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W. CARGILL, Superintendent.

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IMMIGRATION AND BRITISH AGENT ORDINANCE.

In the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of
Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

SESSION II., No. 4.

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AN ORDINANCE for promoting Immigration to the Province of Otago, and for appointing Agents in the United Kingdom for that and other purposes.

WHEREAS it is expedient that provision should be made for the Immigration from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland into the Province of Otago in New Zealand of labourers and other persons desirous of settling in the said Province, and for rendering assistance out of the public funds of the Province to such persons as may be unable to defray the whole cost of their passage thereto, and for the protection and advancement of other interests of the said Province.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Superintendent of the said Province, with the advice

and consent of the Provincial Council thereof, as follows:—

1. There shall be an Agent or Agents in Great Britain for the Province of Otago, to be from time to time appointed and nominated by Ordinances of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the said Province, for promoting Immigration to this Province, for protecting and advancing in Great Britain the political or other interests of the said Province, and generally for carrying into effect whatever instructions may be given to them in pursuance of the provisions of this Ordinance.

2. The Superintendent shall from time to time, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, make regulations for the conducting and management of Immigration; and he is hereby authorised to make such arrangements with the Agent or Agents, to be appointed as aforesaid, as may be necessary for conducting the same, and may, with advice as aforesaid, alter or rescind such regulations or arrangements, or any of them, and make others instead thereof. And all such regulations and arrangements shall be laid before the Provincial Council within ten days after the issue thereof; or if the Council be not then sitting, within ten days after the opening of the next Session of the same.

3. All Petitions, Addresses, Memorials, or other Communications, which shall be addressed by the Provincial Council or by the Superintendent to Her Majesty the Queen, or to Her Majesty's Ministers, or to either House of Parliament, or to any other person or persons whatsoever, on behalf of the said Province

may be forwarded through the said Agent or Agents.

4. All correspondence with the said Agent or Agents shall be conducted by the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council; and all communications from the Superintendent, or from the said Agent or Agents, shall be laid before the Provincial Council within ten days after the despatch or receipt of the same; or if the Provincial Council be not then sitting, within ten days after the opening of the next Session thereof.

5. It shall be lawful for the said Agent or Agents to enter into all such contracts, and generally to do all such things, on behalf of the said Province and of the Government thereof, as he or they shall from time to time be authorised to enter into, or to do by instructions under the hand of the Superintendent, issued by the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Province.

6. It shall be lawful for the said Agent or Agents, to resign such office, and by writing under his hand or their hands, to appoint some fit person in his or their stead; and such person shall be taken and deemed to be Agent, as though he had been appointed by an Ordinance as hereinbefore required; provided that every such appointment shall cease and determine twelve months after the date thereof, unless it shall be allowed and confirmed by an Ordinance of the Superintendent and Provincial Council.

7. It shall be lawful for the said Agent or Agents, at their discretion, to delegate and employ Agents under them for the purpose of promoting immigration to the Province of Otago, or for any other purpose, or upon any occasion whatsoever touching the affairs of the said Province. Provided always that in all such cases such Agent or Agents shall act strictly in accordance with the instructions which shall be issued to them from time to time by the Superintendent.

8. James Crawford, junior, Esq., and John Auld, Esquire, Writers to Her Majesty's Signet at Edinburgh, and William Walter Cargill, Esquire, Banker in London, shall be, and are hereby appointed, all or either of them, jointly or severally, to be the Agent or Agents in the United Kingdom for the Province of Otago.

Passed the Provincial Council the thirtieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

ROBERT CHAPMAN,
Clerk of Council.

Assented to on behalf of the Governor, at Dunedin, the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. CARGILL,
Superintendent.

I HAVE assented to this Ordinance notwithstanding the alterations made on the original Bill, and adhered to by the Council when re-

quested to reconsider them, for the following reasons, namely—Because of the necessities of the Province for a supply of labour without delay;—Because, on the present occasion, of having the means of averting the confusion arising from separate Agencies independent of each other, in place of one Agency wholly responsible to the Province, and having power as heretofore to appoint its Sub-Agents and Correspondents in the United Kingdom;—Because of my conviction that it will be one of the first acts of a new and enlarged Council to expunge from this Ordinance a principle so fraught with confusion and with damage to the Province in respect of the home responsibilities, to be exacted on its behalf;—And finally, because of present satisfaction to Otago settlers in being enabled to get out their friends as assisted passengers.

W. CARGILL,
Superintendent.

(Extract.)

RULES to be observed by the Agents for Otago in regard to Emigration.

SELECTION.

The Agents shall carefully satisfy themselves that the parties are of sound mind and body, healthy, skilful in their callings, of industrious habits, and good moral character. The Certificates of their possessing these qualifications to be transmitted along with them.

Parties producing letters from kinsfolk or friends in Otago, and whose names are also upon the list sent home, if found qualified as above, to have a preference over all other applicants.

