

Christchurch, 29th June, 1874.

My proposal is to rent cottages for, say, six months, to place immigrants in, then arranging with Road Board to employ them, and charging them rent. This rent will not always be forthcoming, from sickness, unsuitableness for work, and other causes, and in some cases it will fall on Government. Unless I can distribute at once, there will be a great crush in the town: over four hundred arrived to-day. In Governor's Bay, three cottages will hold six families, at a cost of 19s. 6d. a week. I shall charge rent to each. Of course landlords will not take the responsibility in these cases.

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

Wellington, 30th June, 1874.

In accordance with your Honor's recommendation, I authorize you to rent three cottages at Governor's Bay.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Christchurch, 2nd July, 1874.

REFERRING to your authority in matter of Governor's Bay cottages, I presume that you will authorize my making similar arrangements where I can, to meet the great pressure now existing. "City of Dunedin" is now on the coast, and other ships are now due. I have placed buildings belonging to Provincial Government at disposal of Immigration Department, at Rakaia, Selwyn, Armagh, &c., capable of holding some 60 or 70 families; and I shall be obliged to take further buildings wherever I can get them. I shall act on presumption that you will approve all necessary expenditure under the special circumstances. I remain here till pressure is over.

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

Wellington, 4th July, 1874.

In reply to telegram of 2nd, respecting necessity of arrangements for incoming immigrants, and asking me to authorize similar arrangements to those made at Governor's Bay, I approve of your Honor's exercising the discretion you propose under the special circumstances.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 73.

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

Christchurch, 7th July, 1874.

SEVENTY-SIX families in Addington depôt; sixty-three unemployed. When present additions are completed, room for twenty more families. "Dunedin" fills up all branch depôts. "Hereford" will bring, say, seventy families, probably next week. "Eastern Monarch," "Lawrence," "Carisbrook Castle," next month, will bring some fourteen hundred souls, say two hundred and fifty families. More room is necessary, and I propose to put up depôt, in accordance with resolution of Provincial Council, at Southbridge, on site of railway terminus, same place as at Akaroa, to cost about £800. With your sanction this. I also propose to convert large new railway shed temporarily into depôt at Christchurch. I have also made arrangements with Meat Preserving Company to take in some sixteen or seventeen families. Please telegraph if you approve.

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

Wellington, 8th July, 1874.

I APPROVE of the arrangements you propose to make for providing for large number of immigrants you expect.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 74.

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

Christchurch, 22nd July, 1874.

URGENT. Further active steps are necessary to provide house-room for emigrants arrived and to arrive. Immediate accommodation is wanted, as well as accommodation of a more permanent character. The first I propose obtaining by hiring buildings wherever available in the country districts, for short time, and fitting them when necessary, as previously authorized; the second, by building cottages or huts in localities where works are about to be put in hand. I propose to send Marshman at once to country south of Rangitata, to make immediate arrangements, first, for temporary accommodation and distribution of emigrants, and, second, to report upon localities most favourable for location of emigrants and building cottages or huts. He will be occupied about a month, and will confer with Road Boards and local authorities, and offer his assistance to Le Cren. I propose payment to him of £2 2s. per diem. and out-of-pocket expenses. No expenditure for housing immigrants to be incurred by him except upon approval by me. What is necessary north of Rangitata will be attended to from Christchurch. Will you authorize this arrangement, and will Colonial Government contribute funds for building cottages or huts? The province has incurred over £100,000 in cottage building, and there are 2,800 persons yet afloat. "Eastern Monarch" just telegraphed.

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.