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Folio 1 No.501 George Hunter, Hackney Grove 15 Jul 1839

My Lords and Gentlemen, I hereby claim free cabin passages, Dietary No.2, for myself and family, in the first vessel, and as part of the first colony, about to proceed to New Zealand... Our numbers consist of 5 males and 8 females as follows: Myself (52yrs), My wife (47), Jessie (19), George (17), Margaret (16), Helen (14), Isabella (13), Frances (12), David (9), William (8), Catherine (7), Robert (5). Alson one female servant as an attendant, a single woman, who claims a free passage under regulation 7, in the list for laborers. She has been in my family and that of my late father-in-law, 20 years – accustomed to Agricultural and Dairy work – an excellent sempstress, and perfect in all descriptions of domestic labor. We shall be ready to proceed by the 15<sup>th</sup> August, and are particularly desirous of having room assigned to us, in the first, and best vessel, because having entirely relinquished business, it is not desirable that I should remain here, at a great expense, longer than absolutely necessary, and several of my children being rather young, the more we can secure of a Summer voyage, must be to our advantage. I persuade myself, that the needful accommodations of such a family, the larger proportion being females, and of tender years, will have every humane consideration, in appropriating them, the due space, in the airiest, and lightest part of the best ship. On praying earnestly for this, with the feelings of a father deeply exercised in behalf of his wife and children, while incurring so grave a responsibility, I know I shall be appealing to the hearts of the Gentlemen of the Shipping Committee, and especially to those who may be the heads of families. I shall embark with all on earth, to me worth living for, my dear, very dear treasures, and shall carry out a little colony, hitherto well educated and respectably brought up, without I thank God one delicate plant among them, but who must now doubtless undergo serious privations, and inconveniences, let the utmost possible, be done for their comfort. Of what their expectations, at one time might have been, I shall wave saying ought – a new world is now before them, which I trust we shall find a place of rest, and the same merciful and kind Providence, as hitherto, our Guide and Protector.

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Folio 3 No.502 Francis Healy London 20 Milbank Street, Westminster 17 Jul 1839

Sir, It is I trust in your recollection that in the first stage of the formation of the present in New Zealand colonization company I delivered into your hands at the offices of the company then in Southampton Street a letter of introduction from Mr O'Connell in which he did me the honour of recommending me to your consideration with a view to my obtaining some confidential employment from the company – you were kind enough to say in reply to it that no the Company was not then only in its infant state there was as yet nothing in the way of situations thought but that you would register my name and communicate with me should any occur – for which purpose you had my address taken down in a book kept by a clerk in the office. Since then though I have been at the office in \_ street enquiring for you upon at last twenty occasions and even had Mr Mayson & O'Connell MP once or twice with me for that purpose. I have never had any communication direct or indirect from you while until I met you on Saturday last when you were good enough to \_ me to state in writing what my object was and that you would submit it to the Directors. I now accordingly beg respectfully to state that that which I solicit is either any confidential situation – whether as land agent or Superintendent (having been almost all my life conversant with farming generally) or otherwise in New Zealand where I could settle permanently as a Colonist with my family or an appointment as Medical officer to one of the ships going out to that colony – being a Medical practitioner since 1823 for which I have a Diploma from the Apothecaries Hall of Dublin; in either case I would settle in the Colony for my professional services. I will require nothing more than a free passage for my family – which consists of my wife, four children, an orphan relative forming part of my family as a servant woman.

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Folio 5 No.503 Elias Hall, 114 Medlock Street, Hulme, Manchester 18 Jul 1839

Sir, I hope you will excuse the liberty I am taking in writing to you but as I have a good desire to emigrate to New Zealand and not being able to pay my passage over I should be glad to engage with some gentleman having made purchase of land there. As I am not acquainted with anyone that is going over I thought you the most likely person to write. I was brought up to the Farming & Gardening till I was nineteen. After that I served four years to the Mechanics Business and since that time which is ten years I have been in the General Manchester Trade. I also understand accounts – likewise the splitting of wood and fencing with the same, I should be glad to make myself generally useful in all or any of the above branches as I feel confident and could almost turn my hand to anything that might be required. My family consist of a wife, one son 13 years, two daughters 5 & 2 years old and my wife understands the management of a Farm Yard and the Dairy. If you could recommend me to some Gentleman that is going over and in wants of a person of my description I should esteem it as a particular favour. We are at present in Manchester but could remove with a few days notice or I could come up to hand on above if you think it would be more advisable to do so for \_ confess. I should rather see the party I might engage with than to do it by letter as it would be more satisfactory to both parties. Unexceptionable reference as to character and connections can be given...

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Folio 7

Add to the List of Applications for free passage with E. B. Hopper – Charles Kettle, clerk; William Everett, servant; James Cockburn, carpenter, wife and family; J. W. Thompson, bricklayer, wife and family.

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Folio 8 No.504 1 Adam Street, Adelphi 25 Jul 1839

I, E. B. Hopper of Dover do hereby declare that if my application hereunto annexed shall be complied with it is my intention to emigrate personally to New Zealand with the first Colony proceeding to the 1<sup>st</sup> and principal settlement of the New Zealand Land Company at such time and in such ship as the Company shall appoint.

Cabin Passage for myself Dietary No.1

Cabin Passage for my nephew Edward Catchpool Dietary No.2

Cabin Passage for Ann his wife Dietary No.2

Charles Kettle

The above will all be prepared to leave England on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

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Folio 10 No.505 John Saunders, Dadson Farm, Bexley, Kent 15 Jul 1839

Sir, I have to request that you will enter my claim to be allowed 75 per cent of the amount of purchase money for Land Order No.871 to be paid out for passage out to New Zealand according to the terms of purchase.

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Folio 12 No.506 Halifax 20 Jul 1839

Sir, ... Will not the lots conditionally applied for, have lost the right of choice by lot, by reason of their forfeiture and be consequently of less value than lots now held, and on which payment will be duly made? My friends will then be able to decide about letting the money remain for as conditional application or having the same returned...

On account of instalment of £91 for H. Hartley certificate No.534 – one section; H. Hughlings certificates 220, 621, 623, 647 & 884 – five sections; James Clarkson certificates 620 and 808 – two sections; Josh. Garside certificate 809 – one section; Henry Suter certificate 945 – one section; Miss E. Patchett certificate 774 – one section...

If you could shortly decide about the applications for free passage for my friends here and in Bradford we should feel obliged: prompt attention in that particular may do much good now.

PS I have directed Messrs A. and G. W. Alexander & Co. to pay you £910 on account of R. Wainhouse, being call on his ten sections numbered 453 to 462 both inclusive...

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Folio 13 No.507 William Holloway, London 20 Jul 1839 to Joseph Somes

My Dear Sir, I enclose a letter from Mr Daniel O'Leary with a few letters from some of the most eminent medical men of the present day as testimonials on his behalf accompanied with his diplomas from the various colleges. This is the Gentleman on whose behalf I spoke to you sometime since to obtain for him the appointment of Surgeon on board one of the Ships proceeding to New Zealand with settlers, who you kindly promised me your interest in forwarding his views – Mr O'Leary is known to Lord Petre who will second any proposition you make in his behalf.

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Folio 15 No.508 Edward Hawes, Commander Royal Navy, Kinskerswall near Torquay, Devon 20 Jul 1839

Sir, Having it in contemplation to purchase land and settle in one of the colonies... I beg you to do me the favour to inform me, how far that colony will be established by Act of Parliament and whether it will have the support and protection of Government; and by whom the Officers constituting the Military and Civil authorities will be appointed. Also on which part of the Island it is intended to form the present establishment, what is the price of the Company's land per acre and what price the Town Sections may be bought at the conditions of purchase together with such other particulars as you may be pleased to favour me with which may enable me to form a correct opinion on the formation and prospects of the intended settlement. Will you also do me the favour to say how far it is incumbent on purchasers of land orders or Town Sections to proceed immediately to the Colony for having tendered my Services to the Colonial Department, I should wish to see how far I may succeed in obtaining some appointment in one of the newly formed Colonies before I embarked with my family and Capital. May I take the liberty to ask if it be the intention of any of the Gentlemen forming the Committee to proceed personally to settle in the new colony...

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Folio 17 No.509 Harry Hughlings, Halifax 22 Jul 1839

Enclosed... Joshua Blakey Nos 858 and 925 £182; Miss Margaret Blakey No.927 £91; Henry Blakey No.927 £91

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Folio 18 No.510 Harry Hughlings, Halifax 22 Jul 1839

Enclosed... William Briggs No.572 £91; Miss Eliza Lees No.622 £91; James Sutcliffe No.601 £91; S. A. Sucliffe No.484 £91; ~~James Clarkson Nos 620 & 808~~ W. B. Thompson Nos 570 & 74 £182; George T. Pollard No.598 £91... I have made a sale of New Zealand Land Order No.601 James Sutcliffe for £5 Premium... to John Stancliffe, Broad Street, Halifax...

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Folio 20 No.511 Harry Hughlings, Halifax 23 Jul 1839

... You will have the goodness to apply as you previously mentioned, Bramley's money, say for one section that may possibly be in default: also one for J. Bowman since the right of choice will be determined as if there had been no default. I also enclose £10 in the same manner for Mr John Ingham and annex and order for £20 for a section for Joseph Sutcliffe Jnr and one for myself.

PS Shall we have to send up our Certificates to be exchanged for new ones, after payment of £91?

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Folio 22 No.512 No.98 John Martin Hanchett, Rue de Borton, Borlougne Sur Mer 23 Jul 1839

Sir, I do myself the Honor of enclosing a copy of a Project now under the consideration of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies and should the Directors of the New Zealand Company think fit to recommend its adoption, I am of opinion that it would give that Security of Property and person so necessary to the future success of an infant and so beautiful a Colony. I offer myself to their consideration, for the command of the Vessel, and as it may appear strange that I am not on the List of the Royal Navy, the enclosed printed statement, which is now under the consideration of the Naval and Military commission will best explain it.

