

No. 22.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 5th July, 1878.

Enclosed I have the honor to forward copy of a letter addressed to the Under Secretary for Immigration by Mr. P. Day, who proceeded Home by the last mail steamer, and who offers his services gratuitously towards obtaining suitable emigrants from Banffshire, his native county.

I also enclose copy of reply sent to Mr. Day by this mail, and shall be glad to hear that you have turned his proffered services to good account. It will be observed that the locality in which Mr. Day's influence is most likely to be efficacious is an inland agricultural district in Banffshire, which contains the class of emigrants most required in New Zealand.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
J. MACANDREW.

 Enclosure 1 in No. 22.

Mr. P. DAY to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION, Wellington.

SIR,—

Auckland, 25th June, 1878.

It is with great regret that I have to state that the Hon. Mr. Macandrew will not be in Auckland to-day until we are gone, and consequently the pleasure of an interview with the hon. gentleman is hopeless.

Under these circumstances, I trust you will advise the Agent-General that I intend to do my best to bring a few suitable emigrants from my native county, and that he will afford every facility for free passages, and that you will kindly send me a copy of your advice to the Agent-General.

You may also add that I want no commission or consideration of any kind whatever, and that I will certainly only recommend parties who will not only be an acquisition to New Zealand, but also largely benefit themselves.

That I can with confidence assure intending emigrants that no unnecessary delay will arise, or additional expense be caused by waiting for a vessel, is an essential point of success: hence the reason that I can show my letter to the Agent-General, as the best and most reliable reason that no disappointment will occur. Trusting to your kind assistance,

The Under Secretary for Immigration,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
P. DAY.

 Enclosure 2 in No. 22.

The UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION to Mr. P. DAY.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 5th July, 1878.

I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Minister for Immigration, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, and, in reply, to forward for your information copy of a letter to the Agent-General, in which he is requested to avail himself of your offer to procure immigrants for New Zealand, while on a visit to your native county.

I have, &c.,

H. J. H. ELIOTT,
Under Secretary for Immigration.

P. Day, Esq.,
Torkins, Botrephine, by Keith, Banffshire, Scotland.

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SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 5th July, 1878.

Upon the 4th instant, I transmitted the following telegram: "Send 600 agricultural labourers Southland."

I have now to enclose copy of a letter which has been addressed to me by Mr. Horace Bastings, Chairman of the Tuapeka County Council, also copies of telegrams which have passed between the Mayor of Invercargill and myself. From these it would appear that there is an urgent demand for labour in Otago, and that the number indicated in my letter of the 30th March last as required for that part of the colony is insufficient. I have therefore to request that you will be good enough to send to Otago 2,200 (being 600 additional for the Bluff), instead of 1,600 immigrants.

I am, of course, aware that it is an easy matter to say, Send us a given number of immigrants, and that probably it would be equally easy to obtain that number, if no regard were paid to their suitability. As it is, I need scarcely press upon you the fact that, unless our assisted immigrants are of a suitable class, able and willing to work, the colony would be much better without any. I therefore trust that the greatest care may be taken in their selection, and would again suggest that the best agency to effect this would be that of successful colonists, who mean to end their days in New Zealand—men who would go into the matter *con amore*. I know of several such men at Home now, the addresses of whom I shall endeavour to send you.

You will observe, from the reply to the Mayor of Invercargill, that is with some hesitation that I have partially complied with his request. I do not know that I should have had any misgiving in doing so wholly, could I have been assured of the practicability of getting 1,200 immigrants of the right stamp for that district alone within the time named. Our experience, however, of what may be