

John MORRISON (1824-1911)

1856 Jul 09 **DOCUMENT:** Agent for James Morrison & Co., in Auckland

The Master: J. D. Ormond of Wallingford – Chapter 5 Emigration p27

Geordie Richardson left England on 23 May 1857. Like his sister [Hannah] he, too, kept a journal during the voyage, but this is an unrevealing document. In it he fails to disclose the reason for his emigration and makes no mention of his early life. It is only from brief references in his sister's journal that we know he took a course in accountancy before going to London to join a shipping firm, John Morrison & Coy, which organised transport and emigration to New Zealand. So we must presume that Geordie was either sent by the firm or that tales of the opportunities available in the new world fired him to leave the old land. On the other hand, from what is learned subsequently of Geordie and his disreputable habits, his departure may have been a flight. But whatever the cause he sailed for New Zealand with Captain Morrison on the 'Southern Cross'.

Geordie and Morrison, however, proved incompatible. "He is a confirmed egoist and dislikes me because I have shown my contempt for his style of walking." Thus Geordie explained their breach in his journal. Therefore it was hardly surprising that near the end of the voyage Morrison announced he would remain only a few days in Wellington and then "leave me to fend for myself". But Geordie was not dependent on Morrison. He was already preparing to establish himself as a trader.

Shipping to New Zealand 1839-1889 Comber Index

Ship *Southern Cross* sailed from Gravesend on 24 May 1857 on her 2nd voyage to New Zealand. Owner: Morrison; Master: George Charlton Arrived Wellington 21 Sep; Otago 14 Nov; Wellington 10 Dec; Hawkes Bay 19 Dec; sailed from Hawkes Bay Feb 25 with the first wooldirect for London; arrived Wellington 1 Mar; sailed for London 3 Apr. First voyage with the same Master arrived at Port Chalmers 26 Feb 1856 with 12 cabin and 107 steerage passengers. Arrived Wellington 24 Mar; Sailed for Hong Kong 25 April. Owner: Willis.

Alexander Turnbull Library Reference qMS-1698 George E. G. Richardson; Journal of a voyage from London to NZ on the Ship 'Southern Cross'

25 May 1857: Passengers in poop cabin are two brothers Baldwin, a Miss Moodie going out to be married and Mrs Bateman occupying one cabin. Mr and Mrs Martelli - Irish - the former an exceedingly nice and sensible gentleman - Morrison (when he comes) & myself who occupy a side cabin conjointly with the experienced surgeon. There are also Captain Thomas and his wife who at present are in the 2nd cabin.

29 May 1857 2nd cabin passengers (10): Four scotchmen - Henderson, wife & family of six fine children from John O'Groats; McIlraith & wife from Ayrshire; Reeve a shephard from Moffat aged 25, unmarried; Connal from Kelson a young fellow.

New Zealand Spectator & Cook's Strait Guardian 23 Sep 1857

The ship 'Southern Cross', 1000 tons, Captain Charlton, arrived on Monday from London. She has had rather a long passage, having left Deal May 25 and experienced chiefly calms or light weather during the voyage. Ten days ago she was off Cape Terawite but was driven north of New Plymouth by a south easterly gale. The 'Southern Cross' has fifteen cabin passengers and fifty four immigrants under contract to the Provincial Government and several assisted immigrants for Otago brought out under an arrangement with the Government of the Province. On the way out there were two deaths, children under 12 months and one birth and we understand the passengers express themselves highly satisfied and speak in high terms of the arrangements and the treatment they experienced. The 'Southern Cross' is the first of a new line of vessels laid on to this colony by Messrs J. Morrison & Co. of London and among the passengers is Mr J. Morrison, a partner of that firm who has come out with the intention of visiting the different Provinces of New Zealand in order to acquire such local information as will enable them to carry on the undertaking with vigour and success in connection with Messrs Stuart, Kinross & Co. of this place. The next vessel of this line is the 'Gleaner' which was to leave London about the end of July with emigrants, chiefly Scotch, to complete the contract entered into with the Provincial Government. Messrs Morrison & Co.'s line - 'Gleaner', 800 tons, Wells, for Wellington and Canterbury to sail July 20.

Shipping Intelligence - Arrivals

Sep 21 Ship 'Southern Cross', 650 tons, Charlton from London. Passengers: Mr & Mrs Martella, Master Martella, Mr Richardson, Captain and Mrs Thomas, Miss Jessie Moodie, Mr J. H. Baldwin, Miss Bateman, Mr G. Charlton, Mr Morrison, Dr Owen Daviet, 10 second class passengers and 62 assisted immigrants.

New Zealand Spectator Wednesday 7 Oct 1857 p2

Immigration Notice: The Undersigned Agents for Messrs John Morrison & Co.'s new and splendid Line of Clipper Ships from London to New Zealand, are prepared to make arrangements with Settlers for bringing out their friends from England on most liberal terms. Stuart, Kinross & Co., Wellington, September 30, 1857.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 1/1 1858/207

Letter written by John Morrison from Nelson on 27 March 1858 to A. Greenfield, Secretary of the Commissioners of Immigration. Received 29 March 1858. Sir, I beg to return the documents herewith relating to the Immigration Conditions. I have left with Messrs Nicholson & Ridings a Tender for the Conveyance of Emigrants from London to Nelson. Owing to the Conditions not being corrected in the papers you forward me with I have taken no notice of the "Terms and conditions" leaving it open to subscribe to those proposed at the meeting today on my return from the Wairau, you will be pleased to explain this to the Commissioners, and oblige, Sir, Yours most obedtly, John Morrison

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 1/1 1858/232

Letter written by John Morrison from Nelson on 27 March 1858 to the Commissioners of Immigration. Opened 5 April 1858. I the undersigned party Tender to convey Immigrants from London to Nelson, New Zealand at the following rates viz: Adults - eighteen pounds eighteen shillings each Children between 1 and 12 years of age - nine pounds nine shillings each Children under 1 year - free. John Morrison for John Morrison & Co., 138 Leadenhall Street, London

Archives NZ Wellington Reference NP 7/3a 1858/293

Letter written 24 Apr 1858 by Nicholson & Ridings of Nelson to the Provincial Secretary A. Domett. Dear Sir, On behalf of our friends Messrs John Morrison & Co. of London we beg to tender to the services of that firm as agents in Great Britain to the Provincial Government. Mr John Morrison of that firm, whom we have the pleasure of introducing to you, and whose tender for Immigration has been accepted, at the cost of much time and labour, by personal examination of the Country, and by seeking information from many of those best qualified from lengthened residence in it, to form an estimate of the Extent of available land in, and the capabilities and resources of each district, has, we believe, succeeded in obtaining as full and intimate an acquaintance with this Province as is possessed by the oldest settlers. ... [more available - difficult to read]

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 1/1 1858/10

Letter from Nicholson & Ridings to Alfred Greenfield Esquire, Emigration Secretary, Nelson 28 May 1858. Received 28 May 1858.

Sir, On behalf of our friends Messrs John Morrison & Co. of 138 Leadenhall Street, London, we beg to accept the Regulations and Conditions which the Commissioners have attached to the contract for immigration to the Province, the tender of that from having been accepted therefor. We suppose the contract will remain binding during the term of office of the present Superintendent, unless some well grounded cause of complaint against the Contractors arise. We should ... to hear from you on this point. Yours obediently, Nicholson & Ridings.

1858 Jun 03

DOCUMENT: Letter from John Morrison to the Superintendent of Nelson

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 3/1 Outwards Letter from Alfred Greenfield to James Stuart Tytler 16 Jun 1858

Sir, By direction of the Commissioners of Immigration I have the honor to inform you that they have made arrangements with Messrs John Morrison & Co. of 138 Leadenhall Street, London for the introduction of Immigrants to this Province, the conditions and particulars of which are forwarded herewith, at the following rates viz:- For each adult the sum of £18 18 shillings For each child under the age of twelve the sum of £9 9s In referring to the 12 clause of the conditions you will perceive that one moiety of the passage money has to be paid in England; I am therefore instructed to pay the same on behalf of each person sent for (as per schedule) to the above mentioned Firm on a certificate being signed by the said Firm to the effect that the persons to whom they claim such moiety have actually embarked for Nelson under this arrangement and that they have been sent for by the Commissioners. To enable you to meet demands of the above nature I enclose First of Exchange in your favor for the sum of £700 which is to be placed to the credit of the Nelson Immigration account. I enclose a copy of Schedule No.1. Posted 22 Jun 1858 by Alfred Greenfield, Immigration Secretary

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IA 1 1861/644

Letter written at Auckland by John Morrison on 28 Jun 1858 to the Colonial Secretary

Sir, I beg leave to draw the attention of the General Government of New Zealand to the want existing in England of obtaining information respecting the Colony. In London there is no place where the Public can procure such in Detail or Examine for themselves the Government Official Regulations of the Provinces, what information is open to them can only be procured at different places, and is frequently circulated by individuals interested only in one or other of the Settlements; this serious inconvenience is no less detrimental to the interests of the Colony as it is to many who seek to make New Zealand their home, for the conflicting opinions expressed tend only to unsettle and discourage enquirers, practical experience enables me to bear strong testimony to this existing drawback, that I beg respectfully to submit for the consideration of the General Government the proposal to establish in London, a General Government Agency, where at one office information can be obtained for the whole of New Zealand, and the Maps and Official documents filed and Rept.. for general information.

Having undertaken the voyage to New Zealand with the sole object of obtaining that information respecting the Colony, which cannot at present be got in England, and having personally visited every province and every Port and Township of importance from Jacobs River to Auckland in the course of which I have ridden 1500 miles through different parts of the Colony, I beg respectfully to tender my service to the General Government to act in the capacity of Agent for New Zealand in London. In discharging the duties of that office, while I would be able to give effect to such orders and suggestions as might from time to time be sent me, I would also be able to watch over every new movement bearing upon the Interests of the Colony, and at the same time be able to supply that information respecting the advantages and capabilities of the Colony which I have thus practically obtained by having made myself personally acquainted with them...