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Folio 23 John Martin Hanchett, original founder of the Court Guard and late Port Captain R. N.,  
Boulougne Sur Mer, 98 Rue de Borton 23 Jul 1839

Project for the consideration of the Director of the New Zealand Company

The excesses, amounting even to murder and rapine of every description, committed by runaway convicts from New Holland and the Crews of South Sea Whalers, on the Natives of the Islands of New Zealand are too well known to be recapitulated here and too well authenticated to leave any doubt of its truth. It is acknowledged in all \_ that they have increased within these last ten years, and that these are occasionally dispersed over these beautiful Islands from three to five thousand Europeans, lawless and without restraint. The Government resident there has no means of enforcing the Law except by the occasional Visit of a Vessel of War, when very many of the Culprits escape into the Interior as soon as she is seen off the Coast and it is almost impossible to retain Witnesses, to bring the Culprits to Punishment so that it is computed that at least six sevenths of the guilty escape. It is therefore proposed to fit out a Ship of 1200 Tons, commanded by an experienced person, fitted with a tread mill in the fore Hatchway and cells for Solitary Confinement. Having on board, a Justice of Peace with the same authority as those in the Police Offices in London. A Division of an Inspector and thirty Police Constables sent from the Metropolitan Police or established on the same authority, and a proportional number of Turnkeys, having charge of the prisoners and seeing the punishments allotted to them carried into execution. A Chaplain of the Church of England. A Chief of the Missionaries to superintend the missions established on those Islands, with power from their authorities to enquire into their conduct and to remove them entirely or to different places. A commissary to superintend the Victualling and to pay the officers, crews and other persons employed in this vessel. The Commander of the Vessel should be a person experienced in nautical affairs, as well as a man of good Education. He should be invested with the same authority as a Justice of Peace in the event of two Justices being required to decide on any punishment, or in the event of the death, sickness or absence of the other. He should also have the rank and authority of a Superintendent of Police, so that he might replace vacancies as they occur and remove those who conducted themselves improperly, with permission to employ intelligent natives, permanently or temporarily. The said Ship should not carry a Pendant, but be entirely under the orders of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, to whom the necessary reports would be made. Her Duty should be confined entirely to the Island of New Zealand, visiting the different Bays and Harbors, where she would be most, unless in cases of murder or other atrocious Crimes, where the punishment would probably be greater than within the authority of the justice of Peace, she could then proceed with the prisoners and the requisite witnesses to the Higher Courts of Sydney or Hobart Town to have them tried, and if Execution should be adjudged it should be done on board, and at the most populous Bay of the Islands of New Zealand as an example. A Detail of the Officers and crew shall be sent if required, they should be hired for five years, and the expense of the Vessel borne for that period between Her Majesty's Government and the Colony or the Company.

Folio 25 Copy of a Petition presented to the Commissioners of the Army and Navy Enquiry

Folio 26 Copy of Certificates from Naval Officers under whom Captain Hanchett has served

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Folio 28 No.513 R. Davies Hanson, London 23 Aug 1839

Gentlemen, I beg to inform you that I have this day sold and transferred to Mr John Wickham Flower of 61 Bread Street, London twenty eight of the forty shares of £25 each in the Capital Stock and \_ of the New Zealand Land Company, to which I am entitled in respect of my Original share of £500 in The New Zealand Company and which said 40 shares have been allotted, or agreed or directed to be allocated to me by the Directors. Pursuant to this arrangement I have to request that you will issue the said 28 shares in Mr Flower's name, and deliver them to him, the remaining 12 shares are retained for my use...

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Folio 30 No.514 Hopper, Petre & Molesworth, 1 Adam Street, Adelphi 24 Jul 1839

Messrs Hopper & Co. beg to inform the Directors of the New Zealand Land Company, that they will be happy to undertake the erection of any buildings the Company may require in the Colony, and to submit plans for the same previous to their departure from England...

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Folio 32 No.515 Harry Hughlings, Halifax 24 Jul 1839

Sir, I had the pleasure last night, confirming Bramley and Roman's deposits for one section each, should any forfeiture take place: also sending £30 for three others. I now beg to annex cheque for £40 being £10 on account of William Aked Metcalfe, Esq., with the same object. You will of course advise when the remaining sum of £91 is to be paid.

£10 on account of Alexander Oswald, Esq.

£10 on account of Adolphus McWilliam, Esq.

£10 on account – name not yet obtained, but will advise as soon as I know...

PS ... that the section sold is to be transferred from James Sutcliffe to John Stancliffe

I am glad to find the sections rise so fast in value: indeed I expected it, and cannot avoid thinking that it will turn out a splendid investment. Please say when I am to render my account of land sold?... Please say in your next, if Mr Richard Davies Hanson is gone from home, as I understand his address is 1 Adam Street, Adelphi. I have written him more than once and could not get a reply.

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Folio 36 No.516 Harry Hughlings, Halifax 25 Jun 1839

Sir, I beg to annex order for £30 – 101 acres for Jonas Tilletson Patchett (that may be forfeited) and 202 acres for Smith Hall Esq.

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Folio 38 No.517 Harry Hughlings, Halifax 26 Jul 1839

Sir, At the earnest request of the Bradford Emigrants (particularly Richard Fawcett) I beg to address you respecting the order for their embarkation believing them to be of the right sort for early settlers, I could not avoid thus troubling you for a reply – particularly respecting Richard Fawcett, whither he is to have a free passage, and when he likely to go. He is now using his best exertion to forward the interests of New Zealand and is about to visit the North of Yorkshire where he will try to open the eyes of farmers to their own advantage...

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Folio 40 No.518 Harry Hughlings 26 Jul 1839

Sir, I beg to advise of having authorised George Beaumont Esquire of this town to represent myself and friends at the lot drawing for priority of choice in the first and principal settlement. I have given him a list of numbers on the deposit Certificates only, without the names, as my friends are generally desirous to make their investments in privacy. But I add hereto a list of names perchance it be absolutely necessary for him to have them in which case you will have the kindness to give him this list, but if the numbers are all that are necessary, please return this list to me, with the right of choice numbers put in the column left for that purpose.

Numbers of Certificates and the names

220 Harry Hughlings, 221 John Crowther, 223 George Beaumont, 224 J. W. Child, 256 James Parker, 453-462 R. Wainhouse, 463-472 Christopher Rawson, 473-482 Samuel Thwaite, 483 Charles Ibbetson, 484 S. A. Sutcliffe, 534 R. H. Hartley, 535 John Carr, 570 W. B. Thompson, 571 S. Farrar, 572 William Briggs, 573 William Sutcliffe, 598 G. T. Pollard, 599-600 James Kidd, 601 James Sutcliffe, 602 J. T. Patchett, 603-607 Samuel Thwaite, 620 James Clarkson, 621 H. Hughlings, 622 Eliz. Lees, 623 H. Hughlings, 624-625 E. N. Alexander, 626-635 W. H. Rawson, 640 J. H. Frobisher, 641-643 J. Lewthwaite, 644 T. Hodgson, 645 S. Farrar, 646 T. R. Farrer, 647 H. Hughlings, 648 T. Robertshaw, 691 J. & E. Aked, 711 W. B. Thompson, 724 T. Holmes, 768-772 C. Rawson, 773 G. Swallow, 774 Eliz Patchett, 775 James Stansfield, 808 James Clarkson, 809 Josh. Garside, 822 Benjamin Holmes, 823 Samuel Holmes, 829-833 George Stansfield, 834 J. W. Lonsdale, 852-854 T. Varley, 855 T. Hodgson, 856-857 T. Russell, 858 Jos. Blakey, 884 H. Hughlings, 888 William Emery, 925 Jos. Blakey, 926 Henry Blakey, 927 Margaret Blakey, 945 Henry Suter, 946-950 S. Swindel, ? Mr Rawson...

PS I may observe with respect to the Statement of account that I feel convinced of its correctness except as regard James Parker's section: he is from home and I am uncertain whether he has remitted in time to prevent forfeiture...

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Folio 42 No.519 Danl. Horwood, Guildhall Chambers, Broad Street, Bristol 30 Jul 1839

Gentlemen, From the circumstance of my having a continual correspondence in New Zealand through having a Brother and several friends there I am constantly referred to by Persons emigrating to those parts; (a Friend of mine is now also about to go there). I therefore am induced to offer myself to your notice as an Agent, thinking that I may be of service to you here in this Town in the disposal of some of your Lands; it being too so closely connected with my own profession (viz a Land Agent and Surgeon) that I could forward the Company's interest with great facility and advantage to myself as well as yours; and having been 15 years in the before mentioned business in this City you may naturally suppose I have an extensive friendly connexion which I could turn to good account occasionally in the above commission. Should you feel disposed to appoint me your Agent here, I beg to refer you to J. Hammet, Esq., Solicitor, Southampton-buildings, Chancery-Lane; Mr John Guy, Surgeon, No.6 Robert Street, Adelphi; Mr J. T. Clement, Actuary at "The Licensed Victuallers' General Fire and Life Assurance Office", Adelaide Place, London Bridge; as I am the agent to that Company in this City.

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Folio 44 No.520 George Hunter, Hackney Grove 30 Jul 1839

From the manner that every moment of yesterday was engrossed at the Adelphi by the drawing for the Land, I at once saw, that any interview with you there, was quite out of the question, but if convenient, at your next visit, I should be happy if the contents of my yesterday's note, in reference to my passage to New Zealand, and an introduction to Mr Somes, might come into recollection. Having occasion yesterday to write your worthy colleague and brother Director Mr Alderman Thompson I enclosed a note or testimonial in my favour from his respected Deputy, Mr Richard Brook, which you will forgive me troubling you with a copy of on the other side, because as you can know, little or nothing of... except, from my perhaps too partial friend Mr... it may be satisfactory to see such a certificate from... quarter, where my proceedings have been thoroughly known for 23 years.

Folio 45 Richard Brook, 1 Poultry 27 Jul 1839

My Dear Sir, Mr George Hunter of Queen Street, a very old and respectable inhabitant of the Ward of Cheap, has purchased Land in New Zealand, and is going to settle with his Family in that Colony. He has asked me for an introduction to you, which I have much pleasure in giving him, as I have always considered him a highly honourable man and respectable neighbour, and any assistance you can render him, I feel assured will not be misplaced.

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Folio 46 No.521 William Johnson, Greenwich, 09 Jun 1839

Sir... I take the liberty of writing to inquire if you have any objection to take me. I am not married for I have nothing for a wife to live upon but anything I can do going out such as copying Charts or Maps or keeping Account Books I shall be very willing to do. I will go out as an Agricultural labourer for I am willing to work at anything Sir if you can make it convenient to take me with your first settlers. I shall be extremely thankful if you will direct your answer to be left for William Johnson at Mr George's Hair Dresser, London Street, Greenwich... I will do anything to work my passage over.

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Folio 48 No.522 Samuel Jackson, Union Bank of Australia, 38 Old Broad Street 11 Jul 1839

Sir, Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant containing an inquiry from the Committee of the First Colony of New Zealand, whether the Directors of this Bank contemplate establishing a Branch in New Zealand, has been laid before the Board, who instruct me to state in reply, that no measure of the kind is at present in contemplation.

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Folio 50 No.523 Thomas Joplin, St Swithin's Lane 11 Jul 1839

Sir, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant in which you state that you are requested by the Committee (the first Colony of New Zealand) to ascertain whether it be the intention of the Directors of the British Colonial Bank & Loan Company to establish a Branch of their Institution at an early period in New Zealand. In answer to this I am requested to state that it is the intention of the Directors to establish a Branch in New Zealand as soon as it can be done with propriety and it you will do me the pleasure to inform me the time the Committee usually meet I shall do myself the pleasure of waiting upon them.

