

You will be so kind as to consider that such of the assurances conveyed in my letter as relate to yourself are designed to be instructions to you, to which you will oblige me by giving effect. I have further to ask your cordial co-operation in enlisting Mr. Arch's sympathy for the Colony, and I beg you will personally interest yourself in communicating with him and his associates. Should he, as I believe is likely, be absent in America, communicate with those who remain to represent him.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
JULIUS VOGEL.

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Enclosure in No. 9.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to Mr. J. S. WRIGHT.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 22nd October, 1873.

I have the honor to communicate with you upon the subject of your letter of the 15th May, 1873, to the Colonial Secretary, in which you enclosed a memorial of the Committee of the National Agricultural Labourers' Union.

Since the reply sent to you by the Under Secretary for Immigration, the Government of New Zealand have found it necessary, in the interest of the immigration so urgently required, to make more liberal the terms under which assistance is granted.

A few days since, the Agent-General of New Zealand was instructed by cable to give, until further instructed, free passages to suitable emigrants, exercising a vigorous scrutiny as to their fitness. The high character both for ability and for unflinching honesty of purpose which Mr. Joseph Arch enjoys, the reputation for which is widely current throughout the Colony, induces me to ask you without any delay to inform the Association with which he is connected, that the free passages sought for in the memorial forwarded by you are now being granted.

The Association should at once communicate with the Agent-General, Dr. Featherston, 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, and arrange with that gentleman for the selection of such a number of emigrants as may be agreed on.

If the Association will place the Agent-General in the position to choose those persons who are suited to become settlers in the Colony, it may rely that all reasonable assistance will be granted the persons selected on arrival to enable them to obtain employment. Every industrious immigrant who is blessed with good health may rely on success in the Colony. The demand for labour is ample, the rate of wages high, the cost of living sufficiently reasonable to enable frugal persons to make considerable savings. After a time these savings should enable the immigrant to cultivate land, which he may acquire on very reasonable terms; and in fine, the position of a prosperous farmer is open to the immigrant who lands on the shores of New Zealand, no matter how poor he may be, if he is only gifted with temperate habits, frugality, and industry. I may add that the immigrant will find special facilities for the education of his children on easy terms.

Should Mr. Arch, or some one appointed by him, be inclined to visit New Zealand to report to the Association on its capabilities, the Agent-General will grant him or his nominee a free passage out and home; and his expenses in the Colony for a reasonable time, say for six months, will be provided. It will give the Government pleasure to have the resources of the Colony reported on by an unprejudiced and intelligent representative of the Agricultural Labourers Union.

I am not able to assure you that we shall continue for a lengthened period to give free passages.

I have, &c.,  
JULIUS VOGEL,  
Minister for Immigration.

John S. Wright, Esq.,  
Chairman, Liberal Association, Birmingham.

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No. 10.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 221.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 22nd October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th July, No. 514, referring to Memoranda by the Hon. Mr. O'Rorke with respect to immigrants for Hawke's Bay.

The Government will be glad if you will continue to endeavour to the utmost to fulfil the requirements of the Superintendent of Hawke's Bay. It may be, as you say, cheaper to send emigrants for that Province to Wellington for transhipment; but you must not allow any small possible saving to induce you to abstain from sending emigrants direct. Indeed—as was observed in a telegram which was forwarded from Wellington on the 11th October, and copy of which is enclosed in my letter of 13th October, No. 214, by this mail—the only circumstances in which I can recognize that it is desirable you should send emigrants for transhipment are, that you have a vessel about to sail, and are unable to fill her with emigrants for the port to which she is to proceed, or that you cannot obtain a direct ship. Whenever a sufficient number of emigrants can be obtained, it is desirable that they should be sent direct to their destination.

I have to thank you for the exertions you promise to use to obtain the vine-growers required by the Superintendent of Hawke's Bay.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,  
JULIUS VOGEL.