

From extreme points direct as the crow flies	-	6548·87
Evidence	-	6574·
		25·13

But I am not aware if the positions are the same; at least, the amount must be added from anchorage to anchorage.

To Sydney it will stand:—

Panama to Galapagos and Gambier	-	-	3791·97
Gambier to Sydney	-	-	3931·20
			7723·17
Panama to New Zealand	-	-	6548·87
New Zealand to Sydney	-	-	1192·70
			7741·57

On the Return Route, by pursuing the favourable south-westerly breeze on the 41st parallel, up to 160° west, we have	-	-	1147·2
Thence to Gambier's Group	-	-	1679·0
			2826·2
Direct Distance	-	-	2756·9
Difference	-	-	69·3

I do not perceive more than that misrepresentation on the face of the print which needs correction; and it is evident that, supposing I made the mistake as printed, I had men to deal with who were above taking any advantage of what they well knew could have been explained in an instant.

There are many points in that evidence which have entirely escaped my memory; and I think it would very much improve the value of such evidence, if, before printing for final use, they allowed disinterested persons to remodel, add to, or explain particulars on which, under *viva voce* examination, they could not be expected to speak with so much authority.

Believe me, &c.,

EDWARD BELCHER.

TABLE OF EFFECTIVE DISTANCES OF POSITIONS FROM QUEENSTOWN TO AUSTRALASIA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA, COMPUTED ON GREAT CIRCLE AND COMPOSITE COURSES (ALPHABETICALLY):—

	<i>N. Miles.</i>		<i>N. Miles.</i>
Fayal to Queenstown	1,167	Panama to Galapagos	902
" Moná Passage	2,395	" Gambiers	3,794
" Port Royal	2,900	" Wellington (<i>via</i> Gambiers)	6,528
" Navy Bay	3,259	Panama to Wellington (direct)	6,464
Galapagos to Panama	902	" Melbourne (<i>via</i> Cook's Strait)	7,946
" Gambiers	2,892	Panama to Sydney	7,749
Gambiers to Galapagos	2,892	Queenstown to Fayal	1,167
" Wellington	2,734	" Moná Passage	3,444
" Fouseca	3,537	" Navy Bay (direct)	4,282 ¹
" St. Juan del Surd	3,560	" " (<i>via</i> Moná Passage)	4,308
" Tehuantepec	3,315	Queenstown to Navy Bay (<i>via</i> Port Royal)	4,493
Melbourne to Wellington	1,422	Queenstown to Wellington	10,376
" Panama	7,886	" Melbourne	12,234
" Sydney	602	" Sydney	12,033
Moná Passage to Navy Bay (direct)	864	" San Francisco	7,532
" Port Royal <i>via</i>	1,049	" Vancouver's Island	8,522
Moná Passage to Port Royal	505	Wellington to Sydney	1,221
Port Royal to Omeo	692	" Melbourne	1,422
" St. Juan de Nicaragua	577		
" Navy Bay	544		