A preference also to be given to married couples with families if otherwise qualified as above.

In general, selection to be made in such way as that there shall be an equal number of both sexes. Young unmarried females, not members of families, to be placed under the guardianship of the heads of a family or a matron.

Each party of Emigrants to be selected, with a view to the supply of the kinds of labour in demand in the settlement, as the Agents shall be advised.

EXTENT OF AID.

Parties having sufficient funds of their own shall not be entitled to aid from the Immigration Fund. And parties aided shall give obligation to repay the sum advanced on their account by such yearly instalments, in number and amount, as shall be arranged between them and the Agents.

SHIPS.

The ships to be chartered from Ports most convenient for the bulk of the passengers; to be uniformly First Class; and in victualling, accommodation, and otherwise, to be at least equal to other passenger ships between London and New Zealand.

Superintendent's Office,
Dunedin, 28th December, 1854.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in virtue of the Otago "Immigration and British Agent Ordinance," Session II, No. 4, and the Rules made thereon by the Superintendent and Executive Council, PARTIES WISHING TO GET OUT THEIR FRIENDS are to apply to me in writing in the annexed form.

W. CARGILL,
Superintendent.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

Date.....

To His Honor the Superintendent
of the Province of Otago.

SIR,—I hereby apply for the under-mentioned persons to be brought out to Otago as assisted passengers, and I hereby bind and oblige myself to guarantee the repayment of the cost of their Passages, to such extent, and within the time for each instalment of the same, as shall have been agreed upon between the said Passengers and the Home Agents for the Province.

Name and Sex
Age (so far as known or believed)
Trade, or class of labour
Residence (stating the county, and parish or town)

Signed A.B.,
Residence.

Witnesses to the signature of A.B.

C. D., of.....
E. F., of.....

PROCLAMATION

By His Honor WILLIAM CARGILL, Esquire,
Superintendent of the Province of
Otago.

WHEREAS by the "Public Roads Ordinance," passed in the first Session of the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, No. 10, Section 8, it is enacted "That the Superintendent shall divide the whole Province into Districts, and shall distinctly lay down the boundaries of each District by a Proclamation in the Gazette and in the newspapers;" AND WHEREAS, by Proclamation dated the 19th day of July 1854, and published in the Gazette of date the 22nd day of July 1854, and in the "Otago Witness" of date the 29th day of July 1854, the boundaries of the Town District and Clutha District of said Province were distinctly laid down, and a Notice published, requiring the inhabitants of said Districts respectively to meet at the time and place mentioned in said notice, to elect Trustees in terms of the foresaid Ordinance; but the said meetings from divers causes, were not held; And whereas another Proclamation containing a notice was issued and published in the Gazette No. 12, and in the "Otago Witness" No. 168, of new proclaiming the said Town District, and requiring the inhabitants thereof to meet and elect Trustees as aforesaid,

time and place mentioned in that Proclamation; but they again failed to do so: And it is therefore necessary that another Proclamation and notice should be issued, so that the provisions of the said Ordinance may be carried into effect in the said Town District and Clutha District.

WHEREFORE I, the Superintendent of the Province of Otago, hereby again proclaim that the Town District and Clutha District shall come under the provisions of the said Ordinance from and after the date of this Proclamation: That the respective boundaries of the said Town District and Clutha District shall be the same as are distinctly laid down in the said Proclamation dated 19th July 1854: And I further give notice to the Inhabitants of the said Town District and Clutha District, qualified in terms of said Ordinance, to assemble and elect Trustees as aforesaid, on the dates and at the places herein stated, and in each case to return to His Honor the Superintendent the names of the Trustees so elected.

TOWN DISTRICT.—To meet at the premises of Captain Broadfoot, Caversham, on Friday, the 12th January next, at seven o'clock p.m.

CLUTHA DISTRICT.—To meet at the premises of John Shaw, Esq., on Wednesday, the 31st January next, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Given under my hand at Dunedin, in the Province of Otago, the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. CARGILL,
Superintendent.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Superintendent's Office,
Dunedin, 28th December, 1854.

His Honor the Superintendent has been pleased to direct the publication of the following clause of the "Public Roads Ordinance," for the information and guidance of the inhabitants of the districts called upon to elect Trustees by the Notice contained in the foregoing Proclamation,

By His Honor's command,
JOHN LOGAN,
Clerk to Superintendent.

(Section 11.) "The male inhabitants of each district, qualified by being above twenty-one years of age, and by having resided in the district at least three months previous to the meeting, shall meet on a day and at a place to be named by the Superintendent in a notice to be published in the Gazette, proclaiming the district to be under the operation of this Ordinance, and shall then and there nominate five of their own number to be Road Trustees for the district in which they shall reside, one of whom shall be named Convener of the district; and a majority of them shall always be a quorum; and such Trustees so elected shall be called the District Road Trustees, and shall remain in office till a new election shall take place."

