

passed between yourself and Mr. G. Vesey Stewart respecting the proposed extension of the Kati-kati Settlement near Tauranga.

I regret that any misunderstanding should have arisen owing to Mr. Stewart having left the colony before the details of his agreement with the Auckland Land Board were finally settled, but as that agreement is now before you it is anticipated that there will be no further difficulty in giving effect to it.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW.

No. 25.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 30th January, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters numbered and dated as per margin (Immigration Office, No. 197, 28th November, 1877; Crown Lands Office, No. 2724, 29th November, 1877; Crown Lands and Immigration Office, No. 210, 15th December, 1877), together with their enclosures, respecting the proposed agreement with Mr. G. Vesey Stewart.

I herewith transmit copy of further correspondence which has passed between Mr. Stewart and myself on the same subject.

As you will observe on perusing my letter to him of the 29th instant, I have forwarded to him a copy of the proposed agreement, for his examination, requesting him at the same time to inform me whether and at what time and place he will be prepared to sign it.

I also communicated to him in the same letter the course I would pursue as regards his availing himself of the services of the Local Agents, and the mode in which I should require applications to be sent to me for the approval of those persons who desired to make arrangements with him under the conditions of his agreement with the Government.

This correspondence with Mr. Stewart has cost me a great deal of trouble and some anxiety, and I shall be glad to learn that the Government approves the course I have taken.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

[NOTE.—A letter was written to the Agent-General on April 4th, 1878, acknowledging receipt of the above and expressing approval of the action he had taken.]

Enclosure 1 in No. 25.

Mr. G. V. STEWART to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Martray House, Ballygawley, Ireland, 3rd January, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant.

Would you be good enough to write to the Hon. the Minister for Immigration at Wellington, and request him to telegraph instructions to you whether you will be permitted to redeem the pledge given to me by the late Minister for Immigration, Mr. Donald Reid, and complete filling up my ship with approved single females on free passages? If such approval should be sent you by cablegram, it will reach me in time to carry out the promises made to me by that gentleman.

I regret I should have in error sent you the wrong letter from Mr. D. A. Tole. I have, however, such letter, and also the original draft agreement, of which a *verbatim* copy appears in my pamphlet, omitting clause 5, which refers solely to myself, and with which neither you nor the public have the slightest connection.

Any further copies of the pamphlet required will be supplied to you on application, by the publisher, Mr. N. Carson, *Tyrone Constitution Office*, Omagh, on your enclosing 1s. 1½d. in stamps for each copy.

As you decline to send me any certificates, I must only tender to you *pro forma* my certificates in favour of C—— P——, Esq., and Mr. C. I. K——, who proceed to Katikati *via* Wellington and Tauranga per Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co.'s ship on the 7th instant. Mrs. K—— will follow her husband when his arrangements on the block are completed for her reception.

I give you at the back of the certificates all the information you required or demanded in your former letter, and have sent the form enclosed in your present communication to the printers, with instructions to strike off a sufficient number of copies.

As you state you cannot act without instructions from Government, and as I have on my part performed all the details that were required from me, I feel confident that the Government of New Zealand will not allow my emigrants to suffer any loss or inconvenience through the default of the late Minister for Immigration in not having sent you ere this the agreement, which has now been finally settled and approved some six months ago.

My party is now completed and formed, and I am at present only detained in this country in consequence of such default and your consequent action in the matter, and I believe I have a fair and honorable claim on the Government for such unnecessary detention, which is a very serious loss and inconvenience to me.

Had you informed me at an earlier date that you required the emigrants to sign such applications I could easily have complied with your request; but now some of the parties have left this country to settle at Katikati, and such signatures cannot be obtained here. In my first letter I asked you to settle on some such form, which you declined to do, and for the last three months I have almost implored of you to take some action under this agreement, the importance of which you now at last only appear to realize.

I have, &c.,

GEO. VESEY STEWART.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.