I have already been in communication with Mr. Barnes, and have informed him that I would gladly use his services in this direction. He has also been provided with forms of application, &c., and I have, &c., I hope he will supply me with some valuable emigrants.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Julius Vocel. Agent-General.

No. 20.

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

Sir,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 5th October, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 7th August, No. 137, enclosing for my information copy of a circular addressed to the Immigration Officers of the colony respecting acceptance of nominations for free passages.

I am exceedingly glad that you have acted on my suggestion and added to it the weight of your own personal knowledge of the subject.

I would at the same time venture to call attention to my subsequent letter, No. 766a., of 5th September, respecting nominations. There is no doubt that, with proper care in the colony and on this side, the nomination system must prove most valuable, and probably each successive year its use will be enlarged. I have, &c., JULIUS VOGEL,

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Agent-General.

No. 21.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 25th October, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram, copy annexed.

Immediately on its receipt I wrote to Mr. Broomhall, offering him a payment of £3,000. I also Sir,-

privately wrote to Mr. Whitworth, soliciting his good offices in promoting a settlement. I received a friendly reply from Mr. Whitworth, in which he said he thought Mr. Broomhall ought to be paid £2,500 for expenses, and £5,000 for compensation. I replied that I thought the case was scarcely one for compensation. I subsequently received from Mr. Broomhall the letter, copy enclosed, and I enclose also my reply. In agreeing to give Mr. Broomhall £3,500, I thought I was consulting the dignity of the Government in allowing to him something for his loss of time, risks, &c. At the interview which followed, Mr. Broomhall told me that on close computation be found all the expenses, without any remuneration for his loss of time, amounted to £2,800. I trust the settlement which I have made for £3,500 will command the approval of the Government.

I have, &c.,

Julius Vogel, Agent-General.

The Hon the Premier, Wellington.

P.S.—The money has been paid to Mr. Broomhall, and the receipt will follow in usual course with vouchers, &c.—J.V.

Enclosure 1 in No. 21.

The Hon, the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

Received, 15th October, 1878. (Telegram.) ENDEAVOUR arrange Broomhall abandon agreement least possible amount Government absolute maximum five thousand. Vogel, London. GREY.

Enclosure 2 in No. 21.

The AGENT-GENERAL to Mr. BROOMHALL.

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 17th October, 1878. SIR. I have the honor to inform you that, from a telegram I have received from New Zealand, I gather the Government of that colony are not willing to let you have the block of land for which you were in treaty.

They are willing, however, without admitting any claim on your part (as the arrangement with the Waste Lands Board is found to have been illegal), to make you a reasonable allowance for your expenses.

Accordingly, I am prepared to pay you a sum of £3,000.

I shall be happy to see you on the subject, if agreeable to yourself.

I have, &c., JULIUS VOGEL,

J. Broomhall, Esq., care of Messrs. Short, Short and Co., 91, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.

Agent-General.