

No. 86.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Marlborough.
(Circular.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 24th March, 1874.

I have the honor to inform you that my attention having been drawn to vouchers which have been sent in for medical and hospital expenses of sick immigrants after disembarkation, I propose, in order to prevent any difficulties arising in the adjustment of such claims, to authorize the payment by this Department of medical and hospital expenses for one month after arrival of the immigrants, after which period the immigrants to be considered as ordinary colonists, and dealt with in the ordinary manner by the local authorities. I shall be glad to have your concurrence in this proposal, which I have no doubt you will consider of a liberal nature.

His Honor the Superintendent, Marlborough.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 87.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Marlborough, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Blenheim, 4th May, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 88, of the 25th March, in which you propose that the Immigration Department shall pay for medical and hospital expenses for immigrants incurred within one month after their arrival, and to treat them after that time as ordinary colonists, to be dealt with as other parts of the population.

I fully concur in that proposal, which I think is a liberal one.

I have, &c.,
A. P. SEYMOUR,
Superintendent.

To the Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

NELSON.

No. 88.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Nelson.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 12th February, 1874.

It is very desirable that some of the immigrants arriving in the Province, should at once leave the town and its vicinity, and proceed into the country districts, either to become settlers on their own account, or to accept employment from settlers. To enable this to be done, I shall be inclined not only to allow a moderate expenditure for the cost of transit, but also a proportion of the expense for renting suitable buildings, if any are available, as temporary depôts for the immigrants, in the country towns or villages.

The scarcity of house accommodation is such in many of the country districts, that the immigrants, especially families inclined to settle or seek employment in the country, may find themselves deterred from doing so on account of the want of adequate shelter.

It has suggested itself to me that it would be very desirable to erect, at different points where employment was available, serviceable but cheap four-roomed cottages or huts, not exceeding in cost £100, for the purpose of letting to the immigrants.

Where the Provincial Government have land to spare in the vicinity of railway works, small areas of land might be included with the cottages in a lease. This, however, I leave to the consideration of the Provincial authorities.

I am willing, as a means of thus settling immigrants, to place a certain amount of money at your Honor's disposal, to build such cottages or huts, on the following conditions:—

1. That the cottages or huts be let to newly-arrived immigrants with families.
2. That the Provincial Government undertake and guarantee to return to the General Government the amount expended, with interest at 5 per cent., in four instalments, on the 1st January, 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878.

I leave you to make such arrangements for building the cottages, and to let them on such conditions other than those stipulated, as may seem to you desirable.

If you approve of this proposal, I shall be glad to receive any suggestion from your Honor on the subject, as also to learn the amount of money you think you would require during the current financial year.

His Honor the Superintendent of Nelson.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 89.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Nelson, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

Nelson, 4th February, 1874.

THE following resolution passed by Provincial Council, on recommendation of myself and Executive. I will write by mail:—"That, in the opinion of this Council, it is expedient that the General Government be requested to instruct the Agent-General to arrange for the transmission to this Province of