

No. 11.

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

(No. 279.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 15th December, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 701, of October, relative to the complaint by Dr. Nesbitt of certain difficulties he experienced in obtaining an appointment as surgeon-superintendent for your department, and enclosing copy of correspondence upon the subject between yourself and Mr. Moore.

2. I am not able clearly to understand the tenor of the enclosed correspondence, which does not clear up the important points raised in my letter of 15th February ultimo. I should wish, therefore, to be informed whether it is the case that all surgeon-superintendents receive their appointments through Mr. Moore, and whether in all or any cases it has come to your knowledge that they pay this gentleman a fee in consideration of his recommendation.

3. With regard to the special case of Dr. Nesbitt, it appears not to be denied that he did pay Mr. Moore £10; and his statement that he was kept waiting several months for a ship, whilst thirty-one were despatched, would seem to require explanation from the officer in your department with whom rests the selection of the surgeon-superintendents.

4. Dr. Nesbitt, in making the charges he did against the clerks in your office, acted altogether without justification in the absence of confirmatory evidence; and I agree with you that, before again obtaining re-employment in the service of the New Zealand Government, he should be called upon either to substantiate or withdraw them.

5. I agree with you that under the circumstances of his first appointment, dating some time previous to the existing regulations coming into force, Dr. Nesbitt is not entitled to receive the sum of £50 in consideration of his having accepted a second ship to the colony.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 12.

The Hon. Dr. POLLEN to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

17th December, 1875.

"WAIMATE," "Avalanche," "Waitangi." Stop sending emigrants Hawke's Bay. Renew notice Diseased Cattle Act; fears foot mouth disease. Shippers stock should know law is rigidly enforced here.

Featherston, London.

D. POLLEN.

No. 13.

The Hon. Dr. POLLEN to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

17th January, 1876.

STOP Taranaki emigration, except nominated. Stop foreign emigration, except engaged and nominated "Nelson" "Waitara," "Caroline."

Featherston, London.

D. POLLEN.

No. 14.

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

(Telegram.)

26th January, 1876.

SEND no more emigrants Auckland, Taranaki, Hawke's Bay, Nelson until June, except to fulfil absolute engagements to emigrants or ships. "Waitara," "Nelson," "Shakespeare," "Caroline," "Conflict," "Soukar."

Featherston, London.

ATKINSON.

No. 15.

The Hon. C. C. BOWEN to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 18.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 13th January, 1876.

I have the honor to enclose copies of correspondence with the Hon. Mr. Chamberlin relative to the proposed visit of his brother Mr. F. Chamberlin to Europe, for the purpose of engaging pottery workers for his property at Drury; and I have to request that you will be good enough to afford Mr. Chamberlin every assistance in your power in facilitating the passage of the emigrants selected by him to the colony.

I have, &c.,

C. C. BOWEN,

(in the absence of the Minister for Immigration).

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.