

Upon your satisfying the Government that the sum of £250, less the cost of your passage and necessary preliminary expenses is available in London for the purpose named, the Agent-General will be instructed to pay you from time to time such amounts as you may require, not exceeding £20 16s 8d a month, up to the sum of £250, on condition that you deliver not less than eight lectures a month, in such places in the United Kingdom, as you may consider best. The Government is unable to make any payments in advance to you in the Colony.

I have, &c.,

J. BALLANCE,

Minister of Immigration.

Wm. Courtney, Esq., New Plymouth.

No. 3.

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

(Memorandum).

Immigration Department, Wellington, 1st December, 1885.

I FORWARD herewith for your information copies of further correspondence which has taken place with Mr. Courtney (relative to his offer to deliver lectures in Great Britain), in continuation of my memorandum No. 108, of the 8th October last.

J. BALLANCE,

Minister for Immigration.

Enclosure No. 1 in No. 3.

MR. COURTENAY to the Hon. the MINISTER of IMMIGRATION.

New Plymouth, 24th October, 1885.

SIR,— The amount raised to date has been only £128. Settlers here having sent me home once at their own expense feel Government might give the £250 without any further public aid, and I would now ask you to give it in 12 equal payments, 2 of which to be made in December, and then monthly on my having given 8 lectures during the month.

I have, etc.,

W. COURTNEY.

Hon. J. Ballance.

Enclosure No. 2 in No. 3.

UNDER-SECRETARY IMMIGRATION to MR. COURTENAY.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 25th November, 1885.

I have the honour, by direction of the Hon. the Minister of Immigration, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ult., stating that the sum raised at that date by way of contributions from private persons, to enable you to lecture in the United Kingdom, was only £128, and requesting that the Government would contribute the sum of £250, which was promised by my letter of the 21st August last, by way of subsidy, at the rate of £1 for £1.

In reply I am to state that the Government cannot exceed the promised subsidy. If £128 is all that has been contributed by your friends, only a similar amount can be paid by the Government.

I have, &c.,

H. J. H. ELIOTT,

Under Secretary.

Wm. Courtenay, Esq., New Plymouth.

No. 4.

Hon. MINISTER of IMMIGRATION to AGENT-GENERAL.

(Memorandum).

Immigration Department, Wellington, 5th December, 1885.

I FORWARD for your information copies of correspondence which has taken place with Mr. Clayden, from which you will learn that he has been appointed to lecture upon the Colony in the interests of emigration from the United Kingdom.

I have to request that you will be good enough to give effect to the arrangement which has been made with Mr. Clayden on his reporting himself to you.

J. BALLANCE,

Minister of Immigration.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure 1 in No. 4.

MR. ARTHUR CLAYDEN to the Hon. MR. BALLANCE.

Waverley Hotel, Auckland, 27th October, 1885.

SIR,—

I should feel greatly obliged, in view of future work in connection with the settlement of our British farmers of the working class, if you could render me assistance as follows :—

1. A railway pass available for say three months, to enable me to see certain blocks of land which have been placed before me.
2. Your influence with the Union Steamship Company to induce them to accord me the same facilities for getting about the Colony during that period.
3. All recent enactments bearing on the special settlement scheme and proposed assistance to farmers, and also copies *Hansard* from June, 1884, to present date.