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No. 1.

CIRCULAR to SUPERINTENDENTS.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 14th October, 1873.

I have the honor to inform you that it is the desire of the Government to arrange with the Provincial Governments to take charge, as far as may be possible, of immigrants on their arrival in the several Provinces, and to investigate and report upon the arrangements, &c., for and during the voyage of each vessel.

I have, therefore, to ask whether you are willing to take such charge, upon the following conditions:—

1. That you act in conformity with the instructions you from time to time receive from the Minister for Immigration.
2. That, subject to the last condition, you be guided in the usual manner by the advice of your Executive.
3. That the Immigration Officer be under your direction, but still be at liberty to communicate directly with, and to receive communications directly from, the Minister for Immigration, should occasion for such direct communication arise.
4. That you do not incur any expenditure on behalf of the Department, without authority for the same.
5. That you take charge of the immigration barracks and depôts, and the quarantine buildings; the Immigration Department providing a fair sum to meet necessary expenditure.

Should it be deemed advisable, as it no doubt will be, to establish depôts for immigrants in the interior of the Province, I should rely upon your aiding the Government to do so at the least possible expense, both in respect to obtaining buildings cheaply, and the general management of the depôts.

The Government do not, by these proposals, deprive themselves of the right to deal directly with the question of special settlements. They are, however, at present of opinion that such settlements can best be founded with the active aid and co-operation of the Provincial Governments; and they are not indisposed to entertain proposals with the object of founding such settlements.

When the labour market is better supplied, it will be important to establish general labour exchange offices, upon the plan of those which have been found beneficial in various parts of the United States. At present, however, the demand for labour is so great, that elaborate machinery of the kind is not required.

I suggest for your consideration the appointment of unpaid Boards in various parts of the country, composed of ladies and gentlemen who gratuitously will give their services for the purpose of receiving immigrants on their first arrival, and giving them such friendly aid and counsel as it may be in their power to render. It is difficult to over-estimate the importance of creating a favourable impression on the minds of immigrants on their first arrival. First impressions are proverbially lasting, and based on those first impressions will, in a large majority of cases, be the recommendations the immigrants send home to their friends to come out or stay where they are.

It is not proposed to discontinue the services of the Immigration Commissioners, but they will be required to report to you, sending at the same time a duplicate to me. I have to express the hope that, should you undertake the proposed duties, you will keep me promptly and fully supplied with information respecting the manner in which the immigrants are brought out, and their health and comfort attended to.

You are aware that it is part of the duty of the Immigration Officers to receive nominations for immigrants, and to see to the collection from immigrants of amounts due under their promissory notes. It may be desirable to leave it, for the present, an open question whether these duties of the Immigration Officer should be performed in direct communication with this Department, or under the instructions of the Provincial Government. Upon this question I shall be glad to be informed of your opinion.

Whilst this Department will be prepared to allow a reasonable expenditure for purposes of the same character as those the cost of which it now defrays, I shall not be prepared to sanction any expenditure which ought to be defrayed out of Provincial funds. For example, claims have been sent in for the maintenance of immigrants in hospitals. Surely, if the Colony brings out the immigrants, they should be entitled to the same consideration as the ordinary residents in the Provinces.

I beg you to observe that it is not proposed you should correspond with the Agent-General.

It should be clearly understood that, should the arrangement now suggested be found not to work well, the Government will hold themselves at liberty to put an end to it. I am, however, of opinion that it will work well, and that the Provincial Governments will be able to materially aid the General Government in promoting suitable immigration to the Colony.

His Honor the Superintendent.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

AUCKLAND.

No. 2.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 24th October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 14th instant, inquiring whether, and on what terms, the Provincial Government of Auckland will undertake charge of the immigrants upon arrival.

As my term of office is so soon about to expire, I do not feel at liberty to enter into any engagement which might interfere with the free action of my successor, before whom your letter will be placed.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS B. GILLIES,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 3.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 25th November, 1873.

In reference to the circular addressed by the Hon. Mr. Vogel, under date the 14th ultimo, to my predecessor in office, and by him laid before me, I have the honor to inform you that I accept, generally, the conditions upon which it is proposed to transfer to the Provincial Government the charge of receiving and locating such immigrants as may be brought out to this Province through the agency and under the direction of the Government of the Colony. Some alteration or modification of the conditions may hereafter be found necessary, which I have no doubt may be readily arranged.

