

Enclosure 4 in No. 31.

Messrs. JOHN MACKRELL and Co. to the AGENT-GENERAL.

Old Postal Contracts.

DEAR SIR JULIUS,—

21, Cannon Street, London, 3rd March, 1877.

We have, as instructed, remitted the £120 to Messrs. Foster and Thomson, and requested them to take every precaution to prevent the proceedings being prejudiced by any further delay.

We presume that you intended the balance in our hands to be applied so far as it would go in payment of the solicitor to the New South Wales Government and ourselves with reference to the pending proceedings.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

We have, &c.,

JOHN MACKRELL AND CO.

Enclosure 5 in No. 31.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Sydney, to Mr. FORSTER, London.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 6th March, 1877.

OFFER of ten thousand pounds will be accepted, subject to approval of Parliament.

Mr. Forster.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Enclosure 6 in No. 31.

Mr. FORSTER and the Hon. Sir J. VOGEL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

7th March, 1877.

TELEGRAM 6th received. Instruct definitely whether pending approval Parliament, and before actual receipt of money, actions are or are not to be discontinued.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Sydney.

FORSTER.

VOGEL.

Enclosure 7 in No. 31.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Sydney, to Mr. FORSTER and the Hon. Sir JULIUS VOGEL.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 22nd March, 1877.

Re Cunningham: Can only be done when the Assembly has approved. Ministry sent in resignation. Parkes sent for.

Mr. Forster.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Sir Julius Vogel.

No. 32.

The Hon. GEO. McLEAN to the Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Agent-General, London.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 2nd June, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th April last, addressed to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, having reference to the legal proceedings instituted against Mr. E. Cunningham, as surety for the Messrs. H. H. Hall and P. Forbes, principals to the late San Francisco Mail Service Contract.

By the present mail you will receive a power of attorney, authorizing you to act in such manner as you may consider best for the interests of this colony.

I have, &c.,

Sir Julius Vogel, K.C.M.G.,

GEORGE McLEAN.

Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 33.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Sydney, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 23rd May, 1877.

I HAVE received following telegram from Forster and Vogel, dated 19th instant:—Cunningham settled. Let each Postmaster-General execute immediately power of attorney to Agent-General of his colony authorizing execution of full release to Forbes and Cunningham, and assignment to them of claims on De Bussche. Advise when done, advise New Zealand.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. 34.

The Hon. GEO. McLEAN to the Hon. Sir J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 2nd June, 1877.

I do myself the honor to enclose copies of correspondence exchanged between the Government of New South Wales and this Government in the matter of the compromise with Mr. Cunningham.

In compliance with the request made by the Colonial Secretary of New South Wales in his telegram of the 23rd ultimo, also enclosed, I have executed the necessary power of attorney in your favour, and which I now beg to forward you.*

I have, &c.,

Sir Julius Vogel, K.C.M.G.,

GEO. McLEAN.

Agent-General for New Zealand, London.