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Folio 52 No.524 P. J. ?atry, M.R.C.S., Henley on Thames 14 Jul 1839

Sir... My object in troubling you with this letter is to ascertain whether you are provided with surgeons. If not I should feel no hesitation in offering myself to your notice. My qualifications, experience and references are unquestionably as amongst the latter I reckon the late Secretary for the Colonies Lord Glenelg – perhaps you would take the trouble of writing me a few lines directed here stating whether there's any vacant situation, if so, I shall take an early opportunity of waiting on you.

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Folio 54 No.525 Richard Johnson, Blackburn 15 Jul 1839 and 19 Jul 1839 For Agency

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Folio 58 No.527 James Jackson, Chellow Grainge, Bradford, Yorkshire 30 Jul 1839

Sir, I trust you will excuse the liberty I have taken in addressing you. Since I had an interview with you in London Mr Greenwood and myself have purchased two sections of Land in New Zealand and claimed the privilege of proceeding to the Colony with the first Emigrants. On returning into Yorkshire many persons applied to me requesting a free passage. For those with whom I was acquainted, and whom I considered suitable I filled up forms of application, which they transmitted to London (post-paid) and not having had any answer either of approval or disapproval, I wrote to Mr Greenwood requesting him to call at the office, which he did and I now have his letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> instant before me in which he informs me to write again to the office stating the names &c of the proposed Emigrants. You would greatly oblige both myself and the applicants, if you would wait upon the Secretary and urge him to send an answer as soon as possible, as they if allowed a free passage would like to proceed with us. You mentioned Ian Mills as being likely to be very useful in the Colony, I have examined the Saw Mills in this neighbourhood and find that it will be necessary to have them fitted up in this country, they are quite a portable article, there is one on sale at Bowling Iron Works for which they ask £100. It has been worked about two months.

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Folio 60 No.528 A. C. Key, 51 Bereford Street, Walworth late at Westminster 05 Jul 1839

Gentlemen, Being desirous of emigrating to New Zealand, I take the liberty of stating that I am married, with one child, and that I am aged 28 and have been in the Profession of Medicine 15 years. I can produce ample testimonials of ability and \_ character and should there be a vacancy I beg to tender my services as "assistant Surgeon" to one of your emigrant ships.

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Folio 62 No.529 W. Kettle, New Zealand Agency Office, 5 Priory Terrace, Dover 19 Jul 1839

Sir, I beg to acquaint you I have this day received Mr Hayward's deposit for the one section of land. If his share has been disposed of, you will oblige by letting me know that I may return him the money.

PS If you should have reason to send a parcel to me, perhaps you will send a few more pamphlets.

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Folio 66 No.531 James Ligertwood, King Street, Aberdeen 02 Jul 1839

Sir, I received yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimate informing me that the directors of the Company had agreed to allow me a commission on all sales of Land effected by me when the proceeds of same shall reach the Company being agreeable to accept of same and at same time anxious to forward the views of the respectable Company. I at this time write you requesting you will forward me such printed Bills as you have have for circulation containing the necessary information for immigrants. Oblige me by informing me if you have organised any other agents in this neighbourhood. If not I think it would be of some consequence that the agent in Edinburgh and me understood each other as it likely must happen the one could assist the other likewise I think the advertisements might have both names, no difficulty should arise on my part with regard to dividing commissions but all times will be ready to accept of whatever is fair and reasonable. But if there is other appointed in this immediate neighbourhood for the same purposes as myself I think it would not be worth one bestowing my time and attention in connection with others. Be so kind as forward if you have printed Bills and directions and maps for information in a parcel to the Aberdeen Steam Wharf or to Messrs Tompsett Ross Hay, Rettiter Street who is sending on parcels this week and next directed to me. Likewise inform me if the whole of the Company lands

is sold when the present remaining 300 sections is disposed of with any other information your time can allow.

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Folio 68 No.532 John Luscombe, Beriton Rectory, Petersfield 05 Jul 1839

Sir, Having made application for two sections of land to the New Zealand Company, on which the deposit money has been paid, I am desirous of knowing when the remainder of the purchase money will be required, as I have purchased the land for the benefit of a brother, who is desirous to proceed to New Zealand as a Colonist. I wish to be informed if the application for a free passage must be made by himself and when the ship, or ships will sail from England. I conclude that, from my purchase money amounting to £202, and additional space for passage will be allowed my brother, if requisite as I have no present situation, of claiming from the Emigration fund, a free passage in the Chief Cabin, for a second person. I am also very anxious to know if any arrangements are to be entered into, by the Company, for providing means for remitting money to the Colonists and how soon after their arrival in New Zealand the sections of land will be apportioned. I am desirous of knowing if the Company have it in contemplation to appoint a Chaplain to the Colony, or if any arrangement will be made for providing Spiritual instruction for the Emigrants in any other way. A report has reached me that a son of Sir J. Sinclair is about to proceed to the Colony, the correctness of which, you will perhaps kindly inform me of. I have to apologise for asking so many questions, but being extremely anxious for the welfare of my brother, any information in addition to answers to these queries, will most thankfully be received.

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Folio 70 No.533 A. Leslie, 22 East India Chambers, Leadenhall Street 12 Jul 1839

Dear Sir, Although scarcely known to you I take the liberty of claiming Scotch Cousinship and to address these few lines to you. I see that your son is proceeding with two hundred Emigrants to New Zealand. I have been 22 years extensively engaged in the Irish and Foreign Provision Trade and have been very successful in supplying Emigrants to Swan River and South Australia by the means I employed in putting up their stores especially Butter, Cheese, Hams &c by packing them with common salt in old sugar Hhds – so that on their arrival – having no cool Warehouses to deposit them in they lay exposed to the sun without sustaining the smallest injury and the Butter (in Firkins) was dug out of the salt as required and found as cool and hard as it was in my store in London. I supply Hamburg Beef & Pork which is 30s to 40s per cask cheaper than Irish and stands keeping much better the Beef particularly. My desire therefore is to supply your Son with everything he may require – not only for the voyage but for a few months consumption after arrival. I could submit the usual scale of similar \_ and save perhaps a good deal of trouble. I am personally known to Mr Somes, the Deputy Governor; Mr Geo. \_ Young, Mr Willis and almost all the City Directors. Should you deem my application of any use I need not say that anything I undertake shall be well and faithfully done – and as our late Fathers were intimately and affectionately attached for more than half a century...

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Folio 72 No.534 John Luscombe, Greenhook, Horndean 17 Jul 1839

Sir, Your reply to my former enquiries duly reached me and I understand that my brother has made an application for a free passage in the first Ship to New Zealand. I have no intention of making over the land I have purchased to him, which the orders being made out in his name, would be virtually doing; I am therefore induced to solicit the committee to grant him a free passage, as my representative, being myself the owner of the land sections sold by the Company. I should not have purchased land, had I not believed that a free passage would be granted my brother; but I am induced to hope the Committee will grant my request, from the circumstance of no steerage passage being required for servants, which, had I intended to emigrate myself, would have been claimed to the full amount of the per centage of my purchase money of £202. After this week you will favour me by addressing your reply to Hill Street, Plymouth; as I am at present, resident there, my brother can conveniently embark there, as I understand the Ships are to touch at that port.

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Folio 74 James Hawker Luscombe, No. 4 Polygon, Clifton near Bristol 11 Jul 1839

I James Hawker Luscombe of Hill Street Plymouth, Devon do hereby declare that if my application hereunto annexed...



Folio 75 James Hawker Luscombe, No. 4 Polygon, Clifton, Bristol

Sir, As the future occupier of the land in New Zealand, purchased by my brother, John Luscombe, Esq., of Hill Street, Plymouth, from the New Zealand Land Company, I have to request that a cabin passage will be found me in the First Ship appointed to... with Colonists for New Zealand, after the first of August next; by which time I shall be prepared to leave England. I have to request that you will favour me with an answer as soon as possible, informing me when, and in what vessel I am to sail, likewise to acquaint me if I have complied with your necessary regulations.

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Folio 76 No.535 James Lindsay, 53 Nelson Square, Blackfriars 20 Jul 1839

Gentlemen, I beg leave to offer myself as a candidate for the situation of Surgeon to one of your emigrant vessels. My references and testimonials will be found highly satisfactory.

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Folio 78 No.536 James Hawker Luscombe, Clifton 29 Jul 1839

Sir, Not having received an answer to my letter to you, about a fortnight since, requesting to be acquainted with the time of the departure of the first Vessel for New Zealand; I should feel obliged by your letting me know as soon as possible when and what ship is the first to proceed to that Quarter, and whether they touch at any Port in Great Britain previous to their taking a final departure for New Zealand.

Please to direct to J. H. Luscombe, Hill Street, Plymouth

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Folio 80 No.537 Standish Motte, 4 Lincolns Inn Fields, 26 Aug 1839

Gentlemen, A period of more than three months having elapsed since my application at the office of the Company (for an explanation of the treatment I have met with, and for an acknowledgment of my just claims in relation to your Company) – a period of five weeks since my written communication to the Directors, and a period or more than three weeks since a Committee of Gentlemen was appointed to meet me, I feel that I cannot consistently with justice to myself, my character as a Gentleman, or my Interests in the Undertaking, permit a longer period to transpire, without some arrangement being come to, as to my position and claims, in relation to the Company prior to the sailing of the Emigrant Ships. I will briefly recapitulate the gravamen of my complaint and claims.... I was virtually the originator and founder of the joint Stock Company of last year, on which the present Company was based, that I was one of the first original subscribers and that I have not transferred my Interests: that I was actively engaged as the working Chairman of the Committee from the period of the first formation of the New Zealand Colonization Company, up to the time of the formation of the present Company, in obtaining every information from parties who had been in New Zealand likely to promote the success of Colonization, in communicating with the members of the Old Company of 1825 for an arrangement of their Interests and territory in New Zealand, in communicating with Government to obtain if possible their cooperation and the protection of local authority, in arranging with Mr McDonnell for his Territory and services, an agreement for which was signed by him (and has never yet been cancelled), that I planned the extension of the Company by creating £100 shares and enlarging the Capital and that for nearly twelve months I was occupied in maturing and arranging the information necessary for the first Expedition and these plans for colonizing New Zealand which have only been since partially carried out and lastly that as my name stood in the prospectus as one of the Directors, as well as in the character of Standing Council in the first instance and as I am after addressed and known publicly as the Chairman of the Acting Committee I was completely identified with the Company. That during this period I neglected my professional pursuits as a parliamentary Counsel and directed myself to the objects of the Company upon the assurance that I should not only be most liberally met in common with Dr Somes who had cooperated, but that I should hold a permanent position in the affairs of the Company as working or acting Chairman of a Committee of Directors – That I was in Confidential communication with Mr Hall and Mr Wakefield... in Company of Dr Evans and that in their honourable support... That during the period I was a bonafide original Shareholder... of which payment I have letters to prove. That when \_ the arrangements \_ for an extension of the Company a Dinner was \_ at Mr Wrights to which I was invited, that I was suddenly taken ill and confined for a few days to my room, that while I was on a sick bed, my name was struck out, and a fresh Committee formed without my consent or the authority of the \_ \_ first, that these parties

agreed to sell their Interests to your Company the New Zealand Land Company, but that I was not a party although my name was mentioned in the deed, but not by my direction or consent; That shares were apportioned in the New Company per mine in the old without my consent and to prevent any interference on my part, they will not put in my name; that my name was also left out as Counsel, and that I was treated as a perfect stranger. That in addition to this my character was assailed in consequence of my suddenly appearing to leave the Company, without any known cause, which ridicule was attempted to be thrown upon me to cover the injustice. This is the substance of my complaint and I cannot believe that the respectable and honourable Gentlemen comprising the present Directors will allow this stain to remain upon the present Company, but that immediately they are fully aware of all the circumstances they will feel \_ to repair those injuries and to heal those wounds they have unwittingly been made the instruments to inflict upon me...

