

the matter: on the condition that his position is that of Private Secretary, and that he exercises no powers beyond those of a Private Secretary. It may be, if you think a Private Secretary is necessary, that the Government will sanction his continuing to hold the office. You will excuse me from committing the Government on the point.

9. With respect to Mr. Kennaway's appointment to act under you, as the head of the department, I have only to observe that the Government consider it a necessary appointment.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 69.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

12th April, 1875.

SIR,—

Several papers have been lately laid before me showing how important it is that you should exercise discretion in granting passages to persons nominated as emigrants.

2. The nominations sent to you are those received by officers of the department in different parts of the colony; and they are forwarded to you without substantial revision by the Immigration Department. The intention is (as has been clearly laid down in letters sent to you), that you shall exercise a discretion whether or not to grant passages to those who are so recommended.

3. Mr. Ottywell, acting upon instructions from Mr. Kennaway, recently laid before me some papers on the subject; and I suggested to Mr. Ottywell to draft a revised form of advice to persons nominated, which should show upon its face that, unless you approved of nominees, you were not bound to provide passages for them: in fact, that those nominated were just as subject to approval by you as any ordinary applicant for a passage to the colony.

4. Mr. Ottywell has forwarded to me the attached form, as prepared by him for submission to Mr. Kennaway.

5. I think it is certainly an improvement on the present form; and I should therefore recommend your immediately adopting it. I would advise, however, that you should not have a large number printed, as I am thinking of suggesting to you important alterations in the form of the certificate.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 70.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

15th April, 1875.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that on Friday, April 9th, I received a telegram from New Zealand, informing me that the Cabinet had considered your Despatch No. 5, of the 10th January, on the subject of the "Scimitar," and had come to the conclusion not to allow it to be recorded, on account of its intolerably disrespectful nature.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 71.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

24th April, 1875.

SIR,—

My attention has been directed to four despatches—numbered 1663, of 23rd September; 1956, of 15th December; 1986, of 22nd December, 1874; and 52, of 22nd January, 1875—upon the subject of the Immigrants' Land Act, in reply to communications of mine on the same subject.

2. In those letters, you make the utmost of the fact (and it is natural you should do so) that the advertisement of which I complained was attached to one of my despatches to you. It is quite true that it was so, and that I stated, "I have to suggest that you publish immediately in the papers a notice to the effect of the one appended hereto." That advertisement I afterwards censured, because of its not mentioning that the land grants were conditional. I am willing to allow you all the satisfaction you derive from the fact that I suggested the advertisement.

3. It is desirable I should review the intention and spirit of the communications which have been made to you about the Immigrants' Land Act, since, in the mass of analytical criticism to which you have subjected them, the purpose to be gained may be lost sight of.

4. On the 21st October, 1873, I forwarded you the Act, with a letter warmly recommending it to your especial attention. I distinctly stated that all emigrants would have to be approved by you, and I called your attention to the conditions as to occupation and cultivation. I am still of opinion that you did not realise the spirit and intention of the Act, and of the Government's instructions. This was the feeling which prompted me to write the two despatches of 1st July, 1874, and 8th September, to which yours are replies. The Government saw with dismay your inclination to give recommenda-