

Enclosure 1 in No. 23.

The MANAGER, New Zealand Shipping Company, to the AGENT-GENERAL.

The New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited), 84, Bishopsgate Street Within,
London, E.C., 16th November, 1878.

SIR,—

I have to inform you that I received the following cablegram at 6.30 p.m. this day: "Pernambuco, 16th, 4.30 p.m.—'Piako' scuttled [to] extinguish; otherwise impossible. Will commence pumping to-day. Emigrants ashore; want clothes; must we provide." To which I replied,—“Provide emigrants with clothing absolutely necessary, obtaining Boyd's [the master] approval.”

I cabled yesterday for details (also that the emigrants should be carefully protected and provided for), which I expect to receive on Monday, by which day it will have been ascertained what injury, if any, has been caused to the hull of the "Piako."

I have, &c.,

O. R. STRICKLAND,
Manager.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

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The AGENT-GENERAL to the MANAGER, New Zealand Shipping Company.

(Telegram.)

18th November, 1878.

AGENT-GENERAL proposes to ask the Foreign Office to wire English consul at Pernambuco to see that "Piako" emigrants are properly cared for. Do you concur?

The Manager, New Zealand Shipping Company.

VOGEL.

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The MANAGER, New Zealand Shipping Company, to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

18th November, 1878.

I QUITE concur; but I telegraphed to our agents on Friday last to provide for the emigrants, and I again cabled on Saturday night to provide clothes necessary. This was in letter posted to you yesterday.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

STRICKLAND.

Enclosure 4 in No. 23.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, S.W., 18th November, 1878.

I have the honor to inform you that the ship "Piako," chartered by me for the conveyance of Government emigrants to New Zealand, having taken fire on her voyage to the colony when off the coast of Brazil, succeeded in making the harbour of Pernambuco, where she was scuttled and sunk. The emigrants have been landed at that port, and are, according to telegraphic accounts received by the owners of the ship, the New Zealand Shipping Company, in a state of great distress. The Shipping Company have telegraphed out to instruct their agents to look after the well-being of the emigrants, and probably attention is being shown to them.

At the same time, it would be well to guard against all contingencies of greater hardships to these poor people than may be necessary, by securing, on their side, the valuable protection of Her Majesty's Consul, I have, therefore, to request you will ask the Secretary of State to move the Foreign Office to communicate by telegraph with Her Majesty's Consul at Pernambuco, and to instruct him to render such assistance as he may consider desirable, and also to see that sufficient and proper arrangements are made by the representatives of the ship for sending the emigrants on to their destination.

The ship is properly liable, and the Consul if he expend money should do so under protest. I shall be glad also if he will telegraph from time to time what is being done.

I venture to suggest at foot nature of telegram.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General for New Zealand.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

Suggested Telegram.

SEE that New Zealand emigrants are properly cared for, and suitable arrangements made for despatching them to destination. The shipowners are liable. If captain refuses to pay for what you consider necessary, pay under protest. Wire from time to time your action.

Enclosure 5 in No. 23.

The MANAGER, New Zealand Shipping Company, to the AGENT-GENERAL.

"Piako."

The New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited), 84, Bishopsgate Street Within,
London, E.C., 19th November, 1878.

SIR,—

I yesterday received from you the following message: "The Agent-General is proceeding to the Foreign Office to get a cable despatched to the British Consul at Pernambuco to see emigrants