

ability, or any other cause, never influenced me in withholding a situation from any one who made application, the great object being the prompt employment of men willing to work as the demand arose. I am however of opinion, that all those who have been earning good wages, perhaps for years, on applying at the Labour Exchange, for a situation should be charged a fee, and that on the principle that men in general appreciate far more what they pay for than what can be secured for nothing. The fee charged is so small that the payment of it cannot press heavily on any one. Besides, as such an institution, to be successful, would require the services of an agent who would devote his whole time to its duties, and as there are expenses necessarily incurred for books, printing, and stationary, the fees levied would assist in paying his salary, and providing for such contingencies. Since I assumed the duties of Immigration Officer under the General Government, I have still endeavoured to conduct the Labour Exchange here as formerly; but as the duties of this office have now become so onerous, it is evident that it cannot be carried on in such a state of efficiency as I would desire unless assistance be provided by the Government.

I have, &c.,
COLIN ALLAN,
Immigration Officer.

No. 2.

MEMORANDUM No. 2, 1872, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH are enclosed copies of a correspondence with the Immigration Officer at Auckland, with reference to the sum of £5, charged in England for the passage of Susan Davis by the "City of Auckland."

I should feel obliged by your explaining why the sum of £5 was charged in this case, especially as it was provided in Auckland passage order No. 62, of 23rd January last, that Elizabeth and Susan Davis were to have free passages.

Lands and Immigration Office,
Wellington, New Zealand, 23rd October, 1872.

JOHN HALL.

Enclosure in No. 2.

The Hon. Dr. POLLEN to the Hon. the MINISTER for LANDS and IMMIGRATION.

SIR,— General Government Offices, Auckland, 17th October, 1872.

I have the honor to transmit herewith an application from Mr. Thomas R. Tindall for a refund of £5 to Susan Davis, who came to Auckland in the ship "City of Auckland."

It appears, on reference to Mr. Lusk, that this was an application for a free passage, but a demand was made by the Agent-General for the above sum, and the amount was paid.

The Hon. the Minister for Lands and Immigration,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
DANIEL POLLEN.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 2.

Mr. TINDALL to the Hon. Dr. POLLEN.

SIR,— One-Tree Hill, Newmarket, Auckland, 10th September, 1872.

Miss Susan Davis, who came out by the "City of Auckland," paid £5 to Dr. Featherston, the Agent-General in London. According to Government regulations, we thought she would be brought out free. If it be a mistake, and lay in your power, would you be so kind as cause the £5 to be refunded to her? I enclose her papers, and will feel ever grateful.

The Hon. Dr. Pollen.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS R. TINDALL.

No. 3.

MEMORANDUM No. 3, 1872, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH are enclosed, for your information, copies of the Immigration Officer's certificates of the number of statute adults landed by the "St. Leonards" at Lyttelton, and "Ballarat" at Napier.

You will observe that the matron is deducted by the Immigration Officer from the total number of passages payable by the Government for the immigrants by the "St. Leonards." This appears to have been done under the supposition that by clause 24 of the contract now in force, Messrs. Shaw, Saville, and Co. provide passages for matrons; but the wording of the clause, however, makes it clear that the contractors simply engage to provide a separate cabin.

Lands and Immigration Office,
Wellington, New Zealand, 23rd October, 1872.

JOHN HALL.

Enclosure 1 in No. 3.

Messrs. WATT BROTHERS to the SECRETARY for PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,— Port Ahuriri, 3rd October, 1872.

We have the honor to transmit with this passenger list of the "Ballarat," duly certified to by the Captain, Surgeon, and Immigration Officer.

The Secretary for Public Works, Wellington.

We have, &c.,
WATT BROS.