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EMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

(LETTERS TO THE AGENT-GENERAL RESPECTING)

[In Continuation of D.—3 1884.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by command of His Excellency

No. 1.

The HON. the MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION to the AGENT-GENERAL.

Sir,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 1st October, 1885.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th June last, in reply to my enquiry as to whether you could dispose of land under the special settlement conditions at present in force in the Colony.

In reply I have to inform you that your letter has been printed and submitted to Parliament (No. 3, C.—8, 1885), and I would refer you to the speeches in the enclosed copy of *Hansard*, on the introduction of the immigration vote last session.

I quite concur with your remarks as to the necessity of assistance being given towards the passages of farmers and others possessed of small capital, who are desirous of taking up land in New Zealand. With a view of reducing the cost of reaching the Colony to such classes of persons, the Government proposes to require them only to pay half the sum which it is estimated each Government immigrant costs the Colony, from the time he breaks up his home, until he is located in New Zealand.

The total cost is estimated at £20 for each adult. Persons desirous of taking advantage of this proposal must, however, first prove to your satisfaction that they are possessed of at least £100 for each head of a family, and £50 for each member thereof over the age of twelve years. On payment to you of the sum of £10 for each adult, and £5 for each child, you could make a similar contribution to the shipping firm, providing passages, leaving it to the immigrants themselves to elect whether they will come out in the steerage or second class. Contributions towards passage money should only be made to persons of the agricultural class, who must be carefully selected by you.

While every information will be afforded to these persons, both before and after their arrival in the Colony, it must be distinctly understood they can only acquire land under the existing law, and that there is no liability on the part of the Government to set apart any blocks of land specially for their requirements.

I enclose a copy of amended regulations, which it is proposed to issue for nominated and assisted immigration on the terms indicated above, and I have to request that the part relating to the emigration of small farmers may be extensively advertised throughout the United Kingdom.

I have, &c.,

J. BALLANCE,

Minister of Immigration.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 1.

REGULATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

Nominated Immigration.

1. PERSONS in the colony who are desirous of nominating their friends in the United Kingdom for passages by direct steamers to New Zealand can do so upon forms which will be supplied on application to the Immigration Officers at Auckland, Napier, New Plymouth, Wellington, Nelson, Blenheim, Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill, or Hokitika, either personally or by post.

Applications will be considered in the following order :

- (a.) Nomination of separated families ;
- (b.) Nominations where relatives nominate relatives ;
- (c.) Nomination of single women who are not related ;
- (d.) Nominations of friends who are not included in the above classes.

Payment in cash must be made in the colony at the following rates, which will cover all charges for passages, outfit, and expenses in dépôt, namely :—

1. D.—4.