident therein, and for the distribution of funds provided by the said Act for immigration purposes, and for the introduction into and settlement in such Province of immigrants, and for selling as special settlements for any such immigrants any lands which he may acquire from any Province under the provisions therein contained, or any lands acquired under "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," or the Acts amending the same, and for laying out and allotting any lands so acquired amongst any such immigrants: And whereas John Davis Ormond, Esq., the Superintendent of the Province of Hawke's Bay, hath requested me, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, to make regulations under the provisions of the said Act as and in manner hereinafter set forth:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, by virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the 41st section of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in that behalf, and in compliance with the request of the said Superintendent, do hereby make the following regulations, that is to say:—

Regulations for the Introduction of Immigrants into the Province of Hawke's Bay, on the Nomination of Persons resident therein.

1. Each applicant will be required to pay the sum of £5 for each adult at the time of making the application, and £2 10s. for each child between the ages of one and twelve years. Infants in arms, under one year, free. This rate being from London to Napier only, the cost of reaching London and proceeding up the country after arrival in Napier will have to be defrayed by the emigrants themselves.

2. As a rule, no unmarried females can be provided with passages under these regulations, excepting they accompany and are under the care of some specified relative or friend. Passages for unmarried females not so accompanied can only be granted subject to the Agent-General in England being able to make suitable provision for oversight during the voyage.

3. In the event of any emigrants applied for declining to emigrate, whatever money may have been deposited with the Government will be returned so soon as the Agent-General in England shall have apprised the Government thereof; but in the event of any emigrants applied for accepting the offer of a passage in a particular ship, and so, by failing to present themselves for embarkation at the time and place appointed by the Agent-General in England for the sailing of such ship, be left behind, the passage money and passages will be forfeited.

4. All the ships employed in this service will be under the provisions of "The Passenger Act."

5. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Agent-General in England will have power to refuse passages where the intending emigrants are in ill health or in any way unfitted, according to his judgment, to undertake the voyage.

6. Applications for passages are to be addressed to His Honor the Superintendent, Napier, in the following form, viz. :—

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for the passage to Napier, under the regulations of 30th May, 1871, of

Name
Age
Calling

Address in full

for which I herewith pay the sum of _____, being equal to _____ adults at £5 per adult, and hereby agree to receive the emigrants above named immediately on their arrival in Napier.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 1871.

(Signature and address of Applicant.)

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued at Wellington, this twenty-first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 29.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 21st June, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 186, of the 19th instant, enclosing draft of the regulations, passage order, &c., under which nominated immigrants can be introduced into this Province, and beg to thank you for so promptly enabling the people of this Province to take advantage of the immigration scheme. The various instructions contained in your letter will be complied with;—the passage money paid daily to the Public Works Account, and lists of orders for passages furnished as directed.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 167, of the 5th June, on the subject of immigration, a reply to which will be sent by the next opportunity.

I have, &c.,

J. D. ORMOND,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 30.

His Honor J. D. ORMOND to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 26th June, 1871.

In my letter of the 21st instant, replying to yours of the 19th instant, I had the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 5th June, on the subject of immigration to this Province, under the provisions of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," and I propose now to reply to the same.

The paragraph numbered 1 relating to nominated immigrants has been already dealt with, and I am happy to say the regulations approved by you are likely to be largely availed of by settlers in this Province.

With regard to paragraph 2, the want of female immigration is much felt, but in a small community like this it would not be desirable to bring out a large number at one time. If from twenty-five to thirty-five young women suitable for domestic service are brought out every three months, they will find ready employment, and I recommend that passages free of cost be allowed this class of immigrants. I would also ask that the Agent-General be requested to send out the number indicated by me at intervals of three months, and take the necessary measures for insuring proper protection. I note that the immigration must be conducted under the supervision of the Agent-General, but that, as he has power to appoint sub-agents, you will be willing to recommend to him the persons I wish to select the female immigrants for Hawke's Bay.

From experience gained by late arrivals of immigrants of this class, I am of opinion that young Scotch women are the best suited to the wants of the Province; and the Reverend Peter Barclay, formerly Presbyterian Minister here, and well known and respected, has given valuable assistance by sending out young women of good character from Scotland.

From his letters, I gather that he could induce many to come if they were brought out free of cost; and although I am not authorized by Mr. Barclay to ask the Agent-General to appoint him as a sub-agent, and think it unlikely he would consent to act in that capacity, yet he might render valuable assistance by selecting suitable immigrants; and I shall feel much obliged if you will move the Agent-General to refer to him and invite his co-operation. If this can be done, of which you might be good enough to advise me by telegraph, I will write to Mr. Barclay by the outgoing mail, and endeavour to secure his services.

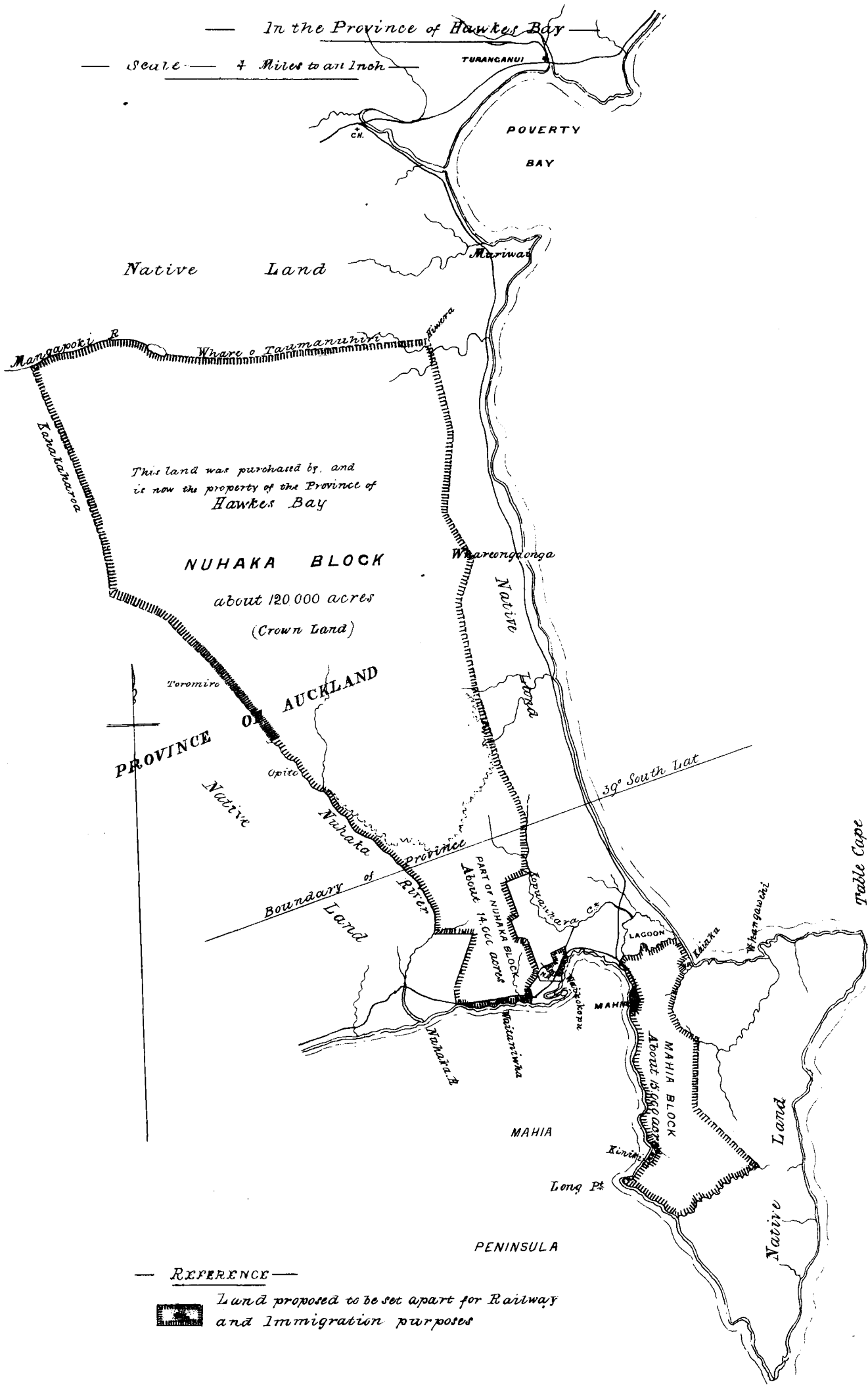
Should any difficulty arise, and Mr. Barclay not be able to act, I trust you will request the Agent-General to cause to be selected and sent as early as possible, and in the numbers and at the intervals

PLAN SHEWING LANDS PROPOSED TO BE SET APART FOR

RAILWAY AND IMMIGRATION PURPOSES

In the Province of Hawkes Bay

Scale 7 Miles to an Inch

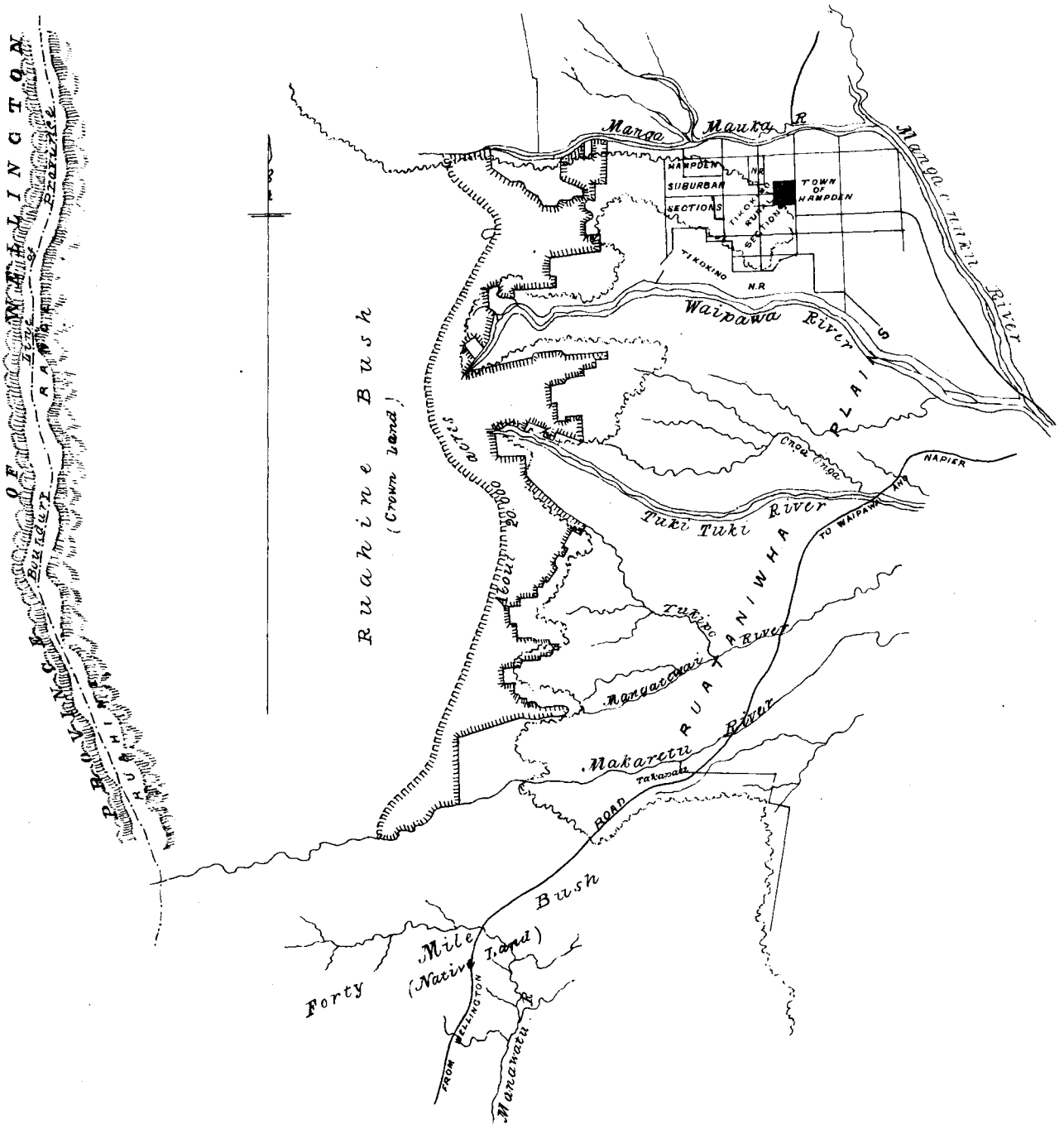


PLAN SHEWING LANDS PROPOSED TO BE SET APART FOR

RAILWAY AND IMMIGRATION PURPOSES

In the Province of Hawkes Bay

Scale - 4 miles to an Inch



REFERENCE



Land proposed to be set apart for Railway and Immigration purposes

mentioned before, immigrants of this class. Failing Scotch women, I believe young German women would be found most suitable.

