

all, I suspect that the letters to them were not sufficiently accurately addressed. I do not like the confidence of the German emigrant shaken in the faith of the colony, and shall be very happy to assist you in forwarding all ordered emigrants over to London without asking any remuneration from you for such work.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
W. KIRCHNER.

No. 10.

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

(No. 635.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
24th August, 1876.

SIR,—

In continuation of my letter of 4th August, No. 615, concerning the claim made by Mr. Kirchner, late Agent of this department for emigration on the Continent, to compensation from the Government, I have the honor to enclose you a copy of a letter I have received from him, rendering "final accounts in closing the German agency for New Zealand." I propose to submit the letter to Mr. Mackrell for legal advice, with a view to fixing definitely the termination of Mr. Kirchner's agency. I also forward for the information of the Government a further memorandum, embodying so much of the lengthened correspondence connected with the closing of foreign emigration as bears upon the claim preferred by Mr. Kirchner for compensation. A similar statement in regard to Mr. Sloman's claim will be forwarded by next mail, which will, I trust, complete the correspondence, so as to enable the Government to arrive at a definite conclusion in regard to those claims.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. TYBONE POWER,
Agent-General.

Enclosure 1 in No. 10.

Mr. W. KIRCHNER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Wiesbaden, 17th August, 1876.

Referring to my respects of 17th ultimo, I have now the honor to send you final accounts in closing the German agency for New Zealand, amounting in all to £93 7s. 10d. My clerk and messenger were entitled to one month's notice, and were, therefore, paid up as per enclosed receipts to the 31st instant, and I am entitled to make a similar claim for myself. I write you to-day in a separate communication respecting the applications of nominated German emigrants, who still hold promises for free passages from your Government, and I now repeat my offer of my best assistance in forwarding these people, if you can ship them over to London, without claiming any remuneration from you for my services in that matter.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
W. KIRCHNER.

Enclosure 2 in No. 10.

MEMORANDUM for the AGENT-GENERAL, detailing the Correspondence bearing on Mr. Kirchner's Claim.

1. In the third paragraph of Dr. Featherston's despatch of the 17th May, No. 377, he says,—
"When Sir Julius Vogel's general instructions concerning the conduct of emigration were issued in April, 1875, Mr. Kirchner was at once duly informed, and soon afterwards accompanied me to Switzerland, the Tyrol, and Italy, for the express purpose of informing his various local agents that I could not guarantee free emigration continuing after the close of the current season, which would end with the freezing of the Elbe."

2. The following is the passage concerning German contracts in Sir Julius Vogel's general instructions of the 30th April above referred to:—"17. The introduction of the system of promissory notes points to the necessity of making some change in your arrangements for shipping Germans and Scandinavians. Apart from this necessity, while I do not deny the special excellence in some respects of those immigrants, I do not see why we should be unable to obtain from the United Kingdom the number of immigrants we require. The expenses of dealing with Germans and Scandinavians on their arrival in the colony, and the disadvantages arising in many cases from the foreign shipping arrangements, make me think that it would be better on the whole to end these contracts. I find that the Queensland Government came to the conclusion that emigrants from the United Kingdom were sufficiently available and suitable to render it unnecessary to send out Germans. You not only took up the Queensland contract, but you entered into an arrangement with Mr. Kirchner to give him a separate contract. I am unable to say what our legal position in the matter is, but I think that the question should be referred to our solicitor, Mr. Mackrell, for his opinion, and that, if necessary, Mr.