

Enclosure 4 in No. 4.

NEW ZEALAND.

INSPECTORSHIP OF LUNATIC ASYLUMS, ETC.

Office of Commissioners in Lunacy, 19, Whitehall Place London, S.W.

(Confidential.)

June, 1875.

THE Commissioners in Lunacy are informed by the Colonial Office that the Government of New Zealand are desirous of obtaining an officer to attend to matters in the colony relating to the care and treatment of lunatics.

The following extract from an official letter from Sir Julius Vogel, head of the New Zealand Administration, explains the principal conditions of the office:—

“The duties of the proposed Inspector in New Zealand will be—To see that the various provisions of the law are carried out; to report from time to time upon the condition of the several asylums; and to aid the Government in such measures as may be found necessary to promote the care and proper treatment of lunatics. He must be a medical man; and he would not be at liberty to practice his profession in the colony.

“The salary would be from £600 to £700, with prospective increases up to £800; but I am not at liberty to promise any pension, as the question of pensions for prolonged service is in a very undecided state at present in New Zealand.

“As far as permanency of office goes, I am willing to guarantee (say) a three years’ engagement; but, supposing the officer to prove suitable, I see no reason to doubt his continuing to hold the appointment.

“I should be willing to pay the officer’s actual expenses out to New Zealand; and if the engagement were terminated at the end of three years, I would undertake also to pay his expenses back to England, should he desire to return. Salary would commence from the date of arrival in New Zealand.

“We are, of course, anxious to obtain a good officer. He should have considerable experience and knowledge of the treatment of lunatics. He should possess more than ordinary ability, so that he might carry with him a prestige that would give to his recommendations, and to his communications with medical men, weight and authority.”

Gentlemen of the medical profession wishing to become candidates should put themselves in communication with the undersigned.

C. S. PERCEVAL,

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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

THESE Articles of Agreement entered into this 10th day of May, 1876, between His Excellency the Most Honorable George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, Earl of Mulgrave, Viscount Normanby, and Baron Mulgrave of Mulgrave, in the County of York, and in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, and Baron Mulgrave of New Ross, in the County of Wexford, in the Peerage of Ireland; a Member of Her Majesty’s Most Honorable Privy Council, and Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; the Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty’s Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same (hereinafter called “the Governor”), of the one part, and Frederick William Adolphus Skae, of the Stirling District Asylum, M.D., of the other part, WITNESS that, for the considerations hereinafter appearing, the Governor for himself separately and his successors in office, Governors and Commanders-in-Chief for the time being in and over the said colony (each such successor for the time being and also the Government for the time being of the said colony being hereby declared to be included in the word “Governor” whenever it hereafter occurs, unless such meaning shall be inconsistent with the context), doth hereby for and on behalf of the said colony, so far as the matters hereinafter contained are to be observed and performed on the part of the Governor of New Zealand, agree with the said Frederick William Adolphus Skae, his executors and administrators, and the said Frederick William Adolphus Skae, for himself his executors and administrators, doth hereby, so far as the matters hereinafter contained are to be observed and performed on his and their part, agree with the Governor and his successors, for and on behalf of the said colony, in manner following, that is to say,—

1. The said Frederick William Adolphus Skae is to enter the service of the New Zealand Government as an Inspector of Lunatic Asylums in New Zealand, and is diligently and faithfully to employ the whole of his time in such service; and is not, during his engagement, to act professionally for any person or persons whomsoever, or engage in private practice on his own account, or otherwise be concerned directly or indirectly in any trade or business.

2. The said Frederick William Adolphus Skae is to forthwith proceed direct to Wellington, in New Zealand, and immediately upon his arrival at Wellington is to report himself to the Governor.

3. The said Frederick William Adolphus Skae is in all things and in all respects to obey perform and fulfil the lawful orders, commands, and directions of the Governor, and of any superior officer for the time being duly appointed.

4. The said Frederick William Adolphus Skae is to see that the various provisions of the law with reference to lunatics and Lunatic Asylums in the colony are carried out, and to report from time to time upon the state and condition of the several Lunatic Asylums and the inmates thereof, and to render all assistance in his power to the Government in initiating and carrying out such measures as may from time to time be found necessary to promote the care and proper treatment and supervision of lunatics.

5. The Government of New Zealand will pay the cost of the passage of the said Frederick William Adolphus Skae and his family, consisting of not more than six adults, from London to New Zealand, and pay him a salary at the rate of £700 per annum during the continuance of his engagement, such