# No. 47.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the RESIDENT AGENT for NEW ZEALAND, San Francisco.

Wellington, 14th February, 1899. COMMENCING next month, Fr'isco steamers leave Auckland Monday.

#### No. 48.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Managing Director, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

General Post Office, Wellington, 14th February, 1899. SIR.-Referring to previous correspondence, I have now the honour to inform you that the New South Wales Government has agreed to the proposed change in the day of departure of the San Francisco mail-steamers from Auckland. It is therefore requested that, commencing with the "Mariposa" leaving Auckland on the 20th March, you will be good enough to arrange that the steamers leave that port on the Monday instead of the Saturday as heretofore. An approved timetable will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

As the foregoing change will necessitate a correspondingly later departure of the mail from ports south of Auckland, I should be glad if you would inform me at your early convenience what arrangements you propose to make for conveying the mails from Wellington to Onehunga.

I have, &c., W. Gray, Secretary. The Managing Director, Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited), Dunedin.

### No. 49.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington.

Sir,—

I have the honour to inform you that, commencing with the "Mariposa" leaving Auckland on the 20th March, steamers for San Francisco will be despatched from Sydney and Auckland on the 20th March, steamers for San Francisco will be despatched from Status and two days later than heretofore—namely, on the Monday instead of the Saturday from Auckland.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Washington.

W. Gray, Secretary.

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[Same letter sent to the Postmasters, New York and San Francisco.]

#### No. 50.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney. General Post Office, Wellington, 14th February, 1899.

Referring to the telegrams which have passed between the Premiers of our respective colonies, I have the honour to inform you that it has now been arranged that the steamers of the San Francisco mail-service shall, commencing with the "Mariposa" on the 20th March, leave Auckland on the Monday instead of the Saturday as heretofore. This will, of course, involve a correspondingly later departure from Sydney.

The Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney.

W. Gray, Secretary.

#### No. 51.

The Hon, the Premier to the Agent-General.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 14th February, 1899.

San Francisco service: Accelerated railway-running San Francisco-New York admits through time London shortened two days. Commencing next month, mails leave Auckland Monday, connecting New York with Wednesday fast steamer.

## No. 52.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the RESIDENT AGENT for NEW ZEALAND, San Francisco.

General Post Office, Wellington, 14th February, 1899. Referring to previous correspondence, I have now the honour to confirm the cable message sent you to-day.