

No. 24.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Offices, Christchurch, 29th November, 1873.

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

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

1. *Local Staff* (Vote 93 upon Estimates).

Immigration Officer	£400
Collector, Immigrants' Bills	200
Clerk	180
Cadet	40
Matron, Immigration Barracks	50
Quarantine Barracks (additions)	200
Barrack Master and Matron	130
Quarantine Keeper and Matron	120
Visiting Surgeon	50
Planting and improving Station	125
Immigration Officer, Timaru	25
Immigration Barracks (furnishing)	50

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

2. *Buildings and Repairs to Barracks.*

The barracks, quarantine stations, and depôts are authorized to be kept in good serviceable repair, so as to be fit and suitable for the temporary accommodation of immigrants.

3. *Maintenance of Immigrants while Waiting Engagement.*

Under ordinary circumstances, maintenance of 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 be allowed to married people with families.

4. *Expenses connected with Landing Immigrants.*

All expenses for landing, wharfage, and carriage of immigrants and baggage to the barracks are authorized.

5. *Medical Attendance.*

Necessary medical attendance for immigrants whilst in barracks, or under maintenance by the Government, is authorized.

6. *Occasional Pecuniary Assistance.*

Pecuniary assistance is authorized in exceptional circumstances, such as want of means to proceed to place where employment is offered, loss of baggage, insufficient outfit to suit climate. Promissory notes should in such cases be taken for the amounts advanced.

7. *Advertising and Printing.*

Advertisements in the local newspapers, of class of immigrants requiring employment and of hiring days, are authorized.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

OTAGO.

No. 25.

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

SIR,—

General Government Offices, Dunedin, 12th December, 1873.

I have the honor to state, in writing, the understanding which was come to at the interview I had a few days ago with your Honor and the Provincial Executive, namely, that the explanations I made being considered satisfactory by you and the Executive, it was agreed to cancel the correspondence between your Honor and myself on the subject of my circular letter of 14th October, respecting the management of immigration within the Province.

The explanations given by me were,—

(1.) That it was not intended to claim the right to instruct your Honor upon any matter in connection with the management of immigration which the General Government would not have the right to deal with, but for the agency you are asked to undertake. That, as far as I could foresee, any instructions which might be given, would relate to matters in connection with which the Colonial Government would incur, or have incurred, expenditure, or for expenditure upon which they would be liable.

(2.) That the Immigration Officers within the Province would be placed under the directions of the Provincial Government.

(3.) That whilst it was impossible for the General Government to give up their right of communicating direct with their own officers, the practice would be to communicate through your Honor, and should (as would rarely be the case) any direct communications pass between the Government and the officers, they would be instructed to show you the same.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.