

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ... ..	21,793	11	6½
Medical attendance on immigrants (1) ... ..	59	17	6
Advances to immigrants for tools, stores, and provisions (2) ... ..	2,500	0	0
Office agency and travelling expenses (including salaries) ... ..	1,584	10	5½
Sanitary and drainage works at Feilding (3) ... ..	18	0	0
Loss in timber cutting for cottages ... ..	23	8	6
Miscellaneous expenditure (not classified) ... ..	483	6	0½
Stock and plant ... ..	430	0	0
Survey and exploration ... ..	2,879	13	6
	<u>£29,773</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6½</u>

W. FEILDING,

Attorney for E. and C.A.C. in Australasia.

P.S.—The surveys of the country sections for the occupation of the immigrants have been for some time in progress, and I confidently expect to be able to place the settlers on their future farms, of from 40 to 50 acres each, before this winter. The terms are seven years' occupation leases, with right to purchase at any time during that period.

### Enclosure C.

Colonel the Hon. W. FEILDING to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington.

SIR,—

Wellington, 12th February, 1875.

With reference to our conversation on the operations of the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation in this colony, and also in continuation of former correspondence on the same subject, I beg to bring to your notice the disadvantages at which my co-directors have been, and are still, placed, by the fact of the sum originally insisted on by yourself as a guarantee of *bonâ fides* being still retained.

This retention of caution money of so very small an amount militates most unfavourably against the operations of the Corporation, affecting its credit not only in this colony, but also with financial people in England, as implying on the part of those in authority here grave doubts as to the will and power of the directors to carry out the conditions of the contract.

You are aware that you have, in former correspondence, shown that you no longer deemed it necessary to insist on the retention of this sum as a guarantee.

As proving the *bonâ fides* of the Corporation in the gradual and effective settlement of its immigrants on the block, I would refer you to the figures in the schedule annexed (see Enclosure B), with correspondence attached.

I would call your attention to the fact that, in spite of considerable pressure for land on the part not only of the speculators, but also of *bonâ fide* old colonial settlers, only 4,894 acres of land have been alienated, whilst in the short space of twelve months 910 statute adults have been immigrated to this province by the Corporation.

Up to the 31st of December, 1874, the actual expenditure in New Zealand alone has been over £29,000, exclusive of the refund for public works, and of repayments by immigrants.

Since the beginning of this year considerable expenditure has been incurred by the influx of seventeen families per "Carnatic," and of eleven families per "Berar," whilst six more families left England for the settlement last month.

Add to these sums those expended in England for agency, office, and other contingent expenses, and you will readily perceive how largely the Corporation is committed to the carrying out of this their scheme of colonization, not only on the score of honor but also financially.

I would, therefore, respectfully and earnestly urge upon you to afford my co-directors not only your countenance, but also your active support and cordial co-operation, bearing in mind that the success of this operation, if furthered by you, will largely benefit this colony generally, and specially the province of which you are the Superintendent.

I have the honor, therefore, to request your consent to the release of the Guarantee Fund.

Trusting you will see, in all my dealings with you, a sincere acknowledgment of your courtesy, and a belief in your general support; and, in hopes of an early reply,

I have, &c.,

W. FEILDING,

Attorney for the E. and C.A.C. in Australasia.

His Honor the Superintendent, Wellington.

### Enclosure D.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Wellington, to Colonel the Hon. W. FEILDING.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 13th February, 1875.

I submitted, without delay, your letter of the 12th instant to the Provincial Executive, and have now the satisfaction to inform you that I am prepared, with the full concurrence of my Executive Council, to consent to the liberation of the sum originally insisted on being retained as a guarantee of *bonâ fides*.

(1) Since the rendering of this account a further sum of over £60 for medical attendance has come to hand.

(2) Some of these may be considered as bad debts.

(3) Since the 31st of December further sanitary and drainage works, not of a reproductive nature, have been carried out to the extent of £200.