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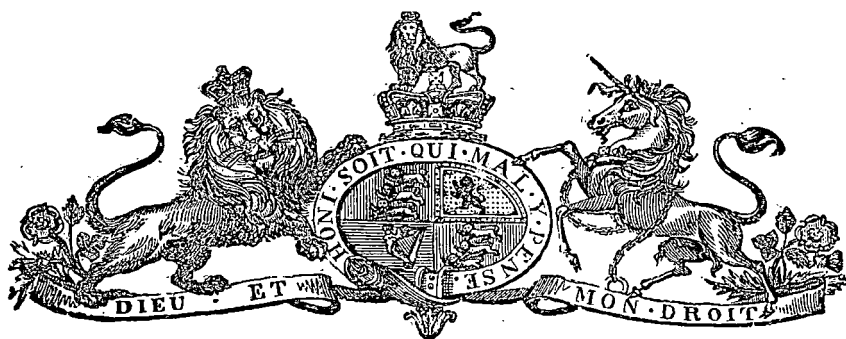
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

IMMIGRATION AGENT.

CORRESPONDENCE, AND LIST OF APPLICANTS.

Return to an Order of the Council dated September 15, 1868. (Mr. Whyte.)

Laid upon the Table by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
September 17, 1868.



NOMINAL List of Applicants for the Appointment of Emigration Agent in England, under the Act of Parliament 31 Vict. No. 26.

John M. M. Mackinnon.
John Bate.
H. D. Church.
J. Ogilvie.
J. Swan.
H. Von Fencker.
H. Hanson.
W. G. Sams.
J. Hay.
A. H. Bisdee.
G. Whiting.
J. Lyne.
G. W. Ibbott.
D. McLean.
W. H. Glover.
J. Helmer.
F. Buck.

H. Steinmüller.
J. S. Borlase.
W. Langdon.
H. P. Kane.
Duncan McPherson.
W. Gerrand.
F. Allison.
A. Goldie.
— Beauchamp.
J. J. Lovejoy.
J. P. H. Oldaker.
— Thomas.
T. Hainsworth.

W. L. Crowther, } Applicants, but not
C. Meredith, } by letter direct to
the Commissioners.

Applications received since the 28th May, the last day fixed by the Board of Immigration :—

W. Leishman.
J. W. Graves.
F. H. Piesse.

A. F. J. Bowen.
J. E. Liardet.

1, Albert Terrace, 22nd May, 1868.

SIR,

IN reply to the Advertisement calling for applications to fill the Office of Immigration Agent, I beg leave to state that I am willing to proceed to England in that capacity.

As the situation in question will virtually be that of a Representative for Tasmania, for whom, in order to render his mission successful, a proper *status* will be required, I venture to suggest that a modification of the terms offered should be made, and contingent upon which I am prepared to place my services at the disposal of the Colony and the Commissioners.

I have the honor to remain,
Sir,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) WILLIAM LODEK. CROWTHER.

The Chairman of the Immigration Board.

Immigration Office, 11th June, 1868.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I have the honor, by direction of the Board of Immigration, to inform you that they have decided not to vary the terms as published in the *Gazette* of the 12th ultimo, excepting so far as they are affected by the following Minute of the Board :—

“The Agent shall be furnished with a Letter of Credit on a Melbourne Bank to the extent of £250 in the nature of an advance, to be deducted from the emoluments accruing on account of ‘Head Money.’”

I am therefore instructed to enquire whether, should you be elected, you would be prepared to accept the appointment upon the terms specified.

As the Board meet on Saturday next at 12 o'clock noon, they will be glad to receive your reply before that hour.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) B. TRAVERS SOLLY, *Secretary.*

W. L. CROWTHER, *Esq., Macquarie-street.*

1, *Albert Terrace*, 13th June, 1868.

SIR,

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum of the 11th instant, in which reference is made to my letter of the 22nd May to the Immigration Commissioners.

An appointment having been made by the Board in conformity with the terms published in the *Gazette* of the 12th ultimo, I considered negotiations, as far as I was concerned at an end, feeling assured that, unless some alterations in the terms proposed were made, the interests of the Colony would be jeopardised instead of benefited.

If the Commissioners are really desirous that I should proceed to England in the capacity of Immigration Agent, I am willing to do so; but would respectfully suggest that an audience be given me before the Commissioners, to whom I will make known my views.

As the Minute of the Board detailed in your letter of the 11th accords to a great extent with the modifications to which I alluded in my letter of the 22nd of May, I believe but little difficulty will be experienced by the Commissioners in the settlement of this important matter, as the modifications to which reference has been made are of such a nature *as not materially* to alter the pecuniary aspect of the affair, or in any way entail upon the Colony a greater expenditure than has been contemplated by the Commissioners.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) WILLIAM LODEK. CROWTHER.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY, *Esquire.*

Immigration Office, 13th June, 1868.

