

No. 35.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Dr. Husband's application for £50 in respect of his Passage from Canterbury.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
17th October, 1872.

(No. 495.)

DR. HUSBAND had medical charge of the emigrants who proceeded in June, 1871, for Canterbury by the ship "Merope." He was promised, and he received, a sum of one hundred guineas as remuneration for his services, the report of the Inspecting Officer upon his vessel having been entirely satisfactory. In 1870, Dr. Husband received for similar services in the same ship one hundred guineas; and on his return a further sum of £50 in respect of the cost of his return passage.

The passage in the surgeon's letter of appointment which relates to the latter payment is as follows:—"And if you should be recommended for further employment, and report yourself at this office within eight months after the arrival of the _____ at Lyttelton, and are ready to undertake the charge of another ship, £50 will be paid to you in respect of your passage home, and an appointment offered you at the earliest date consistent with the arrangements of this office."

In the letter of appointment given to Dr. Husband in June, 1871, the whole of this passage was struck out, and the following remark was written against the obliterated paragraph:—"This must be left in abeyance, as I am at present unaware what arrangements may be made under the Immigration and Public Works Act.—A. A. O."

As I had no authority to promise that the Agent-General would reappoint Dr. Husband on his return to England, I thought it right to leave it to the Government to determine whether or not the return passage money should be allowed.

2. Dr. Thomas Dry, who sailed as surgeon-superintendent in the ship "Glenmark," in July, 1871, received an appointment on precisely similar terms. He was unfortunately lost in that vessel, which sailed in February last, and has not since been heard of. Mrs. Dry (widow of Dr. Thomas Dry) has recently made application for the return passage money (£50), which was left in abeyance as already explained. Dr. Dry has also made two voyages with emigrants to Canterbury, with completely favourable results.

I shall be glad to learn that on reconsideration the Government decide to entertain both these applications.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington, N.Z.

ALBERT O. OTTYWELL.

No. 36.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(No. 499.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
25th October, 1872.

SIR,—

I have the honor to send, enclosed, copies of the reports presented to me by the Rev. Peter Barclay and Mr. James Seaton respectively, furnishing particulars of their emigration operations during the quarter ended 30th September last.

I forward also copy of a report by the Rev. G. Smales, relative to certain lectures in furtherance of emigration to New Zealand, which he delivered in various provincial towns.

I have likewise requested Mr. Thomas Birch to furnish a report for the period named, but he has not yet complied with my request.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington, N.Z.

Enclosure 1 in No. 36.

The Rev. P. BARCLAY to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 493.)

SIR,—

Edinburgh, 4, India Street, 19th September, 1872.

I beg leave to submit the following report for the current quarter:—

1. During the first month of it I remained in Edinburgh. I had two meetings in school-rooms, but the summer months are not suitable for public meetings, for various causes. One of these meetings was however very fairly attended, and at both the people seemed interested.

2. As you had given me leave to spend £20 in advertising, I had correspondence with the *People's Journal*, a paper of enormous circulation; also with the *Northern Advertiser*, in Aberdeen, which, in addition to its circulation, has the advantage of being posted up in the city of Aberdeen (population 90,000). All this cost £8. I had some correspondence with a Mr. Gibb, who is agent in Aberdeen for a leading railway advertising firm. I have thought of doing what could be done for £10 in this matter, but nothing is done as yet. It seems important, as the stations are in most places placarded with the "Allan Line," "Anchor Line," &c., &c., keeping America ever before the eyes of the people.

3. During this time I also brought out the tract in Gaelic, and caused it to be sent to all agencies in Gaelic districts. It will, I think, do good, especially in meeting the absurd statements of certain American agents in regard to New Zealand cannibalism, &c., &c., &c. There was also a good deal of correspondence to attend to. The letter I wrote to the *People's Journal* in regard to these American tales, and may write several letters while I am in Edinburgh to the same paper.