No. 16.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration to His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland. (No. 91.)

SIR,-

Immigration Office, Wellington, 30th March, 1874.

Having been advised by the Agent-General that a great many emigrants are now on the water, who will in all probability arrive during the winter months, it has suggested itself to me to ask your Honor whether the Provincial Government are willing to accept the responsibility of finding them employment, or whether you would prefer that the General Government should set apart some particular public work upon which they could for a time find occupation at rates of wages below those offered by contractors; thus avoiding competition with the ordinary day labour now in the Colony. Should your Honor be favourable to this view, I will at once move the Public Works Department in the matter, in order that no time may be lost in completing the necessary arrangements.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

Julius Vogel.

No. 17.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland, to the Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 22nd April, 1874. SIR,-I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 30th ultimo, in reference

to the employment of immigrants expected to arrive during the winter months.

I have no doubt that ready means of employment will be obtained for such of the immigrants expected to arrive, as may be found eligible and adapted to undertake labour or service amongst the settlers in the immediate neighbourhood of Auckland, or in the outlying districts of the Province. Nevertheless, though many public works are proposed to be undertaken shortly by the Provincial Government, the works are not likely to be of such an extent and magnitude, or so closely situated to the port of arrival, as to justify the Government in offering to the immigrants day labour thereon. Most of the Provincial works which are likely to be undertaken will be performed under contract.

If, therefore, any of the immigrants remain unemployed after a period subsequent to their arrival, the arrangement which you propose, for setting apart a portion of the General Government works for

their employment, might be found convenient.

I have, &c.,
J. WILLIAMSON, Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

TARANAKI.

No. 18.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration to His Honor the Superintendent, Taranaki. (Circular.)

Immigration Office, Wellington, 16th October, 1873. SIR,-

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of an Order in Council, dated the 15th instant, establishing a system of free nominated emigration to the Colony, trusting to your cordial co-operation with the General Government in their endeavours to bring population to the country. I also enclose copies of forms intended to be used by persons nominating their friends, which I shall be obliged if you will circulate through the medium of Provincial officers and schoolmasters.

These application forms, you will observe, are returnable to the Immigration Officers. If you agree to the proposal I have made you by printed letter dated 14th instant, to take charge of the immigrants on arrival, I shall be glad if you will assist and direct the Immigration Officer in your Province in

respect to his treatment of these applications.

His Honor the Superintendent, Taranaki.

I have, &c., Julius Vogel.

No. 19.

His Honor the Superintendent, Taranaki, to the Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

Sir,—

Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth, 5th December, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 16th October, 1873, together with a copy of an Order in Council, 15th October, 1873, establishing a system of free emigration to the Colony, and asking my co-operation with the General Government in their endeavours to bring population into the country; also, copies of forms to be used by persons nominating their friends, which forms you ask me to have circulated, &c.

In reply I heg leave to say that I shall have great placeups if I can be appropriately associated the General Communications.

In reply, I beg leave to say that I shall have great pleasure if I can in any way assist the Government in bringing population into the Colony. The forms have been, and will again from time to time