

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE AGENT-GENERAL, LONDON.

NOTE.—The Memoranda ordering Railway Plant have with a few exceptions been omitted, but the details of the material ordered and arrived are, for convenience, scheduled and inserted at the end of this paper.

The Memoranda relating to the ship “England,” and to the Hon. Colonel Feilding’s arrangement on behalf of the Emigrant and Colonist’s Aid Corporation, are printed separately.

No. 1.

MEMORANDUM for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

(No. 24, 1871.)

Public Works Office, Wellington, 30th August, 1871.

HEREWITH is forwarded copy of a correspondence with His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, relative to immigration to that Province, under the provisions of “The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870.” From it you will learn that His Excellency the Governor has issued regulations for the introduction into that Province of both assisted and nominated immigration, and that the Government have promised to instruct you to avail yourself of the services of the Provincial Agent in Scotland, in selecting and shipping, within the next twelve months, the following numbers and classes of immigrants, viz. :—

Single men,—	Adults	
Farm labourers (ploughmen)	600	
Gardeners	50	
Flaxdressers	25	
Ropemakers	25	
Coal Miners	50	
Single women,—	750	
Farm servants (dairymaids)	500	
Domestic servants	500	
Married couples	100	200
Total	1,950	

The immigration to Otago has been so long and successfully conducted by the Provincial Agent in Scotland, that the Government have no doubt you will gladly avail yourself of the services of that officer, and it is only necessary, therefore, for me to draw your attention to the following particulars, viz. :—(1.) That the regulations provide that the Provincial Agent in Scotland is to act under your direction. (2.) That it is desired that few, if any, immigrants should arrive in Otago during June, July, and August. (3.) That special encouragement is intended to be offered to flaxdressers and ropemakers by grants of land, of which the details are not yet prepared; and (4.) That the Superintendent and Provincial Council concur in recommending a perambulating home agency, consisting of one or more persons from New Zealand, thoroughly acquainted with the agricultural and pastoral pursuits of the Colony, and qualified to give reliable information.

This last point will very likely have engaged your attention before this reaches you, and the Government will probably shortly learn whether it is correct in anticipating that you would be likely to avail yourself of the services of some of the New Zealand residents now in Britain.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 2.

MEMORANDUM for the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

(No. 37, 1871.)

Public Works Office, Wellington, 30th September, 1871.

REFERRING to the correspondence with His Honor the Superintendent of Hawke’s Bay, relative to special settlements in that Province, forwarded in memorandum No. 4, of 7th July, (see No. 32, D. No. 3, 1871) I now enclose copy of a further correspondence on that subject. From it you will learn that, with a view to the location of Scandinavian and Western Highland immigrants on blocks of land situated in the Seventy-Mile Bush and Ruataniwha Blocks, you are instructed to procure and send out 300 families, 100 single men, and such young women as desire to accompany their relations, but that the Government are as yet unable to specify the exact terms which you will be authorized to offer to these intending immigrants.

The Government are aware that the gathering of immigrants for special settlements is a work of time; and the object of authorizing you to engage a definite number of immigrants for Hawke’s Bay is, that you may feel yourself warranted in taking any preliminary steps which you may find desirable with that view.

W. GISBORNE.