

Enclosure 4 in No. 10.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF DR. FLORENTINO GONZALES TO MR. R. MOORE, OF 27 NOVEMBER, 1859.

MY DEAR SIR,—

Your esteemed favours of the 30th September and 16th October have been received rather too late, owing to a mistake in the address, notwithstanding I had time enough to acquaint the President and Ministers with your views about the transport of mails through the Isthmus, upon paying a moderate postage. They fully agree in the expediency of diminishing the postage, and of granting the advantages you wish for. But as nothing of the kind can be done by the Executive Government, the President and the Ministers have limited themselves to promise their assistance, in Congress, to my exertions to obtain the concessions wanted by the Company.

Should the Australasian and Pacific Company be resolved to undertake the steam communication with Australia *via* Panama, or any other part of New Granada, they may rely upon the warmest co-operation of the members of the Executive Government of this country; and I can confidently undertake to have the necessary legislative Acts passed through the Congress, to enable the Company to carry out the enterprise.

If a power of attorney is sent to me to apply to next Congress on behalf of the Company for the concession you want, that document should be sent as soon as possible, as Congress meets on the 1st of February, and no time is to be lost. The said document is to be accompanied with detailed instructions about the concessions wanted. Besides, it would be useful to annex the deed vouching the formation of the Company, and certificate of the Granadian Minister, and of the Consul in London, testifying the respectability of the Company, and their ability to carry into effect what they promise.

With these documents I will be able to obtain all the concessions you want.

This is all the information I am able to give you about what it is possible to do for giving you the assistance wanted from this country to carry into effect the intended communication with Australia. I will do my best to obtain the greatest advantage for the Company, if I am entrusted to act for them in this country.

I am, &c.,

FLORENTINO GONZALES.

R. Moore, Esq.,
&c. &c.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF DR. FLORENTINO GONZALES TO MR. R. MOORE, OF 26 JANUARY, 1859.

I informed you in my last letter that the New-Granadian Government was disposed to make any reasonable concessions to a serious company. This I affirm once more, so that should you be decided to select the New-Granadian Route for the service of the steamers, you may reckon upon earnest support from the Government.

If you have adopted the suggestions I made in my last letter, and I receive your instructions by next mail, I will take the necessary steps to secure a concession for your Company. If your instructions come afterwards, I will entrust a trusty and influential person to act in your behalf, as I start next month for Santiago de Chile, as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the New-Granadian Government, to make some international arrangements.

Enclosure 5 in No. 10.

SIR EDWARD BELCHER'S CORRECTION OF HIS EVIDENCE BEFORE LORD JOCELYN'S COMMITTEE OF 1851 (Steam to India.)

Union Club, 28 October, 1858.

DEAR SIR,—

I send you the computed distances. It appears evident to me that my evidence has been misprinted.

I see clearly now, that on my view of the easterly return, I maintained (as you may observe in the calculations) that they must take the 40th parallel; and the computation proves that, by retaining the 41st parallel up to 160°, when the trade would become a leading wind, to the Gambier Group, that the difference between this and the direct route would have been trivial—exactly what I knew in my own mind, without the trouble of computation, it should be. Therefore, the distances, as far as regards your purposes, will stand as follows:—

Panama to Galapagos	-	-	-	-	896·42
Galapagos to Gambier Islands	-	-	-	-	285·22
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Direct from Panama	-	-	-	-	3788·
Gambier to New Zealand	-	-	-	-	2756·90
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