I would have preferred postponing the acceptance of Mr. Vogel's proposal until after the Provincial elections, now in progress, had been completed, and an Executive Council formed; but having learnt, from telegram just received from the Under Secretary for Immigration, that a vessel with immigrants for Auckland is on her passage to New Zealand, and after consultation with the Hon. the Minister for Immigration, now in Auckland, I do not desire to lose any time in agreeing to the terms contained in the circular in question.

I have, &c.,
J. WILLIAMSON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 4.

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

SIR,—

General Government Offices, Dunedin, 19th December, 1873.

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

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

	1. Local Staff.						
Immigration Officer	£100
Depôt Master and Matron	110
Quarantine Keeper	78
Planting and Improving Quarantine Station	125
Officer at the Thames	50

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

2. Buildings and Repairs.

The immigrants' depôts, quarantine station, &c., are authorized to be kept in good serviceable repair, so as to be fit and suitable for the temporary accommodation for immigrants.

3. Maintenance of Immigrants while waiting Employment.

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

4. *Expenses connected with Landing Immigrants.*

All expenses for landing, wharfage, and carriage of immigrants' luggage to the depôts, are authorized.

5. *Medical Attendance.*

Necessary medical attendance for immigrants whilst in the depôt, 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 luggage, 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, Auckland.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

TARANAKI.

No. 5.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Taranaki, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth, 5th December, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 16th October, 1873, together with a copy of an Order in Council, 15th October, 1873, establishing a system of free emigration to the Colony, and asking my co-operation with the General Government in their endeavours to bring population into the country; also, copies of forms to be used by persons nominating their friends, which forms you ask me to have circulated, &c.

In reply, I beg leave to say that I shall have great pleasure if I can in any way assist the Government in bringing population into the Colony. The forms have been, and will again from time to time be, distributed as desired. I have seen the Immigration Officer, and I need only say that we will do all in our power to aid the views and wishes of the General Government in peopling the country.

I have, &c.,

F. A. CARRINGTON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. Julius Vogel, C.M.G., &c., Wellington.

No. 6.

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

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 22nd December, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 73, of the 5th instant, and am gratified with your Honor's assurance that you will cordially co-operate with the General Government in the introduction and settlement of immigrants.

I have to inform you that I shall be prepared to sanction expenditure upon immigration in your Province which may come under the following heads and conditions. Vouchers for the same, properly substantiated by your Honor, will be duly recognized:—

1. *Local Staff.*—Immigration Officer, £25. If circumstances render it necessary at some future time to increase the staff, every consideration will be given to your Honor's recommendations to this effect.

2. *Repairs to Depôt.*—The requisite repairs to the depôt, as estimated by the District Engineer, are authorized, as well as any necessary expenditure to keep it in a serviceable condition.

Pending the receipt of advices of a shipment of emigrants direct to New Plymouth, I do not think it necessary to enter into the subject of settlement in the out-districts. I enclose for your information copy of a letter* which I transmitted to the Agent-General by the mail of 24th November ultimo, relative to immigration to Taranaki.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Taranaki.

HAWKE'S BAY.

No. 7.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Hawke's Bay, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Napier, 22nd October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your printed letter of the 14th instant, stating the terms upon which the Government is desirous of arranging with the Provincial Governments for the charge of immigrants on their arrival in the Provinces, and inquiring whether I will take such charge in the Province of Hawke's Bay, upon the conditions named in your letter.

In the first place, I desire to express my readiness to co-operate and assist to the utmost of my power in giving effect to the immigration scheme, and with such view I will undertake the charge of immigrants, on their arrival in this Province, on the conditions named. With respect to those con-

* This letter is printed in D.—1., 1874, p. 13.

ditions, I beg to observe that in agreeing to clause 1, I reserve to myself the right of withdrawing from the charge should the instructions given be at any time such as I should be unwilling to carry out. That as regards clause 2 I am happily not encumbered with the advice of an Executive Council, and the obstruction usually incident thereto.

That clause 3 will not, in my opinion, tend to the good working of the system; and that it would be better if all communications between the Immigration Officer and the Minister for Immigration passed through the Superintendent whilst in charge.

Clause 4 is of course necessary, but it will be desirable a general authority should be given, authorizing the usual expenses necessary to be incurred on the arrival of immigrants. This no doubt is intended.

