

No. 10.

The Hon. the COLONIAL TREASURER to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington.

SIR,—

Treasury, Wellington, 7th April, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 31st, in reply to mine of March 31st, with reference to the request made by the Agent of the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation, and in which you state that the Provincial Government have already fully considered the subject, and decided to decline to approve of such a course as that suggested by the Agent being adopted.

2. I was aware that the matter had been referred to your Honor. In the letter addressed to me by the Agent, Mr. Halcombe, he says, "I desire to state that the reason assigned to me by His Honor for refusing my request was altogether outside the merits of the case, but that he declined to take a principal part in a matter entirely in the hands of the Colonial Government."

3. Mr. Halcombe also forwarded to me copy of a letter received by him from your Honor, in which it is stated that "The reasons which operated with the Provincial Government in declining to accede to your application in no way implied any doubt of the ability or intention of your Company to carry out their undertaking. I may state further, that it was with very great regret that the Provincial Government arrived at the conclusion it did."

4. This letter from your Honor seemed to corroborate Mr. Halcombe's explanation to me; for as you did not decide to retain the security because of any doubt of the ability or intention of the Company to carry out their undertaking, and as the security was given for that purpose, it did not seem to me that there was any purpose in retaining it.

5. I was quite aware of the clause of "The Wellington Debts Act Amendment Act, 1872," quoted by your Honor; and therefore it was that, in my letter to your Honor, I stated that Mr. Halcombe's application would be granted if you agreed to that course, but not otherwise.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 11.

The Hon. the COLONIAL TREASURER to Mr. HALCOMBE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 9th April, 1874.

I have the honor, in compliance with your request, to forward to you copy of correspondence with the Superintendent of Wellington, from which you will gather that I am not able to comply with the request which, as Manager of the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation, you made in your letter of 28th March.

A. F. Halcombe, Esq.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 12.

Mr. HALCOMBE to the Hon. the COLONIAL TREASURER.

SIR,—

Wellington, 10th April, 1874.

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to inform you that I am prepared now to pay the amount of interest due to the Government on the 1st April from the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation.

As, however, the question has been raised whether the Government has power to give titles to purchasers of land under the Feilding contract, owing to the regulations referred to in clause 4 of that contract not having yet been made, I deem it my duty to decline to make any further payment until this question has been satisfactorily settled.

As I have to draw upon my Corporation in England for the amount of interest due, the draft being at sixty days' sight, I should be obliged by your informing me if the Government would accept my draft, and on what terms.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer,
Wellington

I have, &c.,
A. FOLLET HALCOMBE,
Agent, Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation.

No. 13.

The SECRETARY to the Treasury to Mr. HALCOMBE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 18th April, 1874.

I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, notifying that you are prepared to retire the interest notes of the Corporation due on the 1st instant, so soon as the regulations referred to in the contract shall have been made.

In reply, I am to inform you that the regulations in question are now before His Excellency the Governor for signature, and will no doubt be issued in the course of a few days.