

No. 80.

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

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 17th March, 1911.

We are arranging send "Aorangi" third May in place "Maitai." Latter to resume thirty-first May, and maintain that sequence after.

[Acknowledged 20th March.]

[W.L.-S.F. 11/67.]

No. 81.

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

SIR,—

Post Office Department, Washington, 25th March, 1911.

In further reference to your letter of the 20th January, 1911, I have the honour, by direction of the Postmaster-General, to inform you that I at once communicated with the Treasury Department and the Department of Commerce and Labour, and am pleased to inform you that instructions have been issued to Customs, quarantine, and immigration officers at San Francisco to allow the New Zealand mails to be landed after sunset in cases where vessels arrive too late to permit landing before that time.

I have issued such instructions on this side accordingly as should insure every attention being paid to the prompt forwarding of your mails, and hope that hereafter they may be despatched in every case by the earliest connections practicable.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH STEWART,

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

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

[Acknowledged on 1st May.]

[W.L.-S.F. 11/74.]

No. 82.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the CHIEF POSTMASTER, Auckland.

(Memorandum.)

General Post Office, Wellington, 28th March, 1911.

In connection with the delayed mails from London, due in Auckland per s.s. "Talune" on the 6th proximo, it has been decided to despatch a special train from Auckland to bring the mails south, provided this arrangement will result in the mails reaching Wellington by 6 o'clock on the morning of Friday, the 7th April. This action is taken with the object of enabling local correspondents to send their replies by the San Francisco or the Suez mail leaving here the same day. If the desired connection can be guaranteed, kindly make the necessary arrangements with the District Traffic Manager at Auckland. Please reply by telegram, so that due notice of the proposed arrangement may be given to local correspondents.

The Chief Postmaster, Auckland.

D. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

[P.O. 11/470(1).]

No. 83.

The ACTING CHIEF POSTMASTER, Auckland, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 30th March, 1911.

Re mails to arrive per "Talune" 6th prox.: Usually this boat arrives some time on the day prior to schedule time. On this occasion the Union Steam Ship Company advise me that she will in all probability be from six to twelve hours later than usual. This means she may be looked for any time between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. on the 6th prox. If the special train leaves here at 11 a.m. the mail can be at Wellington between 4 and 6 a.m. on the 7th. Provided the boat arrives in time to enable the special to be despatched at 11 a.m., or shortly afterwards, the mail will go forward, if not, the arrangements for a special train will be cancelled.

No. 84.

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

Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited),

Dunedin 30th March, 1911.

SIR,—

Referring to your favour of 10th instant [not printed], advising that the mails intended for the "Aorangi" on 8th instant from San Francisco were being despatched by the "Mariposa" to connect with "Talune," I am pleased to say we heard of it in time to instruct the master of the "Talune" before she left Auckland to make the best arrangement for stowing up the seven hundred or eight hundred packages, and to have them all ready for prompt delivery at Auckland on arrival. The "Talune" is due at Auckland on 6th instant in the ordinary