

£800 a year in agents' fees, and probably £200 extra in incidental charges, such as clerical duties, printing, &c. The clerical duty of the office, heavily taxed for examining agents' accounts, will be lessened.

Finally, I may say I hope we shall be able to let one or two of the rooms now occupied, and dispense with the services of one or two clerks.

To sum up, the positive reductions will amount as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
The Scottish Establishment, exclusive of Mr. Andrew	600	0	0
Mr. Cashel Hoey	400	0	0
Mr. Smith, say	200	0	0
Saving in Agents	800	0	0
Contingent „	200	0	0
Clerks	100	0	0
	£2,300	0	0

Contingent.

Mr. Andrew	285	0	0
Rent	100	0	0
Mr. Holloway	150	0	0
Travelling expenses, ditto	100	0	0
	£635	0	0

I really do not see that I can do better than this, and I am not disposed to recommend that Mr. Holloway be altogether dispensed with, especially as I observe that you think well of such labours as Mr. Holloway pursues, as you have recommended to me for similar employment in lecturing and personally seeing agricultural labourers a gentleman on his way home from the colony.

It is not necessary for me to give you again the statistics of the office. It will suffice that the correspondence is enormous, and the duties most varied and responsible. In addition to shipping out during a short season a large number of emigrants selected from a very much larger number of applicants, we purchase and ship plant and material to a very considerable amount, and we discharge numberless duties for almost every department of the Government service in the colony.

In conclusion, allow me to say that you appear to think we can find sufficient emigrants from those that are nominated. But, as I have previously pointed out, the number of nominated emigrants willing and eligible to emigrate is small in proportion to the number nominated in the colony, and very much less than the number of emigrants I have to send out.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
Wellington.

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

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