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LETTERS TO THE AGENT-GENERAL).

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No. 1.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 21st August, 1879.

I have the honor to inform you that the ship "Napier" arrived at Port Chalmers on the 4th instant, after a passage of eighty-eight days from port to port, with her immigrants all well.

I enclose herewith the following documents: (1) Commissioner's report; (2) surgeon-superintendent's report, and other papers therein referred to; (3) certificates of births and deaths.

You will observe from these reports that complaint is made as to the conduct of the single-men saloon passengers, as well as against the private steerage passengers. With regard to the saloon passengers who came out in the "Napier," I presume they were required to sign the usual application to be allowed to sail in a vessel carrying Government immigrants, in the terms of the former which were transmitted with your letter of the 12th of August last,* and which were approved by the then Minister for Immigration.

Complaints have been so frequently made as to the inconvenience and annoyance caused by single-men saloon passengers, that the greatest discretion should be exercised in allowing that class of persons to come out with immigrants, and I would again impress upon you the necessity for making all reasonable inquiries respecting that class of passengers, and for insisting on the conditions specified in your letter No. 536, of the 30th June last. Dr. Russell's able remarks upon the subject are worthy of the utmost attention, and I cannot do better than recommend them to your consideration as the experience of a gentleman who has too frequently been subjected to annoyance in the conscientious performance of his duties as surgeon-superintendent, by persons from whom better conduct should have been expected.

You will observe that attention is drawn to the faulty medical inspection at the Clyde. This was also shown to be the case when the ship "Canterbury" was allowed to proceed on her voyage after having landed a man suffering from small-pox. In the case of the "Napier" you will observe that the only two cases of death were from phthisis.

With regard to the conduct of the second officer, Mr. Lockhead, I must request that you will not again permit him to proceed in any vessel carrying immigrants to this colony.

You will be pleased to learn that on the whole the voyage was a pleasant one, and that the captain and surgeon-superintendent worked harmoniously together. You will also observe that Dr. Russell is recommended for further employment in the immigration service of the colony.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 2.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 11th September, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th of July, No. 611, and to inform you that Mr. Clayden's services should be dispensed with when he has fulfilled the terms of the arrangements which he entered into before leaving the colony.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

* No. 8, D.-2, Sess. I., 1879.

No. 3.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 11th September, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th of July, No. 638, and, in reply, to inform you that the Government fully recognizes your services in reducing the number of paid local agents for promoting emigration. Still, however, as public attention in the United Kingdom is now so strongly directed towards this colony, it is desirable that you should further reduce the number of paid local agents, merely retaining the services of those who are absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the due proportions of emigrants to be sent from each part of the United Kingdom.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 4.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 12th September, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th July, No. 635, and, in reply, to inform you that the Rev. Mr. Berry's employment cannot be continued as he proposes; and the word "Oliver" has accordingly been telegraphed to you this day.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 5.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 29th September, 1879.

Referring to my letter of the 19th instant, transmitting copy of the report of the Immigration Commissioner upon the ship "Rakaia," I have the honor to inform you that it has been brought to my notice that the preserved meat which was issued to the immigrants had been procured from Mr. J. Gear's establishment, in this city. I think the fact that New Zealand preserved meat has successfully stood the test of twice passing through the tropics should be made known as generally as possible. I enclose herewith a report from the Immigration Officer, transmitting certificates from the surgeon-superintendent and master of the vessel, with a request that you will take such steps as you may consider desirable for bringing this local industry under the notice of the public generally.

I may add that the meat is of such excellent quality that the New Zealand Shipping Company are provisioning some of their outward-bound ships for England with it, from the surplus stores of the "Rakaia."

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 6.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 4th October, 1879.

I have the honor to enclose list of promissory notes signed by immigrants, which were received by last mail; and request that, in future, you will not take any promissory notes whatever from emigrants, as it is found that it is very difficult to obtain payment from the emigrants after their arrival in the colony. The regulations of the 4th August, requiring payment in cash from male adults, must also be strictly adhered to.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

Enclosure in No. 6.

LIST of Promissory Notes received.

					£	s.	d.
Ship "Rangitikei"	19	7	6
„ "Zealandia"	76	9	11
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					£95	17	5

Wellington, 4th October, 1879.

No. 7.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 28th October, 1879.

Referring to my predecessor's letter of the 4th instant, I have to point out that by the mail which has just arrived I find that you have taken promissory notes from immigrants now

on their way to the colony to the amount of £67 17s., as under: Ship "Lady Jocelyn," £40 19s. 9d.; ship "Dunedin," £7 17s. 6d.; ship "Arethusa," £2; ship "Opawa," £16 19s. 9d.: total, £67 17s.

I would again point out that it is very undesirable to take any promissory notes whatever from immigrants, as the amount advanced is generally a loss to the department.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

W. ROLLESTON,

Minister for Immigration.

No. 8.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 17th November, 1879.

