

instructed the Agent-General, by telegraph, to endeavour to comply with your wishes, that 500 immigrants should be despatched monthly to Wellington.

A copy of the instruction,* which was transmitted upon the 14th instant, is enclosed for your information.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 62.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington.
(Circular.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 24th March, 1874.

I have the honor to inform you that my attention having been drawn to vouchers which have been sent in for medical and hospital expenses of sick immigrants after disembarkation, I propose, in order to prevent any difficulties arising in the adjustment of such claims, to authorize the payment by this Department of medical and hospital expenses for one month after arrival of the immigrants, after which period the immigrants to be considered as ordinary colonists, and dealt with in the ordinary manner by the local authorities. I shall be glad to have your concurrence in this proposal, which I have no doubt you will consider of a liberal nature.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 63.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 30th March, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter of the 24th March, No. 88, in which you propose, in order to prevent any difficulties arising in the adjustment of claims for medical and hospital expenses of sick immigrants, to authorize the payment of such claims, by the Immigration Department, for one month after arrival of the immigrants, after which period the immigrants to be considered as ordinary colonists, and dealt with in the ordinary manner by the local authorities.

In reply, I beg to state that I concur in the proposal therein contained.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 64.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 20th April, 1874.

I am sorry to have to trouble your Honor with further reference to the question of renting the office of Messrs. Wakelin and Peyton, of Greytown.

2. A letter from these gentlemen, addressed "Dear Mr. Bunny," was forwarded to me enclosed in one addressed to yourself from the same gentlemen. In the latter they expressed their willingness to let an office for immigration purposes and for use by the Provincial Engineer, at a rent of £20 a year; and they also stated that they were willing to take temporary charge of the office, or to act as immigration agents for the Wairarapa.

3. Upon this letter Mr. Bunny endorsed, "I recommend that this should be agreed to." I forward the papers to your Honor with the endorsements, "I think recommendations of this kind should come from the Superintendent. I may say I think that expenditure for rent should not be initiated by those who have offices to let. We have a dépôt at Greytown, and it is not the duty of the Department to provide a Provincial Engineer's office." Your Honor simply minuted "Recommended," but there was an explanatory note by Mr. Elliott, "His Honor the Superintendent recommends the establishment of an office at Greytown as well as a dépôt." I do not think your Honor was aware of this note, or that you would approve of Mr. Elliott acting as your interpreter.

4. I have now to ask your Honor to be so good as to say what it is you recommend, and to invite your attention to the whole of the circumstances.

5. I am of opinion that it is very undesirable that expenditure should be incurred at the behest of those who desire to supply that for which the expenditure is to be incurred; and also that it is not desirable to combine office accommodation for the Provincial Government, with that provided for immigration purposes.

6. The dépôt which, as I understand, is already being established at Greytown, should serve all the purposes of an immigration office; and whoever has charge of the dépôt should be able to perform all the duties required in connection with the department.

7. But I desire that your Honor should understand that if you will inform me what your wishes are, I shall be ready favourably to consider them.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

* Vide D. 1, p. 35.