1858 Jul 02

DOCUMENT: Paper written by John Morrison re the establishment of a General Government Agency

Journal of the House of Representatives 1858 pX Schedule of Accounts and Papers laid upon the Table

No. 88 Paper from Mr J. Morrison relative to the establishment of a General Agency for the Colony - presented by command of His Excellency Nos 13, 42 and 88 Correspondence with Mr J. W. Macdonald relative to emigration agency - presented by command of His Excellency.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IA 1 1858/1219 15 Jul 1858

"... Being informed that it is contemplated by Government to alter the Customs Tariff for New Zealand; I beg leave to draw your attention to the present Duties levied upon articles used in whaling and to solicit your consideration on this... as every facility is required to aid in promoting on New Zealand so essential a branch of commerce..."

Journal of the House of Representatives 1858 p116 Friday 16 Jul 1858 Colonial Agency
[A manuscript version can be found at Archives NZ Wellington Ref: Le 1 Box 12 1858/10]

The Hon. Mr Stafford, from the Committee appointed to enquire and report as to the expediency of establishing a General Colonial Agency for the Colony, brought up a report which was read as followeth:- The Select Committee of the House of Representatives appointed to enquire and report as to the expediency of establishing a General Colonial Agency for the Colony, have considered the papers laid on the table of the House, marked Nos. 19, 46, 74 and 75, and have examined Mr John Morrison, who had offered to act as Agent for the Colony in London, and have agreed to the following resolutions:- That it is desirable to establish a General Agency for New Zealand.

That the Agent should, with the knowledge and consent of the General Government, execute commissions for Provincial Governments, but that he should not be allowed to enter into separate and independent relations with any particular Province, nor to receive separate remuneration from any such Province, for any purpose whatever. That it appears to the Committee that the most eligible position for the Office of such an Agency would be King William Street, City, or Adelphi Terrace. That such Office should contain, in addition to such accommodation as may be required for the Agent and Clerks, a convenient and spacious apartment for the exhibition of maps and official documents, and for the accommodation of persons visiting the rooms. That the salary of such Agent for the first year, and until further experience of the working of the Agency has been acquired, ought not to exceed £300 per annum. That in addition to the above, such reasonable sum should be allowed for the Office expenses, as the Executive Government may deem advisable.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 3/1 Outwards Letter from Alfred Greenfield to Messrs Nicholson & Ridings Agents for J. Morrison & Co.
21 Jul 1858 Gentlemen, The Commissioners of Immigration having heard that the Firm of John Morrison & Co. of 138 Leadenhall Street, London, has dissolved partnership, I am directed to request that you will be kind enough to give the Commissioners any information you possess relative thereto.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IA 1 1861/644

Letter written at Auckland by John Watson Bain on 21 Jul 1858 to the Colonial Secretary

Sir, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter addressed to you by Mr John Morrison of London intimating his having given me a Power of Attorney to act for him in the Colony in accordance with the terms of which I beg respectfully to state that whenever I am required to do so I shall be happy to wait upon you with reference to any matter relating to Mr Morrison.

Letter written at Auckland by John Morrison on 20 Jul 1858 to the Colonial Secretary

Sir, I beg leave to inform you that I have empowered Mr J. Watson Bain, of the Firm Messrs Bain, Grahame & Co., merchants by Power of Attorney, to act for me, and make any arrangements the Government may require should they confer the appointment of General Colonial Agent for New Zealand in London upon myself.

Journal of the House of Representatives 1858 p128 Friday 23 Jul 1858 Prayers - No. 1 Agency for the Colony

On motion of the Honourable Mr Stafford, resolved That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire and report as to the expediency of establishing a General Agency for the Colony, be now adopted.

Daily Southern Cross 27 Aug 1858 Advertisement

The undersigned are cash buyers of Wool, Hides, Clean Native Flax and will advance on consignments of produce to their friends Messrs James Morrison & Co. of London – John Stevenson & Co., Queen-street Wharf.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 3/1 Outwards Letter from Alfred Greenfield to James Stuart Tytler 25 Sep 1858

Sir, I have the honor by direction of the Commissioners of Immigration to inform you that since the acceptance by them of the tender of Messrs John Morrison & Co. of Leadenhall Street, London for the Conveyance of Immigrants to this Province they have heard of the dissolution of the partnership of that Firm and one of their ships the 'Camilla' has arrived after a very unsatisfactory voyage (an account of which is published in the newspaper enclosed herewith). I am therefore directed by the Commissioners to request that you will be kind enough to use every precaution before making any payments, and to authorise you in the event of the Contract not being carried out in a satisfactory manner to put an end to the same by giving three months notice and make the necessary arrangements with some other shippers for bringing out the persons applied for.

I enclosed Schedule No.2 a copy of which has been sent to the Contractors. I also enclose First of Exchange for the sum of £400 to be placed to the account of the Commissioners, and second of exchange for the sum of £700 the first thereof having been forwarded in my letter of the 10th June last. The Commissioners do not feel ... warranted under the present limited scheme in appointing an Agent in England and hope therefore you will excuse their trespassing so much upon your time.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 3/1 Outwards Letter from Alfred Greenfield to Messrs John Morrison & Co. London 25 Sep 1858

Gentlemen, With reference to your tender for the Conveyance of Immigrants to this Province (dated 27th March last, and accepted in June) in accordance with the annexed conditions I am directed by the Commissioners of Immigration to inform you that as no provision was made as to how the contract should terminate, they have decided that the contract shall cease and terminate three months after the receipt of a notice to that effect by the contractors from the Commissioners, or from their Treasurer, in England (Mr Tytler).

1858 Oct 30

DOCUMENT: John Morrison writes to Nelson Immigration Secretary re Nelson Immigration Contract

1858 Oct 30

DOCUMENT: Letter from John Morrison to J.P. Robinson, Superintendent of Nelson re William Rufus Powell

1858 Nov 16

DOCUMENT: Nelson German Immigrants via the 'Mariner'

1858 Dec 15

DOCUMENT: Nelson German Immigrants via the 'Mariner'

1859 Jan 17

DOCUMENT: Nelson German Immigrants via the 'Mariner'

Archives NZ Wellington Reference: WP 3 Box 6 1859/116

Letter by John Morrison of 173 Fenchurch Street, London dated 11 Feb 1859 to the Superintendent Wellington.

Sir, I beg to intimate to you that since my return to England I have commenced to act in London as a Colonial Agent for New Zealand, and would most respectfully offer my services to the Provincial Government of Wellington. I venture to ground my application on the practical knowledge I have gained by my late Tour through that Province, as well as from my undivided attention being given to New Zealand. I have to acknowledge having received the Tracings you were pleased to direct to be made and sent me; These have been mounted and, as well as the Gazettes and Documents which are occasionally forwarded to me, are at the service of the Public. I am most anxious to obtain these regularly, as also all Government Documents containing matters of importance to intending Colonists. I have the honor to be, Sir Your Honor's most obedient Servant, John Morrison.

1859 Apr 11

DOCUMENT: Morrison offers his services to the Wellington Provincial Government

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 3/1 Outwards Letter from Alfred Greenfield to John Morrison 6 May 1859

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the dates quoted in the margin [1859/13]. The "Mariner" arrived here on the 23rd ultimo & the passengers were landed on the 25th. The voyage appears to have been a very satisfactory one and the passengers have expressed themselves perfectly satisfied with the treatment they received on board. The subject of gratuity to the Captain & Surgeon of the Mariner will be brought before the Commissioners at their next meeting when I have no doubt it will be awarded to them. The balance of the passage money £387.9.0 has been paid in accordance with your request to Messrs Nicholson & Ridings.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 3/1 Outwards Letter from Alfred Greenfield to J. W. Macdonald Esq. No.55 King William St, London

Written 2 Jul 1859

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 1st Dec last wherein you offer to act as Emigration Agent for this Province at a salary of two hundred & fifty pounds per annum I am directed by the Commissioners of Immigration to inform you that under the present limited scheme carried on by the Commissioners they do not consider the appointment of an Agent in England necessary the Contractor for the conveyance of the Emigrants being bound by his contract to perform the duties of Agent, which under the supervision of Mr Tytler the Commissioners have every reason to believe will be efficiently carried out. The Commissioners are aware that they could get Immigrants brought out at a less sum than they are now paying but they do not feel bound, or at all disposed, to accept the lowest tender for a service of this kind, merely because it is the lowest, but wish to secure for the Emigrants a comfortable passage at a reasonable rate which judging from the manner in which the "Mariner" Passengers were brought out, they consider they have secured in... accepting the tender of Morrison. The Commissioners regret therefore that your Offer cannot be accepted.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 3/1 Outwards Letter from Alfred Greenfield to James Stuart Tytler 2 Jul 1859

Sir, By direction of the Commrs of Immigration I have the honor in reply to your letter of the 21st Feby last to inform you that the mode of supervision adopted by you of Mr Morrison's performance of his Contract for the introduction of Immigrants to this Province has their approbation & I am directed to convey to you their thanks for the very satisfactory manner in which you have commenced the same. The Commissioners consider that such a personal inspection by yourself (in company with the Emigration Officer) of the ship when ready to leave Gravesend will constitute the most efficient supervision that could be obtained & be as satisfactory to the public & the relatives of the Emigrants as to themselves. They accordingly trust that you will without any great inconvenience to yourself be able to continue the same & they have much pleasure in agreeing to the terms of payment you mention viz ten guineas for each inspection besides travelling & personal expenses. I have now the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th April last & to return you the thanks of the Commrs for the same.

1859 Jul 02

DOCUMENT: Re Supervision of Morrison's Nelson Contract

Archives NZ Wellington Reference IM-N 3/1 Outwards Letter from Alfred Greenfield to John Morrison, 173 Fenchurch Street 5 Aug 1859

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that the Barque "Queen of the Avon" arrived at this Port on the 20thult and her Passengers were satisfactorily landed on the following day. Two children died on the voyage. The moiety of the passage money has been paid to Capt Gilbert at the request of Mr Nicholson less the sum of eight pounds eighteen shillings deducted for the deaths, & four pounds eleven shillings charged by the ship for freight on baggage shut out of the "Mariner" for want of room and belonging to ... Avery passengers by that vessel. I have now the honor to foward Schedule No.6 containing applications for 35 persons equal to 25½ adults.

