

No. 7.

SUPERINTENDENT AUCKLAND TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Superintendent's Office,
Auckland, 17th November, 1864.

SIR,—

Referring to your Letter, No. 71, of date 2nd April ultimo, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a Letter, received from Mr. Berg, the Emigration Agent for this Province at the Cape of Good Hope, advising the action he has taken in forwarding Emigrants sent for on behalf of His Excellency's Government. The original Enclosures received with Mr. Berg's Letter are also forwarded to you.

I have to request that His Excellency's Government will make the necessary arrangements for fulfilling, without delay, to these Emigrants, on arrival, the terms offered through me.

I regret to learn that, in the case of the party which arrived on the 15th of last month, this has not been done, but that they are being maintained in idleness in the immediate vicinity of a public house at the North Shore, which has resulted in the necessity of special action on the part of the police.

Feeling, as I do, in a measure morally responsible to these poor Immigrants, I trust His Excellency the Governor and his Advisers will take means for making good the inducements which have been held out through me.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT GRAHAM,
Superintendent.The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Auckland.

Enclosure to No. 7.

MR. BERG TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AUCKLAND.

Per Hamburg Barque "Alfred."
Cape Town, 27th September, 1864.

SIR,—

On the 17th August I had the honor to write to you, of which letter I beg to enclose copy, and beg now to forward Charter Party of the Hamburg barque "Alfred," Captain H. Decker, chartered by me for the conveyance of Emigrants hence to Auckland, in accordance with your instructions of 6th April last, at Ten Pounds sterling per Statute Adult.

Though the vessel is 476 tons register, the Emigration Officer would only allow 147 Statute Adults to be embarked, besides six cabin passengers.

Of the 197 Statute Adults, twenty-five have paid their passage. The passage of the remaining 172 Statute Adults at the rate of £10 sterling, say £1,720, is therefore due by you to the vessel, according to my certificate granted to the master of the vessel.

According to the enclosed passenger list there are on board:—

48 Married Males, equal to Statute Adults	-	-	-	48
48 " Females, "	-	-	-	48
35 Single Men	-	-	-	35
14 " Females (with relatives on board)	-	-	-	14
28 Male Children, from 1 to 12 years	-	-	-	14
26 Female " " 1 " 12 "	-	-	-	13
10 Male Infants, under 1 year.				
8 Female " " 1 "				

271 Souls, equal to Statute Adults	-	-	-	172
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Of these I enclose 79 agreements, duly signed by them; in these agreements the passage money has also been calculated, at the rate of twelve pounds and a half for each adult.

The six cabin passengers are equal to six adults. The 28 steerage passengers, proceeding at their own cost (£25), to them I granted 25 land orders for forty acres each, and one land order for twenty acres.

In the above number of passengers is also included Thomas Mitchie, the proprietor of land order No. 117, the counterpart of which was forwarded by the "Steinwarder," who, however, only proceeded by the present opportunity.

On board the "Alfred" every possible care has been taken for the comfort of the Emigrants. The provisions are ample, and of the very best quality.

To the captains of the vessels I held out the hopes of the customary gratuity for the satisfactory delivery of the passengers.

As to the Emigrants under contract, I feel satisfied that they will meet with your entire approval, and have no doubt that they will be good settlers. I have been very careful to select only healthy people of good character.

In about three weeks I hope to despatch the Hamburg brig "Reihersteg," with about 120 adults. I am also in treaty for the charter of the English ship "Maori," Captain Ashby, to take 270 adults. With the latter vessel the difficulty is, that the captain wants an advance on the passage money, which I see no possibility of granting.