Referring to your letter No. 610, of the 17th July last, I have the honor to inform you the Government does not desire that the services of Mr. Julius Jeffreys should be retained as an agent for the promotion of emigration to this colony after the termination of the period of the engagement for three months which you reported you had entered into with that gentleman.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 9.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 19th November, 1879.

Referring to my predecessor's letter of the 23rd May, 1878, No. 96,* informing you of the terms upon which the Rev. Mr. Berry was appointed as emigration lecturer for this colony, I desire to point out to you that the Government agreed to pay Mr. Berry the sum of £300 in consideration of the whole of his services being placed at the disposal of the Agent-General for a period of six months, and for a course of eighty lectures, extending over a period of eight months.

From the accounts of your department I find that Mr. Berry has received during the period of seven months between February and August inclusive the sum of £370, or £70 more than the amount agreed upon. I shall be glad to receive any explanation you may wish to afford respecting this over-payment, and also that you have terminated the agreement with Mr. Berry in compliance with the telegraphic instructions of the late Premier, dated the 9th September.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 10.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 30th December, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 918, of the 22nd October last, and, in reply, to inform you that it is the practice of the Customs of this colony to give a very liberal interpretation to the exemptions specified in the tariff of passengers' baggage and effects, and to admit free of duty all household and other effects imported by passengers for their own private use, and not for sale. Such articles would also be treated in the same manner if the owner from any cause had to leave them behind, and they were sent by a vessel following one in which he took his passage.

Will you be good enough to take steps to make this information as public as possible.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 11.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 3rd January, 1880.

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of a letter, dated the 20th ultimo, from the Rev. Joseph Berry, requesting that he may be allowed the sum of £400 in addition to the sum of £510 which has been already paid him for his services as immigration lecturer in Great Britain. I shall be glad to receive a report from you of your opinion upon Mr. Berry's application.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

Enclosure in No. 11.

The Rev. J. BERRY to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Wellington, 20th December, 1879.

I beg most respectfully, on my return from Great Britain, to submit the following brief report upon my work here on behalf of the Government of New Zealand:—

My agreement with the Government was to devote six months to lecturing in Great Britain, for which I was to receive the sum of £300, paying my own expenses to and from England, and all travelling and hotel expenses during the six months in question. This I did; beginning on 1st January of this year, and ending on 30th June. After this, by arrangement with the Agent-General, I continued for three months longer, for which I received the sum of £210. The larger sum of £70 per month was paid me in consideration of the longer journeys and incessant travelling required to spread the desired information to fill the three special farmers' ships. In all, I delivered about one hundred and twenty lectures, travelling in many parts of England and through Scotland for the purpose.

About sixty of these lectures were delivered in the County of Lincolnshire. My plan was to lecture in the principal market towns, such as Lincoln, Louth, Boston, Spalding, &c., in the afternoon at the Corn Exchange or Town Hall, on which occasion I addressed farmers only. During the other evenings of the week I lectured in the principal agricultural villages. Chapels and schoolrooms were freely placed at my disposal, as a Christian minister, and I was a welcome guest at the homes of leading farmers. One direct result of this is the requisition signed by 500 farmers to Messrs. Grant and Foster. Many of the signatures are those of gentlemen personally known to me, and represent some of the best families in the county, while others are men of less means, but all are men of some capital.

I also lectured in many towns and cities, such as Liverpool, Leicester, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Glasgow, &c. My object in doing this was to turn in this direction some of the capital that in all British centres of industry lies idle. I took care, also, to be reported by the newspapers, and thus to reach the agricultural districts around. My audiences in such places generally ranged from five to fifteen hundred, and it was no uncommon thing for the largest buildings I could secure to be packed to the doors. In Birmingham, for instance, I found many coal- and iron-masters most eager to ascertain what scope New Zealand offered for their capital, and their sons. There is a magnificent and almost unlimited opening in Great Britain at the present for this kind of work, for men who can command audiences and carry weight. I also wrote a series of articles on New Zealand for the *Christian World* newspaper, which has an enormous circulation in every quarter of the globe. These articles were collected in pamphlet form, and 10,000 were sold in three months. In this way I soon aroused so much attention and inquiry that my correspondence for some months averaged from three to five hundred letters per week. This, with the lecturing, kept me employed almost incessantly day and night, and I had frequently to hire clerks to write at dictation.

When I made the original agreement with the Government I never contemplated doing so much work as this. Moreover at the time I was in feeble health, and hardly hoped to be so much invigorated by the sea voyage as I found myself. When, however, I saw that the work was to be done, I flung myself heartily into it. May I, therefore, respectfully ask your kind consideration of my case as to remuneration.

