

(APPENDIX.) of the salary of the General Manager; for, on the opening of the line, his duties will be of a very arduous character. The two men that have hitherto held the appointment of line-men, have proved themselves so useful and zealous in their duties, that I propose giving them not only an increase of salary, but also a different style of appointment. I have also to propose the appointment of a storekeeper, at £150 per annum. The appointment of a storeman will further be necessary, who will be a sort of rough assistant to the storekeeper. I therefore propose allotting a salary of £125 per annum to this appointment.

Copy of letter from the SECRETARY to the General Post Office to Mr. SHEATH.

SIR,—

Auckland, December 6th, 1864.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (November 16th, 1864,) noted in the margin, and to inform you that it is not the intention of the Government to bring forward any Estimates during the present Session of the General Assembly; therefore your recommendation respecting increases of salaries for the officers of your Department cannot be entertained.

I have, &c.,

G. ELIOTT ELIOTT.

Copy of letter from the SECRETARY to the General Post Office to Mr. SHEATH.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, February 1st, 1865.

With reference to your letter of the 28th December, 1864, requesting that arrangements might be made for appointing the necessary officers for working the line of Telegraph. I am directed to authorise, as an experimental commencement, your adopting the plan marked "Appendix E." in your Report of November the 15th last for this purpose, with this addition, that there should be another station at Tokomairiro, where branch lines diverge to the Goldfields. I attach a copy of the Appendix alluded to, and it will be necessary that you submit the names of the gentlemen whom you recommend for the several offices, for the approval of the Postmaster-General. It is observed in this Appendix, that the expenses of the Head Office are put down at £2,325, which is considered very large in comparison with the total proposed expenditure; and it will be necessary very minutely to explain the necessity for this before it can be sanctioned.

I have, &c.,

G. ELIOTT ELIOTT.

Appendix referred to in the above:—

Head Office	£2325
Fitting Eight Stations	400
Bluff Station	300
Invercargill Station	300
Dunedin	300
Oamaru	100
Timaru	100
Christchurch	300
Picton	175
Nelson	200
Contingencies, &c.	1750
	£6250

Copy of letter from the SECRETARY to the General Post Office to Mr. SHEATH.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, March 25th, 1865.

Referring to your letter (December 28th, 1864,) noted in the margin, representing the necessity of appointing the necessary staff of Telegraphists, as parts of the line would then soon be ready for operation, and to my reply thereto of the 1st February last, authorising the appointment of such staff, I am directed to enquire the cause of the delay which has prevented the line being brought into operation.

I have, &c.,

G. ELIOTT ELIOTT.

Extract of letter from Mr. SHEATH to the Honorable the POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Christchurch, May 30th, 1865.

* * In presenting the estimates of expenditure for this Department for the ensuing year, viz.:— * *

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Salaries.—General Superintendent	£600
Engineering Department	2275
General Management and Accounts	750
Signals Department	3275
Advertising	100
Contingencies	50
Rent and Office Expenses	500
Stationery and Printing	600
Travelling Expenses	600
	£8750

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