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EMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND

(LETTERS FROM THE AGENT-GENERAL RESPECTING).

FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

[In Continuation of D.—3, 1886.]

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

No. 1.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 15th May, 1886.

In continuation of my letter of the 9th ultimo,* I transmit herewith copy of a letter I have received from the Colonial Office, in reply to mine, asking to be informed of the nature and extent of the financial arrangements in contemplation for giving effect to the suggested principle of State-aided emigration.

You will observe that, as Her Majesty's Government have not yet come to a decision upon the principle itself, the details have not been settled.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. D. BELL.

Enclosure in No. 1.

Mr. E. WINGFIELD to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Colonial Office, Downing Street, 12th May, 1886.

I am directed by Earl Granville to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo, requesting to be informed of the nature and extent of the financial arrangement in connection with the system of the suggested State-aided emigration.

In reply, I am to inform you that Her Majesty's Government have not come to any decision as to the adoption of the principle of State aid to emigration, and it is therefore impossible for Lord Granville to say what financial arrangements would be proposed if that principle were adopted.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD WINGFIELD.

No. 2.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 3rd June, 1886.

I transmit to you herewith copy of a letter I have addressed to the Colonial Office, recalling Earl Granville's attention to the proposal which, in compliance with your desire, I brought before Lord Derby, early last year, for concerted action between the Imperial and Colonial Governments for the proposed crofter settlement at Waikawa.

I have been for some time in communication, unofficially, with the Earl of Dalhousie on the question, and at an interview this morning, in the presence of Sir Robert Herbert, K.C.B., Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Sir Reginald Welby, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, it was settled that I should be placed in official communication with his lordship, as Secretary for Scotland. I hope to be able to say more definitely to you very soon whether the Imperial Government will join in sending out the first pioneer families.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

F. D. BELL.