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of this day's date, I am directed by the Board of Immigration to request your attendance on Monday next, the 15th instant, at 3 o'clock, when they will be ready to consider your views respecting the terms of the appointment of an Emigration Agent in England; and I am further instructed to request that you will have the goodness to reduce your proposed modifications of the terms offered by the Board to writing, and forward them to me, so that I may lay them before the Commissioners.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) B. TRAVERS SOLLY, *Secretary.*

W. L. CROWTHER, *Esq., M.R.C.S.,*
Macquarie-street.

Immigration Office, 16th June, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Board of Immigration, after due consideration, regret that they do not feel in a position to avail themselves of your services as Emigration Agent in England, upon the terms proposed by you at your interview with the Commissioners yesterday.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) B. TRAVERS SOLLY, *Secretary.*

W. L. CROWTHER, *Esq., Macquarie-street.*

Immigration Office, 29th May, 1868.

SIR.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that, at a Meeting of the Board of Immigration yesterday, you were appointed Emigration Agent under the Act of Parliament 31 Vict. No. 26; and I am requested by the Commissioners to express their hope that you will be prepared to leave for England during the month of June: but should that be earlier than is compatible with your own necessary arrangements, I have to request that you will use all possible dispatch, and acquaint me of the time you will be ready to take your departure.

I shall also feel obliged by your letting me know when you purpose next visiting Hobart Town, in order that I may summon a Meeting of the Commissioners to confer with you upon the general duties which will devolve upon you.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed) RICHARD DRY, *President.*

*The Hon. CHARLES MEREDITH, Esq., M.H.A.,
Spring Bay.*

Hobart Town, 9th June, 1868.

SIR,

I DO myself the honor of acknowledging your letter of 29th May, in which you inform me the Board of Immigration have been pleased to appoint me Emigration Agent, under the Act of Parliament 31 Vict. No. 26, and requesting to be informed as to the time I can depart for England.

I beg you to receive and tender to the Board my due appreciation of the honor they have been pleased to confer upon me; and I gladly avail myself of the opportunity the Board have this day afforded me in stating the terms on which alone I can carry out the objects of the Act with due regard to the welfare of the Colony.

I deem the mode of payment to the Agent of One Pound and Ten Shillings respectively as calculated to impair and neutralise the exertions of the individual. He would appear in England as a man who had not the full confidence of those who sent him. His personal interest in the action of intending Emigrants would weaken any arguments he might adduce in favour of Tasmania.

I am aware that a certain gentleman has expressed his intention of taking active steps to counteract any representations I may make. I cannot conceive a more dangerous or damaging mode than by the publication of the personal interest possessed by the Agent.

I can fancy this Anti-agent at the conclusion of a lecture saying,—“Tell us, Mr. Agent, how much a head you will pocket for each person whom you are endeavouring to snare by your statements.” I believe it would be fatal to the whole Scheme.

I am willing to undertake this delicate and peculiar mission on a fixed salary, sufficient to support the respectability of your Agent, whose passage should be paid as travelling expenses; and I am further willing, that if the results of the agency are not of a satisfactory nature to the Board and to the country after the experiment has been tried for twelve months, or such longer term as the Board may decide in England, that my appointment shall be cancelled,—sufficient notice of such intention being given me.

I am of opinion that the duties of the Agent should begin a month before he leaves Tasmania, in order that persons here, anxious to induce their friends in England to emigrate, may have an opportunity of conferring with the Agent. More than one small landholder here has spoken and written to me on this subject.

Much good will, I believe, be effected by Lectures in various parts of the Kingdom; and I advise that the actual travelling expenses be sufficient to enable me to make the name and condition of Tasmania known throughout the length and breadth of the Kingdom.

As regards the time of my departure, I feel I can safely name the August mail.

Seeing the nature and importance of the matter entrusted to me, I sincerely hope the Board will permit me to launch the Scheme in the manner indicated herein.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES MEREDITH.

*The Hon. Sir RICHARD DRY, President
Board of Immigration.*

At a Meeting of the Board of Immigration held on the 10th June, when the above Letter was read, the President was requested to communicate the following Minute to Mr. Meredith, as containing the limit of alterations in the conditions to which the Board were prepared to consent :—

“The Agent shall be furnished with a Letter of Credit on a Melbourne Bank to the extent of £250 in the nature of an advance, to be deducted from the emoluments accruing on account of ‘Head Money.’”

The Board re-assembled the same day, and the President informed the Commissioners that he had communicated their Minute to Mr. Meredith, who declined to accept the appointment on the terms proposed.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY, *Secretary.*