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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

MR. F. BUCK:

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE INTRODUCTION OF
GERMAN AND SCANDINAVIAN SETTLERS.

Return to an Order of the House of Assembly. (Mr. Hamilton.)

Laid upon the Table by the Treasurer, September 6, 1889, and ordered by the
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Hobart, 31st March, 1886.

The President of the Board of Immigration, or the Hon. the Chief Secretary.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit to you the Report of my recent mission as your Agent for the introduction of Immigrants from the north of Europe, as follows:—

I left the Colony in September, 1884, for Hamburg, with instructions to select and despatch a number equal to 100 adults, and certain nominated passengers on the assisted system, and also to act for the selection and despatch of full-paying passengers under the Land Order Warrant system. The number of applicants on my list seemed to offer sufficient inducement to the steamship company to despatch one of their steamers direct to Hobart. On applying in London, as instructed, to the then Agent of the Board, I found that his term of office had only a few more days to run, viz., to the end of the year, and that no funds were placed at his disposal for covering the expenses of passage money for said emigrants.

Having these emigrants on hand, and the Board temporarily unrepresented, by Mr. Buckler's own assertion, I had to apply to the Crown Agents, as financial Agents for the Government of Tasmania. They readily came to my assistance, by obtaining cable instructions from your Board. The delay thus occurred had, however, the effect of causing a number of my applicants to proceed to the States or some other Colonies; and, on returning to Hamburg, I found fresh instructions, dated November, to limit the entire number to 100, including the nominations; and I found the Company unwilling to continue negotiating on the reduced number.

In the meantime local influences had been set to work in London to counteract my operations; and what was worse, I found, on my return to Hamburg, that the Imperial Government, in the face of a strong current running in the direction of a German colonisation scheme, had set their face against any proposal to ship Danes, Scandinavians, Germans, and others to a *British* Colony, which made my task to complete the number required extremely difficult. This difficulty is now, however, removed. I had a number anxiously waiting to go, and was compelled to go back to London to communicate with and book the remaining passengers. When this was effected, with much difficulty and delay, I met a fresh obstacle in shipowners, under the circumstances, raising their demand for passage money to a figure which would have entailed considerable loss to the Board; and ultimately writing, when my passengers were ready, that they had no ship to offer.

There was nothing left to me but to revert to the German line, who accepted my offer (£6 per adult less from Hamburg *via* Melbourne to Hobart). This has been satisfactorily carried out. I need only point to the result of my careful selections, as usual, shown by the number of useful colonists that I have been instrumental in introducing by the steamship *Procida*. In the meantime, and during my operations, I accepted a large number of applications of persons desirous of emigrating to Tasmania at their own expense, under the Land Order Warrant System. Obtained offers from steamship companies to assist their coming out at no expense to the Colonial Government, of which offers I enclose the copy of one. Under these conditions, I am committed to nearly 400 approved applicants to forward them out to Tasmania within about 12 months, if required; and they would, no doubt, consider it an act of repudiation if the Immigration Act, 1885, should shut them out from carrying out their intention, after giving notice, selling out, and making all preparations to emigrate to Tasmania.

I beg respectfully to submit to the Board to empower me to carry out so much of the arrangements as I have made prior to the passing of the said Act, passed a month after my departure from Germany to Hobart.

On my leaving Tasmania on this last mission, I had a thousand copies each of the different forms for foreign emigration handed me by the Immigration Agent, and a set of photographs of Tasmanian scenery, to exhibit at my office.

This would naturally lead me to suppose that the Board wished me to extend my operations to secure as many desirable full-paying emigrants as I could, outside of the limited fund then available for assisted passages. My work was then extended in that direction, viz., emigration from the north of Europe, at no money outlay to the Government.

Taking it for granted that no subsequent instructions, recalling those under which I was then acting, would be allowed to cancel what action I had been taking, I was asked to leave final arrangements for a personal visit to the Colony again; and I respectfully submit that I cannot very well be asked to tell my waiting emigrants, on my return, that the Tasmanian Government now refuse to receive them. It would entail a heavy responsibility and loss on myself, and reflect little credit on the Colony amongst the friends and relations already settled here. A number of the latter have also commissioned me to act as their agent in bringing out their friends from the Continent, under the Regulations of 23rd December, 1882, now in force; and I respectfully request the Board to authorise my selecting them personally, and submitting them to the approval of the Agent-General in London.

Those intending emigrants, partly full-paying and partly bounty tickets, were all secured through my canvassing, but could not yet proceed because of the Board's suspending my operations without previous notice. This has caused my coming out; and I trust the Immigration Department will support me in an action which I have taken entirely in theirs and the interests of the Colony.

I have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F. BUCK.

