

1873.  
NEW ZEALAND.

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# IMMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

(FURTHER MEMORANDA TO THE AGENT-GENERAL.)

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by command of His Excellency.*

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## No. 1.

MEMORANDUM No. 151, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

IN reference to the last paragraph of your letter of 13th May, No. 295, 1873, I enclose for your information copy of a circular to Immigration Officers, which has been issued in order to carry out your wishes.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 28th July, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

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### Enclosure in No. 1.

THE following extract from a letter from the Agent-General, dated 13th May, 1873, is forwarded for the information of Immigration Officers :—

“It frequently happens that the nominee receives the passage order from his friends in the Colony several weeks prior to the arrival at this office of the Government advice respecting it; and I respectfully suggest that it might be convenient to indorse the warrant with a recommendation that the applicant should write to this office if he does not receive a communication within a week from the date of the receipt of advice from the nominator.”

It is requested that the suggestion herein contained may be given effect to.  
Immigration Office, Wellington, 26th July, 1873.

C. E. HAUGHTON.

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## No. 2.

MEMORANDUM No. 158, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH I forward copy of a telegram received from you on 17th July ultimo.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 1st August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

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### Enclosure in No. 2.

Dr. FEATHERSTON to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

Hokitika, 17th July, 1873.

Two thousand six hundred fifty souls saved May-June—probably twelve hundred July; total railway plant shipped, sixteen thousand five hundred tons, sixteen locomotives, thirty-one carriages, seventeen break vans, one hundred sixty-three waggons. Medals next mail; coinage moat gay sent.

Vogel, Wellington.

FEATHERSTON,  
London.

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## No. 3.

MEMORANDUM No. 162, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

REFERRING to Memorandum No. 138, of 5th July, 1873, I herewith forward further list of nominated immigrants.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 2nd August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

## Enclosure in No. 3.

SCHEDULE of APPLICATIONS for Passages of Nominated Immigrants, forwarded to the Agent-General, London, with Memorandum 162, 1873, of the 2nd August, 1873.

Record No.	Where from.	No. of List.	Souls.	Adults.	Remarks.
Immi., 1873, 606	Auckland ...	23	45	36	
705	" ...	24	13	13	
732	Thames ...	1	2	2	
717	New Plymouth ...	13	2	2	
739	Wellington ...	31	75	70½	
735	Nelson ...	15	18	16	
721	Blenheim ...	15	7	6	
616	Greymouth ...	16	5	5	
733	" ...	17	11	10	
734	Hokitika ...	18	5	5	
	Christchurch ...	...	470	380	Original sent direct to Agent-General.
608	Oamaru ...	14	3	3	
837	Invercargill ...	16	42	38	Original sent direct to Agent-General.
740	Dunedin ...	25	88	73½	See Note, Cancel application 268.
741	Oamaru ...	15	13	12½	
742	Timaru ...	25	41	34	
			840	706½	

## No. 4.

MEMORANDUM No. 169, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH is forwarded copy of a Memorandum by the Immigration Officer at Christchurch, with reference to the promissory note signed by an immigrant named Fritz Westphaal, and I shall be obliged by your giving any information on the subject in your possession.

Immigration Office,  
Wellington, New Zealand, 11th August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

## Enclosure in No. 4.

MEMORANDUM for UNDER SECRETARY.

Immigration Office, Christchurch, 6th August, 1873.

A PROMISSORY note, signed by Fritz Westphaal, for £2 5s., immigrant per ship "Crusader," indorsed "Expenses in London," was forwarded for collection in the Colony.

Westphaal states that he signed the note in ignorance of its contents, he being a foreigner and unable to understand English; he also states that he incurred no expenses whatever in London that he did not pay himself, and he does not know what this £2 5s. was for.

I shall be obliged if you will ask the Agent-General if he can afford any information on this subject.

J. E. MARCH,  
Immigration Officer.

## No. 5.

MEMORANDUM No. 171, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

As many of the Scandinavians and others who have recently arrived in this Colony evince a desire to nominate their friends in Europe, but before doing so request to be informed what means are provided by the Government to enable nominated persons to reach the port of departure, I shall feel obliged by your furnishing me with such information as will enable the officers of this Department to answer inquiries on this point.

Immigration Office,  
Wellington, New Zealand, 12th August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

## No. 6.

MEMORANDUM No. 172, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH is forwarded for your consideration copy of a letter dated 4th August, 1873, from Mr. Robert Stout, a member of the Provincial Council of Otago, with reference to promoting emigration to this Colony from the North of Scotland.

