

medical certificate and proof of vaccination before they grant a passage; and if this is done, the Government have for many reasons decided not to require further medical examination, except of course in any particular cases, which in your judgment it may be necessary to consider exceptional. In order to enable you to form such a judgment, and for necessary official purposes, it will be requisite that the enclosed forms of proposal and personal statement be filled up, the one by the Corporation and the other by the person to be insured; but as I have already said, it is not desired after the receipt of this proposal and statement to subject the person to be insured to any further medical examination, other than in exceptional cases.

Tables of the rates of Insurance now in operation are sent herewith; and on the Corporation paying to you one annual premium, you are authorized to issue a receipt in the form enclosed. A policy will be issued in the Colony to the Corporation for the year covered by such payment, renewable year by year in the ordinary way. Should, however, the emigrant die on the voyage the amount insured will be paid to the Corporation. The insurances are to be effected on the lives of male emigrants only, and in no case to a larger amount than one hundred pounds.

You will be good enough to forward mail by mail, to the Commissioner of Annuities, a schedule, in the enclosed form, of certificates issued, together with a draft in favour of the Chief Postmaster, Wellington, for the amount of premiums paid to you. The butts of the receipts are to accompany the schedules to which they relate.

W. GISBORNE.

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No. 9.

The AGENT-GENERAL to Hon. W. GISBORNE.

(No. 281.)

STR,—

Hamburg, 23rd May, 1872.

Adverting to your several letters and memoranda relative to the agreement between the New Zealand Government and the Hon. Colonel Feilding, I beg to assure you that any assistance I can afford to the Association (of which Colonel Feilding appeared as the representative in New Zealand) in carrying out their scheme of a special settlement at the Manawatu, will be most cordially given.

I have already had the pleasure of two or three interviews with Colonel Feilding, and have promised at his request to attend the meetings of the Board whenever the directors may desire it. I gather, however, that the details of the scheme are not yet fully matured, and that probably some few months will elapse before any decided action can be taken.

I have privately drawn the Secretary's attention to the emigration clauses of the contract, pointing out that while the Company are at liberty to make their own shipping arrangements for the conveyance of the emigrants selected by them, yet that the cost to the Government per statute adult must not exceed the present contract price.

I have done this because I had reason to believe that certain shipping firms were under the impression that they might and would obtain from the Association more favourable terms than I am giving.

At one time (as I intimated in a telegram), I was rather afraid that the offer by the Association of free passages might naturally interfere with our immigration; but as the Association's offer will necessarily be clogged with conditions of settlement, I am now inclined to believe that it will not sensibly affect the Colonial emigration.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington, N.Z.

I have, &c.,  
I. E. FEATHERSTON.

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No. 10.

Mr. C. STUART BAILEY to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation, Limited,

STR,—

27, Clements Lane, London, E.C., 4th April, 1872.

I have the honor, by direction of the Board, to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor and the Government of New Zealand, that the contract entered into between the Government of New Zealand and Colonel Feilding, on behalf of this Corporation, on the 26th December last, was ratified by special resolution of special Board, held on the 27th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

C. STUART BAILEY,  
Secretary.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington, N.Z.

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No. 11.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to Mr. STUART BAILEY.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, N.Z., 30th May, 1872.

I have the honor to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 4th April, in which you inform me that the agreement entered into between the Hon. Colonel Feilding, on behalf of the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation, and the Government of New Zealand, had been ratified.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

C. Stuart Bailey, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Emigrant and Colonist's  
Aid Corporation, 27 Clement Lane, E.C., London.