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The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, New Zealand Shipping Company, Wellington (representing the Canadian-Australian R.M.S. Company).

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 11th June, 1898.

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, requesting that the penalties incurred by the late departures and arrival from and at Wellington of certain of the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company's mail-contract steamers might be waived.

In reply, I am to inform you that the Postmaster-General has decided meanwhile to pay the earnings of the steamers less the penalties incurred, and to consider later on whether these penalties shall or shall not be enforced.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The General Manager, New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited), Christchurch.

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