Immigration Office,  
Wellington, New Zealand, 12th August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

## Enclosure in No. 6.

Mr. R. STOUT to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 4th August, 1873.

Being interested in the immigration to this Colony of people from the North of Scotland, I would bring under your notice the desirability of appointing some well-known local agents in the various centres of population. This course has been adopted by the Queensland and Canadian Governments with the most satisfactory results. To my own knowledge, a large number of properly selected emigrants left the Shetland Islands for Queensland through the exertions of the Agent for the Queensland Government—Mr. Arthur Lawrenson, Merchant, Lerwick. By the mail just arrived I hear that a large number of emigrants are leaving for Canada and the United States, and I believe they might have been induced to come to this Colony were the same exertions made on behalf of New Zealand as are being made in behalf of other Colonies. It is not for me to suggest names of persons suitable to act as local agents, but I might be permitted to mention the name of Mr. Arthur Lawrenson, who acted on behalf of the Queensland Government. He is a good Norse scholar, and, if desired, might also visit Norway. There is almost constant communication between the Shetland and Norway, and his knowledge of the Norwegian language would enable him at small cost to urge the claims of New Zealand on intending emigrants.

I have, &amp;c.,

ROBERT STOUT.

## No. 7.

MEMORANDUM No. 173, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

REFERRING to letter from the Hon. Colonial Secretary, No. 106, dated 28th September, 1872, on the subject of selecting and sending out trained school masters and mistresses for the Canterbury schools, I now forward copy of a further letter from His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the number then asked for may be increased by four masters and two mistresses; and I have to request that arrangements may be made for employing the services of these persons on the voyage out in a similar manner to those reported in your letter No. 591, of 12th December, 1872.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 13th August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

## Enclosure in No. 7.

Mr. W. KENNAWAY to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Christchurch, Canterbury, N.Z., 2nd August, 1873.

Referring to the subject of your letter of the 10th February last relative to the arrangements which the Agent-General had made for utilizing the services of the school masters and mistresses whom the Provincial Government were having sent out, I have to inform you that further instructions have been forwarded by the present out-going mail for having four masters and two mistresses sent out. I have therefore to request that you will be good enough to ask the Agent-General to make similar arrangements in regard to the passages of those now sent for.

I have, &amp;c.,

WALTER KENNAWAY,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

(in the absence of Deputy Superintendent).

## No. 8.

MEMORANDUM No. 176, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH I transmit copy of a telegram despatched to you on the 7th instant on the subject of the scheme of special emigration from Ireland undertaken by Mr. Farnall.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 19th August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

## Enclosure in No. 8.

The Hon. Dr. POLLEN to the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

FARNALL complains through Superintendent, Auckland, you obstruct his special settlement scheme, you restrict number of applications, and dismissed him. Government desire all promises Farnall was authorized to make to Stewart's party of forty or fifty families be fulfilled. Assisted passengers must repay cost of passage before obtaining Crown grants. All immigrants must belong Stewart's party. If possible, make Belfast port of embarkation.

Wellington, 7th August, 1873.

DANIEL POLLEN.

## No. 9.

MEMORANDUM No. 177, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

COPIES of a correspondence with Dr. Besley, surgeon-superintendent of the ship "Halcione," respecting his claim for the sum of £50 on account of his return passage to London, after bringing immigrants to Otago by the ship "May Queen," last year, are enclosed for your information.

As it appears from the certificate of the Immigration Officer at Dunedin that Dr. Besley satisfactorily performed the duties required of him, I shall feel obliged by your informing me whether you consider he is entitled to the sum claimed, he having a second time brought immigrants to this Colony.

Immigration Office,  
Wellington, New Zealand, 18th August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

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**Enclosure 1 in No. 9.**

Mr. C. E. HAUGHTON to Dr. BESLEY.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 4th August, 1873.

I have much pleasure in forwarding you certificate from the Immigration Officers at Otago and Wellington, stating that you had on two different occasions satisfactorily performed the duties of surgeon-superintendent on board emigrant ships to this Colony.

Dr. Besley, of the ship "Halcione."

I have, &c.,  
C. E. HAUGHTON.

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**Enclosure 2 in No. 9.**

Mr. C. ALLAN to Mr. C. E. HAUGHTON.

Immigration Office, Dunedin, 25th July, 1873.

I HEREBY certify that F. B. Besley, Esq., surgeon-superintendent of the ship "May Queen," on the voyage from London to Otago, with Government emigrants, performed his duties very satisfactorily, and have much pleasure in recommending that he be paid the sum of £50 for his return passage to England, on his reporting himself to the Agent-General as willing to take charge of emigrants to New Zealand.