<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Nature of Voucher.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Date—May, 1885.	£ s. d.		
1. Capitation fee, including Surgeon and office expenses, 7 months, 89 adults, at £1...	89 0 0	Printed Instructions, Secretary Immigration Board, dated 10 September, 1884.	
2. 100 sea kits provided for emigrants, at £1	100 0 0	Regulations for German Immigration, Section 11.	Eleven kits were not used, and kept in store, Hamburg, for subsequent emigrants.
3. Ship's library, in charge of Surgeon	10 0 0	Instructions Secretary Immigration Board, 10 September, 1884.	
4. Supply of calicos, cottons, &c., for use of women, in charge of Matron.....	5 0 0	Ditto.	
5. Advertising, 7 months, 39 times	32 0 0	Newspaper specimens, receipt of Advertising Agents.	
6. Postages, 7 months	20 0 0	Envelopes, wrappers: letter, German, P.O., General, Berlin.	The G.P.O. charged "insufficiently stamped" postage on nearly every letter.
7. Cablegram, telegrams, registered and money letters.....	20 0 0	Post Office envelopes and receipts.	N.B.—See below.*
8. Printing 7 sets of forms, &c., foolscap size, 2 pages each, and sundry small bills	20 0 0	Receipts, estimate of Davies Bros., Hobart; letter, Sloman, 2nd June, 1885.	All the papers had to be reprinted, as the bag containing Colonial forms, shipped from Hobart, October 28th, 1884, was not delivered me till 2nd June, 1885.
9. Stationery, 7 months.....	8 0 0	Howard & Jones' receipts.	
10. 5 journeys to London, and back to Germany	40 0 0	Steamer ticket.	Necessity for these outlays shown by correspondence in Secretary's hands, who has been furnished the dates.
11. 80 days' detention in London, Dec., Feb., Mar., April, 1885	60 0 0	Hotel and boarding-house receipts.	
12. Extra travelling expenses in Germany, to Berlin, &c. ...	20 0 0	Ditto.	Occurred chiefly through the German Government prohibiting emigration and foreign agencies.
13. Berthing Officer at shipment...	18 0 0	Stamp on passage ticket.	Same charge as at Plymouth.
14. Licensed Government Passenger Agent's commission....	40 0 0	Letter of Morris & Co., and receipt.	Passengers (emigrants) can only be booked through Agent.
15. Depôt, 2 days, for Government inspection, quarantine, transport, &c.	22 0 0	Depôt Keeper's, licensed, receipt.	Payable by order of Government.
16. Incidentals, freight on boxes, and petty cash	10 0 0	Receipts, R. M. Sloman.	Office box, from Hobart, transport to London and back.
17. Capitation fee on Land Order Warrant Passengers engaged by me to go to Tasmania, 40 at £1	40 0 0	List of Land Order Warrants issued.	Capitation due on issue, not drawing a salary.
	554 10 0		

* N.B.—Some of these Vouchers are contained in a package which, as per certificate of the Landing Waiter, Hobart, was short-landed (short-shipped) by steamship *Flora*, from Sydney, and could not subsequently be found.

Immigration Office, Hobart, 29th April, 1886.

I CERTIFY that German Immigrants arrived at Hobart per s.s. *Procida* on 17th September, 1885, to a number equal to 89 adults. I have reason to believe that these Immigrants were all duly supplied with sea kits under Section 11 of the Regulations attached, as many kits were landed; and in answer to my inquiries the Immigrants made no complaints.

THOMAS C. JUST, *Immigration Agent.*

Sea Kits.

11. Mattresses, bolsters, blankets, counterpanes, canvas bags to contain linen, &c., knives and forks, spoons, metal plates, and drinking mugs are to be provided by the Emigration Agent at the expense of the Board, and will become the property of the Immigrant on arrival.

MINUTES of Meeting of Board of Immigration, 20th April, 1886.

Present—The Hon. Dr. Agnew, President, the Hon. W. H. Burgess, M.H.A., the Hon. W. Crosby, M.H.A., the Hon. P. O. Fish, M.H.A., Justin McC. Browne, Esq.

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The Secretary brought forward Mr. Buck's Report and Accounts. Mr. Buck claimed the sum of £554 for services rendered and outlay incurred on behalf of the Board. He had received money on account of the Board and cash advances to the amount of £210 10s., leaving a balance claimed by him of £343 10s.

The Board proceeded to discuss the items of the account seriatim, and eventually resolved into Committee.

Mr. Buck was called in and requested to explain certain items. After discussion it was resolved to refer the accounts back to Mr. Buck for further explanation and the production of necessary vouchers.

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Confirmed,

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman.*

BOARD OF IMMIGRATION, TASMANIA.

REPORT on the Accounts of Mr. Frederick Buck.

