



IMMIGRATION AND BRITISH AGENT ORDINANCE, 1854.

IN THE EIGHTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY
QUEEN VICTORIA.

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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.

Regulations for Immigration to be made for guidance of Agent.

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.

Petitions, Addresses, &c., to be forwarded through Agent.

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.

Correspondence with Agent.

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.

Agent to enter into Contracts, &c., under instructions.

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.

Agent to appoint Successor in certain cases.

6. It shall be lawful to 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.

Agent to appoint Sub-Agent.

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.

James Crawford, jun., John Auld, and William Walter Cargill, Esquires, to be first Agents.

8. James Crawford, junior, Esquire, 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 this 30th day of November 1854.

JOHN GILLIES,
Speaker.

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 of the Province of Otago.