

New Zealand, the several Commissioners of Crown Lands and Immigration Officers will be instructed to furnish them with such information as they may be able to afford, and to render every assistance in their power. Free passages upon the several lines of railways will also be assigned to the persons in question, but the Government cannot undertake to pay their hotel and other expenses while in the colony

I have, &c.,

WM. ROLLESTON,
Minister for Immigration.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 3.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 23rd January, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 153, of 5th December last, respecting the passages of Mr. Samuel Grant, Mr. Grant, jun., and Mr. Foster to New Zealand, and in reply to inform you that the only expenses incurred by me in the matter was the cost of those gentlemen's passages by the steamer "Norfolk" to Melbourne, and thence to New Zealand, the total amount being £249, vouchers for which were in due course forwarded to the colony

In addition to this, as mentioned in my letter of 3rd October, I gave Messrs. Grant and Foster to understand that the Government would arrange for their return passages to England.

I may add that I am pleased to hear that my action has met with approval, and that the Government are placing such facilities as you mention at the command of Messrs. Grant and Foster.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 4.

Mr. D. A. TOLE to the Hon. the MINISTER for LANDS.

SIR,—

Crown Lands Office, Auckland, 20th March, 1880.

I have the honor to submit for your information the accompanying copy of a letter (together with a copy of the reply thereto) addressed by the Lincolnshire delegates, Messrs. Grant and Foster, to the Auckland Waste Lands Board, on the subject of acquiring 10,000 acres of land at the southern portion of the Te Aroha Block, Thames District.

I have, &c.,

D. A. TOLE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands, Wellington.

Enclosure 1 in No. 4.

Mr. D. A. TOLE to MESSRS. GRANT and FOSTER.

GENTLEMEN,—

Crown Lands Office, Auckland, 19th March, 1880.

I have the honor to inform you that, in compliance with request contained in the concluding part of yours of yesterday's date, the Waste Lands Board have agreed (subject, of course, to any decision which may in the interim be arrived at with regard to Mr. T. Russell's claim, by which, as you are aware, a part of the land is at present embarrassed) to withhold from sale, until the 1st day of November next, 10,000 acres of the southern portion of the Te Aroha Block, Thames District. The Board desire me to add that, should at the end of the above period the land be available, and you enabled to arrange with the Government for its acquisition, the price per acre will not be under £2, while the conditions as to occupation, improvements, &c., will likely be similar to those imposed in the case of Mr. Vesey Stewart's Te Puke Settlement in the Bay of Plenty District. A copy of the conditions referred to is herewith enclosed.

I have, &c.,

D. A. TOLE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Messrs. Grant and Foster, Northern Club,
Auckland.

Enclosure 2 in No. 4.

MESSRS. GRANT and FOSTER to the MEMBERS of the WASTE LANDS BOARD.

GENTLEMEN,—

Auckland, 18th March, 1880.

In further reference to the subject-matter of our letter to you of the ultimo (in which, on behalf of a number of Lincolnshire farmers, we expressed a wish to acquire 10,000 acres of the southern portion of the Te Aroha Block), we have the honor to inform you that we purpose returning to England by the outgoing mail steamer, and before our departure are anxious to learn, in the interest of those for whom we have applied, whether or not there is a probability of our application being favourably entertained. We may state that we shall be prepared to pay whatever may be considered a fair price for the land, and also to submit to such reasonable conditions as to residence and improvements as it may be thought proper to impose. We merely beg, then, to ask you at present to be good enough to add to the kindnesses you have already conferred by again consenting to withhold this part of the block from sale for a further short term, so as to afford us an opportunity, on our arrival in England, of organizing a party of settlers for the occupation of the land upon terms to be subsequently agreed upon.

We have, &c.,

SAMUEL GRANT.
JOHN J. FOSTER.

The Members of the Waste Lands Board.