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Folio 84 No.538 Standish Motte, 4 Lincolns Inn Fields 26 Sep 1839

Gentlemen, Having waited until the Sailing of the Emigrant Ships at the suggestion of some of the Gentlemen in the Directors I now again beg to take the attention of the Directors to my former communications...

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Folio 87 No.539 Phi. J. Meyer, Laurel Lodge, croft Place, Hammersmith, 05 Jul 1839

Dear Sir, As you have kindly offered to draw for me at the next Ballot for New Zealand Land shares, I hereby authorise you to do so and will leave amount yet to be paid with Mr Surman. My Solicitor says that a month's notice must be given, however that will be of no consequence.

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Folio 89 No.540 E. H. Mears, Stock Hotel, Birmingham 13 Jul 1839

Sir, Having inserted an advertisement in the Birmingham papers that as an Agent to the New Zealand Company I am ready to receive applications for land and give information to parties desirous of Emigrating there I have had several parties call on me, and among others a Mr Eaton of Halesowen (near this place) who has purchased land and wished to know by what vessel he was going, and how he was to proceed – not being sufficiently acquainted with your preliminary arrangements I was not able to give him much particulars as he required and he seemed desirous of proceeding to London to ascertain from you. I shall therefore feel obliged if you can furnish me as soon as possible with such information as you may deem requisite to enable me to reply fully to any further enquiries as I shall remain here till the end of next week. I lecture at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening next on the subject of Colonization.

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Folio 91 No.541 W. J. McBeath, 50a Lincolns Inn Fields 15 Jul 1839

My Lords and Gentlemen, Having seen you numerous advertisements offering great advantages to those who may be desirous of emigrating to New Zealand, I beg leave most respectfully to state that I shall be glad to avail myself of the opportunity of joining the settlers, should you deem me eligible. I am 33 years of age, unmarried, and without incumbrances, of sound constitution and good health. I am by profession a Solicitor and have practised for four years – am conversant with the French language, and can give the most satisfactory testimonials as to character and ability. I shall therefore be proud to meet the views of your Company in any Capacity, with which you may think proper to honor me with your consideration.

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Folio 93 No.542 Charles Morris, Chittern, Heytesbury, Wilts 16 Jul 1839

Sir, I beg leave to offer myself as agent to the Directors of the New Zealand Land Company for the sale of lands and selection of emigrants; I have resided in this part of the country upwards of twenty years and can give such experience as would naturally be required on such an occasion, and if the Directors think proper to appoint me their Agent I will to the best of my ability do all I can to further their views, either as it regards the sale of lands or selecting emigrants fit and proper persons for the Colony, I hesitate not to say, I have been in the employ (as agent) of the Australian Commission nearly these three years; and I still continue their agent; or can I see their interest suffer in the slightest degree in consequence of my being in the New Zealand agency. If I thought so for a moment, I never would have made the application; they have always reposed a confidence in me and nothing would be to me a greater source of misfortune than to forfeit the good opinion they have hitherto entertained of me, but it appears to me it can be very well done without mixing the two concerns up...

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Folio 95 No.543 Alex Marjoribanks, 15 Dean Terrace, Edinburgh 17 Jul 1839

Sir, I am going out as an Emigrant to New Zealand and have since thoughts of taking out some articles with me as a speculation. Will you have the goodness to write me what you consider best to take out, that is what you should consider would yield the most rapid return with a safe and good profit. I should wish also to be furnished with a list of the articles necessary for the voyage, and whether you furnish beds & bedding &c. Any other information that may be useful, I shall take it extremely kind if you will communicate to me and as I am intimate with your agent Charles Bridges here, perhaps you may enclose your letter for me in one of your parcels for him, and he will forward it to me. Have the goodness also to mention at what time the last ship may sail this season by which those who have applied for a Section of land prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> instant and who will consequently be entitled to a free passage, will be entitled to go out, having that advantage.

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Folio 97 No.544 Alex Marjoribanks, 15 Dean Terrace, Edinburgh 17 Jul 1839

My Lord, From having been one of the Stewards at the Dinner given to your Lordship in Glasgow I have taken the liberty of writing this letter. I have made the necessary application to the Secretary of the New Zealand Land Company for 101 acres of the first allotment of land, and you are aware that an advantage is held out to the first settlers of getting part of their money returned in what is the same thing expanded in giving them a free passage. From my having made my mind up to go only within these few days, I find that I will not be able to go out next month without considerable inconvenience owing to my having one or two important pieces of business to arrange before I depart and which I fear I will not be able to accomplish within the time limited. Now perhaps you may have influence enough to get the benefit of a free passage transferred to the first vessel in spring provided the arrangement above alluded to \_ not carried into effect and if this cannot be done I shall take it extremely kind if you would write me the result of your application...

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Folio 99 No.545 Archibald Millar, Pinkerton by Dunbar 30 Jul 1839

Sir, Yours of 27<sup>th</sup> came to hand yesterday and in reply have to say that I propose being in London with my family on the 8<sup>th</sup> August and shall be ready to embark in the *Oriental* by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Having been disappointed formerly by my new servants leaving me after having engaged to go to New Zealand it has not been in my power to send the names of any such going with me until... having been unsuccessful in making an engagement until yesterday. The person I have got is James Stoddart, his wife Mary and a child, Mary Henderson, their niece, I shall bring testimonials of their character which I have got, with me, and have to request that they may go out as labourers along with me. Should you have occasion to write to me between and the sixth August have the goodness address at Mrs Sheareff's, 2 Queens Place, Leith Walk, Edinburgh, as I shall be there until I leave for London.

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Folio 101 No.546 Thomas Milne, Wasley Hall, Halifax 30 Jul 1839

Sir, ... I beg to apply to you for particulars as to terms of purchase and other information which you consider desirable to those desirous of becoming shareholders and how soon the application should be made. Could a map be obtained upon a sheet shewing the intended colony and forwarded to the above address in a post or two.

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Folio 103 No.547 A. McDonough, No.3 Rudducks Buildings, Long Alby, Moorfields 30 Jul 1839

Sir, As an experienced saddle and harness maker (working 17 years for one Master, who is just retiring from business), and reading in the newspapers encouragement to go to New Zealand. I should like very much to go, my age is 32, my wife's the same. I have two sons one nine, other 11 years of age; also a nephew in the same line aged 19. I am working at present for Mr Douthwaite, Saddler, Little Moorfields who I am sure will give every assurance for my conduct. I have no money but my furniture. If this should meet your approbation my mind is made up. If it is not convenient I will trust to your honour to destroy the note.

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Folio 105 No.548 H. Prout, 7 Marchmont Street, Russell Square 08 Jul 1839

Sir, Having had some conversation with Mr Wakefield and other Gentlemen connected with the New Zealand Land Company on the subject of my going to that country for the purpose of making Drawings, illustration of it I consider it would be proper for me to state fully to the Company the plans I am prepared to adopt in this matter in order that without farther loss of time I may be made acquainted with their decision concerning it and also, supposing my services would be considered such as would further the interests of the Company, what advantages they in return are prepared to offer me. In the first plan, provided that such arrangements are made as would render it prudent on my part to do so I am willing to go with my family to New Zealand and then make such Drawings of the country as would be characteristic of it and show its advantages to those who in this country might be anxious to emigrate to it – and as in the case the least loss of time must be highly prejudicial to the Company's interests. I propose that I should take out with me prepared Lithographic stones and other necessary materials which would enable me at once to make the Drawings on the stones they might then be sent to England for the purpose of being printed and very soon be ready for publication. By this mode a saving of at least six months in the arrangements would be effected. The Drawings would form a very handsome and interesting volume and would be done in the new style of Lithography similar to the published sketches of Robert Starfield. My Uncle (Mr S. Prout) and I have already published of my own and could not fail of commanding an extensive sale. I have made a calculation of the expenses attended on the printing paper and binding of 500 copies and find that such would be about £620 or £630. The published price of such work would be according to the usual price of those of a similar nature £4 4s allow 25 per cent for expenses incidental to publishing and 500 copies at £3 3s would sell for £1575 – deduct expenses £630 – profit on 500 copies £945. As the profit to be derived from publishing such work would not be the principal object of the Company I should as to this particular expect an allowance of 25 per cent on the profits of the work. I shall feel obliged by your placing these few remarks before the Gentlemen of the Committee and farther by your informing me should my proposals meet their views what advantages they are prepared to offer me as to salary &c. I am aware that the company have already sent out Mr Heaphy for the purpose of making drawings and that they feel in every way indisposed to make such farther arrangements as would interfere with Mr Heaphy's anticipated advantages...

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Folio 107 No.549 Joseph Phipson, 48 New Street, Birmingham 13 Jul 1839

Sir, Conversing this morning with a friend who has undertaken, or is about to undertake an agency for the South Australian Company, he informs me that their terms so far as relates to Emigrants are these viz five per cent on all monies received for their passage, and ten shillings for every Emigrant. As you stated to me yesterday that your Directors had not fully determined as to their rates of Commission to their Agents on this, certainly the most onerous part of their duties, I take the liberty of giving you this information, and asking if the same terms will be given to your Agents. As your Commission on Land sales is the same as those of the South Australian Company I presume there will be no objection to do the same in regards to Emigrants. I may also mention that in calling upon the former Agent of that Company who I thought could materially assist my operations in the sale of Lands, he informed me that the Directors of that Company proposed to him exactly the same terms as you do, on which he undertook to act for them, but he found numerous parties anxiously enquiring into the subject but in almost every case they deferred their purchases until they went to Town – when they embarked in the scheme, but in consequence of their applications not having gone directly through him, he lost his Commission, and had only his trouble and expenses for his pain, on which account he declined acting. I mention this for the purpose of asking how in similar cases the Directors would view the transaction. I presume they would consider the commission as attaching in these instances. It is the more necessary to understand this as your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> ultimate seems to confine the Commission to the Purchase monies which shall be actually received and remitted by you.” You were pleased to commit to my case 20 pamphlets “Information relative to New Zealand” assuring me that I should dispose of these at the Publishers price 1s 6d. May I enquire if it would not be advisable to give that pamphlet, at least in many cases – There are I am persuaded many whom the information contained in that work, would if they found it incline to become purchasers, but who would hesitate to give 1s 6d for it. I wish to know whether I may not put that little work into the hands of some wealthy friends, at the same time that I apply to them for their support. A due discretion I am aware must be used but I am satisfied the small \_ occasioned thereby, would be amply repaid in extending the interests of the Company...