The Richmond Atkinson Papers Volume 1 p478 E. W. Stafford to J. Morrison - Edinburgh 9 Aug 1859

[Copy (enclos. In letter of 11 Aug 1859) to C. W. Richmond.

Referring to communications between the Govt. of New Zealand and yourself, when at Auckland relative to establishing in Gr. Britain an agency for that Colony I have now the honour to authorise you to act, provisionally, as such agent, subject to the confirmation of His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand... As acting for the Govt. of the whole Colony it is imperative that the Agent should... most carefully abstain from indicating any preference for any particular district at the expense of another. Any departure on your part from this rule would be so entirely opposed to the views of the Govt. as in itself to preclude you from continuing to hold the office of Agent. After much consideration & enquiry I am of opinion that the best situation for the office would be about or between Charing Cross & Adelphi Terrace, as near as possible to if not actually at the former place. The office must be commodious, constantly open during the usual hours of business, & supplied with all the information procurable as to New Zealand or any of its Provinces...

1860 Jan 24

DOCUMENT: Beginnings of New Zealand House

Daily News 25 Sep 1860

A deputation, for the purpose of obtaining information as to the additional assistance to be rendered to the colony of New Zealand, had an interview with the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies yesterday, at the Colonial-office. The deputation consisted of the following colonists:- Mr David Graham, Mr W. S. Grahame, Mr Wort, Mr Nathan, Mr Johnston, Mr Kelham, Mr Williamson, Mr Fell, and Mr John Morrison, agent for the general government of New Zealand.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference: TP 5/10 (Taranaki Province) – John Morrison to Superintendent, Taranaki 19 Jan 1861

Written from 3 Adelaide Place, King William Street, London. Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th November 1860 transmitting to me a copy of a letter addressed by yourself to the Agents of the Province of Taranaki, Messrs John Gladstone & Co., and I beg to assure you that my careful attention shall be given towards carrying out the views therein expressed.

Daily News 22 Jan 1861

A deputation of New Zealand colonists, consisting of Sir Charles Clifford of Wellington, Mr Newman, Mr Brodie, and Mr Nathan of Auckland, Mr Ward and Mr Jell of Nelson, Mr E. D. Sweet of Marlborough, Mr W. B. Bray of Canterbury and Mr John Morrison, agent for the New Zealand government, had an interview with his Grace the Duke of Newcastle at the Colonial-office yesterday, relative to the present state of affairs in New Zealand.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference: TP 5/10 (Taranaki Province) – John Morrison to Superintendent, Taranaki 15 Mar 1861

Letterhead: Office of The New Zealand Government Agency, 3, Adelaide Place, King William Street, London

Sir, The Colonial Secretary New Zealand has permitted me to apply to you for any official documents issued by the Provincial Government of Taranaki, in order that the same may be kept in this Office for record, and general information; I beg leave therefore to annex a list of the documents required, and to request, that at your earliest convenience you will be so good as to forward them to me. I shall feel obliged if you will also forward, at the same time, a few copies of the Land Regulations, at present in operation in your province. Official Papers of the Province of Taranaki required for the Agency of the Government on New Zealand, London. Gazettes: All previous to No. 1 Jan 31st 1860, also No. 8 between dates of June 20th, 1860 and August 24th 1860, last received No. 10 Nov 13th 1860. Votes & Proceedings of Provincial Council - all wanted Provincial Ordinances - all wanted Also any Maps &c of the Province.

1861 Census Southampton St, Camberwell, Surrey

John SAWYER	Head	90yrs	Retired wine merchat	b Kent
Mary SAWYER	Wife	75yrs		b Suffolk
Joseph SAWYER	Son	50yrs	Accountant [unmarried]	b Holborn
John MORRISON	Visitor	35yrs	Agent of Government	b Middlesex
Maria TUTTLE	Servt	27yrs	Servant	b Norfolk
Charlotte SANDS	Servt	19yrs	Servant	b Brixton

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 2 Minute Book of the Executive Council

Invercargill 5 Aug 1861 Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council of Southland – Present: Messrs Pearson, McKay, McCulloch and Chalmers. Question of Immigration brought forward, but reserved for discussion till Wednesday evening. Agent to be employed in London.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 2 Minute Book of the Executive Council

Invercargill 8 Aug 1861 Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council of Southland – Present: Messrs Pearson, Chalmers and Mackay. Emigration and British Agent Ordinance 1861 read and approved.

Southland Gazette 1861 p16 Colonial Secretary's Office Auckland 5 Aug 1861

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to nominate John Morrison Esq., of 3, Adelaide Place, King William-street, London, as Agent to communicate on behalf of New Zealand with Her Majesty's Commissioners in connection with the International Exhibition proposed to be held in London in 1862.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 2 Minute Book of the Executive Council

Invercargill 11 Aug 1861 Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council of Southland – Present: Messrs Pearson, McCulloch, Chalmers & Mackay. Emigration. A modification of the Auckland free grant system to the extent of granting twenty acres to each adult paying his own passage and 10 acres to each person under the age of 18 years provided the amount of land granted in each year was not to exceed 5000 acres, was agreed to. And further, it was agreed, that emigrants from...

Historical Southland by F. G. Hall-Jones - The Province (The Menzies Period) p139 - Regarding Dr Menzies address 13 Aug 1861.

The address combined an optimistic confidence in the future of Southland with practical considerations for its achievement. Population was the first necessity, and direct immigration to the Bluff was to be set in hand. The services of John Morrison as Immigration Officer were secured, and the first immigrant ship, the Robert Henderson, arrived in September, 1862. In 1862-63 2795 settlers arrived from overseas, and nearly as many from other parts of New Zealand. The Southland population grew from 1820 in December 1861 to 3455 in 1862 and 9545 in 1863. Since Southland lacked the attraction of Otago's goldfields, this was a gratifying increase, which, with Otago's long standing hostility towards Bluff immigration, could not have been achieved without separation.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference: TP 5/10 (Taranaki Province) - John Morrison to the Superintendent of Taranaki 17 Aug 1861

Letterhead: Office of The New Zealand Government Agency, 3, Adelaide Place, King William Street, London

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 8th May last, in reply to one which had been addressed to you by Mr Hall as chairman of a Meeting of Colonists, requesting the opinion of your Government as to the desirability of raising a subscription in England for the relief of the Settlers of Taranaki and for such particulars, as to the losses resulting from the War, as would enable the facts of the case being laid before the British Public. In reply, I have to state that the letter was read to the Colonists at their last Monthly Meeting, and I can assure you, that they truly sympathised in the misfortunes of their fellow Colonists at Taranaki, which you so fully described. At present, as you are already aware,

no steps have been taken to raise a subscription in England, the matter is held in suspense. Should the original intention and wish of the Colonists be carried out, I shall have pleasure in advising you of it. I beg that you will have the goodness to favor me, at your convenience, with any further information on the subject, which in your opinion is of importance to be known, and assuring you of my desire to aid in every possible manner the interests of your Province.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference: TP 5/10 (Taranaki Province) - John Morrison to the Superintendent of Taranaki 19 Sep 1861
Letterhead: Office of The New Zealand Government Agency, 3, Adelaide Place, King William Street, London

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 6 of 1st June last intimating that you had been so good as to forward by the Mail, as complete a file of the Official documents issued by your Government as it is in your power to supply; and I have the pleasure to inform you, the same have been duly received, and to state that they are recorded in this office for the use of the Public. I beg to offer you my thanks for your prompt attention to my request and for the promise that copies of the Maps of your Province, when completed, shall be forwarded also.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 22 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 30 Sep 1861

Sir, I have the honor to enclose a list of instruments necessary for the Survey Department, together with the first of exchange in your favor for £150 second to follow next mail. You will be kind enough to procure the instruments named in the list from either Troughton & Sims, or Elliott, and when shipped advise me of the same, enclosing at same time duplicate Bill of Lading. I may add that it will be necessary to have the instruments fully insured. The sum of £100 only was voted for the supply of survey instruments, at the last sitting of the Provincial Council, and £50 for expenses incidental to establishing the Emigration Agencies at home. The above sums however are placed at your disposal for the purchase of the instruments, together with the charges incidental to their shipment &c, I have the honor to be Sir Your obedient servant, J.... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 40 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., New Zealand Agency, London 5 Oct 1861

Sir, The Government of Southland has not yet received an instruction from the Colonial Secretary that His Excellency the Governor has assented to the ordinances paper by Provincial Council of Southland – so no immediate action can yet be taken. I trust however that I can transmit the necessary authority to you in the matter of time to ... you to despatch an immigrant vessel from the Clyde in March 1862. I may mention that I believe Mr Charles Stewart Central Bank... Scotland would be willing to act as an efficient sub-agent in event of... having appointed no one in that particular locality. Enclosed are a copy of the 'Diseased Cattle Act...' and Gazettes of this Province containing Regulations issued under authority of the Act which you will have the... I have the honor to be Sir Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 36 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 7 Oct 1861

Sir, I have to enclose first of exchange for £120 @ three days sight, in your favour for the purchase of the enclosed lists of survey instruments and school books. The sum of eighty pounds is to be for the payment of instruments and the balance for School Books and incidental expenses &c you will oblige, in forwarding your accounts by keeping each department separately, I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 39 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., New Zealand Agency, 3 Adelaide Place, London 7 Oct 1861

Sir, Enclosed herewith is a list of School Books which I have to request you will transmit to this province at the next opportunity. Another communication sent by this mail... list of instruments required for the Survey department - in returning your accounts of expenditure will you have the goodness to state items under three heads – 1st Survey Instruments, 2nd Expenses of forming Agency, 3 School Books – the votes taken in last session of Council were under two of those heads, the third will be an item in next year's estimates. The Provincial Treasurer will transmit you by this mail 1st of Exchange for £120... this expenditure, I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant J... Menzies, Superintendent

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 78 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 30 Oct 1861

Sir, I have to enclose re second of exchange for £120 – One hundred and twenty pounds @ 3 days sight, the first of ditto being forwarded 7 Oct 1861 for purchase of Survey instruments and School Books, I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 82 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 2 Nov 1861

