

Letter: Immigration Secretary, Nelson to John Morrison 7 May 1866
Nelson Provincial Council Proceedings: Introduction of Immigrants by Bishop Suter

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th February last, enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to you by the Bishop designate of this Province, offering to bring out immigrants to this Province.

In reply, I am directed to request that you will be kind enough to convey to Bishop Suter the thanks of the Immigration Commissioners, for his Lordship's very liberal and kind offer, an offer which they will be only too glad to avail themselves of, and you will therefore be good enough to inform his Lordship that the Commissioners will grant *free passages* to not exceeding fifty (50) female servants, provided they remain twelve months in the Province of Nelson; the Commissioners will also advance the passage money, for say twenty five (25) young married couples, on their giving bonds to repay the same by quarterly instalments within two years after landing. The female servants should give notes of hand to repay their passage money on demand, which will only be enforced on their leaving, or attempting to leave, the province, before the expiration of twelve months.

As the Commissioners have no proper depot for the reception of immigrants, I trust you will be able to let me know by first opportunity what number may be expected, and when, especially female servants, as it will be necessary to ask a committee of ladies to provide for them on arrival, either by getting them situations or getting persons to accomodate them, until situations can be found for them. Trusting that his Lordship will be successful. I have &c., Alfred Greenfield. Immigration Secretary.