

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 46.

Mr. SCOTT to Messrs. FOSTER and THOMSON, New York.

Office of Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 6, Bowling Green,
New York, 24th September, 1876.

DEAR SIRS,—

I have received your favour of the 21st instant.

I cannot see any justice or reason in asking this Company to meet expenses incurred by the Commissioners' representatives.

We had our own attorney, whose charges for services in the matter we must meet, and who was fully competent to draw up the power of attorney required.

I will call the matter to the attention of the Board, but am very confident they will agree with the views I express.

I have, &c.,

GEO. S. SCOTT,

Vice-President.

Messrs. Foster and Thomson, 69, Wall Street.

No. 47.

The Hon. H. A. ATKINSON to the Hon. SIR J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 6th January, 1877.

I have the honor to forward, for your information, copies of correspondence, together with the various Ministerial and departmental minutes thereon indorsed, which has taken place since the month of June last, in connection with a claim preferred by Messrs. John Mackrell and Co., of London, for costs amounting to £119 4s. 6d., incurred by their New York agents, Messrs. Foster and Thomson, in arranging the preliminaries of the present San Francisco Mail Contract, the half of which amount, in consequence of representations from Messrs. Mackrell and Co., it was decided to deduct from moneys payable to the Sydney agents of the Contractors.

The amount was accordingly deducted, and you will observe that considerable demur has been made by the Contractors to the course adopted.

The present correspondence, which embodies all action taken in this matter since the time you held office as Postmaster-General, is forwarded to you in the hope that, by personal interview with Messrs. Mackrell and Co. and the agents of the Contractors, an amicable and satisfactory adjustment of the claim may be determined.

In the meantime, the Government will await the receipt of a communication from you on the subject before taking further action.

I have, &c.,

H. A. ATKINSON.

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

Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 48.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
6th March, 1877.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by San Francisco mail on the 5th instant, of your letter of the 6th January last, *re* claim on mail contracts, which shall have immediate attention.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

No. 49.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
9th March, 1877.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6th January, on the subject of the claim of Messrs. John Mackrell and Co., in connection with the arrangement of the preliminaries of the present San Francisco Mail Contract.

I have communicated with the Agent-General for New South Wales, and, after consultation with him, will do what seems best in the matter.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

No. 50.

Messrs. GILCHRIST, WATT, and Co. to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,—

Sydney, 9th March, 1877.

We have the honor to annex copy of the following letter received by us from head office:—