

No. 21.

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

(No. 366.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
3rd June, 1873.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Hon. Mr. O'Rorke's Memorandum of 15th February (No. 33, 1873), transmitting a schedule of further lists of nominated immigrants.

I have, &c.,

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

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

No. 22.

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

(No. 777.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
10th June, 1873.

SIR,—

Referring to my letter No. 292 of 15th May, I have the honor to inform you that the undermentioned emigrant vessels were despatched for the Colony during May, viz. :—

For Canterbury.—The "Mary Shepherd" with 353 souls = 290½ adults; the "Columbus" with 151 souls = 130½ adults; the "Punjaub" with 330 souls = 264.

For Auckland.—The "Berar," with 311 souls, = 247½ adults.

For Otago.—The "Allahabad," with 276 souls, = 229 adults. Total during May, 1,426 souls, = 1,161½ adults.

2. The arrangements for the despatch of vessels during June are the following, viz. :—

For Wellington and Napier.—The "Douglas," to sail 11th June.

For Otago.—"Peter Denny," to sail 15th June.

For Auckland.—"St. Leonard's," to sail 17th June.

For Canterbury.—"Celestial Queen," to sail 20th June.

For Otago.—"Dover Castle," to sail 23rd June.

For Canterbury.—"Adamant," to sail 30th June.

For the reasons stated in my letter already referred to, it has been found necessary to withdraw the Hawke's Bay direct ship. The emigrants engaged for that Province will therefore proceed by the "Douglas," by way of Wellington. This vessel will take upwards of 400 souls, equal to about 330 adults. The "Peter Denny," embarking emigrants at Glasgow, will take about 260 adults. The complements for the other vessels are not yet made up. Further advices on this point shall be sent next mail.

The "Mary Shepherd" sailed from Plymouth, and the "Adamant" will also embark her emigrants at that port.

I have, &c.,

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

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

No. 23.

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

(No. 375.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
11th June, 1873.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Hon. Mr. O'Rorke's Memorandum of 14th April (No. 68, 1873), calling the attention of the Government to the perfunctory manner in which Her Majesty's Emigration Commissioners appear to perform their duties, and enclosing copy of a Memorandum in which he recommends that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand be requested to forward to the Imperial Government copies of the evidence taken in the recent prosecutions against the masters of the ships "Forfarshire" and "Glenlora."

From my personal observations of the manner in which these duties are performed, I have little doubt that Her Majesty's Emigration Commissioners will prove that the charges made by Mr. O'Rorke are entirely unfounded. I have myself seen, whenever it was possible, the dispatch of many of the emigrant ships, and I am bound to say it is impossible to conceive a more searching investigation than that which has been instituted by Her Majesty's Emigration Commissioners to enforce the fulfilment of all the provisions of the Passengers' Act.

I have, &c.,

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

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

No. 24.

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

(No. 377.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
11th June, 1873.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Hon. Mr. O'Rorke's Memorandum of 14th April (No. 71, 1873), covering copy of a letter from His Honor the Superintendent of Auckland on the subject of the class of emigrants most suited to that Province.