With respect to clause 5, I beg to call to your attention that no quarantine buildings have yet been erected at Napier, and that, in view of a considerable number of immigrants being expected to arrive in this Province, no time should be lost in providing for what may at any time prove to be a necessity.

As to the establishment of depôts for immigrants in the interior of the Province, I believe one such depôt will be requisite by-and-by, and will materially assist the rapid absorption of the immigrants on arrival. The expenses connected with such a depôt as would be required would not be heavy.

The question of special settlements is very important, but in the present state of the labour market, and with the existing industries of the Province suffering from a want of labour, no immediate establishment of special settlements can be thought of. As regards unpaid Boards of ladies and gentlemen for the purpose of receiving immigrants on their first arrival, my experience has been that the over-zeal of such bodies is a serious trouble and hindrance, and I should not desire to avail of such assistance.

With respect to the collection of amounts due by immigrants under their promissory notes, I am of opinion it is desirable the Immigration Officer should act under direct instructions from the Immigration Minister.

On the subject of the allowance of a reasonable expenditure for purposes incident to the introduction of immigrants, I observe that you will be prepared to allow what is necessary, but that you take objection to claims for maintenance of immigrants in hospital. On this subject, I would observe that cases have occurred, even in the limited immigration which has taken place to this Province up to now, of persons arriving in the Colony utterly destitute, and with families dependent upon them for support, and the heads of the families suffering from diseases of long standing. If such persons are brought out by the Colony, it seems scarcely fair to expect local institutions, such as hospitals, which are maintained, under ordinary circumstances, with difficulty, to bear the heavy charge which may thus be entailed upon them. All such cases should, I think, be considered on their own merits.

In conclusion, I beg to express my concurrence with your opinion, that the Provincial Governments may, and I hope will, materially assist the General Government in promoting successful immigration to the Colony.

I have, &c.,

J. D. ORMOND,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 8.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Hawke's Bay.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 27th October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 22nd instant, in which you express your readiness to co-operate and assist, to the utmost of your power, in giving effect to the immigration scheme, and I am glad that my proposals generally meet with your approval.

It is not intended to ordinarily use the power of communicating direct with the Immigration Officer, stipulated for in clause 3. Occasions may arise for doing so: for example, in connection with the collection of promissory notes. Indeed, you will permit me to observe, your objection to clause 3 is somewhat inconsistent with your subsequent expression of opinion that "with respect to the collection of amounts due by immigrants under their promissory notes, I am of opinion it is desirable the Immigration Officer should act under direct instructions from the Immigration Minister."

With regard to authority for current expenses necessary in connection with the arrival and disposal of immigrants, I communicate with you separately on the subject, and I have no doubt you will recognize that I meet your views as far as I am able to do.

Whilst unable to see the equity of the Colony being considered generally liable for the maintenance of sick and destitute immigrants, I am quite prepared, under exceptional circumstances, where there is little room to doubt that the immigrants have been improperly sent out, owing to deficient or careless medical inspection, to consider such cases, as you suggest, upon their merits.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay, Napier.

No. 9.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Hawke's Bay.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 31st October, 1873.

In reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, and my reply thereto, I have to inform you that I shall be prepared to sanction expenditure upon immigration in your Province, which may come under the following heads and conditions. Vouchers for the same, properly substantiated by your Honor, will be duly recognized:—

1. <i>Local Staff</i> (Vote 88 upon Estimates).			
Immigration Officer	... ..	... ..	£50
(This amount may be, if thought necessary, extended to £100.)			
Inspector of Scandinavians, Seventy-Mile Bush	... ..	... ..	100
Barrack-Master and Matron	... ..	... ..	30
Two Schoolmasters in Seventy-Mile Bush	... ..	... ..	160
(This amount may be, if thought necessary, extended to £200.)			
Messenger	... ..	... ..	30

2. *Repairs to Barracks* (Vote 95 upon Estimates).

The barracks are authorized to be kept in good serviceable state of repair, so as to be fit at any time for the reception and maintenance of immigrants. Authority for any substantial alterations must be obtained from the Minister.

3. *Maintenance of Immigrants in Barracks.*

Under ordinary circumstances, maintenance for immigrants is authorized for one week after arrival, by which time they may be supposed to find work. Single men should certainly, except under exceptional circumstances, not require to remain in barracks after that period, but further time may be allowed to married people with families.

4. *Expenses connected with Landing Immigrants.*

All expenses are authorized for landing, wharfage, cartage, &c., connected with the landing of immigrants, and conveyance of themselves and their baggage to the barracks.