1. I have the honor to report that in pursuance of the Resolution passed by the Board at its Meeting on 20th April last, I had several interviews with Mr. Buck on the subject of his accounts, and received from him such vouchers as he held in his possession for submission to the adjourned meeting of the Board fixed for Thursday, 29th April.

2. On that day a quorum could not be obtained, and the meeting was not held.

3. Subsequently, the Hon. the Treasurer sent for Mr. Buck, and requested him to submit the accounts and vouchers to the Colonial Auditor for examination and report, with a view to settlement. No result having been arrived at, the Hon. the Premier, the Hon. the Treasurer, Mr. Buck, and myself met on Friday, 14th inst., and went carefully through the accounts, the result being as follows:—

Amounts due to Mr. Buck.

	£	s.	d.
Item 1. Capitation fee, including Surgeon for 89 adults	89	0	0
2. 100 Sea Kits provided for Immigrants	100	0	0
3. Ship's Library, in charge of Surgeon	10	0	0
4. Calicoes, Cottons, &c. for use of females	5	0	0
9. Stationery, 7 months	8	0	0
	<u>£212</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Amounts due to Mr. Buck for which Vouchers have still to be produced.

	£	s.	d.
Item 5. Advertising, 7 months	32	0	0
6. Postages, ditto	20	0	0
7. Cablegrams, Telegrams, Registered Letters, &c.	20	0	0
8. Printing forms, &c.	20	0	0
13. Berthing Officer at shipment	18	0	0
14. Licensed Government Agent's Commission	40	0	0
15. Dépôt, Quarantine, &c.	22	10	0
16. Incidentals, Freight, Repairs to Box, &c.	10	0	0
	<u>£182</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

Amounts claimed by Mr. Buck upon which the Board has to decide.

	£	s.	d.
Item 10. 5 journeys to London and back to Germany	40	0	0
11. 80 days' detention in London	60	0	0
12. Extra Travelling expenses in Germany	20	0	0
17. Capitation on Land Order Warrants issued to Passengers engaging to go Tasmania at their own expense	40	0	0
	<u>£160</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Undisputed Amounts	£212	0	0
Amounts requiring Vouchers	182	10	0
Ditto, ditto, on which the Board has to decide	160	0	0
Total of Mr. Buck's claim	<u>554</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
Amounts received or credited by Mr. Buck	210	10	0
Balance of claim	<u>£344</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

4. I understand that Mr. Buck has proposed to the Hon. the Premier that half the amount claimed by him should be paid at once on a Resolution of the Board, and that the balance should be made payable to him by the Agent-General in London on the production of Vouchers satisfactory to that officer; Mr. Buck meanwhile to enter into a bond with the guarantee of a substantial resident of Tasmania for the refund of such amounts as are not properly vouched for.

THOMAS C. JUST, *Immigration Agent.*
17/5/86.

Immigration Office, 10th May, 1886.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to respectfully request a speedy settlement of my account *re* German Immigration, for which I have been waiting here for upwards of two months, at great inconvenience both in time and money.

On payment of the half amount here, giving me an order on the Crown Agents in London for the remaining half (£172 each moiety), and instructions as to the various vouchers you still require, I undertake to execute a Bond, countersigned by a responsible resident of this Colony, to deliver such vouchers into the hands of your London Agents, and to their satisfaction, against payment of the second moiety on my return home.

I have, &c.

F. BUCK.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

MINUTES of Meeting of Board of Immigration, 18th May, 1886.

Present—The Hon. Dr. Agnew (President), the Hon. W. H. Burgess, M.H.A., the Hon. W. Crosby, M.L.C., the Hon. P. O. Fysh, M.L.C., Justin M^cC. Browne, Esq.

The Secretary read his Report upon the Accounts submitted by Mr. F. Buck, which had been examined by the President of the Board and the Hon. the Treasurer, with the following result as to the amounts:—

	£	s.	d.
Schedule 1. Undisputed amounts	212	0	0
Schedule 2. Amounts requiring the production of vouchers ...	182	10	0
Schedule 3. Amounts on which the Board has to decide.....	160	0	0
	<u>£554</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
Amounts received or credited by Mr. Buck	210	10	0
Balance of claim	<u>£344</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Burgess, and seconded by Mr. Justin Browne—

“That one-half the amount of the second schedule, namely, £91 5s., be paid to Mr. Buck, in accordance with the terms proposed by him, viz., that the balance (£91 5s.), or so much as is vouched for,

be paid to him in England, on the production of vouchers (including those for sea kits, £100) to the satisfaction of the Agent-General. That Mr. Buck furnish a guarantee for the repayment of the amount now advanced, in accordance with his letter of the 10th May, addressed to the Hon. the Chief Secretary." Carried.

Schedule 3. The Secretary reported that in reference to the 3rd Schedule he had checked the dates when Mr. Buck alleged he was in London, and found it should be 89 days. This would increase the claim to £166 15s.

