

random of instructions for my guidance. On the day I received them I placed myself officially in communication with the Colonial Office, requesting permission to act in this matter, either wholly or in part, through the Emigration Commissioners. Up to this time I have not been favoured with a reply to my letter.

Permit me to assure you that no delay on my part will occur in organising a system of emigration to the Province of Auckland in accordance with the instructions I have received.

I have, &c.,

READER WOOD.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

No. 11.

THE HON. MR. WOOD TO THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Westminster Palace Hotel,

London, June 17th, 1864.

SIR,

In my letter to you of the 19th ultimo on the subject of emigration, I informed you that I had applied to the Colonial Office for permission to act in this matter, either wholly or in part, through Her Majesty's Emigration Commissioners, and that up to the date of the departure of the mail by Southampton I had not been favoured with a reply.

On the evening of the 25th ultimo I was informed that the Commissioners had been instructed to furnish me with any information in their power towards facilitating the object which I had in view, but that the Secretary of State for the Colonies considered it at least premature for the Imperial Government to give the sanction which would be implied by placing the proposed emigration in the hands of that Board.

It became necessary for me therefore at once to organise a system on behalf of the Colony for the conduct of emigration to New Zealand. I immediately placed myself in communication with Mr. Archibald Clark and was fortunate in securing his services; I prepared a set of terms and conditions on which emigrants might go out to New Zealand, and I instructed Mr. Clark as fully as I thought necessary to enable him to carry out the business he undertook in accordance with the views of the New Zealand Government. Copies of these documents as set forth in the margin are enclosed herewith.

I have not adhered very strictly to the terms stated in your memorandum, but the modifications which I have made I thought necessary, to secure if possible the class of persons most desirable for the colony. The fact is that all the industrial classes of the community in the United Kingdom are in a state of great comfort and prosperity, and I thought that it required a somewhat greater inducement than a free passage and five acres of land to secure the emigration of steady and respectable people. Mr. Clark commenced operations as soon as he received my instructions and I hear from him that the applications have been very numerous.

As far as emigration from England and Ireland is concerned, I am happy to inform you that I have just concluded an arrangement with Mr. W. S. Grahame and Mr. Morrison, these gentlemen have consented to form an Emigration Board, of which I have constituted Mr. W. S. Grahame senior member, to take charge of all the emigration business connected with these two countries.

The terms and conditions will be precisely the same as those for Scotland and the instructions *mutatis mutandis* the same as those given to Mr. Clark. I consider myself peculiarly fortunate in having been able to secure the services of Mr. Grahame. They have been given at some personal inconvenience to himself, and only upon my earnest and repeated solicitations. Mr. Grahame's salary during the time he is occupied in this business will be at the rate of £500 a year. Mr. Morrison's remuneration in addition to his salary as agent will be the same as Mr. Clarke's.

I shall leave instructions for the two gentlemen whom you have sent from New Zealand by the 'Light Brigade' to act under the directions of Mr. Grahame and Mr. Morrison. In any communications you may have to make on this subject, or any alterations you may see fit to make in my arrangements, you had better address to Mr. Grahame or Mr. Clark, as I hope now that the emigration system is organised, and that the rest of the business with which I was charged is drawing to a close to be able to leave England by the Marseilles Mail of July.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 7th April enclosing copy of the letter dated 1st April to Messrs Martin and May.

I have, &c.,

READER WOOD.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Enclosure 1 in No. 11.

THE HON. MR. WOOD TO A. CLARK, ESQ.

Queen's Hotel, Glasgow,

June 2, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honor to request you to undertake the selection of Emigrants from Scotland to the Port of Auckland, New Zealand, under the terms and conditions which are enclosed for your guidance