

No. 6.

MEMORANDUM No. 181, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

REFERRING to your letter of the 15th May last (which will be found amongst the papers presented to Parliament, p. 17, D. 2 A., 1873), I wish to observe that twelve ships are enumerated in the list enclosed with your letter to sail with emigrants during the months of May and June last; but charter parties have not been forwarded for four of them, namely:—The “Columbus,” “Douglas,” “Peter Denny,” and “Merope.” Charter parties without covering letters have been received for the “Otago,” for Dunedin, and the “E. P. Bouverie,” for Wellington, both dated the 26th April, 1873; but I have not been able to learn from your correspondence any particulars respecting the number and description of emigrants—the latter vessel, indeed, is not even named therein. It must be evident to you that the absence of information with regard to immigrant ships whose arrival is expected, places the Government in a position of considerable embarrassment.

Immigration Office, Wellington, New Zealand,
23rd August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O’RORKE.

No. 7.

MEMORANDUM No. 182, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

THE following question having been asked in the House of Representatives, on the 19th instant viz. :—“Whether a reply has been received from the Agent-General to a letter dated 5th December 1872, No. 35, and written by Mr. Waterhouse, when Premier?” to which I was obliged to answer in the negative. I must request you to furnish me, even at this late period, with a full reply to the communication referred to, which will be found at page 21 of the Parliamentary Papers D.—No. 1, 1873.

Immigration Office, Wellington, New Zealand,
23rd August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O’RORKE.

No. 8.

MEMORANDUM No. 186, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH is forwarded copies of correspondence between the General Government and the Superintendent and Executive Council of Canterbury relative to the appointment of an Agent to select emigrants at home for that Province.

The letter of the Hon. Colonial Secretary to Messrs. Kennaway and Beswick, dated 10th July, 1873, fully explains the position taken up by the Government in this matter, and in now advising you of the appointment of Mr. Andrew Duncan, who proceeds to England by this mail as special agent for Canterbury, I have to request that you will in every way facilitate the object of his mission so far as is consistent with the terms of the letter referred to.

Immigration Office, Wellington, New Zealand,
30th August, 1873.

I have, &c.,

G. MAURICE O’RORKE,

Enclosure 1 in No. 8.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Christchurch, to the Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Superintendent’s Office, Christchurch,
28th May, 1873.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward a copy of resolutions passed by the Provincial Council, having reference to immigration to this Province, and I have to express a hope that the Government will give them their immediate and favourable consideration.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure No. 1 in No. 8.

Provincial Council Chamber, 27th May, 1873.

Resolutions passed—

That this Council, seeing that the amount of immigration to this Province under the present system has, up to this time, been inadequate to meet its requirements, are of opinion—

1. That the Province should be represented in the United Kingdom by an Agent nominated by the Provincial Government, whose chief duty shall be to collect emigrants for Canterbury.

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