

No. 5.

The Hon. J. MACANDREW to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 11th September, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th June last, No. 500,* with reference to the proposed bonus on the manufacture of sugar-beet in this colony, and, in reply, to inform you that it has been printed and laid before the General Assembly.

With reference to your remarks, I would observe that a proposal is now before the Legislature for the reduction of the duty on sugar by one half-penny per pound, and, in all probability, before the close of next session the duty will be altogether remitted, and that article admitted free.

There would also be no objection on the part of the Government to modify the terms and conditions set forth in the advertisement, in the direction indicated by you, in the event of any *bond fide* application being made which would justify such modification.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW,

(for the Minister for Immigration.)

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 6.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 30th September, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter (No. 721), of the 15th August, and to convey to you my approval of the action you have taken in availing yourself of Baron de Reuter's Telegraphic Agency by causing information—*re* additional emigrants—to be inserted in the newspapers.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT STOUT.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 7.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 2nd October, 1878.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Under Secretary for Immigration to Mr. Julius F. Jeffreys, a settler of some thirty years standing in Otago, and I shall be obliged by you availing yourself of his services in promoting emigration to this colony.

I have not thought it necessary to make any definite arrangements with Mr. Jeffreys as to the terms of his engagement, as I am of opinion that more satisfactory terms can be made by you after seeing him.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT STOUT.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 7.

The UNDER SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION to Mr. JEFFREYS.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 2nd October, 1878.

As the Hon. the Minister for Immigration understands that you are about visiting the United Kingdom, and that you are desirous of aiding in promoting emigration to the colony, I am directed to inform you that the Agent-General will be requested by the next mail to avail himself of your services, upon such terms as you may mutually arrange.

I have, &c.,

H. J. H. ELIOTT,

Under Secretary for Immigration.

Julius F. Jeffreys, Esq., Wellington,
or Box 150, Dunedin.

No. 8.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 1st November, 1878.

I have the honor to transmit herewith, copy of a letter received from the Rev. C. S. Ogg, of this place, asking if a party of Canadian axemen and joiners would be provided with free passages from Plymouth to this colony, on their paying their fares to that port; and to request you will be good enough to grant passages from Plymouth to such Canadians (with their families, if any), of the right class, who make personal application to you.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT STOUT.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.