

Many more single women, I have no doubt, would be glad to come in charge of Mrs. McLean and the McDonnell family, if the offer were made to the McDonnell family to ship themselves as many single women as they could induce to join them, in charge of Mrs. McLean, from Glasgow, instead of London. It would also tend to the success of this undertaking, if the local Immigration Agents—Mr. Farquhar McDonnell, Plockton, Lochalsh, and Mr. McRae, schoolmaster, Lochcarron—were instructed to get as many to come along with the McDonnells in a body as possible.

I have, &c.,

FINLAY MURCHISON,

Kintail, Riverton.

Theophilus Daniel, Esq., Immigration Agent, Riverton.

Sub-Enclosure 2 to Enclosure in No. 86.

Mr. McDONNELL to Mr. MURCHISON.

DEAR SIR,—

Ochnashellock, Lochcarron, 2nd March, 1873.

I received your letter about a month ago, and we were all glad to hear of the safe arrival of your friends.

I would have answered your letter sooner, but I wrote to Ewen and Donald to see what they would say about going to New Zealand, and they are both willing to go if we could all go; but I am sorry to say that we cannot go this year, but if all is well I think we will be able to go next year, as Margaret's husband is getting better, but he is not able to do any work as yet, but I think that he will soon be; himself and Margaret are quite willing to go, if they had the means.

I am surprised Murdoch, your nephew, never wrote to me, as he promised when he left here.

I must come to a close, with many thanks for your kindness, and the interest you take in us, and I assure you it will ever be remembered by the whole of us. Give my best respects to Murell and the whole of them.

I have, &c.,

ALEXR. McDONNELL.

Mr. F. Murchison, Kintail, Riverton, Southland,
New Zealand.

No. 87.

MEMORANDUM No. 127, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

IN reply to your letter No. 217, of date 14th April ultimo, on the subject of promises of employment alleged to have been made by you to the immigrants Laagsen and Larsen, passengers by the "Crusader," and Peterson, a passenger by the "Pleiades," wherein you state that you have never made any promises of either land or employment by the Government in the Colony to a single immigrant sent out in the ships despatched by you, I am of opinion that the promise made by you to request Government to employ Peterson as a schoolmaster in one of the Norwegian settlements, must be considered to commit the Government to a fulfilment of your promise. This has been done, and Peterson has been stationed at Opaki as a schoolmaster, at a salary of £100 a year and school fees, for one year.

Additional expense (£11) has been cast on the Government through Peterson and family (eight in number) having been sent to Canterbury instead of to Wellington, whence they had to be removed, through their inability to obtain employment, and to save them from destitution.

Immigration Office, Wellington, New Zealand,
28th June, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROBKE.

No. 88.

MEMORANDUM No. 128, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH is forwarded copy of a correspondence with the Superintendent of Otago respecting the great want of shoemakers in that Province; and I have to request you to communicate with your Agent in Glasgow, as suggested in his Honor's telegram of the 11th instant.

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

G. MAURICE O'ROBKE.

Enclosure 1 in No. 88.

His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 11th June, 1873.

GREAT scarcity of working shoemakers—good peg hands and rivetters for factory purposes: fifty such men could earn constantly £3 a week. If Seaton would call on Douglas, manufacturer, Glasgow, he will find the necessary hands, he having been communicated with by this mail.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

J. MACANDREW.

Enclosure 2 in No. 88.

His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 14th June, 1873.

Referring to my telegram the other day to the effect that the Agent-General might be communicated with on the subject of sending out a number of shoemakers, I have now the honor