

Wellington, 24th July, 1874.

I THINK if Company forward immigrants to destination free of cost, we should be satisfied under the terms of the agreement.

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Christchurch, 24th July, 1874.

SHIPPED all the immigrants ex "Peeress" to Timaru this afternoon, by steamers "Wellington" and "Coomerang."

Under Secretary for Immigration, Wellington.

J. E. MARCH.

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No. 77.

TELEGRAMS between the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION and His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT Otago.

(Circular Telegram.)

Wellington, 15th May, 1874.

THE number of emigrants on the way is such that the Government propose instructing the Agent-General to partially revert to assisted passages. It is proposed to give to single females, and to emigrants nominated by name from the colony, free passages, but to require from other emigrants promissory notes for £7. Before finally deciding on this, I should like to have your Honor's view on the subject, and I shall feel obliged by your communicating it to me as soon as conveniently possible.

His Honor the Superintendent, Dunedin.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Dunedin, 19th May, 1874.

YOUR telegram *re* immigration has been carefully considered in Executive Council. We are loath to advise any course that might tend to diminish the stream of immigrants into this province, with which we find no fault as to quantity, provided it were of a better quality and came at the proper season of the year. We can scarcely get too many people of the quality selected by our own Agents, and would be glad if, in addition to those whom you propose to carry free, free passages were granted to all selected by the Provincial Agent. I do not desire to depreciate the Colonial Agency, but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that none of the objectionable class lately sent here would have been passed by our own Agents. I trust you will see your way to acceding to this suggestion; result would be highly satisfactory to both colony and province.

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

J. MACANDREW.

(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 Agent-General to limit the number of immigrants despatched by him between 1st March and the end of the year to 25,000.

His Honor the Superintendent, Dunedin.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 78.

TELEGRAMS between His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Otago, and the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

Dunedin, 20th June, 1874.

AULD telegrams that Featherston says his instructions to stop immigration in July, and declines to pay thereafter. I understand that you had limited him to 20,000 for next nine months. I hope a fair proportion of these will be sent here, and that all who are selected by the Provincial Agent will be included in this proportion. Auld has made arrangements, whereby considerable number superior class can be sent here, if free and assisted passages are granted.

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

J. MACANDREW.

Wellington, 24th June.

ON 12th March I wrote Agent-General instructions to send 25,100 emigrants (souls), to New Zealand during the last eight months of the present year, and of that number he was to send 6,000 to Otago. Subsequently, when it appeared he was sending emigrants in very large numbers, and great complaint was made concerning their character, I telegraphed that the 25,000 were to count from beginning of March to end of year. What is meant by the information you have received is, that your 6,000 will have been despatched by July. The object of fixing a definite number was partly due to the fact that the Assembly had only given authority for a certain expenditure, and also I desired that the whole correspondence with the Agent-General should be considered, and the Legislature decide whether or not special agents should be appointed to select more carefully than under present system. These are the facts, and I am willing to telegraph to the Agent-General that after he has reached the limit named for Otago, he may despatch emigrants selected by Auld and Adams, to the extent of 500 a month during August and September, by which time the Assembly will have decided on the provision to be made.

Superintendent of Otago, Dunedin.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Dunedin, 30th June, 1874.

HAVE telegraphed to Auld your decision *re* free emigrants, which is so far satisfactory.

Hon. J. Vogel, Wellington.

J. MACANDREW.