

Enclosure in No. 30.

Captain W. BROWN to the AGENT-GENERAL.

DEAR SIR,—

Woodstock, 24th January, 1877.

The Scottish colony of 135 families that I brought to this province in 1873 has now firmly resolved to seek another location, as the colonists have been almost totally ruined by the arctic severity of this country's winter, and the general difficulties of agriculture, &c., in a country so ill-favoured. Also the Balmoral colony of fifty families, and the Danish colony of fifty-five families, are anxious for me to negotiate for them while treating for my own people; there is thus, in all, 240 families, or about 1,400 souls, or 850 adults. It must, however, be borne in mind that the colonists have laid out all their money in improving the wilderness farms, which they must now abandon without being able to realize more than, say, half price on their stock. The colonists are thus dependent on free passages and assistance to begin with before they could start. They would, however, prefer to pay back any assistance tendered in, say, six years. They would prefer settling all together in some new district, yet only in such district as would in regard to soil and transport be a desirable one. Would you kindly write me by return mail, stating the best you could do for the colonists? I am personally known to Messrs. Pickernell Bros., 38, Fenchurch Street, as also to Messrs. Cook and Son, Ludgate Circus. I am presently negotiating for a location for the colonists in Kansas or Texas, but may not succeed. The cheapest way to manage so large a party would be to buy a vessel here, fit her up by the colonists' labour (free), and then, after sailing vessel to destination, sell her, and so realize the passage money. The colonists would provision themselves for the trip. I could command the vessel, and only a small crew of regular sailors would be required. I reckon about £2,000 would purchase a vessel capable of taking the whole party. If you would entertain the project, you might send me a cable message to that effect, as also a responsible person to personally inspect the moral and industrial value of the colonists, and arrange for the departure, &c. I write this merely to gain an idea if you would entertain the project, but may add that I am in correspondence with the Governments of Peru, Brazil, Natal, Victoria, and British Columbia, also Texas, Kansas, and Arizona, on the subject, but will decide on neither until the 1st of March. The colonists will leave this province for one or the other of the places indicated in the beginning of April. Please lose no time in informing me of your views. My name is well known in connection with immigration to this province, but, as I was many years in the service of Messrs Pickernell Bros., and some time with Messrs. J. Cook and Son, a reference to either of these will doubtless give you sufficient idea of myself personally or professionally.

The Hon. Sir Julius Vogel, K.C.M.G.

Yours, &c.,
W. BROWN.

No. 31.

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

(No. 181.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
19th February, 1877.

SIR,—

Referring to your letter No. 234, of 25th October last, in which you request me to cause a return to be prepared showing the comparative cost of Irish emigrants from Plymouth or London, and the Clyde, I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a memorandum of the Despatching Officer with reference to the matter, and also copy of a return showing the comparative estimated cost to the Government and to the emigrants of despatching 150 emigrants from the North and South of Ireland, *via* London, Plymouth, and the Clyde respectively.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration,
Wellington.I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

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MEMORANDUM by the DESPATCHING OFFICER as to the Cost of Emigration from Ireland to New Zealand, *via* London, Plymouth, and Glasgow.*From North of Ireland.*

No. 1. Cost of journey from Belfast to London, <i>via</i> Fleetwood or Barrow, by rail and steamer	...	...	£1 1 0
No. 2. Cost of conveyance (steamer) from Belfast to Plymouth	...	...	0 12 6
No. 3. Cost of conveyance (steamer) from Belfast to Glasgow	...	...	0 4 0

From South of Ireland.

No. 1. Cost of conveyance (steamer) from Cork to London	...	...	0 12 6
Cost of conveyance (steamer) <i>via</i> Bristol and rail	...	...	0 16 0
No. 2. Cost of conveyance (steamer) from Cork to Plymouth	...	...	0 10 6

There were four ships despatched direct from Belfast, and three ships from Cork. The three latter ships, and two of those from Belfast, were despatched when the contract was at the rate of £14 10s. per statute adult. One of the ships from Belfast was the "Carisbrooke Castle," taking out the special settlers; this was also during the period the contract was at £14 10s. per