5. *Forwarding Immigrants to Out-districts.*

A moderate expenditure for this purpose is authorized in cases where difficulty occurs in freely disposing of the immigrants at head-quarters.

6. *Depôts up Country.*

Should it be deemed advisable, in the promotion of the settlement of newly-arrived immigrants, to establish a depôt or depôts up country, and the Provincial Government be disposed to defray a portion of the cost, proposals will be favourably entertained for the establishment and maintenance of such depôts.

7. *Medical Attendance.*

Necessary medical attendance for immigrants in barracks is authorized. It is suggested that it may be more economical to make an arrangement by the year with some medical man. Funeral expenses of immigrants dying in barracks are also authorized.

8. *Occasional Pecuniary Assistance to Immigrants.*

Pecuniary assistance is authorized in exceptional circumstances—*e.g.*, want of means to proceed to place where employment is offered, loss of baggage, insufficient outfit to suit climate. Promissory notes should in these cases be taken.

9. *Settlement of Scandinavians in Seventy-Mile Bush.*

Expenditure is authorized for forwarding fresh arrivals to the villages, and for settling them on their land; the present arrangements for repayment being continued.

10. *Gratuities to Officers of Ships.*

These amounts are authorized in accordance with advices received in each case from the Agent-General, and subject to your being satisfied with the conduct of the officers.

11. *Advertising and Printing.*

Advertisements in the local papers, of expected arrivals and class of expected immigrants, also as to hiring days, are authorized. Also the printing of notices necessary to promote the distribution of immigrants.

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

WELLINGTON.

No. 10.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 7th November, 1873.

In reply to your letter of this date, directing my attention to your printed circular of the 14th ultimo, and requesting me to favour you with a reply thereto at my earliest convenience, I beg to state that had it not been for an unforeseen pressure of business of various kinds and of a pressing character, your letter would have received a reply before this.

But the importance of the proposals it contains requires that it should be submitted to the Provincial Executive, and receive careful consideration. Under the circumstances to which I have referred, this has hitherto been impossible, nor do I see any prospect of being able to furnish you with a definite reply until after the Session of the Provincial Council.

I can assure you that it is from no disrespect to yourself, or indifference to the subject you propose for consideration, that the delay you bring under my notice has occurred.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Superintendent.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 11.

His Hon. the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 4th December, 1873.

In further reply to your circular letter of 14th October last, respecting a proposal for handing over to the Provincial authorities the administration of immigration, I refer to my letter of the 7th ultimo, and also to the assurance I gave you at a personal interview, that the question should be most carefully considered at the earliest date at which the members of the Provincial Executive might be able to meet for that purpose.

At a full meeting of its members yesterday the question was earnestly discussed, and the conclusion at which we have arrived is, that the proposal in its present shape is inadmissible.

I beg to assure you at the same time that there is every disposition to take over the administration, provided a proper basis upon which the transfer may be made can be mutually agreed upon. I may add that we shall be happy to have an interview with you on the subject at any time you may please to appoint.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Superintendent.

The Hon. J. Vogel, Premier, Wellington.

No. 12.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 4th February, 1874.

I refer to my letters of the 7th November and 4th December last respectively, in which I expressed to you the desire of the Provincial Government to consider favourably the proposal to take over the administration of the immigration within the Province; and to the proposal contained in my letter of the 4th December, that the difficulties which occurred to the Provincial Government might be explained away if you thought proper to consent to a personal interview.

At the interview with which you favoured the Provincial Secretary and myself on the 31st ultimo, the explanations which you afforded of the practice intended to be adopted with regard to the proposed transfer of administration were such as to remove many of the objections unanimously entertained to the proposal by the Provincial Executive upon the first perusal of your circular.

In furtherance of the desire which has been uniformly evinced by the Executive of this Province, since my advent to office, to co-operate as far as possible with the General Government in the practical work of government, I beg to state that the Provincial Government is now prepared to accept the charge of immigration in this Province, it being understood that all direct communication between the Colonial Government and the Immigration Officer shall be laid before the Provincial Government immediately that they are either received or sent.

With reference to the expenditure which it will be necessary for the Provincial Government to incur on behalf of the Department, I understand that a sum of money will be from time to time placed at their disposal by way of imprest for that purpose, the expenditure thereof to be accounted for in the usual manner; and that the Colonial Government do not contemplate that any of the expenses of the Department should fall on the Provincial Government.

