

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO

Panama to the rates charged upon correspondence sent to that Colony by way of Southampton and Suez.

A copy of a notice which has been issued announcing to the public the reduction which has taken place is likewise enclosed.
Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B., &c.
I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

Enclosure 1 in No. 3.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. F. HILL to Sir F. ROGERS, Bart.

SIR,—
General Post Office, 26th September, 1866.
Referring to my letter of the 21st May last, and to previous correspondence on the subject of the rates of postage to be levied in this country upon correspondence for New Zealand forwarded by the new line of mail packets from Panama, I am directed by the Postmaster-General to acquaint you for the information of the Earl of Carnarvon, that His Grace has received a letter from the Postmaster-General of New Zealand (copy enclosed) requesting that the same rates of postage may be charged upon correspondence sent to New Zealand by the route of Panama that are charged upon correspondence sent to that Colony *via* Southampton and Suez.
This request will be complied with. A further Treasury Warrant has been drawn up and signed repealing the former warrant and authorizing the collection of the rates specified by the Postmaster-General of New Zealand, and a notice, of which I enclose a copy, has been issued and circulated throughout the United Kingdom announcing to the public the reduction which has taken place.
I have, &c.,
Sir F. Rogers, Bart., &c., Colonial Office.
F. HILL.

Enclosure 2 in No. 3.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. JAMES PATERSON to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, London.

SIR,—
General Post Office, Wellington, 24th July, 1866.
Referring to my letter of the 23rd ultimo, requesting you to be good enough to cause mails for this Colony to be made up and despatched by the West India mail steamers leaving Southampton on the 2nd and arriving at Colon about the 21st of each month, and intimating that in accordance with arrangements previously advised a steamer would be in waiting at Panama for the conveyance of such mails to New Zealand:
I have now the honor further to request that you will forward correspondence conveyed by this route at the same rates of postage as are now charged on correspondence from the United Kingdom to this Colony by the Suez and Southampton routes.
This Government has arranged to forward correspondence from New Zealand to the United Kingdom *via* Panama at these same rates.
I have, &c.,
The Secretary to the General Post Office, London.
JAMES PATERSON,
Postmaster-General.

Enclosure 3 in No. 3.

Copy of a Notice of Reduction of POSTAGE on Correspondence for New Zealand and the Australian Colonies *via* Panama.
In future all correspondence forwarded to New Zealand or to any of the Australian Colonies *via* Panama will be chargeable with the same rates of postage as correspondence forwarded *via* Southampton and Suez, which rates of postage must be prepaid, viz. :—

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