

The SURGEON-SUPERINTENDENT, "Warwick," to IMMIGRATION OFFICER, Auckland.

SIR,—

Auckland, 4th February, 1875.

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I beg to state that the agent's name is F. Moore ships' druggist, 14A St. Mary Axe; and the only evidence I have of his connection with the Emigration Office is, besides statements of his own and others that he showed me, a letter from Mr. Carter at Westminster, saying that he had so many vacancies for surgeons; and, on the last occasion I was at Westminster, one of the clerks stated that Moore had mentioned my name to them. I think you will find that all, or nearly all, of the surgeons who come out have obtained their appointments in a similar manner.

The Immigration Officer, Auckland.

I have, &c.,

W. PEEL NESBITT.

No. 47.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 54.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 9th March, 1875.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Marlborough, requesting that another shipment of emigrants may be despatched direct to Picton about the end of May, and I desire that you will carry out the wishes of his Honor.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

Enclosure in No. 47.

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

SIR,—

Blenheim, 2nd March, 1875.

As the immigrants who have arrived here during the last year appear to have been readily absorbed, and have not in any way affected the price of labour, I think it desirable that another shipment should be sent; but it should not arrive here before the spring. I have, therefore, to request that you will please instruct the Agent-General to lay on a ship for Picton, to leave about the end of May. The number of immigrants should not exceed 300, and should be mostly agricultural labourers and shepherds, and as many single women as possible.

I have, &c.,

A. P. SEYMOUR,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 48.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 65.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 11th March, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1986, of the 22nd December, replying in detail to Mr. Vogel's letter No. 260, of the 8th September, upon the subject of "The Immigrants Land Act, 1873." I have nothing to add to what I expressed in my letter of the 15th February ult., to the effect that, as the matter would probably be fully discussed between yourself and Mr. Vogel, it was unnecessary to prolong the correspondence upon the subject.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

No. 49.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 66.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 11th March, 1875.

Referring to my letter No. 52, of the 15th ult., I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a further letter from the Superintendent of Westland, requesting that the 150 families, ordered for the Jackson's Bay Settlement, may be sent out at the rate of not more than 25 families monthly. I fully recognise that as emigrants for Westland cannot reasonably be shipped for other ports than Nelson, Picton, and Wellington, there will necessarily be great difficulties in the way of carrying out his Honor's wishes, but I desire that you will endeavour as far as possible to do so by selecting suitable persons for the settlement, and sending them, as opportunity offers, within the limit assigned to the above-mentioned ports, with their ultimate destination endorsed upon their contract tickets.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.