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NEW ZEALAND.

SAN FRANCISCO STEAM SERVICE

(MEMORIAL FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SAN FRANCISCO, RESPECTING).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The CHAMBER of COMMERCE, San Francisco, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Wellington,
New Zealand.

SIR,—

San Francisco, 2nd August, 1884.

I have the honour to send to you herewith a memorial addressed by this chamber to the Government of New Zealand with reference to the continuance of ocean mail service with the United States, and would respectfully request that you transmit the memorial to Parliament at the first opportunity.

I have, &c.,

D. J. STAPLES,
First Vice-President.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure.

MEMORIAL.

To the Honourable the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of New Zealand,
in Parliament assembled.

THE Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco desires respectfully to express its earnest wish that the present mail steamship service with New Zealand may be permanently continued for the mutual benefit of the communities interested.

This chamber is well aware that your Government has done more than its share in this respect, and it has been a source of regret to us that the laws of the United States have not permitted special contracts to be made for the carriage of ocean mails. The law has been so changed, however, that such contracts are permissible in the future; and, in this view of the case, we can consistently urge the Government of New Zealand to continue the service until the Congress of the United States meets in December next, when every possible influence will be used to second your efforts on behalf of this important ocean mail service, of so great mutual benefit to the Colony of New Zealand and the Pacific Coast of the United States.

With much respect, and confident of the co-operation of your honourable body.

D. J. STAPLES, First Vice-President,
ANDREW WELCH, Second Vice-President,
WILLIAM L. MERRY, Trustee,
JACOB S. TABER, "
J. N. KNOWLES, "
ALFRED P. ALFELT, "
H. L. E. MEYER, "
C. D. TAYLOR, "
A. CRAWFORD, "
J. J. MCKINNON, "
G. W. MCNEAR, "
EUGENE DE SABLO, "

} The Chamber of Commerce
of San Francisco.

Attest.

24th July, 1884.

MORRIS MARCUS, Secretary.