

No. 3.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 11th September, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th of July, No. 638, and, in reply, to inform you that the Government fully recognizes your services in reducing the number of paid local agents for promoting emigration. Still, however, as public attention in the United Kingdom is now so strongly directed towards this colony, it is desirable that you should further reduce the number of paid local agents, merely retaining the services of those who are absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the due proportions of emigrants to be sent from each part of the United Kingdom.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 4.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 12th September, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th July, No. 635, and, in reply, to inform you that the Rev. Mr. Berry's employment cannot be continued as he proposes; and the word "Oliver" has accordingly been telegraphed to you this day.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 5.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 29th September, 1879.

Referring to my letter of the 19th instant, transmitting copy of the report of the Immigration Commissioner upon the ship "Rakaia," I have the honor to inform you that it has been brought to my notice that the preserved meat which was issued to the immigrants had been procured from Mr. J. Gear's establishment, in this city. I think the fact that New Zealand preserved meat has successfully stood the test of twice passing through the tropics should be made known as generally as possible. I enclose herewith a report from the Immigration Officer, transmitting certificates from the surgeon-superintendent and master of the vessel, with a request that you will take such steps as you may consider desirable for bringing this local industry under the notice of the public generally.

I may add that the meat is of such excellent quality that the New Zealand Shipping Company are provisioning some of their outward-bound ships for England with it, from the surplus stores of the "Rakaia."

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

No. 6.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 4th October, 1879.

I have the honor to enclose list of promissory notes signed by immigrants, which were received by last mail; and request that, in future, you will not take any promissory notes whatever from emigrants, as it is found that it is very difficult to obtain payment from the emigrants after their arrival in the colony. The regulations of the 4th August, requiring payment in cash from male adults, must also be strictly adhered to.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Minister for Immigration.

Enclosure in No. 6.

LIST of Promissory Notes received.

					£	s.	d.
Ship "Rangitikei"	19	7	6
„ "Zealandia"	76	9	11
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					£95	17	5

Wellington, 4th October, 1879.

No. 7.

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

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 28th October, 1879.

Referring to my predecessor's letter of the 4th instant, I have to point out that by the mail which has just arrived I find that you have taken promissory notes from immigrants now