

No. 65.

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

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 21st April, 1874.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, with reference to the offer of Messrs. Wakelin and Peyton to let a building at Greytown, to be used as an immigration office in the Wairarapa. In reply, I have the honor to recommend that an immigration office be opened in the principal street of Greytown, and the building now under offer is well suited for the purpose, the depôt to which you refer not being near the business part of the township, and being, moreover, only intended as a temporary place for immigrants to stop at.

With reference to your remark that "it is not desirable to combine office accommodation for the Provincial Government with that provided for immigration purposes," I beg to state that the suggestion that the building in question should be used as a Provincial Engineer's office, came from the gentlemen who offered to let it. I may add that it is not my intention to establish an Engineer's office at Greytown, such an office not at present being required for the purposes of the Provincial Government.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 66.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 19th May, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 21st April ultimo, recommending that an immigration office be opened in the principal street of Greytown, Wairarapa, and that the offer of a building for the purpose by Messrs. Wakelin and Peyton be accepted. In reply, I have to inform you that, as your Honor continues to make the recommendation, I very reluctantly accede to it, so far as to try the experiment for six months, and the rent of the building referred to is accordingly authorized for that period. In the meanwhile we shall be able to judge by results whether it is desirable to keep the office open. I presume that the person in charge of the Greytown depôt will be able to look after the office as well, attending at certain stated times, and thus save the expense of another officer, which I should not be prepared at present to authorize.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

No. 67.

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

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 19th May, 1874.

Referring to my letter of the 21st ultimo, to which I have received no reply, I have the honor to request that Mr. J. Peyton may be appointed Sub-Immigration Officer for the Wairarapa district, with salary at the rate of £50 per annum. It is absolutely necessary that there should be a responsible officer in this district, who would take charge of and provide engagements for any immigrants sent to it.

I have &c.,

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 68.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 26th May, 1874.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th May, recommending that Mr. J. Peyton be appointed Sub-Immigration Officer for the Wairarapa district, with salary at the rate of £50 a year.

I am constrained to point out to your Honor that this recommendation bears out my forebodings, that I was being drifted into approving Messrs. Wakelin and Peyton's original proposal to rent part of their premises, and to give one of them an appointment.

These gentlemen are the owners of the newspaper published in the district, and it is of great importance the Press should hold to the conduct of immigration independent relations. For this reason, if for no other, I cannot approve the proposed appointment.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

No. 69.

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

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 28th May, 1874.

I enclose copy of telegram just received from Mr. Wardell, in respect of charge of depôt at Greytown.