

## No. 125.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 187.)

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

SIR,—

19th March, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 12, of 16th January, 1875, forwarding copy of memorandum, with enclosures, submitted to the Superintendent of Otago by the Immigration Officer at Dunedin, relative to certain female immigrants who have arrived in Dunedin by ship from London, and who, having been found to be insane, have been consigned to the lunatic asylum.

2. You remark that "it appears that C—— S—— must have been insane before leaving London." I have referred to the papers of this woman, and I find that the surgeon's certificate was signed by "Edwin Etty Sass, M.R.C.S.E., &c., 36, York Place, W." The certificate appears to show that several persons of respectable position were interested in this woman, who was introduced to the office by Miss Faithfull, a lady who is well known for her philanthropic efforts in behalf of persons of her own sex. A communication shall be addressed to her with reference to her introduction of the woman named.

3. I have already addressed the Government with reference to Mrs. S——. (See my letter No. 1940, of 17th December, 1874.) You will, I doubt not, readily admit that this office was in no way to blame in regard to the shipment of this woman.

4. I have also replied respecting M—— A——. In this case also it is apparent that the office is not blameworthy.

5. It is not suggested that A—— A—— showed symptoms of insanity before leaving London. The woman's certificate was properly signed by "W. F. Marsh Jackson, Surgeon, Smethwick," and by "Thomas Roper, Vicar." The agent concerned in the introduction of this woman was Mr. E. Edwards, of Smethwick. His agency has since been discontinued.

6. I hope it is unnecessary to assure the Government that the emigration of any person known to be insane would not, under any conceivable circumstances, be sanctioned, either by any officer attached to this department or any official acting for the Board of Trade.

I have, &amp;c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

## No. 126.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 201.)

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

SIR,—

19th March, 1875.

A considerable number of persons accustomed to railway service having recently applied to this office for free passages, I have the honor to request that you will cause me to be informed whether persons of the following classes should be regarded as eligible for the free passages granted by the Government:—Guards, engine drivers and fitters, wagon-builders, signalmen, &c.

I have, &amp;c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

## No. 127.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 202.)

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

SIR,—

19th March, 1875.

As it is doubtless the desire of the Government to receive information as to the emigration operations of the Australian Government agencies in this country, I think it right to forward copy extract from a letter addressed to me, on the 26th February, by Mr. D'Arcy Sinnamon, the local agent for this office, at Portadown, County Armagh, Ireland, on the subject of the assistance granted to emigrants by the Queensland Government.

I have, &amp;c.,

I. E. FEATHERSTON,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington, N.Z.

## Enclosure in No. 127.

Mr. SINNAMON to Mr. A. O. OTTYWELL.

SIR,—

Portadown, 26th February, 1875.

I beg you to accept my grateful thanks for the Agent-General's cheque on Bank of New Zealand for £28 12s. 6d., received this day. My grateful acknowledgment is also due to Dr. Featherston for his kindness, which please convey to him.

The Queensland Agent-General has permitted me for some time past to give emigrants a free passage, and to advance to each, on promissory note, payable in the colony, a free passage from here,