with the Time Table enclosed, and I hereby consent to the terms, on the part of His Excellency's Government, being duly authorised by the Honorable Walter B. D. Mantell to do so.

I have, &c.,

S. CARKEEK, Collector.

To the Managers of the New Zealand Steam Navigation Company, Wellington.

No. 8.

THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE HONORABLE W. B. D. MANTELL.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland, 24th July, 1863.

SIR,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing copies of the arrangement entered into with the New Zealand Steam Navigation Company for a vessel to run constantly between Wellington, Whanganui, Taranaki, Raglan, and Manukau, in accordance with the wishes expressed in my letters of the 6th and 7th instant.

The Government are much indebted to you for this very satisfactory arrangement which you have so promptly made, and which they trust will, by the improved means of communication which it affords to the various Settlements concerned, tend greatly to the security of their inhabitants.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED DOMETT.

The Honorable W. B. D. Mantell, Wellington.