I do not clearly understand what is meant by the season closing in October and not opening until April. As regards female immigration it is needed altogether independent of the time of the year; but for other classes, it is no doubt more desirable they should arrive in the Colony during the spring or summer months.

I have to thank you for your promise to propose to the Legislature, at the next Session of Parliament, an appropriation to cover the cost of immigration now on its way to Hawke's Bay, and will, as soon as I am in a position to do so, inform you of the amount such immigration has cost, together with particulars of the same.

With regard to paragraph 3, and the proposed special settlements, my letter of the 7th June gave tolerably full particulars as to the character and position of the blocks proposed to be devoted to that object, and plans of the same are now being prepared, and will be sent by an early opportunity.

I shall be glad if you will send a copy of my letter of the 7th June to the Agent-General, in order that he may be aware that it is proposed to promote settlement in this Province in the way therein indicated, and may, if opportunity offers, take steps to make the same known.

I send by this opportunity a plan showing three of the blocks proposed for special settlement; the fourth is situate in the heart of the Seventy Mile Bush.

In the map I am having prepared, fuller particulars will be given, and the position of the blocks to the other districts of the Province more clearly indicated.

With regard to the terms on which these lands will be given, I am not able by this opportunity to make more specific recommendations than were contained in my letter of the 7th June before referred to, but think what is there stated will sufficiently indicate to the Agent-General that the most liberal terms are proposed to be granted to insure the object in view.

I have, &c.,

J. D. ORMOND,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 31.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 1st July, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, in reference to immigration.

The Agent-General will be instructed to send out from twenty-five to thirty-five single women every three months if suitable persons can be obtained, and with this view he will, I have no doubt, gladly avail himself of the Rev. Mr. Barclay's agency. Failing his success in securing a sufficient number from Scotland, the attention of the Agent-General will be called to your preference for young women from Germany.

In explanation of my remark as to the emigration season, I may state that during the winter there is only a very partial emigration from the United Kingdom, and from some parts of the Continent it is entirely closed.

The unwillingness of emigrants to leave in the cold foggy months, and the discomfort of travelling both by land and sea, are so great, that by universal consent the emigration is almost wholly confined to a season extending from spring to autumn; and however desirable it may be, and in the case of domestic servants is, to have them leave at regular intervals, I am afraid the Agent-General will find great difficulty in carrying out your wishes in this respect.

I have noticed your remarks in reference to special settlements in my reply to your letter of the 7th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 32.

MEMORANDUM No. 4, for the Agent-General, London.

A CORRESPONDENCE with the Superintendent of the Province of Hawke's Bay is enclosed, relative to special settlements proposed to be established in that Province. You will learn therefrom that it is intended to place certain blocks of land at your disposal for colonization purposes, but that the conditions have not yet been arranged; and also that the correspondence is forwarded in order that you may take such preliminary steps as you may deem advisable to further the object in view.

Public Works Office, Wellington, 7th July, 1871.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 33.

MEMORANDUM No. 5, for the Agent-General, London.

WITH reference to Memorandum No. 2, of 8th June, a further correspondence is forwarded on the same subject of nominated immigration to the Province of Hawke's Bay. The arrangements are now complete, and List No. 1 is enclosed for thirty-three souls, or thirty and a half adults.

Without in any way fettering your arrangements, the Government will be glad if you can avail yourself of the services of the Rev. P. Barclay (who is, I believe, well known to you), in the selection of the young women applied to be sent out about every three months. Failing Mr. Barclay's services, you will be good enough to select the number of young women His Honor applies for, offering free passages as an inducement, preference being given to young German women.

Public Works Office, Wellington, 7th July, 1871.

W. GISBORNE.

Telegram, Supt.,
Hawke's Bay,
17 June, 1871.

Colonial Sec.,
19 June, 1871.

Supt., Hawke's
Bay, 21 June,
1871.

Supt., Hawke's
Bay, 26 June,
1871.

No. 34.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor J. D. ORMOND.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 10th August, 1871.

I have the honor to enclose a draft of the Regulations for assisted immigration into the Province of Hawke's Bay, which have been made by the Governor at your request. They will be printed in the next issue of the *New Zealand Gazette*.

His Honor J. D. Ormond.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

WHEREAS by "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," it is among other things enacted that the Governor may, at the request of the Superintendent of any Province, from time to time make regulations (as therein mentioned) for the conduct of immigration under the said Act into such Province, and for the nomination of immigrants by persons resident therein, and for the distribution of funds provided by the said Act for immigration purposes, and for the introduction into and settlement in such Province of immigrants, and for selling as special settlements for any such immigrants any lands which he may acquire from any Province under the provisions therein contained, or any lands acquired under "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," or the Acts amending the same, and for laying out and allotting any lands so acquired amongst any such immigrants: And whereas John Davies Ormond, Esq., the Superintendent of the Province of Hawke's Bay, hath requested me, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, to make regulations under the provisions of the said Act as and in manner hereinafter set forth:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, by virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the forty-first section of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in that behalf, and in compliance with the request of the said Superintendent, do hereby make the following regulations, that is to say:—

Regulations for the Introduction of Assisted Immigrants into the Province of Hawke's Bay.

Young women residing in Europe desirous of obtaining an assisted passage to the Province of Hawke's Bay in vessels under contract to proceed to that Province, may receive assistance as follows:—

Free passages will be granted by the Agent-General to single women of good health accustomed to domestic service who can bring satisfactory proof of good character, and who are between the ages of 15 and 35.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued at Wellington, this tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

W. GISBORNE.

WELLINGTON.

No. 35.

His Honor I. E. FEATHERSTON to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 27th January, 1871.

I have the honor to request that arrangements may be immediately made for the establishment of a system of assisted immigration to this Province.

By assisted immigration, I mean the introduction of persons from the United Kingdom or elsewhere, nominated either by their relatives resident in this Province, or by employers of labour who are willing to bear a portion of the cost of their migration.

It is hardly necessary for me to dwell upon the advantages of such a system of immigration,—it is sufficient to say that by it a guarantee is provided to the Government that the persons introduced are likely to prove good Colonists, while the Government is relieved of any responsibility either in the selection or in the settlement of the new comers on their arrival in New Zealand. I may also refer to the fact that for many years the Provincial Government of Wellington, under special arrangements with Messrs. Shaw, Saville, and Co., provided facilities for this class of immigrants at a minimum cost to the Province, and with the most satisfactory results.

The practical experience thus gained leads me to suggest the following simple plan for the acceptance of the Government.

By a communication addressed to the New Zealand Commissioners, while in England, by Messrs. Shaw, Saville, and Co., and which is a record in the Public Works Office, it appears that this firm is prepared to bring out immigrants to New Zealand at a cost of from £12 to £13 per statute adult. As this amount was based on the supposition of a large Colonial emigration from the United Kingdom, the cost of the limited number required under the present arrangement would probably be increased to £14, and, considering the creditable manner in which that firm has hitherto performed their engagements, I should recommend the acceptance of this higher rate if they demand it.

Persons desirous of introducing immigrants, whether relatives or labourers, should, on application at the Immigration Office, be required to deposit a sum equal to one-half the passage money charged by the contractors, or say £7 for every statute adult; such deposit or payment to be the only charge upon the applicant or immigrant for the cost of his passage, the other moiety, or the balance of the passage money, whatever it might be, being defrayed by the Government. If however, by any accident or otherwise, the person nominated should not avail himself of the passage provided, the deposit of £7 should be returned to the depositor.

On payment of the required deposit, the applicant should receive an order on the contractors for a free passage to Wellington from London, every possible information being afforded by the applicant as to the names, ages, sexes, and occupations of the intended immigrants, and of the time when they would probably be ready to sail from England; not, however, that the applicant should necessarily be restricted to the selection of the particular individuals named, but simply that the contractors should receive some information as to the demands likely to be made upon them for passenger accommodation.

I cannot too strongly urge that the contribution required from the friends of intending immigrants should take the form of a final payment in advance, even although by a system of promissory notes the Government might hope to obtain a larger contribution to the cost of the passage. The experience of the Provincial Government has been that the latter system is troublesome and vicious in the extreme, and that practically a more satisfactory result is obtained, and at a less ultimate cost, by a small payment made in advance. Moreover, the deposit of a sum of money in advance is the best possible guarantee of the *bonâ fides* of the applicant, and of his ability to receive or employ the immigrant on arrival in the Colony.

Should the Government decide to accept the offer of Messrs. Shaw, Saville, and Co., and agree to the suggestions I have made, I should be prepared at once to call for applications for assisted immigrants, and should be glad to confer with you with a view of arranging the details necessary for giving practical effect to my proposals.

In conclusion, I may state my belief that a liberal system of assisted immigration, such as I have the honor to propose, will be very largely availed of by all classes of residents in this Province.

The Hon. W. Gisborne.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Superintendent.

No. 36.

His Honor W. FITZHERBERT to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 25th May, 1871.

In compliance with the provisions of clause 39 of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1871," I have the honor to request that arrangements may be made for the introduction into this Province, during the next twelve months, of the immigrants enumerated in the Memorandum enclosed herewith.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works.

Enclosure in No. 36.

MEMORANDUM of the requirements of the Province of Wellington with regard to Immigration during the Year 1871-72.

1. 500 *Labourers, with their Wives and Families*.—To be all able-bodied men, agricultural labourers or navvies, with a few mechanics; men who can be drafted off and settled in new country in the neighbourhood of public works, on which many of them would find employment. These people should be imported not later than 1st March, 1872. They should be called upon to pay £5 per statute adult for their passage, or to give a promissory note for £7, payable in twelve months after arrival in the Colony.

2. *Unmarried Females*.—As many, up to five hundred, as can be induced to immigrate. Free passages should be given as an inducement, and all married couples applying for passages should have notice of the desire of the Government to bring out unmarried females under their protection.

3. *Assisted Immigrants, say 400*.—Friends or relations of Colonists, work-people sent for by employers of labour, nominated by persons residing in New Zealand. The number of these would depend on the demand, and they will be introduced on a payment of £5 per statute adult at the time of application being made for their passage.

4. 100 *Families, Scandinavian*.—To be all married couples with as many single women as will come out under their protection. They should be all farm labourers and lumberers, as they would be introduced mainly with the view of locating them as pioneers in a bush country. To be introduced on the same terms as Class 1.

5. *Manufacturers*.—In order to encourage the introduction of skilled labour in connection with capital for the establishment of woollen, linen, paper, or other manufactures, offers should be made to introduce, free of charge for themselves or their families, skilled labourers under at least one year's engagement to any *bonâ fide* intending manufacturer bringing out the necessary plant for the establishment of a factory within the Province.

It is contemplated by these proposals to introduce from two thousand to three thousand persons within the period of the next twelve months.

No. 37.

His Honor W. FITZHERBERT to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 26th May, 1871.

No. 35. As it appears to be necessary, for technical reasons, that the approval of His Excellency the Governor to the Immigration Regulations for this Province, requested by my predecessor, should now be requested by me before they can be gazetted, I do myself the honor to request His Excellency's approval thereto accordingly.

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Superintendent.