PS Please also to say if the time for application (15 July) mentioned in the “Public Notice” admits of extention, and if so to what period. If not it is now useless.

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Folio 109 No.550 James Parker, London (late of Halifax) 15 Jul 1839

Sir, By virtue of my purchase money I desire to claim from the Emigration Fund, to the extent of seventy five per cent, a free passage for myself and wife Elizabeth Parker as Cabin passenger, by the first vessel going out to New Zealand, say 15 August or sooner.  
Certificate dated 13 Jun 1839.

Folio 110 Conditions of application for No.1 Cabin Passage for Richard Deighton and Samuel Deighton – Printed Public Notice “Regulations for confining to actual Colonists the Free Passage offered by the Terms of Purchase for Lands, dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 1839... signed for John Deighton, Cambridge and John W. Parker, West End, London

Folio 111 Declaration: I James Parker of London do hereby declare that if my application... dated 15 Jul 1839

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Folio 112 No.551 Birmingham 14 Jul 1839

I John Pierce of Birmingham hereby make application to the New Zealand Land Company of whom I take one section of Land for a Cabin passage for myself and wife out to New Zealand upon the second dietary and do agree to pay over and above the amount of 75 per cent allowed by the Company ordered issued on the first day of June last and further I do apply for a free passage out in the steerage for John Fowler and his wife Mary, farm labourer and smith to be my own servants the man is 30 years of age in good health and excellent character having lived in Shropshire with one Master until he was 22 and had two masters in Birmingham the last eight years both of which I know personally and who give him an excellent character. His wife is 29 years of age has been brought up in a farm house all her life until married. They have one girl, six years old for whose passage we will pay £3 according to note 8 in regulations dated 29 June. PS Should this form of application be defective please correct it and oblige. Normal declaration follows dated 14 Jul 1839

Folio 113 Birmingham 19 Jul 1839

Sir, In addition to the man John Fowler that I applied for a passage out with me I should much desire to take out John Johnson, his wife and two children, one child being 3½ years old will have to be paid £3 for which we are willing to pay. The man is 26 years of age, has been up to the present time engaged in farming and gardening having now a considerable portion of garden ground in is own possession and culture. His wife is 30 years of age, has been used to a dairy farm all her life, is a most excellent manager and both of them bear most excellent characters, attestations of which together with their Certificate of marriage I have in my possession. You will much oblige me by laying this before the board and writing me a line in reply both to this and former applications as I think it must be obvious to you that partys making application should be answered as soon as possible the time now getting very short. I was obliged for your letter informing me of the payment of the money which shall be attended to, do pray answer these applications soon...

PS The youngest child is 10 months old.

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Folio 115 No.552 London 15 Jul 1839

Sir, This is to Certify that I Samuel Duncan Parnell of No.7 Euston Grove, Euston Square, Carpenter Joiner and that if my application hereunto annexed shall be complied with it is my intention to Emigrate personally to New Zealand with the first Colony proceeding to the first and principal settlement of the New Zealand Land Company, at such time, and in such ship, as the Company shall appoint; and in the event of my not so emigrating as a Colonist I hereby engage to repay to the Company such expenses, if any, as the Company may actually have incurred in consequence of my having claimed the Emigrant Benefit of the Emigration Fund pursuant to the terms of purchase for lands stated the first of June last... I shall be ready to sail by the fifteenth of August and shall require two passages, one for myself and one for my wife, as Cabin Passengers, Dietary No.2

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Folio 117 No.553 William Palfry, 105 Ratcliff Highway 15 Jul 1839

Sir, As holder of the Certificate of Application for Land No.669 I wish to state that it is my intention to Emigrate to New Zealand and that when I purchased it was my intention to claim a part of the 75 per cent allowed by the Company in a free passage, but I find it impossible so to arrange my affairs that I can leave England much, if any, before next Christmas. Under these circumstances I know not if it be of any use to put in my claim and to make the declaration required but should the Company's last ship of the first Colony not sail before the 20<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> December next I certainly should wish to claim a free intermediate passage and in deciding upon claims I beg that this may not be overlooked.

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Folio 119 No.554 John Palfrey, 105 Ratcliff Highway, London 15 Jul 1839

Sir, In compliance with the regulations issued by the New Zealand Land Company I as holder of the Certificate for Lot 669 beg to put in my claim for a free steerage passage for myself, John Palfrey, carpenter, my wife Mary Ann Palfrey, and Henry Betts my Assistant who is under a written engagement to work for me in the Colony for two years – and also that I shall be ready with my wife and assistant to leave England by the first ships which are advertised to sail on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August next. I have further to request that we three may sail in the same ship. Declaration 15 Jul 1839: I John Palfrey of 105 Ratcliff Highway, St George in the East, Middlesex...

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Folio 121 No.555 Joseph Phipson, Birmingham 16 Jul 1839

Sir, I wrote you on Saturday last with sundry observations, to which I shall be glad of a reply at your earliest convenience. I \_ and several parties yesterday who are favourably disposed towards your Company, but greatly require that information which the pamphlet you gave me so fully supplies. I am therefore induced again to solicit your permission to circulate them free of charge. The sooner I have your instructions on this head the better. Our Town is at present in such a state that business is out of the question – our shops in all the principal thoroughfares today are closed. The Military are out in great force, and we are apprehensive of fresh disturbances tonight. As soon as returning tranquillity will allow I shall try what I can do for the Company. In the mean which I hope my suggestion as regards the pamphlets will be complied with.

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Folio 123 No.556 William Pomfret, Manchester 16 Jul 1839

Sir, Having been some years amongst the Islands of the North and South Pacific Ocean collection for loose shell and other commodities the produce of the two Pacifics and traded with the same to Manilla and China and being at present in want of a situation I should feel obliged by your advice and interference should you have an opportunity relative to obtaining one in the new Colony of New Zealand or in the capacity of servant, clerk or otherwise with some Gentleman about to Colonize. Should you know of any opening and will be so kind as write to me I shall feel greatly obliged having great confidence in the success of the adventurers. Respectable testimonials can be forwarded. Be so kind as direct for Mr Pomfrets cottage near Mottram, Cheshire. I have been Ships Clerk several voyages, could act as Private Steward or Secretary or in any other situation where steadiness is required. I am thoroughly acquainted with the commerce of the surrounding Islands and would make myself generally useful. An answer will greatly oblige.

PS I should have applied sooner but only heard of the Proposed Settlement yesterday having recently returned from China.

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Folio 125 No.557 J. Percival, Beachlands, Ryde 17 Jul 1839

Sir, I received your letter this morning and are much obliged by your prompt attention. The deposit I will pay to Messrs Wright & Co. Would you have the goodness to let me know by return of post, the benefits particularly attached to the holders of shares and whether the capital is invested in lands which the company resell? I mention an answer by return as my father, who is now here, is I think anxious to become a shareholder if you think any can be obtained. If we can be of any service in the neighbourhood of Northampton, we shall always be happy to render our assistance.

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Folio 127 No.558 Joseph Phipson, Birmingham 18 Jul 1839

Sir, The lamentable outbreak in our town has greatly impeded my operations in behalf of the Company. The alarm has been such as to absorb the attention of everyone, and I am in consequence unable to report any sales. But there is a party with whom I am in treaty who is desirous of more information than I can give him as to the method which will be adopted in the selection of the spots of land when the priority of choice is determined. The specific question which I am desired to ask is whether any gentleman, or any number of Gentlemen who may be going out with the first body of Colonists have any authority vested in them by the Company, or whether without such authority any may be willing to take out the necessary powers from the holders of land in England, as will enable them to choose on behalf of such clients as may be disposed to delegate to them such a power of choice; subject of course to the regulations of the Company as described in their "terms of purchase." The party referred to lay considerable stress on this and if you will kindly give me a reply to the enquiry I shall be obliged. I write you a few days since submitting some remarks in reference to the Emigrants to which I shall be glad of your reply, and also some observations on the distribution of the pamphlets. In your answer perhaps you will also oblige me by saying how many sections you may then have undisposed of.

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Folio 129 No.559 William Pearson, Malton 19 Jul 1839

Sir, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Revans' letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo respecting the emigration to New Zealand; but from which I cannot perfectly understand whether or no your Committee will afford Emigrants a Free passage to that Country without purchasing 100 acres of Land. It is my intention to settle permanently in New Zealand, I think in a situation (if I could procure one) as Store or Book-keeper &c not having been brought up to Agriculture; for previous to the death of my Father (who was a large Farmer on the Yorkshire wolds) I was constantly off at School, and on his death the Farm was given up, therefore Land would, as yet, be of no service to me – should the Committee not require the purchase of the one hundred acres I beg to claim a passage accordingly – I can procure unexceptionable testimonials as to character &c.  
PS By whom will provisions be found during the passage?

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Folio 131 No.560 Joseph Phipson, 48 New Street, Birmingham 23 Jul 1839

Sir, Your favour of 18<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> instant I duly received, and have this day ordered a payment of £91 to be made through the Birmingham Banking Co. to Messrs Smith, Payne & Smiths, to the credit of their account with the New Zealand Land Company – being the balance due on my section of land No.870 on which I presume a credit of £5 will be paid to my account with the Company. I regret that owing to the two fold circumstance, the early closing of the books by the rapid sales, and the very untoward circumstances in which this town was placed almost immediately on my return from London I have not been successful in effecting more sales. I have no doubt but in other circumstances, and with a little more time I should have done something considerable – but I assure you Sir men of Capital to whom my efforts were mainly directed were at once placed in circumstances that entirely precluded them from attending in the slightest degree to matters which involved thought, or which would have diverted their minds for a moment from the astounding scenes which were transacted here, and the immediate duties which they involve. I conclude so soon as circumstances permit you will have other sections in the market and I hope then to be found an effective Agent. In the mean time I shall endeavour to circulate as widely and as effectually as I can information upon the subject, and I trust as soon as the present ferment subsides I shall have to correspond with you on the subject of Emigration. Your letter of yesterday is in reply to a question proposed by a friend of great respectability who was anxious to have taken five sections but for the circumstances above alluded to; at present this must of course remain. If at a further time – say when you inform me as to what number my Section occupies – you will kindly name a party to whom I can intrust the choice. I shall be obliged, and at the same time I hope to hear that my friend, Mr Poole will be able to come in for a section. I have taken other Offices – at No.11 Curzon Place when I shall remove in a few days and to which address I shall be obliged if you will after this week address any letters or parcels. Your particular attention to this address will oblige me – as when my letters are simply directed Mr Joseph Phipson, Birmingham" they are apt to get wrong delivered – their being many Phipsons...