Sir, I have the honor to enclose copy of Southland Government Gazette, containing a Proclamation issued by me relative to the importation of Cattle into this Province... you will be good enough to insert the said Proclamation once in the "London Gazette", and once in the "Times" newspaper. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 86 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 8 Nov 1861

Sir, With reference to the enclosed list of School books, I have to request that you will forward double the quantity of each book &c enumerated on the list, to provide for supplies for any schools which may be newly established in the next twelve months. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 96 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 14 Nov 1861

Sir, In a letter from this office last month, it was stated, that as the mails per 'Pirate' having been lost, it was necessary to forward the 3rd of exchange for £120. It was however omitted to forward it, and this omission discovered after the mail had left. The mail per above steamer, having been however saved and duly forwarded I have retained as originally intended the 3rd of exchange as a Treasury voucher. I am Sir, Your obedient servant R. Chalmers, ... Treasurer.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 153 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 17 Dec 1861

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will proceed to lay on a vessel of sufficient capacity to carry about two hundred passengers to sail from the Clyde about May, for New River (where... she arrives... a powerful steam tug will have been established) or if she will not come into the New River, then to the Bluff. It has been determined that the immigrants shall be shipped as far as practicable in the following proportions, viz: 1st Four-tenths to be persons, whose friends here, guarantee their passage money. 2nd Three-tenths of those who pay half the passage money, in Britain, and give a Promissary for the remainder here. 3rd Three tenths of those who pay their own passage money and are consequently free immigrants. Of the second class, passages should be given only to families, as far as possible, of whom large families consisting chiefly, or largely, of females will have a preference; and females of good character. The Surgeon and Matron must be selected with caution; firmness and good character, being indispensable in both cases; to protect the female passengers from the demoralizing influences incident to an immigrant ship. I have to request also that due notice of the intended... departure of the vessel shall be published in several newspapers in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Perth, together with the accomodation... &c &c. About nine hundred and fifty pounds will be sent by mail in case you may not find ... willing to accept payment of on the arrival of the vessel here; those who are willing to do so, other things being equal, will of course receive a preference. It is necessary that all Promissory Notes granted by immigrants should be made payable within twelve months after the arrival here of the vessel to N. Chalmers, Esq., Provincial Treasurer at the Bank of New South Wales... I enclose original certificates, duplicate copies, which will be presented to you or your agents by intending immigrants, for sundry Emigrants whose friends here have guaranteed their passage money one being a second... passage; and as a precautionary messure, a detailed record of all certificates granted will be forwarded to you by... mail succeeding that by which original certificates have been sent you. I have the honor to be J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 214 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 23 Jan 1862

Sir, I enclosed to you designs for the public seal for the Province of Southland to be engraved on steel and in duplicate ... one or both stamps can be arranged so as to fit one of Partridge & Coggans hand lever presses & their press obtained at a moderate cost – and in the advertisement in London papers it would appear that they cost from 20s to 28s it would be preferable to have, at least one of them so mounted the diameter of the die to be one inch and a half in the design the Bluff Mill appears to the right of the centre, the Estuary of the New River in the right of the foreground, the Bluff Harbor partly seen in the centre background, and on the left...ssing over the Otarewa for... the motto "Cresc..." om a scroll rather above the centre of the seal – the whole surrounded by a double indent... the... one forming the edge of ... with the words "Province of Southland, New Zealand" written between the... besides those... stamps of an oval shape, bearing the words around "Province of Southland, New Zealand" and two similar stamps for papers bearing in raised letters the words "Provincial Council of Southland" are also required – since further communication... addressed to you by...I have the honor to be Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 217 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 25 Jan 1862

Sir, In accordance with the instructions of His Honor the Superintendent, I have the honor to forward to you, first of exchange @ 60 days for nine hundred and fifty pounds for the purposes of Immigration, and I have to request that you will be good enough acknowledge receipt of the same at your earliest convenience. I have the honor to be Sir, Your most obedient servant, Nath. Chalmers, Provincial Treasurer.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 217½ – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., 3 Adelaide Place, King William Street, London 25 Jan 1862

Sir, I herewith enclose to you sixteen Original Certificates for Immigrant Passages numbered respectively 6 to 13 inclusive, and 15 to 22 inclusive the duplicates of which have all been delivered to the several applicants... a detailed list of the persons named in each Certificate – a copy of which be forwarded to you by the next mail, I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 253 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., New Zealand Agency, King William Street, London 5 Feb 1862

Sir, I have the honor to enclose to you herewith a Duplicate of the List of Immigration Certificates issued by this Government between the 18th December 1861 to the 22 January 1862 as intimated in my Letter dated 25 January last. You will observe that the last item on the list viz Catherine Fraser is an addition and not contained in the original. The applicant William Fraser... to insert her name in his application consequent by it does not appear on the Certificate (No.10) sent you by the last mail and I therefore enclose a supplementary certificate to No.10. I have the honor to be Sir Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 254 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 5 Feb 1862

Sir, I have the honor to enclose the second of exchange as per margin for purposes of Immigration, first being forwarded by last mail. I now beg to enclose first of exchange for (£200) two hundred pounds – being amount voted by Provincial Council, to supplement the sum appropriated by the Tasmanian Government for the purpose of introducing salmon into that Colony. This sum will be paid by you to the parties mentioned in the enclosed extract of a letter addressed by this Government to the Chief Secretary of Tasmania. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant
J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Margin:

No. A/G. 64 granted 25 Jan 1862 for £950 payable to John Morrison Esq.

No. A/G. 75 granted 5 Feb 1862 for £200 payable to John Morrison Esq.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 285 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 18 Feb 1862

Sir, I have the honor to forward six copies of the Southland Provincial Government Gazette, containing a Proclamation relating to the prohibited importation of Cattle into this Province from certain adjacent islands under the 'Diseased Cattle Act 1861' and to request that you will cause the proclamation to be inserted, once in the 'London Gazette' and once in the 'Times' newspaper. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant,
J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference: WP 3 Box 10 1862/103 John Morrison to Superintendent, Wellington 24 Feb 1862
3 Adelaide Place, King William Street,

Sir, I have the honor to acquaint you that I have shipped by the "Triton" Captain Baunbeck for Wellington two cases containing 3 Red Deer (1 Stag and 2 Hinds) and to request you will have the goodness to direct some one on arrival of the vessel to take charge of and retain the animals until instructions are received from the Honble the Colonial Secretary respecting their disposal. The Deer are the gift of His late Royal Highness the Prince Consort who was pleased, on my application, not only to present several to the Colony, but instructed that all should be carefully prepared for the voyage. In distributing the animals to different parts I have been anxious to forward some of the Red Deer to Wellington believing the district to be well adapted for them, and I trust in time the province will benefit by their importation. An abundant supply of Provender has been put on board for the animals during the voyage, and I beg to enclose to your Honor the letter which Capt Baunbeck has addressed to me agreeing to deliver them, and to land any surplus food on arrival at Wellington. I have endorsed on the back of it an authority to deliver all to your order, I have the honor to be, Sir, Your very obedient servant, John Morrison.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 336 & 337 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 21 Mar 1862

Sir, A Bill of Exchange for Fifty pounds less ... is enclosed which you are hereby authorized to apply towards the transmission of English Birds and Game. I have to suggest that such... which are forwarded should be placed under the general charge of one of the officers of any vessel coming to Bluff and the special care of some passengers who would receive a small gratuity for taking care of and feeding the same. I annex a list of the different ... which I think it would be most desirable to procure & in their order and the numbers, should you find opportunity to send them. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant J...Menzies, Superintendent.

Black cock 6, Ruffed Grouse, Red grouse... 12, Partridge 12, Rooks 20, Thrushes 12, Brown linnets, Gold linnets, Brown hares...
Deer Red 1 stag, 2 hinds, 3 Roe, 2 Bucks, 2 Does

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 363 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., New Zealand Agency, London 25 Mar 1862

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by this mail of two letters from you of the 18th January with reference to School Books and the appointment of Mr Stewart as subagent & to the regulations with regard to Diseased Cattle and also a letter of 27 January with reference to your visits to Edinburgh and Glasgow to arrange for the sailing of emigrant vessel to Southland from the Clyde whenever... instructions should place you in a position to do so – a communication from me of 17 Dec 1861 conveyed definite instructions on the subject with reference to some details of which I have now to mention that the 'A...sive' Steam Tug has been for some weeks... consequently afford facilities for towing lightering... I have now further to inform you that, in case you... made... arrangements with the firm understanding to send out the vessel from the Clyde... will admit of those parties... only, a part of the... upon, in Britain, a Bill of Exchange for £1000 will be transmitted to you by this mail on account of immigration to Southland, and another Bill of Exchange for £250 on account of Agent and Expenses connected with agency. It is intended that the next vessel shall sail from London unless... number of applicants in the north, should lead you to ... on dispatching it ... from the Clyde some time about August or September but on this first I shall communicate with you again & also transmit such further sums as appear to be required. I have the honor to be Sir Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 383 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 5 Apr 1862

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of three letters from you of date 26 Dec and numbered as per margin, the first two being with reference to purchase of Survey Instruments and School books, and stating also that the Bill of Exchange for £150, advised as having been remitted you, had not yet come to hand. The figures £150 were a clerical error, and in my letter of 7th October a first of Exchange for £1?0 was forwarded and has no doubt been received ere this. With reference to your third letter of same date relative to Immigration, full instructions have been sent to you on 17th December, and on 25 Jan 1862, first of Exchange for £950, nine hundred and fifty pounds was forwarded to you to enable you to commence the system of Immigration, as laid down in the above mentioned instructions. I have now the honor to enclose first of Exchange @ 30 d/s for nine hundred and eighty five pounds 4/6, supplementary to the above mentioned sum for Immigration purposes, and also a further Bill of Exchange @ 30 d/s for two hundred and forty six pounds 6/3 which latter sum has been appropriated by act of Council for the service of the nine months ending 30th September 1862 as follows: £100 for agent, £150 for expenses. The amounts remitted are less exchange. The seconds of above shall be duly forwarded per next mail. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Margin: [Letter Nos.] 545,546,547 dated 26 Dec 1861

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 415 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 26 Apr 1862

Sir, I have the honor to enclose second of exchange as per margin, first of exchange been forwarded per mail of 5th inst. I have the honor to be Sir, Your most obedient servant, Nath. Chalmers, Treasurer – for the Superintendent.

