

Zealand being over, it was the duty of Mr. Ormond to represent the arrival of 128 immigrants as quite inadequate to the wants of Otago. You also repeat in your letter on this subject a statement made in your letter No. 193, of date 8th April last, viz., that you had been left without instructions from Government on the subject of establishing emigration to this Colony, from the date of your appointment on the 1st April, 1871, to the 1st February, 1872. To this subject I need hardly advert, further than by referring you to my memorandum No. 145, of 5th July last, but as you have laid so much stress throughout your correspondence upon this assumption that your first instructions from the General Government with respect to emigration were dated 25th November, 1871, and received by you upon the date named, I would desire to refer you to the following memoranda forwarded to you at earlier periods during the year 1871, and which it would appear have been to a great extent ignored. 1. Memorandum No. 2, dated 8th June, 1871, under cover of which was forwarded to you copy of correspondence with the Superintendent of Hawkes Bay upon the subject of immigration, in which the wishes of the Provincial Council of that Province were definitely stated. 2. Memorandum No. 5, dated 7th July, 1871, forwarding further correspondence with the Superintendent of Hawkes Bay. 3. Memorandum No. 1, dated 5th June, 1871, covering correspondence with the Superintendent of Wellington, in which the introduction of 500 unmarried females, 400 nominated immigrants, and "skilled labour in connection with woollen and other manufactures" was requested by His Honor, and you were duly instructed accordingly. See also Memorandum No. 10, dated 8th July, 1871, extending the above order. 4. Memorandum No. 6, dated 7th July, 1871, under which correspondence with the Superintendent of Canterbury was forwarded, setting forth the requirements of that Province for the year 1871, viz., 650 statute adults, exclusive of emigrants then on their way. 5. Memorandum No. 7, dated 8th July, 1871, directing the number of single women to Canterbury to be increased by 100. 6. Memorandum No. 13, dated 5th August, 1871, directing 300 emigrants to be forwarded direct to Timaru. 7. Memorandum No. 24, dated 30th August, 1871, enclosing correspondence with the Superintendent of Otago, wherein His Honor requests that 1,950 emigrants, duly classified, may be forwarded within the next twelve months, and you were instructed to avail yourself of the services of the Provincial Agent to carry this requirement into effect. Also upon this, *vide* Appendix, 1871—D. No. 3, pp. 40 to 44. 8. Letter of Hon. Mr. Gisbourne, dated 8th June, 1871, containing general instructions with regard to emigration. 9. Memorandum No. 37, dated 30th September, 1871, wherein you were instructed that "with a view to the location of Scandinavian and Western Highland immigrants on blocks of land in 70-Mile Bush, Hawkes Bay, to procure and send out 300 families, 100 single men, and such young women as desire to accompany their relations." 10. Memorandum No. 38, dated 28th October, 1871, containing general instructions *re* Scandinavian emigration. It is noteworthy, moreover, that whilst you allege you were without instructions for the long period of ten months, you take credit for having despatched eight vessels to the Colony with 700 emigrants, prior to the date of 1st February, 1872, to which you now attach so much importance as the commencement of your duties under authority of the Government.

In regard to your comments on Mr. Waterhouse's telegram of 4th November, 1872, I have only to observe that during the interval between Mr. Ormond's letter and Mr. Waterhouse's telegram only two vessels, the "Hydaspes" and "Palmerston," with 288 immigrants, had arrived in Otago; so that up to November the arrivals had been only 416, whereas the amount ordered for the year was 3,250.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

Immigration Office, Wellington, New Zealand,
2nd August, 1873.

No. 17.

MEMORANDUM 166 to the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I HAVE been shown a telegram by His Honor the Superintendent of Auckland, from Mr. Farnall, informing him of your obstructing his efforts to induce a stream of immigration to Auckland, and of his removal from office by you. As Mr. Farnall was engaged, with the sanction of both the General Government and Provincial Government of Auckland, in endeavouring to promote the emigration of a large body of settlers, of the small farmer class, from Ireland to the Province of Auckland, I trust you will take the necessary steps for carrying out that scheme of emigration, notwithstanding Mr. Farnall's dismissal from office. Full particulars of Mr. Farnall's scheme were furnished to you in my memoranda No. 74, of date 14th April, 1873, No. 82, of date 22nd April, 1873; and No. 132, of date 23rd June, 1873; and I have to request that you will see that any promises which the General Government authorized to be made to this body of emigrants should be fulfilled in their integrity.

The latest advices from Mr. Farnall lead the Government to suppose, that in addition to the offer of free grants of land to these immigrants, he has also held out hopes that they should have assisted passages. This formed no part of the proposal made to His Honor the Superintendent of Auckland, and by him submitted to the General Government. The scheme, as brought before the Superintendent, was that this body of immigrants would be quite independent of any Government aid beyond the offer of land, under such terms as are laid down in the Auckland Homestead Law