

journalists. They now see their mistake, and are prepared to look at events in a more subdued spirit. I am satisfied of their suitability in every respect to occupy the settlement set apart for them at Waikawa.

I may here state that I had the honour of a visit in my office at Dunedin of the Earl of Dalhousie, when lately in the colony. His lordship interested himself in our immigration regulations, and was good enough to accompany me on a visit to our immigration dépôt at Caversham, with the accommodation and arrangement of which he seemed well pleased.

I have arranged for meetings with the crofters at several centres of population, but, as you may well judge, my hands will be tied until I can state positively whether a grant will be received.

I enclose a copy of my "appeal,"* which may be attached to any application made to the Government of the United Kingdom.

As all my official correspondence will be with yourself, be pleased to communicate to the Government of New Zealand the substance of this letter.

I have, &c.,

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