In accordance with your suggestion, I shall be prepared to provide accommodation for the immigration staff at the Provincial Buildings; so that, as far as possible, the local part of the Department may be separated from the more general portion which is under the more immediate charge of the Under Secretary for Immigration.

I have, &c.

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Superintendent.

The Hon. J. Vogel, C.M.G., Minister for Immigration.

No. 13.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 7th February, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, in which you state that "the Provincial Government is now prepared to accept the charge of immigration in this Province" upon the terms contained in my circular letter of 14th October, "it being understood that all direct communication between the Colonial Government and the Immigration Officer shall be laid before the Provincial Government immediately that they are either received or sent;" and in which letter you refer to the conditions of "expenditure which it will be necessary for the Provincial Government to incur on behalf of the Department."

In reply, I have to state that I shall be willing to direct any officers of the Immigration Department who act under you, that they are to show to you any correspondence which may pass between them and the General Government. As I have pointed out to you, such correspondence will probably be very rare. It will be more convenient that, as a rule, correspondence shall be with your Honor.

You are correct in supposing that the Colonial Government do not contemplate throwing upon the Province any portion of the expenses incurred on account of immigrants between their arrival in the Province and their obtaining employment. I will give to you a general authority for such expenditure as experience has shown you will be likely to have to incur; and should circumstances make exceptional expenditure necessary, your Honor will have no difficulty in applying for and obtaining the requisite authority.

I shall be glad to confer with your Honor or your Executive on any points which it is desirable should be dealt with at a personal interview.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

No. 14.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington.
 SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 7th February, 1874.

It is desirable that I should give 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.*

(The salaries noted are those upon the last Estimates.)

	£	s.	d.
Immigration Officer	375	0	0
Clerk (also Dépôt Master, £130)	20	0	0
Visiting Surgeon, paid by fees under agreement.			
Cadet	40	0	0
Dépôt Master and Matron	180	0	0
Quarantine Keeper and Matron	120	0	0
Immigration Officer for Rangitikei	50	0	0
Do do Wanganui	50	0	0
Officer in charge of Scandinavian settlements (also Engineer, P. W., £300)	50	0	0
Schoolmaster to Scandinavians (this appointment was for one year, terminating, if expedient, in May next)	100	0	0

If circumstances render it necessary to make any alterations, or to increase the staff, every consideration will be given to your Honor's recommendations.

2. *Buildings and Repairs.*

The immigrants' dépôts, quarantine station, &c., 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 for 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 more than a week after arrival, but further time may 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 dépôt are authorized; also expenses connected with forwarding immigrants to the country districts.

5. *Medical Attendance.*

Necessary medical attendance for immigrants, whilst in the dépôt 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 amount advanced.

7. *Advertising and Printing.*

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

8. *Rent.*

Rent of suitable offices for the Immigration Officer is authorized.

9. *Settlements of Scandinavians in Seventy-Mile Bush.*

Expenditure is authorized for locating new arrivals of Scandinavians in the villages, and for settling them on the land, the present arrangements for repayment by the immigrants for the land being continued.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
 JULIUS VOGEL.

MARLBOROUGH

No. 15.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Marlborough, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.
 SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Blenheim, 23rd October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram, and letters, and of your printed letter, on the subject of immigration.

In reply, I beg to assure you that the Provincial Government will cordially co-operate with you in the arrangements you propose, and will endeavour as far as possible to facilitate the introduction of as many immigrants as the Province can absorb.

There is at present a great demand for labour to maintain ordinary industries. The station-holders are experiencing much difficulty in obtaining hands for the summer's work of shearing, &c.; and the agriculturists are looking forward with anxiety to the coming harvest, with apprehension of not being able to procure men to gather it. The demand for domestic female servants is ever the same, and no greater boon could be given than a copious supply of this class of labour.

The Province can readily take about 150 immigrants per month for the next six months, the greater proportion of which should be able-bodied men and single women. The classes of labour required are shepherds, agricultural labourers, carpenters and other mechanics, flax-mill hands, and single women for domestic servants.

The present accommodation for immigrants upon arrival is limited to a dépôt at Picton, of about six small rooms. A few families could be sent to this place from time to time, as the settlement of one lot would make room for another; but operations could not be carried out extensively or satisfactorily without the means of accommodation for a large number in the neighbourhood of Blenheim, where they would be brought in contact with employers, and speedily disposed of. For this purpose I would recommend that immigration barracks should be built near Blenheim, on the higher lands on the south side, out of the way of floods. They should be fitted up to contain about twenty families, and from thirty to fifty single women, and as many single men.

