

course to adopt is not to collect any New Zealand terminal charge from senders in this colony, but to collect cable rate to Wakapuaka and our own terminal charge only, leaving New Zealand to fix and collect their own land tariff both ways. We shall commence this arrangement 4th November.

Hon. Sir Julius Vogel, Wellington.

F. B. SUTTOR.

No. 106.

The PRESIDENT, Chamber of Commerce, Auckland, to the Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 3rd November, 1886.

RE cable charges. Council of Chamber meet to-day, 2.30. Advise us as to prospects of settlement.

JOHN LAMB,

President.

The Hon. Sir J. Vogel, Christchurch.

No. 107.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch, to the PRESIDENT, Chamber of Commerce, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 3rd November, 1886.

RE cable charges. The Government have considered the matter many times in all its aspects, and will not give a subsidy. The company is trying to get up an agitation by means of the Melbourne *Argus* and otherwise, but I do not think it will have any effect on the Government. Regret not being able reply earlier.

John Lamb, Esq., Auckland.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 108.

The PRESIDENT, Chamber of Commerce, Auckland, to the Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 3rd November, 1886.

COUNCIL thank you for telegram. Commercial community much exercised over the excessive rates now imposed, and urge Government to bring matters in dispute to a speedy settlement. Presume you have strong reasons for refusing concessions offered by the company.

JOHN LAMB,

President.

The Hon. Sir J. Vogel, Christchurch.

No. 109.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch, to the PRESIDENT, Chamber of Commerce, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 17th November, 1886.

Your telegram incomprehensible. Please kindly explain its meaning. What excessive rates do you refer to? The public have not been charged more than they have hitherto paid; and the company now proposes to reduce Press rates. If a subsidy were paid it would only insure a penny a word reduction. You surely would not ask us to pay a subsidy for that. I fail also to understand your meaning about "concession offered by company." I know of no concession unless you consider a return to the *status quo ante* one, and that we have agreed to.

John Lamb, Esq., Auckland.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 110.

The PRESIDENT, Chamber of Commerce, Auckland, to the Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 18th November, 1886.

Re cable rates. Telegram misunderstood by you. Chamber thoroughly satisfied with arrangements made.

JOHN LAMB,

President.

The Hon. Sir J. Vogel, Christchurch.

No. 111.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Cable Company, to Dr. LEMON.

(Telegram.)

Wakapuaka, 4th November, 1886.

THE Postmaster-General of New South Wales has to-day notified this company that on and after to-morrow, the 4th instant, his department will cease to collect the terminal rates imposed by your Government on telegrams from Australia. I therefore beg to give you notice that the company cannot be held accountable for the same, and that the said telegrams will be handed to your department with that understanding.

Dr. Lemon.

W. W. BROWNING.

No. 112.

Dr. LEMON to the SUPERINTENDENT, Cable Company.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 4th November, 1886.

I AM instructed to say we decline to receive messages on any such condition; we adhere to our terminal rates. This in reply to your message of this morning.

The Superintendent, Cable Company.

C. LEMON.