

Christchurch, 23rd July, 1874.

VERY urgent. Another ship, probably "Peeress," off Heads. Please reply to yesterday's telegram.
Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

Wellington, 23rd July, 1874.

YOUR telegram of last night only reached me this morning. I am sorry for delay in replying. I approve your proposals and authorize you to give them effect. In reply to your query about cottages, the department will advance you money for cottages upon the terms of my letter of 29th November. If you desire to build cottages to serve as depôts or in lieu of depôts, I shall be prepared to authorize construction of reasonable number. In that case the land upon which they are built should be conveyed to Crown.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 75.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury, to Mr. MARSHMAN.

(Forwarded by His Honor to the Hon. J. Vogel.)

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, Canterbury, 23rd July, 1874.

I have the honor to inform you that the Government wish you to go South and make inquiries from Road Boards and others as to the works on which immigrants can be employed, and the best means of locating them near such works; and, further, to inquire what immediate temporary accommodation can be provided, and what accommodation of a more permanent character, such as the building cottages or huts. Also to confer with Mr. Le Cren, at Timaru, informing him of the object of your visit, and co-operating with him in the distribution of immigrants.

The arrival of two ships at the present time renders it necessary that your first efforts should be devoted to improvising accommodation to meet the immediate emergency, by hiring houses and cottages and fitting up buildings where they can be obtained.

The Government are of opinion that much may be done by a system of huts, which may be put up at a small expense, of sods and other material; and they are ready to find a sum of say £10, in materials, towards the erection of each of such huts, on Government unoccupied reserves, giving a right of occupation for a period not exceeding, say, twelve months, without rental. On this subject, I have to request that you will confer with Mr. Tancred, of Raukapuka, who has suggested this course.

I have further to request that you will inspect the buildings now in use in the southern district; and you are authorized to incur any reasonable expense in promoting the comfort of the occupants, where you consider it necessary.

I shall be obliged by your reporting from time to time what you have done, and telegraphing for authority for such expenditure on buildings as you may recommend.

I have, &c.,

WM. ROLLESTON,

Superintendent.

John Marshman, Esq.

No. 76.

TELEGRAMS between the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION, Mr. MARCH, and His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury.

Wellington, 23rd July, 1874.

REFERRING to the "Peeress's" arrival at Lyttelton, it would be desirable she should proceed to Timaru without landing immigrants. If the weather absolutely forbids this, I think her immigrants should be taken from ship's side to Timaru by steamer, for which I will authorize you to make arrangements necessary. Mr. Stafford represents to me that landing immigrants at Lyttelton would occasion dissatisfaction at Timaru. As they were specially sent out to Timaru, I should like to carry out arrangement.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Christchurch, 23rd July, 1874.

HAVE given instructions that under no circumstances shall "Peeress" land immigrants here. I will see ship's contract, if here, to-night, and arrange accordingly. Please request Under Secretary to look it up, and telegraph particulars as to power to order her on. Mr. March may not have returned from inspection. If she cannot go, "Coomerang" will ply backwards and forwards.

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.

Wellington, 24th July, 1874.

"PEERESS" chartered "for Timaru, weather permitting"; in consideration of going to which port, the charge per adult is £16 10s., instead of £14 10s. for Lyttelton ships. There is no provision in charter-party to meet the case of the ship coming on to Lyttelton. Duplicate of charter-party is here; the captain probably has original.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Christchurch, 24th July, 1874.

URGENT. Mr. Gould, Agent of Shipping Company, writes ship has fulfilled her engagement. Weather off Timaru was bad for twenty-four hours. Insurances would be vitiated if she left port after arrival. He is very willing to forward immigrants as I may direct, and free of cost. I see nothing else to be done. I have no copy of agreement. 'Peeress's' immigrants are a good lot. 'Eastern Monarch's' well reported of."

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.