

and as these gentlemen have since left the country for Katikati (and consequently unable to sign this schedule as lately required by you), I shall feel obliged to be favoured with your certificates in their behalf.

I wish to conduct my emigration operations over the entire of Ireland and Scotland, the agricultural counties in the northern and central portions of England, also in Kent (to promote the cultivation of hops); and will feel obliged for the names of your Agents in these districts, also at Liverpool, Bristol, Plymouth, and such large shipping towns; and, as four months have now elapsed since I first made this request to you, I should be glad to have this information if possible by return of post.

I had the honor of informing you in my last that I would not put you to the trouble or inconvenience of sending me letters of introduction. My own name, as a private individual, would probably carry more weight than that of a paid agent for emigration purposes.

I consider you have taken a great liberty in your remarks by again alluding to Mr. Reid's telegram. However, allow me to repeat, that the said agreement was finally settled, as stated by me, and that a verbatim copy of what you sent me appeared in my pamphlet of last October.

I will have much pleasure in signing the agreement, as stated in my last, as early as I can conveniently do so in London.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

GEO. VESEY STEWART.

Enclosure 4 in No. 28.

The SECRETARY, Agent-General's Department, to Mr. G. V. STEWART.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 22nd February, 1878.

I am directed by the Agent-General to forward to you a supply of the schedules or forms of application,* which it will be necessary for persons, wishing to be emigrants for the purpose of your agreement with the Government of New Zealand, to fill up, and, when countersigned by you, to be returned to this office.

With regard to the persons whom you mention in your letter of the 14th instant as having already left the country for Katikati, I am directed to say that the Agent-General will, in the cases in which you have furnished information, transmit their certificates to the Government in New Zealand, leaving it to the Government to issue them to the persons referred to should they think fit to do so.

Before, however, doing this, or furnishing you with a list of Local Agents, the Agent-General will require you to sign the agreement, a copy of which he has already sent to you, and which, at your request, is now awaiting your signature at this office.

As soon as you have signed the agreement a list of the Local Agents will be furnished to you, and a circular letter (Form B) will at the same time be sent to each of them.

Herewith I give a copy of telegram received from you this day, together with a copy of the reply sent by the Agent-General.

G. V. Stewart, Esq.,
Martray House, Ballygawley, Ireland.

I have, &c.,
WALTER KENNAWAY,
Secretary of the Department.

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B.—MEMORANDUM.

(Proposed Circular Letter from Agent-General to Local Agents.)

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From Agent-General for New Zealand, 7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W.

To

Mr. George Vesey Stewart has made an arrangement to acquire from the Government of New Zealand land for a special settlement, upon which he agrees to introduce emigrants.

I have to inform you that Mr. Stewart may desire to seek your aid, and, in that case, I shall be glad if you will render him such assistance as you conveniently can, upon such conditions as Mr. Stewart and yourself may agree.

You will, however, understand that any arrangement you may make with Mr. Stewart does not commit the Government of New Zealand, or this department, to any liability, pecuniary or otherwise.
Agent-General.

Sub-Enclosure 2 to Enclosure 4 in No. 28.

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

(Telegram.)

PLEASE telegraph when I may expect list of Government local agents. Ship will soon start. Last (list) useless unless sent forthwith.

GEO. VESEY STEWART.

Sub-Enclosure 3 to Enclosure 4 in No. 28.

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

(Telegram.)

I HAVE letters ready for Agents, and will give you list when you have signed agreement. Cannot do so before.

22nd February, 1878.

J. VOGEL.

* For these forms *vide* Enclosure 2 in No. 27.