No. 38.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor W. FITZHERBERT.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 31st May, 1871.

With reference to your letters of the 25th and 26th instant, relative to the regulations for nominated immigration, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the notification of His Excellency the Governor's approval of the regulations alluded to, which will appear in the next *Gazette*.

The regulations, together with the revised advertisement and other documents now returned, will apprise you that it is the intention of the Government to leave the details of this immigration to be conducted as far as possible through the Provincial authorities, and the only direction it will be necessary for me to give is in reference to the form of forwarding the monthly lists of immigrants applied for.

It is proposed that the amounts received from applicants at the Provincial Treasury shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury day by day, and that one or two days previously to the departure of the mail *via* San Francisco, a triplicate list of the applicants, persons applied for, and all other necessary information, be furnished to the Immigration and Public Works Office, for transmission to the Agent-General in London.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

Enclosure in No. 38.

REGULATIONS for Nominated Immigrants.—Wellington.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

WHEREAS by "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," it is among other things enacted that the Governor may, at the request of the Superintendent of any Province, from time to time make regulations (as therein mentioned) for the conduct of immigration under the said Act into such Province, and for the nomination of immigrants by persons resident therein, and for the distribution of funds provided by the said Act for immigration purposes, and for the introduction into and settle-

ment in such Province of immigrants, and for selling as special settlements for any such immigrants any lands which he may acquire from any Province under the provisions therein contained, or any lands acquired under "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," or the Acts amending the same, and for laying out and allotting any lands so acquired amongst any such immigrants: And whereas William Fitzherbert, Esq., the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington, hath requested me, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, to make regulations under the provisions of the said Act as and in manner hereinafter set forth:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, by virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the 41st section of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in that behalf, and in compliance with the request of the said Superintendent, do hereby make the following regulations, that is to say:—

Regulations for the Introduction of Immigrants into the Province of Wellington, on the Nomination of Persons resident therein.

1. Each applicant will be required to pay the sum of £5 for each adult at the time of making the application, and £2 10s. for each child between the ages of one and twelve years. Infants in arms, under one year, free. This rate being from London to Wellington only, the cost of reaching London and proceeding up the country after arrival in Wellington will have to be defrayed by the emigrants themselves.

2. As a rule, no unmarried females can be provided with passages under these regulations, excepting they accompany and are under the care of some specified relative or friend. Passages for unmarried females not so accompanied can only be granted subject to the Agent-General in England being able to make suitable provision for oversight during the voyage.

3. In the event of any emigrants applied for declining to emigrate, whatever money may have been deposited with the Government will be returned so soon as the Agent-General in England shall have apprised the Government thereof; but in the event of any emigrants applied for accepting the offer of a passage in a particular ship, and so, by failing to present themselves for embarkation at the time and place appointed by the Agent-General in England for the sailing of such ship, be left behind, the passage money and passages will be forfeited.

4. All the ships employed in this service will be under the provisions of "The Passenger Act."

5. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Agent-General in England will have power to refuse passages where the intending emigrants are in ill health or in any way unfitted, according to his judgment, to undertake the voyage.

6. Applications for passages are to be addressed to His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington, in the following form, viz:—

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for the passage to Wellington, under the regulations of 30th May, 1871, of

Name
Age
Calling

Address in full

for which I herewith pay the sum of _____, being equal to _____ adults at £5 per adult, and hereby agree to receive the emigrants above named immediately on their arrival in Wellington.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 1871.

(Signature and address of Applicant.)

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued at Wellington, this twenty-first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 39.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor W. FITZHERBERT.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 1st June, 1871.

I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th May (received here on the 30th), in which you recommend to the Government arrangements for immigration into the Province of Wellington for the ensuing twelve months, which you propose for adoption under the 39th clause of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870."

The Government have no doubt that in making these proposals you have been guided by the well ascertained wants of the Province, as I notice with satisfaction that as regards the larger classes referred to in your proposals, it is in contemplation to settle them in "new country in the neighbourhood of public works." The Government being, however, directly responsible to the Assembly, feel themselves bound to see that due provision is made for the settlement of the immigration they are called on to authorize.

With respect to Classes 1 and 4, namely, "500 labourers, with their wives and families," and the "100 families, Scandinavian," I shall feel obliged by your furnishing the Government with plans of blocks of land reserved by your Honor in the vicinity of the public roads in progress under the direction of the General Government within this Province, together with a scheme of regulations, to be agreed to by the Provincial and General Governments, for the settlement thereon of those classes of

immigrants. I postpone special reference in these cases to reserves in the vicinity of railways, as the authority of the General Assembly for the construction of such railways has not yet been obtained, and it would therefore, for the present, be desirable to authorize only a part of that number of immigrants to be sent out. I take this opportunity to remind your Honor that it is necessary to have reserves marked out and regulations framed for the settlement of the Scandinavian families already located at Manawatu.

The only other point to which I think it necessary now to direct your attention, is in reference to the instruction to be given to the Agent-General as to the amount proposed to be charged for the passage of the classes now under consideration. I fear that very few *bonâ fide* selections amongst agricultural labourers and navvies can be made if that price is insisted on, and I would suggest whether a larger latitude should not be confided to the Agent-General in case he should find it desirable to reduce the terms. The Government are also strongly impressed with the inexpediency of the offered alternative to take a promissory note in substitution for the cash payments required, and are of opinion that this alternative should be withdrawn.

The Government are prepared to adopt your Honor's recommendation with regard to Classes 2 and 5, viz., unmarried females and skilled labour in connection with woollen and other manufactures, subject however to the proviso, as regards the unmarried females, that they must be carefully selected and cautiously introduced under proper protection of assisted or other emigrant couples; and as regards the skilled labourers, that capitalists who desire their introduction are capable of, and furnish satisfactory security for fulfilling all necessary pledges.

The only remaining Class, viz., 3, that of persons nominated by Colonists, has already been sanctioned in my letter of yesterday's date. The Government will at once instruct the Agent-General in reference to Classes 2, 3, and 5, and will adopt a similar course in reference to a portion of Classes 1 and 4, so soon as the necessary reserves and regulations have been made. I think it right however, to remind you that it will not be possible, under the most favourable circumstances, to calculate on any large immigration at so early a date as the 1st of March, 1872. Provided the Government were at once satisfied as to the adequacy of the reserves and the prospects of settlement, no instructions can reach the Agent-General in sufficient time to enable him, even if it were desirable, to send out any large proportion of the emigrants enumerated before the close of the emigration season in October; and, as you are doubtless aware, it does not recommence before the end of March or beginning of April.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

No. 40.

MEMORANDUM No. 1, for the Agent-General, London.

Supt. of Well.,
26 May, 1871.

Hon. W. Gisborne,
31 May.

Supt. of Well.,
25 May.

Hon. W. Gisborne,
1 June.

HEREWITH are annexed copies of a correspondence that has taken place with His Honor the Superintendent of Wellington, in reference to immigration to the Province of Wellington.

The Agent-General will learn therefrom that the introduction of Classes 1 and 4 (agricultural and farming families) is still under the consideration of the Government, but that they have sanctioned the introduction of immigrants into the Province of Wellington to the following extent, viz.:

2. Unmarried females—as many up to 500 as, after careful selection, can be induced to emigrate, and for whom proper protection can be provided.
3. Nominated immigrants up to 400, under orders signed by the Provincial Secretary; lists thereof to be transmitted through this department month by month.
5. Skilled labour in connection with woollen and other manufactures: the capitalists desiring their introduction to be able to furnish satisfactory security that they are able and willing to fulfil all necessary pledges.

In compliance with the assurance given to His Honor that the Government would at once instruct the Agent-General in reference to the above immigration, you will be good enough to act thereon accordingly.

Public Works Office, Wellington, 5th June, 1871.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 41.

His Honor W. FITZHERBERT to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 4th July, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 161, of 1st June, 1871, on the subject of my recommendation as to the number and character of the immigrants proposed to be introduced into this Province during the ensuing twelve months.

I note first that the General Government is desirous of being furnished "with plans of the blocks of land reserved" for the purpose of settlement by immigrants, "together with a scheme of regulations relating thereto."

I beg to forward, for the information of the Government, copies of two resolutions, passed with the unanimous consent of the Provincial Council, which, if sanctioned by the General Assembly, will confer the fullest powers upon the Provincial Executive to set aside sufficient reserves for settlement on liberal terms. It is the intention of my Government, as soon as these resolutions shall have been legalized, and the construction of any of the proposed lines of railway assented to by the General Assembly, to lay off reserves abutting on the lines of road, and at intervals of from five to ten miles, as the character of the country shall permit, sufficient for the permanent location of immigrant labourers, who will hold their land under the terms of the resolutions numbered A, embodying "The Land on Deferred Payments Act, 1871." The General Government is aware that, of the proposed main line of railway, the portion between Masterton and the settled district of Rangitikei, about 130 miles, runs through a

country part of which is under negotiation for purchase from the Natives. Part has been purchased, but the Native title not yet declared extinguished; and of the remainder, very little has yet been surveyed in detail. It will therefore be apparent that it is impossible for my Government to furnish the required plans at the present time. The country opened up by this line, partly bush and partly open, is all uniformly rich agricultural land; and so soon as the General Government can inform me what part of the works they propose first to undertake, the Provincial Surveyors will be instructed to lay off the necessary contiguous reserves. I submit, therefore, that instructions to the Agent-General should not be delayed for want of more precise information. The Provincial Government is fully aware of the necessity of providing a suitable permanent location and sufficient work for all immigrants immediately on their arrival in the Colony, and in making these recommendations they were guided by the considerations that nearly £30,000 would, during the next twelve months, be spent chiefly in labour within this Province out of the North Island Roads Loan; that a considerable expenditure would also be incurred in connection with railway formation; and that out of this expenditure, and the consequent opening up of new country, additional collateral industries would immediately arise, demanding an amount of labour which the present population of the country is unable to supply.

The Provincial Government also entertain a confident expectation that blocks of the confiscated lands will be set aside by the General Government for the location of immigrant labourers on the road line between Waitotara and Patea River, to be occupied on terms somewhat similar to those proposed by the Provincial Council with regard to the lands under its control.

I trust, therefore, that although from the lateness of the season it may be impossible to carry out my recommendations as to Class 4, "100 Scandinavian families," yet that, as to Class 1, "500 labourers and their families," an increase rather than a diminution may be made in the proposed number. Unless an amount of labour equal to the public work annually to be executed be annually introduced, the introduction of foreign capital for the execution of public works will react injuriously on the Province by raising the price of labour on those works in the settled portion of the country, by depriving it of a considerable part of the already insufficient labour expended upon it and on the newly opened districts, by hindering the application of private capital and enterprise to their development.

With reference to the Scandinavian immigrants settled at Manawatu, they are located on land reserved for their use in sections varying from forty to twenty acres, and it is the intention of my Executive to bring their holdings under "The Land on Deferred Payments Act, 1871," so soon as that measure shall have received the sanction of the General Assembly. As to the amount proposed to be charged against immigrants towards the cost of their passage, I confess myself unwilling to make any change in my former recommendations. While anxious to give every latitude to the Agent-General under the varying circumstances with which he will necessarily have to deal in selecting immigrants, I am of opinion that, as the introduction of each statute adult will cost the Colony at least fifteen pounds, it is but right that the person chiefly benefited should repay the Colony at least one-third the amount. I would point out, also, that if this payment be not insisted on, either directly or by promissory note, and any reduction allowed, assisted immigration will be discouraged, and people will prefer leaving their friends or labourers to be brought out on reduced terms by the Government.

As it is proposed to employ the greater part of the labour introduced on public works, there would be little difficulty in securing the payment of the promissory notes. Unless the promissory notes system be allowed, as suggested in my memorandum, many desirable immigrants would have to be rejected entirely or introduced wholly at the expense of the Colony, either of which alternative it is desirable to avoid.

I note with satisfaction that the Government has been pleased to adopt my recommendation with respect to Classes 2 and 5, and the Government may rely on my affording them, from time to time, the fullest information available with regard to the settlement and employment of the various classes of immigrants.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 41.

