

No. 82.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT, Suva.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 9th April, 1902.

JUST been advised of completion Fiji section of Pacific cable, and have the privilege and pleasure of sending you first message. You no doubt agree with me that the linking of Fiji by telegraph cable with New Zealand and other countries is event of immense importance historically and commercially. I offer you and people of Fiji my warmest congratulations, and express the hope that the connection may further cement the ties between our countries, and assist in the development of trade relations advantageous to the people of both colonies.

No. 83.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to Captain LEACH, Mr. F. R. LUCAS, and Mr. H. A. TAYLOR, Steamship "Anglia," Fiji.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 9th April, 1902.

HEARTILY congratulate you on the completion of the Fiji section of the cable. Hope that the Fanning Island and Vancouver sections may be as successfully laid. . . .

No. 84.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the COLONIAL POSTMASTER, Suva.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 10th April, 1902.

My congratulations on your being brought into touch with civilisation by telegraph cable. This, indeed, is a red-letter day in the history of your colony.

No. 85.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Marine Department, Wellington.

(Memorandum.)

General Post Office, Wellington, 10th April, 1902.

I SHOULD be glad if you would cause mariners and others concerned to be notified of the landing-place of the Pacific cable at Doubtless Bay, a tracing of which I enclose.

Perhaps you would also be good enough to arrange for the captain of the s.s. "Tutanekai" or of the s.s. "Hinemoa" to have erected four small beacons on the line of approach of the cable as a warning to vessels not to anchor in the neighbourhood of the cable.

J. K. LOGAN, Superintendent of Electric Lines.

The Secretary, Marine Department, Wellington.

No. 86.

The Hon. the ADMINISTRATOR of the GOVERNMENT, Suva, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Suva, 11th April, 1902.

RECIPROCATE congratulations on connection of Fiji with New Zealand by cable. Despatched message to Lord Ranfurly.

No. 87.

The COLONIAL POSTMASTER, Suva, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Suva, 11th April, 1902.

MANY thanks for your congratulations that Fiji is brought into touch with civilisation by telegraph cable. It is a great event for Fiji.

No. 88.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Harbour Board, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 12th April, 1902.

YOUR letter of 2nd April *re* harbour dues: As regards last paragraph of your letter, Solicitor-General has given an opinion that when cable-steamers on Pacific cable service they are exempt under section 132, subsection (1), as being in the service of His Majesty, and under subsection (3) as being in the service of the Governments of the colonies concerned. It is pointed out that "The Pacific Cable Authorisation Act, 1899," shows that the cable is being constructed by the Governments of Great Britain and the colonies specified in the schedule to that Act; and, further, that, although the ship is nominally in the service of the Cable Board, it is actually in the service of the Governments mentioned; and it is clear, in the opinion of the Solicitor-General, that the