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Folio 133 No.561 Richard Parry, 65 Aldersgate Street 29 Jul 1839

Sir, My son Richard Parry being in the employ of the Governor and Company of the New Zealand Land Company at £10 per month has received £20 in advance but he has laid out double that sum for his outfit and borrowed the money from me, he proposes that I shall receive the amount back at the Company's Office in London when it is due to him. I wish to know if there is any objection to this arrangement if not what time application may be made, and the way of making it and if his authority as under in writing will do or in what other form. With good wishes for the Company's success.

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Folio 135 No.562 Joseph Phipson, 11 Curzon Place, New Street, Birmingham 29 Jul 1839

Sir, From the "Regulations for Labourers writing to Emigrate to New Zealand" I understand by Rule 5 that everyone who may apply for a free passage must be married yet on referring to the form to be filled up the item occurs "married or single" – from which it would appear that single persons if eligible in other respects may have the advantage of the Emigration fund. This view would appear to be confirmed by that part of rule 5 which fixes the age as low as 15. As I have many applications from young men, apparently of respectable character, and suitable qualifications I wish to know whether such are of necessity precluded by the rules of the Company from the benefit of a free passage. As I have written you by two parties who will be returning hither tomorrow or the following day perhaps you will favour me with an answer to this enquiry by them.

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Folio 137 No.563 Birmingham 27 Jul 1839

Sir, I write by the favour of Mr Pearse who I find is about to proceed to the Colony. As he informs me he shall return on Tuesday I shall be obliged if you will favour me with a line by him apprizing me of the order in which my section of land No.870 stands upon the ballot. I shall at the same time be obliged if you will send me a few of the Prospectus' of the Company, I have only had one and that I parted with to an applicant for land; it is a useful document and serves to give a clear understanding of the basis of the Company's proceedings. Should you have any other information to give me, or any further documents to send I doubt not Mr Pierce will kindly convey them. I shall be glad to know if Mr Poole has been able to take a Section, I hope he has, as I consider him a valuable acquisition to the Colonists. Should the Company have any commercial matters to transmit here, or any further supplies of articles of Birmingham manufacture be required I shall be obliged by being the medium through which their orders may be given. I find you are about to take up other vessels to sail in September. In them I hope to be able to transmit the names of Emigrants, as I am taking every means in my power to make the subject known and have had several applications; any information which you can give me on this head will be valuable.

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Folio 139 No.564 John Percival, Union Bank Northampton 26 Jul 1839

... Can you also give me any information concerning the ultimate revenue of the Company and the appropriation of the capital as after the land is resold I presume the money will be invested either in improving the property by way of loan or keeping up ships &c for the purposes of emigration. Has the Company the sanction of Government and have the lands been purchased from an elective chief? As I should like to increase my twenty shares to thirty should you know anyone who has ten to dispose of I will immediately order the £100 to the credit of the Company with Messrs Wright. I had originally meant to hold thirty shares...

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Folio 141 No.565 James Rogers, Millright, No.1 Morden Place, Old Wolwich Road, Greenwich 01 Jul 1839

Sir, If any Gentleman belonging to the New Zealand Land Company has any Mill or Engine work to erect out there I should be very glad to offer my services to go and I have not the least doubt of giving every satisfaction and for character I could refer them to five places where I have fixed steam engines for my Master that I am employed by now and likewise to him where I have been nearly three years.

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Folio 143 No.566 W. Romaine, 7 Webb's County Terrace, New Kent Road 09 Jul 1839

Sir, Having understood that several gentlemen have been required to survey in New Zealand and being myself an Engineer and Surveyor, I should feel obliged by your informing me if I could obtain an appointment there and if so, on what terms. I should also wish to know the price of land. I am a Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers and can give satisfactory references with respect to ability. I am also accustomed to large surveys.

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Folio 145 No.567 Thomas Ryder, 98 Bunhill Row, Frinsbury 10 Jul 1839

Gentlemen, I beg to offer my services to you as Surgeon of one of your emigrant ships. I am about 32 years of age, a member of the College of Surgeons &c and have been used to the sea.

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Folio 147 Mr Kean, Portman Street, 25 Portman Square 18 Jul 1839

... to offer myself as a candidate for an appointment as Surgeon or assistant Surgeon. I have made three voyages in that capacity to Davies Straits. I was by the recommendation of Mr Easthope about to be appointed as Surgeon to a South Australian ship but that appointment coming to the unexpected and I in consequence not being fully prepared to sail and I of course lost it which has caused me much \_ . My Brother-in-law (Mr \_) have no doubt...

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Folio 148 Mr Kean, Portman Street, 25 Portman Square 31 Jul 1839

Sir, I beg leave \_ respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the appointment as Surgeon or assistant surgeon... If there should be a vacancy for either... I would be happy to give my professional services free of any other remuneration than that of a free passage. I have been two voyages on board of a whale ship to Davies Straits. I was also some time assistant surgeon on board of the *Lord of the Isles* steamer in the Portugese Service. I am therefore pretty well acquainted with the inconveniences of a long sea voyage.

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Folio 149 Mr Kean, Portman Street, 25 Portman Square, London 31 Jul 1839 (to Lord Durham)

My Lord, I take the liberty of addressing your Lordship under the following circumstances. I am a Medical Man and particularly desirous of emigrating to either New Zealand or South Australia. If I should not be fortunate enough to meet with an appointment as Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon on board of one of the Ships I would be happy to give my professional services free of any other remuneration than that of a Free Passage. I have been out as Surgeon to a Whale Ship to Davies Straits twice and therefore pretty well acquainted with the inconveniences attending a long Sea Voyage. I was also assistant surgeon in the Portugese Navy on board of the *Lord of the Isles* Steam Boat. I have been out with Sir D. Evans nearly two years. I am therefore pretty well acquainted to Hardships. I am now in very great difficulties amounting to distress. My Brother-in-law Mr Fonblanquehas kindly assisted me in many instances but I am particularly anxious to be independent of it. I would therefore be glad to go out in any capacity in which I might be useful. I would not have the least objection to work before the Mast as an ordinary seaman in which I think I could do... so anxious am I to leave a country in which I see nothing but destruction before me. I can give the most satisfactory references as to character and professional skill. I fear I am trespassing too much on your Lordships attention...

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Folio 153 No.569 George Robin, Covent Garden 20 Jul 1839

Gentlemen, I am the Purchaser of five sections of land, which I have bought for the purpose of enabling my Brother-in-law, Mr Losack to emigrate with his family. I am advancing him a Capital, and shall grant him a Lease of the Land to manage as my agent. I have therefore to request of your Board that in order to prevent the necessity of transferring the Land-orders out of my own name you will be pleased to grant me a Cabin Passage for Mr Losack, his wife, five children under eight years of age and one servant in one of the ships to sail on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August or thereabouts.

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Folio 155 No.570 Rob. Roberts?, 30 Queen Square, Bloomsbury 23 Jul 1839

Sir, I observe by an advertisement of the New Zealand Land Company that the lands already offered for sale are disposed of. I want to know whether the company intends offering any more lands for sale and at what period and also whether it would be permitted to a person intending to emigrate to sail with the Company's Vessels in August next and if so on what terms. Lest you should think this application a superfluous or a \_ one I beg to say that myself and brother are making arrangements to emigrate and at present our attention has been called to the New Zealand Land Company.

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Folio 157 No.571 H. A. Aglionby 16 Jul 1839

My dear Sir, I shall be obliged by your putting my name down for two more sections. The deposit I will pay on Thursday.

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Folio 159 No.572 Ho Coms 24 Jul 1839

My dear Sir, I have this moment received your letter of yesterday's date and I do not understand it, not seeing how I can "pay a deposit on the three sections of land" "applied for by me provisionally" and respecting as such I have received no communication from the office. The amount due on the 20 shares allotted to me and on the two sections disposed of to me has I believe been duly paid. I will call tomorrow morning.

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Folio 161 No.573 William Adye, Bradford 28 Jul 1839

Sir, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from your office and in reply I have to state that I directed my Bankers on Friday evening last at this place to pay to your Bankers the sum of £120 being thirty pounds on the shares and the balance of £91 due upon the Land. I conclude that a mistake has arisen respecting my name, it seems you imagine there are two persons of my address, I beg to say that it is not so and that I am the only individual of the name of William Adye.

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Folio 163 No.574 John W. Buckle, Mark Lane 22 Oct 1839

Sir, Have the goodness to let the enclosed be forwarded by first opportunity and acquaint me the name of the ship. Has any surgeon been appointed to the Bolton? If not Mr Holworthy should be so.

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Folio 165 A. Cooper, 39 Curd\_ Street

My Dear Sir, Do me the favour to listen to Mr Holworthy and to serve him all you can re obtaining for him the situation which he seeks.

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Folio 167 John William Buckle, Mark Lane, 10 Aug 1839

My Dear Sir, I beg to remind you of my desire to obtain a Surgeon's appointment for Mr David Holworthy, now that I learn from you that his Testimonials are so very satisfactory you will oblige me by bearing this in your recollection.

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Folio 169 L. Readhead, Trinity Square 11 Jul 1839

My Dear Sir, The Bearer is Mr David Holworthy of the Medical Profession who is desirous to proceed to the New Colony in New Zealand. If you can assist his views I shall be much obliged.

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Folio 171

Mr John Abe C. Smith presents his compliments to Mr Ward and begs to send him a note which Mr Smith has received this morning from Sir Astley Cooper – Mr Smith is not personally acquainted with... some weight ought to be attached to the interest felt about this Gentleman by Sir Astley Cooper...

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Folio 175 David Holworthy, 6 Portland Place, Borough Road 26 Jul 1839

Sir, I take the liberty of forwarding my testimonials and shall feel greatly obliged (should my personal attendance be requisite on the day appointed for the examination) if you will do me the favour to acquaint me.

Folio 177 David Holworthy, 6 Portland Place, Borough Road

Sir, I beg to enclose a letter which I received this morning from Sir Astley Cooper and one also which Alderman Thompson, M.P. desired me to present to you. I have called several times at the office, but owing to your very numerous engagements, have hitherto been unfortunate in not obtaining an interview. I am desirous of proceeding to New Zealand with my family if I can be fortunate enough to obtain the appointment of Surgeon to one of the vessels which are going out next month. I will take the liberty of calling at the office on Monday morning, and shall feel exceedingly obliged if you will (your previous engagements permitting) favour me with an interview. I beg also to enclose you some testimonials from my medical friend and to state that I have been twelve years engaged in the profession.

