

No. 15.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 384.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
10th June, 1875.

SIR,—

Referring to your letter No. 16, of the 19th January, 1875, I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with the instructions contained therein, I directed the Rev. P. Barclay to proceed to Fair Island, and report as to the eligibility and willingness of the inhabitants to emigrate to New Zealand.

I have to-day received his report, from which it appears that the people are not willing to emigrate *en masse*; but two or three families may probably proceed to the colony in August. A copy of the instructions given to Mr. Barclay, and his report, will be forwarded to you by the next mail.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 16.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 387.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
28th May, 1875.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 75-273, of the 11th March, enclosing copies of a letter from the Superintendent of Westland, and of a resolution passed by the Provincial Council as to the desirability of sending 100 female immigrants to the province at as early a date as possible. I will endeavour, as far as possible, to give effect to the wishes of his Honor; but, at the same time, I think it right to point out that increasing difficulty is felt in obtaining single female immigrants. The demand for the services of female domestic servants in the United Kingdom is continually on the increase, and the high rates of wages given greatly diminishes the inducement which in former years could be held out to that class of emigrants. I enclose, for your information, copy of an advertisement which has lately appeared in the *Times* newspaper.

I have, &c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,
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The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 16.

FEMALE SERVANTS.—Owing to the excessive demand for respectable plain cooks and house and parlour maids in London, clergymen and ministers are urged to make this want known. Information will be given to applicants or letters, and respectable homes named.—Agency, Soho Bazaar.

No. 17.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 390.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
1st June, 1875.

SIR,—

In accordance with the directions contained in the letter addressed to me by the Hon. J. Vogel on the 30th April, I have the honor to furnish you with the following report as to the proceedings of my department during the four weeks ending 31st May, 1875.

Within the period named the following ships have been despatched with emigrants for various ports of New Zealand:—

1. On 4th May, the "James Nicol Fleming," from London for Port Chalmers, Otago, with 296 souls, equal to 225½ adults.

2. On 9th May, the "Alumbagh," from London for Auckland, with 418 souls, equal to 334½ adults.

3. On 12th May, the "Friedborg," from Hamburg to Hawke's Bay, with 289 souls, equal to 250½ adults.

4. On 27th May, the "Dover Castle," from Belfast to Auckland, with 364 souls, equal to 332½ adults.

5. On 27th May, the "Halcione," from London to New Plymouth and Wellington, with 298 souls, equal to 228½ adults.

6. On 29th May, the "Christian McAusland," from the Clyde to the Bluff, with 339 souls, equal to 281 adults.

7. On 30th May, the "Blair Gowrie," from Plymouth to Canterbury, with 441 souls, equal to 384 adults.

Seven vessels have thus been despatched during the month, conveying a total of 2,445 emigrants to the colony.

By the "Halcione," a small party of Swiss, twenty in number, proceed to New Plymouth. They are accompanied by Mr. Hunger, who has been previously in New Zealand, and through whose representations they have been induced to emigrate.

The "Friedborg" takes emigrants selected by Mr. Kirchner, my agent at Darmstadt: 72 adults belong to the first contract made with Messrs. Louis Knorr and Co., and 159½ to the contract transferred from Queensland. There were also nineteen full-paying passengers on board, including six in the saloon. I am informed, on good authority, that many of these emigrants take with them considerable means for persons of their class.