

1881.
NEW ZEALAND.

MESSRS. GRANT AND FOSTER'S SPECIAL SETTLEMENT
AT TE AROHA

(FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO).

[In continuation of D.-7, 1880.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 3rd April, 1880.

Referring to your letter of the 23rd January last,* I have the honor to inform you that Messrs. Grant and Foster returned to England by the last San Francisco mail steamer. Before they left the colony the Government arranged that, in the event of their returning to New Zealand to invest in land, you would be authorized to assist to the extent of paying one-half the passage-money of the families of any *bonâ fide* skilled agricultural labourers who may accompany them. It was also arranged that accommodation would be provided for the families in the immigration depôts throughout the colony if they required it, for a short time, an undertaking being given that Government should be relieved of all responsibility beyond providing temporary house accommodation for the people.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

Minister for Immigration.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 2.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 1st June, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 101, of 3rd April, advising me of the return to England of Messrs. Grant and Foster, and the arrangements for assisting the families of any agricultural labourers who may accompany those gentlemen in the event of their again proceeding to the colony to invest in land. I desire to ask if there is any limit to the number of those who may take advantage of this undertaking.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 3.

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

(No. 176.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 27th July, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st June last, No. 456, and, in reply, to state that the number of immigrants Messrs. Grant and Foster should be assisted in introducing to the colony should be limited to the number for whom they guarantee to provide employment in terms of Mr. Dick's letter of the 25th March last, No. 84.† I do not understand that they would wish to avail themselves of this assistance to a greater extent than, say, twenty to thirty agricultural labourers.

I have, &c.,

W. ROLLESTON,

Minister for Immigration.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

* No. 3, D.-7, 1880.

† No. 56, D.-4, 1880.