

Extract of letter from the SECRETARY to the General Post Office to Mr. SHEATH.

(APPENDIX.)

Wellington, 9th June, 1865.

I have been instructed by the Postmaster-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, as per margin, (May 30, 1865), on the subject of increasing the establishment of the Electric Telegraph Department from £6,250, as proposed under scale E in your letter of the 15th November, 1864, and sanctioned by Government in my letter of the 1st February last, to £8,750. * * *

In your letter under reply you propose to increase the staff from £6,250, as mentioned in your letter of Nov. 15, 1864, to £8,750, and your recommendation is apparently based upon the results of some few days' receipts.

I am instructed to inform you that before sanctioning such an increase it will be necessary for you to forward to me a detailed statement exhibiting the return of each station on the line, with the tariff in use, and to explain whether any, and if any, what additions are required at each station, and the grounds on which each recommendation is based.

On receipt of this information, so necessary to the formation of a sound judgement, the Postmaster General will take the sense of the Government on the subject.

Copy of letter from the SECRETARY to the General Post Office to Mr. SHEATH.

SIR,—

Wellington, 21st July, 1865.

With reference to your letter of the 15th instant, suggesting that five line men be appointed to reside at the Telegraph stations noted in the margin, at salaries at the rate of one hundred and fifty pounds per annum, with allowances of 5s. per day each while actually travelling, and actual outlays for coach-fares, I am directed to inform you that your suggestions have been approved as a temporary arrangement.

I have, &c.,

G. ELIOTT ELIOTT.

Copy of letter from the SECRETARY to the General Post Office to Mr. SHEATH.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, August 8, 1865.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter as per margin (July 28, 1865), and in reply I am directed to inform you that the appointments of Messrs. Brisne and Logan to be line men at Christchurch and Dunedin respectively have been approved by the Postmaster-General.

I have, &c.,

G. ELIOTT ELIOTT.

Extract of letter from the SECRETARY to the General Post Office to Mr. SHEATH.

Wellington, August 19, 1865.

I am directed by the Honorable the Postmaster-General to direct you to make such preliminary arrangements as may be necessary, preparatory to the establishment of Telegraphic stations at Clutha Ferry, Tokomairiro, and Kaiapoi.

It is proposed that these offices should be in connection with the several Post Offices at these places which will necessitate additions to the present Post Offices at the two latter, and a new building suitable both as a Post Office and Telegraph Office at Clutha Ferry. * * * * *