

No. 25.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Hawke's Bay, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 22nd October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing copy of an Order in Council establishing a system of free nominated immigration to the Colony. The 100 separate forms sent have also been received.

I beg to express my great satisfaction at the course the Government has adopted in this matter, and feel satisfied that the immigration that will be effected under this system will be most satisfactory in its character.

As I have accepted the proposal made in your letter of the 14th instant, to take charge of immigrants on arrival here, I shall be glad to do as you request, and assist and direct the Immigration Officer in respect to his treatment of applications under this system.

I would observe that it seems to me the system of free nominated immigration might be extended with advantage, so as to allow settlers to nominate immigrants whose names are unknown, and who would have to be selected by friends or agents at home. Considering that the Agent-General has the greatest difficulty in obtaining emigrants, the allowing such a system would materially assist him in getting suitable emigrants and of the classes required. There would also be the advantage arising from the circumstance that nominated immigrants have to be taken charge of on arrival in the Colony by their nominators, and thus the Government would be saved the cost attendant upon ordinary immigrants, who are also, I believe, to be brought out free of cost.

I have, &c.,

J. D. ORMOND,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 26.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Hawke's Bay.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 27th October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst., conveying your remarks with reference to the free nominated immigration regulations lately issued by the Government.

I have to inform your Honor that the Immigration Officer has been instructed to submit to you for approval all nominations received under those regulations. A general system of nomination by vocation would not, in my opinion, answer any good purpose. As instructions have been forwarded to the Agent-General to grant free passages to applicants approved by him, any person instructed by a friend in the Colony to procure labourers, servants, &c., can, by application in the ordinary way, obtain passages for them if they are approved.

If nomination by vocation were permitted, employers might nominate for the mere purpose of reducing wages, without being in any way responsible for employing the persons nominated.

I will, however, have a form prepared, by which the person sending home to authorize an engagement, can apprise the Immigration Officer that he has done so, leaving to the Immigration Officer the discretion of recommending the Agent-General to give such nominees their passage, if he is satisfied a fair engagement has been made with them. They can apply for passages under this provision, or of course it will be open to them to apply for passages as ordinary emigrants.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

No. 27.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Hawke's Bay, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 16th October, 1873.

In view of the arrival of a considerable number of immigrants in this Province during the next few months, I beg to point out that there is no provision for accommodation in the event of illness and its being requisite to place the people in quarantine.

There are two eligible sites in the inner harbour, known as Park's Island and Koch's Island, and I believe one of these places could be secured. I shall be glad to treat for the purchase or lease, as may be found feasible, if I have your authority.

With respect to quarantine barracks, the erection of such has been postponed, up to the present time, partly by my advice, as I wished to save the Colony all possible cost in connection with immigration to this Province. Now, however, that it appears hopeful that a considerable number of immigrants may shortly arrive, I feel it my duty to advise that a quarantine barrack, sufficient for the probable wants of the place, should be at once erected.

I would recommend that the plans be prepared by the Colonial Architect, and tenders at once called for here and at Auckland and Wellington. The Provincial Engineer would look after the building whilst in course of construction, if that should be desired.

I hope this subject may receive early attention, as I feel there is really necessity for provision being quickly made.

I have, &c.,

J. D. ORMOND.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.