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IMMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

(FURTHER LETTERS FROM THE AGENT-GENERAL.)

In continuation of Papers laid upon the Table 26th July, 1878.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

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

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 17th June, 1878.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 26th April, No. 83, referring to the omission, in your letter relating to the direct steam service for New Zealand, to point out the existing facilities for travellers in moving from one part of the colony to another, and to the Australian Colonies.

This subject shall receive consideration in connection with the proposals contained in your letter of the 16th April last, No. 75.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 2.

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

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 17th June, 1878.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th April, No. 75, on the subject of a steam service from Europe to New Zealand, and to inform you that the matter shall have my careful consideration.

I have at once placed myself in communication with Mr. Galbraith, and will see other persons on the subject.

I was informed a few weeks since by Mr. Larnach, that Messrs. Green were prepared to carry out our emigrants by steam. I had, however, previously received from you an intimation that a contract was entered into with the New Zealand Shipping Company, and therefore I was not at liberty to entertain other proposals for the carriage of the emigrants during the present season. Mr. Larnach, however, telegraphed to you on the subject, and showed me the telegram.

From your letter now under reply, I gather that what you require is a regular line of steamers, not merely the temporary employment of one or two. I also gather from your letter that, if a satisfactory arrangement can be made, six months' notice to dissolve the contract with the New Zealand Shipping Company can be given. I will use my best exertions to give effect to your wishes. I recognize the immense value to New Zealand of a direct line of steamers, and I quite agree with you that the value of the Pacific service has been much impaired by its ceasing to do more than merely call at Auckland *en route* to Australia. As a mail line it is excellent, but it has lost its character as a New Zealand service.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

P.S.—Since the above was written I have agreed with Mr. Larnach to jointly have an interview with Mr. Green on the subject. I am glad to find that Mr. Larnach is sanguine that some arrangement can be made.