

The result of the past month's work shows, I think, that I shall be able to obtain whatever number of emigrants, in reason, the Government may wish to have sent out during the present year, without the aid of the large number of local agents, whose services I have dispensed with.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 52.

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

SIR,— 7, Westminster Chambers, London, 22nd April, 1879.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter which I have had addressed to Mr. G. M. Reed, and which sets forth particulars of the arrangement under which I propose that he should act.

Mr. Reed proceeded to Ireland on the 16th instant, and will at once commence to take steps with a view to promoting emigration from that portion of the United Kingdom.

Although the applications from the South of Ireland have been, within the last month or so, extraordinarily numerous, yet those from the North have been comparatively few. I contemplate that it will be feasible for Mr. Reed, at all events by next year's emigration season, to supervise the emigration from both North and South of Ireland.

Mr. Reed, before leaving for Ireland, attended this office for several days, examining a large number of applications which had been received here for passages to New Zealand, and otherwise improving himself on matters connected with emigration.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 52.

Mr. KENNAWAY to Mr. G. M. REED.

SIR,— 7 Westminster Chambers, London, 16th April, 1879.

In reference to your appointment as Emigration Officer, I have to inform you that the Agent-General wishes you to proceed as early as convenient to the North of Ireland, and open an office at Belfast, or at some other good central town there, with a view of diffusing information with respect to New Zealand, and of obtaining emigrants for that colony. The rent of the office will be paid by the Government. The amount of the rent to be paid to be subject to the approval of the Agent-General before you finally secure it.

I may mention that the rent of the office lately occupied by Mr. Cochrane, at 2, Custom-house Square, Belfast, was paid up to 30th April by the Government through Mr. G. Vesey Stewart, and they may possibly be suitable for your purposes.

You should find time to lecture in the country districts.

It is of great importance, where practicable, to personally inspect intending emigrants. The applications and certificates of applicants, when completed, should be referred to this office for the Agent-General's consideration.

When travelling on the public service the Agent-General will make you an allowance of 15s. a day for your subsistence, and will reimburse you for the actual cost of your railway, coach, &c., fares, together with the hire of such rooms as you may find necessary to use for meetings; also, for cost of postage, telegrams, and other necessary offices expenses.

The Agent-General will provide you with the services of one clerk should you require him.

Instructions as to details, papers, &c., will be supplied to you in due course as required.

I have, &c.,
WALTER KENNAWAY,
Secretary.

G. M. Reed, Esq.

No. 53.

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

SIR,— 7, Westminster Chambers, London, 24th April, 1879.

Referring to your letter of the 4th January, No. 13, in which you forwarded reports relating to the ship "Hermione," I now have the honor to enclose copy of a memorandum by my Despatching Officer, in reply to the several subjects concerning this vessel to which you called attention.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 53.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. E. A. SMITH to Mr. KENNAWAY.

25th February, 1879.

WITH reference to the despatch No. 13, of the 14th January, 1879, from the Hon. the Minister for Immigration, reporting the arrival of the "Hermione" at Wellington, and in pursuance of the Agent-General's instructions that I should report on the defective ventilation, &c., of that ship, to which the captain and surgeon attribute the outbreak of typhoid fever.