

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE

These vessels are appointed to sail from San Francisco, on the outward voyage, on the 10th of each month, and mails will accordingly be made up in this country, for transmission by the new line of packets, on such dates as will, in all probability, insure their reaching San Francisco previous to the appointed date of sailing.

The following table shows the dates on which the mails for New Zealand will be made up during the present year. Three despatches will be made in each month ; but although it may reasonably be expected that mails sent by the latest despatch will reach San Francisco before the departure of the packet, the public are recommended to post their correspondence in time to be forwarded by one of the previous despatches :—

Month.	Dates of Despatch from London.				Port of Embarkation.
May	Tuesday, 17th	Thursday, 19th	Saturday 21st ... ..	...	Queenstown.
June	Thursday, 16th	Saturday, 18th ... ..	...	...	Queenstown.
...	...	...	...	...	Southampton.
July	Tuesday, 19th (Morning)	...	Tuesday, 21st (Morning)	...	Southampton.
...	...	...	...	...	Queenstown.
August	Tuesday, 16th	Thursday, 18th	Thursday, 21st ... ..	...	Queenstown.
...	...	...	...	...	Queenstown.
September	Saturday, 17th ... ..	...	Saturday, 20th	Tuesday, 20th (Evening)	Queenstown.
...	...	...	...	...	Southampton.
October	Tuesday, 18th	Thursday, 20th	Saturday, 22nd ... ..	...	Queenstown.
November	Tuesday, 15th	Thursday, 17th	Saturday, 19th ... ..	...	Queenstown.
December	Saturday, 17th	Tuesday, 20th	Thursday, 22nd ... ..	...	Queenstown.

N.B.—On those occasions when the mails are despatched *via* Queenstown, mails will be made up at Liverpool on the same day as in London, and at Dublin on the following day.

The following are the rates of postage which will be chargeable upon the correspondence so forwarded, and these rates must be pre-paid :—

Letters.—Sixpence per half-ounce.
Newspapers, book packets, and patterns :—

For each Newspaper duly Registered at the General Post Office for transmission abroad.		For a Book Packet or Packet of Patterns or Samples.			
Not exceeding 4 oz.	For every additional 4 oz.	Not exceeding 1 oz. in weight.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 oz.	Above 2 oz. and not exceeding 4 oz.	For every additional 4 oz.
1d.	1d.	1d.	2d.	4d.	4d.

All correspondence for New Zealand will, as a rule, be henceforth forwarded *via* San Francisco, in the absence of any special indication to the contrary ; but letters, &c., for the Australian Colonies generally, will continue to be forwarded *via* Suez, unless specially addressed to be forwarded *via* San Francisco, and in such case they will be liable to the same rates of postage as correspondence for New Zealand.

By command of the Postmaster-General.

General Post Office, 9th May, 1870.

No. 23.

MEMORANDUM by the INSPECTOR of POST OFFICES, New Zealand, attached to the foregoing Letter. THE mail just arrived from London *via* San Francisco was received in the manner here described. Our Mail Agents should be instructed to sort the mails from New Zealand for the United Kingdom, as requested by the London Office ; for which purpose, new forms of letter bills, acknowledgments, and labels will be necessary.

As none of the Australian Colonies seem disposed to contribute to the maintenance of this service, I would beg to suggest, that they be informed that this Department will refuse to convey mails either to or from them by this service, for or from places other than New Zealand, so long as they decline contributing towards the line. I would suggest, also, that the Post Offices of London, Washington, Canada, Vancouver Island, Panama, and Honolulu be instructed to forward all correspondence from them, and offices under their control, for the Australian Colonies, by way of Suez, whether specially directed *via* San Francisco or not.

Should this be approved of, I would further suggest that the Mail Agent be instructed to cause all mails on board the mail steamer, on her arrival at Auckland from Sydney, to be landed and sent to the Post Office at Auckland, and those for places other than New Zealand to be returned to Sydney by first opportunity.

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