The nine months' work referred to above has occupied eighteen months in travelling and preparation, and the £510 paid to me does little more than cover the cost of passage for my family to England and back, and of travelling while there, and leaves me, of course, some hundreds of pounds short of my barest expenses for self and family. I beg, therefore, to ask that, in addition to the sum already paid me, the Government pay me a further sum, sufficient to cover the passage out and Home of myself and family (six young children, with wife, and servant), which has cost about £400. I may add that I have brought out Messrs. Grant and Foster, securing their passage-money from the Agent-General, but paying my own; also, that I am now engaged upon a second series of articles for the *Christian World*, with the special object of pointing out the field which New Zealand offers to capitalists.

I mentioned to the Agent-General my desire for further remuneration, but his answer was that, as my original agreement was made with the Government here, he was unable to go beyond his instructions, but that, if I applied through him, he would be happy to forward the application with his recommendation. I decided, however, to let my work speak for itself, and to address the Government myself upon my return.

Trusting to receive your kind and early consideration,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH BERRY.

No. 12.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 3rd January, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 925, of the 3rd November last, covering copies of telegrams between yourself and the Government in October

last on the subject of the suspension of immigration, and giving a detailed account of the action taken by you upon their receipt.

I observe what you say as to the dissatisfaction which is likely to arise from the postponing of the times at which effect can be given to nominations accepted in the colony. Instructions have been given to Immigration Officers in the colony not to accept any nominations without a written proviso that the Government only accept such nominations subject to immigration being resumed in the spring, and subject, of course, to the fitness of the nominees, and the general instructions as to the number and class of immigrants which have been given or may be hereafter given by the Government.

A considerable number of nominations, principally of single women, is sent by this mail. As previously intimated to you, there is no difficulty in the absorption of this class of immigrants, and it would be unadvisable within the general limits of the appropriation of Parliament to put any check upon it. I am aware of the fact that no less number than 150 can be brought in each ship in terms of the agreements with the New Zealand Shipping Company, and the Government must look to you to make the best arrangements you can for sending ships with that number approximately, filling in with such cases of families who may have been accepted under exceptional circumstances, and to such an extent as you may consider advisable for the purpose of maintaining steadiness and order in the ships.

I do not understand the difficulty which seems to have occurred to you, as to your having "exhausted the total number of emigrants other than nominated, whom you are authorized to send." The general suspension of emigration will leave further funds available for the particular class in question. The instructions to continue the introduction of single women, whether nominated or not, as submitted to Parliament, must be deemed to modify previous instructions; and you will, no doubt, act upon them with this view.

With regard to the ports to which they should be sent, I imagine that the number of nominations will very largely guide this. I find that between the 1st January, 1879, and the end of the year, the nominations of single women have been in the following proportions, which will clearly indicate the ports to which the ships might be most advantageously laid on for—namely: Auckland, 134; Napier, 39; Taranaki, 23; Wellington, 196; Nelson, 15; Marlborough, 21; Canterbury, 417; Otago and Southland, 432; Westland, 28; total, 1,305.

I enclose for your information copies of telegrams recently received by me on the arrival of the ships "Waitara," "Euterpe," "Southesk," and "Hereford." The report on the last-named, which carried nominated immigrants, is exceedingly satisfactory. With regard to those persons arriving in the other ships, and paying their own passages, I have given directions that all facilities should be given them that are afforded to those introduced by the Government; and instructions have been given to the Crown Lands Departments throughout the colony to give every information to those desirous of settling upon land, as to the blocks of land which will be available.

I enclose for your information copies of departmental papers which will show you the action which it is proposed to take under the amended Land Act and the Public Reserves Sale Act, of which I enclose copies.

On the whole I was very favourably impressed with the class of people who have come out of their own accord. Those of the agricultural class will, I have no doubt, do well; but I fear there will be considerable distress among those of the class of architects, surveyors, engineers, and tradespeople generally. It is impossible not to recognize that great difficulties may arise from the indiscreet "puffing" of the colony by agents desirous to make a show of the numbers they may induce to emigrate. The disappointment which ensues from the non-realization of unduly-excited anticipations is distressing to those concerned, and likely to react very injuriously upon the colony. You will no doubt think it right to give instructions to such agents as are continued, of the danger of encouraging the classes of settlers to which I have alluded, to come out.

You have already received authority to bring any engagements to an end that can fairly be terminated in this branch of the department. I am hopeful of far more satisfactory results from the unbiassed reports of men from England representing the agricultural interests there, who have seen and inquired into the manifold resources of this colony, than from paid agents in the United Kingdom.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

Enclosure 1 in No. 12.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 24th December, 1879.

"EUTERPE" arrived. All well. One birth; no deaths, and no sickness of any kind. Class of passengers good. Compartments in fair order. One case, Mary E. A—, aged thirteen, with parents, idiotic from infancy. Steps will be taken against ship under Imbecile Passengers Act. About sixty have applied for admission into depôt, which has been granted.

The Under-Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

J. E. MARCH.

Enclosure 2 in No. 12.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 24th December, 1879.

