

arrangements with Chairman, Board of Works, to look after immigrants in Timaru district. If not, I will communicate with him myself. Delay in replying to circular much to be regretted.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Timaru, 28th October, 1873.

YOUR circular as to taking charge of immigration reached me just before leaving Christchurch to visit Southern districts prior to meeting of Provincial Council, to ascertain wants generally, and particularly as to immigration matters. I could not properly reply to it without full consideration with my Executive. Meantime I have been doing my utmost to facilitate prompt action and good arrangement for reception and distribution of immigrants, especially in the matter of depôts, one of which is already in hand. I hope my present inability to give an answer to your circular will not interfere with the continuance of the practical work which the Provincial Government has suggested and gone to considerable expense in forwarding for some time past. Waimate barracks could at once be got under way if sanctioned, and you have good and efficient officer here. It is important that the Provincial Government should know whether you approve this suggestion. I much regret my absence from Christchurch should cause you any inconvenience.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

Wellington, 29th October, 1873.

*Re* Waimate Barracks. Will authorize you to take what action you consider desirable, provided the Colonial Government not expend more than £500.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

JULIUS VOGEL.

### No. 109.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Christchurch, 29th November, 1873.

It is very desirable that some of the immigrants arriving in your 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 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 these be let to newly-arrived immigrants with families.
2. That the Provincial Government undertakes and guarantees 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 suggestions from your Honor on the subject, as also to learn the amount of money you think you would require during the current year.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

### No. 110.

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

SIR,—

General Government Offices, Christchurch, 2nd December, 1873.

Referring to my letter of the 28th October, sent to you when at Timaru, I have the honor to remind you that I suggested that in case you agreed to accept the management of immigration in the Province of Canterbury, I should be happy if you would endeavour to arrange with the Chairman of the Board of Works to look after immigrants in the Timaru district. I have now only to add, that any arrangement of the kind you may think it desirable to make will be most cordially considered by me.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

\* The correspondence with regard to the circular will be found in D. 4, p. 10.