

thorough believer in New Zealand, I am vain enough to think that there are few who are in a position to do the Colony better service in this line. Mr. Courtney, who is, I find, just gone home again, may and I hope will do good service; but I gathered from enquiries at New Plymouth a fortnight ago that his efforts are confined exclusively to the Taranaki District. He is, in fact, sent home by local landowners, agents, &c., to sell their farms.

This is a good work and I think the Government has done well in rendering him assistance, but it is not a work at all commensurate with the necessities of the case.

I want to see these practical agriculturalists of England and Scotland, and especially the frugal industrious men of the latter, who have transformed the sterile wastes of Scotland into magnificent farms, settled all over these New Zealand solitudes. I am profoundly convinced that were it so we should soon hear the last of depression, and the cry of the "unemployed" would be but an echo of the past.

I am, etc.,

ARTHUR CLAYDEN.

P.S.—I may, I hope, be forgiven for the expression of disappointment with the New Zealand illustrations sent. They do the Colony a sad injustice. In Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin I saw photographs which infinitely transcend them in every particular. I would very earnestly urge on the Government the importance of utilizing to the utmost the photographic enterprise of the Colony to set forth its varied attractions to the tourist, the invalid, as well as the ordinary settler.

Enclosure 4 in No. 4.

Hon. MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION to MR. CLAYDEN.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 25th November, 1885.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant offering to proceed to England for the purpose of promoting the emigration of small farmers to New Zealand, and suggesting that you should be accompanied by your brother, Mr. Samuel Clayden, a member of the Nelson Education Board, who has been most successful as a farmer in the Waimea district.

In reply I have to state that the Government recognises the services you have already rendered the Colony in the cause of immigration, and it has been decided by the Cabinet to offer you an appointment as lecturer for twelve months in the United Kingdom, on similar terms to those on which you were appointed in 1879, namely—a saloon passage by direct steamer for yourself and wife, and the sum of £200 to be paid in such manner as the Agent-General may consider best in the interests of the Colony, whether for a stated number of lectures to be delivered by you or for a fixed period, during which your services would be available in such parts of the United Kingdom as he may require.

The Government cannot undertake to employ your brother as you suggest.

I have, &c.,

J. BALLANCE,

Minister of Immigration.

Arthur Clayden, Esq., Nelson.

Enclosure 5 in No. 4.

MR. CLAYDEN to the Hon. MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Timaru, 27th November, 1885.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 25th November, 1885, intimating my appointment as lecturer for twelve months in the United Kingdom, on similar terms to those on which I was appointed in 1879.

I have much pleasure in accepting the appointment, and shall be prepared to go to England by February next, or earlier if you should deem it necessary.

The sum named in your letter for travelling expenses, viz., £200, is not correct, I received £250. £200 was first named, but on my intimation to the Hon. R. Stout that I feared that sum would not clear me, he added £50 to it.

I must therefore ask you to alter the sum to £250, and I would respectfully suggest that you make it the same as the Rev. Mr. Berry had, viz., £300, as the hotel charges in England are high, and with railway costs even this sum is little enough.

With regard to the photographs of New Zealand scenery, which I am very desirous of being provided with for illustrations of a new edition of my popular hand-book, as also for directing attention to what I regard as a very important part of my work—the attraction of tourists and invalids to the Colony. I shall feel obliged if you can allow me the sum of £25 to purchase such views as I may deem suitable while going from place to place. At Wellington, Auckland and Dunedin there are very admirable photographs, complete sets of which I think I can secure for that amount.

I am hopeful that I may induce Messrs. Cassell & Co., the eminent publishers of illustrated works—"Picturesque Europe, &c."—to take up New Zealand. Anyhow, if provided with ample illustrations, I will throw them into shape, add suitable letterpress, etc., and submit the M.S. to them.

I hope to be in Wellington in the course of a week, when, perhaps, you will be good enough to let me know, through Mr. Elliott, whether you accede to the requests of this letter.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR CLAYDEN.

The Hon. Mr. Ballance.

P.S.—I should be glad to know if you would have any objection to my negotiating my passages with the steam ship folks, as I think if I can get three second saloon passages for the two first saloon, which you give me, I will get my brother to accompany me. I believe the cost in 1879 was £150 for my passage and my wife's.

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