"WAITARA" arrived. All well on board. Three births. Six deaths: one case typhus, taken ill 26th September, died 1st October; two men, one child, died consumption; one man from apoplexy; and one child premature birth. Health of passengers generally good, and class very good. All compartments clean and satisfactory. One of the passengers, entered as J— P—, but who now states that his name is L—, and who further states that he has relatives in Ashburton, is at present lunatic, and has been so nearly whole voyage. Steps have been taken to commit him to asylum, and the ship will be called on to enter into bond under Imbecile Passengers Act.

The Under-Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

J. E. MARCH.

Enclosure 3 in No. 12.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION to the IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 30th December, 1879.

SEE that the law is strictly enforced with regard to the two lunatics by the "Euterpe" and "Waitara." Report when bonds entered into.

The Immigration Officer, Christchurch.

H. J. H. ELIOTT.

Enclosure 4 in No. 12.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Lyttelton, 28th December, 1879.

"SOUTHESK" arrived with 339 passengers. All well on board. No births. One death, apoplexy. Compartments clean; but arrangements for dispensing, and female hospital, most objectionable. Fortunately no sickness has occurred. Surgeon complains of insufficient supply of medicines and stores; that a requisition of his for extras he considered requisite was refused by charterers, Shaw, Savill, and Co. Class of passengers good; but, in case of several families, not at all suited for colony. Passengers will land to-morrow. A large number have applied for admission to dépôt. I will go by 10.30 train to-morrow, and make all necessary arrangements.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Christchurch.

J. E. MARCH.

Enclosure 5 in No. 12.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Lyttelton, 31st December, 1879.

"HEREFORD" arrived with 400 immigrants. Reports all well. Am now going on board.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Christchurch.

J. E. MARCH.

Enclosure 6 in No. 12.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Lyttelton, 31st December, 1879.

INSPECTION of "Hereford" highly satisfactory. One birth. Three deaths, all under two years. Class of immigrants very good. No complaints. Will land single women to-day if weather holds fine; others on Friday. A large number will be distributed in country districts direct from ship.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Christchurch.

J. E. MARCH.

Enclosure 7 in No. 12.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Christchurch, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Lyttelton, 31st December, 1879.

INSPECTION of "Hereford" highly satisfactory. One birth. Three deaths, all under two years. Class of immigrants very good. No complaints.

The Under-Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

J. E. MARCH.

No. 13.

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

SIR,—

Wellington, 7th January, 1880.

I have the honor to enclose for your information copies of memoranda, dated the 30th and 31st ultimo, by Dr. Skae, the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums, and the Immigration Officer at Dunedin, with respect to the cases of two lunatics, named J— G— and J— C—, *alias* J— McQ—, who arrived at Port Chalmers by the ships “Invercargill” and “Nelson;” and I shall be obliged by your causing inquiry to be made of the medical men who certified to the eligibility of these persons for passages as Government emigrants as to their knowledge of their previous history.

I regret to state that amongst the persons who are arriving in the colony as private passengers, frequent cases coming within the provisions of the Imbecile Passengers Act are detected, and in every instance the owners or charterers of the ships are requested to enter into the required bond.

I mention this fact in order that you may direct the attention of those shipping firms in the United Kingdom which are in the habit of despatching passengers to this colony, to the requirements of the law with regard to lunatic and imbecile passengers; and I transmit herewith for their information six copies each of the Imbecile Passengers Acts of 1873, 1875, and 1879.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 14.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 10th January, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th November last, No. 1,037, and, in reply, to inform you that I approve of your proposal to revert to the old system of paying surgeons-superintendent the sum of £50 on account of their return passage to the United Kingdom, on their producing the necessary proofs that their duties have been satisfactorily performed.

I shall be obliged by your intimating this change in the terms of his appointment to each surgeon-superintendent before he sails in charge of Government emigrants.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 15.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 14th January, 1880.

Referring to your letter No. 1,003, of the 11th November last, transmitting packets of letters addressed to the Immigration Officers at Auckland and Wellington by the persons who are coming out in the ship “Maraval” under the leadership of Mr. Press, I have the honor to enclose for your information a copy of the list of the names and occupations of the persons comprising the party. From this list you will learn that the majority of the occupations are not of such a nature as will enable the immigrants to readily find employment on arrival.

I think it right to direct your attention to this matter, as I understand the persons in question were induced to come out upon the representations of Mr. Arthur Clayden, who it was understood undertook to introduce small farmers possessed of capital, and agricultural labourers, rather than tradespeople and artisans.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

Enclosure in No. 15.

List of Mr. PRESS's party by the “Maraval” admitted to the Immigration Depôt, Wellington.

Names.			Married or Single.			Occupation.
H. C —	...	...	Single	...	...	Pattern-maker or carpenter.
G. M —	...	...	Single	...	...	Carpenter.
S. W —	...	...	Single	...	...	Labourer or railway clerk.
G. D —	...	...	Single	...	...	Labourer on farm or anywhere.

