

PAPERS RELATING TO AGREEMENT WITH THE

I regret extremely that I have been unable to have any personal communication with you whilst the Parliament of New Zealand was still in Session. I hope, however, that this will be no serious obstacle in the way of the Government of that Colony being able to treat definitely through me with the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation. I intend leaving Sydney for New Zealand by the Californian mail steamer at the end of this month, and I will immediately on my arrival place myself in communication with you.

I have, &c.,

W. FEILDING, Colonel,

Delegate Director of the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, New Zealand.

No. 5.

MEMORANDUM for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

Public Works Office,

Wellington, New Zealand, 23rd December, 1871.

(No. 71.)

In the Parliamentary Papers relating to the mission of the Hon. Mr. Vogel, you will have read a correspondence between that Minister and the Hon. Colonel Feilding, in reference to immigration.

At the instance of the Government, Colonel Feilding is now on a visit to New Zealand, and it is probable that arrangements will be entered into with him, as representative of the Colonist's Aid Corporation, to establish a settlement of 2,000 persons on a block of about 100,000 acres situate in the Townships of Palmerston and Sandon, in the Manawatu and Manawatu-Rangitikei Blocks.

The arrangements are not, however, sufficiently complete to enable me to indicate their outline at present; but as there will be a supplementary mail made up on the 26th, in the expectation of meeting the San Francisco steamer at Auckland, I hope by it to forward you definite particulars.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 6.

MEMORANDUM for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

Public Works Office,

Wellington, New Zealand, 26th December, 1871.

(No. 75, 1871.)

REFERRING to my memorandum No. 71, of the 23rd instant, in which I informed you that negotiations were in progress with the Hon. Colonel Feilding for the establishment of a settlement in the Manawatu and Manawatu-Rangitikei Blocks, I now enclose copy of the agreement which has this day been entered into, together with a map of the block of land therein mentioned, as having been selected by Colonel Feilding for establishing a settlement under the auspices of the Colonist's Aid Corporation, of which he is the representative.

I need scarcely say that the Government are desirous that you should in every possible way facilitate the endeavours of the Corporation to carry out the intentions of this agreement; and Colonel Feilding has been assured that you will cordially place at his disposal all the local knowledge and experience you possess.

W. GISBORNE.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have received the enclosed letter from Colonel Feilding, whose promised exertions you will be good enough to second in the direction indicated, should occasion arise.—W. G.

Enclosure in No. 6.

The Hon. Colonel FEILDING to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Wellington, New Zealand, 26th December, 1871.

It is just possible, in the haste with which the arrangements between the Government of New Zealand and the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation have been concluded, that some slight informality may have crept into the agreements. You have my assurance that I will use my utmost personal exertions to see that any such informality is set right, in accordance with the spirit and intention of our agreement.

The Hon. Julius Vogel, Colonial Treasurer.

I have, &c.,

W. H. FEILDING.

No. 7.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to the Hon. W. FITZHERBERT.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 25th January, 1872.

Your Honor is already aware that, after much consideration and consultation with yourself, an agreement was entered into between Her Majesty and the Hon. Colonel Feilding, as the represen-