

PROPOSED ROUTE FROM QUEENSTOWN VIA PANAMA AND COOK'S STRAITS.

	Page.	Miles.
Queenstown to Navy Bay	520	4,282
Southampton to Navy Bay, as preceding table, less 330 miles allowed for the advantage of offing from Southampton to Queenstown. (The offing and open sailing from Queenstown, as compared with the start from Southampton, is said to be really equivalent to an advantage of 500 miles)		
Navy Bay to Panama		40
Panama (via Gambier Islands and Wellington, New Zealand) to Sydney	{ 260 and 270 }	6,574

SUMMARY.

	Miles.
Queenstown to New Zealand	9,650
" Sydney	10,896
" Melbourne	11,046

Assuming the last route to be properly described, the following would be the *pro formâ* synopsis of Distances and Dates for Sailings and Arrivals by the New Mail Packets.

AUSTRALASIAN LINE.

Queenstown to Navy Bay	4,282 miles	15 days
Aspinwall to Panama	40 „	4 hours
Panama to Wellington	5,404 „	20 days
Wellington to Sydney	1,170 „	} 5 days
" Melbourne	1,320 „	
" Launceston	1,250 „	
Melbourne to Adelaide	533 „	} 2 days
Sydney to Brisbane	510 „	

Departures from Adelaide and Brisbane, 26th February and 28th of other months.

Arrivals 22nd February and September, 25th March and April, and 23rd of other months.

To Perth, Western Australia, the distance from Adelaide being 1,345 miles, the time would be 47 days, if the service be extended to that Colony.

NEW COLUMBIAN LINE.

Navy Bay to Queenstown	4,282 miles	14 days
Panama to Navy Bay	40 „	4 hours
Vancouver's Island to Panama direct	4,100 „	14 days

LINERS.	Leave Sydney and Melbourne.	Wellington	Panama.	Vancouver's Island.		Panama.	Wellington	Sydney and Melbourne.
				Arrival.	Return.			
A, 1st Liner	1 Jan.	6 Jan.	26 Jan.	9 Feb.	12 Feb.	26 Feb.*	18 March	23 Mar.
B, 2nd Liner	1 Feb.	6 Feb.	26 Feb.*	12 Mar.	15 March	29 March	18 April	23 April
		&c.		&c.	&c.	&c.		&c.

* The Vancouver and Australian Homeward Mails meet at Panama, and two Steamers with more steam power than those suitable for the Pacific will suffice; working two alternately and one lay-by.

Enclosure 4, in No. 9.

AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

Winchester House, Old Broad-street, E.C.,
London, 5th October, 1858.

SIR,—

Referring to the supplemental terms of the conditions of tender, and in the event of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral not receiving to-day, in pursuance