

I need scarcely repeat that the success of the public works policy of the Government depends in a great degree on the early arrival of a large immigration, the commencement of many and most important works being delayed, and those begun progressing with comparative slowness, owing to the difficulty of procuring labour without deranging the ordinary avocations of the settlers.

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Enclosure in No. 17.

Regulations for the Introduction of Immigrants into New Zealand, on the nomination of persons resident therein.

G. F. BOWEN, Governor.

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WHEREAS by "The Immigration and Public Works Act, 1870," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, at the request of the Superintendent of any Province, from time to time make Regulations (as therein mentioned) for the conduct of immigration under the said Act into such Province, and for the nomination of Immigrants by persons resident therein, and for the distribution of funds provided by the said Act for immigration purposes, and for the introduction into and settlement in such Province of Immigrants, and for selling as special settlements for any such Immigrants any lands which he may acquire from any Province under the provisions therein contained, or any lands acquired under "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," or the Acts amending the same, and for laying out and allotting any lands so acquired amongst any such Immigrants: And whereas by "The Immigration and Public Works Act Amendment Act, 1871," it is, among other things, enacted that so much of the thirty-ninth and forty-first sections of the said Act as provide that any acts, matters, or things are to or may be done by the Governor at the request of the Superintendent of a Province, is thereby repealed; and it is thereby enacted that the Governor may exercise all the powers, and do and perform all the acts, matters, and things in the said sections mentioned, without any request from any Superintendent of any Province or any other person or authority:

And whereas, in pursuance of the power and authority contained in the said first-mentioned Act, the Governor, at the request of certain Superintendents of Provinces, did make certain Regulations for the introduction of Immigrants from Europe into those Provinces respectively, on the nomination of persons resident therein: And whereas it hath been determined to make other Regulations in lieu of those so made as aforesaid:

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by the hereinbefore in part-recited Acts, and of every other power and authority enabling me in that behalf, do hereby make the Regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto for the introduction of Immigrants from Europe into the Colony of New Zealand, on the nomination of persons resident therein.

SCHEDULE.

1. Each applicant will be required to pay, at the time of making the application, the sum of £5 for each adult (except single women) and £2 10s. for each child between the ages of one and twelve years, whom it is desired to have introduced into the Colony. Infants in arms, under one year, free. This rate being only for the ship passage from London (or such other port as the ship may sail from) to the Colony, the cost of reaching such port of sailing in Europe and proceeding up the country to their friends after arrival in the Colony, will have to be defrayed by the Emigrants themselves.

2. Free passages will be granted to single women between the ages of 12 and 35, provided they are able to produce proof of good character to the satisfaction of the Agent-General in London.

3. In the event of any Emigrants applied for declining to emigrate, whatever money may have been deposited with the Government will be returned to the applicants so soon as the Agent-General in England shall have apprised the Government thereof; but in the event of any Emigrants applied for accepting the offer of a passage in a particular ship, and so, by failing to present themselves for embarkation at the time and port appointed by the Agent-General in England for the sailing of such ship, be left behind, the passage money and passages will be forfeited.

4. Applicants in the Colony, when writing to the persons for whose passages they have applied, should distinctly inform them that no part of the passage money paid in the Colony will be returned, if they omit to write to the Agent-General in London, telling him that they decline the passages offered to them.

5. The address of the Agent-General in London is as follows:—

The Agent-General for New Zealand,

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, S.W., London.

6. All the ships employed in this service will be under the provisions of the "Passenger Act."

7. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Agent-General in London will have power to refuse passages where the intending Emigrants are in ill health, or in any way unfitted, according to his judgment, to undertake the voyage.

8. Forms of Application may be obtained at any Post Office in the Colony, but passage moneys can only be paid at any money Order Post Office in the Colony.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at the Government House, at Wellington, this third day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

W. GISBORNE.