

mentioned would be very great indeed, and would, I believe, altogether remove the prejudice that now exists amongst the labouring classes at home to making a long sea voyage. The Government would also be saved the expense of providing doctors, matrons, &c., as these ships would be complete in all their arrangements, and every convenience that experience has shown to be necessary or conducive to the safety and health of a large number of passengers would be provided.

I may also be allowed to mention that vessels of the class proposed could not possibly find profitable employment in the New Zealand trade alone; and I venture, therefore, to express the hope that if in other respects such an arrangement can be made as shall meet the views of the Government, the mere fact of these steamers stopping at Melbourne will not be regarded as an insuperable objection.

Should the proposal I have had the honor to submit fail to meet the views of the Government, I shall be prepared to submit to my principals any counter proposals; or if the negotiation is left in the hands of the Agent-General, I have every confidence that he could conclude an arrangement with my friends Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co.

I have, &c.,
JAMES A. WALCOTT,
(of Bright, Brothers, and Co., Dunedin).

Enclosure 2 in No. 74.

The Hon. G. M. O'RORKE to Mr. J. A. WALCOTT.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 12th April, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th March, offering, on behalf of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., of Liverpool, to convey Government immigrants to New Zealand by a line of steamers running from Liverpool to Melbourne, and transhipping the New Zealand immigrants from Melbourne to New Zealand by a branch steamer.

Your proposal has been submitted to the Cabinet, by whom it has been decided, after mature consideration, that Government emigrants to New Zealand must be conveyed thither direct from the port of embarkation, and that on no account could the touching at an intermediate port in Australia be sanctioned.

James A. Walcott, Esq., of Bright Bros. and Co.,
Dunedin.

I have, &c.,
G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

No. 75.

MEMORANDUM No. 67, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH is forwarded a letter from Mr. E. W. U'Ren, under cover of a Memorandum from His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, and I have to request that you will be good enough to give effect to the recommendation of His Honor.

Immigration Office, Wellington, New Zealand,
12th April, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

Enclosure in No. 75.

Mr. E. W. U'REN to His Honor J. MACANDREW.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 1st April, 1873.

I beg to ask your kind assistance in having my wife and family brought from England to Dunedin. Myself and three sons have been in this Province five years; and although we have not been fortunate in business, we believe in the future of the Colony, and desire the remainder of our family to be here with us. They consist of eight persons, namely, wife age forty-five; three daughters, from thirteen to nineteen; one son, fourteen; two daughters and one son, six to ten; and one son, twenty-four, who goes home to conduct them out.

I wish to have them kept together as a family, that the young women may be under the immediate care of their mother and brother, instead of being separated on board ship. They will be prepared to pay the ordinary amount as Government emigrants, and the cost of partitioning off their berths from the general steerage, but have not cash to pay passage as superior class.

If it be deemed any advantage, I have no doubt but that my son's representation of the Province, coupled with the position we formerly held in England, I having employed nearly 200 men over twenty years, would induce many families to come here.

My son, Robert Wells U'Ren, leaves by the ship "City of Dunedin," bound for London, and expects to sail in a few days. He will call at the Immigration Office, Westminster, on his arrival, before going to Cornwall where his mother and family reside.

His Honor J. Macandrew, Esq., Superintendent of Otago,
New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
E. M. U'REN.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. MACANDREW.

As the persons proposed to be brought out are resident in Cornwall, it would be more convenient for them to embark at London or Portsmouth than from Glasgow. Perhaps, therefore, the Minister for Immigration will be good enough to advise the Agent-General so as to comply with the request