

I trust that, for the future, arrangements will be made for sending out all immigrants for this Province direct to Auckland, or to some other port within the Province.

I have, &c.,

J. WILLIAMSON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure 2 in No. 52.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 24th March, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 12th March, enclosing copy of one to the Colonial Secretary, dated 11th March, both referring to the immigrants per "Mongol."

You are aware that the "Mongol" arrived at Port Chalmers with her passengers in a bad state of health, and had, in consequence, to be quarantined. It was represented to me that some of the passengers did not desire to pursue their voyage to other Provinces. Seeing the great difficulty of dealing with persons in quarantine, and the impossibility of constraining immigrants to proceed if they did not desire to do so, I simply asked the Superintendent of Otago to provide passages for those who desired to go on to other ports for which they had shipped.

I quite agree with your Honor as to the advisableness of immigrants being forwarded direct to their respective ports of destination, where, as in the case of Auckland, the facilities are unimpeachable. I have instructed the Agent-General to that effect. The only cases in which I have sanctioned his shipping emigrants to ports other than those to which they desire to go being—where no vessels are available for such ports, a condition which should not exist as respects Auckland; and, where a vessel, being about to sail without the proper complement of passengers, it would be desirable, in order to avoid payments on account of short shipment, to fill her up with emigrants for a port or ports other than that to which she is to proceed. This also is a state of things which should rarely occur.

Substantially, therefore, instructions have already been given to the Agent-General to the effect you desire; but I will again write to him on the subject.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

No. 53.

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

(No. 81.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 8th April, 1874.

Referring to my letter No. 78, of 7th April, covering the Commissioner's report upon the ship "Queen of the Age," I have the honor to enclose copy of a communication addressed to me by His Honor the Superintendent of Auckland, relative to certain French immigrants by that ship, who were stated to have taken up their profession of ballet dancers. The Immigration Officer subsequently reports, referring to these immigrants, that "there is reason for believing that the majority, if not the whole of the male adults, about nine in all, have trades as mechanics, as represented at the Emigration Agency in London, and that most of them are likely to settle down ultimately to their ordinary callings, in some part of the Colony." I have to request that you will cause inquiry to be made relative to the approval in your office of these persons for passages, and that you will forward for my information the certificates upon which such passages were granted.

I have &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 53.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 12th March, 1874.

I have the honor to transmit, for your information, the enclosed copy of a report, by the Immigration Officer, in reference to certain French immigrants just arrived in Auckland, per ship "Queen of the Age," who have taken up their profession as ballet dancers.

I enclose extracts from the newspapers, reporting their first appearance at the Theatre last night.

These immigrants were sent out to the Colony at the public expense, and the cost of their passage was nearly £225.

I would request that the Agent-General be advised of these facts, and instructed to exercise more discrimination in his selection of free passage emigrants for this Province at least.

I have, &c.,

J. WILLIAMSON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 53.

The IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Auckland, to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Auckland, 11th March, 1874.

I beg to call your Honor's attention to the circumstance that a number of the immigrants by the "Queen of the Age," chiefly Frenchmen and their wives, who received a free passage to the Colony in the professed capacity of mechanics of various kinds, a few days after arrival announced themselves as a Parisian troupe of ballet dancers, and have duly advertised a performance, under that designation, in the Prince of Wales Theatre, for this evening.