Resolutions referred to.

THAT it is desirable that the Provincial Government should be empowered to set apart blocks of the waste lands of the Province of Wellington, and to sell the same on deferred payments, in sections of not more than 200 acres or less than 40 acres to any one person, to be paid for by instalments extending over a period of five years, the purchasers being required to occupy and improve the land purchased.

That it is also expedient that the Provincial Government should have fuller powers to set apart land for special settlement.

That His Honor the Superintendent be requested to procure the passing of a Bill, in the next Session of the General Assembly, on the terms or to the effect as may be agreed on by the Council, with such modifications as the Superintendent may think fit to adopt, in order to carry out both or either of the above resolutions.

No. 42.

MEMORANDUM No. 10, for the Agent-General, London.

REFERRING to my Memorandum No. 1, of 5th June, in which I forwarded copy of a correspondence with the Superintendent of Wellington relating to the immigration arrangements proposed by his Honor for the current year, and informed you that the introduction of Classes 1 and 4 was still under the consideration of the Government, I have now the honor to forward copy of a further

letter from the Superintendent, dated the 4th instant, in which he details the steps intended to be taken for the location of the immigrants above mentioned, viz., 400 labourers, with their wives and families, and 100 families of Scandinavians.

As the Government and Provincial Council of Wellington have given practical evidence that they are anxious to mark out sites for the settlement of these labourers and Scandinavians in close proximity to the lines of road and railway to be executed under the authority of the General Assembly, and as a portion (partly in the Province of Wellington) of the Seventy Mile Bush has recently been acquired, and the acquisition of further portions is in progress, the Government have decided to instruct you to carry into effect the request of the Superintendent relative to the two classes of immigrants under consideration, but extending their arrival over a period of two years instead of one, as originally proposed. At the same time the Government intend informing His Honor that, should the progress of events require it, they will be prepared to instruct you to expedite this immigration so as to admit of its arrival within some shorter period than to be defined.

Five hundred labourers, with their wives and families. One hundred families, Scandinavians.

With regard to the terms on which these two classes of immigrants are to be allowed passages, the Government will consent to those proposed by His Honor in the Memorandum enclosed in his letter of 25th May last, viz., that they should be called upon to pay £5 per statute adult for their passage, or to give a promissory note for £7, payable within twelve months after arrival in the Colony. Having admitted the principle of promissory notes in reference to the Province of Canterbury, where it has been in operation for years, the Government have not thought it consistent to continue to object to its application in the case of Wellington, more especially as the whole (or nearly so) of the immigration now sanctioned will be employed on public works.

I have already forwarded to you in my Memorandum No. 6,* of yesterday's date, the form of promissory note to be used by intending immigrants in England, and called your attention to the formalities of execution. The promissory notes to be taken from the immigrants to Wellington will, like those of Canterbury, be drawn out on demand, with the understanding that unless the immigrant dispute the debt or shall attempt to leave the Province, payment will only be required by such instalments as shall enable him to liquidate the debt within twelve months after landing.

Public Works Office, Wellington, 8th July, 1871.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 43.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor W. FITZHERBERT.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 18th July, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, in which you urge certain reasons why the Government should not delay to instruct the Agent-General to procure for the Wellington Province the immigrants belonging to Classes 1 and 4, mentioned in the Memorandum enclosed in your Honor's letter of 25th May.

Being anxious to carry out your Honor's views in this matter to the fullest extent consistent with the responsibility which devolves upon them, the Government instructed the Agent-General, by the last mail, to give effect to your request, but extending the arrival of the immigrants over a period of two years instead of one as originally proposed. The Agent-General was, however, at the same time informed that, should the progress of events require it, he would be instructed to expedite this immigration so as to admit of its arrival within some shorter period than to be defined.

The Government have also instructed the Agent-General to require from the intending emigrants of these two Classes (viz., Class 1, five hundred labourers, with their wives and families, and Class 4, one hundred families, Scandinavians,) a payment in cash of £5 per statute adult, or where such is not forthcoming, a promissory note at the rate of £7 per statute adult, payable by instalments within twelve months after their arrival in the Colony. This system has been adopted as the one recommended by you in the Memorandum already alluded to as enclosed in your letter of the 25th May.

In order that you may be fully apprised of the views of the Government and the action which they have taken in the matter of immigration to the Province of Wellington, I enclose a copy of the Memorandum No. 10 thereon, which the Hon. the Minister for Public Works addressed to the Agent-General.

As the whole of the immigration recommended by your Honor has now been sanctioned, it will be necessary at once to prepare and issue the regulations for all classes of assisted immigrants,—those for the nominated immigration having been already gazetted. I enclose for your guidance the regulations in force in Canterbury, which I shall be obliged by your adapting to the present case for early publication in the *Gazette*.

It is also indispensable that due provision should be made in ample time for setting apart suitable blocks of land for expected immigrants, and for their proper location thereon.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

No. 44.

His Honor W. FITZHERBERT to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 25th July, 1871.

In reply to your letter of the 18th July, 1871, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the regulations I propose to be adopted for the introduction of assisted immigrants into the Province of Wellington.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

* Memorandum No. 6 will be found with the section of this Paper relating to Immigration to Province of Canterbury.

No. 45.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor W. FITZHERBERT.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 8th August, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th July, and in reply enclose copy of the *New Zealand Gazette*, of the 5th instant, containing the regulations which you requested His Excellency the Governor to make for the conduct of assisted immigration to the Province of Wellington.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

Enclosure in No. 45.

REGULATIONS for the Introduction of Assisted Immigrants into the Province of Wellington.

ANY person residing in Europe desirous of obtaining an assisted passage to the Province of Wellington in vessels under contract to proceed to that Province, may receive assistance as follows:—

1. The Government will grant passages on payment to the Agent-General in London before embarkation, of the sum of £5 for each adult of twelve years old and upwards; but where the intending immigrant is unable to pay the five pounds above mentioned, the Agent-General will have power to commute the cash payment into the giving a promissory note for £7 per adult; preference will, however, always be given to those who can pay the largest portion in cash. The promissory notes will be made payable on demand in the form printed below; but unless the immigrant dispute the debt or shall attempt to leave the Province, payment will only be required by such instalments as may be requisite to pay off the whole amount within twelve months after arrival.

FORM OF PROMISSORY NOTE.

(Stamp.)

£..... [Place of making and date.]
On demand I promise to pay to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in the Colony of New Zealand, the sum of pounds
shillings for value received.

[Signature of Maker.] A.B.

Note.—To be stamped and executed according to the English Law.

2. Children between one and twelve years, half price. Babies under twelve months, free.
3. Assisted passages will be afforded only to persons of the labouring class.
4. No person will be allowed any assistance unless he or she shall have been approved by the Agent-General in England.
5. No single man above the age of 45 years, no person above the age of 50 years unless a member of a large family, and no person above 60 under any circumstances, will be allowed assistance.
6. All persons receiving assistance must be of sound mind, good health, and good character.
7. Free passages will be provided for single women accustomed to domestic service who can bring satisfactory proof of good character, and who are between the ages of 15 and 35.
8. In certain other cases, with a view to the introduction of skilled labour in connection with capital for the establishment of woollen, linen, paper, or other manufactories, free passages will be given, of the conditions of which the Agent-General in England will from time to time be advised.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued at Wellington, this third day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

W. GISBORNE.

NELSON.

No. 46.

His Honor O. CURTIS to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Nelson, 10th February, 1871.

In reply to your circular letter of the 24th January, in which you ask me to furnish you with such information under the 39th and 41st sections of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," as will enable steps to be taken for the introduction of such classes of immigrants, and in such numbers and sexes as in my opinion the requirements of the Province would justify during the next twelve months, I have the honor to state that I am not, in the present circumstances of the Province, prepared to recommend the introduction of immigrants at the public expense.

When immigration can be combined with the construction of railways or other large public works, giving extensive employment to labour, and at the same time making available for settlement tracts of land at present practically inaccessible, in accordance with the provisions contained in section 39 of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," I think selected immigrants might be introduced with benefit to the Province and to themselves.

But until important public works, such as the proposed railway from Nelson to Cobden and Westport, or at least a portion of that line, have been definitely authorized by the General Assembly, and contracts for their construction entered into, I fear that the introduction of immigrants would tend only to increase the difficulty already experienced by the existing population of the Province in obtaining employment, and to the disappointment and injury of the immigrants themselves.

I have, &c.,

OSWALD CURTIS,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 47.

His Honor O. CURTIS to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Nelson, 19th July, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter of the 31st May last, in which, after referring to the objects of the Immigration and Public Works Act, you remark that, in order to secure its success, "it is necessary that sufficient blocks of land in the vicinity of the lines of roads and railways should be marked out and reserved for immigration purposes," in order that when the terms of their disposal have been agreed to by the General and Provincial Governments, the Agent-General in London should be instructed to make arrangements for the settlement of suitable immigrants upon them.

Anticipating my concurrence, you proceed to invite me to take the necessary steps for the reservation in convenient areas and sites, contiguous or adjacent to lines of railway and roads now in course of construction, of blocks of agricultural land, to be laid off in villages and farms for the purposes of immigration.

In reply, I beg to state for the information of the Government, that no considerable blocks of agricultural land in this Province fit for settlement remain in the hands of the Crown outside the boundaries of the gold fields.

Within the gold fields, which comprise upwards of four million acres, I need not observe that the lands are not subject to the operation of the Waste Land Laws, either as regards sale or lease, and that they are therefore already practically reserved, and would be available, so far as they are suitable for the purposes of settlement, when made reasonably accessible by railways or roads. I enclose herewith, a copy of a late Report by the Provincial Engineer upon the subject, showing the blocks of land within the South-west Gold Fields which could most advantageously be adapted for settlement.

As however no railways or roads under the provisions of the Immigration and Public Works Act are in course of construction in this Province, or have as yet been determined upon, I think the Government will agree with me that it will not be desirable to withdraw the lands referred to by Mr. Dobson from gradual settlement under the agricultural lease sections of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," at all events until railways or roads which would render them eligible for the purposes referred to in your circular letter are in course of construction, or have at least received the sanction of the Legislature.

I may add, that, in accordance with resolutions of the Provincial Council, a Bill is now in preparation, which I trust will receive the assent of the General Assembly, for the amendment of the Nelson Crown Lands Leasing Act, by the introduction of clauses entitling the lessee to a freehold after payment of a very moderate rent for a certain number of years, without any other conditions.

In the meantime, I beg to assure the Government that I shall at all times most gladly co-operate with them, in every way that lies in my power, in the carrying out of all measures calculated to promote the opening up and permanent settlement of population upon the waste lands of the Colony.

I have, &c.,

OSWALD CURTIS,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 47.

REPORT on Land suitable for Settlement on Nelson South-west Gold Fields, by Mr. DOBSON,
District Engineer.

Westport, 18th April, 1871.

SIR,—

I have the honor to hand you the following report on the agricultural land suitable for settlement in the Nelson South-west Gold Fields.

In the Inangahua and Grey Valleys, about 13,000 acres of good bush land, well suited for agricultural purposes, exist in easily available situations, the position and extent of which is as follows:—

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| 1. Inangahua Valley | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,000 | acres. |
| 2. Head of Little Grey | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,000 | " |
| 3. Surrounding Lake Hochstetter | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,000 | " |
| 4. Between Arnold and Ahaura River | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,000 | " |
| | | | | | 13,000 | |
| | Total | ... | ... | ... | 13,000 | |

In the accompanying plan the land described is coloured green, and proposed roads shown by a dotted pink line. [Not sent.]

Before the setting out of any blocks for settlement was commenced, I should recommend that lines of road should be first surveyed and well marked. From these road lines the sections would then be laid out. This work could be done by contract, and would cost about 1s. 6d. an acre. To this would have to be added the cost of preliminary explorations and setting out the road lines, which would cost about £700.

