

arrival. I had intended to propose that the redoubts between the Omata and Tataraimaka would have suited exceedingly well for the Germans; but I understand you intend to get men from Otago for that place.

I would therefore recommend you would place them in the redoubt at Tataraimaka, and have a new one built on the place which General Cameron took by escalade lately.

Politically it would have a great effect on the Natives, and I think would be popular in the whole Colony. I have no hesitation in undertaking to hold those two redoubts with 500 of my countrymen; there is also the advantage of water communication till the roads and bridges are made. I propose that the huts shall be of the size and shape as proposed in my sketch for the Bush Stockade, and if carpenters were set about them at once, they would be ready either to be used in town, or taken to pieces and carried by sea to Tataraimaka, or to any other destination.

Sir, I beg to assure you of my best service.

I have, &c.,

W. BLASCHKE.

To the Honorable Alfred Domett.

No. 25.

MESSRS. GODEFFROY TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Hamburgh, 22nd April, 1863.

SIR,—

We have had the honor of receiving your Despatch of 23rd December, and since of seeing with us Mr. Fedor Kelling, whom you have sent to Germany to arrange with us the introduction of German immigrants into New Zealand.

We have maturedly and repeatedly consulted with Mr. Kelling, but are sorry to say that the basis laid down in the instructions furnished to Mr. Kelling, are such as to render German immigration into New Zealand impossible.

We have fully explained to Mr. Kelling, both verbally and in writing, the serious and numerous objections we have to the proposed stipulations, and in distinctly stating our view how this German immigration into New Zealand could be successfully conducted, we have given to Mr. Kelling a basis upon which, but upon which alone, we would be willing to act.

Even these stipulations are by far not so favourable to the immigrants as those held out to them in other Colonies, but on the contrary, highly favourable to the New Zealand Government, which is gradually refunded for all its outlay in rations and passage money, at the same time selling its land at the Australian upset price, and colonising a district which cannot be compared with other colonies.

If the New Zealand Government harbours the wish to introduce immigrants, it must find a house in Germany which by its moral standing, and the name and reputation it enjoys, is able to induce emigrants of the respectable class to select New Zealand as destination. His Excellency Sir George Grey, when Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, honored us with his confidence; the Government agent for the Colony of Queensland has entrusted to our sole care the emigration to that Colony; and we believe also that Mr. Kelling has, during his short stay with us, convinced himself that we are the proper persons to carry out the proposed scheme.

We are willing to do so, if it can be done upon the terms Mr. Kelling has got in writing from us, and without intruding upon the communications which the said gentleman may make to you upon that matter, we must here touch upon one more point, which we would not consider proper to mention directly towards Mr. Kelling.

Emigration to Taranaki is not quite the same as emigration to less exposed and more civilised Colonies. If we offer to take charge of it, nevertheless we must have the moral certainty that the people we send will be able gradually to feel happy and satisfied.

To effect this, to overcome the difficulties of the beginning, which are the most serious, as our people do not understand the language of the country, it is quite essential that a proper person, German by birth, and fully acquainted with the habits of our people, should be appointed to act as Government officer, not only to instal the immigrants, but also to assist them with his advice; in a word, to act as their adviser, counsellor, and chief, whenever required. The appointing of such a person would be of the utmost importance for the Government to further its views, and in fact the only means to form a border militia out of the emigrants.

We have been much pleased with the frank, open, and loyal character of Mr. Kelling, and if we are to take charge of the difficult task, we must make it a point, that Mr. Kelling should be appointed this Government Immigration Superintendent, as with him we should feel sure that our emigrants would be properly taken care of.

We have, &c.,

JOHN CESAR GODEFFROY & SON.

To the Honorable Colonial Secretary,
Auckland, New Zealand.