The Under Secretary, Immigration, Wellington.

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

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**Enclosure 3 in No. 9.**

Dr. BESLEY to Mr. C. E. HAUGHTON.

SIR,—

Wellington, 15th August, 1873.

Having decided upon remaining to practise in New Zealand, it would be a matter of great convenience to me if the sum of £50, to which I am entitled on account of my return passage to England, after performing the duties of surgeon to the ship "May Queen," with emigrants to Otago, last year, could be paid to me in the Colony.

I hold certificates from the Immigration Officers proving that on that occasion, as well as now with the "Halcione," my duties were satisfactorily performed.

C. E. Haughton, Esq.

I have, &c.,  
F. B. BESLEY.

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**Enclosure 4 in No. 9.**

Mr. C. E. HAUGHTON to Dr. BESLEY.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 18th August, 1873.

I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Minister for Immigration, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and in reply to inform you that it is necessary that the Agent-General should be communicated with before the payment of £50 on account of your return passage to England after bringing immigrants to Otago last year by the "May Queen" can be sanctioned.

Copies of the correspondence will accordingly be forwarded to Dr. Featherston by the next mail.

Dr. Besley, Blenheim.

I have, &c.,  
C. E. HAUGHTON.

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**No. 10.**

MEMORANDUM No. 178, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

HEREWITH is forwarded copy of a letter from Mr. John Wheale, an immigrant to Otago by the ship "Michael Angelo," in which he makes serious charges against a Mr. Edward Bent, who, from the letter enclosed, I presume has been acting as a sub-emigration agent in Staffordshire, and I shall feel obliged by your calling upon Mr. Bent for an explanation of his conduct.

Immigration Office,  
Wellington, New Zealand, 22nd August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

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**Enclosure in No. 10.**

Mr. J. WHEALE to Mr. C. E. HAUGHTON.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 19th August, 1873.

Having seen the advertisement here about emigration, I write to you to know if I have any redress in the following case:—

I applied to an agent named E. Bent, of Bent Street, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, England, for assisted passages to New Zealand for myself, wife, and child. He gave me papers to fill up, and he

asked me to pay £2, which I did, and he wrote to me to say that I was accepted; this was on 23rd January; he said that I should have to pay £12 for the three, the child being three months old; I paid £10 to him, making £12 altogether. My wife was taken ill about a week before the ship sailed, and the doctor said it would not be safe for her to undertake the voyage. I sent a letter from the doctor to that effect, and I had a letter from the London office saying that I was entitled to the money again. Mr. Bent told me that I could go without my wife, so I made arrangements to go, and as he did not send my ticket I wrote for it, and he wrote on February 11th, saying that I could proceed without it. I sent my luggage to London on the 22nd February; on the 24th I got a letter from London, through Mr. Bent, saying that I could not go without my wife, and I was just going out of the house for London when it came. I went to London and called at the Agent-General's Office, and then I found that Mr. Bent had only forwarded £6 of the money I had paid him, and that five weeks after I had paid it to him, and they let me come by paying £3 more, and the £6 would be paid to my wife. I wrote to her to call for it, and to Mr. Bent, telling him to pay the money to her; she has called about it, and he told her that he had not got it from London; and she writes in the last letter that she has called again, and he says that they would not think of paying her till the ship got to New Zealand. As he never sent the money to London, and does not pay it back, it looks like a swindle; and if nothing can be done to make him refund the money, I shall feel it my duty to write a letter to the London papers—a full account, so that others shall not be troubled in the same way. I may say that I came out in the "Michael Angelo." Hoping to get an answer,

C. E. Haughton, Esq., Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
JOHN WHEALE.

### No. 11.

MEMORANDUM No. 183, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

It would be convenient to this Department if, in future arrangements with surgeon-superintendents of emigrant ships, they were given to understand that the amount of remuneration allowed them for the voyage would also include the lay-days provided for in the charter-party, should it be necessary to quarantine the ship on arrival.

If it is necessary to keep the ship or emigrants in quarantine for a longer period than is provided for in the charter-party, a special arrangement, according to circumstances, will be made with the surgeon.

Immigration Office,  
Wellington, 29th New Zealand, August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

### No. 12.

MEMORANDUM No. 184, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

A SINGLE woman, named Mary Gillespie, whose address is "Care of Patrick Gillespie, No. 5, Edging Court, Burnley, Lancashire," having been nominated here by Major Jackson, M.H.R., for a free passage to Auckland, I shall feel obliged by your providing her with the usual passage to which nominated immigrants are entitled under the regulations now in force.

