

tion ; and as you had previously had an interview with Mr. Taylor, and succeeded in inducing him to act as sole agent for this office, the way was prepared for Mr. Holloway's acceptance of the following arrangement contained in the letter you gave me instructions to write to Mr. Holloway :—

“ 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
“ DEAR SIR,— “ 6th November, 1873.

“ I have spoken to the Agent-General about your going out to New Zealand with a body of emigrants, to be selected by you and Mr. Taylor. He consents to your departure on the following conditions :—

“ 1. The number of agricultural labourers with their families must not be less than 200, or as many more as you can procure in strict accordance with the new regulations of this office.

“ 2. The Agent-General would pay your passage out and home, and allow subsistence money for your family at the rate of 25s. per week during the period occupied by your voyage out, your two months' stay in New Zealand, and the ordinary time required for you to return home in ; he would also, during your stay of two months in New Zealand, allow you a sum at the rate of £1 per diem for travelling expenses.

“ The steamer ‘ Mongol,’ 2,252 tons register and 400-horse power nominal, leaves Plymouth on the 15th of next month. If you could procure the requisite number of good and steady agricultural labourers, you might go in this fine steamship.

“ I shall be glad to know, at your earliest convenience, if these terms are acceptable to you.

“ I am, &c.,

“ C. R. CARTER,

“ (for Agent-General).”

“ Mr. Holloway.

On receipt of this letter, Mr. Holloway wrote to say he would come up to see you on the 9th. On that day he had an interview with you, and agreed to the terms offered to him by you. It was also agreed that special advertisements and handbills should be issued.

The position that Mr. Holloway occupies amongst the agricultural labourers appears to me but second to that of Mr. Arch, who is now on a mission in Canada. Nearly two years ago I endeavoured to interest Mr. Arch in emigration to New Zealand during the time he was attending a great meeting of labourers at Leamington. I failed to do so, but he was at that time inimical to emigration movements amongst the agricultural class. The announcement of the comparative failure of his mission to Canada, I trust, may yet enlist his sympathies in favour of New Zealand.

Mr. Holloway (notwithstanding the shortness of the time) appears sanguine of procuring the required number for the steamer “ Mongol,” and I venture to think that his journey to the Colony, and his return home to England, will exercise a very beneficial influence on the future prospects of rural emigration conducted through this office.

The Agent-General.

I have, &c.,

C. R. CARTER.

No. 27.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 804.) 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

SIR,— 25th November, 1873.

Referring to the Hon. Mr. O'Rorke's Memorandum of 23rd August (No. 182), I have the honor to state that although I did not reply specifically to the Hon. Mr. Waterhouse's Memorandum of 5th December, 1872 (No. 35), I was under the impression that the various communications which I had addressed to the Government, relative to Mr. Farnall and his operations at Belfast, contained all the information that was required. As, however, it is the desire of the Government that a direct answer should be made to the Memorandum under notice, I have much pleasure in giving a recapitulation of the facts, and a statement of the action taken.

The Hon. Mr. Waterhouse states his opinion that the feeble attempt made, under the management of Mr. Farnall, to open up a supply of immigration from Ireland, is eminently unsatisfactory. It is hardly necessary for me to say that I fully concur in this opinion. From the very first I had no very sanguine hope of Mr. Farnall's success ; and although, in obedience to the wishes of the Government, I gave him every assistance in my power, I soon came to the conclusion that his mission was a failure, and as soon as I found myself in a position to do so, I brought it to a termination.

I ventured on several occasions, both by letter and by telegram, to intimate to the Government that I considered the appointment of Messrs. Birch, Seaton, and Farnall worse than useless ; and immediately on receiving the authority of the Government to use my own discretion in the matter, I gave these gentlemen notice that I should dispense with their services. My letter of 30th July (No. 525) contained a full report of the steps which I considered it my duty to adopt. Mr. Farnall was at that time in charge of a scheme for organizing a special settlement at Auckland. Having first satisfied myself that no progress whatever had been made in the desired