The total cost would be as follows:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|
| 13,000 acres, at 1s 6d. per acre | 975 | 0 | 0 |
| Surveying and setting out road lines | 700 | 0 | 0 |
| | £1,675 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | ... | ... | ... |

Before the land could be worked to advantage, dray roads would be required; but these could be formed by degrees, as the land was taken up.

In the Inangahua, the road required to open up the land would also serve as the main line of road to the Murray Reefs.

This would also be the case in the Little Grey; the road through the agricultural land would be the main line connecting the valleys of the Inangahua and Grey.

Between the Arnold and the Ahaura Rivers the land would lie on either side of the proposed main road to the Ahaura.

At Lake Hochstetter the case is different; a road would be required there solely for the land.

Besides the amount of land before mentioned, there is a great deal of good land in small quantities, and also a large quantity of second-class land, which at some future day will be gladly taken up.

I have, &c.,

A. DUDLEY DOBSON,
District Engineer.

The Provincial Secretary, Nelson.

No. 48.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor O. CURTIS.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 2nd August, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter of the 19th ultimo, in reply to my circular of the 31st May last, and to thank you for the assurance of co-operation in carrying out measures for the opening up, and permanent settlement of population upon, the waste land of the Colony, which that letter conveys.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Nelson.

MARLBOROUGH.

No. 49.

His Honor A. P. SEYMOUR to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Blenheim, 1st March, 1871.

In reply to your circular letter of the 24th January, requesting information as to the introduction of immigrants into the Province of Marlborough, under the provisions of Part V. of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," I have the honor to state that the Provincial Government of Marlborough desire to afford facilities to residents now in the Province to send for their relatives and friends, upon some arrangement with the Province for the repayment of one-half of their passage money. There is no land in the Province which could be made available for the settlement of any large number of immigrants, neither do the circumstances of the Province warrant such introduction. I shall therefore have much pleasure in co-operating with the Colonial Government in bringing out those immigrants whose friends here nominate—the Colonial Government defraying the cost of their passage, and charging the one-half thereof to the Province, in terms of the 44th clause of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870."

I have, &c.,
A. P. SEYMOUR,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 50.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor A. P. SEYMOUR.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 18th April, 1871.

I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter, of the 1st March, in which you state that your Government desire to afford facilities to residents now in the Province of Marlborough to send for their relatives and friends, upon some arrangement for the repayment of one-half of their passage money.

The Provincial Government of Wellington having made arrangements to introduce a similar class under similar conditions, I do myself the honor to forward for your information, copy of the regulations, &c., which have been approved in its case, and to inform you that the Government will be happy to co-operate in giving effect to similar arrangements as respects the Province of Marlborough, or such modification of them as may be considered desirable.

Messrs. Shaw, Saville, and Co. last year offered to enter into an emigration contract, at about £13 per statute adult; but as this was based on the supposition of a large emigration to all parts of the Colony, it is not probable that a less price will be charged under present circumstances than £14.

As the numbers for Marlborough will necessarily be small, the immigrants will probably be sent out in vessels bound for Wellington or Nelson, and additional expense for transshipment incurred. The Government will be prepared to instruct the Agent-General to make the best possible terms in London for a fixed through-price, and in the meantime £16 had better be taken as the whole cost.

You will learn from the Wellington regulations that each applicant is required to deposit at the time of making his application one-half of the passage money for each adult, and in proportion for children.* This amount will have to be paid by the Provincial Immigration Officer to the Colonial Treasury, and particulars of the names, ages, addresses, and callings of the immigrants, transmitted to the Minister for Public Works.

The Agent-General will be informed thereof by each mail; and to prevent the delay of a mail in any case occurring, your Honor can be authorized to communicate to that officer the same particulars direct.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Marlborough.

No. 51.

His Honor A. P. SEYMOUR to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Blenheim, 15th May, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo, enclosing a copy of the immigration regulations of the Province of Wellington, which have been agreed to by the Colonial Government, and expressing your willingness to approve of similar regulations for the introduction of immigrants into this Province. I will, at an early date, forward regulations of a similar nature for the approval of the Ministry.

I have, &c.,
A. P. SEYMOUR,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

* These terms, requested by Mr. Superintendent Featherston (No. 35), were afterwards reduced to £5 an adult on the request of Mr. Superintendent Fitzherbert (No. 36).

CANTERBURY.

No. 52.

His Honor W. ROLLESTON to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Wellington, 26th August, 1870.

In reference to the proposals of the Government with regard to immigration, as contained in the Public Works and Immigration Bill, I have the honor to inform you that, by the last mail from England, I received information from the Immigration Agent of the Province of Canterbury, acquainting me with the arrangements which, acting under my instructions, he has made for despatching immigrant ships to arrive during the current financial year in Canterbury. These arrangements are as follows:—

The "Monarch" sailed on 27th May with 142 statute adults, as detailed in the enclosed list.

The "Merope" (new ship, 1,082 tons) to sail 28th July.

The "Wild Duck" (for Timaru) to sail 14th September.

The "Zealandia" to sail 5th October.

The "Crusader" to sail 9th November.

The cost of passage for each adult is at the rate of £14 10s. per head, by contract with Messrs. Shaw, Saville, and Co. The cost of the Queensland immigration, conducted by Mr. Douglas, is £15 and in some cases £16 per head.

I have brought these facts under your attention with a view of ascertaining whether the Government will be willing to make such arrangements with regard to these vessels, the payment for which will fall due during the ensuing financial year, as will bring them under the proposals of the Government contained in the Bill to which I have referred.

I should esteem it a favour if the Government would give me such an indication of their intentions as will enable me to communicate with our Agent by the outgoing mail. I may state that I shall be prepared to give the Government every assistance through our Agent (Mr. Ottywell) in initiating any measures for promoting immigration which that gentleman's practical knowledge and good judgment will qualify him to give. The reply which I may receive would affect the instructions I should give as to the despatch of the last ship named in the list I have given.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Wellington.

No. 53.

His Honor W. ROLLESTON to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

House of Representatives, Wellington, 9th September, 1870.

The Immigration and Public Works Act having now been passed by both branches of the Legislature, I have the honor again to bring under your notice the subject of the existing arrangements in the Province of Canterbury, with regard to immigration.

I venture now to press upon the Government the favourable consideration of my previous request, that the Province may, during the current year, obtain the advantage of the provisions of the Legislature which now apply to the whole Colony; and I would suggest that the fact that the Province has been beforehand in making arrangements for promoting colonization should not place it, as compared with the greater part of the Colony, at a disadvantage in respect of the benefits which may now be claimed under the Act of this Session. I trust, therefore, that the Government will see fit to bring the immigrant ships named in my previous letter, which will arrive after the passing of the Act, under the same financial arrangements as those for which contracts may hereafter be made under its provisions.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Wellington.

No. 54.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor W. ROLLESTON.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 30th December, 1870.

GOVERNMENT are not able to make Immigration sections in Public Works and Immigration Act retrospectively applicable to immigrants on their way. The first thing requisite is that your Honor should apply under the 39th section of the Act, and also propose regulations under the 41st section.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 55.

His Honor W. ROLLESTON to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office,

Christchurch, New Zealand, 1st May, 1871.

Referring to your telegram of the 30th December, 1870, in which you state that the "Government are not able to make sections in the Public Works and Immigration Act respectively applicable

to immigrants on their way," I venture again to press upon the favourable consideration of the Government the claim of the Province of Canterbury for a refund of the moneys paid by it on account of immigration since the passing of "The Public Works and Immigration Act, 1870." I have more confidence in doing so, as I understand that the operation of the Act has been extended to the immigrants recently introduced into the Province of Wellington.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

No. 56.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor W. ROLLESTON.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 27th May, 1871.

In reference to former correspondence on the subject of the claim put forward by the Canterbury Government to a refund out of the Immigration and Public Works Loan of the expenditure incurred by that Province since the passing of the Act, I have to acquaint your Honor that, though the Government have not power now to make the refund in question, they have decided to propose to the Legislature, at its next Session, an appropriation for the purpose of charging the payment in question under the Immigration and Public Works Act, with a view to its being refunded to Canterbury.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

No. 57.

His Honor W. ROLLESTON to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, 3rd August, 1871.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter No. 132, of the 27th May, I have the honor to enclose returns showing the amount which has been expended by the Provincial Government on account of immigrants that have arrived in Canterbury since the date of the passing of the Immigration and Public Works Act.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. ROLLESTON.

Enclosure in No. 57.

IMMIGRATION REFUND on Account of Immigration since the passing of the Immigration and Public Works Act, 12th September, 1870.

THE General Government of New Zealand in Account with the Provincial Government of Canterbury.

| <i>Dr.</i> | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|--------|------------|----|----|
| To total costs of passages, as per Schedule A | | 7,793 | 15 | 0 |
| Other expenses, as per Schedule B | | 826 | 14 | 4 |
| Office expenses in the Province | | 820 | 0 | 0 |
| Office expenses in London | | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | | £9,940 9 4 | | |
| <i>Cr.</i> | | | | |
| By amount of passage money received from Immigrants... | | 2,614 | 11 | 8 |
| Balance due to the Provincial Government | | * £7,325 | 17 | 8 |

* Against this there is a dependency of outstanding promissory notes amounting to £1,582 5s.

August, 1, 1871.

J. OLLIVIER,
Provincial Auditor.

No. 58.

His Honor W. ROLLESTON to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, 25th January, 1871.

In terms of the 29th section of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," I have to request that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize the making of contracts for the introduction of immigrants into the Province of Canterbury during the ensuing year, in accordance with the scale set forth in the scheme which I herewith enclose.

The scheme, as proposed, shows the dates at which the ships should arrive, and the numbers of the several classes of immigrants which could be advantageously introduced. I would suggest that Mr. Ottywell, who has acted as Agent for the Province during the past year, and has discharged his duties in that capacity in a most satisfactory manner, should be empowered to call for tenders for the conveyance of the immigrants in the same class of ships as heretofore, and that he should be authorized to accept such tenders as may be approved of by the Agent-General of the Colony, or by the Colonial Treasurer, should he then be in London.

That, in the absence of either of those gentlemen, Mr. Ottywell's acceptance on behalf of the General Government should be taken as sufficient to bring the contract under the terms of the Immigration and Public Works Act, and to secure the payment of the required funds, in London, by the General Government.

I enclose a copy of the last contract of a similar character, which was entered into for the past year, and has proved of a very satisfactory character. I enclose, also, a copy of the printed regulations which are observed by the immigrants on board the vessels, and also in the barracks.

I have also the honor to forward draft regulations for the conduct of immigration into this Province, and for the nomination of immigrants by persons resident therein, and to request, in terms of section 41 of the Immigration and Public Works Act, that such regulations may be made by His Excellency.

In order to enable arrangements to be made to secure the arrival of the first ship at the times named in next spring (30th August), it will be necessary that instructions should be forwarded by the outgoing mail; and I shall be glad to learn the course which the Government will take, in order that I may inform Mr. Ottywell by the same opportunity.

I have, &c.,
W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 58.

STATEMENT showing the Probable Demand for Labour during the Year 1871, after placing the Immigrants who will arrive under the present Contract.

| PROPOSED DATE OF ARRIVAL, (on or about) | FAMILIES. | | | SINGRE MEN. | | | | SINGLE WOMEN. | | | | | | | TOTAL NUMBER OF ADULTS. | |
|--|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | Ploughmen, and General Farm Labourers. | Scotch Shepherds, High-landers. | Total Families in Statute Adults. | Ploughmen and General Farm Labourers. | Scotch Shepherds, High-landers. | Lads from 14 to 18, able to milk. | Total Single Men. | General Servants. | Cooks. | Dairy Maids (Scotch). | House Maids. | Laundresses. | Kitchen Maids. | Nurse Girls. | | Total Single Women. |
| 1st ship, 30th August | 6 | 4 | 25 | 20 | 5 | 10 | 35 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 70 | 130 |
| 2nd do. 30th Sept.... | 12 | 3 | 40 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 25 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 70 | 135 |
| 3rd do. 20th Nov.... | 15 | 5 | 50 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 25 | 30 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 75 | 150 |
| 4th do. 20th Dec. ... | 30 | 5 | 85 | 40 | 5 | 20 | 65 | 40 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 85 | 235 |
| Totals ... | 63 | 17 | 200 | 90 | 20 | 40 | 150 | 130 | 40 | 50 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 300 | 650 |

No. 59.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor W. ROLLESTON.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 30th January, 1871.

