

## Enclosure in No. 27.

## TELEGRAMS.

Wellington, 17th December, 1873.

HAVE to-day addressed formal letter to Minister for Immigration, inquiring in what manner the Government proposes to make arrangements for conveyance of immigrants from Glasgow and from London, after expiring of present contract,—whether by inviting public tenders in London or by public contract. Shall be much obliged if you will let me know what the nature of the reply will be.

Hon. Julius Vogel, Dunedin.

WALTER JOHNSTON.

Dunedin, 17th December, 1873.

Do you ask me as Member of the House of Representatives, or as agent for a shipping firm?

Walter Johnston, Esq., Wellington.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Wellington, 18th December, 1873.

As agent for Shaw, Savill. My letter is signed "Levin and Co."

Hon. J. Vogel, Dunedin.

WALTER JOHNSTON.

Wellington, 19th December, 1873.

I HOPE you will not consider me wanting in personal consideration to you, when I feel myself constrained to say that I fail to see why the agents of Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co. should expect the Government to give them the information you ask. Certain instructions are on their way to the Agent-General, others may yet be sent. Considerable discretion is left to him. These circumstances will readily enable you to recognize that it would not be desirable to enable you to cable, in advance perhaps, of information received by the Agent-General. You may depend Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co. will be duly apprised of any business it is desirable to transact with them.

Walter Johnston, Esq., Wellington.

JULIUS VOGEL.

## No. 28.

Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

26th December, 1873.

INSTEAD division shipping business indicated letter October twenty-seventh, give until further notice three-fifths London business to Shipping Company, dividing remainder between Albion and Savill. Make no contract or arrangement but such as will work out in four months or be resolvable by three months' notice.

Featherston, London.

VOGEL.

## No. 29.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 295.)

SIR,—

General Government Offices, Dunedin, 24th December, 1873.

The Under Secretary for Immigration informs me by telegram that the ship "Lauderdale," which sailed in October for Auckland, had only 123 emigrants on board, and that the Government will consequently be liable for payment for short shipment.

I have to express the hope that you will be careful that such a thing does not occur again.

By adopting the plans which I have, by telegram as well as by letter, described to you, you should be able to avoid allowing any ship to sail without a full complement of passengers; and this is no more than is done by the Agents of other colonies.

I forbear from further observation, as I hope you will have by this time adopted the plan of keeping a sufficient reserve of emigrants to fill each ship you despatch.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &amp;c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

## No. 30.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 296.)

SIR,—

General Government Offices, Dunedin, 24th December, 1873.

I have already addressed you respecting the want of lengthened explanation from you as to what you have done, or contemplate doing, consequent upon the very important instructions contained in a long telegram from me, which you received on the 22nd October.

I now wish to say, generally, that I think it is due to the Government and your own position that you should each month send a semi-official letter giving any information you think will be of value to New Zealand, not only in respect to the monetary and the political world, but also generally as to the proceedings of your department for the past month, and your contemplated future action. The letter should, as I have said, be semi-official, but with the clear understanding that the Government would be at liberty to publish any part of it. I am under the impression that the Agents-General for the other Colonies do not allow a month to pass without such a letter in each case. You have yourself, in your communications, frequently shown that you understood your representative position, and that you recognized the very great importance of your being able to obtain information likely to be of use to