

made through Mr. Farnall to this body by your Honor and the Premier's cablegram of the 21st April was accepted, one or other Government should be prepared to place them on land immediately on arrival.

I cannot imagine that any difference can arise between the two Governments on the subject. The Victoria Valley, near Mongonui, is, as I am aware, pledged to Moravian settlers, and the Mangakahia Valley, to which you refer, is not yet acquired.

I regret to say, that although the Government has received later letters from Mr. Farnall than that of his to you of 5th February, no further allusion is made to the subject of these immigrants.

This Government has certain lands at Tauranga available for settlement; but I think the question of location may be allowed to stand over till we hear of the embarkation of these immigrants, when I propose the place of settlement shall be arranged after conference with your Honor.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

### No. 107.

MEMORANDUM No. 133, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I HEREWITH forward copy of a report by the Immigration Officer at Christchurch upon the arrival of the ship "Edwin Fox" at Lyttelton, on the 29th ultimo. As there was fever on board, the vessel was placed in quarantine, and the passengers landed. The ship has been admitted to pratique to-day.

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 2nd July, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

### Enclosure in No. 107.

REPORT by the IMMIGRATION OFFICER on Ship "Edwin Fox."

Immigration Office, Christchurch, 30th June, 1873.

I HAVE the honor to report that on Friday last the "Edwin Fox" was signalled as being outside the Heads. The Acting Health Officer, Captain Gibson, and myself left Lyttelton in a small steamer at 3 p.m., and after going nearly to the Pilot Station, we saw the vessel several miles outside the Heads. Night coming on, we did not deem it advisable to go to her. On the following morning we again left port, and found she was still five miles outside. The steamer went out, and the Commissioners found that sickness had prevailed during the passage; that there had been four deaths. Two of these were from fever; one from consumption; and an infant from thrush. The Commissioners also ascertained that three cases of fever still existed on board, and the Acting Health Officer recommended the vessel to be anchored off the quarantine ground, and the immigrants to be landed at the Quarantine Station. I at once made all the necessary arrangements for temporary fittings to be placed in the compartments at the station, and ordered the requisite bedding, &c.

The vessel came up to her anchorage late on Saturday.

Early yesterday morning (Sunday), I took over to the Quarantine Station the bedding, fittings, &c.; and by 2.30 p.m. all arrangements were complete.

I had the immigrants landed immediately after in the ship's boats; but as the ship was some distance from the Station, I deemed it advisable to engage the service of a small steamer to tow the boats. This expense must be borne by the ship. All the immigrants were landed by 5 p.m., and I am pleased to report that they appeared very grateful for the provision made for them.

Should no fresh cases break out, I do not anticipate they will be long in quarantine. There is, however, no doubt that fever (more or less) has been in each compartment of the ship. A married and a single man died of fever; and on the arrival of the vessel one of the single women was also attacked.

All the clauses bearing on quarantine of the Public Health Act have been strictly complied with.

I shall visit the Station daily, and will report by telegram the result of my visits. I think it only right that I should inform the Government of the very valuable assistance rendered me by the Port Officer, Captain Gibson.

J. E. MARCH.

Immigration Officer.

### No. 108.

MEMORANDUM No. 134, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

REFERRING to Memorandum, No. 129, 1873, of the 2nd instant, I herewith forward copy of a further report upon the "Michael Angelo," by Messrs. Allan and Thomson, members of the Commission for boarding Emigrant Ships on arrival at Port Chalmers.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 4th July, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

### Enclosure in No. 108.

REPORT by IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS on Ship "Michael Angelo."

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 25th June, 1873.

WITH reference to Dr. David O'Donoghue's special report on the ship "Michael Angelo," we have to state that an opportunity was afforded him to inspect the ship in company with us, and that it was no fault of ours if he did not avail himself of it. We inspected every compartment of the ship, accompanied by Mr. Monson, the Immigration Officer of the port, and put the following