As there will not be time before the mail leaves to send the papers to the Immigration Officer at Auckland, I have to request that you will be good enough to cause Mary Gillespie's name to be added to the next Auckland list of nominated immigrants which you receive.

Major Jackson is responsible to this office for an advance of not exceeding £10 to this immigrant, for your supplying her with the requisite outfit for the voyage, and for defraying her cost of reaching the port of embarkation. He also desires that she should have in hand sufficient money for petty expenses in connection with embarkation and the voyage.

Immigration Office,  
Wellington, New Zealand, 29th August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

### No. 13.

MEMORANDUM No. 185, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt by last mail of your under-mentioned letters, viz.,—

No. 371, dated 10th June ultimo, announcing that you had despatched five vessels with 1,426 emigrants in the month of May, and that your arrangements for the ensuing month were to despatch two vessels to Canterbury, two to Otago, one to Auckland; and one to Wellington—the latter vessel also conveying emigrants for Hawke's Bay.

No. 377, dated 11th June ultimo, commenting on a letter from His Honor the Superintendent of Auckland on the subject of the class of emigrants most suited to that Province, and informing me that you would do your best to comply with the instructions of the Government to send 3,500 emigrants to that Province during the present year.

No. 380, of 11th June, apprising the Government of the difficulties that lie in the way of establishing steam communication with New Zealand, which the Government fully recognize.

No. 420, informing me that you had anticipated the wishes of the Government, by declining to entertain the proposal submitted by Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., for the conveyance of emigrants to New Zealand *via* Melbourne.

Wellington, 30th Immigration Office, August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

## No. 14.

MEMORANDUM No. 187, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

IN the month of February last you were requested to despatch a vessel with 300 immigrants to Invercargill during the current year. This direction was given in fulfilment of a promise made to the people of Invercargill in the previous month. You have not informed the Government whether you expect to be able to send a vessel direct to the Bluff with immigrants. The demand for labour in the Southland District is so great that the Government are anxious that you should endeavour to meet the wants of the district.

It has been represented to the Government that vessels bound for Port Chalmers might, without seriously protracting the voyage or largely adding to the expense, touch at the Bluff for the purpose of landing Southland passengers. I would be glad if you would give this matter consideration, and, if possible, make arrangements for vessels bound for Port Chalmers touching at the Bluff whenever there is a sufficient number of immigrants—say over fifty for the Southland district—to warrant your taking the steps I herewith indicate. I enclose copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Cuthbertson, Member for Invercargill, who naturally takes a deep interest in the matter of immigration to Southland, and I think that his suggestion that the Bluff should be advertised as a port of call is deserving of your consideration.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 30th August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

## Enclosure in No. 14.

Mr. J. R. CUTHBERTSON to the Hon. G. M. O'ROKKE.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 28th August, 1873.

In reference to the direct shipment of immigrants to the Bluff, I think that it would at once place the matter on a definite and satisfactory footing if you could see your way to issue instructions to the Agent-General to the effect that as often as forty immigrants (more or less) can be obtained for that port, he should cause one of the immigrant vessels to make the Bluff an advertised port of call. As you are aware, there is no objection to the Bluff as a harbour, nor need any serious expense be incurred in carrying out this arrangement, which I submit is only fair and reasonable to the district which I represent. A reply at your convenience will greatly oblige.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Hon. G. M. O'Rorke,  
Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

JOHN R. CUTHBERTSON.

## No. 15.

MEMORANDUM No. 189, 1873, for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

REFERRING to Memorandum No. 162, of 2nd August, 1873, I herewith forward further lists of nominated immigrants.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 30th August, 1873.

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE.

SCHEDULE of APPLICATIONS for Passages of Nominated Immigrants forwarded to the Agent-General London, with Memorandum No. 189, 1873, of 30th August, 1873.

Record No.	From.	No. of List.	Souls.	Adults.	Remarks.
Immi., 1873, 853	Auckland ...	25	26	22½	
870	Thames ...	2	4	4	
879	Taranaki ...	14	3	2½	
891	Wellington ...	32	42	36½	
805	Hawke's Bay ...	25	8	8	
876	" ...	26	27	19½	
886	Blenheim ...	16	15	15	
881	Greymouth ...	18	12	11	
888	Hokitika ...	19	16	14½	
	Christchurch ...	29	460	379	Sent direct.
889	Timaru ...	26	60	53	
890	Dunedin ...	26	34	29	Cancel No. 328, J. Curtin and Family. Sent direct.
	Invercargill ...	...	...	...	
			707	594½	