The Board discussed the items seriatim, and it was moved by Mr. Fysh, and seconded by Mr. Burgess; "That a lump sum of £50 be offered to Mr. Buck, without prejudice, in full satisfaction of Schedule No. 3." Carried.

Confirmed,

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman.*

Immigration Office, Hobart, 26th May, 1886.

Re MR. BUCK'S ACCOUNT.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to request that you will cause the necessary instructions to issue for the preparation of the Bond required to be executed by Mr. Frederick Buck, in accordance with his letter of the 10th May addressed to the Hon. Chief Secretary and the Resolutions passed at last meeting of the Immigration Board. A copy of Mr. Buck's letter, and of the Resolutions, is enclosed.

I have, &c.

THOS. C. JUST, *Immigration Agent.*

The Hon. Chief Secretary, Hobart.

THE Solicitor-General is requested to prepare the required Bond for execution by Mr. F. Buck. Mr. T. C. Just, the Immigration Agent, has been requested to attend the Solicitor-General, and supply all the information requisite for the preparation of the document.

J. W. AGNEW.
27th May, 1886.

The Solicitor-General.

COPY RESOLUTIONS.

Immigration Board, 5th May, 1886.

Moved by Mr. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Brown—

"That one-half the amount of the second schedule, viz., £91 5s., be paid to Mr. Buck, in accordance with the terms proposed by him—viz., that the balance (£91 5s.), or so much as is vouched for, be paid to him in England, on the production of vouchers (including those for sea kits, £100) to the satisfaction of the Agent-General. That Mr. Buck furnish a guarantee for the repayment of the amount now advanced, in accordance with his letter of 10th May addressed to the Hon. the Chief Secretary."

Moved by Mr. Fysh, seconded by Mr. Burgess—

"That a lump sum of £50 be offered to Mr. Buck, without prejudice, in full satisfaction of Schedule No. 3."

THOS. C. JUST, *Secretary.*
26. 5. 86.

*Chief Secretary's Office,
Hobart, 27th May, 1886.*

MEMO :

THE accompanying Papers are forwarded to the Immigration Agent, with the request that he will arrange to see the Solicitor-General, and supply all necessary information for the preparation of the Bond to be executed by Mr. Buck.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY.

T. C. JUST, *Esq., Immigration Agent.*

I CERTIFY that this Bond is in accordance with the Resolutions passed by the Immigration Board.

THOMAS C. JUST, *Immigration Agent.*
19. 7. 86.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we Frederick Buck at present residing in Hobart in Tasmania Esquire and John Helmer of Hobart in Tasmania are held and firmly bound unto Our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria Her heirs and successors in the sum of One hundred and eighty-two pounds and ten shillings for which payment to be truly made unto our said Lady the Queen Her heirs and successors we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our respective seals Dated this twentieth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

WHEREAS the above bounden Frederick Buck lately acted for the Government of Tasmania as their Agent for the introduction of foreign Immigrants into Tasmania and he says that a sum of One hundred and eighty-two pounds and ten shillings is owing to him by the said Government such sum being made up in manner hereunder mentioned that is to say:—

Item		£	s.	d.
5.	Advertising, 7 months	32	0	0
6.	Postages, ditto	20	0	0
7.	Cablegrams, Telegrams, Registered Letters, &c.	20	0	0
8.	Printing Forms, &c.	20	0	0
13.	Berthing Officer at Shipment	18	0	0
14.	Licensed Government Agent's Commission ...	40	0	0
15.	Depôt, Quarantine, &c.	22	10	0
16.	Incidental, Freight, Repairs to Box, &c.	10	0	0
		<u>£182</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