The barracks so arranged as to allow a separate building for each class of immigrants—that is, families, single men, and single women—and a wash-house open to all, would probably cost £1,500 or £2,000.

Should you be willing to incur such an expense, I will get plans and specifications prepared, with an estimate of cost, and forward to you with the utmost despatch. I have made inquiries, but cannot get the use of any buildings on lease; neither are there any buildings on sale, with the exception of one in Blenheim, 40 feet by 20 feet, not subdivided. The price of this, with a quarter acre of land in a good situation, is £240; but I would rather recommend the building of suitable barracks more out of the town.

There are some subjects mentioned in your printed letter that I need not refer to, as they apply to places where it is proposed that immigrants should be first landed from their ships.

The nominated immigrants from whom money may be due under their promissory notes, are so few in this Province, that it would not be worth while to interfere with the arrangements already made for the recovery of those amounts.

The Immigration Department will, I understand, be at the whole cost of introducing and maintaining the immigrants until they can be disposed of; but in regard to hospital charges and any expenses of that kind, they would be treated by the Provincial Government in the same way as the other population in the Province.

I have, &c.,

A. P. SEYMOUR,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

No. 16.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 31st October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 574, of 23rd instant, and am gratified with your assurance that the Provincial Government of Marlborough are willing to accept my proposals as laid down in my circular letter of 14th instant, and will cordially co-operate in facilitating the introduction and settlement of immigrants.

Your Honor interprets my meaning correctly in assuming that this Department will be at the whole cost of introducing and maintaining the immigrants until they can be disposed of; and I am prepared to sanction such expenditure in your Province which 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 91 upon Estimates).

Immigration Officer	... ..	£25
Gratuity to Police Officer in charge of Barracks at Picton	... ..	10

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

2. *Building and Repairs to Barracks.*

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

One thousand pounds is authorized towards the erection, fittings, and furniture of immigration barracks at Blenheim. It is presumed that the Province will find any further expenditure which may be necessary. The whole arrangements for the building are left in your Honor's hands.

3. *Maintenance of Immigrants whilst waiting Engagement.*

Under ordinary circumstances, maintenance for immigrants is authorized for one week after arrival, by which time they may be supposed to find work. Single men, except under exceptional circumstances, should certainly not require to be maintained after that period, but further time may be allowed to married people with families.

4. *Expenses in connection with Landing Immigrants.*

All expenses are authorized for landing, wharfage, and carriage of immigrants and luggage to Blenheim.

5. *Medical Attendance.*

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

6. *Occasional Pecuniary Assistance to Immigrants.*

Pecuniary assistance is authorized in exceptional circumstances, *e.g.*, want of means to proceed to place where employment is offered, loss of luggage, insufficient outfit to suit climate. Promissory notes should be taken in these cases for the amount advanced.

7. *Advertising and Printing.*

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

His Honor the Superintendent, Marlborough.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

NELSON.

No. 17.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Nelson, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Nelson, 30th October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letters of the 14th and 16th instant, relative to immigration, together with a copy of an Order in Council providing that free passages shall in future be given to nominated emigrants from Europe.

I am extremely glad that the Government have determined upon this course with respect to nominated immigration, as I believe it will be largely taken advantage of in this Province, and I shall willingly give every assistance in my power towards inducing settlers here to bring out their friends under this extremely liberal arrangement.

As regards general immigration, you are aware that, owing to the peculiar disadvantages under which this Province labours, in having scarcely any agricultural land within reach of means of communication with a port, and in not having hitherto been fortunate enough to partake to any large extent in the colonial railway scheme, whereby fresh land could be made available, I have not been able to recommend any considerable addition to our general population; but I see reason to hope that the circumstances of the Province in these respects will shortly undergo a favourable change, and when that time arrives, it will give me great pleasure to co-operate with the Colonial Government in the manner proposed in your circular of the 16th instant.

I have, &c.,
OSWALD CURTIS,
Superintendent.

The Hon the Minister for Immigration.

No. 18.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 12th February, 1874.

