

I should be glad to be informed whether, in case of further arrivals of such immigrants, your Honor would be prepared to arrange for placing upon land in Hawke's Bay those of them who are suited for such a life.

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 35.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Hawke's Bay.
(Circular.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 8th November, 1873.

It is very desirable that some of the immigrants arriving in your Province should at once leave the town and its vicinity and proceed into the country districts, either to become settlers on their own account, or to accept employment from settlers. To enable this to be done, I shall be inclined not only to allow a moderate expenditure for the cost of transit, but also a proportion of the expense for renting suitable buildings, if any are available, as temporary depôts for the immigrants, in the country towns or villages. The scarcity of house accommodation is such in many of the country districts, that immigrants, especially families, inclined to settle or seek employment in the country, may find themselves deterred from doing so on account of the want of adequate shelter. It has suggested itself to me that it would be very desirable to erect, at different points where employment was available, serviceable but cheap four-roomed cottages or huts, not exceeding in cost £100, for the purpose of letting to the immigrants.

Where the Provincial Government have land to spare in the vicinity of railway works, small areas of land might be included, with the cottages, in a lease. This, however, I leave to the consideration of the Provincial authorities.

I am willing, as a means of thus settling immigrants, to place a certain amount of money at your Honor's disposal to build such cottages or huts, on the following conditions:—

1. That these be let to newly-arrived immigrants with families.
2. That the Provincial Government undertakes and guarantees to return to the General Government the amount expended, with interest at 5 per cent., in four instalments, on the 1st January, 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878.

I leave you to make such arrangements for building the cottages, and to let them on such conditions other than those stipulated, as may seem to you desirable.

If you approve of this proposal, I shall be glad to receive any suggestions from your Honor on the subject, as also to learn the amount of money you think you would require during the current year.

His Honor the Superintendent, Hawke's Bay.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 36.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Hawke's Bay, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Napier, 15th May, 1874.

Referring to your letter of the 8th November last, I have, up to the present time, put off taking advantage of the authority therein given, for assisting immigrants to the inland districts, and for building cottages for renting to them,—in the first place, because the demand for labour has been so great that the immigrants have been readily disposed of from the depôt in Napier; and in the second, because I hoped private enterprise would have provided the necessary accommodation. This, however, has not been done; and as a large number of immigrants are now on their way here, and further numbers are expected through the coming season, I feel that steps must be taken to provide as far as possible for their accommodation. It will also be both necessary and desirable that some of the immigrants should be sent into the inland districts for selection.

My object in now writing to you is to ascertain whether a sum of £1,000 is available for building cottages for hire on the terms stated in your letter. Also, whether you will authorize an expenditure of £500 in building a depôt at Waipawa, which is the most central position in the inland districts, and easily and cheaply got at.

With respect to the cost of transit of immigrants to the inland districts, the amount will vary considerably; but I think an expenditure of about £1 a head will suffice to take immigrants and their luggage to those districts in which employment can be found for them. I shall be obliged by your informing me whether you will sanction that rate.

I shall be obliged if you will reply by telegram to those portions of this letter relating to the building of cottages and depôts.

I have, &c.,
J. D. ORMOND,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 37.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Hawke's Bay.

(TELEGRAM.)

Wellington, 18th May, 1874.

IN accordance with your Honor's recommendation, I approve expenditure not exceeding £500 for depôt at Waipawa; of £1 per head for conveyance of immigrants and their luggage to inland districts,