

report of 31st March, 1873. The influx of nominated immigrants is quite inadequate to meet the demand. All the single women who have arrived were engaged at once at very high wages, and I believe they are now all married. If fifty single women were landed here to-morrow, they would all be engaged at once.

Hoping that the Government will be able to meet the wishes of the memorialists,

I have, &c.,

JAMES WYLDE,
Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 98.

SIR,—

Greymouth, 20th February, 1874.

We, the undersigned, beg to request that you will call the attention of the General Government to the largely existing demand here for female servants; that the present supply is insufficient to meet our requirements; and that we consider ourselves entitled to a proportionate share of this class of labour now being imported to other parts of the Colony, and towards the expenses of which we so greatly contribute.

We have, &c.,

JAMES TAYLOR,
W. KILGOUR,
And sixty-three others.

To James Wylde, Esq., Immigration Officer,
Greymouth.

No. 99.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Westland.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 12th March, 1874.

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from the Immigration Officer at Greymouth, covering a memorial, signed by a number of residents of that place, relative to the want of female domestic labour experienced, upon which I shall be glad to receive any remarks your Honor may have to offer.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Westland.

No. 100.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Westland, to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Hokitika, 21st March, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, forwarding a copy of a letter from the Immigration Officer at Greymouth relative to the want of female domestic labour.

In reply, I would beg to state that I strongly recommend the introduction of female domestic labour, as it is one of the greatest wants experienced by families here, and there would be no difficulty in absorbing at least fifty in Greymouth and an equal number in Hokitika.

Some provision will require to be made for their reception, and I would recommend that not more than twenty-five should be shipped for each port at one time.

I have, &c.,

J. BONAR,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

No. 101.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Westland.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 13th April, 1874.

In referring to your letter of 21st March ultimo, relative to a communication from the Immigration Officer at Greymouth as to the want of female domestic labour, I have the honor to inform you that I have forwarded the whole correspondence to the Agent-General, with a request that he will endeavour to supply the demand.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Westland.

No. 102.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 24th March, 1874.

I have the honor to inform you that my attention having been drawn to vouchers which have been sent in for medical and hospital expenses of sick immigrants after disembarkation, I propose, in order to prevent any difficulties arising in the adjustment of such claims, to authorize the payment by this Department of medical and hospital expenses for one month after arrival of the immigrants, after