

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...	...	...	26,004	0	5
Within Block—						
Feilding Roads	2,504	15	3			
Halcombe Roads	487	5	6			
Kimbolton Road	312	10	6			
Makino	4,064	0	7			
Junction	6	0	0			
Tauranga	240	6	9			
Stanway	1,112	8	0			
Tramway	1,468	5	8			
Feilding-Halcombe Road	365	12	6			
Stream diversions	185	11	6			
				10,746	16	3
Charitable contributions (medical, school buildings, &c.)	...	...	...	333	17	6
Agency (being salaries, general expenses, telegrams, law charges, travelling expenses, &c.)	...	...	...	10,417	6	3
Total unreproductive expenditure	...	...	...	£47,502	0	5
Buildings—						
Immigrants' cottages, Feilding, 118	...	...	...	4,419	10	10
Immigrants' cottages, Halcombe, 71	...	...	...	3,157	4	6
Other buildings and improvements, Feilding	...	...	...	4,008	16	10
Other buildings and improvements, Halcombe	...	...	...	1,035	18	3
Advances to immigrants and others, being total amount of book debts	...	...	...	4,862	14	9
				17,484	5	2
Total expenditure	...	...	...	64,986	5	7

RETURN of ROAD-WORK up to 30th APRIL, 1877, by the EMIGRANT and COLONIST'S AID CORPORATION.

	M.	CH.	M.	CH.
Road-work inside Manchester Block—				
Roads cleared, formed, and metalled	10	32		
Roads cleared and formed ready for metalling	18	26		
Roads stumped and felled only in bush	1	70		
Underscrubbed	11	1		
Tramway	3	10		
			44	59
Roadwork outside the Manchester Block—				
Awahuri Road formed and metalled	4	14		
Halcombe to Feilding Road	1	30		
			5	44
Total			50	23

No. 2.

The Hon. the PREMIER to Mr. A. F. HALCOMBE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 5th September, 1877.

The Government have considered the questions put by you on behalf of the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation in your letter of 5th June, which questions, as you explain, have been put because the Corporation contemplate immediately purchasing the fee-simple of the whole of the Manchester Block, with the view of opening it for sale and settlement, "by the prosecution of road works, with even greater vigour than heretofore."

2. The Government sympathize with the desire of the Corporation, as stated in your letter, and in that spirit they have considered your questions, and have decided what they will be prepared to recommend for the approval of Parliament.

3. You first ask, "Whether the Government will forego the fulfilment of the remaining portion of the immigration clauses of the Corporation contract;" and you explain that, twelve hundred immigrants having been introduced and located within the block, compliance with the terms of the contract would necessitate speedily introducing and locating eight hundred more.

4. The Government believe that there is force in your argument that, considering that the immigrants located have not yet had time to become so used to bush country life as to practically settle themselves in their new homes, it would be advantageous for those in future placed upon the block to be selected with special reference to their fitness for such a life, and to be introduced just when they are required. The Government are therefore willing to recommend that further compliance with the immigration clauses of the contract shall not be required.

5. Your second question is, "Whether, in case of the Corporation immediately paying off the whole of the promissory notes held by the Colonial Treasurer, the Government will refund to the Corporation, as an additional subsidy for road-making within the block, the sum of £10,000 paid as interest to