

No. 14.

The Hon. J. T. FISHER to the Hon J. F. BURNS.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 7th August, 1878.

HAVE wired Vogel to protest against decision Colonial Office as to payment postages. Presume you wire Forster.

Hon. J. F. Burns, Sydney.

J. T. FISHER.

No. 15.

The Hon. J. F. BURNS to the Hon. J. T. FISHER.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 8th August, 1878.

We have also telegraphed to Agent-General, who will co-operate with Vogel.

Hon. J. T. Fisher, Wellington.

J. F. BURNS.

No. 16.

The Hon. J. F. BURNS to the Hon. J. T. FISHER.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 15th August, 1878.

WE telegraphed to Michie yesterday to ascertain what has been done in reference to protest against increase amount retainable by English Government from postage.

Hon. J. T. Fisher, Wellington.

J. F. BURNS.

No. 17.

The Hon. J. T. FISHER to the Hon. J. F. BURNS.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 16th August, 1878.

Please let me know when you hear from Michie, *re* protest by Agents-General.

Hon. J. F. Burns, Menzies' Hotel, Melbourne.

J. T. FISHER.

No. 18.

The Hon. J. F. BURNS to the Hon. J. T. FISHER.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 17th August, 1878.

WE have resolved to let Berne Convention remain abeyance till we know decision English Government respecting Ocean Service.

Hon. J. T. Fisher, Wellington.

J. F. BURNS.

No. 19.

The Hon. J. F. BURNS to the Hon. J. T. FISHER.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 19th August, 1878.

MICHIE replied Beach willing to wait further communication from colonies. We have agreed to send cablegram direct to Beach requesting that present treaty be continued till February, 1880, when the contract for Suez will end.

Hon. J. T. Fisher, Wellington.

J. F. BURNS.

No. 20.

The Hon. J. T. FISHER to the Hon. J. F. BURNS.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 20th August, 1878.

If it be agreed to ask for extension of postage arrangements, am strongly of opinion Home Government should be urged to continue payments on existing basis until 1883, when our Frisco Service ends. 1880 would suit Melbourne only. Intend to wire Vogel to this effect. You should do likewise to Forster. Should think Berry would agree. Matter is of great importance.

Hon. J. F. Burns, Menzies' Hotel, Melbourne.

J. T. FISHER.

No. 21.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 20th August, 1878.

Re postages. Urge Imperial Government continue present arrangement term Frisco Service, 1883. Forster instructed.

Sir Julius Vogel, K.C.M.G., London.

G. GREY.

No. 22.

The Hon. J. F. BURNS to the Hon. J. T. FISHER.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 21st August, 1878.

AM just leaving for Sydney. Think better not ask Colonial Office for more than has already been agreed in name all the colonies, we are more likely to succeed. Next step will be to enforce our claims in connection with Pacific Service.

Hon. J. T. Fisher, Wellington.

J. F. BURNS.