AND WHEREAS the Immigration Board in Tasmania for and on behalf of the said Government have agreed with the said Frederick Buck to pay him the said sum of One hundred and eighty-two pounds and ten shillings in equal moieties or any less sum for which the said Frederick Buck shall produce and deliver full proper and sufficient vouchers or receipts and the Government have also agreed with the said Frederick Buck to pay him the sum of Ninety-one pounds and five shillings being one moiety of the said sum of One hundred and eighty-two pounds and ten shillings before he leaves Tasmania for Europe without requiring him to produce sufficient vouchers and receipts in Tasmania before making such payment and that he shall be paid the further sum of Ninety-one pounds and five shillings (residue of the said sum of One hundred and eighty-two pounds and ten shillings) or such less sum for which the said Frederick Buck shall produce and deliver full and sufficient vouchers and receipts to the satisfaction of the Agent-General for Tasmania in London together with a full and sufficient receipt for One hundred Sea Kits of the value of One hundred pounds for which the said Frederick Buck has already been paid by the said Government of Tasmania AND WHEREAS before the Government of Tasmania agreed with the said Frederick Buck to make such payment as aforesaid it was agreed between him and the said Government that he should enter into the present obligation for the repayment to the said Government of the said sum of Ninety-one pounds and five shillings paid to him in Tasmania as aforesaid or of any part or parts thereof for the expenditure whereof he shall fail to produce and deliver proper and sufficient vouchers and receipts to the said Agent-General who shall be sole judge as to the sufficiency or otherwise of all or any of such vouchers or receipts AND WHEREAS the said John Helmer at the request of the said Frederick Buck has consented to enter into this obligation as surety for him as aforesaid Now THE CONDITION of the above written obligation is such that if the said Frederick Buck shall not produce and deliver to and at the request of the said Agent-General full proper and sufficient vouchers and receipts for the expenditure of any sum of Ninety-one pounds and five shillings together with a full and sufficient receipt for the sum of One hundred pounds expended on Sea Kits as aforesaid and shall repay to the said Government or to the said Agent-General on behalf of the said Government such sum of Ninety-one pounds and five shillings or such part or parts thereof for which such vouchers and receipts as aforesaid have not been produced and delivered to the said Agent-General as aforesaid of the sufficiency whereof the said Agent-General shall be sole judge and his decision in writing shall be final and conclusive on all parties Then this obligation shall be void or else remain in full force and virtue.

Signed sealed and delivered by the said Frederick
Buck and John Helmer in the presence of

GEO. P. ADAMS Jun.
Clerk to the Solicitor-General
Hobart Tasmania.

FREDERICK BUCK.
JOHN HELMER.

Hobart, 21st July, 1886.

MEMO.

THE amount of Mr. Buck's claim, £91 5s., should be paid out of the funds of the Board of Immigration, and included in the general amount which may have to be provided to settle the affairs of that body. The funds provided by 49 Vict. No. 32 are for a specific purpose.

THOS. C. JUST, *Immigration Agent.*

T A S M A N I A.

THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA *Et.*

To FREDERICK BUCK.

1886. *Immigration Department.* £ s. d.
 July 19. To payment on account, as agreed by Resolution of the Board of Immigration 91 5 0

I certify that this claim is in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Board of Immigration, 18th May, 1886.

THOS. C. JUST, *Immigration Agent.*

Approved.

J. W. AGNEW, *President.*
 21st July, 1886.

RECEIVED from the Honorable the Treasurer the sum of Ninety-one Pounds Five Shillings, being the amount of the above Account of Particulars.

F. BUCK.

Hobart, 22nd July, 1886.

SIR,

On the 18th of May, the Board passed a Resolution authorising the payment of the items owing me, as per enclosed account, contingent upon the production of certain papers, bonds, &c., which I have all completed, and lodged with the Authorities.

After waiting for upwards of three months for payment, at great inconvenience and loss, I am informed to-day that there are no funds available to meet this Resolution dated 18th May.

I think I may claim permission, under the circumstances, to ask that my claim may be satisfied without any further delay, from whatever source may be decided upon.

I have, &c.

The Hon. the President of the Board of Immigration.

F. BUCK.

MINUTE PAPER FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Chief Secretary's Office, Hobart, 2nd August, 1886.

Submitted, "as a case of emergency"—That the sum of One hundred and seventeen Pounds and Fifteen Shillings be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the Year 1886 to pay Mr. Frederick Buck, in accordance with the terms of a Resolution passed by the Board of Immigration on the 18th May, 1886.

J. W. AGNEW.

Chief Secretary's Office, Hobart, 3rd August, 1886.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Governor in Council has been pleased to approve of the sum of One hundred and seventeen Pounds Fifteen Shillings being placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the Year 1886 to pay you, in accordance with the terms of a Resolution passed by the Board of Immigration on the 18th May, 1886.

I have, &c.

FREDERICK BUCK, *Esq., Hobart.*

J. W. AGNEW.

Chief Secretary's Office, Hobart, 3rd August, 1886.

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Mr. Buck has been informed accordingly.

I have, &c.

T. C. JUST, *Esq., Secretary Board of Immigration.*

J. W. AGNEW.

Chief Secretary's Office, 3rd August, 1886.

MEMORANDUM.

THE Governor in Council has been pleased, "as a case of emergency," to approve of the sum of One hundred and seventeen Pounds and Fifteen Shillings being placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the Year 1886 to pay Mr. Frederick Buck, in accordance with the terms of a Resolution passed by the Board of Immigration on the 18th May, 1886.

By Command,

J. W. AGNEW.

The Treasurer.

Immigration Office, Hobart, 30th August, 1886.

MR. F. BUCK'S CLAIM.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith a list of vouchers which Mr. Frederick Buck has undertaken to produce in London to the satisfaction of the Agent-General, and also a copy of the Resolution of the Board of Immigration passed 18th May last.

