

Enclosure 6 in No. 32.

Mr. SOULSBY to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

The Mansion House, London, E.C., 17th December, 1878.

I am directed by the Lord Mayor to send you a letter he received yesterday morning from a gentleman writing from Cocoonut Island, Pernambuco. The Lord Mayor does not see his way to starting a fund here for the aid of the emigrants; and he thinks the best plan is to forward the letter to you, to see if you, in your official capacity, could arrange that aid should be rendered the people on their arrival in New Zealand.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

W. J. SOULSBY.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure 6 in No. 32.

Mr. T. B. GREEN to the Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR.

SIR,—

Cocoonut Island, Pernambuco, 27th November, 1878.

I beg to address a few lines to you on behalf of the two hundred and eighty emigrants rescued from the burning ship "Piako" by the barque "Loch Doon," and now under my charge on this island during the refitting of the "Piako."

Many of the emigrants belonging to trades, besides having their clothing spoilt by fire or salt water, and losing their savings, have also lost the tools of those trades, and are therefore in a very bad way for beginning business in New Zealand. I have no doubt you have heard particulars of the accident to the "Piako," how she took fire at sea on 11th November; how we, fortunately, sighted and signalled an English barque, the "Loch Doon," Captain Conning; how we were received on board and of us being very kindly treated, and accommodated as well as the resources of so small a ship would allow; how we arrived off Pernambuco on the 13th November, just astern of the "Piako," which was still on fire; and how, on the 15th, we were transferred from the barque to this island.

The damage to the baggage by fire and water is very considerable, and many of the emigrants will land in New Zealand utterly destitute, unless a small sum can be raised to be distributed among them.

If, Sir, by using your great influence in London and elsewhere you raise a sum of money, to be given to the emigrants in such manner as the Agent-General or New Zealand Immigration Officers may think fit, then to those already numerous recipients of your kindness there will be added about two hundred and eighty more grateful people, who have, as far as I can ascertain, no legal claim on any one for compensation for their loss, brought about "by the hand of God."

Hoping you will see fit to use your influence in this cause, and apologizing for trespassing on your time.

I have, &c.,

T. BEAUFOY GREEN,

Surgeon-Superintendent.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, London.

Enclosure 7 in No. 32.

The AGENT-GENERAL to Mr. W. J. SOULSBY.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 18th December, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, enclosing a letter which has been addressed to the Lord Mayor respecting the emigrants who have been detained at Pernambuco on their voyage to New Zealand.

Looking at the frequent and heavy demands which are made and are likely to be made on the charitable resources of this country, and to the exceptional distress which is at present prevailing, I am quite of opinion that this is not a case in which his Lordship can be called upon to specially aid.

I feel assured that the New Zealand Government will, on arrival of the emigrants in that colony, see that they are provided for until they find employment. They will at once go to comfortable barracks.

I may also add that during the time the emigrants have had to remain at Pernambuco I have taken care, through the British Consul, that they were provided with all they required, and I have also given directions to provide them with comfortable clothing for the voyage.

Permit me to add that I am sensible of the promptitude with which his Lordship has referred the matter to me.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General for New Zealand.

W. J. Soulsby, Esq.

Enclosure 8 in No. 32.

Mr. W. J. SOULSBY to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

The Mansion House, London, E.C., 18th December, 1878.

I am directed by the Lord Mayor to thank you most heartily for the very kind arrangements you have made in the interests of the suffering emigrants of the "Piako."

I have, &c.,

W. J. SOULSBY.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 33.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 2nd January, 1879.

I have the honor to report as follows as to the proceedings of my department during the month of December.