

No. 47.

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

SIR,— General Government Offices, Wellington, 26th May, 1874.

I have the honor to forward to you copy of a circular telegram which has to-day been transmitted to the Superintendents of other provinces.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

Enclosure in No. 47.

(Circular telegram.)

Wellington, 26th May, 1874.
RE Assisted Immigration.—The Government, after considering the replies of Superintendents, have come to the conclusion only to instruct the Agent-General to limit the number of emigrants despatched by him between the 1st March and the end of the year to 25,000.

His Honor the Superintendent.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 48.

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

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 28th May, 1874.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter I have received from His Honor the Superintendent of Nelson, inquiring whether I would be willing to make arrangements for the reception of vessels containing immigrants—should the necessity arise—at Somes Island.

I have laid the matter before the Executive, and the Provincial Government will have no objection, providing the General Government concur.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 48.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Nelson, to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Nelson, 25th May, 1874.

As a considerable number of immigrants will shortly arrive at this port in vessels direct from Great Britain, and there are at present no sufficient arrangements for quarantine purposes in case of need, I have the honor to inquire if you would be willing to make arrangements for the reception of vessels containing immigrants—should the necessity arise—at Somes Island.

In the event of a constant stream of immigration being directed to this province, it will no doubt be necessary to make adequate quarantine arrangements here; but it appears to me that in the meantime, and pending more permanent arrangements, much expense might be saved by the course which I am proposing for your consideration.

Mr. Lightfoot, Superintendent of Works for this province, will deliver this letter to you, and will be able to afford you any further information you may wish for upon the subject.

I have, &c.,
OSWALD CURTIS,
Superintendent.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

No. 49.

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

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 6th July, 1874.

In reply to your letter of 28th May, in which you transmitted copy of a letter addressed to you by His Honor the Superintendent of Nelson, requesting that arrangements might be made to enable Somes Island to be available as a quarantine station for immigrant vessels arriving at Nelson with infectious disease on board, I have to inform you that a Proclamation has been issued to give effect to this proposal, copy of which I now enclose for your Honor's information.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

No. 50.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Hon. the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington.

SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 1st June, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 27th May,* in reply to mine of 29th of April, respecting the setting aside of land for settlement in the Province of Wellington, and in which you state that the Provincial Government were quite prepared to agree to the terms of