As Mr. Buck purposes returning to England very shortly, it is desirable that the Agent-General should receive instructions in reference to this claim. The guarantee bond required has been duly executed.

I have, &c.

THOS. C. JUST, Immigration Agent.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

List of Vouchers to be produced by Mr. Frederick Buck to the satisfaction of the Agent-General in London.

	£	s.	d.
100 Sea Kits for Immigrants	100	0	0
<i>Schedule No. 2—</i>			
Advertising 7 months	32	0	0
Postages 7 months	20	0	0
Cablegrams, telegrams, registered letters, &c.	20	0	0
Printing forms, &c.	20	0	0
Berthing Officer at port of shipment.....	18	0	0
Licensed Government Agent's Commission.....	40	0	0
Depôt, quarantine, &c.	22	10	0
Incidentals, freight, repairs to box, &c.....	10	0	0
	<u>£182</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

Copy Resolution of the Board of Immigration passed 18th May, 1886.

"That one half the amount of the second Schedule, namely £91 5s., be paid to Mr. Buck, in accordance with the terms proposed by him—viz., that the balance, £91 5s., or so much as is vouched for, be paid to him in England on the production of vouchers (including those for sea kits, £100) to the satisfaction of the Agent-General. That Mr. Buck furnish a guarantee for the repayment of the amount now advanced in accordance with his letter of 10th May addressed to the Hon. the Chief Secretary."

No. 1, Davey-street, Hobart, 9th December, 1886.

SIR,

I HAD the honor to address you on the subject of German and Scandinavian Immigration on August 23rd, October 6th, 15th, and 24th.

Since the 15th October—when I acceded to your condition as to bond which you required (before entering into the various questions of detail which would have to be arranged prior to any action being taken)—I have awaited the honor of your further communications. In the meantime I have continued, as I did since March last, to attend to the multifarious details of office work connected with the Germans already here, and the continuance of such Immigration as proposed, translating official and other documents, answering for Department during absence of agent, &c.,—viz., ten months work and delay without remuneration—and my loss is a heavy one through the long protracted delay.

Considering the great benefit the Colony has derived from my past work, I would respectfully solicit a favourable consideration of my case, or a suggestion by which my experience and knowledge of Immigration matters could be availed of.

I have, &c.

F. BUCK.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

Premier's Office, Hobart, 18th January, 1887.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that Ministers have considered the claim for alleged services, &c., forwarded by you under date the 9th ultimo, together with the original correspondence and agreement under which you undertook to select and send out to Tasmania one hundred statute adult German immigrants, and down to the settlement of your claims on the terms of the Immigration Agent's letter of the 18th May, 1886, under which settlement a sum of £167 15s. (out of which you refunded £25 advanced) was paid to you, and a further sum of £91 5s. remained payable to you by the Agent-General in London on production of certain vouchers to his satisfaction.

Ministers are desirous of recognising any further claims which you may be in a position to establish; but the only ones which seem possible to deal with are those marked Nos. 1 and 3 in your memorandum; and if vouchers or satisfactory documentary evidence in support of these two claims can be produced they will be reconsidered.

I have, &c.

J. W. AGNEW.

FREDERICK BUCK, *Esq., Hobart.*

No. 1, Davey-street, Hobart, 7th February, 1887.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to respectfully solicit a final decision during this week on the question what solatium Hon. Ministers will see fit to grant me for my heavy losses *re* "German immigration," seeing that the present Members of the Government, in full possession of all details, are best able to sit in judgment on my case. The items I beg to recapitulate as enclosed.

I have, &c.

F. BUCK.

The Honorable the Premier.

I. Deduction for Emigrants short-landed.—(Immigration Agent's letter and German owners' account).....	£ s. d. 8 8 0
II. Interest on monies provided by me, January, 1885, for Immigration Board, Hobart, and repaid by same, August, 1886 and 1887. (The original correspondence and accounts in hands of Immigration Agent).....	56 12 0
III. Work and labour done at Immigration Office during absence of Immigration Agent on Royal Commission, Encampment, and Hospital Inquiry, and my acting as Interpreter. (Original letters from Government, from employers (Ransome, Beadon, Fysh, Searle, Geeves, &c.) and from immigrants, transmitted and answered by me through Government. Daily attendance at office.)	50 0 0
IV. London office expenses. (Letter of Hy. Radford & Co.).....	52 10 0
V. Copyright of my book in German, Danish, and English, reprinted by Government here. (Notice on title page, "All rights reserved.").....	25 0 0
	£192 10 0

Premier's Office, Hobart, 28th March, 1887.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter of the 7th February, and previous correspondence, as to the amount claimed by you for "heavy losses *re* German Immigration," I have the honor to inform you that Ministers have decided to pay you the sum of Fifty Pounds in full of all demands whatsoever; and if you will be good enough to sign the enclosed account, and the acquittance up to date on the face thereof, and return it to this office, it will be approved and forwarded to the Treasury for payment.

