

of Auckland, respecting the condition of the Waikato Immigrants. I shall be glad if you will appoint an early day when I might wait upon you to ascertain what is the best course under the extraordinary circumstances to adopt.

The Hon. the Premier,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
ROBERT GRAHAM,
Superintendent of Auckland.

Enclosure to No. 2.

The DEPUTY-SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the SUPERINTENDENT.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 11th September, 1865.

I have the honor to inform you that out of the £33,000 placed at the disposal of the Provincial Government to carry out the Waikato immigration scheme, there only remains unexpended the sum of £5,800.

It is estimated that the sum of £4,900 will be required for the current month, and that on the 1st October next there will be on hand the small balance of £900 with which to meet claims for salaries, surveys, tools, seeds, &c.

Under these circumstances I have deemed it my duty, with the advice of Mr. Cheeseman, to notify to the Waikato Immigrants that assistance will not be afforded them after the 30th instant.

In the different districts where these immigrants are located there is little or no employment to be obtained, and in and about Auckland the case is no better; the result will be that a very large proportion of the immigrants will have to be supported at the cost of the Province, or starve.

The immigrants who are located at Mongonui and other Northern ports will, I presume, be entitled to a free passage to Auckland as soon as we cease to pay and ration them.

In a few days we shall have to grapple with this great difficulty, and it is not clear, in the absence of instructions from your Honor, what course we should pursue.

Had the blocks of land where the immigrants are located been earlier sold, there is no doubt that capitalists would have purchased farms, and found employment for the settlers; as it is the immigrants will be without employment—are at present almost universally indebted to the storekeepers, and when they are struck off pay will not have the means of purchasing a single meal.

I had hoped to have heard from your Honor before this what course to pursue, as for some time past it must have been clearly foreseen that the Waikato immigration scheme could only land us where it has landed us, and that the difficulty would have to be met.

As there is time to hear from your Honor before the 30th instant, I do hope that you will furnish me with ample instructions what to do and how to act in this matter.

I have, &c.,
SAMUEL JACKSON,
Deputy-Superintendent.

R. Graham, Esq., M.G.A., Wellington.

No. 3.

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

SIR,— Wellington, 22nd September, 1865.

I have the honor to enclose copy of Reports from Mr. Eaton, the Waikato Immigration Officer, for your information. I trust that you will appoint an early time to take the whole matter into consideration, and arrive at a decision before the return mail for Auckland on Sunday first.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Wellington.

ROBERT GRAHAM,
Superintendent of the Province of Auckland.

Enclosure 1 to No. 3.

FRED. J. EATON, Esq., to the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

SIR,— Waikato Settlement Office, Auckland, 4th August, 1865.

In conformity with your request, I have the honor to forward for your Honor's information the accompanying statement, showing in detail the number of immigrants who have arrived under the General Government scheme, those who have been allocated, and the extent of land which will be further required for apportioning to the remainder. With regard to other matters connected with immigration, I have to report favorable progress. All the requisitions for seeds have been received at the office, but owing to Mr. Harrop's services being in a great measure required in your Honor's office, a little delay in preparing and revising the necessary forms has occurred. I have, by authority, had books printed, containing a receipt for the seeds together with a promissory note for the amount of their value, which the immigrant will sign after they have been duly filled up by me. The expense incurred by the Government on account of advances of this nature to immigrants, will not exceed your anticipations if indeed it reaches it.

So soon as the necessary books are received, which are now in the printer's hands, steps will be taken in accordance with your views upon the matter, to have the immigrants sworn in.

A memorial has been received from the immigrants sent down to Whangaroa, praying for attention of the Government to their condition and ill-treatment. By authority from Mr. Crawford, and in accordance with a suggestion made by Captain Butler, (and a memorandum only just received from Mr. Brown, left by Mr. Carleton), I have written to Mr. Fairburn, requesting his assistance in ascertaining the truth of the memorial. If true, it will be advisable to appoint an officer to supervise the immigrants at Whangaroa, as is done at other places. The immigrants under Mr. Johnstone's care at Mangapai have also memorialised your Honor for redress of grievances. I have in reply, called Mr. Johnstone's attention to the same and informed him that every means should be adopted, compatible with economy, for securing the health and comfort of those under him.