

on me to communicate them to you. But as you have now declined to agree to the proposal submitted to you, I have not the least objection to communicate my instructions to you, and I therefore enclose a copy of the remaining part of the letter.

As it is perfectly obvious that any instructions which concerned me only could afford you no aid in judging of the proposal, and could not assist you in noticing the misrepresentations with which you charge me, I have to call upon you to state on what grounds you make or insinuate so gross a charge against me, and what are the misrepresentations to which you refer. In justice to yourself, I can only suppose you have written me without having my letters before you, unless perhaps that of Friday, the 20th instant.

Dr. Featherston.

I have, &c.,
JOHN AULD.

No. 32.

MEMORANDUM No. 45, 1872, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I HEREWITH forward for your information copies of telegrams which have passed between His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, the Immigration Officer of Dunedin, and this Office, relative to the quarantining of the emigrant ships "Christian McAusland" and "Palmerston." Copies of the usual reports on these ships will be transmitted to you as soon as received.

I have already called your attention to the great importance of providing more efficiently than has hitherto been the case for the thorough ventilation of all ships taken up for the conveyance of immigrants. Its importance is illustrated by the sickness which has occurred on board these two vessels. It is evident that the chances of eradication of any disease which has been introduced or broken out on board any vessel are greatly reduced when there is an absence of side ports or scuttles on the lower deck, as was the case with these two vessels.

G. M. WATERHOUSE,
(for the Hon. Minister of Immigration).

Immigration Office, Wellington, 18th December, 1872.

NOTE.—The enclosures to this Memorandum are unimportant, the facts being embodied in the reports subsequently transmitted to the Agent-General.

No. 33.

MEMORANDUM No. 46, 1872, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I HEREWITH enclose for your information copy of a memorandum by the Immigration Officer at Dunedin, in reply to certain queries by the Hon. Mr. Reynolds with reference to the immigration requirements of the Province of Otago. I have to direct your special attention to the portions of the Memorandum respecting the period of the year at which immigrants should arrive in the Colony, and to the desirableness of limiting the number of married couples with large families. The Immigration Officer's suggestions in these respects are applicable not only to the Province of Otago but to the whole Colony.

G. M. WATERHOUSE,
(for the Hon. the Minister of Immigration).

Immigration Office, Wellington, 19th December, 1872.

Enclosure 1 in No. 33.

The Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS to Mr. C. ALLAN.

SIR,— Custom House, Dunedin, 19th November, 1872.

Referring to our conversation on this date, I will thank you to furnish me with an exhaustive report of the following:—

- 1st. As to the working of the present Immigration system in the Province.
- 2nd. As to any suggestion you may be in a position to make, from your long experience, to secure the convenience of immigrants prior to their embarkation, and on arrival in this Province.
- 3rd. The number and class of immigrants you consider could be absorbed in the Province during the ensuing twelve months, including those already on their way hence.
- 4th. As to the working of the labour exchange, together with any suggestions as to making it more efficient.
- 5th. As to the most effectual means to be adopted to secure the regular payment of immigrants' promissory notes.

In addition to the foregoing, I will be glad to receive any suggestions from your department in this Province.

Colin Allan, Esq.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

Enclosure 2 in No. 33.

Mr. C. ALLAN to the Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS.

SIR,— Immigration Office, Dunedin, 29th November, 1872.

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., asking me to furnish you with a report on certain subjects connected with the Immigration scheme, and first as to its working in this Province, I have the honor to state that, since I have entered upon the duties of this office under the General Government, it has been my constant endeavour to promote and encourage to the fullest extent the system of nominated passages by settlers in the Province, convinced as I am from a long experience, that the best and most useful immigrants have hitherto been introduced into this Province through this