I have, &c.

J. W. AGNEW.

F. BUCK, *Esq., Hobart.*

TASMANIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA *Et.*

To FREDERICK BUCK, HOBART.

1887—March. To payment in full of all demands to date in connection with Immigration, &c..... £50 0 0

This amount is in liquidation of all claims preferred by me for services rendered to the Government in connection with Immigration, and for all other demands whatsoever up to date.

F. BUCK.
March, 1887.

To His Excellency the Governor in Council.

The humble Petition of Frederick Buck, of Hobart,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. That your Petitioner, as Immigration Agent for this Colony in Germany, and assisting in former similar agencies, has, at various periods, dating back as far as 1855, been instrumental in introducing to Tasmania immigrants of German, Austrian, Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian nationalities, which, in the opinion of the Colony, have proved most valuable additions to our population.
2. That their introduction, entirely due to your Petitioner's judicious and careful selection, and their subsequent successful settlement, has increased the Annual Revenue of the Colony by thousands of pounds, as seen by the number of German names on the Valuation Rolls. The settlement called Bismarck, in the Glenorchy District, is a fair specimen of your Petitioner's work in the way of thriving German settlements on what had always been considered "Waste" Lands all over the Colony.
3. That a revival of this class of Immigration was decided upon in 1884, and your Petitioner was induced to proceed Home and resume his labours.
4. That the funds voted by Parliament having been nearly exhausted by the London Agency, a balance was only found sufficient for the introduction of 100 adults of the above-mentioned class until further moneys were voted,—the Government meanwhile furnishing your Petitioner with necessary information, telegraphic codes, and other accessories to enable him to perform the duties of Director of the Immigration Office in Germany.
5. That all the arduous work, initiated at great personal expense and anxiety to your Petitioner, for the purpose of inducing respectable and suitable persons to come to Tasmania, was abruptly stopped by the Government, and money found only for 88 adults, out of a large number who were willing to emigrate.
6. That your Petitioner, so far from deriving any benefit from what may be considered most valuable work done for the Colony, has hitherto had to submit to a serious loss of several hundred pounds, caused by detention on arrival in London through the disorganised state of the Immigration Department, which had not provided the money for emigrants' passages; waiting two years here for repayment of cash advanced for Government; stoppage of office without notice; and other matters entirely beyond your Petitioner's control.
7. That the small portion of Immigrants to which Government finally limited your Petitioner was landed here in 1885, and proved again to be of a superior class.
8. That your Petitioner, irrespective of the losses mentioned, has now actually still to receive a sum of £91 5s., expended by your Petitioner for the Government in 1884, which your Petitioner proposed to receive personally from the Agent-General in London, your Petitioner being given to understand that an effort would be made to bring out the 200 German and Danish country people still on the list, and connected with the foreign colonists already here. If money had been voted, your Petitioner would have been prepared to start for London.
9. That this idea having been since abandoned, your Petitioner cannot justly be expected to spend nearly the whole of the amount mentioned in travelling to collect it.
10. That your Petitioner prepared and published in Germany, under authority from the Tasmanian Government, an Illustrated Handbook of Tasmania, in German, Danish, and English, for which he was never paid, although the work had a large circulation, and was favourably reviewed by the Continental Press. A second edition was afterwards reprinted by the Melbourne Government Printer for the Tasmanian Government.
11. That your Petitioner did duty at the late Immigration Office, Hobart, until its final close, during the absence of the Immigration Agent on railway commissions, hospital enquiries, Easter encampments, &c., also in communicating officially with the foreign settlers, translating and interpreting for the Chief Secretary's and other Departments, for all of which no clerical provision had been made, but for which work your Petitioner has not yet received any remuneration whatever.

12. That your Petitioner, through the above described circumstances, has suffered a heavy pecuniary loss.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Excellency in Council will be pleased to order the payment to your Petitioner of the £91 5s. above referred to, with such other remuneration as may be considered, under all the circumstances of the case, fair and just for valuable work actually performed for the Government without fee or reward.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

FREDERICK BUCK.

Hobart, 9th July, 1888.

Memo. to accompany Account herewith.

1. On my arrival here, 4th March, 1885, Mr. Just, then leaving on the Railway Commission, kindly obtained, for the purpose of my winding up with the Immigration Board, the partial use of a spare office at Immigration Department, and arranged for my representing him during his absence, which, as he stated recently, was understood to be for a week or fortnight, but which extended into months. Of the immigrants, the Germans and Danes especially kept me fully employed up till now, knowing me as able to correspond and converse with them.

