

unfettered in the exercise of a wise discretion in pursuance of the ultimate object of a large and immediate addition to the population of the Colony." The regulations granting free passages were issued on the 10th March, and revoked on the 17th of the same month. The Agent-General's telegram of 5th March was replied to on the 12th April, authorizing Agent-General to dispense with all charges he thought proper.

BROGDEN'S CONTRACT.

THE Government were quite aware of Messrs. Brogden's application to be relieved from the liability connected with their contract, when Mr. Waterhouse's Memorandum of 23rd November, authorizing immigrants to be relieved of certain if not all charges, was despatched. Mr. Waterhouse on the same date, 23rd November, referred Messrs. Brogden's application to be released from their contract liabilities, to the Agent-General.

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