

PAYMENTS to the P.N.Z. and A.R.M. COMPANY.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
34 payments by New Zealand (as per annexed list)						
of £4,583 6s. 8d. each* ...	155,833	6	8			
Less, refund by New South Wales	16,041	13	4			
				139,791	13	4
25 monthly payments by New South Wales, at						
£4,583 6s. 8d. each ...	114,583	6	8			
Payment on account, in February, 1869 ...	2,291	13	4			
Refund to New Zealand ...	16,041	13	4			
	132,916	13	4			
Balance due from New South Wales	6,875	0	0	139,791	13	4
				<u>£279,583</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

* Less the penalties deducted, including £2,625 for non-despatch of steamers in January and February.

Enclosure 3 in No. 42.

ANSWERS to QUESTIONS of the TREASURY ACCOUNTANT of NEW SOUTH WALES.
(Queries dated 15th February, 1869.)

Queries.

1. When did the Panama Mail Service begin?
2. At what date is it considered to have terminated?
3. Has it been continuous, and carried out to the satisfaction of both Governments?
4. What is the amount of subsidies for the whole period of service, and how much is payable by New South Wales?
5. Is this Colony entitled to participate in the penalties inflicted or to be inflicted upon the Company?
6. In the event of its being agreed upon that New South Wales is entitled to a moiety of the penalties, will the Government insist upon their recovery?
7. Has any reduction in the annual subsidies such as that referred to in Dr. Featherston's Memorandum of 10th March, 1865, taken place; if so, what is the amount?
8. Are any portion of the monthly subsidies payable to the Company for the mail which arrived from Panama on the 3rd instant, and for the one expected in March next, on account of which an advance of £2,291 13s. 4d. has been made to the Government of New Zealand, pending a reference thereto on the subject.

Answers.

1. On the 15th June, 1866.
2. On the 3rd March, 1869.
3. It has been continuous. It has been carried out to the satisfaction of the Government of New Zealand, and it is believed also to that of New South Wales.
4. The answer to this is given in Enclosures 1 and 2.
- 5, 6. By the agreement between the two Colonies, all penalties are paid to, and all premiums are paid by, New Zealand.
7. The sea postage, collected by the Imperial Post Office and credited to New Zealand, is made a matter of separate account between the two Colonies.
8. Answered in Statements Nos. 1 and 2.