GOVERNOR will make Immigration regulations as proposed by you in letter of 25th instant. Government approve of your proposals, and authorize their being carried into effect. Copies will be given to Dr. Featherston and Mr. Vogel, and in the meantime you are to take steps to give effect to proposed immigration. Please send duplicate copies by first mail of all printed enclosures to letter of 25th.

Superintendent, Christchurch.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 60.

His Honor W. ROLLESTON to Mr. A. O. OTTYWELL.

Superintendent's Office,

SIR,—

Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand, 1st February, 1871.

The "Charlotte Gladstone" arrived in Port Lyttelton the day before yesterday, having been telegraphed as passing the Bluff four days previously, seventy-eight days out.

As you will learn from the Commissioners' report, the immigrants were in good health, and all on board expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the treatment they had received. You will see the reports of her voyage in the *Lyttelton Times* of this day (extract enclosed). I went on board as in former cases, and inspected the ship personally in company with the Immigration Commissioners and the Health Officer.

I forward by this mail copy of a letter which I have addressed to the Colonial Secretary on the subject of the conduct of immigration into this Province for the ensuing year, and of the reply which I have received to it by telegraph. In accordance with the terms of that letter, you will, as last year, call for tenders for the conveyance of immigrants about the dates specified in the scheme which accompanies my letter. The scheme will of course be subject to modification from time to time as heretofore in the way of increase or decrease of numbers, and must be taken as a general indication of the course which will be adopted, subject to after instructions.

You will observe that the regulations (copy enclosed) give power to the Emigration Agent, acting under the instructions of the Government, to determine the numbers of the several trades or callings of the immigrants to be introduced.

You will have no difficulty in ascertaining from Mr. Morrison whether the Colonial Treasurer is in London; and it is desirable that you should place yourself in communication with him on the subject of this letter as soon as possible, and on receipt of tenders should obtain his approval to that which you recommend to be accepted, and that you should make arrangements with him for the payment of moneys under the contract as they fall due.

You will observe that it is proposed to continue the same class of ship as heretofore. I have been informed that Dr. Featherston, who has been appointed Agent-General of the Colony, will not leave this Colony for some weeks to come. I shall no doubt have an opportunity of conferring with him previous to his departure as to any matters affecting our Immigration Regulations which may hereafter require his attention or assistance.

I have addressed you in a separate letter on other matters connected with the Provincial Agency.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

A. O. Ottywell, Esq.

No. 61.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor W. ROLLESTON.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 14th June, 1871.

It being necessary that the regulations for immigration made by His Excellency the Governor under "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," should be gazetted, I have the honor to draw your attention to the regulations enclosed in your letter of 25th January last, now being acted on under the authority of my telegram of 30th of same month.

Although I have no doubt that they are perfectly clear in practice, yet the Government are desirous, for the sake of complying closely with the provisions of the Act, to distinguish between nominated and assisted immigration; applying "nominated" to that which is sent for by persons resident in New Zealand, and "assisted" to that which is selected by the Agent-General in England.

I enclose the regulations as amended in accordance with this view, together with some queries which suggest themselves for your consideration and recommendation.

I shall be obliged if your Honor will suggest at what dates the amounts received by you, either as deposits or in payment of promissory notes, shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury, as at present, notwithstanding the regulations have been in force for several months, no such payment has yet been made. The lists of all immigrants nominated in Canterbury up to the date of the outgoing mail have, I presume, been sent by you to Mr. Ottywell monthly; but as they will now have to be sent to the Agent-General through the Public Works Department, I have to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a copy of the lists already sent for purposes of record, and do so in triplicate for the future, in sufficient time to enable me to transmit one of them by the current mail *via* San Francisco.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

No. 62.

His Honor W. ROLLESTON to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office,

Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand, 27th June, 1871.

In reply to your letter No. 155, of the 14th instant, I have the honor to enclose herewith draft copies of amended regulations, which I beg leave to submit for the approval of His Excellency the Governor, and for gazetting under "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870."

The amounts received by the Provincial Government as deposits on account of the passages of immigrants nominated here, or in payment of promissory notes, will in future be paid over to the Sub-Treasurer as they accrue, and the lists of the immigrants nominated will be forwarded as you request.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 63.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor W. ROLLESTON.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 5th July, 1871.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter of the 27th June, in which you transmit to me the revised regulations for immigration into the Province of Canterbury, and in reply to inform you that those regulations have been approved, with slight alterations, and will appear in the first *Gazette*.

It was thought advisable that the form of promissory note, and of the bill to be given by intending immigrants in Europe, and by settlers in Canterbury respectively, should be inserted in the regulations, and that, instead of transmitting the bills backwards and forwards, and risking their loss by sea or accident, the end in view would be equally accomplished by handing to applicants for nominated passages a copy of their bill for transmission to their friends; the bill itself remaining in the Immigration Office at Canterbury until the arrival of the immigrants represented thereby required its payment. The Government is advised, that, by getting the acceptor to sign the bill at the time of and with the same date as the acceptance, much future difficulty will be avoided.

With reference to that part of your letter which states that in future the amounts received from applicants for nominated immigrants will be paid over to the Sub-Treasury, I beg to remark, that as the General Government has made itself liable for the immigration now on its way from London, and will be called on shortly for the cost of its conveyance, it will be necessary that the amounts received by you from the commencement of the arrangement entered into under "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," be paid over as early as convenient.

A proof copy of the regulations above mentioned, and a form which has been adopted by other Provinces for transmitting the names of nominated immigrants, are enclosed, with a request that you will be good enough to adopt the latter.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.

Enclosure in No. 63.

"IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS."—Canterbury.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

WHEREAS by "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," it is among other things enacted that the Governor may, at the request of the Superintendent of any Province, from time to time make regulations (as therein mentioned) for the conduct of immigration under the said Act into such Province, and for the nomination of immigrants by persons resident therein, and for the distribution of funds provided by the said Act for immigration purposes, and for the introduction into and settlement in such Province of immigrants, and for selling as special settlements for any such immigrants any lands which he may acquire from any Province under the provisions therein contained, or any lands acquired under "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," or the Acts amending the same, and for laying out and allotting any lands so acquired amongst any such immigrants: And whereas William Rolleston, Esq., the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, hath requested me, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, to make regulations under the provisions of the said Act as and in manner hereinafter set forth:

Now therefore I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of New Zealand, by virtue and in exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the 41st section of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in that behalf, and in compliance with the request of the said Superintendent, do hereby make the following regulations, that is to say:—

Regulations for the Introduction of Assisted Immigrants into the Province of Canterbury.

Any person residing in Europe desirous of obtaining an assisted passage to the Province of Canterbury in vessels under contract to proceed to any port of that Province, may receive assistance as follows:—

1. The Government will afford assistance equal in amount to the sum paid in cash by the immigrant. If there should be any balance, the Government will advance the sum, taking from the immigrant promissory notes for the amount advanced, payable to Her Majesty the Queen. Such notes will be made payable on demand in the form printed below; but unless the immigrant dispute the debt or shall attempt to leave the Province, payment will only be required in sums of £5 at a time, at periods of three months, until the whole debt is discharged—the first payment to be made six months after landing.

FORM OF PROMISSORY NOTE.

(Stamp.)

£..... [Place of making and date.]
On demand I promise to pay to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in the Colony of New Zealand, the sum of pounds
shillings for value received.

[Signature of Maker] A.B.

Note.—To be stamped and executed according to the English law.

2. Assisted passages will be afforded only to persons of such trades or callings as may from time to time be determined by the Agent-General in England, acting under the instructions of the Government.

3. No person will be allowed any assistance unless he or she shall have been approved by the Agent-General in England.

4. No single man above the age of 40 years, no person above the age of 50 years unless a member of a large family, and no person above 60 under any circumstances, will be allowed assistance.

5. All persons receiving assistance must be of sound mind, good health, and good character.

6. Free passages will be provided for single women accustomed to domestic service, who can bring satisfactory proof of good character, and who are between the ages of 15 and 35.

7. In certain other cases free passages will be given, of the conditions of which the Agent-General in England will from time to time be advised.

8. The rate of passage money to the Province is fixed until further notice at £15, and promissory notes will be made in accordance with that rate.

Regulations for the Introduction of Immigrants into the Province of Canterbury on the Nomination of Persons resident therein.

1. Any persons resident in the Province of Canterbury desirous of nominating friends in Europe for passages to that Province, may do so by paying two-fifths of the amount of passage money in cash to the Provincial Immigration Officer, Christchurch or Timaru, or by drawing a bill, in the form below, payable to Her Majesty the Queen, to the extent of three-fifths of the passage money, accepted by a

substantial householder also resident in that Province, to be approved by and deposited with the Superintendent as sufficient security for the same. A copy of this bill or the receipt for the cash payment is to be transmitted to the person who is desirous of immigrating into the Province, and being by him presented to the Agent-General in England, will be received by him in lieu of a cash payment in full. The copy of the bill is returned by the Agent-General to the Colony upon the embarkation of the person nominated, and the bill itself becomes due and payment is enforced thirty days after the arrival of the person for whose passage it was drawn and deposited. But if the person nominated declines to make use of the copy of the bill or receipt thus sent him, he should at once inform the Agent-General, so that the bill may be cancelled, or, if a cash payment has been made, that the money may be refunded on the return of the receipt to the Colony.

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| | FORM OF BILL. | [Place of making and date.] |
| (Stamp.) £..... | | |
| Three days after sight pay to Her Majesty Queen | Sighted (date) Accepted payable at the Bank of..... Christchurch. Signature of Ac- ceptor—C.D. | Victoria, in the Colony of New Zealand, the sum |
| of pounds shillings, for value | | received. |
| To Mr. C. D., Grocer, Christchurch. | | [Signature of Drawer] A.B. |

Note.—Stamp duty to the proper amount. Impressed stamp forms should always be used, so as to avoid any question as to cancellation.

2. The rate of passage money to the Province is fixed, until further notice, at £15, and cash payments are made or bills prepared in accordance with that rate.

3. Nominated passages will be afforded only to persons of such trades or callings as may from time to time be determined by the Provincial Immigration Officer, acting under the instructions of the Government; but persons of all classes will be able to assist their friends to emigrate to the Colony by undertaking the payment of the whole of the passage money.

4. Free passages will be provided for single women accustomed to domestic service who can bring satisfactory proof of good character, and who are between the ages of 15 and 35.

5. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Agent-General in England will have power to refuse passages where the intending immigrants are in ill health or in any way unfitted, according to his judgment, to undertake the voyage.

6. Applications for nominated passages of families and single men, and for nominated free passages of single women under clause 4, as above, are to be addressed to the Immigration Office, Christchurch or Timaru, in the following form, viz. :—

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for a nominated passage to Christchurch [or Timaru], under the regulations of 5th July, 1871, for

Name
Age
Calling

Address in full

for which I herewith pay the sum of £ , being equal to adults at £6 per adult, and hereby agree to receive the emigrants above named immediately on their arrival in Christchurch [or Timaru].

Dated this day of , 1871.

(Signature and address of Applicant.)

Note.—This form is subject to adaptation to meet the cases where bills are given or free passages applied for.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued at Wellington, this fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 64.

MEMORANDUM No. 6 for the Agent-General, London.

THE enclosed correspondence relative to nominated and assisted immigration to Canterbury will inform you of the footing on which it is now placed.

The only point to which it is necessary to draw special attention is the execution of the promissory notes by intending immigrants. You will be good enough to take legal advice as to the necessary formalities of witnessing, &c.

As the enclosed applications and bills have been sent for transmission under the system that has obtained hitherto, they are transmitted to avoid delay.

Public Works Office, Wellington, 7th July, 1871.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 65.

MEMORANDUM No. 7 for the Agent-General, London.

