

A RETURN showing the time allowed under the existing Contract with Mr. H. Hezekiah Hall for conveyance of Mails between New Zealand and San Francisco, and the time actually occupied in such conveyance during each of the voyages already completed ; also, the Number of Letters, Books, and Newspapers sent to and received from the United Kingdom and America respectively, on each of such voyages.

DESPATCHED FROM AUCKLAND.		ARRIVED AT		TIME OCCUPIED BETWEEN AUCKLAND AND SAN FRANCISCO.	TIME ALLOWED.	CONTENTS OF MAILS.					
						For London.			For America, &c.		
On	Per S.S.	Honolulu.	San Francisco.			Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
2 April ...	"Wonga Wonga" ...	18 April ...	5 May ...	33½ days ...	25 days ...	25,107	226	13,556	1,307	18	718
4 May ...	"City of Melbourne" ...	22 May ...	6 June ...	33½ days ...	Ditto ...	23,769	253	14,841	1,035	6	542
6 June ...	"Wonga Wonga" ...	22 June ...	* ...	* ...	Ditto ...	19,673	260	15,003	994	17	800
7 July ...	"City of Melbourne" ...	* ...	* ...	* ...	Ditto ...	23,849	246	14,466	1,112	14	686
Totals ...						92,398	985	57,866	4,448	55	2,746

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9 May ...	"Wonga Wonga" ...	10 April ...	22 April ...	28½ days ...	25 days ...	...	...	...	64	...	74
11 June ...	"City of Melbourne" ...	10 May ...	24 May ...	31½ " ...	Ditto ...	...	...	...	189	11	394
15 July ...	"Wonga Wonga" ...	10 June ...	24 June ...	34½ " ...	Ditto ...	21,732	1,340	39,800	983	41	3,261
Totals ...						21,732	1,340	39,800	1,236	52	3,729

* Not yet known.

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