

of its contents by a German, who, on a plausible pretext, possessed himself of the key, and who recommended the sufferer and another female countrywoman to lodgings where they were shamefully imposed upon. The nominators suggest that the attention of the Agent-General should be called to the circumstance, in the hope that he will take means to remedy the grievance. The proper course appears to be that intending emigrants should be informed, before leaving Germany, of the name of the person who will meet them on arrival at port of embarkation, and conduct them to their appointed ship or depôt, as the case may be.

The Under Secretary for Immigration.

C. ELLIOTT,
Immigration Officer.

No. 65.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 7th May, 1874.

ARRIVED, "Asia," "Rakaia," "Golden Sea," "Apelles." By "Asia," thirty-three women from Cork workhouse. There was no concealment. See *Cork Examiner*, February sixth. Presume you understand we absolutely object to workhouse immigration. Positively instruct you discontinue services Mrs. Howard, and refuse passages to all persons she recommends.

Featherston, London.

VOGEL.

No. 66.

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

(No. 118.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 8th May, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1040, of 20th February, 1874, in which you inform me that you fully concur in the views of the Commissioners of Audit in a memorandum forwarded to you under cover of my letter No. 266, 1873, to the effect that a moiety of the passage money for emigrants should be paid in the Colony, but that the three Shipping Companies between whom you divide your business strongly object to the arrangement unless 10s. per statute adult be added to the rate of passage money.

In reply, I have only to repeat that, with the large amount of business at your disposal, you should not allow the Companies to dictate to you, but should insist, in your contracts, upon having the reasonable wishes of the Government given effect to. In the present case, I understand you to reply to my question whether you advise the adoption of the course suggested by the Commissioners of Audit, in the affirmative, and I therefore desire that you will arrange, in future contracts, that a moiety of the passage money be paid in the Colony, and at the same time decline to sanction any increase in the price of passage money on that account, except what you consider reasonable. You should best be able to judge the amount which will properly compensate the delay. Certainly 10s. is too much, for it is tantamount to a charge of nearly 7 per cent. on the amount deferred.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 67.

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

(No. 121.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 8th May, 1874.

My attention has been called to a letter which appeared in *Reynolds' Newspaper* dated 20th January, 1874, and signed by a Mr. J. Chapman, 73, Red Lion Street, London. Mr. Chapman states that he applied at your office, and was told distinctly, that no assistance whatever is given to mechanics desiring to emigrate. He warns his fellow workmen not to be misled by your advertisements.

I presume, of course, that Mr. Chapman's statement cannot be founded upon fact, but as *Reynolds' Newspaper* circulates largely amongst the classes whom it is desirable should be induced to emigrate to New Zealand, the publishing of such a letter is calculated to do a great deal of harm, and I hope, therefore, that your attention was called to it at the time, and an authoritative contradiction given.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 68.

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

(No. 123.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 7th May, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1013, of 19th February, 1874, upon the subject of the despatch of emigrants direct to the Bluff, in which you inform me that the three Shipping Companies between whom you divide your business, decline to provide you with more than two ships to call at the Bluff during the six months ensuing from the date of your letter.

The remarks which I address to you by this mail upon this subject of direct ships for New Plymouth, apply equally in the present case. If the Albion Company, Shaw, Savill, and Co., and the New Zealand Shipping Company, are unwilling to carry out your requirements, you should find some other