

## EXTRACT from Letter from AGENT-GENERAL, dated 10th July, 1873.

"It will be seen that the amount of promissory notes given by emigrants to Messrs. Brogden is £39,874 13s. 4d.; that the sum paid by Messrs. Brogden on account of the emigrants is £11,411 8s. 9d.; and that the Government hold Messrs. Brogden's promissory notes to the amount of £18,240. To meet Messrs. Brogden's debt to the Government, and to reimburse them these advances to the emigrants, a sum of £29,651 8s. 9d. would have to be recovered from the emigrants. If, as I understand, 525 of the emigrants are employed by the Messrs. Brogden, it appears to me that there ought not to be any great difficulty in recovering this amount, especially if the Government co-operated with Messrs. Brogden; but of course the Government are alone able to form a sound opinion on the matter.

I have, &amp;c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON.

## Messrs. BROGDEN and SONS to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

5, Queen Square, Westminster, S.W., 10th July, 1873.

In further explanation of our letter of the 12th June last, we have the honor to submit to you a statement showing the total amount of the promissory notes we have taken from the emigrants sent out by us, divided into the respective items of—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passage money account (A) ... ..				28,463	5	0
Ship's kit ... ..	1,791	15	0			
Outfit, advances for railway fares, dock dues, medical examination ... ..	9,619	13	9			
				11,411	8	9
				£39,874	13	9

Against the item A for passage money we have given our promissory notes to you for £18,240, and we have received from the emigrants, according to our last advices, £1,007 18s. 8d.

What we intend to propose to you in the last paragraph of our letter is, that we should be relieved of our promissory notes, and should transfer to the Government of New Zealand all the emigrants' promissory notes for the remaining sums due upon them, to enable the Government to collect the amounts. As the moneys are received they should be applied in reduction *pro rata* of the amount charged for passage money and our advances of £11,411 8s. 9d. respectively.

Under this arrangement we should incur a certain risk of loss from the deficiency of collection, but we are willing to bear this in order to bring the matter to an amicable solution.

You will perceive, without our drawing your attention to it, that if we had been allowed to adopt the system you had in force, of the payment for nominated emigrants in the case of the people sent out by us, we have in fact paid as much as would have been required from us under that system, and it appears that our Mr. James Brogden had that before him when he declined to sign the agreement. And we have only further to remark that immediately on the arrival of the emigrants in the Colony, we took them in charge, and the Government were put to no further expense with regard to them.

We have, &amp;c.,

JOHN BROGDEN AND SONS.

## A LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND.

THE following is a copy of a letter from a young married couple who went out, with a number of other persons from this neighbourhood, in the ship "Jessie Readman," for New Zealand, under engagement to Messrs. Brogden and Son, to be employed on their railway works. We shall be happy to be favoured with a sight of any letter from New Zealand, and to publish extracts from the same if agreeable to the parties who have received them:—

"Wellington, N.Z., 21st December, 1872.

"MY DEAR PARENTS,—I just write you a line to let you know that we are safely landed. We had a pleasant voyage over. It is very hot here to day—it is the longest day. We came into port on the 16th. We got here sooner than any has ever done before. There has been one ship out 130 days and not arrived yet; it lost its mainmast, and it has got in somewhere to have repairs. There was a ship arrived a few days before us. \* \* \* We had one death,—it was a little boy; he was ill before he came. There were five confinements on the ship. \* \* \* We are thankful we had such a good voyage. Beer is the only dear thing here, it is sixpence a pint. We are not able to give you our address yet. I will write again as soon as we are settled. We have heard of some situations, we are expecting to hear from one. There is plenty of work here for any one that likes. George has been to work at six shillings a day and rations found. We shall go to service: they are giving sixty to seventy pounds a year for married people with one child. Servants are so few, single girls get fifteen shillings a week, and all found them. They find everything for married people. I hope you are as well as we are. George says he is very glad he came. We talk about you all at home. Give our love to all. From your dear children,

"GEORGE AND JANE GARRETT."

Addressed to Mrs. James Tyler, Rush-green, Denham, Bucks, Old England.

## NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

*To Agricultural Labourers.*—Messrs. John Brogden and Sons, Contractors, 5, Queen Square, Westminster, are prepared to take out strong healthy men of the above class to New Zealand, to be employed on the public works. A proportion of married men and their families will also be taken. Terms (for those who apply at once) as follows:—