Folio 179 David Holworthy, 6 Portland Place, Borough Road, London

Sir, I take the liberty of enclosing a letter of introduction which Sir Astley Cooper has favoured me with this morning. The object I have in view is to obtain a free passage for myself, wife and two children in one of the vessels which are going out to New Zealand during the next month and hearing at your town residence this morning that you will not be in London for another month – I beg respectfully to solicit your influence and aid to obtain for me the Situation of Surgeon to one of those vessels. Through very heavy losses of a private nature which I have sustained I am unable to re-establish myself in my profession having no means to purchase a practice or obtain employment here of any kind. I beg to enclose for your perusal some testimonials furnished me on a late occasion by my medical friends, and also to state that I have been actively engaged in the practice of my profession upwards of ten years. I am informed at the office in the Adelphi that a meeting of the Directors will take place on Monday. If you will not consider me taking too great a liberty may I beg to solicit a line from you to the company recommending me for the appointment I am desirous of obtaining. At present none of the appointments are filled up but it will probably be a subject of discussion on Monday...

Folio 181 David Holworthy, 6 Portland Place, Borough Road Southwark 26 Jul 1839

To the Governor, Deputy Governor and Directors of the New Zealand

Gentlemen, I take the liberty of soliciting the honour of your support, to obtain for me the appointment of Surgeon to one of the ships going out next month to New Zealand and beg respectfully to submit the enclosed testimonials for your perusal furnished me by my medical friends and also from the Rector, Curate and parochial officers of Lambeth to which populous parish I was Surgeon upwards of six years. And permit me to assure you, Gentlemen, that if you should deem me eligible and favour me with the appointment I solicit it will be my constant study to render my services generally and professionally, so acceptable, as at all times to merit your approval.

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Folio 183 No.575 Francis Sparrow, 8 Staples Inn Buildings, Holborn 06 Jul 1839

Hon. Sir, Seeing an account in a newspaper that your Father (Lord Petre) has purchased a large Estate near the Swan River, and that you intend going to reside there to cultivate the same, should you require an experienced agriculturalist to superintend and manage and improve it, I take the liberty of offering my service. I am of middle age, respectable friends, and sober industrious habits, and perfectly acquainted with the value and culture of land, and the general improvement thereof, also of planting and the management of plantations, timber and woodland, farm buildings and repairs and receiving of rents (if required). I am also perfectly acquainted with the different branches of agriculture and modern improved husbandry (English & Scotch system), Drilling, Horseshoing, Draining, Irrigating and the improvement of land in general on various soils. Also the selecting, breeding, fattening and marketing of every description of livestock and current in accounts &c having had the entire management of extensive concerns for many years, and can be well recommended and having the interest of my employer always at heart, would use every exertion to give satisfaction, by attention Economy and perseverance.

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Folio 185 No.576 Mr Stephenson, Hull 06 Jul 1839

Sir, I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 4<sup>th</sup>. I shall be glad to do my best to sell the Company land, and I shall be glad if you will send me some advertisements adapted to draw attention to the subject, and with my address attached, if you send them by Monday night's post they will be in time for the next number of the Eastern Counties Herald, which is published on Thursday.

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Folio 187 No.577 William Swainson, London Colney near Barnet 08 Jul 1839

Sir, The form given in the printed paper you enclosed are, relative to free passages, appears to me, on mature consideration, not property suited to such persons as, being purchasers of land orders, have a positive claim upon the Directors for what they ask. I have thought it best, therefore, to word my intentions differently, as seen in the Declaration on the other side.

A month's notice or more, if necessary, will be given to you of the period when we should be ready to embark. A considerable number of first rate emigrant artizans &c, from this part of Hertfordshire, desire to go out with, but not without me of which a list will in due time be furnished.

Folio 188

I, William Swainson, of Tittenhanger Green in the County of Herts, Esquire, Assistant Commissary General to Her Majesty's Forces &c do hereby declare, that as a purchaser of eleven land orders, upon which the deposit have been paid, I desire to avail myself of all the rights and priveleges regarding a free passage for myself, my family, my servants &c as held out by the printed prospectus of the Company, and further explained in a correspondence with Dr Evans and Mr Ward, the Secretary – That it is my intention to emigrate to, and settle upon, the lands so purchased of the Company, and termed the "first colony" at the close of this year or the beginning of the next, or as much sooner as circumstances will permit, and that in the event of my not so emigrating, I engage to reimburse the Company such expences as they may actually have incurred on my account. Witness my hand 08 Jul 1839.

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Folio 189 No.578 William Swainson, Tittenhanger Green 11 Jul 1839

Sir, I have perused your note this morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> with much surprise. The reason for not signing a verbatim copy of the printed form you have sent me was that it would \_ on my part (as it appears to me) an intention of emigrating in the vessel which is to sail on the 15 August next. A thing \_ impossible. Such a notice, of a few weeks, is all swell for those gentlemen who have been preparing the two or three last years, or for adventurers who have neither engagements or property to detain them in arranging. But the Directors cannot surely suppose that "heads of families" who never heard of the project three weeks ago can possibly avail themselves of such an offer. If my impression is erroneous, however, in this respect, you will no doubt inform me immediately, and I shall then be ready to subscribe my name to the printed form. It was on the sole trust and faith of your written answers to my enquiries, as secretary, and those of Dr Evans, as chairman, also in writing, that these regulations regarding free passages to purchasers would be available for myself and family although I did not go in the first vessel that I was induced to pay the deposit upon so many sections. This correspondence has been laid before competent judges, and has been pronounced legally binding. I should be sorry if this question should be viewed in a different light by the Directors because it would then lead to a public protest, on my part, of what appears to me a breach of good faith. I trust, however, that I may have mistaken the purport of the printed notice.

PS Dr Evan's letter is most explicit, he mentions six months after this period as the probable time. The enclosures were written before the receipt of your note this morning. The announcement of my name in your advertisements, without, I may observe, any prior communication with me, has drawn upon me a host of correspondents, utterly unknown, full of questions and queries, many of these regard the matter now of issue, and I must therefore beg from you as explicit an answer, regarding the intentions of the Directors, as possible.

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Folio 191 No.579 Edward Scott, Hoe Garden House, Plymouth 13 Jun 1839  
His son wishes to emigrate to New Zealand and take out an experienced farmer with his family.

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Folio 193 No.580 William Swainson, Lyttonhanger Green nr London Colney, Barnet 14 Jul 1839

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Folio 197 No.581 William Swainson, Lyttonhanger Green nr London Colney, Barnet 14 Jul 1839  
Mentions Joseph Parker, Great George Street.

Folios 201-202 List of Recent Shells presented to the First Colonists of New Zealand for the foundation of a Public Museum.

Folio 203 Reference to donating land for a church and contributing towards education services

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Folio 204 No.582 W. L. Sammons, Bath 29 Jul 1839  
Offers services as sub-editor, reporter for the New Zealand Gazette

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Folio 206 No.583 James Todd, 22 Princes Street, Derry Lane 01 Jul 1839  
Was employed nearly five years on Ordnance Survey of Ireland, on the Railway Survey and the Parish Surveys now going on for the commutation of Tithes. Is a Scotsman by birth, 30yrs of age. Understands the construction of buildings having a knowledge from my father who was in that line.

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Folio 208 No.584 Arthur Willis, 3 Crosby Square 26 Jul 1839  
Dear Sir, Mr Thomas Tate whose name stands in your Books for two sections of land having transferred one of them to Mr Kenneth Bethune, a Gentleman who is going out to establish a Commercial House under the firm of Willis & Co., at the Company's principal station, I have paid into Messrs Smith & Co. £210 for these two sections and by the favor of you to have them placed in the names of Mr Thomas Tate for one and Mr Kenneth Bethune also one section. I beg to claim for Mr Tate a Passage for himself, his wife and an infant 18 months old, in the first Vessel to proceed to the Colony in September. He wishes a Cabin passage with No.2 Dietary and will pay Cash for so much of the charge as may exceed his privileges. He will send in his claim in due form.

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Folio 210 No.585 Elizabeth Whitehead, Liverpool 04 Jul 1839  
Sir, I beg to inform you that Captain Whitehead sailed in the British Queen steamer for Cork on Tuesday last with the instruction of proceeding in her to London which will occasion a few days delay before he can acknowledge the appointment given him by the Directors of the New Zealand Land Company.

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Folio 212 No.586 B. Warden, 31 Charles Street, Middlesex Hospital, St Marylebone 08 Jul 1839  
Sirs, In 1819 I emigrated to Algoa Bay under sanction of Government and remained three years in the Colony, on my return I settled in St Marylebone and have been 13 years a householder in business as a sadler, 7 years of which I have been Paving Clerk to the Vestry and am known to J. Hume Esq., M.P., Mr Foggo and most of the leading Reformers. Having acquired a practical knowledge of emigration and highly approving of the superior plans and arrangements of the New Zealand Land Company I feel a great desire to assist by recommending the most fit and proper persons to emigrate under the auspices of the Company. With this view permit me most respectfully to submit the names of the following persons of the working class all of whom I have known some time, they have applied at the Office and I believe registered their names, they are very moral and well behaved men, highly intelligent for work people most of them have belonged to Mechanics Institute, and have acquired some scientific knowledge, their skill as workmen may be depended on and their health resulting from uniform and undeviating sobriety is of the very best kind, and on examination they will be found the most fit of any of the working classes I have known and can with confidence recommend to your approval.

J. Robottom, machinist, married, aged 22  
John Woods, smith and machinist, aged 22, single  
William Story, brickmaker and agriculturalist, 24, single  
Arthur Haywood, excavator, miner and sawyer, aged 22, single  
John Dufty, baker and gardener, aged 27, single  
David Jones, carpenter, builder and architect, 22, single  
Henry Shakespear, joiner, cabinetmaker and turner, married, no children, aged 22  
Benjamin Timms, boot and shoemaker, 25yrs, married, one child about 2 years old

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Folio 213 No.587 Box A.18 & 3 India Buildings, Liverpool 10 Jul 1839  
Acknowledges appointment as Agent for the New Zealand Land Company in Liverpool

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Folio 215 No.588 W. Watson, Chorlton Upon Medlock, Manchester 13 Jul 1839  
Sir, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter July 2<sup>nd</sup> and the regulations as to passage. I should have acknowledged them before now if it had not been through the death of my father which has caused me to be much from home since. I see from the regulations that I am bound to give certain declarations. I would rather take my own passage and my wife and children's and also one or two servants and sent the agreement for the Gentlemen of the committee to be approved of as I have known several that have gone out to South Australia for as little as the steerage passage, and the families had a cabin to themselves and had the same allowance as the steerage passengers... 1<sup>st</sup> I have also to state that it would be June or July 1840 before I could leave England as I am in business as a butcher and it would be Christmas before I could give it up and then I should have my accounts to collect in before I could go. 2<sup>nd</sup> I have only a small capital and it requires me to deal with economy as much as possible, I should feel extremely obliged to the Gentlemen of the Committee if they would allow me to go from Liverpool as it would save me a deal of expence of getting ourselves to the vessel... W. Watson aged 33yrs last 28<sup>th</sup> May, my wife aged 28 last April, my son Robert aged 7yrs last November, my daughter Ellen aged 5yrs last January, my daughter Sarah Jane aged 5yrs last January, my son John aged 1yr last February and either one or two servants...

