

I have had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Vogel on the subject of your letter, and have despatched a cablegram, of which a copy is enclosed. I concur generally with your remarks as to the land required for such a body of settlers, and will be glad to be informed where the General Government have from 10,000 to 20,000 acres open for special settlement. The Provincial Government have only the Victoria Valley, near Mongonui, fit for such a purpose, but the Mangakahia Valley (which it is proposed to purchase) would also be an excellent location. I would suggest that no absolute decision as to a place of location should be made until the immigrants arrive and select for themselves. Such a course would, I think, afford them greater satisfaction, and remove a heavy responsibility from the Government.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS B. GILLIES,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure 1 in No. 106.

His Honor T. B. GILLIES to Mr. H. W. FARNALL.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 4th April, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5th February, relative to the proposed emigration of a considerable body of settlers from the North of Ireland, as described by you, and have to thank you for at once communicating with me thereon, as well as for the interest displayed by you in promoting the welfare of the Province by directing such a valuable class of emigrants to it.

In reply to your inquiries, I may state that the information given by you as to the allowance of land to settlers under "The Auckland Waste Lands Act, 1870," is correct, and I would be prepared to set aside a special block for these settlers, wherever they might select out, of Provincial lands. As you are aware, the lands south of Mercer are under the administration of the General Government, not of the Provincial Government; but I have very little doubt but the General Government would consent to give similar terms in respect of these lands to such a body of settlers; and I will at once communicate with them on the subject, and write you by next mail. As to giving a larger free grant to the leader of the party than 300 acres, the Provincial Government would willingly do so if they had power by law, but it can only be done in concert with the General Government, by the latter making regulations for the purpose, which they have power to do. On this subject also I shall at once communicate with them, and let you know the result by next mail.

I may assure you that the Provincial Government are most anxious to encourage such a body of settlers as you describe, who are specially adapted for settlement in this Province; and everything that lies in the power of the Provincial Government will be done to meet the views of these settlers, and to enable them to settle on such a block of good land as may afford comfortable homes for themselves and their families.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS B. GILLIES,
Superintendent.

H. W. Farnall, Esq., 2½, Corporation Street, Belfast.

Enclosure 2 in No. 106.

His Honor T. B. GILLIES to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 17th April, 1873.

Herewith I send you a copy of the cablegram, as arranged, in reference to Mr. Farnall's immigrants.

I write the Agent-General by this mail, with copies of the whole correspondence.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS B. GILLIES,
Superintendent.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Auckland.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure 2 in No. 106.

His Honor T. B. GILLIES to Mr. H. W. FARNALL.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 17th April, 1873.

EMIGRATION proposal approved. Hasten departure. Provincial or General Government provide land. Homestead terms, increasing maximum to 300 acres, as you represented, in error. Also allow promoter 500; each member of his family forty.

THOMAS B. GILLIES,
Superintendent.

Enclosure 3 in No. 106.

The Hon. G. M. O'RORKE to His Honor T. B. GILLIES.

(No. 415.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 23rd June, 1873.

In reply to your letter of the 17th April last, on the subject of a body of immigrants proposed to be sent out by Mr. Farnall, I quite agree with your Honor that at the present stage it is not necessary to fix the location, but I think if either the General or Provincial Government were sure that the offer