It is desirable that I should give you a general authority for expenditure in connection with immigration in the Province of Nelson, 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.*

Immigration Officer	...	...	...	...	...	£150
Depôt Master and Matron	...	...	...	...	...	£

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

2. *Buildings and Repairs.*

The Immigrants' depôts are authorized to be kept in good serviceable repair, so as to be fit and suitable for the temporary accommodation of immigrants; also the quarantine station, when erected.

3. *Maintenance of Immigrants while waiting Engagement.*

Under ordinary circumstances, maintenance for 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 more than a week after arrival, but further time may 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 depôt are authorized; also expenses connected with forwarding immigrants to the country districts.

5. *Medical Attendance.*

Necessary medical attendance for immigrants whilst in the depôt, 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 amount 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, Nelson.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

WESTLAND.

No. 19.

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

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Hokitika, 5th February, 1874.

Referring to your circular of the 14th October last, on the subject of immigration, I have the honor to inform you that I shall have great pleasure in co-operating with the General Government in their efforts to promote immigration. The forms forwarded in your letter of the 16th October last have been distributed in accordance with your request.

I beg to express my regret at the delay which has taken place in answering your letter.

I have, &c.,

J. A. BONAR,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

CANTERBURY.

No. 20.

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

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, 14th November, 1873.

In reply to your circular of the 14th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the Provincial Government are willing to take charge of the immigration barracks and depôts, and the quarantine buildings, the necessary expenditure being provided for by the General Government. The conditions, however, which, as I understand your letter, attached to such charge are, as it appears to the Provincial Government, open to objection.

No doubt it will be necessary for the General Government to have a general control over the expenditure of funds for the disbursement of which they are responsible to the General Assembly of the Colony, and that any action of the Provincial Government should not be otherwise than in accordance with the wishes and plans of those who are so responsible.

I am of opinion that the conditions 1, 2, and 3 might lead, if strictly adhered to by the General Government, to considerable embarrassment, and be detrimental to what both the General and Provincial Governments have in view, viz., the beneficial settling of immigrants in all parts of the Province.

I would more particularly allude to the condition No. 3. This, in the opinion of the Provincial Government, would be unsatisfactory, and would possibly lead to complications of a disagreeable character. If the Provincial Government are to have charge of the department, it must be the sole source of communication with the General Government on matters connected with it, and the officers belonging to it must be under their direct control. If the Provincial Government accept the position which you ask them to take, they would do so on the understanding that condition numbered 3 is modified in the manner indicated.

As to the remaining conditions, they believe that the General Government will not act under them in any manner that will prevent the Provincial Government carrying into effect that which they think, as far as details go, most conducive to the success of the Department.

They quite agree that if the arrangement is not found to work well, each Government should be at liberty to put an end to it.

The circular contains certain suggestions as to the manner in which immigration and settlement of the country might, in your opinion, be facilitated, and I shall be glad to discuss these with you should you see fit.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, &c.

No. 21.

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

SIR,—

General Government Offices, Christchurch, 17th November, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, in reply to a circular letter of mine dated 14th October, in which I asked you to take charge, under certain conditions, of the immigration arrangements within the Province of Canterbury.

I confess to some surprise that you should so strongly object to the conditions stated in my circular, seeing how long a time you have allowed to pass without informing me that you entertained such objections; seeing, also, that you did not refer to those objections in the correspondence which took place between us when you were at Timaru; and, especially, seeing that it is not long since I was led to believe you were anxious to obtain the charge I proposed to you in the circular letter.

I cannot see any reason to forego the three conditions to which you object. If I understand rightly, your objections are based upon the assumption that it was contemplated to hand over to the Province the entire control of immigration within its limits. Such was not, however, the intention of the circular; and I think you will, on consideration, see that it is impossible for the General Government to relieve themselves of the responsibility they owe to the Assembly. The intention in preparing the circular was rather in the direction of asking the Provincial Government, in each case, to act as agent for the General Government. I may point out to you that there is not, in discharging the

duties of such a position, anything derogatory to the Superintendent or Provincial Executive. In fact, some of the most distinguished public men of the Colony have, in their respective Provinces, acted as agents for the General Government.

If you accepted the charge offered to you, certain officers of the General Government would be instructed to act under your directions; but they would still be General Government officers, and the General Government would be perfectly at liberty to communicate with them, if it should be found necessary to do so. As a rule, no doubt, communications would be made to your Honor; but it is impossible to determine that direct communication with the officers might not be found necessary. For example, the Government might have occasion to instruct the officers with respect to the collection of promissory notes, or with respect to statistics, or as to the transhipment of immigrants to other Provinces.

