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"That, with the view of preventing the enormous influx of deformed persons now arriving in the port of Auckland, the Chairman direct the attention of the Provincial Government to this important

I beg to state for your information that other countries (the United States of America, for example) have for years strictly enforced laws prohibiting the admission of deformed persons as immigrants. Requesting that you will at your earliest convenience draw the attention of the General Government to this matter,

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

WILLIAM C. DALDY, Chairman.

No. 9.

MEMORANDUM by the Under Secretary for Immigration to the Immigration Officer, Auckland.

Wellington, 10th February, 1874.

WITH reference to the enclosed copy of a letter from His Honor the Superintendent, transmitting a resolution of the Auckland Harbour Board, the Immigration Officer is requested to furnish a return of the number of deformed immigrants landed at Auckland under the immigration scheme of the General Government.

C. E. HAUGHTON.

No. 10.

The Immigration Officer, Auckland, to the Under Secretary for Immigration.

Immigration Office, Auckland, 20th February, 1874. SIR,—

In reply to your Memorandum No. 32, dated 10th instant, with copy of letter from his Honor the Superintendent, and resolution of Auckland Harbour Board, I have the honor to state that there must be some misconception in reference to the "enormous influx of deformed persons here."

I only know of the following immigrants, who are cripples, having arrived since the 25th September, 1872:—Mary W——, per "Hindostan;" she was provided for immediately on arrival. Robert W——, per "Lauderdale." He is club-footed. He found employment immediately on arrival.

Two or three men, on arrival, were obliged to use crutches, in consequence of injuries received on the voyage. One man, with a broken arm, was removed to the hospital in an express; several women, who were confined on the voyage, and two or three who were seriously ill, were removed in cabs, but none of them can be considered cripples.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

I have, &c., EDWARD L. GREEN, (for Immigration Officer).

No. 11.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland, to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

SIR.-Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 11th March, 1874, I have the honor to call the attention of the Government to the fact that out of the seventy-two immigrants for this Province per ship "Mongol," only thirty-three reached Auckland per steamer "Phæbe." There is reason to believe that special inducements were held out to a number of the others to remain in Dunedin, and I feel bound to point out that such a course is objectionable and

unfair to this Province. I trust that, for the future, arrangements will be made for sending out all immigrants for this Province direct to Auckland, or to some other port within the Province.

I have &c.,

J. WILLIAMSON,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Superintendent.

No. 12.

The Hon. J. Vogel to His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

SIR,-Immigration Office, Wellington, 24th March, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 12th March, enclosing copy of

one to the Colonial Secretary, dated 11th March, both referring to the immigrants per "Mongol."

You are aware that the "Mongol" arrived at Port Chalmers with her passengers in a bad state of health, and had, in consequence, to be quarantined. It was represented to me that some of the passengers did not desire to pursue their voyage to other Provinces. Seeing the great difficulty of dealing with persons in quarantine, and the impossibility of constraining immigrants to proceed if they did not desire to do so, I simply asked the Superintendent of Otago to provide passages for these who desired to go on to other ports for which they had shipped

those who desired to go on to other ports for which they had shipped.

I quite agree with your Honor as to the advisableness of immigrants being forwarded direct to their respective ports of destination, where, as in the case of Auckland, the facilities are unimpeachable. I have instructed the Agent-General to that effect. The only cases in which I have sanctioned his shipping emigrants to ports other than those to which they desire to go being-where no vessels