

No. 35.

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

(No. 853.) 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

19th December, 1873.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Immigration Memorandum No. 192, 1873, of 17th September, enclosing copy of the report of the Immigration Commissioners at Auckland, upon the ship "Berar." I am glad to observe that the Immigration Commissioners were completely satisfied with the fittings and condition of the ship, the quality of the provisions, and all the other arrangements of the vessel.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

Agent-General.

No. 36.

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

(No. 872.) 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

26th December, 1873.

SIR,—

Referring to my letter of 28th October, No. 701, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Vesey Stewart proceeded to the Colony by the steamer "Mongol," which sailed from Plymouth on Tuesday last. Before his departure, I paid over to him the sum of £105 to defray the cost of his passage to the Colony; and by this mail I have requested the Colonial Treasurer to provide a similar amount for his return passage, when Mr. Stewart is in a position to demand it.

I beg to forward herewith copy of a letter which I have addressed to the Superintendent of Auckland, from which you will observe that not a single family had actually pledged itself to join the movement, and that Mr. Farnall had in reality accomplished nothing towards giving effect to the proposed scheme of a special settlement. I trust that Mr. Stewart's visit to the Colony will be attended with good results, and I beg to commend him to your favourable consideration.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

The Hon. Julius Vogel, C.M.G., Wellington, N.Z.

Agent-General.

Enclosure in No. 36.

The AGENT-GENERAL to His HONOR the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

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

24th December, 1873.

SIR,—

I have much pleasure in introducing to you Mr. Vesey Stewart, the bearer of this, who is proceeding to Auckland for the purpose of informing himself as to the capabilities of this Province for the location of a special settlement. Mr. Stewart was the originator of the movement about which Mr. Farnall was at one time in correspondence with Mr. Gillies, the late Superintendent. On discovering that little or no progress was being made with the scheme, and that not a single family had actually pledged itself to join it, I adopted the course suggested by Mr. Gillies, and offered to defray the cost of Mr. Stewart's passage to and from the Colony. Knowing the interest taken by the Provincial Government of Auckland in the success of the scheme, I feel I cannot do better than commend Mr. Stewart to your good offices.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

Agent-General.

No. 37.

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

(No. 874.) 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

26th December, 1873.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Mr. Samuel Cochrane, late of Auckland, Emigration Agent in Belfast and the adjoining districts, at the same rate of remuneration as Mr. Mason, of Dublin, receives. I may state that this appointment meets with the entire approval of Mr. James Williamson and Mr. T. Russell, who believe that Mr. Cochrane's thorough knowledge of the capabilities of the Province of Auckland, will secure for it a fair share of the large emigration at present being directed to the Colony.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

The Hon. Julius Vogel, C.M.G., Wellington, N.Z.

Agent-General.