

I think it right to add that the necessary subsidy for the monthly mail-steamers between Melbourne and New Zealand, to which Victoria makes no contribution, is so considerable in proportion to the correspondence sent by those steamers, that it is proposed to discontinue this subsidy after the month of February next.

I have, &c.,

JOHN HALL,

(for the Colonial Secretary.)

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Melbourne.

No. 12.

The Hon. JOHN HALL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Sydney

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 20th September, 1880.

In view of the community of interest existing between New South Wales and this colony in the matter of ocean postal services, I think it right to forward to you a copy of a letter received from the Chief Secretary of Victoria, with reference to the decision of this Government to continue to levy the old rates of postage on correspondence forwarded by the route of Brindisi, and of my reply thereto.

I have, &c.,

JOHN HALL,

(for the Colonial Secretary)

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, New South Wales.

No. 13.

The PRINCIPAL UNDER-SECRETARY, Sydney, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Wellington.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, New South Wales,

8th October, 1880.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, forwarding copy of a letter received from the Chief Secretary of Victoria, with reference to the decision of your Government to continue to levy the old rates of postage on correspondence forwarded by the route of Brindisi, and also of your reply thereto.

I have, &c.,

CRITCHETT WALKER,

Principal Under-Secretary,

(for the Colonial Secretary.)

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary of New Zealand,
Wellington.