

Shipping Company (Limited), from which it will be seen that an arrangement has been come to with Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co. to provide passages to the Colony for the August emigrants.

I was induced to make my application of 4th instant for two reasons,—namely, 1st. Because Mr. Turner was not in a position to give me the names of the ships for August in time to enable me to issue the contract tickets to emigrants; and 2nd. With a view of relieving the Government from a very heavy charge for short shipments, Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co. having consented to forego their claim for all short shipments in July, and to accept 100 emigrants for each of the three August ships. I need hardly explain that the latter condition was an important one, inasmuch as August is a very slack month.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington, N.Z.

Enclosure 1 in No. 3.

Mr. C. W. TURNER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

DEAR SIR,—
The New Zealand Shipping Company, Limited,
India House, Alderman's Walk, London, E.C., 8th July, 1873.

Referring to your letter to Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co. of 4th instant, desiring them to see me with a view to this Company vacating its claim to provide passages for your August emigrants, and thereby releasing the Government from a heavy claim for short numbers of passengers for July under your contract with Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co.; to my letter to you of 4th instant, advising that Mr. Savill declined to accept my proposal; and to our interview of this morning on same subject, when it was decided that this Company should take up the August service,—I have now to state that Mr. Temple and Mr. Savill called on me this afternoon, when an arrangement was made which was subsequently assented to by you. I now write so that the terms thereof may be placed on record, and advised to the Colony.

That, with a view to save the heavy claims for short numbers for July, this Company will consent to your accepting Shaw, Savill, and Co.'s offer for August unconditionally, so far as Auckland and Wellington are concerned, and to Otago, provided you only give 100 adults to their vessel for that port to be appointed to sail on 27th August, the object of this limitation being that the Company's ship, to be despatched for Otago on 10th September, shall have a good number of emigrants.

In consequence of this arrangement, the Company's contract for the conveyance of emigrants will now commence with the sailing of the first ship in September.

I shall feel obliged by your confirming this letter, and advising the same to the Colony.

I am, &c.,

I. E. Featherston, Esq.,

C. W. TURNER.

Agent-General for the Colony of New Zealand.

Enclosure 2 in No. 3.

The AGENT-GENERAL to Mr. C. W. TURNER.

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

10th July 1873.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th instant, and to state that I readily concur in the arrangement you have entered into with Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co. with regard to the ships for August, and at the same time to thank you for having acted in this matter so entirely in the interests of the New Zealand Government.

I have, &c.,

C. W. Turner, Esq., New Zealand Shipping Co.,
India House, Alderman's Walk, E.C.

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

No. 4.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(No. 607.)

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

23rd September, 1873.

SIR,—

Referring to the Hon. Mr. O'Rorke's Memorandum of 18th June, No. 125, 1873, on the subject of promoting emigration from Wales, I beg to refer you to Mr. Carter's various reports of his visits to that portion of the United Kingdom, and to the fact that I have largely advertised in the Welsh newspapers, in proof that Wales has not been neglected.

I may add that the number of local agents has lately been increased.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington, N.Z.