

of San Francisco, in connection with the postal contract with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, I am directed to forward herewith one dozen copies of the time-table referred to, and to inform you that copies have also been forwarded to the agents for the contractors in this colony, for their guidance.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON,

Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 21.

Mr. GRAY to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 3rd November, 1883.

Your approved Frisco time-table reduces time from Sydney to London by five instead of two days; see my telegram of 31st August and your reply of 7th September. Time-tables issued by us provide two days' reduction only. Will you amend yours?

W. GRAY.

The Secretary, Post Office, Sydney.

No. 22.

Mr. GRAY to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Sydney.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 13th November, 1883.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo, forwarding copies of the time-table for the San Francisco mail service for the six months ending May-June next. In sending you herewith a copy of the telegram which I sent you on the 3rd instant, on receipt of your letter, in reference to the matter, I beg to add that I have been informed that it will be impossible to have the mails delivered with regularity in London from San Francisco in the time allowed in the table which you have published.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY,

Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

No. 23.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Sydney, 15th November, 1883.

With reference to my communication of the 18th ultimo, enclosing copies of a time-table for the mail service between Great Britain, New Zealand, and New South Wales, by way of San Francisco, in connection with the postal contract with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, I am now directed to forward herewith one dozen copies of an amended time-table for the mail service referred to, and to point out that the only alteration therein is in the day of arrival of the mails at London.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON,

Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 24.

Mr. GRAY to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Sydney.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 29th November, 1883.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the copies of the amended time-table for the San Francisco mail service, showing the alteration in the dates of arrival of the mails at London, forwarded with your letter of the 15th instant; and to thank you for the same. I shall be glad to be informed if you received the representations in my telegram of the 3rd instant, on the subject of the alteration referred to.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY,

Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

No. 25.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Sydney, 13th December, 1883.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th ultimo, and to state, in reply to your inquiry, that your telegram of the 3rd idem, on the subject of the alteration of the time-table for the San Francisco mail service, was duly received and acted upon.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON,

Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 26.

Sir F. D. BELL to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Memorandum.)

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 31st October, 1883.

I ENCLOSE herewith, for your information, copy of a communication which has been forwarded to