Margin: A/G 91 £48 15s; A/G 100 £985 4s 6d; A/G 101 £246 6s 3d

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 446-447 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 14 May 1862

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will proceed to make the necessary arrangements for dispatching an immigrant vessel from London to the Bluff, so timing her departure as to enable her to arrive in all January next. It would be advisable in advertising her, to state that she would meet with immediate despatch home again in order to enable merchants and shippers here to ship home the wool for the first woosales of the season. By this mail I have the honor to forward to your address copies of the 'Education Ordinance 1862' as passed by the Provincial Council; I have to request that you will publish or circulate in such a manner as may seem best calculated to ensure its speedy public... such portions of the Ordinance as relate to the selection of School Teachers. By the 34th section, it is enacted that School Teachers producing a first or second class certificate are entitled to a free passage. By the 37th clause that no teacher in a main school... paid less than £150 per annum. Such Teachers are very much needed and I presume, that if due publicity be given to the above, it is more than probable that our wants in this respect will be readily supplied, probably five or six of such Teachers will be required in the Province of Southland within the next twelve months. With reference to the terms on which you would appoint sub agents for England and Scotland for the purposes of Immigration I have the honor to request that you will appoint such persons as may be necessary on terms, which will be far more easily adjusted by yourself... by this Government at a... I have also the honor to enclose first exchanges as per margin for... pounds... for Immigration, second of exchange to be duly forwarded &c next mail. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 468 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., New Zealand Agent, London 31 May 1862

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter as per margin by the last mail with respect to a point referred to in... I have to repeat that the Enumeration of Sub agents will be left to your discretion – at the same time I have to express my opinion that the mode of paying those agents by way of fixing a certain amount of... being open to... is decidedly objectionable and should not be practised. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Margin: Nos. 51-53, 54-56

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 493 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 14 Jun 1862

Sir, By this mail a number of... Certificates will be forwarded to you for persons expected by the ship from London in the instance it has been... and that in event of any of those persons... being unable to come by the London vessel (No. 2 Southland Immigrant Ship) they may come in the next succeeding ship (No. 3 Southland Immigrant Ship) which will sail from the Clyde, on a date not yet fixed – this is... is not... to be a precedent. My clerk, Mr Giller's family are coming in the 2nd cabin of the London vessel but I have to request that you will... that they will have berth... 'en suite' and in making the arrangements, attention will be... to their... transport...

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 504 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., New Zealand Agency Office, London 16 Jun 1862

Sir, I have the honor to enclose to you twenty six certificates for 78 passages by the ship which is to sail from London with immigrants for Southland so as to arrive in all January 1863, a duplicate of this letter and a nominal list of the passengers is also forwarded by this mail. I have to request that you will order for this Government the following articles to be sent in the same vessel and to be charged in a separate amount against this Government viz. 12 tons Bridge Rails... to woodwork from 35.. to 40.. per yard; 3 pairs of points switches... I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 548 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 1 Jul 1862

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letters of 19 & 25 April, numbered as per margin. No. 71 has reference to a shipment of school books... and encloses more of same... which you are duly credited; No. 80 acknowledges receipt of ... for £950 account immigration; No. 83 has reference to the acceptance of a indent from Messrs P. Menderson & Co. for a vessel to start for the Bluff on 10 June, with Immigrants and encloses various correspondence on the subject. No. 821 states that you refuse to recognise power certificate holders to transfer sell or in any way exchange them and asking for information... to the Province for publication. The course pursued by you with reference to the exchange or sale of certificates is perfectly correct – no power to transfer or otherwise dispose of the certificate, is given or implied in any document issued to the applicant for passages and I have the honor to request that in publishing any papers for circulation you will distinctly state that no such transfer is issuable. In the statement of prospectus issued by you an error in the 5th clause which will require to be remedied. It should be... 18 years old and upward £17, 12 and under 18 - $\frac{2}{3}$ rds, under 12... With regard to the question of free female immigration the Government has decided to allow free passages to Southland to young women of good character, and accustomed to country life, to the extent of twenty in each vessel. You will be good enough to give preference to members of large families. I have received information from merchants in this Town, to the effect that Messrs P. Menderson & Co. refuse to take any goods for the Bluff stating that there was to be no detention there but that goods might be shipped for Port Chalmers only. As this may have arisen from an ignorance of the charges for landing goods and as it is of great importance that every facility should be given to importers to send goods direct I beg that you will inform those gentlemen, and any others whose tenders may at any future time be accepted that goods can be landed with ease by ships boats or lighters at the Bluff the anchorage being in smooth water and is more than 400 yards from shore at the Port of New River, goods may be lightered from the anchorage to the Jetty @ ... ton passengers 3s each there being a steam tug and several lighters engaged in the trade. I trust that for the future no difficulty will be experienced in shipping goods.... On behalf of the Government I have to thank you for the promptitude you have displayed in procuring the quick dispatch of the first vessel for Southland, and at the same time to assure you, that the utmost satisfaction is expressed with the whole of your arrangements and that every confidence is placed in your dispositions in the cause of Immigration the welfare of the Province.... I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant Deputy Superintendent.

1862 Sep 06

DOCUMENT: Fate of International Exhibition New Zealand Exhibits

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 594 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 12 Sep 1862

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communications per Overland mail, being duplicates of similar communications forwarded to Robert Henderson, which vessel duly arrived on the 4th inst after a rapid and satisfactory passage. The emigrants were landed with a clean Bill of Health & no deaths whatever occurred on the voyage. Your letter of 26th May informed me that you had made arrangements for granting 100 assisted passages from Scotland in addition to the nominated emigrants. Yours of 7 June enclosed Bill of Lading Survey Instruments which are duly to hand and in good order an additional quantity of some articles being necessary I enclose list which I trust will receive your prompt attention. That of 12th June contains notice of prompt embarkation of Immigrants on day advertised such energy is highly commendable, and I trust that similar punctuality may be always observed, the remarks on certain certificates are duly noted. That of 26 June acknowledges receipt of Bill of Exchange for £48 15s for Birds & Game. Another same date encloses correspondence relative to the disposal of the vote of money for introduction of salmon. The action taken by you in the matter is perfectly correct and I trust that you will pay over the money only on good evidence of its employment for the purpose originally proposed. Another letter of same date encloses statements No. 1,2,3... a/c No.4 being order on Provincial Government for payment of moiety passage money has been promptly honored. The other statements shall be duly taken to account. The addresses of emigrants have always been given in full as far as possible a difficulty existing at times especially with those whose friends are in Ireland but every care shall be taken in future to avoid, if practicable, any difficulties arising in the matter. I trust shortly to hear of arrangements in progress for the dispatch of a vessel from London with emigrants, those already landed, meet with ready engagement female servants being especially in demand, and scarce on behalf of the Government I have to thank you for the promptitude displayed in these matters and to assure you that it continues to place the highest confidence in your dispositions with regard to the Provincial Immigration. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant... Deputy Superintendent.

Margin: 1st & 2nd Emigrants Bills duly received.

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 627 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., Adelaide Place, London 9 Oct 1862

Sir, On looking over your recent correspondence with this Office it occurs to me, that on one or two points therein referred to some further explanatory remarks may be made – but first of all I may again express to you, the entire satisfaction of this Government with the arrangements you made with Messrs Henderson & Co., and its opinion that the liberal conduct of that firm in getting the 'Robert Henderson' deserves consideration hereafter where arranging for the dispatch of future immigrant vessels – on arriving here, the passengers seemed to be highly satisfied with their treatment during the voyage – not one complaint was made. 2nd The Instructions as to transfer of Certificates (17 July) omitted to specify that, although as a general rule such transfer would not be permitted, yet, that you were to have a discretionary power to permit such a transfer in any case in which you might consider it proper to do so. 3rd. Those instructions also authorised you to give free passages to young single females of good character, but for the present the number of free passages so given shall not exceed twenty in any one Vessel. 4th. In all cases Teachers coming to Southland shall have second cabin passages provided for them – 5 copies of all the Ordinances passed by the Provincial Council are always regularly sent in.... the Provincial Gazettes in triplicate – the 'Southland News' will henceforward be sent in duplicate. 6 The Land Regulations of Otago are those in operation here – a copy is enclosed which can be republished. 7 A Tracing of a Map of the Province will be sent by next Mail to be lithographed and published on ... of the Provincial Government. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent

Archives NZ Southland Provincial Papers on Microfilm – Roll 1 page 637 – [SP 17/1 26 Sep 1861 to Box 41 SP 28/8 19 Feb 1864]
Superintendent's Office, Southland to John Morrison Esq., London 16 Oct 1862

Sir, I have the honor to enclose a list of materials for the Survey Department which I have to request may be procured with all possible despatch and forwarded to this office. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, J... Menzies, Superintendent.

1863 Aug 22 **DOCUMENT:** Letter from John Morrison to Henry Selfe Selfe – re investment of Canterbury Debentures into Wellington Bonds

Glasgow Herald 25 Jan 1864 Emigration from the Clyde for New Zealand

The ship Paria, in connection with Messrs Patrick Henderson & Co.'s line of packets, left Glasgow on Thursday for the Tail of the Bank (where she was cleared on Saturday by the emigration officers), with a full compliment of passengers and a large cargo for Southland and Otago, New Zealand. This ship carries out the passengers from the wrecked ship Grasmere; and before leaving they presented to Messrs Henderson & Co., and to Mr Morrison, the agent for the Government of Southland, the following addresses:-

To Messrs Patrick Henderson & Co. – We the undersigned, passengers by the late ship Grasmere, wrecked on a voyage from Glasgow to Southland, New Zealand, before leaving for our destination by the ship Paria, provided by you for our conveyance, beg to express our feeling of gratitude to you for the kindness and attention shown us in our position by the unfortunate loss of the Grasmere, and for the liberality you have displayed in allowing us the sum of fifteen shillings per week per adult of sustenance money, instead of ten shillings and sixpence, as required by law, and in generously contributing the sum of five hundred pounds towards enabling us to replace what articles belonging to us were lost by the wreck of the ship.

