

Letter: John Morrison to Nelson Emigration Commissioners 30 Oct 1858
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Sir, Immediately on my arrival in England I hastened to give my attention to the fulfilment of my Contract with your Government for the expedition of Emigrants to Nelson, in the event of its not having been previously carried out. I was aware that a list of passengers (...) had been forwarded here - but was apprehensive lest the dissolution of partnership of my firm - of which I had heard indirectly before reaching England - should by some means have retarded the ship ... My fear was not altogether groundless - for although I was properly represented here notwithstanding the dissolution, I found that my late partner had withheld the documents needful to guide in the execution of the Contract - and was improperly taking steps to carry it out, as if it were for his own especial benefit. Finding my efforts to obtain the documents unavailing I placed myself in communication with J. S. Tytler Esq of Edinburgh who has forwarded to me copy of the list of Emigrants - Number one;- number 2 he has not yet received - I have written to all these persons and in regard to those resident in the German States, I have secured the aid of the Consul for Mecklenburg Schwerin in order the more effectually to secure the safe and correct delivery of the letters, and by his means to afford the intending Emigrants all needful information. So soon as I learn the period in which the Emigrants can be ready to embark I will fix a vessel for them; and in my ... communication I trust to be enabled to advise you of the same. I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient humble servant, John Morrison