

stopped, as the Resident Agent is under the impression that he has authority to proceed with them.

I forward herewith a requisition for the sum of £1,000 sterling, and beg to inform you that I have this day posted to the Paymaster-General vouchers exhausting my former imprest advance.

As I shall have the pay-sheets for the month of April to provide for on the return of the next steamer, probably towards the end of the present month, I would ask that the amount be placed to my credit by that time.

The Under Secretary for Immigration,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
EDWARD PATTEN,
Officer in Charge.

No. 14.

The UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION to the RESIDENT AGENT, Jackson's Bay.
(Telegram.)* 6th June, 1878.

PROCEED with completion of road, Jackson's Bay to Arawata.

H. J. H. ELIOTT.

No. 15.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to the RESIDENT AGENT, Jackson's Bay.
(Telegram.)* 7th June, 1878.

IN completing the unfinished portion of road between Jackson's Bay and Arawata, Government relies upon your taking every precaution to secure that the money is well spent and there is full value received. In expending this money, you will bear in mind that it is very much with a view to tide the settlers over the winter, after which they will have to rely upon themselves.

H. J. H. ELIOTT.

No. 16.

The UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION to the OFFICER in CHARGE, Jackson's Bay Settlement.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 13th June, 1878.

As you were informed in my telegram of this day, the duplicate of your letter of the 6th of May, No. 17, has been received, and an imprest advance for £1,000 passed for payment. There is no record, however, in this office of the receipt of the original letter, and I now address you with reference to the several points referred to in the letter in question.

You were informed on the 20th ultimo, by telegram, that Mr. Macfarlane was authorized to proceed with the erection of the lockup, and on the 6th and 7th instant that gentleman was telegraphed to *via* Dunedin as follows :—

“Wellington, 6th June, 1878.

“Proceed with completion of roads from Jackson's Bay to Arawata.”

“Wellington, 7th June, 1878.

“In completing the unfinished portion of road between Jackson's Bay and Arawata, Government relies upon your taking every precaution to secure that the money is well spent, and that there is full value received. In expending this money, you will bear in mind that it is very much with a view to tide the settlers over the winter, after which they will have to rely upon themselves.”

You were requested on the 28th of May to obtain from Mr. Macfarlane an estimate of the amount required to complete contracts existing up to that date. I am now directed to request you will supplement that estimate, and furnish a statement of the total amount required to complete all works authorized up to the present date.

On the 18th of May you were informed that work in connection with the jetty was to be suspended, and the Minister desires me to impress upon you that no work is to be undertaken without his special authority being first obtained.

I have, &c.,
H. J. H. ELIOTT,
Under Secretary for Immigration.

E. Patten, Esq., Hokitika.

P.S.—Since the above was written your letters of the 6th of June, Nos. 22 and 23, have been received, and will be duly submitted to the Minister for his consideration.—H. J. H. E.