

me, I have the honor to request that you will move Sir Michael Hicks Beach to request the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to send a telegram to the British Consul at Pernambuco to the following effect—that is to say: “Let the emigrants who like to proceed by “Piako” do so, and see they are properly supplied. Send Home those who like to come.”

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General for New Zealand.

Enclosure 2 in No. 32.

Mr. WINGFIELD to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 10th December, 1878.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, on the subject of the telegram received at the Foreign Office from Her Majesty's Consul at Pernambuco respecting the emigrants *ex* “Piako,” and, in compliance with your request, I am to inform you that Sir Michael Hicks Beach has asked the Marquis of Salisbury to cause the telegram suggested in your letter to be sent to Her Majesty's Consul at Pernambuco, for his guidance in the matter.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
EDWARD WINGFIELD.

Enclosure 3 in No. 32.

The MANAGER, New Zealand Shipping Company, to the AGENT-GENERAL.

“Piako” Emigrants.

The New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited), 84, Bishopsgate Street Within,
London, E.C., 11th December, 1878.

SIR,—

I beg to hand you copy of cable message dated Pernambuco, 6th December, received here 7th instant:—“Consul informs officially that has orders from Agent-General to send emigrants to England by steamer.” Of the 9th instant, received same date:—“Emigrants refuse return England; if Consul persists, must we provide clothing to return, or continue feeding.”

To this the following reply was sent the same day:—“Continue feeding; optional emigrants return or proceed; can't be forced, dissuade from returning; provide clothing (warm) only those proceed.”

On the 10th instant, the following telegram, dated 9th instant, was received:—“Will emigrants be prejudiced with Government if proceed.” To which the following reply was made:—“No; Government only desire place emigrants position private passengers; able come Home if disposed. Cable number emigrants, if any, absolutely decline to proceed.” To the last message the following reply has been received this day:—“Brown, Weir, Prior, Constance, refuse proceed if get passage Home free.”

The substance of these telegrams, and your letter of 2nd December, having been communicated to the Directors of this Company in the colony, they advise me that the General Government will cable you direct its decision with respect to the emigrants.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
O. R. STRICKLAND,
Manager.

Enclosure 4 in No. 32.

Mr. KENNAWAY to the MANAGER, New Zealand Shipping Company.

SIR,

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 12th December, 1878.

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, transmitting copies of cable messages to and from Pernambuco, I am directed by the Agent-General to inform you that he has received a telegram from the Government in New Zealand, directing him to use his own discretion in the matter.

I am to add that the Agent-General, previous to the receipt of this communication from the colony, had telegraphed through the Foreign Office to the British Consul at Pernambuco, desiring him to give the emigrants the option of returning to England or proceeding in the “Piako,” and he sees no reason for altering that decision.

The Manager, New Zealand Shipping Company.

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

Enclosure 5 in No. 32.

Mr. WINGFIELD to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 16th December, 1878.

With reference to my letter of the 10th instant, respecting the emigrants *ex* “Piako,” I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acquaint you that, in accordance with the request contained in your letter of the same date, the Marquis of Salisbury has caused a telegram to be addressed to Her Majesty's Consul at Pernambuco in the sense suggested by you.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
EDWARD WINGFIELD.