1873. NEW ZEALAND.

IMMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

(FURTHER MEMORANDA TO THE AGENT-GENERAL).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

MEMORANDUM, No. 148—1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London. I HEREWITH forward copy of a report of the Immigration Commissioners, of this port, on the ship "Schiehallion," which arrived on the 14th instant.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

Immigration Office, Wellington, New Zealand, 18th July, 1873.

Enclosure in No. 1.

The Immigration Commissioners to the Under Secretary, Immigration.

SIR,—

We have the honor to report the arrival of the "Schiehallion," on the 14th instant, with eight single men, Government immigrants. We duly visited the vessel and inspected the passengers; having found all well they were immediately landed and sent to the Immigration Barracks.

We have, &c.,
ALEXANDER JOHNSTONE, M.D., JOHN HOLLIDAY, J. Hackworth, Н. Ј. Н. Егготт.

The Under Secretary, Immigration.

No. 2.

MEMORANDUM No. 149-1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH I have the honor to forward copies of reports by the Immigration Officer and Commissioners at Dunedin, upon the ship "James Nicol Fleming," which arrived at that port on the 1st instant.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

Immigration Office, Wellington, New Zealand, 18th July, 1873.

Enclosure 1 in No. 2.

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 3rd July, 1873.

THE ship "James Nicol Fleming" has arrived with 2061 adults, Government immigrants from Glasgow. The immigrants were selected by the Agent of the Provincial Government. The ship was not under the instructions of the Agent General, but I understand that an arrangement has since been entered into by which the General Government is to take over the shipment and pay the necessary charges. The charges for the proper management of the immigrants on the voyage are unusually moderate; there being only a matron and two constables engaged, one of the latter being paid by the ship.

The Immigration Commissioners are satisfied that the captain and officers of the ship have performed their duties towards the immigrants very satisfactorily, and are entitled to the gratuities usually given on the report being favourable. No provisions have been made for granting the gratuities in question, but I think Government on the representation of the matter should act in this case as has been customary as regards ships from London. The captain and his officers are entitled to all praise for having made such an unprecedently short passage of 72 days.

COLIN ALLAN,

The Hon. W. H. Reynolds, Dunedin.

Immigration Officer.