

England, in the way of your delivering lectures on New Zealand throughout the agricultural districts, and otherwise influencing suitable emigrants towards this colony.

In consideration of this service the Agent-General will be directed to pay to you the sum of £300, out of which you will have to find your own travelling expenses. It will be for mutual arrangement between the Agent-General and yourself as to whether this money will be paid in respect of the whole of your services for lecturing purposes being devoted to the department for a period of six months, or in respect of your delivering eighty lectures, wherever directed, extending over a period of eight months.

The Rev. Joseph Berry, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
J. MACANDREW.

No. 18.

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

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 23rd May, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th March, No. 270, transmitting by book post three copies of a paper read by you before the Royal Colonial Institute on "New Zealand and the South Sea Islands, and their relation to the Empire," and, in compliance with your suggestion, the Government will be obliged by your having the paper printed in pamphlet form, and distributed from the Agent-General's Office.

The paper is in every respect highly creditable; and setting forth as it does, so fully and truthfully the condition and prospects of New Zealand, it cannot fail to be productive of the very best result.

Before this letter arrives, you will have received the word "Institute" by cablegram, which you will understand to mean that the Government wish to have the pamphlet printed.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
J. MACANDREW.

No. 19.

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

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 25th May, 1878.

Referring to my letter No. 82, of the 20th April, I have the honor to transmit copies of further correspondence, noted in the margin, with reference to the application of the General Manager of the New Zealand Shipping Company for permission to assign a portion of the contract for the conveyance of immigrants and cargo to Messrs Shaw, Savill, and Co.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
J. MACANDREW.

Enclosure in No. 19.

The GENERAL MANAGER, New Zealand Steam Shipping Company, to the Hon. J. MACANDREW.

The New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited),
Wellington, 3rd May, 1878.

SIR,—

In pursuance of the verbal intimation I gave you, I have now the honor thus formally to intimate that this Company purposes, with your sanction, which I am instructed by my directors to seek, to assign to Messrs Shaw, Savill, and Co., of London, the duty of carrying one moiety of the number of emigrants and of the tonnage required by the Government under the contract we hold, dated the 15th instant.

The Hon. James Macandrew,
Minister for Immigration, &c.

I have, &c.,
H. SELWYN SMITH,
General Manager.

Enclosure 2 in No. 19.

The Hon. J. MACANDREW to the GENERAL MANAGER, New Zealand Steam Shipping Company.

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 7th May, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, in which you inform me that the New Zealand Shipping Company proposes, with my sanction, to assign to Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Company, of London, a moiety of the duty of carrying Government emigrants from England.

In reply, I have to refer you to the terms of my letter of the 23rd ultimo, No. 73, in which you were informed that, should the occasion arise of your Company finding itself unable to fulfil the contract, an application to assign the whole, or any part of it, would be fairly dealt with.

I cannot see, however, that such contingency has arisen as yet, or that the Government can be fairly asked, before the signatures are attached to the necessary documents under the contract, to consent to an assignment which less than a week ago was positively declined.