

No. 47.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 15th May, 1879.

I have the honor to enclose, for your information, copies of the correspondence with Mr. John Bathgate, Resident Magistrate of Dunedin, who has been granted twelve months' leave of absence on full pay, and to request that you will utilize his services in the promotion of emigration to this colony in such manner as you may think best.

You will observe that Mr. Bathgate's actual travelling expenses will be defrayed him, should he lecture at any place where he does not reside.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT STOUT.

Enclosure 1 in No. 47.

Mr. JOHN BATHGATE to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 9th April, 1879.

I have the honor to inform you that, finding it necessary to proceed to Europe on urgent private business, I have applied to the Hon. the Minister of Justice for the necessary leave of absence. I annex a copy of my application. Should my request be favourably entertained, I propose, with your sanction, to devote a large portion of my time, when in Britain, for the purpose of securing emigrants to the colony, of the best class, possessing capital. I have been repeatedly in communication with gentlemen of standing at Home on the subject, and believe that circumstances are favourable at the present time for obtaining a number of emigrants of the class suggested.

Being well known, I have reason to believe my personal testimony in favour of the advantages offered by the colony would be acceptable and productive.

If you concur with me in considering the proposal made of importance, I would not ask for any portion of my expenses going to or returning from Britain to be defrayed by the colony, but I would naturally expect to be protected against loss when engaged in the special service of the colony in Britain. I would undertake to give public lectures, and make a personal canvass in likely quarters, and I would expect that my reasonable travelling charges and outlay, when on such service, should be defrayed. The amount might be limited by you to such sum as you think proper, and I would be prepared to render detailed accounts of expenditure.

I would also be ready to carry out any special instructions with which I might be honoured by you.

The Government may rely that no pains would be spared by me in furthering the object in view.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

JOHN BATHGATE.

Enclosure 2 in No. 47.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 15th May, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th ultimo, offering your services in promoting emigration from the United Kingdom to this colony, in the event of your application to the Hon. the Minister of Justice, for twelve months' leave of absence, being granted; and in reply to inform you that the Government gladly avails itself of your offer, and the Agent-General will be requested to utilize your services, either by delivering lectures, or in such other way as he may consider best in the interests of the colony.

Half your salary during the period of your leave will be defrayed by the Immigration Department, the other moiety being charged to the Justice Department.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT STOUT.

John Bathgate, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Dunedin.

P.S.—The Agent-General will be informed to pay you your actual travelling expenses should he engage you to lecture at any place where you are not residing.—R. S.

No. 48.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 21st May, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 247, of the 25th March last, in which you recommend a new scale of remuneration for medical men in charge of immigrants, and to inform you that your recommendation has been approved, and that the word "Waterloo" was transmitted to you by telegram on the 15th instant, as you requested.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

ROBERT STOUT.

No. 49.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, N.Z., 21st May, 1879.

I have again to draw your attention to the large sums still paid by you as commissions to local agents in the United Kingdom for procuring immigrants for the colony, notwithstanding the opinion