

## FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO

TIME TABLE to end of present year.

OUTWARD ROUTE.						HOMeward ROUTE.					
Leave Galle.		Arrive at King George's Sound.		Arrive at Melbourne.		Leave Melbourne.		Leave King George's Sound.		Arrive at Galle.	
July	...	August	...	August	...	July	...	August	...	August	...
22	22	6	6	12	12	26	26	1	1	16	16
August	21	September	5	September	11	August	26	September	1	September	16
22	22	7	7	13	13	September	26	October	2	October	17
September	22	October	7	October	13	October	26	November	1	November	16
22	22	6	6	12	12	November	26	December	2	December	17
October	22	November	6	November	12	December	26	January	1	January	16
21	21	6	6	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
November	21	December	6	December	12						
22	22	6	6	12	12						
December	22	January	6	January	12						

## AVERAGE SEA-PASSAGE.

Viâ Southampton to Melbourne ... .. 51 days.  
 Viâ Marseilles " " ... .. 44 days.

The Time Table for the year 1861 would be arranged with the Postmaster-General, as in the case of the Tables for the other Mail Contract Lines which are revised annually.

## Sub-Enclosure 4 to Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

THE DUKE OF ARGYLL TO THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE TREASURY.

General Post Office,  
 May 10th, 1860.

MY LORDS,—

I beg leave to return the accompanying Letter from the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, proposing an alteration in the Australian Mail Service; and, in doing so, I think it well to state that I understand the present position of the question relating to this Mail Service to be as follows:—

1st. That the Government of Victoria has offered to guarantee payment of half the entire cost of the service, in which I presume is included not only the sea-conveyance of the Mails, but also the transit through France and Egypt, and all other expenses.

2ndly. That Victoria will arrange with the other Australian Colonies, both as respects their participation in the benefits of the service, and the payment of their respective shares of its cost.

3rdly. That the Government of New South Wales has declined to pay any part of the subsidy, unless the Panamá route be adopted for one line of packets.

With regard to the present proposal, I am sorry to say that it provides for the packets ceasing to call at Kangaroo Island; but as there will still be ample time in South Australia for sending replies to England by the return Mail, the objection is partially removed.

By the discontinuance of this stop, the time of arrival at Melbourne ought certainly to be earlier than at present; but, on examining the proposed Time Table enclosed in the Company's Letter, I found that the dates set down for the arrival at Melbourne were the same as those fixed by the Time Table now in force, and under which the packets call at Kangaroo Island.

I thought it necessary, therefore, to communicate with the Company, and to inquire whether this was not an oversight,—and your Lordships will perceive by Mr. Howell's letter of the 5th instant that the Company will undertake to deliver the outward Mails at Melbourne two days earlier than at present, although, for the reasons given, they do not think that a later departure from Melbourne of the homeward Mails can safely be attempted.

Under all the circumstances, and with the understanding to which I believe your Lordships have already come with the Company, that the contract may be terminated at a moderate, or even at a short notice, I recommend that this offer shall be accepted.

I have, &amp;c.,

ARGYLL.

The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

## Sub-Enclosure 5 to Enclosure 1 in No. 1.

MR. HOWELL TO MR. FREDERICK HILL.

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company,  
 122, Leadenhall Street, May 5, 1860.

SIR,

I have the honor, by order of the Directors, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3rd instant (No. 29,847), inquiring whether the Time Table inclosed in my Letter to the Treasury of the