THE following telegram from His Honor the Superintendent of Canterbury, requesting that the number of single women immigrants to that Province may be increased, is forwarded for your information. :—

“I wish the number of single women increased to one hundred more than originally recommended; or if that number cannot be taken, as many more as the ships that have not left when your advice reaches England can bring out.”

The Government have approved His Honor's request.
Public Works Office, Wellington, 8th July, 1871.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 66.

His Honor W. ROLLESTON to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 27th July, 1871.

The following resolution has been passed by Provincial Council:—“The Council is of opinion that arrangements should be made forthwith for the conveyance within the next nine months of at least 300 immigrants direct to Timaru, in shipments of not more than 100 at one time, such immigrants to be of a class and description as may be considered by the Provincial Government most suitable for the requirements of that district. That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to make the necessary recommendation to the General Government under the provisions of ‘The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870.’” Will you give effect to it? Letter with particulars by mail.

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

No. 67.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor W. ROLLESTON.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 27th July, 1871.

GOVERNMENT will direct effect to be given to recommendation under Public Works and Immigration Act, for conveyance within next nine months of 300 emigrants direct to Timaru, in shipments of not more than 100 at one time. I await letter and particulars by mail.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 68.

His Honor W. ROLLESTON to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, 31st July, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegraphic message of the 27th instant, informing me that the General Government will direct that effect be given to the resolutions of the Provincial Council, recommending that arrangements should be made for the conveyance within the next nine months of at least 300 immigrants direct to Timaru, in shipments of not more than 100 at a time. I have the honor now to enclose for your information a statement showing the description of the immigrants who are considered most suitable for the requirements of that district, and I also append the dates, approximately, at which it is desired each shipment should arrive at Timaru.

I should wish to add that it would be very desirable that the first body of immigrants should arrive at as early a date as possible.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Enclosure in No. 68.

STATEMENT showing Description of Immigrants suitable for the Timaru District, to arrive during the next nine months, in shipments of not more than 100 at a time.

| PROPOSED DATE OF ARRIVAL, (on or about) | FAMILIES. | | | SINGLE MEN. | | | | SINGLE WOMEN. | | | | | NOMI- NATED AT TIMARU. | TOTAL NUMBER OF STATUTE ADULTS. |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------------|---|
| | Ploughmen and General Farm Labourers. | Scotch Shepherds, High- landers. | Total Families in Statute Adults. | Ploughmen and General Farm Labourers. | Scotch Shepherds, High- landers. | Lads from 14 to 18, able to milk. | Total Single Men. | General Servants. | Cooks. | Dairy Maids. | Nurses. | Total Single Women. | | |
| 1872. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st ship, 15th January | 6 | 2 | 20 | 15 | 4 | 6 | 25 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 35 | 20 | 100 |
| 2nd do. 5th February | 5 | 3 | 20 | 15 | 4 | 6 | 25 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 35 | 20 | 100 |
| 3rd do. 1st March ... | 3 | 2 | 12 | 20 | 4 | 9 | 33 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 35 | 20 | 100 |
| Totals ... | 14 | 7 | 52 | 50 | 12 | 21 | 83 | 60 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 105 | 60 | 300 |

Immigration Office,
Christchurch, 27th July, 1871.

J. E. MARCH,
Immigration Officer.

No. 69.

MEMORANDUM No. 13 for the Agent-General, London.

WITH reference to my Memorandum No. 7, of the 8th July, I forward the enclosed application from His Honor the Superintendent of Canterbury, requesting "that arrangements be made forthwith for the conveyance within the next nine months of at least 300 immigrants direct to Timaru, in shipments of not more than one hundred at one time," and of the classes therein named.

The Government have informed His Honor that you would be instructed to give effect to his wishes.
Public Works Office, Wellington, 5th August, 1871. W. GISBORNE.

No. 70.

His Honor W. ROLLESTON to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, 3rd August, 1871.

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of resolutions passed by the Provincial Council, on the subject referred to in your circular letter dated 31st May, 1871.

Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. ROLLESTON.

Enclosure in No. 70.

RESOLUTIONS.

Provincial Council Chambers, 28th July, 1871.

1. Motion was granted—"That it is expedient, in compliance with the suggestions of Mr. Gisborne, to make reserves of land suitable for agriculture settlement, not exceeding on the aggregate 50,000 acres, along the lines of railway now being constructed, or about to be immediately undertaken."

2. "That it is desirable that no action should be taken to carry into effect the foregoing resolution until after the next Session of this Council, and until a scheme of regulations for the disposal of such lands has been laid before the Council."

O T A G O .

No. 71.

His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 27th April, 1871.

I have the honor to forward, as annexed, statement showing the amount of money paid by this Government towards the passage of immigrants from the United Kingdom since the passing of "The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870," which sum I beg to request may be refunded out of the loan and charged against the Province, as prescribed by the Act.

I do not anticipate that there can be any objection to giving effect to this request, the more especially as I understand that the operation of the Act has been extended to the Province of Wellington.

It is true that the Wellington immigrants may have been selected by the direct agency of the General Government, while ours have been sent out through the agency of the Province. I venture to submit, however, that practically this is a distinction without a difference, and that the Government will be complying with the spirit if not the letter of the Act by acceding to my request.

I do myself the honor to address you separately upon the subject of future immigration to this Province in terms of the Loan Act.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 71.

THE following are the payments referred to in the foregoing letter:—

| Ship. | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|--------|----|----|
| " William Davie," | 94 | statute adults | ... | 940 | 10 | 0 |
| " James Nicol Fleming," | 140 | " | ... | 1,520 | 5 | 0 |
| " Peter Denny," | 28½ | " | ... | 317 | 0 | 0 |
| " Robert Henderson," | 68½ | " | ... | 755 | 7 | 6 |
| " Otago," | 79 | " | ... | 1,842 | 0 | 0 |
| " City of Dunedin," | 13 | " | ... | | | |
| " Christian McAusland," | 76 | " | ... | | | |
| " Warrior Queen," | 12 | " | ... | | | |
| " May Queen," | 2 | " | ... | | | |
| " Agnes Muir," | 48 | " | ... | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| " Jessie Redman," | 68 | " | ... | 525 | 5 | 0 |
| | | | | 986 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | | ... | £6,904 | 7 | 6 |

No. 72.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor J. MACANDREW.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 27th May, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, enclosing a statement showing the amount of money paid by the Province of Otago towards the passage of immigrants from the United Kingdom since the passing of "The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870," amounting to £6,904 7s. 6d., and which sum you request may be refunded out of the Loan, and charged against the Province as prescribed by the Act.

The Government are advised that they have no power to pay this amount under the Act; but an appropriation of money will be proposed to the Legislature at the next Session of Parliament with a view to the amount being repaid to the Province, and charged as a payment on account of immigration, under "The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870."

With respect to the Swedish immigrants now settled in this Province, I would observe that that immigration was not undertaken by or on behalf of the Province of Wellington, but as a Colonial experiment. When the ships left London they left for New Zealand—for Wellington, only as the port from which they could most easily be distributed, as up to the arrival of the ships it was intended to do; and it was only after arrival that, in compliance with their own request, they were not divided into two or three companies. Being allowed to settle as a whole in this Province, they have been treated as Wellington immigrants, and the same course will be followed of proposing to the Legislature that their cost should be charged against that Province under the Public Works and Immigration Act.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

No. 73.

His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 10th June, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 130, 27th May, 1871, in which you inform me of the course proposed to be pursued by the General Government to secure payment to this Province of the amount expended by the Provincial Government towards the passage of immigrants from the United Kingdom since the passing of "The Immigration and Public Works Loan Act, 1870."

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 74.

His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 19th December, 1870.

Enclosed I do myself the honor to transmit copy of a Memorandum on the subject of Immigration to this Province, submitted by me to my Executive Council, together with the deliverance of that body thereupon.

I need not say that it is to me a matter of extreme regret that there should be any delay whatever in initiating a stream of immigration in some measure adequate to the requirements of the Province.

I feel persuaded that the Province can readily absorb all the immigrants suggested in my Memorandum, and that the public interests urgently demand some such action as that which I have indicated. I am quite prepared to take the responsibility of commending this matter to the favourable consideration of His Excellency's Advisers, in the interests of the Colony and of the Province alike.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General.

Enclosure in No. 74.

MEMORANDUM for Executive Council.

IN terms of "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," the Superintendent proposes that the Governor be requested to provide for the selection and transport of immigrants to this Province as under, and requests the concurrence of the Executive Council thereto, viz. :—

- (A.) 200 families from Orkney and Shetland and the Western Islands.
- (B.) 50 families, coal miners, say from Lanarkshire, Staffordshire, and South Wales.
- (C.) 50 families, miners from Cornwall.

The above to be located at Preservation and Chalky Inlets; twenty acres of land to be free granted to each family, with ten acres additional to each child over years old.

- (D.) 500 families to be located at Stewart's Island, free grants as above. Families to be selected in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.
- (E.) 200 families from British North America, to be located between Catlin's River, Waikawa; free grants as above.
- (F.) 20 families, flannel makers from Wales.
- (G.) 20 families, stocking makers from Nottinghamshire; to have free grant of ten acres to each family, and five acres additional for each child over years, in such parts of the Province as the Provincial Government may see fit.

The above families to bring along with them all the implements of their respective trades, freight for which is to be paid by the Government.

- (H.) 1,000 single women from agricultural districts of Germany.
- (I.) 2,000 female domestic servants from United Kingdom.
- (K.) 1,000 ploughmen and agricultural labourers from United Kingdom.
- (L.) 200 dairy women.
- (M.) 500 Cornish miners.

- (N.) 6,000 men, women, and children, the friends and relatives of such settlers in the Province as may be desirous of bringing them out free of cost. Provided that in the event of any under this class being applied for over years of age, one-half of passage money shall be paid by the applicant. Provided also that no passage shall be granted under this class unless satisfactory certificate as to the moral character and physical health of the emigrant are furnished to the Government Agent. The immigrants from Scotland to be selected by the British Agent of the Province, and the others in such way as the Governor may see fit.

The whole to be spread over a period of years, and to be shipped by steamer from London to Otago direct, provided the Provincial Government Agent succeeds in fixing upon a steam contract at rates not exceeding £14 per statute adult.

Minute by Executive Council.

Resolved, That in face of resolution of Provincial Council (*i.e. in re* General Government Policy), it is deemed inexpedient to entertain question at present.

No. 75.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to His Honor J. MACANDREW.

Custom House, Dunedin, 21st December, 1870.

SIR,—

I am in receipt of your Honor's letter of the 19th instant, enclosing copy of a Memorandum addressed by you to the Executive Council of the Province, but not approved of by them.

I am greatly interested by the Memorandum, and I very much regret that your Honor's Executive have not been able to consider it except by the light of the resolutions passed by the Provincial Council. I may be allowed to express the hope that your Honor will be able shortly to consider the whole of the questions connected with "The Immigration and Public Works Act" upon their own merits. Meanwhile I am not able to see what effect can be given to those parts of the Act as to which the preliminary recommendation of your Honor is required; for the 94th clause makes it necessary that where an Executive exists, the Superintendent shall act with their advice.

With respect to those parts of the Act as to which the recommendation of the Superintendent is not required, it will, of course, be open to the Government to take such steps as may be deemed advisable. The recommendation at present in question is one which the Act requires to be made by the Superintendent, and therefore by the Superintendent with the advice of his Executive.

I have, &c.,

J. VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

No. 76.

His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 9th May, 1871.

SIR,—

Referring to the personal interview which lately took place between the Agent-General of the Colony (Dr. Featherston), the Provincial Executive, and myself, I have now the honor to forward, enclosed herewith, copy of minute on the subject of immigration to this Province, as agreed to by the Executive Council and concurred in by myself.

In the event of His Excellency's Government agreeing in the first of these proposals, I would suggest that the Immigration Department here should at once publicly notify its readiness to provide passages for applicants on payment of £5 per statute adult, such payment to be lodged in the Provincial Treasury and passed over to the Colonial chest so soon as advice of the shipment of the immigrants shall have reached the Colony.

