

The Hon. J. BALLANCE to the AGENT-GENERAL.

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SIR,—

New Zealand, Wellington, 1st March, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit the following copy of a telegram which was despatched to you yesterday, and I shall be obliged by your at once arranging for despatch of this additional increase of immigrants:—"Vogel, London.—Immigrants—Supposing Colonial Office decline recent offer, adhere increase by 2,000 the number ordered for the year. Lyttelton and Port Chalmers, 575 each; Wellington, 550; Auckland, 100; Napier, 200—provided passage-money there reasonable; otherwise, ship Napier's number to Wellington.—GREY."

I have, &c.,

J. BALLANCE,

(for Minister for Immigration.)

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

London, 4th April, 1879.

COLONIAL Office decline to assist emigrants, but refers your telegram to Boards of Guardians.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

VOGEL.

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

(Telegram.)

London, 4th April, 1879.

PREMIER's telegram of 28th February, ordering more emigrants, implies order for this year's immigrants has been sent. Have not received it. Is it coming, or can I infer it from other sources.

Minister for Immigration.

VOGEL.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 7th April, 1879.

Referring to the Hon. the Premier's telegram of the 15th February, in which I am informed that the Imperial Government have received from the New Zealand Government a communication relating to the emigration to New Zealand of a number of the unemployed in this country; and also to his telegram of 2nd March, in which I am directed, in case the Colonial Office decline the offer made to the Imperial Government, that I am to increase the number of emigrants for the year by two thousand, I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter which, after waiting for some communication from the Imperial Government, I addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and his reply thereto.

You will perceive by this correspondence that the Imperial Government are not disposed to give any assistance towards the passages of emigrants to any of the colonies; and that, as regards the cablegram they had received from New Zealand, they had communicated to the Local Government Board (who, in their turn, communicated to the Boards of Guardians) the fact that New Zealand was prepared to absorb six thousand able-bodied men. The result of this action on the part of the Imperial Government is evidenced by the newspaper extracts which I herewith transmit, and by the fact that a number of applications for passages to New Zealand are coming in from unemployed persons recommended to make such application by the Boards of Guardians, to whom they applied for relief.

I need scarcely remark that these people are not, with possibly a very few exceptions, the description which I understand the New Zealand Government wish to have sent out, even though a part of their passages may be paid out of the poor rates of this country. I shall be able to send out the number which the Government may instruct me to despatch during this year without in the least requiring any assistance from the Boards of Guardians to obtain them.

In no previous year has there been so large a number of applications from all classes of people as are pouring in at this present time. Upwards of five hundred letters are received every day at this office, the principal portion of which are from persons applying for free or assisted passages, or for information respecting the colony. Although a large number of these are from persons who do not appear suitable, yet I have no doubt that from amongst them can be selected all that you may order to be sent out.

Your timely concurrence in the proposal made in my monthly report, dated 1st November, has proved of much advantage, and I have already a number of intending emigrants approved for the first ships of the ensuing emigration season.

The instructions contained in the Hon. the Premier's telegram of 2nd March were not clear to me, as, in directing me to "increase the number of immigrants for the year by two thousand," it seemed to imply that I had already received definite instructions as to the main number of emigrants which the Government intended should be sent out during the present year.

Not having received any such instructions, I thought it right to send a cablegram (copy attached) to yourself respecting the matter. I also despatched a cablegram (copy attached) informing you that the Home Government refused to aid emigration.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, 20th March, 1879.

I have the honor to forward to you the copy of a cablegram received from the Premier of New Zealand. Had it not been for illness from which I have lately suffered, I should have asked you to grant me an interview, in order that I might be able personally to advocate the wishes of my Government.