

Enclosure in No. 2.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Auckland, to the UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION.

Auckland, 9th June, 1876.

In the matter of the Agent-General's letter No. 249, dated the 1st of April, on the subject of tobacco culture and manufacture in the Province of Auckland, I beg to report that the industry has been in operation here for the last four or five years, but, so far, has not attained to any considerable commercial importance. Not more than half a dozen hands are employed at present in the manufacture of the leaf into tobacco and cigars. I understand that the limited success of the industry is owing mainly to the want of capital. Very high commendation has been called forth from competent judges upon the tobacco leaf grown in this province, and the tobacco and cigars made from it are stated to be unsurpassed by the average of imported articles. The only individual, however, who has attempted to practically develop the industry hitherto is not in a position, I believe, to raise the business from its present depressed condition, and under these circumstances there is no immediate prospect of employment for persons acquainted with the trade who may be desirous of emigrating to Auckland.

H. ELLIS,

Immigration Officer.

The Under Secretary for Immigration.

No. 3.

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

(No. 158.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 30th June, 1876.

With reference to certain foreign nominations forwarded to you by this mail, I desire that you will, on the nominees presenting themselves at your office, furnish them with passages to the colony, using your discretion, however, as to taking promissory notes for their passages, should they appear unsuitable emigrants. As they are nominated by near relatives, they will be taken off the hands of the Government immediately upon arrival.

I have now issued instructions that in future no foreign nominations are to be accepted except under very special circumstances. I enclose, for your information, copy of a letter having reference to one of the nominations above mentioned.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 3.

Mrs. I— Q— to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Molesworth Street, Wellington, 9th June, 1876.

I find that free emigration from Italy is stopped, and previous to knowing this I had written to my mother and husband's brother, wife and three children, to come to Wellington. In the event of their not being able to come from Italy, I told them to proceed without delay to London and embark there. No doubt they are *en route* for London, or perhaps there by this time. They have no means of returning to Italy, and no friends in London. I beg of you to grant them a free passage to Wellington. I beg you will grant them this favour.

I have, &c.,

I— Q—.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

No. 4.

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

(No. 162.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 26th July, 1876.

It has been brought under my notice that several emigrants from England were shipped in the "City of Dunedin," which sailed from Glasgow, and I shall be glad to be informed of the circumstance under which this arrangement was made, and the expense, if any, which was incurred in sending the people up to Glasgow.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 5.

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

(No. 173.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 27th July, 1876.

It has been stated by an honorable member of Parliament that Douglas's patent for boat-lowering apparatus is superior in every way to Clifford's now in use, in accordance with the terms of the charter-party, in ships conveying emigrants to New Zealand.

I shall be glad if you will cause inquiries to be made into the matter, and report fully to me at an early date. I desire especially to know whether, in your opinion, it is advisable to substitute Douglas's