

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland, 1st April, 1864.

The Government will find employment for them during at least six months.

W. GISBORNE,
Under Secretary.

[This should be compared with the Hon. Mr. Wood's letter to Mr. Clark in regard to the Scotch immigrants.]

INSTRUCTIONS for WILLIAM BERG, Esq., Emigration Agent, Cape Town.

There will be no lack of employment, as public works will be undertaken in the districts in which settlers are located, and until work is available in the ordinary course of country industrial occupations, the surplus labour of the districts will be employed on such works.

No. 36.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 8th April, 1865.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letters of the 3rd instant, and to inform you that Dr. Knight will proceed to Auckland forthwith, specially commissioned by the Government in reference to the subject of your letters, and will put himself in communication with your Honor.

I have, &c., FRED. A. WELD.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

No. 37.

LETTER of the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland,—
dated 10th April, 1865.

[For this Letter, see Enclosure 1 to No. 39, post.]

No. 38.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 18th April, 1865.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10th instant, in reply to mine of the 3rd instant, informing you that the Provincial Executive requiring to be relieved from responsibility for a scheme which they were no longer permitted to conduct on the terms agreed to, resigned the agency for the Waikato Settlements.

You enter at great length into the question whether there has been any breach of agreement between the General Government and the immigrants.

But the question which I mainly insisted on was this,—whether there had been any breach of agreement between the General Government and me. To this no answer has been returned.

The terms on which I undertook the agency were definite. These, rigidly adhered to by me, have been departed from by the General Government, without even the form of previous consultation with the Provincial Executive. Even were those terms again agreed to, I could have no reasonable assurance that they might not be again departed from, and that I might not again be taken by surprise.

At your request, I assumed a grave responsibility, from which, under many difficulties I have not flinched. The agreement having been overthrown by the General Government, I can see no reason for revoking the determination, to which, in common with my Executive, I had arrived, namely,—to resign the agency into your hands.

You have been informed that the Provincial Executive would continue to act until the receipt of advices by the return mail from Wellington, after which time we should consider ourselves relieved. Dr. Knight having arrived with authority to act in your behalf, we presume that he now takes charge. I have again to express my willingness and that of my Executive, to afford advice, information and active assistance, should he think proper to demand it. All may go on as heretofore, save only in this,—that I am absolved by change of direction, from responsibility for the success of a scheme in which public confidence has been so rudely shaken.

I observe that you endeavour to cast blame upon your predecessors in office, and upon myself. It is to be presumed that they will find a time and place to defend themselves; but as I am unwilling that any misapprehension should remain on your mind, in regard to the Provincial Government, I shall, by the next opportunity, address a separate communication to you on the subject.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

ROBERT GRAHAM,
Superintendent.

No. 39.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 20th April, 1865.

In my letter of the 18th instant, written in reply to yours of the 10th instant, concerning the Waikato Immigration scheme, I informed you that I could see no reason for revoking the determination to which, in common with my Executive, I had arrived, namely,—to resign the agency into your hands.