

## No. 2.

EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FRIDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1894. (No. 214 OF 1894.)

*Resolved*.—1. That this House empowers the Government to arrange for a renewal of the San Francisco mail-service for a period not exceeding three years.

2. That the basis of the payment for conveyance of mails from New Zealand shall be a rate of 11s. per pound on the net weight of the letters conveyed.

3. That all payments or contributions from Great Britain or other countries shall be receivable by the contractors, the colony's direct liability to be for payment of its outward letters only

4. That at least one New Zealand steamer in three shall be employed.

5. That the time between San Francisco and New Zealand shall not exceed twenty days. The port of call in the colony to be Auckland or Wellington, at the option of the contractors. No bonus to be paid for early arrival, and penalties, at the rate of £4 an hour, to be enforced only when late delivery exceeds forty-eight hours.

6. That all the provisions of the existing agreement, where not at variance with the foregoing provisions, shall be applicable to any new contract made under this authority

On motion of Hon. Mr Ward.

## No. 3.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney  
Sir,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 29th October, 1894.

I have the honour, by direction, to forward herewith copy of resolutions passed in the House of Representatives of this colony on the 12th instant, in reference to the renewal of the San Francisco mail-service for a period not exceeding three years.

Government has decided that the renewal shall be from year to year, and the contractors have accordingly been asked to renew for another twelve months.

The Postmaster-General understands that your Government will continue its contribution of £4,000 a year.

I have, &c.

The Deputy-Postmaster-General, Sydney.

W GRAY, Secretary

## No. 4.

The DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 20th November, 1894.

*Re* your letter 29th ultimo. Cabinet has approved of this colony continuing contribution four thousand 'Fr'isco service for another year subject to approval Parliament.

## No. 5.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGING DIRECTOR, Union Steam Ship Company

(Telegram.)

General Post Office, Wellington, 20th November, 1894.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL has again had question of renewal of San Francisco mail-service before him, and he directs me to offer you three years' renewal of the contract on your guaranteeing an improvement in the speed and providing better sorting accommodation on "Alameda" and "Mariposa." I observe from newspapers that "Arawa" replaces "Monowai." She will no doubt do better than "Monowai," and be able to accomplish passage in less than twenty days. Can you guarantee shortening of time by "Alameda" and "Mariposa" as well? Understand they can accomplish voyage in less than contract time without much effort.

## No. 6.

The MANAGING DIRECTOR, Union Steam Ship Company, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 22nd November, 1894.

WE have chartered "Arawa" to replace "Monowai" in San Francisco service. She will be able to maintain required speed, afford ample accommodation for mails and passengers, and comply with provisions of contract in all respects. Shall be glad if you will signify your approval of exchange.

## No. 7

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGING DIRECTOR, Union Steam Ship Company

(Telegram.)

General Post Office, Wellington, 22nd November, 1894.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL approves of "Arawa" replacing "Monowai" 'Fr'isco service.