2. The Lands and Works and the Chief Secretary's Departments can testify to the continuous work I did for and with these immigrants as interpreter, translator of correspondence, and other work connected with Immigration Department. If it was averred that there was no work to do during absence of Agent besides answering the door, the official salary paid to the officer shows the contrary.

3. My cash outlays and interest incurred for these immigrants in 1884-5 are completely lost, and a ruin to me. One-half was spent in waiting here from 4th March to 4th August, 1886, for their repayment, and the balance I can only get back by travelling home; so that this amount would again be absorbed by the expense of collecting it; whereas I was led to fully expect recovering my loss by some adoption of my proposals in letters dated 23rd August, 6th, 15th, 24th October, 9th December, all still unanswered.

4. The Handbook, in English, German, and Danish, written and edited by me whilst not in Government pay, the Government adopted by having it reprinted in Melbourne, without mentioning author. Only the cost of paper and printing copies ordered out from me has as yet been repaid by Government.

5. I at once admit I have no legal claim on the Government, having omitted to stipulate for the remuneration for my services before doing the work. On the last occasion the Government allowed me £1 per diem for attending my immigrants after their arrival here.

6. In throwing myself on the mercy of your Government, I may mention that the cancelling my engagement in June, 1884, without the legal notice, was a loss of several hundred pounds to me, quite irrespective of a costly illness caused by worry and the death of my son at home during my detention here.

F. BUCK.

TASMANIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA Dr.

To F. BUCK.

		£	s.	d.
1886.				
March 4 to	Attending Immigration Office during absence of Agent and after, interpreting			
Dec. 31.	and translating correspondence, &c., 264 days, at 5s. per diem.....	66	0	0
	Handbook for Emigrants, in German, Danish, and English; 150 pages,			
	maps, and illustrations. (See Fenton's List of Books on Tasmania.)	25	0	0
		<u>£91</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Amounting to Ninety-one Pounds sterling.

(Signature of Claimant.) F. BUCK.

MEMORANDUM for Immigration Agent.

Treasury, 12th July, 1888.

A SUM of £50 was paid to Mr. Buck on 29th March, 1887, in full of all demands to date in connection with Immigration.

A. REID.

Premier's Office, Hobart, 16th July, 1888.

SIR,

IN reference to your Petition to His Excellency the Governor dated 9th instant, respecting a claim for compensation for services rendered in connection with Immigration, I must decline to admit any liability whatever on the part of the Government for recompense to you for work performed, as a complete settlement has already been made.

With regard to the sum of £91 5s., I have to refer you to the terms of your Bond dated 20th July, 1886, which requires that you shall produce to the Agent-General for the Colony in England "full and sufficient vouchers or receipts to the satisfaction of the Agent-General, together with a full and sufficient receipt for One hundred Sea Kits of the value of One hundred Pounds" before payment is made to you of that amount. I am not prepared to authorise any deviation from these conditions.

It appears to have escaped your memory that on the 29th March, 1887, any outstanding claims on your part for further compensation were fully discharged, for the terms of your receipt for the sum of £50 then paid to you are:—"This amount is in liquidation of all claims preferred by me for services rendered to the Government in connection with Immigration and for all other demands whatsoever up to date." Further comment on your Petition is not required.

I have, &c.

FREDERICK BUCK, *Esq.*, Hobart.

P. O. FYSH.

Hobart, 15th July, 1889.

SIR,

IN acknowledging the receipt of your valued favor bearing date 16th July, 1888—the contents of which I duly noted—I beg leave to point out to you that my Petition dated 9th same month and year was addressed to His Excellency the Governor in Council, and that I would deem it a favor to be honored with a reply from the same source.

I have, &c.

The Hon. the Premier.

F. BUCK, *late German Immigration Agent for Tasmania.*

Premier's Office, Hobart, 15th July, 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor, by direction of the Premier, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, in reference to your communication addressed to His Excellency the Governor in Council on the 9th July, 1888, and I am to add that your wishes shall receive attention.

I have, &c.

FREDERICK BUCK, *Esq.*, Hobart.

JAMES ANDREW, *Secretary to the Premier.*

MINUTE PAPER FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Chief Secretary's Office, Hobart, 22nd July, 1889.

Submitted—That the accompanying letter which was addressed to Mr. Frederick Buck, in reply to a Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor in Council on the 9th July, 1888, be approved.

P. O. FYSH.

The Governor in Council approves.

R. G. C. H.

E. C. NOWELL.
22nd July, 1889.

Premier's Office, Hobart, 23rd July, 1889.

SIR,

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to inform you that he has approved of the letter addressed to you from this office on the 16th July, 1888, in answer to your Petition of the 9th of that month.

I have, &c.

FREDERICK BUCK, *Esq.*, Hobart.

P. O. FYSH.