

been despatched to you in the following words: "Bathgate decline." You will understand from this that the Government does not desire that Mr. Bathgate's services should be continued in the Immigration Department after the expiry of the period of his leave of absence, and I shall be obliged by your communicating this decision to him accordingly.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 28.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 2nd April, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th January, No. 56, and, in reply, to inform you that I entirely concur with your remarks as to the advisableness of allowing free passages to single-women domestic servants who wish to accompany families who have paid their own passages to the colony; and I shall be obliged by your granting passages at the contract rate for single women to that class of persons, in the event of application being made to you.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 29.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 2nd April, 1880.

Owing to the continued depression existing in the colony, the Government has deemed it advisable to instruct the several Immigration Officers to discourage all nominations as much as possible; and, in cases where they have to accept nominations, they are to inform the nominators that the Government will not recognize any claims on account of passage not being provided for their nominees.

Also, in cases of persons who have recently arrived in the colony without their wives and families, and wishing now to nominate them, such nominations will be declined for the present, except in very special cases, full particulars of which have to be reported to me.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 30.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 2nd April, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 47, of the 17th January, relative to taking promissory notes from emigrants on account of passage-money; and, as I addressed you fully on the subject on the 16th of that month, I need not further dwell on the subject than to add that, as no more emigrants will probably be sent out to the colony for some time to come, I do not think there will be any necessity to take any promissory notes whatever.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 31.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 3rd April, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the proceedings of your department for the month of January, and to thank you for the same.

With reference to your remark that you would not, so far as you could then judge, have to engage any more ships for the conveyance of emigrants, either nominated or otherwise, until you are in receipt of instructions from the colony which will necessitate your doing so, I have to observe that the Government is pleased to learn that no more immigrants are on their way to the colony; and, as a matter of course, it is presumed that, in accordance with instructions which you have subsequently received, the services of Messrs. Clayden, Bathgate, and other immigration lecturers have by this time been discontinued.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.