

1878.

NEW ZEALAND.

IMMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

(LETTERS TO THE AGENT-GENERAL.)

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 20th July, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th May last, and, in reply, to approve of your action in furnishing Baron Reuter with a copy of the immigration order for the ensuing year, which was telegraphed to you on the 22nd of that month.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
D. REID.

No. 2.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 10th September, 1877.

With reference to your letter No. 212, of the 1st March, 1877, I have the honor to inform you that your view of the arrangement with Mr. Kennaway respecting the payment to him of the sum of £250 is substantially approved by the Government, and that that sum will be paid to him on the termination of his engagement, if he returns to the colony within a reasonable time from that date—say, six months, as recommended by you.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
D. REID.

No. 3.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 21st September, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 658, of the 20th July last, and, in reply, to thank you for the action which you took in correcting the misstatements with reference to the foreign immigrants in this colony. I now forward for your information copy of a report from the Sub-Immigration Officer at Wanganui, from which you will learn the foreigners in that part of the colony are succeeding well.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
D. REID.

Enclosure in No. 3.

REPORT of SUB-IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Wanganui, respecting Condition of German Immigrants.

SIR,—

Sub-Immigration Office, Wanganui, 14th September, 1877.

Having seen in the papers a telegram from the Agent-General stating that the German Government was publicly notifying that New Zealand was an entirely unsuitable place for immigrants from that country, that those who had come out were unable to obtain work, and that they were writing to their friends cautioning them about coming, I have taken the liberty of writing to say that so far as my district (Wanganui and Rangitikei) is concerned these remarks are incorrect. I have had a large number of German immigrants, perhaps more than any other place in New Zealand. There is no doubt that some of these immigrants who arrived in the winter, when work was slack, and suffering under the disadvantage of not being able to speak the language, did not immediately succeed in getting employment, and it is very possible that, suffering from a temporary discouragement, they

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