

Enclosure 3 in No. 11.

Mr. J. G. CORBETT to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 3rd June, 1874.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 28th May, and in reply, have the honor to submit the accompanying memorandum for the information of the Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
J. G. CORBETT.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure 3 in No. 11.

MEMORANDUM.

THE class of immigrants to which I alluded in my letter of January, 1874, was the small tenant farmer. These people are very numerous in the North of England, Scotland, Ireland, and also Wales. Most frequently they are men who, either themselves or their parents, have been labourers, who, by their industry and frugality, raised themselves to their present position. As a rule, the stock and other property on the farm is the property of the whole family, and while some work on the farm, others work at intervals for their wealthier neighbours, and the girls take service, their earnings going to the family purse. Very strong family affection exists among them, and when from circumstances the shoe begins to pinch, rather than scatter, the whole family emigrates, generally to America, as the nearest and the cheapest.

Since my letter of January, 1871, I have heard of two migrations of several families of this class from one estate.

To obtain these people, it would be necessary the agent employed be well introduced to large landed proprietors, who either themselves or their stewards being intimate with the affairs of the tenants, would at once be able to inform him of such as were likely to vacate their holdings, and to whom he could address himself.

They are very acute, and if their suspicions were once raised by any improbable stories, any agent would have but little chance of success. Coming to the colony with a little capital, they would at once become producers, having money to start with: the most frequent cause of failure in settlement is that, what with having to provide outfit, passages, and purchasing land, the small farmer falls into the hands of the storekeepers and usurers, from whom he too frequently fails to extricate himself.

While on this subject, the locating of such people on land suitable for their different occupations arises. To locate a thorough agriculturist on timber land simply means that he will soon leave it in disgust; he cannot believe in land covered with black stumps and logs, but would take even worse land that he could plough; while to the grazier and dairy farmer, the extraordinary milk-producing character of forest clearings would be a great attraction. Too great care cannot be taken to learn each family's specialities before locating them.

Wellington, 3rd June, 1874.

J. G. CORBETT.

No. 12.

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

(No. 191.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 2nd July, 1874.

I have the honor to enclose you copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Taranaki, by which you will see that the Provincial Government have appointed Mr. W. M. Burton to be their Emigration Agent in England.

Mr. Burton's position will be similar to that of Mr. Duncan and Mr. Adam; and I have to request that you will in every way facilitate the objects of his mission, so far as may be consistent with your own arrangements and instructions.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

Enclosure in No. 12.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Taranaki, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth, 23rd June, 1874.

I have the honor to inform you that the Provincial Government of Taranaki have appointed Mr. William Mumford Burton, late Deputy-Auditor of this Province, to be their Emigration Agent in England. I shall therefore feel much obliged if you will be so good as to notify the Agent-General on this point. Mr. Burton will probably leave for England by the next outgoing mail.

I have, &c.,

F. A. CARRINGTON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 13.

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

(No. 193.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 3rd July, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of May 5th, enclosing copy of a letter from Messrs. Brogden and Sons.

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