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THE PANAMA MAIL SERVICE.

to the official liquidator at London, through the Union Bank here; and that the New South Wales Government report having already paid the official liquidator the amount due by that Colony.

I have, &c., G. Eliott Eliott,

Henry Lawson, Esq., Treasury, Wellington.

Secretary.

No. 13.

Mr. G. ELIOTT ELIOTT to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Sydney.

General Post Office, Wellington, 2nd April, 1870.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th December last, enclosing No. 9 of this a copy of a letter received from the Postmaster-General, Adelaide, and forwarding therewith copies of series. statement of account furnished by the Sydney office, and of statement drawn up by the Adelaide office of the amount due by South Australia for the conveyance of mails by the Panama line of mail service, and pointing out a difference of £50 2s. 6d. between these statements.

In reply, I have to inform you that, on again investigating the matter, it is found that the account is correct. The mail for which £50 2s. 6d. is due was forwarded from Wellington to Melbourne by

the "Otago."

With regard to the discrepancies between the statements for conveyance of similar mails for the Colony of Victoria, referred to in your letter of the 1st December last, I am directed to inform you that there are reasons for assuming that the account rendered by the Melbourne office is correct, and it may therefore be accepted as such.

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The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

I have, &c., G. ELIOTT ELIOTT (for the Postmaster-General).