

Name of Colony.	Date of Despatch of Mails.	Date of Arrival in London.	Number of Letters by each Route.			Time occupied in reaching London.
			Via Suez.	Via Panama.	Via Torres Straits.	
NEW ZEALAND	May 25th, 1867.	July 20th and 25th, 1867	7,294	(Estimated.)	...	56 days, <i>via</i> Suez and Marseilles.
Do.	June 8th, "	" 27th, "	...	19,361	...	49 " " Panama.
Do.	No Mail	No Mail	...	...	No Mail	No Mail, " Torres Straits.
VICTORIA	May 28th, 1867.	July 20th and 25th, 1867	46,296	...	...	53 days, " Suez and Marseilles.
Do.	" 28th, "	" 27th, "	...	72	...	60 " " Panama.
Do.	No Mail	No Mail	...	...	No Mail	No Mail, " Torres Straits.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	May 29th, 1867.	July 20th and 25th, 1867	11,340	...	...	52 days, " Suez and Marseilles.
Do.	" 22nd, "	" 27th, "	...	1	...	66 " " Panama.
Do.	No Mail	No Mail	...	...	No Mail	No Mail, " Torres Straits.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	June 4th, 1867.	July 20th and 25th, 1867	1,586	...	...	46 days, " Suez and Marseilles.
Do.	No Mail	No Mail	...	No Mail	...	No Mail, " Panama.
Do.	Do.	Do.	...	...	No Mail	Do. " Torres Straits.
NEW SOUTH WALES	May 25th, 1867.	July 20th and 25th, 1867	17,715	...	...	56 days, " Suez and Marseilles.
Do.	June 1st, "	" 27th, "	...	2,628	...	56 " " Panama.
Do.	No Mail	No Mail	...	...	No Mail	No Mail, " Torres Straits.
QUEENSLAND	May 21st, 1867.	July 20th and 25th, 1867	10,451	...	...	60 days, " Suez and Marseilles.
Do.	" 27th, "	" 27th, "	...	85	...	61 " " Panama.
Do.	No Mail	No Mail	...	...	No Mail	No Mail, " Torres Straits.
TASMANIA	May 25th, 1867.	July 20th and 25th, 1867	3,593	...	...	56 days, " Suez and Marseilles.
Do.	No Mail	No Mail	...	No Mail	...	No Mail, " Panama.
Do.	Do.	Do.	...	...	No Mail	Do. " Torres Straits.
Totals			98,275	22,147	...	

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AVERAGE TIME occupied by the HOMEWARD MAILS from each COLONY in the First Seven Months of 1867.

From	Via Suez and Marseilles.	Via Panama.	Via Torres Straits.	Loss or Gain by the Panama Route as compared with Suez Route.	
				Days.	Days.
NEW ZEALAND	54 1-7ths days	53 4-7ths days	No Mails sent	4-7ths gain	...
VICTORIA	46 2-7ths "	63 1-7th "	Do.	17 loss	...
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	45 2-7ths "	73* "	Do.	33½ loss, or under proper arrangements about 23 days' loss	...
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	40 2-7ths "	No Mail sent	No Mail sent	...	...
NEW SOUTH WALES	49 5-7ths "	60 3-7ths days	Only one Mail received.	11 loss	28½ loss.
QUEENSLAND	53 2-7ths "	62½ "	Only one Mail received.	9 "	16½ "
TASMANIA	49 2-7ths "	63½ "	No Mail sent	16 "	...

Average Number of Letters received monthly from Australia Proper, 89,520. Average Number of Letters received monthly from New Zealand, 28,133.

* This would probably have been reduced to 69 days if the steamer from South Australia had been fitted to the departure of the Packet leaving Melbourne with the Panama Mails.
† The average time occupied between Queensland and London in six voyages made *via* Torres Straits in 1866 was 66½ days.