No. 23.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. F. HILL to the Hon. John Hall.

General Post Office,

SIR,-

London, 26th November, 1867.

Referring to my letter of the 1st of July last, upon the subject of the reduction of the Panama No. 6 of Panama transit rates, upon newspapers, book packets, and packets of patterns, I regret to find that in that letter Papers, 1867, the rate per lb., at which postage is still to be accounted for upon books and patterns, was inadvertently E.—No. 31, given as 1s. 6d. 3-16, instead of 1s. 1d.

The Postmaster-General, Wellington.

I am, &c., F. Hill.

No. 24.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. G. ELIOTT ELIOTT to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, London.

STR,—

General Post Office,
Wellington, 18th March, 1868.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter noted in the margin, respecting an Nov. 26, 1867, error at which the rate per lb. postage is to be accounted for upon books and packets for the Panama No. 23 of this transit. I have, &c.,

G. ELIOTT ELIOTT,

The Secretary, General Post Office, London.

(for the Postmaster-General.)

No. 25.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. John Hall to the Secretary, General Post Office, London.

General Post Office.

Sir,-

Wellington, 8th October, 1867.
With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the transmission of letters and June 21, 1867. newspapers sent from this Colony to British America via Panama, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Canadian Post Office, requesting that such correspondence may be sent from Panama by way of Aspinwall and New York, instead of by St. Thomas and Bermuda, as at

I should feel obliged by your informing me, whether you are aware of any objection to this proposal being adopted, and whether it will be necessary, as a preliminary measure, that special arrangements should be made with the United States Post Office for the transmission of the correspondence I have, &c.,

in question.

JOHN HALL,

The Secretary, General Post Office, London.

Postmaster-General.

Enclosure in No. 25.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. White to the Hon. the Postmaster-General.

SIR.-

I am directed by the Postmaster-General of Canada to inform you that it has been observed that most of the correspondence received in this country from New Zealand, reaches Canada by way of Bermuda and St. Thomas.

The transmission of correspondence by this route is attended with additional expense, and occupies a longer time than by the New York route, and I am therefore to request that you will be so good as to give instructions for the transmission of all correspondence from New Zealand for Canada by way of Aspinwall and New York. I have, &c.

The Postmaster-General, Auckland, New Zealand.

WM. WHITE, Secretary.

No. 26.

Copy of a Letter from the Secretary, General Post Office, London, to the Hon. John Hall.

General Post Office,

London, 16th December, 1867. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th of October last, No. 25 of this enclosing copy of a letter received by you from the Canadian Post Office, in which it is requested that series correspondence sent from New Zealand to Canada may be sent by the route of the United States, instead of by the route of St. Thomas, as at present.

You inquire whether, before this request is complied with, a communication should be addressed to the United States Post Office upon the subject; but the request of the Canadian Post Office is so specific in its terms that I think it may be complied with without communicating with the United

States Post Office beforehand.

The correspondence for Canada should be tied up separately, and placed in the United States I have, &c.

The Hon. John Hall, Wellington.

F. HILL.