

D.—No. 1. B. 2 PAPERS RELATING TO NEW ZEALAND MAIL SERVICE.

1865, be merely a moiety of the amount applicable to such service, namely, £6,500 a year, according so far, to the arrangement in existence with reference to the General Australian Service.

I have, &c.,

F. PEEL.

Sir F. Rogers, Bart,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 2.

MEMORANDUM FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

His Excellency the Governor is respectfully requested to inform Her Majesty's Secretary of State in reply to dispatch No. 9, of the 25th August, 1864, that notice was given on the 30th September, 1864, to the Inter-Colonial Royal Mail Company, to terminate on 1st November, 1865, the Contract entered into by the Board of Admiralty in 1858.

J. L. C. RICHARDSON,

Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
5th December, 1864.

No. 3.

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING OUTSTANDING CLAIMS OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT ON POSTAL ACCOUNT.

Downing-street, 20th February, 1865.

SIR,—

I enclose the copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, with its enclosures, from which you will perceive that the amount due from the colony of New Zealand on account of the Mail Packet Service up to the 31st of December, 1865, amounts to £51,318 4s. 1d. (Fifty-one thousand three hundred and eighteen pounds four shillings, and one penny) of which a very large proportion consists of arrears accruing during or previously to the year 1864.

I request that you will place these papers before your advisers, and will urge upon them the propriety of taking prompt steps for the payment of these arrears and the regular liquidation of the claim in future.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Governor Sir G. Grey, K. C. B.,
&c., &c., &c.

Enclosure to No. 3.

Treasury Chambers, 16th February, 1865.

SIR,—

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit herewith copy of a letter from the Postmaster General, dated the 4th instant, forwarding the annual account of the sums due from the Australian Colonies and from New Zealand as their contribution towards the Packet Service for 1865, together with a copy of its enclosures; and I am to request that you will move Mr. Secretary Cardwell to cause communications to be made to the Governments of the several Australian Colonies and of New Zealand, with a view of obtaining a punctual discharge of their liabilities.

I am further to request that the particular attention of the Governments of Victoria, New Zealand, and Western Australia may be called to the very considerable arrears due from those Colonies respectively, and that they may be urged to take immediate steps for clearing of the arrears in question.

I am, &c.,

F. PEEL.

Sir F. Rogers, Bart.
&c., &c., &c.
