

Christchurch, 13th July, 1874.

URGENT. Will you approve of married quarters at Quail Island being proceeded with at once?—See my telegram of 11th instant. Lowest tender is £786, which is very reasonable—otherwise, if ship comes in with disease, we shall be in great difficulty. We have 98 families now unemployed at Addington, and 142 single men there and elsewhere, besides a number of families elsewhere. Am pressing work through Road Boards.

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

Wellington, 13th July, 1874.

In reply to your urgent telegram of to-day, I approve of proposed expenditure on Quail Island. Question of who shall purchase can remain over till we meet.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Christchurch, 13th July, 1874.

URGENT. I understood that Mr. Potts' offer, which you referred to me, was for the temporary use of Quail Island in case of emergency. I will confer with you on my arrival at Wellington touching the transferring Quail Island to General Government. Meanwhile I will agree to give two years' notice of removal or valuation of buildings, and hope you will consider this will warrant your allowing buildings to proceed. We can discuss the other question when I come up.

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

Wellington, 14th July, 1874.

I HAD anticipated your telegram received last night about Quail Island, by previously sending you the authority you require. I am perfectly satisfied with your suggestion that we should arrange the matter when we meet.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 71.

TELEGRAMS between the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION and His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury.

Wellington, 24th June, 1874.

ON 12th March, I wrote Agent-General instructions to send 25,100 emigrants (souls) to New Zealand during the last eight months of the present year, and of that number he was to send 6,000 to Canterbury. Subsequently, when it appeared he was sending emigrants in very large numbers, and great complaint was made concerning their character, I telegraphed that the 25,000 were to count from beginning of March to end of year. The object of fixing a definite number was partly due to the fact that the Assembly had only given authority for a certain expenditure; and also I desired that the whole correspondence of the Agent-General should be considered, and the Legislature decide whether or not special Agents should be appointed to select more carefully than under present system. The Agent-General telegraphs that your 6,000 will have been despatched in July. Should you desire a further number of emigrants sent during the current year, I am willing to telegraph to the Agent-General that in addition to the limit named for Canterbury, he may despatch emigrants selected by your Provincial Agent to the extent of 500 a month, during August and September, by which time the Assembly will have decided on the provision to be made.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Christchurch, 25th June, 1874.

TELEGRAM as to next year's supply of emigrants received. As I understand it, the number for Canterbury (6,000) to arrive between last mail and next December, will have been all despatched in July. And if not otherwise ordered, no immigrants will be sent in August or September, so as to arrive in November and December, in the summer months just before harvest. It would be much to be regretted that the pressure of immigrants should take place now in winter, and again next winter; and that the favourable opportunity which the summer and harvest months present for placing immigrants should not be taken advantage of. I am of opinion that it would be far better that any pressure should take place here in the summer months, and not in the winter, if immigration is to continue. I agree, therefore, to your proposal, with regard to immigrants selected by our Agent to be sent in August and September.

Hon. Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

No. 72.

TELEGRAMS between His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury, and the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

Christchurch, 26th June, 1874.

I AM making arrangements with the Governor's Bay Road Board, to find work for a number of immigrants at roads for which the province finds money. This will necessitate erecting some cottages, and charging the immigrants with rent; in fact, guaranteeing rental. Will you give me authority to do this? the necessity for distribution is urgent.

Hon. Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

Wellington, 29th June, 1874.

RE your telegram about Governor's Bay Road Board, shall be happy to authorize you to erect cottages under terms of my letter of 29th November. Is this what you propose?

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.