LIST of Mr. PRESS's party by the "Maraval"—*continued*.

Names.	Married or Single.	Occupation.
B— (2 adults) ...	Married ...	Labourer on farm or anywhere.
G. M— ...	Single ...	Labourer on farm or anywhere.
T. F— ...	Single ...	Labourer on farm or anywhere.
E. G— ...	Single ...	Plasterer.
H. H— ...	Single ...	Plasterer.
C. S— ...	Single ...	Plasterer.
J. W. W— ...	Single ...	Tailor.
T. B— (3 adults) ...	Married ...	Grocer.
J. B— ...	Single ...	Grocer.
M. F— ...	Single ...	Draper.
C. W— ...	Single ...	Draper.
C. H— ...	Single ...	Draper.
J. W— ...	Single ...	Draper.
A— (3 adults) ...	Married ...	Painter or anything.
H— (5 adults) ...	Married ...	Watch-finisher.
W. D— ...	Single ...	Warehouseman.
J. R— ...	Single ...	Warehouseman.
G. M— ...	Single ...	Warehouseman.
A. T— ...	Single ...	Warehouseman.
T. H— ...	Single ...	Lad.
J. F— (4½ adults) ...	Married ...	Grocer.
R— ...	Single ...	Draper.

Wellington, January, 1880.

JAMES B. REDWARD,
Immigration Officer.

No. 16.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 16th January, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st ultimo, No. 1,059, in which you fully explain the peculiar and special circumstances under which you are compelled in some instances to take promissory notes from emigrants coming out to this colony.

I have carefully considered the remarks which you make, and, although I am aware it would not be expedient to hamper you with such instructions as would leave you no discretionary power, the Government is of opinion that, considering the existing circumstances of the colony, and the fact that a very large number of persons are paying their own passages in full, it is not right for persons who are absolutely without means to be not only introduced free of cost, but to have advances made to them from the public funds upon the security of their promissory notes, past experience having shown that the chances of payment of those notes are very uncertain.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 17.

The Hon. Major ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 23rd January, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th November, No. 1,054, and, in reply, to inform you that the Government concurs in the view taken by you with reference to the question of further reducing the number of paid local agents.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand,
London.

(for the Minister for Immigration.)

No. 18.

The Hon. Major ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 27th January, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1,103, of the 3rd December last, relative to the arrangement you made with Mr. Julius Jeffreys to renew his engagement for a further period of two months from the 30th November.

As the Government do not desire to avail themselves of that gentleman's services at the present time, a telegram with the word "Julius" was sent yesterday.

The Agent-General for New Zealand,
London.

I have, &c.,
H. A. ATKINSON,
(for the Minister for Immigration.)

No. 19.

The Hon. Major ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 27th January, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1,002, of the 11th November last, and enclosures, relative to the proposed undertaking to be signed by emigrants before embarkation, making themselves liable for the payment of their passages in case the representations made by them prove false; and, in reply, to inform you that the form you transmit has been approved, and copies sent to all Immigration Officers in the colony, with instructions to give effect to the requirements as pointed out by you.

The Agent-General for New Zealand,
London.

I have, &c.,
H. A. ATKINSON,
(for the Minister for Immigration.)

No. 20.

The Hon. Major ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 29th January, 1880.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your information copy of a letter which has been addressed to Mr. Arthur Clayden, by which you will see that Government will not retain his services after the 1st July next.

The Agent-General for New Zealand,
London.

I have, &c.,
H. A. ATKINSON,
(for the Minister for Immigration.)

Enclosure in No. 20.

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Immigration, to Mr. A. CLAYDEN.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 16th January, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd ultimo, inquiring whether the Government would retain your services after the expiry of the twelve months dating from the 1st July last, or, in the event of your services not being further required, the Government would grant return passages to the colony for your wife and yourself.

In reply I have to inform you that I submitted your application to the Hon. the Minister for Immigration, who has directed that your engagement should not be extended beyond the term stated in the Parliamentary Paper D.—1, Sess. I., 1879, copy of which is enclosed for your information.

A. Clayden, Esq., 13, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.

I have, &c.,
H. J. H. ELIOTT,
Under-Secretary.

No. 21.

The Hon. Major ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 12th February, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th December last, No. 1,111, stating that you had recently received a number of letters from America representing that paragraphs have appeared in many newspapers in that country stating that school-teachers were in demand in this colony.

In reply I have to inform you that similar applications have been made to the Education Department here; and I enclose copy of the lithographed reply which has been given to each applicant by the Secretary to that department.

The Agent-General for New Zealand,
London.

I have, &c.,
H. A. ATKINSON,
(for the Minister for Immigration.)

Enclosure in No. 21.

New Zealand Education Department,

SIR,—

Wellington, 11th February, 1880.

