

immigrants on arrival, I shall be glad if you will assist and direct the Immigration Officer in your Province in respect to his treatment of these applications.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

I have &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 106.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.
SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, Canterbury, 23rd October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, apparently a circular, of the 16th October, in which you forward an Order in Council establishing a system of free nominated emigration to New Zealand, and enclose 100 copies of forms intended to be used by persons nominating their friends, which you request me to circulate through the medium of Provincial officers and schoolmasters.

I have given directions that the forms should at once be forwarded through the country, through the Road Boards and other available means, such as were recently adopted by the Provincial Government with the same object and with great success, notice being given of the places where the forms may be had.

With regard to the employment of schoolmasters for this or for any other purpose than the duties for which they are appointed by the Committees of their several districts, I am of opinion that such a course would be unadvisable, and should not be adopted.

I consider that the clerks of the several Road Boards, the postmasters and storekeepers in the country districts, with occasional visits from the Immigration Officer, will afford ample facilities to those who may desire to avail themselves of the provisions of the new regulations.

Referring to the last paragraph of your letter, I may state that I have not yet had the time and the opportunity of conferring with my Executive as to the course which the Provincial Government will adopt with regard to the proposals contained in your circular of the 14th instant. I will therefore address you on that subject on a subsequent occasion; in the meantime I may state that it has always been my opinion that endeavours to bring population into the country will be successful in promoting the real objects of colonization very largely in proportion as they enlist the sympathies of the colonists in the country in the introduction of a good class of immigrants. Acting in this belief, the Provincial Government, in the month of June last, urged upon the Colonial Government the establishment of a system of free nomination, which I am glad to see has now been adopted.

I have, &c.,
W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

No. 107.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury.
SIR,— Immigration Office, Wellington, 27th October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 23rd inst., and to thank your Honor for having given instructions for circulating the forms required under the regulations for free nominated immigration, and I will be quite satisfied if you will circulate them according to your own discretion.

I have to request that your Honor will favour me with an early reply to my printed circular of 14th inst., as, in the event of the Province of Canterbury not accepting my proposals, other arrangements will have to be made.

His Honor the Superintendent, Canterbury.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 108.

TELEGRAMS between His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Canterbury, and the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

Timaru, 28th October, 1873.

It is very important that you should authorize your officers to advertise and placard new regulations as to free nomination in same way as the Provincial Government did recently, otherwise they will be a dead letter, and are now hanging fire, especially in this district. Will you authorize expenditure of, say, £500 on depôt at Waimate? I have just had interview with Chairman of Board of Works and Mr. Studholme, who both strongly wrote about it. See my previous memorandum on this subject. If this system of depôts in outlying districts is not pushed forward, the effects of pouring immigrants into the towns will, sooner or later, be disastrous. There is absolutely no house accommodation available in the outlying districts, and time for absorption and utilization of labour will pass away. Ashburton depôt in hand. Please reply to me here to-day.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON,
Superintendent.

Wellington, 28th October, 1873.

PLACARDS have been sent for distribution to all Money Order Post Offices, Immigration Officers, and Provincial Governments. Touching the other matter, I have delayed further action about deposits till receiving your answer as to whether or not you are prepared to take charge of immigration on the terms of my circular letter. Please let me know at once. If you are, I shall be happy if you will make