

fully to submit that it is only right that the Government should reimburse me for the actual outlay which I have incurred in the service of the colony. It is true I have no legal claim, but I venture to think there is a moral obligation.

I have a letter from the Immigration Minister to the Agent-General, in which the question of my engagement was left to his discretion; but when I reached Home Sir J. Vogel had just received a telegraphic message from the Government which precluded him from incurring expenditure. I therefore proceeded to work on my own responsibility and at my own cost and expense—expending £500 in travelling through England and descanting upon the advantages which New Zealand presented to labour and capital. The result I need not describe. The Press throughout the United Kingdom affords ample testimony as to this, and I have no hesitation in saying that through my efforts and labour a wider and more extensive interest has been excited in New Zealand than has ever been created through any individual instrumentality. I may say that Sir J. Vogel in a letter to Mr. Macandrew admits the value and extent of the services which have been rendered by me. I shall not further dilate upon this now, as I trust that is unnecessary, and that the Government will see its way to reimburse me the outlay which I have incurred, either in money or in land.

Soliciting the favour of an early reply,

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM JACKSON BARRY.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 9.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for IMMIGRATION to Mr. W. J. BARRY.

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 12th May, 1880.

I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. Mr. Rolleston, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, applying to be reimbursed the sum of £500, which you state you had expended in travelling throughout England descanting upon the advantages which New Zealand presented to labour and capital.

In reply, I am to inform you that Mr. Rolleston has read all the correspondence in this office on the subject of your employment, but he is unable to find any promise or undertaking which would be sufficient to justify the Government in entertaining your application.

I have, &c.,

H. J. H. ELIOTT,

Under-Secretary.

Mr. W. J. Barry, Dunedin.