I have the honor, by direction of the Minister of Education, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date as per margin, which has been forwarded to him by Sir George Grey, the former Premier of the colony, to whom your letter is addressed.

I have to inform you that appointments to public schools here are not vested in the Education Department, but in the several Education Boards and School Committees throughout the colony, and that, so far as the Minister is aware, no difficulties are experienced in obtaining in this or the neighbouring colonies of Australasia a sufficient number of qualified teachers for the public schools. It is therefore not likely that any governing bodies here will incur the expense of bringing teachers from America.

I have not had an opportunity of perusing the article referred to by you, but, as far as I can gather, it must refer to a former state of matters. I must say, however, that teachers in all respects unexceptional who have come to this colony at their own charge, have hitherto, as a rule, experienced little or no difficulty in obtaining appointments after a longer or shorter time of waiting.

I have, &c.,

JOHN HISLOP,
Secretary.

No. 22.

The Hon. Major ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 17th February, 1880.

Referring to Mr. Rolleston's letter of the 28th October, 1879, No. 221, I enclose a list of promissory notes received from you by last mail, amounting to £221 16s. 6d.

You will observe that this amount is greatly in excess of the amount for which notes were taken in the cases previously referred to; and I would again impress upon you the necessity of refusing to take any promissory notes whatever, unless under exceedingly exceptional circumstances, the merits of each case being specially inquired into and determined by yourself before a note is accepted.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand,
London.

H. A. ATKINSON,
(for the Minister for Immigration.)

Enclosure in No. 22.

SCHEDULE of promissory notes received from the Agent-General during the current month:—
Ships: "Earl Granville," £41 5s. 6d.; "Westland," £108 9s.; "Canterbury," £38 2s.; "Oamaru," £33; "Auckland," £1: total, £221 16s. 6d.—Wellington, 16th February, 1880.

No. 23.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 25th February, 1880.

Referring to my letter of the 3rd ultimo, respecting the application of the Rev. J. Berry for further remuneration on account of his services as an emigration lecturer in the United Kingdom, I have the honor to enclose for your information copy of a telegram which has been addressed to Mr. Berry upon the subject.

With regard to further employment of Mr. Berry, I beg to explain that his services, as tendered by him, were not to influence the labouring classes, but to represent the advantages of the colony to farmers possessing sufficient capital to enable them to enter upon the occupation of land on their arrival. It appears to the Government that if Mr. Berry could do this he would be rendering material services. The Government therefore authorize you, if you think any arrangement could be satisfactorily entered into, to make such terms as you may think fit with Mr. Berry for a limited period with this special object.

As has been pointed out to you, it would be inexpedient under existing circumstances to encourage labouring men without capital to come out to the colony.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

W. ROLLESTON,
Minister for Immigration.

Enclosure in No. 23.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the Rev. Mr. BERRY.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 11th February, 1880.

YOUR letter respecting further remuneration. Government have considered matter, but cannot comply with request pending report from Agent-General as to amount, respecting which he was written to sometime since. But, as it is no doubt important to you that immediate decision should be had, if possible, seeing, also, that Agent-General has reported favourably upon your mission generally, and that it involved an unexpectedly large amount of work, the Government give you the option of accepting £200, to be paid at once, in full satisfaction of your claims, or of awaiting Agent-General's report and recommendations. The question of further lectures in England will be left entirely in the hands of the Agent-General, and he will be instructed accordingly.

Rev. Mr. Berry, care of Mr. Edson, Queen-street, Auckland.

JOHN HALL.

No. 24.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 26th February, 1880.

I desire to point out to you that in the accounts of your department for the months of November and December last the following items appear: (1) William McLelland, expenses incurred in lecturing in Kirkeudbright, £2 12s. 3d.; (2) Joseph Kennerley, travelling expenses, £30; (3) Arthur Clayden, travelling and hotel expenses, £26 10s. 5d.

I presume Mr. McLelland has been appointed by you for some special purpose in connection with emigration, and I have no remarks to make respecting the account for his expenses, the amount of which is small.

With regard to Mr. Kennerley, you will learn from the letter from Mr. Ballance to yourself, dated 15th May last,* he offered his services gratuitously in procuring suitable emigrants for the colony, but, as nothing was stated about travelling expenses, I presume you have found it desirable to allow them.

With respect to Mr. Clayden, however, it is expressly stated in the letter from the Under-Secretary, copy of which was transmitted to you on the 2nd May,† that the sum of £200 (which was afterwards increased to £250) would be paid to Mr. Clayden, out of which he would have to find his own travelling expenses in the United Kingdom.

