

The Hon. the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 8th April, 1879.

TELEGRAM twenty-eighth February cancelled. Ship one thousand immigrants; arrive winter months. Proportion according cancelled telegram. GREY.
Vogel, London.

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

(Im. 79-583.—*Via* San Francisco, No. 309.)

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W.,

18th April, 1879.

SIR,—

Referring to the exact copy herewith from the Hon. the Premier's telegram of the 8th instant (received on the same day), instructing me to send out one thousand emigrants, to arrive during the winter months, I have the honor to inform you that I at once took steps for carrying the same into effect.

I had already arranged to despatch the ship "Napier" with about 220 statute adults to Otago; and also the ship "Orari," to Lyttelton, with about 240 statute adults, being about 140 for Canterbury, and 100 for Wellington and other ports.

With respect to Wellington and Auckland, the telegram (copy attached) of the 28th February, as it came to hand, ordered 100 emigrants to be sent to Wellington, and 550 to Auckland, and, in accordance therewith, and with the telegram of the 8th instant, I at once gave notice to the Shipping Company that I should require a ship to convey 270 emigrants to Auckland, fixing 28th May as the day of embarkation. Notices were also sent to a large number of persons nominated for Auckland that they could go by a ship sailing on that date, and a number of applicants for passages to Auckland, both nominated and otherwise, whose applications were complete, were informed that they could avail themselves of the same opportunity. As regards the number (50) which the telegram indicated as required for Wellington, the number to be sent by the "Orari" would, I presumed, be sufficient; but, in giving notice to the Shipping Company of my requiring a ship to carry about 150 statute adults (the least number for which I can require a ship) to Hawke's Bay, I mentioned that, should the vessel conveying them proceed on to Wellington, probably a few emigrants for Wellington would be also sent by it.

By the letter now received by the incoming San Francisco mail, and which contains copy of the telegram of 28th February, I find that the telegram as it came to hand was incorrectly given, and that, instead of 100 for Wellington and 550 for Auckland, the number should have been reversed.

Under these circumstances, as I had taken steps which would render it very difficult to take off the ship which I had engaged for Auckland, I decided to diminish, as far as possible, the number to be sent by her, which probably will not exceed 150, unless an unusually large number of nominated persons respond to the notices which have been sent to them.

I have now given notice to the Shipping Company that I shall require a ship to take about 250 statute adults to Wellington, and also have asked them whether they will lay on a ship direct for Hawke's Bay on the ordinary contract terms; but, if I am unable to make any satisfactory arrangement in the latter case, I will, as you direct, send the Hawke's Bay emigrants *via* Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

19th April, 1879.

IMMIGRATION.—Wire number required this year exclusive thousand already ordered. What vocations besides agricultural labourers and female servants.

Premier, New Zealand.

VOGEL, London.

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

(*Via* San Francisco, No. 318.)

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W.,

22nd April, 1879.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit copy of a telegram which I forwarded on the 19th instant to the Hon. the Premier.

The applications which were coming in from all parts of the United Kingdom were increasing to so large a number (as many as from 900 to 1,000 communications being received in one day) that I felt that I should be placed in a position of some difficulty in dealing with them, did I not ascertain from the Government what number of emigrants they wished me to send out for this year.

A large number of applications have come in from others besides farm labourers and domestic servants, and these, I not being able to absolutely decline, I have asked to renew their inquiries, and during next month, as the usual season for despatching emigrant ships to New Zealand will be drawing near, a number of these applicants will in all probability again apply. The vocations to which I allude are carpenters, bricklayers, blacksmiths, shoemakers, tailors, &c.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

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

(*Via* San Francisco, No. 321.)

SIR—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 23rd April, 1879.

Since writing my letter of the 22nd instant, relating to the number and vocations of emigrants required for this year, I have received the Hon. the Premier's telegram of the 22nd instant, which, with reference to immigration, instructs me to "arrange for, during year, 2,000 additional."

I understand this to be a reply to my telegram of the 19th instant, a copy of which is attached to my letter of the 22nd.