

4. Copies of all such illustrations of scenery, &c. as may be in existence belonging to the Government and one of the full-sized maps of the two islands.

5. State credentials as an authenticated agent of the Government.

6. The use of the dissolving view apparatus and views of New Zealand, which is preparing for Colonial Exhibition in London, or, better still, a duplicate set (this would be exceedingly helpful in a line of service I am desirous of entering, viz.—the setting forth of the attractions of the Colony to tourists, invalids, &c.)

7. Such assistance, by way of lessening expenses in a thorough exploration of the Hot Lakes District, as may be within the power of Government to render beyond the railway pass.

I do not say anything about recoupment for various expenditures in the prosecution of my self-imposed task of making New Zealand better known throughout England, as I prefer leaving it entirely to your sense of justice. I have not gone to work in a spirit of greed, and the character and value of my services during the past seven years are probably well-known to you.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Mr. Ballance.

ARTHUR CLAYDEN.

P.S.—My address will be “Nelson.”

Enclosure 2 in No. 4.

UNDER-SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION to MR. CLAYDEN.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 5th November, 1885.

I have the honor, by direction of Mr. Ballance, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ult, applying for assistance with regard to your scheme for the promotion of Emigration to New Zealand.

In reply, I have to inform you that the Government is desirous of rendering you every reasonable assistance in the matter, and to this end I forward herewith, as requested, a railway pass which is available in any part of the Colony for a period of three months.

Copies of the “Land Act, 1885,” and the Special Settlement Regulations now in force, together with copies of *Hansard* and a book containing illustrations of scenery published by the Government, with maps of the North and South Islands are also forwarded to you by Book Post.

The railway pass will enable you to travel over the lines towards the Hot Springs in the Rotorua District, and Mr. Johnson, the Government Agent there, has been instructed to render you every assistance. Mr. Ballance regrets, however, that he will be unable to make any payments on account of your visit to the Hot Lakes.

I am also to state that the question of granting further assistance to enable you to proceed to London as an Emigration Agent on behalf of the Colony will be considered at some future time, when you have completed your arrangements.

I have, &c.,

H. J. H. ELLIOTT,

Under-Secretary.

Enclosure 3 in No. 4.

MR. CLAYDEN to the UNDER-SECRETARY IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Nelson, November 14th, 1885.

I have to acknowledge with thanks, receipt of railway pass, four volumes of *Hansard*, two maps, a volume of New Zealand Views, and sundry Government papers.

Please convey to the Hon. Mr. Ballance my strong sense of his courtesy in the matter.

Will you also lay before him the following suggestion with reference to future work in England *re* small farmer emigration, as I am extremely anxious that the fullest justice should be done to what I conceive to be a most important “new departure” on the part of the Government, viz: the decision to afford assistance to small agricultural capitalists.

I should like to be accompanied home by some thoroughly practical, moderately successful New Zealand farmer.

If no better man could be found, and I venture to think if Mr. Ballance were to have half-an-hours’ talk with him he would agree with me that no better man could be found, I would suggest my brother Mr. Samuel Clayden, a member of the Nelson Education Board, and one of the most energetic and successful farmers in the Waimea.

Eight years ago Sir Julius Vogel was induced to render him assistance in coming out to New Zealand, his large family of 10 children making it absolutely necessary that he should spare his small capital as much as possible if he was to succeed here.

He has more than justified Sir Julius Vogel’s expectations. Although, unfortunately, settled on poor land, he has by infinite pluck, energy, etc., made one of the best farms in the Eighty-eight Valley (Wakefield). Four of his sons are at work on the farm, and the rest are doing well in Nelson.

He is, in a word, a model settler as everyone acquainted with him would testify. It has, therefore, occurred to me, that backed up by his personal experience, I could with comparative ease induce scores of small farmers, English, Scotch, and Irish to come out and settle these New Zealand lands.

I have talked the matter over with him, and he thinks his oldest son, now over 25, is quite capable of managing affairs during a four or six months’ absence.

I therefore respectfully submit the matter to the consideration of the Hon. Mr. Ballance; my antecedents will, I am sure, acquit me of any mere self-seeking in this suggestion. Personally, I should very much prefer settling down quietly in one of these charming Nelson villas. Having, however, elected to take up the Emigration Question, and being well-known now throughout England and Scotland as a