As the above accounts have been already paid, I have authorized their being passed to credit in the usual manner; and I merely direct your attention to them as, under the existing circumstances of the colony, it is not desirable that the services of any local agents should be continued for a longer period than that stated in my letter of the 6th November.‡

Whilst on the subject of local agents, it has been brought under my notice that some of the persons who have been sent Home from the colony to act in that capacity have been paid a commission, at a certain rate per head, by shipowners and brokers for procuring passengers for their vessels, without, so far as I can gather, any guarantee being required of the suitability of the passengers for colonial life; the result being that a very large number of unsuitable persons are now in the colony absolutely without any means whatever, having been induced to dispose of whatever property they possessed in order to pay their passages. I shall be obliged by your causing strict inquiry to be made, and, if it is found that any of the persons now employed as emigration agents have accepted any commission or remuneration other than that paid by you, you should at once terminate their engagements.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 25.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 26th February, 1880.

UNEMPLOYED numerous and increasing. Warn men without means against coming at present. Send none yourself.

Vogel, London.

HALL.

No. 26.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 27th February, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th December, No. 1,122, pointing out that you had not received a written reply to your previous letter of the 23rd April,§ and urging the many advantages which would accrue to all parties concerned if an emigration depôt for New Zealand exclusively was established at Falmouth.

In reply, I regret that your first letter was not replied to more fully; but it was considered the telegram from the late Government,|| dated 24th July last, sufficiently informed you of the decision arrived at.

The Government has again carefully considered your letter now under reply, and the conclusion arrived at is, that under the existing circumstances of the colony, and considering the determination to suspend immigration for a time, there does not appear to be sufficient reason to entertain the question at present.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 27.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 28th February, 1880.

In reply to an application from Mr. Bathgate for an extension of the period of his employment as an emigration lecturer in the United Kingdom, a telegraphic message has this day

* No. 46, D.-1, Sess. I., 1879.

† No. 42, D.-1, Sess. I., 1879.

‡ D.-1A, Sess. II., 1879.

§ No. 235, D.-7, Sess. I., 1879.

|| No. 2, D.-7, Sess. II., 1874.

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.

No. 32.

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 your letter of the 12th February, No. 109, covering copy of a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Women's Emigration Society, formed for the purpose of promoting emigration of women to the colonies, and, in reply, to say that I will revert to the communication in another letter. In the meantime, I feel no doubt as to the prospects of educated women, having a special aptitude and capacity for teaching, or for the position of nurses in hospitals; but I should not like to encourage any one, male or female, on the ground of general education, without some special acquirements which would command a livelihood.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 33.

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 your letter of the 28th January, No. 79, supplying information respecting payments made to the Rev. Mr. Berry for his services as an emigration lecturer.

I transmit herewith copy of a telegraphic message which was sent to you *via* Auckland, to overtake the San Francisco mail, having further reference to the future employment of that gentleman.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

Enclosure in No. 33.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 1st March, 1880.

SINCE my letter respecting Mr. Berry's services was posted, on Saturday last, I have received from him a note showing that he had arranged to cut up and place upon the English market several large properties in this colony. This, in opinion of Government, is incompatible with the work proposed to be undertaken by Mr. Berry for the Government; and he has been informed accordingly.

Complaints that lecturers have exaggerated or been partial have no doubt, as a rule, been without justification; but it would not be believed they could be fair if it were known or suspected that they were privately interested in cutting up and selling land. Mr. Berry leaves by San Francisco mail-steamer.

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 34.

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 your letter No. 8, of the 1st January, and I thank you for the valuable summary which it contains of the proceedings of your department during the year 1879. A copy of the report will be laid before Parliament at its next session.

You will have gathered from the successive instructions which have been forwarded to you since the month of October last, that the progress of events in the colony has been such as to render it incumbent upon the Government from time to time to issue more stringent instructions as to the terms upon which passages would be granted to intending emigrants, until it has been finally decided that not only should assisted emigration be suspended, but that even nominated passages should not be provided until next spring, and not then unless immigration was resumed at the public cost.

When I mention that at the present time the Government has upwards of 1,450 married and single men employed upon road and other public works merely to relieve distress which exists throughout the colony, you will readily realize the difficulties in finding employment which beset persons now arriving in the colony without capital.

You state that there would probably be no difficulty in commencing to send out emigrants at the end of June or beginning of July if you received instructions as to the requirements of the colony not later than the present month. In face of the facts above quoted, the Government does not consider itself justified at present in anticipating any resumption of immigration

at that time; and it is not likely that Parliament will authorize the introduction during the ensuing twelve months of any but nominated persons—as to whom you will receive special instructions—and single women.

Under these circumstances it is desirable that you should at once make your departmental arrangements accordingly, and that, if you have not already done so, you should dispense with the services of all local or travelling agents so far as is consistent with existing engagements, and in cases where specific engagements exist, it would be desirable for you to endeavour to come to some satisfactory arrangements for terminating them.

At the same time, if you find that the same overdrawn statements of the present facilities for obtaining employment in the colony are being given by unauthorized agents, I shall be obliged by your taking some public means of disclaiming all responsibility for them.

On the 26th February the telegraphic message was despatched to you instructing you to warn persons without capital from emigrating to New Zealand.

