No. 13.

COPY of TELEGRAM to AGENT-GENERAL.

Wellington, 7th August, 1873.
FARNALL complains through Superintendent, Auckland, you obstruct his Special Settlement Scheme, you restrict number of applications, and dismissed him. Government desire all promises Farnall was authorised to make to Stewart's party of forty or fifty families be fulfilled. Assisted passengers must repay cost passage before obtaining Crown Grants. All emigrants must belong Stewart's party. If possible, make Belfast port of embarkation.

DATIEL POLLEY.

No. 14.

MEMORANDUM No. 163, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

REFERRING to my memo. No. 26, of 13th February last, I have to request that you will be good enough to forward the Ships' Books, &c., by the first opportunity after they are made up.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

Immigration Office, Wellington, New Zealand, 7th August, 1873.

No. 15.

MEMORANDUM No. 164 for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I HAVE perused Mr. Carter's report of 1st May, 1873, enclosed in your letter of 9th May, on the subject of the class of immigrants sent out in the "Christian McAusland," and have to express my regret that the Matron, whom Mr. Carter describes as a lady of veracity, did not make to the Authorities in the Colony that report of Dr. Concannon's mis-conduct as Surgeon-Superintendent, which she has since made to Mr. Carter. Had she done so the charges would have been investigated, and if found to be true I should have looked with great suspicion on any report that he might have subsequently made and would probably not have considered it sufficiently trustworthy to be transmitted to you. Supposing the matron's report to be true, it furnishes another instance of the caution that ought to be used in selecting such a responsible officer as the surgeon of the ship. I observe that in your despatch of 12th April last you take credit for the fact that "not a single complaint has been made against any Surgeon-Superintendent, except in the case of the 'England,'" but you will have learned from a memorandum of mine last mail that other complaints, to which this with regard to Dr. Concannon must be added, had occurred. And as a recent instance I direct your special attention to the case of the Surgeon of the "Jubilee," the papers concerning whom were forwarded to you in my memorandum No. 146 of 8th July last.

I do not think it would serve any good purpose, since you have informed me by telegraph that the Brogden contract is practically terminated, to protract the discussion with reference to the suitability of their immigrants. From Mr. Carter's defence of them as a class it appears that he and the medical inspectors took considerable pains in the duty of inspecting, and I feel grateful to him for excluding from those he passed the men he mentions as being branded with the letter "D." G. MAURICE O'RORKE.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 2nd August, 1873.

No. 16.

MEMORANDUM 165—for the AGENT-GENERAL London.

REFERRING to your letters received by last mail bearing dates April and May, in which, after a long interval from the date of their receipt, you reply to various memoranda despatched to you from the Colony, I desire in the first instance to advert to your letter of 12th April, which would lead one to suppose that Mr. Ormond's memorandum of 4th September, 1872, pointing out the insufficiency of emigration to Otago, was uncalled for.

The facts of the case are these: -That up to the date of Mr. Ormond's memorandum, the

following were the only ships that had arrived with Immigrants in Otago during the year:

"Margaret Galbraith," with 6 immigrants.

"Wild Deer," with 22 immigrants.

"Wild m Davie," with 100 immigrants.

It is true that in your letter under reply you lay stress upon your being prohibited from landing immigrants in Otago during the months of June, July, and August, but I think, the winter in New 3 D.—1A.