

No. 32.

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

(No. 198.) 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
 6th March, 1877.

SIR,—

Referring to my letter of 16th February, No. 177, I have the honor to state that on reflection it seemed to me that Captain Brown's offer might be one which it would well suit the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation to avail themselves of, especially as, in the case of a company, no objection could be raised to removing people from one colony to another. Accordingly I furnished a copy of the letter to the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation, and I am given to understand they have placed themselves in communication by telegraph with the writer.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
 Wellington.

I have, &c.,
 JULIUS VOGEL,
 Agent-General.

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(No. 199.) 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
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SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 258, of 14th December, 1875, in which you forward me copy of a correspondence with Mr. Rolleston regarding the great demand for female domestic labour in Canterbury, and in which you instruct me to forward to Canterbury as many single women of good character who are suitable for domestic service as I can procure. Although you made no special reference to Mr. Rolleston's letter, I presumed that you wished me to consider it. In that letter Mr. Rolleston expresses the opinion that the most satisfactory way of introducing single women to the colony is by bringing growing families. There is in this country an immense demand for single women suitable for domestic service, and there is consequently great difficulty in obtaining desirable emigrants of this class. The chief chance of obtaining them depends upon the inducements to which Mr. Rolleston refers—that of accompanying their families. Clearly, however, it was not open to me to deal with the subject in this way, for the number of emigrants you require, excepting single females, is for the present satisfied. I had then to depend upon other considerations than those of the inducements to accompany their families, to obtain suitable women. Such inducements are not altogether wanting, although women suitable for domestic service have no difficulty in obtaining employment here. Many, too, although not accompanying their families, have friends or relations in New Zealand. After considering these circumstances, I arranged with the New Zealand Shipping Company to have a vessel ready to sail about the 25th April. I undertook to endeavour to send by her 150 adults, but did not bind myself to do so. (Copy of my letter is attached.) I also caused the appended advertisement to be inserted. The ordinary forms of application by persons intending to emigrate did not seem to me to sufficiently embrace the speciality of the shipment as described in your instructions; I therefore had the enclosed forms prepared; and I am making a point, in each case, of ascertaining the fitness of the applicant for domestic service, as well as her possession of a good character, and the necessary qualifications of health, &c. I cannot say I am sanguine of sending you emigrants to some of whom exceptions may not be taken; but I hope that, on the whole, they will be found satisfactory; and beg you, in considering the result, to remember the difficulty of the task, as shown by Mr. Rolleston's letter. Acting upon advice strongly pressed on me, that it is not well to send single females only, I propose to send a few families, the members of which will, I think, aid in promoting the well-being of the other emigrants during the voyage.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
 Wellington.

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 JULIUS VOGEL,
 Agent-General.

Enclosure in No. 33.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the MANAGER, New Zealand Shipping Company.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, 16th February, 1877.

I have to inform you that it is my intention to despatch to Port Lyttelton, in about two months from this date, 150 single women, and I shall therefore require the Company to provide a ship for the conveyance of that number to the above-mentioned port at the time I have indicated. In giving you the above number, I desire you to understand that, while it is my wish and intention to send at least that number, I do not hold that the Government is bound to pay passage money for more emigrants than those who actually embark. I shall be glad to learn, at your earliest convenience, the date of sailing which you may consider convenient for you to fix, and the name of the vessel you propose to lay on for the purpose.

The Manager, New Zealand Shipping Company.

I have, &c.,
 JULIUS VOGEL,
 Agent-General.