I must also point out to you that, as the immigration requirements of the colony during the ensuing twelve months will be accordingly limited, it appears to the Government that your staff could be very materially reduced. For instance, the second shipping officer, if not already dispensed with, would seem to be no longer necessary. Other reductions in your staff would also, I have no doubt, suggest themselves to you on your becoming aware of the wishes of the Government in the matter, and I shall be glad to hear that you have considerably reduced the total cost of the Agent-General's Department.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 35.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 24th April, 1880.

Referring to your letter of the 20th February last, No. 142, I have the honor to transmit, for your information, copy of a telegraphic message which was despatched to you by the Hon. the Premier on the 21st instant, directing you not to resume nominated emigration.

I also enclose copies of the recent instructions issued to immigration officers throughout the colony, from which you will learn that they have been directed to take no more nominations for passages until further instructed.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

Enclosure 1 in No. 35.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 21st April, 1880.

DON'T resume nominated emigration. May send limited number females, very carefully selected.

Vogel, London.

HALL.

Enclosure 2 in No. 35.

CIRCULAR to all IMMIGRATION OFFICERS.

Immigration Office, Wellington, 2nd April, 1880:

DISCOURAGE all nominations as much as you possibly can, and, in cases where you have to accept nominations, inform the nominators that the Government will not recognize any claims on account of passages not being provided for their nominees. If persons who have recently arrived in the colony without their wives and families wish to nominate them now, the nominations must be declined for the present, unless in very special cases, full particulars of each case which is accepted provisionally being reported to this office.

The Immigration Officer, Wellington.

H. J. H. ELIOTT,

Under-Secretary.

Enclosure 3 in No. 35.

CIRCULAR to all IMMIGRATION OFFICERS.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 24th April, 1880.

FOR the present, and until further instructions, take no more nominations for passages. Applicants should be informed they can make their own arrangements with one of the shipping firms or otherwise.

H. J. H. ELIOTT,

Under-Secretary.

No. 36.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 7th May, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th February, No. 104, and, in reply, to inform you that arrangements have been made with Dr. Hector to forward you a series of samples of raw products to enable you to form a small museum illustrating the resources of the colony.

These articles should be placed on view in some suitable room accessible to the public either in proximity to your office, or probably, which would be better, the authorities of the South Kensington Museum would give them a place near the collections which, I understand, are there from Queensland and other colonies.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

Minister for Immigration.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 37.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 17th May, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd March last, No. 230, covering copies of correspondence with the Admiralty relative to a report of a probable shipwreck on Amsterdam Island, and that H.M.S. "Raleigh" had been ordered to call at that island *en route* for Sydney.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

Minister for Immigration.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 38.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 22nd May, 1880.

I enclose copy of a telegraphic message which has this day been addressed to you, informing you that the Government had decided to continue the contract with the New Zealand Shipping Company, which expired at the end of last month, for a further period of one year from the 30th April last, the only modification being, in clauses 25 and 26, relative to payment for short shipments of immigrants, the terms of which were embodied in the enclosed copy of a memorandum.

The necessary documents for giving effect to the decision of the Government will be drawn up by the Law Office of the Crown, and when they have been properly executed by the Company copies will be transmitted to you.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

Minister for Immigration.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure 1 in No. 38.

MEMORANDUM.

It was agreed with Mr. Coster (Mr. Levin being present) that the contract with the Shipping Company would be extended for one year:—

"That the terms of the clauses relating to short shipments of immigrants would be so modified that, in the case of future shipments during the year, if the short shipments in any case exceeded ten, an allowance of one moiety would be made for every one above ten short-shipped, *i.e.*, *e.g.*, if the nominal lists were, say 200, and only 170 were shipped, Government would pay one moiety upon 20.

J. L. C. (Chairman)."

Witness—H. J. H. Elliott.

W. ROLLESTON,

19th May, 1880.

Enclosure 2 in No. 38.

(Telegram.)

New Zealand Shipping Company contract extended for twelve months.

Vogel, London.

Wellington, 22nd May, 1880.

HALL.

No. 39.

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

SIR,—

New Zealand, Immigration Office, Wellington, 22nd May, 1880.

I have the honor to direct your attention to the letters from this office,* also to the letter of the 3rd January last, and the telegraphic message of the 21st April from the Hon. the Premier, all of which have reference to the departmental arrangements of your staff, consequent on the limitation and subsequent suspension of immigration.

* 6th November, 1879; 3rd January, 1880; 3rd April, 1880.

I do not find, up to the date of the last mail, that you had taken the action the Government had expected upon previous instructions.

I shall hope to hear by the next mail that you have not only reduced your official staff, but actually stopped all lecturing; and that, in the cases of Messrs. G. M. Reed and Clayden, if you have been unable to arrange for terminating the agreements, you will have at any rate arranged to utilize their services in some other way for the period during which the Government is under obligation to pay them.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

Minister for Immigration.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

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