

Enclosure 2 in No. 2.

Mr. LAMBTON to Messrs. GILCHRIST, WATT, and Co., Sydney.

GENTLEMEN,—

General Post Office, Sydney, 17th July, 1883.

In reply to your letter dated the 12th instant, quoting portion of the President's letter *re* the San Francisco mail service under renewed contract, and inquiring with regard to arrangement of time-table, I am directed to inform you that the Postmaster-General thinks it desirable that the time-table should be prepared here, and he purposes at once conferring with the Postmaster-General of New Zealand on the subject. At the same time, Mr. Trickett would be glad to receive any suggestions you may feel inclined to offer.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON,
Secretary.

Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., Sydney.

No. 3.

Mr. LAMBTON to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Sydney, 20th August, 1883.

With reference to my letter to you of the 17th ultimo, and to yours to me of the 16th idem, I am directed to enclose copies of correspondence that has since taken place between this department and Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., the agents for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, on the subject of the preparation of the time-table for the regulation of the new service, to commence in November next.

I am also to enclose for your approval a time-table that has been prepared by this department, which it is thought will meet the interests of the contractors (Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co. having concurred therein), as well as meet the public convenience both of this colony and New Zealand. It will be seen that the day of the departure of the mail from London is not changed, and that the departure from Sydney is made a week later than would have been the case were the present time-table continued. This is needful in order to give the contractors the intervals they require at San Francisco and Sydney.

The Auckland dates inserted in the time-table have been suggested by Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co.

I am to add that, if the time-table meets with the approval of your department, Mr. Trickett will be glad if you will communicate the same by cablegram.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON,
Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

Enclosure 1 in No. 3.

Messrs. GILCHRIST, WATT, and Co. to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Sydney.

SIR,—

Sydney, 18th July, 1883.

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, *re* new time-table, and note that the Postmaster-General will confer with the Postmaster-General, New Zealand, on the matter.

Immediately upon hearing from you that they are to be prepared here, we will cable to New York for exact dates of arrival and departure there of the fast steamers across the Atlantic, to meet which the time-table will require to be adjusted.

We have, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

GILCHRIST, WATT, AND Co.

Enclosure 2 in No. 3.

Mr. LAMBTON to Messrs. GILCHRIST, WATT, and Co., Sydney.

GENTLEMEN,—

General Post Office, Sydney, 24th July, 1883.

I am directed to inform you that a communication has this day been received from the postal authorities of New Zealand, concurring in the arrangement for this department to undertake the framing of a time-table under the renewed contract with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and to request that you will be good enough, in terms of your letter of the 18th instant, to cable to New York for exact dates of arrival at, and departure from, that place of the fast steamers across the Atlantic, and inform me of the result at your earliest possible convenience.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON,
Secretary.

Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., Sydney.

Enclosure 3 in No. 3.

Messrs. GILCHRIST, WATT, and Co. to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Sydney.

SIR,—

Sydney, 27th July, 1883.

We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, and in accordance with which we have cabled, and now await reply.

We have, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

GILCHRIST, WATT, AND Co.