

I note that you agree to accounts being rendered on a statistical basis, and that the Vancouver office will keep a record of the weights of all mails despatched by the route during this month.

With regard to the diversion of correspondence from the Vancouver to the Wellington-Papeete-San Francisco route, this Department proposes to assess such diversion on the basis of special statistics which are being taken this month. "M" forms in connection with these statistics will be forwarded to your office as early as possible.

I have, &c.,

The Deputy Postmaster-General, Ottawa.

W. R. MORRIS, Acting-Secretary.

[P.O. 09/311(2).]

No. 59.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 6th May, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th March last, stating that you prefer to pay for the conveyance of United States mails conveyed from Papeete to New Zealand and Australia on the basis of the actual weights: and, in order that the accounts may be prepared, to request that you will kindly send me a statement giving the weights of all mails that have been despatched for conveyance by the Papeete Wellington subsidised steamers, and will furnish such statements regularly in future.

I have, &c.,

W. R. MORRIS, Acting-Secretary.

The Second Assistant Postmaster-General, Division of Foreign Mails, Washington, D.C.

[P.O. 09/311.]

No. 60.

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

SIR,—

Post Office Department, Washington, 25th May, 1909.

In reply to your letter of the 1st ultimo [not printed], I have the honour, by direction of the Postmaster-General, to inform you that, pursuant to the request made in your letter of the 4th December last, mails addressed to the office of Rarotonga have been made up at the office of San Francisco, and despatched by means of every steamer sailing from San Francisco for Papeete, Tahiti, since the 21st January last.

I have, &c.,

JOHN W. HOLLYDAY,

Acting Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, New Zealand.

[P.O. 09/311.]

No. 61.

The SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,—

Post Office Department, Washington, 10th June, 1909.

By direction of the Postmaster-General, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your reply, under date of the 6th ultimo, to this Department's letter of the 12th March last, relative to the method of payment for the conveyance from Papeete to New Zealand of United States mails despatched from San Francisco to Papeete by means of steamers of the Oceanic Steamship Company, in which reply you request to be furnished with a statement of the weights of the mails in question in order that accounts may be prepared for settlement.

In reply, I have to inform you that this Department settles with Messrs. J. D. Spreckels and Brother, of San Francisco, as agents for the conveying company, for the conveyance from Papeete to New Zealand of the mails in question, which arrangement is in accordance with your telegram of the 4th November, 1908, in the words following: "New Zealand Government agrees Oceanic Steamship Company acting as agents for Union Steam Ship Company, our contractors Tahiti Wellington mail-service.—WARD."

It is assumed, therefore, that it will not be necessary for this Department to furnish your Administration with statements of the weights of the mails in question, as such statements, giving full details respecting said mails, are furnished quarterly by this Department to Messrs. J. D. Spreckels and Brother.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH STEWART,

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, New Zealand.

[P.O. 09/311.]

No. 62.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 17th June, 1909.

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter [No. 56] received by this Department from the General Post Office, London, relative to the settlement of accounts for the conveyance of United