

Enclosure 1 in No. 46.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, London, to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—

General Post Office, London, 16th January, 1909.

I am directed by the Postmaster-General to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant [not printed], stating that, according to a telegram received by the High Commissioner for New Zealand from the Government of the Dominion, a mail for this country was despatched from Wellington on the 3rd instant by the route of Papeete and San Francisco.

The Postmaster-General has just received from the Post Office of New Zealand a request for a telegraphic notification of the arrival in London of each mail forwarded by the route mentioned to be sent to that office under arrangements similar to those which were formerly adopted in the case of the mails conveyed between New Zealand and San Francisco by the steamers of the Oceanic Steamship Company, as described in your letter of the 16th May, 1904. [Not printed.]

The Postmaster-General has issued the necessary instructions in the matter, and an account for the cost of the telegrams will be rendered to you by the Comptroller and Accountant-General of this Department, as formerly, at the end of each quarter.

I have, &c.,

The High Commissioner for New Zealand.

E. W. FARNALL.

Enclosure 2 in No. 46.

The SECRETARY TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, London.

SIR,—

13, Victoria Street, London, S.W., 21st January, 1909.

I am directed by the High Commissioner to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant.

The High Commissioner takes this opportunity of enclosing herein a copy of a *pro forma* timetable for 1909 of English and American mails to and from New Zealand, which, it will be seen, includes the Papeete-San Francisco route.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, E.C.

WALTER KENNAWAY.

No. 47.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 1st February, 1909.

I have the honour to request that you will furnish me with a return showing the weight of (1) letters and post-cards; and (2) other articles, despatched from Australian offices during the month of May, 1909, to connect with the mail-contract steamers from Wellington to San Francisco *via* Tahiti, so that this Department may be in a position to render an annual account on behalf of the Union Steam Ship Company on the basis of that return for the conveyance of your mails between Wellington and Tahiti.

I have, &c.,

W. R. MORRIS, Acting-Secretary.

The Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

[P.O. 09/311(1).]

No. 48.

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

SIR,—

Resident Agency for New Zealand, San Francisco, 1st February, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your two communications of the 29th October, 1908: the first [not printed] in reference to various requirements of the Chief Post-office, San Francisco, as to weights of mails for the United States emanating from New Zealand.

In regard to this matter I have interviewed the local Post-office, and learn that now the information required is being supplied by the various offices which are making up direct mails from the colony.

In respect of the other communication, notifying me of the establishment of the through service *via* Tahiti, I would say that the first steamer under contract will leave upon arrival of the through mails from the East, probably some hours late. I have communicated with the contractors, who have informed me that they will hold the "*Mariposa*" until arrival of the eastern train. The time-table in connection with this route has arrived, and will be quite useful.

I have, &c.,

H. STEPHENSON SMITH, Resident Agent.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

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No. 49.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 1st February, 1909.

I have the honour to refer to the first portion of the letter from this office of the 5th November last to the manager of your company at Wellington, respecting the rates for the conveyance of United States mail-matter between San Francisco and Wellington.