

Letter Extracts referred to in the High Commissioner's Letter, No. 1272, of 7th April, 1910.

SIR,—
C/o John Fisher, Esq., Dingley, Market Harborough.
29th November, 1906.
I return herewith the medical certificate for myself and my child signed by our doctor, T. A. Durrant, Esq., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Eng.
I shall be glad to receive the certificate as soon as possible, and I am very grateful to you for granting it to me.
I shall with my son sail in the "Tongariro," 29th December, if all is well.
I am, &c.,
The High Commissioner for New Zealand, London. JANE MARGARET CARTER.

DEAR SIR,—
C/o John Fisher, Esq., Dingley, Market Harborough.
1st December, 1906.
Thank you very much for the grant of one and a half reduced fares to New Zealand as noted in your memorandum received to-day.
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We are most grateful for the grant of a reduced fare as farming in England has reduced our capital considerably.
Yours, &c.,
The High Commissioner for New Zealand, London. J. MARGARET CARTER.

HIGH COMMISSIONER to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER.
Via Suez, 8/4/10.
No. 1327. Westminister Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London S.W.,
7th April, 1910.
SIR,—
With reference to the enclosed cutting from *The Dominion* of the 5th February last of a letter headed "E. A. Smith" and signed by C. Hart, of Maharahara, in which he complains that he was misled as to the openings existing in New Zealand in his trade of plumbing, gas, and hot-water fitting, it may be interesting to you to read the annexed copy of the letter he wrote to this office in August, 1908, wherein he stated that he had a lot of relatives in New Zealand, so that, therefore, he would not be stranded on arrival; and also that, although he had been a plumber's mate, he would on reaching the Dominion work on his cousin's farm.
He certainly, therefore, has no ground for the complaint he makes in his letter to the newspaper that he found it impossible to get work in his trade when his avowed intention before leaving was to work on a farm.
I am, &c.,
WM. HALL-JONES.
The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington, New Zealand.

Cutting from the Dominion, 5th February, 1910, referred to in the High Commissioner's Letter, No. 1327, of 7th April, 1910.

SIR,—
E. A. SMITH.
Regarding your article entitled "The Smith Affair," in your issue of 27th January, I wish to inform you or any of your readers that the Prime Minister will never show that Mr. Tweed is, to quote your own words, "an inventor of incorrect stories." I myself wrote to the High Commissioner and I received a reply to my letter from Mr. E. A. Smith, with enough shipping pamphlets, as another of your correspondents put it, to last me a lifetime. I then paid a visit to the High Commissioner's offices, and after being informed all about New Zealand I asked my informant to book my passage. I was then politely shown in to Mr. E. A. Smith, who booked my passage. I arrived by the "Ionic" on 26th January last. I might state that before I made up my mind to emigrate I inquired if it was any good of me thinking of going to New Zealand. I was asked my trade, and I replied that I had done four years plumbing, gas, and hot-water fitting. "Oh, yes," came the reply, "plenty of work out there for you," which was one of the biggest lies ever told as I found it was impossible to get into the trade when I arrived, having tried at Wellington, Port Chalmers, Dunedin, and Christchurch, &c. No wonder your towns are getting flooded out with tradesmen when your trusted agents encourages them to come out here instead of suppressing them by telling the truth.
I am, &c.,
Maharahara. C. HART

Letter referred to in the High Commissioner's Letter, No. 1327, of 7th April, 1910.

DEAR SIR,—
662 Fulham Road, London, S.W.,
17th August, 1908.
Having been unemployed for the last three months and my savings very nearly exhausted, I have a great desire to go to New Zealand. I have a lot of relations out there where I could go on landing, so that I should not be stranded; therefore, would it be possible for me to get out there for £10 or £12? I am not afraid of hard work, having been a plumber's mate on the building, but I should work on my cousin's farm. I am nineteen years old. An answer will greatly oblige.
I am, &c.,
The High Commissioner for New Zealand, London. C. HART.