

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO COLONIAL INDUSTRIES.

No. 1.

Mr. E. Fox to the Hon. J. Vogel.

General Government Offices,

Wellington, 18th September, 1871.

SIR,—

I have the honor to hand to you two letters brought by the last mail from England, and which are in continuation of the papers already handed to you relating to Colonial Industries.

I have, &c.,

E. Fox.

The Hon. J. Vogel, &c., &c.

Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

Mr. T. ROBINSON to Mr. E. Fox.

DEAR SIR,—

Leeds, 29th June, 1871.

In reply to your communication of the 15th instant, as to starting a Cloth Finishing Mill in New Zealand, I think the terms proposed are so uncertain that the enterprise, as put by you, will not enlist the sympathy of any one wishing to go out there. It guarantees nothing. It does not say a certain number, that is, a minimum number of pieces at a certain rate, could be provided per day or per week. There is nothing as a base upon which I can calculate. Everything is vague except this: That you wish to know cost of erecting a cloth-dressing mill in New Zealand, and that the Government of New Zealand will assist somewhat in its cost after it is fixed.

If your Government would take into consideration something of this kind, I will offer for the enterprise, namely: Firstly, make a schedule of everything needed on this side the ocean: The Government to pay expenses of a small staff of workmen going out; to provide suitable premises there; to warrant a certain number of pieces to finish weekly for two years; and, indeed, so to put the matter that, with ordinary prudence, a capitalist may organize, lay down, and carry out a sound cloth-finishing mill for his own benefit and the benefit of those who employed him, with the certainty that he is not to be ruined by a vague scheme. If you can do this, I will entertain the matter seriously; and if I undertake it, I will, D.V., carry it out.

E. Fox, Esq., of New Zealand,
Charing Cross Hotel, London.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ROBINSON.

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

Messrs. W. KEMPE and Co. to Mr. J. MORRISON.

DEAR SIR,—

Holbeck Mills, Leeds, 6th July, 1871.

We duly received your favour of the 4th, and regret that our Estimates have not been ready for Mr. Vogel to take with him, but we will forward them to you to be ready for next month's mail.

We are, &c.,

WM. KEMPE AND CO.

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