To John Morrison Esq. – Before leaving for Southland by the Paria we take the opportunity of conveying our grateful thanks for the kindness shown to us by you, in personally looking after our welfare in the position we were placed by the wreck of the Grasmere, and particularly in obtaining the sum of £200 for our benefit, by subscriptions, by yourself and from your friends.

We take the opportunity, also, of expressing our gratitude to your representative here, Mr Armour, for his great attention to us.

Halifax Town Council 31 Mar 1864

Yesterday afternoon, a meeting of the Halifax Council was held, the Mayor, Major Holdsworth, presiding... Mr John Morrison, New Zealand Government agent in London, called the attention of the manufacturers, &c., of Halifax, to the proposed New Zealand Industrial Exhibition in 1865.

The Belfast News-letter 11 May 1864 The New Zealand Exhibition 1865

The Linen Trade Committee desire to call attention of flax spinners, manufacturers, bleachers, &c., to the following communication from John Morrison Esq., New Zealand Government Agent, London, who will, on application, furnish all needful information to parties purposing to forward specimens for exhibition:-

Office of the New Zealand Government Agency, 3, Adelaide Place, King William Street, London, E.C., 28th April 1864

“Sir, The Commissioners for the New Zealand Exhibition for 1865 are extremely anxious that the Irish linen trade should be represented there, as the cultivation of flax is now occupying some attention there and in the adjoining Australian colonies. I am induced, therefore, to ask whether you would kindly have the matter brought before the Chamber, so that it may come under the notice of manufacturers, some of whom may be disposed to send an assortment which shall prove a creditable representation of Irish industry and prices. I have the honor to be, your very obedient servant, John Morrison. The President of the Linen Trade Committee, Belfast

The Commissioners have fixed upon the first Tuesday in January 1865 for opening the Exhibition. The Exhibition building, with such annexes as may be necessary, will be erected in the city of Dunedin, Province of Otago, on the Government Reserve, Block XXIII, Great King Street. The principal building will be of brick and cement. The decision whether goods proposed to be exhibited are admissable or not must in each case eventually rest with the commissioners. No rent will be charged to exhibitors.

1864 Sep 26

DOCUMENT: Member of the New Zealand Emigration Board

AJHR 1865 Section D3 No. 2 p2 Correspondence relative to the Despatch of Emigrants to New Zealand to the Colonial Secretary, Auckland
Office of the NZ Emigration Board, 3, Adelaide-place, London Bridge, London, E.C., 26 Sep 1864

Sir, We have the honor to enclose you herewith copy of correspondence we have had with Mr McElroy, of Manchester, on the subject of a special settlement in the Province of Auckland. A block of land set apart in the Waikato district, would, we imagine, be accepted. We beg you will give the proposal favourable consideration; and if acceded to under certain conditions, please instruct us on the subject. Wm. S. Grahame, John Morrison.

1864 Oct 26

DOCUMENT: New Zealand Emigration Board – mentions several vessels

1866 Feb 22

DOCUMENT: Bishop Suter to Morrison re immigrants for Nelson

Nelson Provincial Council Proceedings: Copy of Correspondence Relative to the Introduction of Immigrants by Bishop Suter

J. Morrison Esq., to the Immigration Secretary London 26th February 1866 Alfred Greenfield, Esq., Immigration Secretary, Nelson

Sir, I do myself the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter, which the Rev. Andrew Burn Suter, Bishop designate of Nelson, has addressed to me, upon the subject of emigration to Nelson. I beg you will have the goodness to lay the same before the Commissioners, and inform me, by return mail, whether they consider it advisable to avail themselves of the proposal made by the reverend gentleman; and if so, upon what conditions, and to what extent passages are due to be granted. I have &c., John Morrison

1866 May 07

DOCUMENT: Immigration Secretary, Nelson to John Morrison – re Bishop Suter

Wellington Independent 7 Jul 1877 Agency Charges

In the Provincial Council, on Thursday evening, the Committee of Supply agreed to the item £1,166 16s 5d, as agency charges to Mr John Morrison.

Nelson Provincial Council Proceedings: Copy of Correspondence Relative to the Introduction of Immigrants by Bishop Suter
Bishop Suter to J. Morrison Esq. All Saints, Spicer-street, July 24th, 1866

Dear Sir, I beg to thank you for informing me of the willingness of the Nelson Government to avail themselves of my offer to take out some suitable emigrants. I am not in a position to give any answer at all as to my plans - it is possible that I may be delayed in this country till another Session of Parliament. It is on the other hand possible that I should go at an earlier period. I have done nothing yet to obtain suitable persons on account of the uncertainty, and also because I preferred to wait till I knew how the offer would be received.

I may add, however, that I expect always to be able to give you such information in advance as to my prospects of going, that there will be ample time to communicate with the emigration officers in Nelson, before I am in a position to speak to you as to numbers, &c. At the same time you will kindly remember that my offer was not a decided one but conditional, and it might so happen that it would be desirable for me to go by the new route more speedily, in which case, of course, I could not take emigrants, but I do not expect it will be so. Yours, &c., A. Suter, Bishop designate, Nelson, N.Z.

1866 Jul 24

DOCUMENT: John Morrison to Immigration Secretary, London – re Bishop Suter

Nelson Provincial Council Proceedings: Copy of Correspondence Relative to the Introduction of Immigrants by Bishop Suter
Immigration Secretary, Nelson to J. Morrison Esq., London, 13th October 1866

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th July last, enclosing a letter from the Bishop designate of Nelson, relative to the introduction of immigrants to this province. In reply, I am directed by the Immigration Commissioners to inform you, that it was only on the understanding that the immigrants should be accompanied by, and be under the charge and control of, the Bishop and his Lady, that the Commissioners agreed to the Rev. gentleman's proposal, and they cannot, therefore, consent to the arrangement suggested in your letter, viz. : that if the Bishop travels by the Panama line, any immigrants he may select should be forwarded in the ordinary way. I have, &c., Alfred Greenfield, Immigration Secretary.

Nelson Provincial Council Proceedings: Copy of Correspondence Relative to the Introduction of Immigrants by Bishop Suter
Bishop Suter to J. Morrison Esq. All Saint's Parsonage, October 30, 1866

Dear Sir, In regard to the proposition of my superintending the selection and passage of emigrants to Nelson, New Zealand, I write to say that I am very glad that the Government of Nelson have so cordially taken up the scheme, and I hope it may be carried out for the advantage of the colony. My own wishes and convenience would have taken me by the new Panama route, but as I consider the addition of such emigrants as I shall endeavour to induce to come will be of permanent benefit to the colony, I gladly undertake the responsibility which will then fall upon me. As far as I see at present, my arrangements will not allow me to leave before the second week in April, 1867, by which time I hope, unless anything unforeseen occurs, to have the full number of 50 young women for domestic service, and 25 young couples, artizans and agricultural labourers. This will bring us to Nelson about July or August, 1867, so that there will still be time for them to make arrangements. I should, however, like clearly to understand from you, that I should not be in any way responsible for the support of the emigrants on landing in Nelson, and that they would have lodging and board for a certain time, at least, after arrival. Perhaps you will be so good as to convey this intelligence to the Government authorities. I am, &c., A. B. Nelson [sic]

Nelson Provincial Council Proceedings: Copy of Correspondence Relative to the Introduction of Immigrants by Bishop Suter
J. Morrison Esq., to the Immigration Secretary London 30th October, 1866

Sir, For the information of the Immigration Commissioners, I do myself the honor to acquaint you that at an interview which I had yesterday with the Bishop of Nelson, his Lordship gave me to understand that he expected to leave England for Nelson about the middle of April next, and that it was his intention to proceed by sailing ship via the Cape. It also affords me much satisfaction to report to you, that his Lordship speaks most confidently about the emigration scheme, and that so far as an opinion can be at present formed, he will have no difficulty in procuring the full number of emigrants sanctioned by the Commissioners. I have, &c., John Morrison P.S. I beg to enclose copy of a letter just received from the Bishop, and would crave the attention of Government to it.

Birmingham Daily Post 2 Nov 1866 New Zealand

The London agent of the New Zealand Government (Mr John Morrison) has received the following telegram from the Secretary to the Colonial Government:- "Galle, October 19. The New Zealand Legislature is still in session. Mr Stafford has reconstructed the Ministry. The stamp duties were carried by a large majority. The yield of gold and the revenue are increasing. Country tranquil. The 14th, 50th and 57th regiments are leaving. The Governor is going on a tour into the interior.

Nelson Provincial Council Proceedings: Copy of Correspondence Relative to the Introduction of Immigrants by Bishop Suter
Extract from Letter from the Immigration Secretary, Nelson to J. Morrison, Esq., London 5th January 1867

Sir, The Commissioners are pleased to hear that Bishop Suter will in all probability be able to bring out the number of immigrants sanctioned by the Commissioners. Female servants are very much wanted in this province, and a few agricultural laborers, will, I have no doubt, do well here. You can assure his Lordship that he will be relieved of all responsibility, the moment the ship arrives at this port. I purpose asking a Committee of Ladies to make arrangements for the reception of the females, to avoid putting them in any Depot, which I consider very objectionable. I think arrangements can be made, so that each girl can be placed in a private house immediately on landing. With regard to married couples, should they be unable to obtain immediate employment, Government must endeavour to find them work, or supply them with provisions, &c., for a time, but with a view to their immediate employment. I have to request that you will at the earliest opportunity after the selection has been made by the Bishop, forward to me a list of the names, ages and calling of those selected. A. Greenfield, Immigration Secretary.

Daily News 21 Feb 1867 Telegram from New Zealand

The following telegram is from the Colonial Secretary to Mr John Morrison, agent of the New Zealand government:- "Wellington Jan 17, (via Galle, Feb 17). Peace prevails throughout New Zealand. The governor's journey through the centre of the native country, from Tauranga to Wanganui, via Lake Taupo, was everywhere loyally received. The governor, writing from Taupo to the superintendent of Auckland states 'The whole country from Tauranga and Orakee(?) on the Waikato is in a most satisfactory state. The natives show greater desire to have Europeans among them, and to follow our customs. Many natives are anxious to let their lands for sheep runs.'

