

No. 77.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 8th June, 1906.

Referring to my letter of the 31st ultimo on the subject of the payment for the diversion from San Francisco to Vancouver of the mails for New Zealand which left Vancouver on the 28th April by the R.M.S. "Moana," I have now the honour to forward herewith a supplementary statement showing the amount due for the conveyance of the mails in question from Fiji to New Zealand.

You would observe from the copy of the letter to the Postmaster-General, Ottawa, that this Department paid a lump sum of £400 for the special conveyance of the mails from Fiji to New Zealand. The amount due to the Union Steam Ship Company would, in the ordinary course, have been £82 4s. 7d., as shown in the statement, and as this Department has paid for the conveyance, the sum will be claimed in the postage accounts between our Administrations for the March quarter. The amount of £82 4s. 7d. is approximately the same as would have been payable had the mails gone to Brisbane, and been sent thence to New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ROSE,

For the Acting Postmaster-General.

The Secretary, General Post Office, London.

Enclosure in No. 77.

STATEMENT showing the Amount due to the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited) at Postal Union Rates, for the Conveyance from Fiji to Auckland, by the s.s. "Moana," of American and United Kingdom Mails addressed to New Zealand, which were diverted from the San Francisco Route in consequence of the Earthquake of the 18th April, 1906.

United Kingdom (Actual Weights).

Description of Mail-matter.				Weights.		Rate per Pound.	Amount.		
				Lb.	oz.	d.	£	s.	d.
Letters	...	...	...	1,849	10	5·18	39	18	5
Other articles	...	...	...	26,035	14	0·39	42	6	2
Total	...	...	...	...		...	82	4	7

American (Estimated Weights).

Letters	...	...	...	598	0	7·77	19	7	3
Other articles	...	...	...	13,444	0	0·78	43	13	10
Total	...	...	...	...		...	63	1	1
Amount due to company	...	...	...	...		...	145	5	8

THOMAS ROSE, Acting-Secretary.

General Post Office, Wellington, 29th May, 1906.

No. 78.

The Hon. the ACTING POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 8th June, 1906.

Referring to my letter of the 31st ultimo on the subject of the payment for the diversion from San Francisco to Vancouver of the mails for New Zealand which left Vancouver on the 28th April by the R.M.S. "Moana," I have now the honour to forward herewith a supplementary statement showing the amount due for the conveyance of the mails in question from Fiji to New Zealand.

You would observe from the copy of the letter to the Postmaster-General, Ottawa, that this Department paid a lump sum of £400 for the special conveyance of the mails from Fiji to New Zealand. The amount due to the Union Steam Ship Company would in ordinary course have been £63 1s. 1d., as shown in the statement, and as this Department has paid for the conveyance, I shall be obliged if you will have the sum deducted in the usual Extraordinary Territorial Transit Account rendered by your office. The amount of £63 1s. 1d. is approximately the same as would have been payable had the mails gone to Brisbane and been sent thence to New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ROSE,

For the Acting Postmaster-General.

The Postmaster-General, Washington, D.C.