

firm which will do so. My instructions to divide your business between the Companies mentioned, did not in any way contemplate their refusal to do the work required; and I am surprised that you do not appear to have recognized the plain duty, under such circumstances as detailed in your letter, to at once make arrangements outside these Companies, in order that the wishes of the Government relative to sending emigrants direct to the Bluff might be carried out.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
JULIUS VOGEL.

### No. 69.

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

(No. 124.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 7th May, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1034, of 20th February, 1874, in which you inform me,—First, that it has been found extremely difficult to obtain the complement of emigrants for any ship laid on for Auckland, and expressing a fear that it will be almost impossible to carry out my instructions as to getting a reserve in advance for ships to that port.

Secondly, that it is a matter of difficulty to obtain a depôt in London, and that you are endeavouring to secure for that purpose a hulk which will be moored off Gravesend. Upon this subject I await with interest further information.

Your difficulty in finding immigrants for Auckland is no doubt largely referable to the want of knowledge of that Province possessed by your agents, excepting perhaps only Mr. Cochrane. The question of sending agents home to select immigrants is still under the consideration of Ministers.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
JULIUS VOGEL.

### No. 70.

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

(No. 125)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 7th May, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1048, of 20th February, 1874, in reply to mine, No. 291, of 24th December, 1873, in which you explain, with regard to my telegram of 11th October, 1873, that you had not considered it necessary to enter fully into the subject in writing, as you had answered all the main points raised, in your telegram of 6th November, 1873, and that on the minor questions you had taken the opportunity of answering me very fully in your letter of 13th January, 1874.

2. When writing the letter No. 291, of 24th December, 1873, in which I expressed my disappointment, that, although nine days had elapsed between the receipt of my telegram and the date of your letter, you did not make any remark "respecting any one of the important matters referred to therein," I was entirely without information from you except what was contained in your telegram of 6th November, 1873, which, I think, if you will read with my telegram referred to, you will agree with me, leaves many points untouched, and certainly does not comply with my request, "Fully cable proceedings consequent thereon." I may, indeed, remark that up to the present time I have received no explanation why my instructions to "charter two fine fast steamers, leave early December, one Canterbury, one Otago, each bring 600 to 800 emigrants," was not carried out, nor have you been any more explicit with regard to any attempts you may have made in accordance with my request to "try through respectable brokers, get Cunard or other first-class steamers, show how pleasantly passage may be made." You were also entirely silent with regard to German emigration, although instructed to "continue sending Scandinavians, Germans." Upon this subject you have since informed me in your letter No. 876, of 20th December, 1873.

3. It is not with any wish to prolong a discussion as to what should have been done upon receipt of my most important telegram of 11th October, 1873, that I have thus noted the points with regard to which it for so long a period remained unanswered, but with a view of again impressing upon you the embarrassment in which the Government is placed by want of information of what the Home Agency is doing. Again and again my predecessor in office and myself have complained of this, and I still remain to a great extent in ignorance of the details of the machinery by which the present emigration is secured, selected, and shipped. I beg you will seriously consider the matter, and furnish me monthly, as I have already requested in my letter No. 296, of 24th December, 1873, with a full report of all your proceedings with regard to emigration.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
JULIUS VOGEL.

### No. 71.

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

(No. 127.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 8th May, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1011, of 19th February ultimo in which you inform me that the three Shipping Companies between whom you were instructed to divide your business, absolutely refuse to allow their vessels to call at New Plymouth on any terms whatever.