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Folio 217 No.589 James Calvert, 6A Buckingham Street, Adelphi 13 Jul 1839  
Sir, In the absence of Mr C. D. Wittenoom I opened (although not authorised so to do) the printed "Public Notice" which you addressed to him and bearing date the 29<sup>th</sup> June. That Gentleman having previously left England for Italy with the intention of returning to London by the 1<sup>st</sup> of August next, I deem it right to apprise you thereof, in order that his silence may not be supposed to arise from an intention not to avail of his privilege to claim from the Emigration fund free passages to the extent of 75 per cent of his purchase monies.

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Folio 219 No.590 John Watson, 2 Gerrard Street, Soho 17 Jul 1839

Sir, Eliza Watson is my sister she would be glad to make an engagement with any respectable family or lady (as a Domestic servant) going to settle at New Zealand, she can have a good character from her last situation in which she lived between two and three years. I would have advertised but I thought that if you would pardon the liberty taken I had better ask your advice first. PS some days since I sent in an application for a free passage for myself...

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Folio 220 No.591 Joseph Ward, 44 Marshall Street, Golden Square 20 Jul 1839

Gentlemen, I beg to offer my services as Surgeon to one or your vessels proceeding with emigrants to the intended station in New Zealand. I have served an apprenticeship with a surgeon and studied two years in Edinburgh but am not able to continue attendance at examinations. I have a wife and infant six weeks old and shall consider a free passage for myself and them, a sufficient remuneration.

Copy of the Certificate of the Gentleman to who I was articled.

I have great pleasure in testifying the uniform and good conduct of Mr Joseph Ward who was my apprentice for five years, during which time he manifested a great zeal for knowledge and applied himself diligently to the study and practice of his profession, gaining the esteem of all who knew him, by his amicable manners & exemplary moral character. J. N. Thompson, Nottingham 22 Jan 1838

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Folio 221 No.592 J. R. Williams, Chief Officer, Coast Guard, Deal 25 Jul 1839

Sir, As the Secretary to the New Zealand Company, I take the liberty of addressing you and shall be much obliged by you making the same known to the Directors. I am in the prime of life, was brought up in the Royal Navy in which I served six years; I have served four years in the Country Service out of Bombay during part of which time I commanded of Ship of 320 tons. For the last 13 years I have served as Chief Officer in the Coast Guard which situation I now hold. I perfectly understand Marine surveying, am a good Artist, and have contributed by my pencil and talents to several private surveys of Coast. I perfectly understand, and am competent to fill the situation of a Harbour Master; have a knowledge of field fortifications, the use of Artillery and the training drilling the Crews of the Coast Guard Stations I have served at; I have a general knowledge of most branches of Service, including Surgery, and flatter myself that I should be found useful in a new Colony. Certificates of my good conduct and ability from the Officers I have served under can be provided. I therefore beg most respectfully to offer my services to the Directors and if they \_ me by an acceptance of them, would be ready to sail with the first Ships, stated in the papers to take place in August. Good Surveys of the Coast and Harbours of New Zealand would contribute much to the benefit of the Colony. If you Sir will favour me with an early answer, stating whether the Directors would like to engage my services, which I flatter myself would be found useful, and the terms: or, if they can hold out any other inducement to settle there, I shall feel particularly obliged.

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Folio 223 No.593 Henry Weymouth, Hatter &c, Green Market, Penzance 27 Jul 1839

Sir, There are several families here desirous of emigrating to New Zealand, and as there is neither Agent here to whom they can apply for information on the subject, I write to say that I shall be glad to receive an appointment as such for this Town and neighbourhood. I have seen the Prospectus issued by the New Zealand Land Company and am anxious for my own information as well as others, to have replies to the following questions.

1<sup>st</sup> Are there any Country and Town Sections unsold and if so how many?

2<sup>nd</sup> The amount to be paid for passage in the different accommodations on board vessel together with a scale of victualleny

3<sup>rd</sup> When the 75 percent of the purchase money is to be appropriated towards defraying the \_ of the purchase... family in taking them out

4<sup>th</sup> How long the Company is likely to be before call for the payment in full

5<sup>th</sup> When another vessel is likely to leave after the one in August

By replying to those questions you will greatly oblige me and any other information you may have in your power to supply I shall be happy to receive.

I have a first cousin in New Zealand, in fact he has been there five years and from the accounts of the place sent by him I have a good opinion of it. The families here who \_ of going are strictly religious and could a Capital of from 4 to 500 each.,

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Folio 225 No.594 3 Arthur Willis, Crosby Square 27 Jul 1839

Dear Sir, At the particular request of several friends who are large Shippers to my different establishments at Sydney, Hobart Town, Launceston & Melbourne, and with a view to the supply of the New Zealand Colonies with Sheep and Cattle from Sydney and Van Diemen's Land; I have determined on the formation of a Commercial Establishment at the principal station of the Company under the firm of Willis & Co. and with this view Mr Kenneth Bethune a Gentleman of considerable business talent who has been some time in my Counting House will proceed to New Zealand. Mr Bethune having a section of Land will claim a passage in one of the Companies Vessels, but as Mr Somes appears desirous that he should accompany Mr Hanson on board the *Cuba* in charge of the Goods Mr Bethune will make a point of doing so if the Directors think he can be useful in aiding the objects entrusted to Mr Hanson, and his gratuitous services in assisting Mr Hanson are at the service of the Company. I have thought it right to announce to you my intended business establishment and that I shall take measures for sending out such supplies as may be useful to the Settlers.

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Folio 227 No.595 Captain W. H. Whitehead, No.3 India Buildings, Liverpool 29 July 1839

Sir, The conditions &c for hiring two ships for the New Zealand Land Company came duly to hand but none of our Ship Owners were inclined to comply with the terms. No applications were made for Land which may attribute to the state of the money market partly – an impression prevails that Land may be selected and secured by any person going out on very easy terms. Some parties who have already been there are about to proceed to take possession of grants made by different chiefs. Will there be any further quantity beyond the 110,000 acres, offered to the Public on similar terms? I shall venture to give a letter of introduction to Mr John Ridgway who is now daily expecting a Ship in London from New Zealand with an assorted Cargo.

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Folio 229 No.596 Lee Wright, 389 Rotherhithe 30 Jul 1839

Sir, Upon application at your office today I was told that the berth I sought was only to be obtained by making a formal application to yourself. I am anxious to obtain a berth as surgeon of a ship carrying out emigrants and should have been happy to have had the *Aurora* had she not been engaged, another however would suit as well... As regards... I am a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in London and also Licentiate of the Apothecaries Hall in London. I left England in the *Kellie Castle* of 1418 tons register in which I remained until she was lost last November in the China sea and only returned last month. Should I not be approved of by the Directors an early answer will oblige. Any reference that is required as to qualification or respectability will be immediately given.

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Folio 231 No.597 William F. G. Waldron, Cambrian Hotel, Great Russell Street, Covent Garden

Sir, Your promised statement has not yet come to hand. Allow me now to request your making known to the Emigrants who will form the First Colony my proposition to undertake due Gospel Ministration on the voyage and in the land of settlement. Should unanimity prevail for this essential means of blessing the New Zealand Land Company would probably considerably lighten the purchase sum for the qualification as land holder, so that the erection of a House of Prayer would be an early and specified object along with the continual services and offices of marriage, baptism &c. To me, gain must be forborne, competency requisite for the proper discharge of my high trust being all that for myself and my own household can be desirable in temporal affairs. The eternal interests of all Christ's members who there shall profess his name – the enlargement of his kingdom among men and the hope to raise up others who shall prepare his way whilst we await his sentence, these will be prominent regards in a congregation “zealous of good works.”

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Folio 233 No.598 C. R. Barker, Surfleet 27 Jun 1839

Sir, Having seen the advertisement in the \_ sun of last Sunday I shall feel much obliged if you will take the trouble of sending me every requisite information concerning the Colony now going to New Zealand and on what Condition the Company will take a mechanic and his wife aged 35. By trade a Cabinet maker and turner.

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Folio 235 No.599 E. T. Fox, Tunbridge Town 25 Jun 1839

Sir, I beg to know if I am eligible for a free passage to the Colony of New Zealand. I am 34 years of age, married, but my wife not leave England till I am settled. I am a Plumber, Glazier and Painter and nearly equally handy as a common carpenter, bricklayer or any part of a Building or Farm work. Generally have no objection to turn my hand to any thing to make myself useful. I have a good stock of various tools and turning lathe and circular saw machine to work with the foot and knowledge. I had strong recommendations to the Australian Company last year, but my wife objected, one of your Directors... testimonials which were with Mr Whiting our agent at Maidstone who would speak for me. I should be ready to leave with the first vessel if you think me worth your notice.

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Folio 236 No.600 Braintree, Essex 29 Jun 1839

Gentlemen, Understanding you are about to colonise New Zealand we have taken the liberty of informing you that it is our desire to go provided it meets your approbation and provided we can obtain such information as shall lead us to form a satisfactory judgment of the probability of succeeding in such an important enterprise. We are anxious to be informed whether we can be supplied with money to enable us to procure tools & materials &c prior to embarking. There are several mechanics in this town who are willing to go but cannot without some little assistance which they will pay as soon as lies in their power. There are two of us who after mature deliberation are determined upon going if possible and therefore we make this application. One is a married man with two small children; his age is 27 he is a boot & shoe maker and has some knowledge of agriculture – the other is a young man 23 years old single a Brazier & tinman. As character is of the utmost importance in reference to emigrants we beg to inform the directors that we can have a recommendation from some of the most respectable persons in this town. The persons we refer to are the Rev John Carter, Michael Lane Esq., and Mr F. William Shave, Ironmonger. If the Directors think our trades will not answer there we are willing to in any other capacity till there is a probability of getting on. All we have further to say is that we are in good health and have never wanted medical aid and that by answering this letter you will greatly oblige your humble servants. Joseph Rust and Thomas Walford. P.S. Direct to Joseph Rust, Boot & Shoemaker, New Street, Braintree, Essex.

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