It will be observed that we propose to retain the services of the present Otago Agency, not with a view of interfering with the operations of the Agent-General, or of in any way competing with him in the matter of immigration, but rather for the purpose of co-operating with him, and inasmuch as that the agency is now of nearly twenty years' standing, has worked very successfully, considering the means at his disposal, and possesses a considerable connection throughout the United Kingdom.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

P.S.—With respect to the proposed charge of £5 per statute adult, I understand from your telegram that the fixing of the amount would be left to each Province to determine for itself. I submit however that if there shall be a variety of rates it will lead to one Province competing against another, and would suggest that there shall be one uniform rate for New Zealand.—J.M.

Enclosure in No. 76.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Provincial Executive Council of Otago.

5th May, 1871.

1. That the General Government be requested to provide, in terms of the Immigration and Public Works Act, for the transport to this Province of such immigrants from Europe as may obtain passage orders issued upon the application of friends in the Province, or as may be selected by the Agents of the Provincial Government in Europe, in accordance with instructions sent from hence.

2. That the assistance of the Agent-General for the Colony be requested in the promotion of a special settlement or special settlements on Stewart's Island, consisting of families from the Shetlands, Orkneys, and North of Scotland, or from Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, who might be induced, by low rates of passage and free grants of land, with the condition of years' residence, to combine under the auspices of Home associations or companies in the formation of such settlements.

3. That the assistance of the Agent-General of the Colony in Europe be requested in promoting special settlements in this Province of congeries of families engaged in particular industries—such, for instance, as Welsh flannel makers, stocking-loom workers—to be planted on suitable blocks of land, and townships specially set apart for them, with individual grants of acres of land to each head of a family, acres for each single man or woman, and acres for each child, who should join in such settlements and contribute to work in the same for years at the particular industries with which they are connected.

J. MACANDREW,

Superintendent of Otago.

No. 77.

The Hon. F. D. BELL to His Honor J. MACANDREW.

Wellington, 27th May, 1871.

(Telegram.)

ADVERTING to your Honor's proposals on the subject of immigration and the formation of special settlements, the Government will cordially assist in giving them practical effect; but I wish to point out that

in the case of the special settlements it will be necessary, first, that the Provincial Council should concur with your Honor in setting aside suitable lands; and, secondly, that the conditions of settlement should be clearly set forth. Subject to our revision of, and assent to, these conditions, you will receive the assistance of the Agent-General at home. I would urge that your proposals should be submitted as soon as possible.

His Honor the Superintendent, Dunedin.

DILLON BELL.

No. 78.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to His Honor J. MACANDREW.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 19th July, 1871.

With reference to your Honor's letter of 9th May, and to the Hon. Mr. Bell's telegram of the 27th of same month in reply, on the subject of nominated and special settlement immigration, I have the honor to remind you that the regulations for nominated immigration, as well as that for the contemplated special settlement, require to be submitted for His Excellency's approval and publication in the *Gazette*.

For your information in this respect, I have enclosed copies of the regulations already gazetted for nominated immigration into the Provinces of Wellington, Hawke's Bay, and Canterbury.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

W. GISBORNE.

WESTLAND.

No. 79.

Mr. H. H. LAHMAN to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

County Chairman's Office, Hokitika, 9th February, 1871.

Referring to your circular of the 24th instant, on the subject of immigration, I have the honor to inform you that I brought the matter under the notice of the Council, and the following resolution was, after some consideration, carried unanimously.

I have, &c.,

H. H. LAHMAN,

Chairman of the County Council.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 79.

RESOLUTION of County Council of Westland.

ON the motion of the Hon. J. A. BONAR,—

"Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Council, it is only necessary that facilities should be granted to persons desirous of sending home for their friends, who shall find sufficient security for the payment of the full amount of their passage money on the arrival of their friends; and that a reply to this effect be sent to the circular of the Colonial Secretary on the subject of immigration."

No. 80.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to Mr. H. H. LAHMAN.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 1st June, 1871.

I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th February, covering a resolution of the County Council on the subject of nominated immigration.

The Government are desirous of carrying out the wishes of the Council in reference to immigration as fully as possible, but they suggest whether it would not be desirable to require from applicants payment at the time of making the application, rather than require them to find security for payment on arrival.

In districts where the population is settled, much expense, inconvenience, and loss have resulted through Provincial Governments adopting the credit system, and this inconvenience and loss is likely to be much greater in a district like Westland, containing, as it necessarily does, a large floating population.

I enclose a copy of the regulations that have been adopted for the Province of Wellington, which may probably assist you in submitting the Immigration Regulations for the County of Westland, under the 41st section of "The Immigration and Public Works Act." You will perceive that in that Province only £5 is required to be deposited as a payment in full, the Colony providing for the balance.

Should you recommend the whole cost of passage to be paid, as the resolution of the County Council now under consideration suggests, it will have to be arbitrarily fixed at, say £15 or £16, until a contract is arranged by the Agent-General in England for immigration to Westland.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

The Chairman of the County Council, Hokitika.

No. 81.

Mr. H. H. LAHMAN to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

County Chairman's Office, Hokitika, 15th June, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 286, of 1st June, 1871, on the subject of immigration; also a copy of the Immigration Regulations for the Province of Wellington, for my guidance, and to thank you for the same.

I shall bring the matter under the notice of the Council as early as possible next Session.

I have, &c.,

H. H. LAHMAN,

Chairman of the County Council.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 82.

Mr. H. H. LAHMAN to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

County Chairman's Office, Hokitika, 15th June, 1871.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular of the 31st ultimo, on the subject of reserves for immigration purposes, and inviting me to take the necessary steps for the reservation, in convenient areas, and in sites contiguous or adjacent to lines of railway and roads now in course of construction, of blocks of agricultural land, to be laid off in villages and farms for immigration purposes.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that I will lose no time in taking the necessary steps to comply with your request.

I have, &c.,

H. H. LAHMAN,

Chairman of the County Council.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENT-GENERAL.

No. 83.

The Hon. W. FOX to I. E. FEATHERSTON, Esq.

SIR,—

Government Buildings, Wellington, 1st April, 1871.

I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying instrument under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, dated the 25th ultimo, appointing you to be Agent-General for New Zealand in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

An instrument has also been issued under the Governor's hand, fixing the salary of this office at fifteen hundred pounds (£1,500) per annum.

Isaac Earl Featherston, Esq., &c.,
Agent-General for New Zealand, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM FOX,
Premier.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

WHEREAS by "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," it is enacted that the Governor may from time to time appoint some person to be Agent-General for New Zealand in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and may remove any such person and appoint another in his stead; and that it shall be the duty of the Agent-General to do all things in relation to New Zealand that the Governor in Council may direct, and that he shall be paid out of the moneys applicable to immigration purposes under this Act such salary as the Governor shall from time to time appoint: Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Governor of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the power and authority vested in me by the said Act in this behalf, do hereby appoint

ISAAC EARL FEATHERSTON, Esq.,

to be Agent-General for New Zealand in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

WILLIAM FOX.

No. 84.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 8th June, 1871.

Prior to your departure by the last mail, the only immigration conducted under "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," was that which had been sanctioned at the request of the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, particulars whereof were detailed in His Honor's letter of 25th January; and from the copy of that letter sent at the time to your London address, you will have learned that the Government had approved the conduct of the immigration being continued in Mr. Ottywell's hands, until you were able to enter on your duties as Agent-General.

Since your departure, nominated immigration has been sanctioned to the Province of Hawke's Bay, and immigration of that and other classes to the Province of Wellington, the details of which have been communicated to you in separate letters.

By "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," the Government is only empowered to conduct for the present such immigration as may be requested by the Superintendents of Provinces; but as the Government is directly responsible to the General Assembly, it becomes my duty to give you such few instructions in reference to immigration as the circumstances render necessary, in order that you may carry out the objects which the Government have in view, in the manner most in accordance with their wishes. As Agent-General, you are empowered by the 46th section of the Act to control all agents and sub-agents appointed for immigration purposes, and a warrant from His Excellency the Governor is enclosed, delegating to you authority to appoint such agents, sub-agents, and other officers as you may find necessary. At the same time the Government suggest that, in the case of Provincial Agents who may have hitherto given satisfaction, the immigration to the Provinces which they represent may, as far as possible, continue to be confided to them as sub-agents under your direction.

The Government feel that the importance of a scrupulously careful selection of suitable immigrants of all classes, married couples, single men, and single women, is as thoroughly appreciated by yourself as by themselves; and that the due protection of the latter class during the voyage, either under the care of married couples or matrons, will receive your anxious attention.

The date of the departure of the immigrants is a point on which, for the present, only a general instruction can be given to you. Where it is requested that a particular immigration should take place at particular dates (as, for instance, that which is recommended by the Superintendent of Canterbury above referred to), your best efforts will of course be given to comply with that request; otherwise it will be well to bear in mind that it is not desirable that many immigrants should arrive in New Zealand during the winter months, on account of the inconveniences that arise in their settlement. This remark, however, does not apply to nominated immigrants, their friends being invariably anxious for

their arrival as soon as possible, and ready to receive and provide for them at all seasons. The Government are desirous to avoid fettering you with detailed instructions in reference to the appointment of sub-agents for the selection of immigrants; the charter and fitting up of ships; the dietary scales; the approval or appointment of and instructions to captains, surgeons, schoolmasters, and matrons; the regulations to be observed on shipboard; the gratuities (if any) to be given as an encouragement to an efficient performance of duties during the voyage, and other similar minutiae. The results of the long experience of the Imperial Immigration Commissioners, and of those of the Australian Colonies, will be at hand for your guidance; but when you have settled all these details and printed them, the Government will be glad to be furnished with copies, both for their own information and approval and that of the General Assembly. The only details to which the Government think it necessary at present to call your attention are—1. That to each ship a schoolmaster should be appointed, and that a supply of elementary schoolbooks, writing materials, and slates should be provided for the use of the children placed under his charge. 2. That encouragement should be given to tradesmen, single women, and others to provide materials for usefully filling up their time on shipboard, and for accumulating a stock of articles the sale of which, on arrival in the Colony, would be most advantageous to themselves. Youths of both sexes might also be taught on board useful trades. The best method of effecting these objects has no doubt been the subject of experiment, and the Government therefore do not indicate any particular mode of carrying their views in these respects into effect.

3. With a view to prevent waste and encourage frugality among the single as well as the married immigrants, the Government think it desirable that the immigrants shall have power to short-draw any of their rations, and that when off the coast of New Zealand the quantity so short-drawn should be served out to them for their use on shore, or, if they desire to receive the money value thereof instead, that they should be paid by an order on the ship's agents at the port of arrival at a scale of prices previously fixed in the charter-party.

You will be good enough to furnish by each mail an abstract of the replies received from the nominated immigrants, showing the date when they will be ready to sail, or whether they decline to emigrate. When once any person has declined to emigrate, and you have informed the Government that his or her name has been struck out of your books, it is not to be replaced without a fresh application being made in the Colony in the usual course, because the money which has been paid in New Zealand on account of such passage will become returnable to the applicant so soon as the lists received from you show that the name has been erased in the London Register. An extract from the general list which you furnish to the Government should at the same time be addressed direct to each of the Superintendents of the Provinces from which the immigrants were nominated.

Immediately on the sailing of every party of immigrants, copies of the charter-party, list of names, instructions, and all other explanatory documents should be sent to the Government by first following mail (by San Francisco or Suez), and a copy sent direct to the Superintendent of the Province to which the immigrants are bound—duplicates in all cases to be forwarded by a second opportunity. The Government will be glad from time to time to receive from you full information on the subject of European emigration to New Zealand, and any suggestions relative thereto which you may think it advisable to make. In sending instructions for special emigration, I shall fully inform you of the object of such emigration and of the regulations for its settlement here. Statistical accounts of the prices of labour, of the necessaries of life, and of other important matters in each Province, will be prepared here from time to time as accurately as practicable, and transmitted to you for public information throughout the United Kingdom and other European countries.

I have, &c.,

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