

Whilst this Department will be prepared to allow a reasonable expenditure for purposes of the same character as those the cost of which it now defrays, I shall not be prepared to sanction any expenditure which ought to be defrayed out of Provincial funds. For example, claims have been sent in for the maintenance of immigrants in hospitals. Surely, if the Colony brings out the immigrants, they should be entitled to the same consideration as the ordinary residents in the Provinces.

I beg you to observe that it is not proposed you should correspond with the Agent-General.

It should be clearly understood that, should the arrangement now suggested be found not to work well, the Government will hold themselves at liberty to put an end to it. I am, however, of opinion that it will work well, and that the Provincial Governments will be able to materially aid the General Government in promoting suitable immigration to the Colony.

His Honor the Superintendent.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

AUCKLAND.

No. 2.

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

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 24th October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 14th instant, inquiring whether, and on what terms, the Provincial Government of Auckland will undertake charge of the immigrants upon arrival.

As my term of office is so soon about to expire, I do not feel at liberty to enter into any engagement which might interfere with the free action of my successor, before whom your letter will be placed.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS B. GILLIES,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 3.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 25th November, 1873.

In reference to the circular addressed by the Hon. Mr. Vogel, under date the 14th ultimo, to my predecessor in office, and by him laid before me, I have the honor to inform you that I accept, generally, the conditions upon which it is proposed to transfer to the Provincial Government the charge of receiving and locating such immigrants as may be brought out to this Province through the agency and under the direction of the Government of the Colony. Some alteration or modification of the conditions may hereafter be found necessary, which I have no doubt may be readily arranged.

I would have preferred postponing the acceptance of Mr. Vogel's proposal until after the Provincial elections, now in progress, had been completed, and an Executive Council formed; but having learnt, from telegram just received from the Under Secretary for Immigration, that a vessel with immigrants for Auckland is on her passage to New Zealand, and after consultation with the Hon. the Minister for Immigration, now in Auckland, I do not desire to lose any time in agreeing to the terms contained in the circular in question.

I have, &c.,
J. WILLIAMSON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 4.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

SIR,—

General Government Offices, Dunedin, 19th December, 1873.

It is desirable I should give to you a general authority for expenditure in connection with immigration in the Province of Auckland, the management of which your Honor has, by arrangement, undertaken.

I shall be prepared to sanction such expenditure as may come under any of the following heads and conditions. Vouchers for the same, properly substantiated by your Honor, will be duly recognized:—

	1. Local Staff.						
Immigration Officer	£100
Depôt Master and Matron	110
Quarantine Keeper	78
Planting and Improving Quarantine Station	125
Officer at the Thames	50

If circumstances render it necessary to increase the staff, every consideration will be given to your Honor's recommendation.

2. Buildings and Repairs.

The immigrants' depôts, quarantine station, &c., are authorized to be kept in good serviceable repair, so as to be fit and suitable for the temporary accommodation for immigrants.

3. Maintenance of Immigrants while waiting Employment.

Under ordinary circumstances, maintenance for immigrants is authorized for one week after arrival, during which time they may be supposed to find work. Unless under exceptional circumstances, single men should certainly not require to be maintained for more than a week after arrival, but further time may be allowed to married people with families.