

ment—a healthful and commanding position in the forest. I visited the place myself when at Taranaki, and there in company with this Prussian Officer, gave him actual orders to execute the following work, to prepare the place for settlement.

He was immediately to get a space of from 80 to 100 acres of the rich forest land, in the best aspect, towards the North (the sunny quarter), perfectly cleared and stumped, for garden ground for the common use and benefit of the settlers. The cost of this, which the emigrants were never to be asked to repay, was to be no less than twenty pounds (£20) per acre.

He was further actually ordered to get 500 acres more land cleared generally for crops. The best trees, which are very valuable, either for furniture or firewood, the Rimu and Rata, to be left standing. For this the sum of four pounds (£4) per acre was to be paid, and not a farthing charged to the emigrants. To have made the settlement succeed, other expenses would have been gone into if found necessary.

I think now you will allow that my terms for the German emigrants were very much more liberal than those approved of by you for the Caffrarian emigrants. I can assure you that they were much more liberal than ever have been offered to English emigrants, who also have to give militia service when necessary, as thousands of them are doing at this very moment.

I have written this rather to vindicate the Government against the charge of illiberality than for any other purpose. We have made other arrangements, and are getting emigrants on terms not more liberal than those proposed. And with all the admiration and regard I have for the honesty and frankness, the manliness and persevering industry which may perhaps be said to have become habitual characteristics of the Germans, and though looking upon them as a race of kindred blood to the English, and therefore particularly qualified to amalgamate with us in forming a new nation, I do not think I ought to hold out to them more inducements than I should to my own countrymen.

I have, &c.,

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