

## No. 113.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL to the Hon. F. B. SUTTER.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 4th November, 1886.

I THINK you should help us and not the company in their exactions, and collect our inland rates irrespective of the new terminal rate on the same scale as hitherto, we collecting your inland rate. Let me know if you will do this. We find company's Superintendent at Wakapuaka forwarding to persons here copies of newspaper articles, as if he were Press agent. Do you allow these free on your lines? They should not be. We intend surcharging as ordinary messages. I wish to add, in case you may be influenced by statements made, that I have no personal feeling in the matter; am only carrying out decision of Cabinet.

The Hon. F. B. Sutter, Sydney.

JULIUS VOGEL.

## No. 114.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Cable Company, to Dr. LEMON.

(Telegram.)

Wakapuaka, 4th November, 1886.

IN reply to your telegram of to-day, I have the honour to inform you that this company will hand to your department all incoming intercolonial telegrams on the conditions mentioned in my telegram of to-day, and that, as the onus of stopping such messages will rest with your department, the company will not be in any way responsible.

W. W. BROWNING.

## No. 115.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch, to the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 5th November, 1886.

EXTENSION Company behaving badly; their officer in our buildings organizing Press agitation. Ask Silver how soon after order given could cable be ready for use, also would they agree construct, leaving Parliament option purchase or lease for term years with undertaking purchase.

The Agent-General, London.

JULIUS VOGEL.

## No. 116.

The AGENT-GENERAL, London, to the Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

London, 8th November, 1886.

CABLE. Seen Silverton. Time making about forty days. Voyage and laying eighty or ninety days. Price reduced to £155,000 or £160,000. Reply other question Wednesday.

The Hon. Sir J. Vogel.

F. D. BELL.

## No. 117.

The AGENT-GENERAL, London, to the Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

London, 10th November, 1886.

CABLE. Answer other question postponed till Friday, meanwhile can arrange with Eastern restore *status quo ante*, so that Parliament may consider question next session. Instruct me.

The Hon. Sir J. Vogel, Christchurch.

F. D. BELL.

## No. 118.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch, to the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 11th November, 1886.

COMPANY behaved very badly, but will agree to *status quo ante* for six months, provided Press rates lowered to 3d., with guarantee that Press revenue will not suffer by reduction.

The Agent-General, London.

JULIUS VOGEL.

## No. 119.

The AGENT-GENERAL, London, to the Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

London, 12th November, 1886.

CABLE. Pender accepts your terms. Silverton reply second question received; shall I telegraph particulars?

The Hon. Sir J. Vogel, Christchurch.

F. D. BELL.

## No. 120.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Christchurch, to the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 13th November, 1886.

SILVERTON by letter.

The Agent-General, London.

JULIUS VOGEL.