Archives NZ Wellington Reference: SP 2/2 (Southland Province) – John Morrison to the Superintendent, Southland 30 Sep 1867
Via Panama, Office of The NZ Government Agency, 3, Adelaide Place, King William Street, London

Sir, I do myself the honor to inform you of my intention to visit New Zealand, have been granted a leave of absence from the duties of this office by the General Government, for which I applied, to enable me to become personally acquainted with the material progress the Colony has made since I last visited it. I purpose leaving by the Steamer on the 2nd of November next via Panama and I shall take the earliest opportunity after my arrival at Wellington to visit Southland and to wait upon your Honor. In announcing this arrangement it affords me satisfaction also to state that during my absence from London, which will not exceed eight months - I have made efficient provision by which the duties of this office will be carried on as heretofore. Whatever services your Government may require carried out will therefore continue to be attended to. I have the honor to be, Sir Your most obedt Servant John Morrison.

The New Zealand Examiner 1 Jan 1868 Letter written by John Morrison on 6 Dec 1867

Office of the NZ Government Agency, 3 Adelaide place, King William street

Sir, I beg to inform you that I have by this mail received information from the Government of New Zealand to the effect that two acts, the "Public Debts Act, 1867" and the "Consolidated Loan Act, 1867" have been passed by both Houses of the Legislature. The object of these acts is the conversion and consolidation of the provincial loans into one loan, to be called 'The New Zealand Consolidation Loan', and all moneys borrowed thereunder are to form a charge upon the consolidated revenue of the colony of New Zealand. From the date of the passing of these acts, no act or ordinance which may be passed by any Provincial Council of any province in New Zealand for raising any provincial loan, or for the guarantee of the payment of any interest or subsidy, will be valid. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, John Morrison Per pro Alexander Morrison, Joseph Sawyer.

Evening Post 27 Dec 1867

The s.s. Kaikoura arrived at four o'clock yesterday afternoon... The Kaikoura left Panama on the 28th November (29th New Zealand time) at noon.

Taranaki Herald 11 Jan 1868 Narrow escape of Mr and Mrs Fox.

Mr and Mrs W. Fox and Mr W. Morrison, the London agent of the General Government arrived by the Kaikoura. While at the Island of St. Thomas, all three had narrow escapes of losing their lives. They were putting off to the steamer La Plata, when a vast tidal wave, caused by one of the shocks of earthquake which were then devastating the island, was seen coming in from the sea. The negro boatmen at once turned the boat's head to the nearest land, but before it could be reached the wave overtook them, overwhelmed the boat, which it turned over upon the passengers, who were, almost immediately after brought to the surface of the water by the reflux of the wave, and were finally washed ashore. We believe it is Mr Fox's intention to remain in town for about ten days, and then proceed to Rangitikei. Mr Morrison's visit is partly on public, partly on private grounds.

Passenger list of Kaikoura - For Wellington: Saloon; Mr Fox and lady, Mr Morrison, Mrs Richards, servant and two children; Miss M. B. Harrison, Mr Pope, Mr Dupper, Capt. Quayle. Second class Mr & Mrs Turner. For Auckland: Saloon; Sir Robert Douglas. Second class Mr F. E. Rosser. For Canterbury: Saloon; Mr A. Chamier, Mr M. Maskill, Mr & Mrs Croseley and servant, Mr J. White. Second class Mr Pickering. For Napier: Saloon; Mr R. McDougall, Mr J. R. Newton: For Otago: Saloon; Mr R. Bramwell. Second class Mr & Mrs Dickson For Nelson: Mr Coombs, Mr & Mrs Wilkie For Bluff: Saloon; Rev. E. T. Hankinson For Melbourne: Saloon; Mrs Tijou, Mrs Sparkes For Sydney: Saloon; Lord Pembroke and suite (Dr Street and servant); Mr J. Wilson, Mr H. Davis, Captain Heselton, Mr A. M. Conner. Second class Mr Martin, Mr John Black, Mr Burne.

Southland Times 31 Jan 1868 Shipping Intelligence – Passenger List

Jan 30 – Per Phoebe, from North – Cabin: Messrs W. R. Thornhill, Morison, McDonald, Matheson, H. Lyon, Gibson, Blair, Cunningham, Peterson, Kempthorne and Coates; Mrs E. Smith and two children, Miss Kirk, Miss Sinclair and Miss Gregg; eight in steerage... for Hokitika – Cabin: Mr and Mrs Pearson, Mr Marshall; and one in the steerage. The ss Phoebe, E. Wheeler, Commander, left Wellington at 3am on the 26th; arrived in Port Cooper at 9.30pm same day. Left at 1.30pm on the 27th for Port Chalmers, arriving at 10.30am on the 28th. Left Port Chalmers at 2pm on the 29th, and arrived at Bluff Harbor at 7.45am on the 30th.

Southland News 1 Feb 1868 Passenger list per 'Phoebe' [Arrival of John Morrison]

Cabin: Messrs Thornhill, Morison, M'Donald, Matheson, Lyon, Gibson, Blair, Cunningham, Paterson, Kempthorne and Coates; Mrs Smith and 2 children; Miss Kirk, Miss Sinclair, Miss Gregg and eight in steerage.

1868 Feb 8

DOCUMENT: Southland Government decided to authorise John Morrison to bring immigrants to Bluff

1868 Feb 15

DOCUMENT: John Morrison writing from Invercargill to the Superintendent, Southland

New Zealand Examiner 4 Mar 1868 p1

The Kaikoura performed the return passage from Panama to Wellington in an equally satisfactory manner, the time occupied in traversing 6,600 knots being only 27 and a half days including a stoppage of 19 hours at the Island of Opara, for coaling. The expectations formed as to the value of that island for a coaling station have been fully realised, and the Company's arrangements there are now complete. The passengers arriving in New Zealand by the Kaikoura, expressed themselves much pleased with the voyage and the accommodation provided, &c. Amongst the passengers were - The Earl of Pembroke, with his physician, Dr Street, Sir Robert Douglas, Mr William Fox and lady, and Mr Morrison, agent of the New Zealand Government.

1868 Mar 7

DOCUMENT: John Morrison delivers Scottish Highland Chief costume for Maori Chief Hunia

Australian and New Zealand Gazette p151 (7 Mar 1868) Nelson

Mr J. Morrison, so well known as the agent for the Government of New Zealand and several of the provinces, has paid the colony a second visit. Mr Morrison's visit has a special interest for Nelson, since his Honor the Superintendent has told us he trusts to be able, by Mr Morrison's agency, to bring our proposed railway under the notice of British capitalists, and, let us add, our long-talked-of dock or slip.

Nelson Evening Mail 2 Jun 1868

The Wellington Independent has the following: It has been stated that Mr John Morrison, of London (the agent for the Colony and for Wellington and Nelson Provinces) had been paid a commission 'in the face of a resolution of the Council declaring that the commission should not be paid.' This is not exactly correct. The Provincial Treasurer has, we hear - while the Superintendent was away - paid the said gentleman a sum to the tune of about 1160 pounds; but this sum was on the estimates; only it was by some understood that before any payment on this head was made, the matter was to be referred to the Provincial Council for revisal, many persons thinking that Mr Morrison should not be paid a commission on the cost of erecting the wharf (which he had nothing to do with) as well as a commission on the cost of materials delivered in London. Besides it was

only reasonable that he should not be paid a commission on the slip until the present settlement is completed by an act which has to be passed by the Provincial Council at its next sitting. It is a very large sum that has been paid for a few days negotiating for a slip and a wharf; besides it is well known that all the hard and practical work of inspecting the material in the country and seeing it shipped in London, fell to the share of Mr C. R. Carter, who, as yet, has received no payment. It must be a profitable thing - in these hard times - to be agent for so many governments - to receive so many commissions, and to get leave of absence into the bargain to procure more.

Nelson Evening Mail 3 Jun 1868

Mr Mackay in a lengthy and able speech warmly advocated the same views and ended by proposing the following resolution:- 'That this meeting consider it expedient that his Honor the Superintendent should take the opportunity of engaging the services of Mr H. Wrigg, C.E. to proceed with Mr J. Morrison to London with the intention of forming a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of constructing a railway from Nelson to the West Coast. In which case it is presumed that Mr Morrison would confine himself entirely to the monetary arrangements of the business, and that Mr Wrigg would be at liberty to devote his time to giving all the requisite information in his particular department which the promoters of the undertaking may require.'

Nelson Evening Mail 5 Jun 1868

The Provincial Secretary submitted that it could not be shown that the Government had lost any time in the matter. The Superintendent had pointed out in his address to the Council in 1867 that it would be necessary to wait until Mr Balfour's report had been received, and the Council had unanimously agreed that no action should be taken on the harbor improvements pending the receipt of that report. The bill was not assented to until November 1867, and the report was not received until last April. Mr Morrison, the London agent of the province, was then in the colony, and the Government were waiting to consult him on the matter. They had, however now, altered their views, and proposed a scheme more likely to secure the construction of the dock without further delay.

1869 Feb 04	DOCUMENT: John Morrison to Henry Selfe Selfe – re Trustees Otago sinking fund
1869 Feb 10	DOCUMENT: John Morrison to Henry Selfe Selfe – re sinking fund of the Canterbury Emigration Loan 1856
1869 Feb 15	DOCUMENT: John Morrison to Henry Selfe Selfe – resigned agency of Wellington Provincial Government
1869 Feb 24	DOCUMENT: John Morrison to Henry Selfe Selfe – re Messrs Dawes & Son
1869 May 17	DOCUMENT: John Morrison to Henry Selfe Selfe – re Whakatane Settlement destroyed

Appendices to the Journal of the House of Representatives [AJHR] 1870 Section D42 List of Officers of the New Zealand Government
John MORRISON, Agent of the Government in London earning £600pa; appointed 24 Jan 1860; service 10 years 5 months

1870 Jan 20	DOCUMENT: John Morrison and the New Zealand War Medal
1870 Oct 19	DOCUMENT: Papers relating to the introduction of Scandinavian Immigrants
1870 Dec 22	DOCUMENT: Papers relating to the introduction of Scandinavian Immigrants

1871 Census 19 Woodlands Terrace, Shooter's Hill Road, Greenwich, Kent

John MORRISON	Head	45yrs	Agent to the Government of New Zealand	b London
Christina MORRISON	Wife	30yrs		b London
Isabella MORRISON	Dau	5yrs		b Blackheath, Kent
Patrick MORRISON	Son	8yrs	Scholar	b Berwick on Tweed
Margaret MORRISON	Dau	2yrs		b Blackheath, Kent
Charles CLAY	Cousin	20yrs	Ship broker	b Berwick on Tweed
Agnes MUIR	Servt	35yrs	Nurse [unmarried]	b Edinburgh, Scotland
Martha TOPLEY	Servt	46yrs	Cook [unmarried]	b High Halstow, Kent
Thyrza FINEHAM	Servt	29yrs	Housemaid [widow]	b Auldham, Essex
Jane VICKARRY	Servt	22yrs	Housemaid [unmarried]	b Bentworth, Hunts

Appendices to the Journal of the House of Representatives [AJHR] 1872 Section D1c p4 Enclosure 3 in No.1

The Rev. P. Barclay to Dr Featherston - Report of Emigration Work during the last six months.