I am thus specific in the matter, because, owing to the absence of preconcerted arrangements, many difficulties have arisen in connection with the management of gold fields by Superintendents; and it would be a mistake to arrange with the Provincial Government to take charge of immigration within their respective Provinces, without a clear understanding of the relative positions of the two Governments. On the other hand, I scarcely need say that whilst an agent is not supposed to dictate conditions to his principal, it is always open to an agent to decline to continue to act in such a capacity.

I shall be glad if you will inform me to-morrow whether you are able to accept the charge of immigration in this Province upon the conditions named. I hope you will not consider that I am over urgent in making such a request; because, apart from the fact that the matter has already remained too long undecided, I desire, if you should not feel able to accept my proposal, to make other arrangements before I leave Christchurch.

I shall have very much pleasure in complying with the suggestion with which you close your letter—that we should meet and discuss some of the details of the circular—if you are able to see your way to take charge of immigration here in the manner proposed.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 22.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.
SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, 27th November, 1873.

Referring to the interview which I and my executive had with you yesterday, and to the explanations which you then afforded as to certain details of your circular of the 14th October, I have the honor to inform you that the Provincial Government are prepared to accept the charge of immigration in this Province in terms of your circular, it being understood that all direct communication between the Colonial Government and the Immigration Officer shall be laid before the Provincial Government immediately that they are either received or sent.

With reference to the expenditure which it will be necessary for the Provincial Government to incur on behalf of the Department, I understand that a sum of money will be from time to time placed at their disposal, by way of imprest, for that purpose, the expenditure thereof to be accounted for in the usual manner; and that the Colonial Government do not contemplate that any of the expenses of the disposal of the immigrants on their arrival, and prior to their obtaining employment, should fall on the Provincial Government.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

I have, &c.,
W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

No. 23.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury.
SIR,— General Government Offices, Christchurch, 27th November, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, in which you state "the Provincial Government are prepared to accept the charge of immigration in this Province," upon the terms contained in my circular letter of October 14th, "it being understood that all direct communications between the Colonial Government and the Immigration Officer shall be laid before the Provincial Government immediately that they are either received or sent," and in which letter you refer to the conditions of "expenditure which it will be necessary for the Provincial Government to incur on behalf of the Department."

In reply, I have to state that I shall be willing to direct any officers of the Immigration Department who act under you, that they are to show to you any correspondence which may pass between them and the General Government. As I have pointed out to you, such correspondence will probably be very rare. It will be more convenient that, as a rule, correspondence should be with your Honor.

You are correct in supposing that the Colonial Government do not contemplate throwing upon the Province any portion of the expenses incurred on account of immigrants between their arrival in the Province and their obtaining employment. I will give to you a general authority for such expenditure as experience has shown you will be likely to have to incur; and should circumstances make exceptional expenditure necessary, your Honor will have no difficulty in applying for and obtaining the requisite authority.

I shall be glad to confer with your Honor or your Executive on any point which it is desirable should be dealt with at a personal interview.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

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.

No. 26.

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

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 16th December, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 11th December, embodying the explanations made by you, verbally, of an interview between yourself and the Provincial Executive, relative to the subject of your circular in *re* immigration.

In reply, I have to state that the explanation is deemed satisfactory, and that the Provincial Government is prepared to accede to the proposal in question.

I have, &c.,
J. MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

The Hon. Julius Vogel, Dunedin.

No. 27.

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

SIR,— General Government Offices, Dunedin, 17th December, 1873.

It is desirable I should give 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 any of the following heads and conditions. Vouchers for the same, properly substantiated by your Honor, will be duly recognized:—

	1. <i>Local Staff.</i>	£
Immigration Officer	300
Clerk	150
Visiting Surgeon	50
Planting and improving grounds	125
Officer in charge of Depôt, Stewart Island	50
Cadet	40
Depôt Master and Matron	190
Quarantine Keeper and Matron	100
Immigration Officer, Oamaru	25
" " Invercargill	50
" " Riverton	25

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

2. *Buildings and Repairs.*

The immigrants' depôts, quarantine stations, &c., 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 for 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 may 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 depôt, are authorized.

5. *Medical Attendance.*

Necessary medical attendance for immigrants whilst in the depôt, 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 amount advanced.

7. *Advertising and Printing.*

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

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