The interest in emigration [at Plockton, Rosshire] there had been excited by the fact that, in June 1871, a considerable number of persons had left for New Zealand at the instigation of Mr Morrison and myself, and by the kind assistance of Mr Matheson [of Duncraig and MP of Ardross, Rosshire]. Some of these had written home charming accounts of the climate, soil &c of New Zealand, and had spoken of the high rate of wages, which, in some instances, to these poor West Coast Islanders, seemed quite fabulous.

1871 Jun

DOCUMENT: John Morrison visits Plocton, Western Highlands

AJHR 1882 Section I7a p80 Report of the Joint Committee on Messrs Brogden's Claims with Appendices
Appendix G: Reprints of parliamentary and other papers referred to in Appendix A

The Hon. J. Vogel to John Morrison written 10 Jul 1871 New York Dear Sir, The shortness of my stay in London, after the contract with Messrs Brogden was signed, did not permit me time to write to thank you for the cordial assistance you rendered me throughout the protracted negotiations with those gentlemen. I now, therefore, take the opportunity of conveying to you my thanks for that assistance, as also for the readiness with which you lent me your valuable services for other purposes during my stay in London.

Appendices to the Journal of the House of Representatives [AJHR] 1871 Section A6 Papers relating to Mr Vogel's mission to England
Report dated 27 Aug 1871 Railways: ... At New York, I [Vogel] received a telegram from Mr Alexander Brogden, MP, stating that he would leave England for New Zealand on 23rd August, and asking that the decision between the agreements should be deferred until after his arrival in the Colony. On receipt of that telegram, I telegraphed to Mr John Morrison, authorizing him to inform Messrs Brogden that, although I was not able to say that the decision would be delayed, I felt sure that the desire of the Government would be to show to the Contractors every consideration consistent with the interests of the Colony. In order that the Government might not be prejudiced if they delayed their decision, I asked Mr Morrison to consult Mr Mackrell, and to get him to procure from Messrs Brogden such an undertaking as would, in the event of the Government consenting to await Mr A. Brogden's arrival, secure that the rights of the Government under the agreements should not be in any way prejudiced or jeopardized... I have the honour to state that throughout the progress of the negotiations with Messrs Brogden, Mr John Morrison, Agent in London for the Government, rendered me most cordial and zealous assistance, and that I have written to him thanking him for the same.

Letter from Hon. J. Vogel from San Francisco, California to Mr J. Morrison 20 July 1871

Mr Dear Mr Morrison, Many thanks for your letter of June 29th, and for the copy of advertisements enclosed in it. I have received safely the letter from Mr Mackrell, and its enclosures. In reply to your question, whether you are at liberty to use the explanation I gave you orally as to the reason why I referred Mr Brogden to Mr Ottywell instead of to yourself, I have to say that you are fully at liberty to use that explanation. I may add, that it was only in the hurry of the moment it occurred to me to employ Mr Ottywell, and that if I had had time to think over the matter, I should have certainly have referred Mr Brogden to you, leaving it to you to make arrangements with Mr Ottywell. I have, further, explicitly to assure you that it was only in consequence of my having been brought into contact with Mr Ottywell in respect to Canterbury matters, for similar purposes, that the idea of employing him upon the occasion in question occurred to me. Nothing was further from my mind than the idea of putting any slight upon yourself. Indeed, I had reason to be very much obliged to you for the great zeal you showed throughout the negotiations with Messrs Brogden.

Archives NZ Wellington Reference: IA 1 1872/269 Letter from John Morrison to the Colonial Secretary Wellington 1 Dec 1871
7 Westminster Chambers, Victoria St, Westminster SW

Sir, I have the honour to acquaint you that I have paid over to the Agent General the sum of six hundred and seventy five pounds five shillings being the balance of the Government monies in my hands on the 30th ult and I have likewise delivered to him all the letters, books and other documents in my possession [sic] belonging to the Government. I may also mention that I have transferred to him, for the service of the Government, all the Provincial Gazettes, Ordinances and other Papers which I had privately collected during the tenure of my late office.

AJHR 1872 Section D1B p6 No. 8 Letter from Featherston to Colonial Secretary dated 25 May 1872, Hamburg.

Mr Seaton, in a letter addressed to Mr Morrison, and forwarded to me here, dated Portree 16th May says "There seems to be good ground for the report I wrote you of, that smallpox is very prevalent in Storway, and said to be of a very bad type."

1872 May 31

DOCUMENT: John Morrison to Dr Featherston – re Western Highlands

Alexander Turnbull Library MS Papers-1628 The History of New Zealand House, London Chapter Two

- The First Agent-General Dr Isaac Earl Featherston 1871-1876

... Vogel the turned his attention to the task of entering into a contract with John Brogden and Sons for the construction of railways in New Zealand. An interesting condition of this contract was that Brogden's undertook to land not less than 10,000 immigrants in the colony within the next 10 years. In his subsequent Report on his Mission to England, Vogel paid tribute to the "cordial and zealous assistance" he had received from John Morrison in connection with the railway contract. John Morrison who was paid compensation for the abolition of his office of Colonial Agent, agreed to serve the Agent-General in a temporary capacity, and finally resigned in March, 1873.

Appendices to the Journal of the House of Representatives [AJHR] 1873 Section D2 p36 No. 33

Agent-General to Colonial Secretary 17 Apr 1873

Sir, In forwarding the enclosed letter from Mr John Morrison, it is unnecessary for me to do more than to confirm his statement that during the period he has been in my office he has not been in the capacity of a Despatching Officer. I. E. Featherston.

J. Morrison, 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster SW 10 Feb 1873

Dear Doctor Featherston, When you assumed the duties of Agent-General, at your special request I consented to assist you, but in undertaking to do this you may remember that I declined accepting the appointment that the Government of Mr Fox authorized you to offer me, and further that this assistance was to be only of a temporary nature. I am reluctant to do anything at the present time that may cause you inconvenience; but as I intended withdrawing from the office at the end of the past year, and only withheld carrying out this intention owing to your serious illness, you will not, I trust, object to my now doing so. I am especially anxious now to retire, because I have it upon good authority that the Memorandum of the Public Works Department No. 124, October 1872, directing you to appoint a Despatching Officer, although not directly alluding to myself, is sent expressly to terminate my connection with your office. It is not my intention to offer any remarks in regard to the course adopted by the present Government; but in replying to the Memorandum in question, I beg that you will cancel their misconception in supposing that I held the appointment of Despatching Officer, or that I regulated the shipping arrangements of the emigrant ships. I have only, in conclusion, to express my gratification at the cordial relations which have existed between us during our official connection, and to assure you that if at any time I can be of any assistance to you in the discharge of your duties, you may command my services. Yours faithfully, John Morrison.

AJHR 1873 Section D2 p36 No. 35 Extracts from a Telegram from Featherston to the Colonial Secretary dated 25 April 1873.

"Not true that I have ever delegated to any person, or that illness has prevented me discharging, my duties for single day since my arrival. Morrison left. Emigration agents sent home costly, useless.

1877

DOCUMENT: Becomes a Director of the National Mortgage and Agency Company of New Zealand Ltd

<i>1881 Census Bushmead Priory, East Socon, Bedfordshire</i>				
John MORRISON	Head	53yrs [widower]	Farmer of 480 acres employing 9 men 4 boys	b London
Jane VICKERY	Servt	32yrs	Housekeeper [unmarried]	b Bensmith, Hants
Elizabeth VENABLES	Servt	26yrs	Cook [unmarried]	b Kerry, Montgomeryshire
Rebecca BENNETT	Servt	22yrs	Parlourmaid [unmarried]	b Little Staughton, Bedfordshire
Annie LARLEN	Servt	29yrs	Housemaid [unmarried]	b Warlingworth, Suffolk

<i>1891 Census Bushmead Priory, East Socon, Bedfordshire</i>				
John MORRISON	Head	66yrs	Living on own means [widower]	b London
Isabella A. MORRISON	Dau	24yrs	[single]	b Blackheath, Kent
Margaret H. MORRISON	Dau	21yrs	[single]	b Blackheath, Kent
Alexander MORRISON	Son	19yrs	[single]	b Blackheath, Kent
Alice E. SMITH	Servt	39yrs	Housemaid [single]	b Shoberton, Suffolk
Mary A. LISTER	Servt	34yrs	Parlourmaid [single]	b Stanford, Lincolnshire
Annie GREEN	Servt	14yrs	Kitchenmaid [single]	b Lt Haughton, Bedfordshire

<i>1901 Census Tudor Cottage, Maple Road, Surbiton, Surrey</i>				
Gerald F. A. BIRD	Head	40yrs	Notary's Clerk Insurance Office	b Chatteris, Cambridgeshire
Louisa BIRD	Wife	40yrs		b Hungerford, Berkshire
Claude W. PRICE	Step-son	14yrs		b Southend, Essex
Winifred O. PRICE	Step-dau	12yrs		b London
John MORRISON	Boarder	76yrs	Living on own means [widower]	b London
Isabella A. MORRISON	Boarder	34yrs	[single]	b Blackheath, Kent
Emma H. HOPKINS	Servt	20yrs	[single]	b London