

No. 50.

The Hon. J. SEE to the Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 4th November, 1885.

HAVE signed 'Frisco contract, subject to insertion of words "without transhipment except at Honolulu" after word "Honolulu," line three of clause five, and insertion of words "Sydney being the terminal port for all such voyages" after word "cargo" in line seven of same clause. I return to you two parts by post, retaining one for use here.

JOHN SEE,

Postmaster-General.

Sir Julius Vogel, K.C.M.G., Postmaster-General, Wellington.

No. 51.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 6th November, 1885.

FRISCO contract: Union Company written formal letter approving alterations you desire. I also concur. Cable received "Alameda" comes right through San Francisco to Auckland and Sydney. I have telegraphed Postmaster-General, Washington, as follows: "Alameda" starts new postal contract from Frisco. Send all mails by her.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL, New Zealand." Desirable you should send similar cablegram. It will be courteous to do so, for United States virtually party to contract.

Hon. John See, Postmaster-General, Sydney.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 52.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, United States.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 6th November, 1885.

"ALAMEDA" starts new postal contract. Send all mails by her.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL,

The Hon. Postmaster-General, United States, Washington.

New Zealand.

No. 53.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL to Mr. CREIGHTON, San Francisco.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 7th November, 1885.

"ALAMEDA" starts new contract. Washington instructed send all mails by her. Instruct mail-agent ship mails "Alameda."

POSTMASTER-GENERAL,

Creighton, San Francisco.

New Zealand.

No. 54.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Sydney, 4th November, 1885.

With reference to the cablegram sent to-day by the Postmaster-General of this colony to Sir Julius Vogel, I am directed to forward to you two parts of the contract agreement between New South Wales, New Zealand, and the Union Steamship Company, duly executed, the third part having been retained here for the use of this department.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, New Zealand.

Secretary.

No. 55.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 17th November, 1885.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, and of the two copies which it enclosed of the contract agreement between New South Wales, New Zealand, and the Union Steamship Company for the San Francisco mail service, duly executed, the third copy having been retained in your office. The additions made by the Hon. Mr. See, and which had been advised by cablegram, are noted.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

Secretary.

No. 56.

Mr. GRAY to the MANAGING DIRECTOR, Union Steamship Company.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 19th November, 1885.

I have the honour to transmit to you one copy of the contract agreement, duly executed, between New South Wales, New Zealand, and your company, for the performance of the San Francisco mail service, the other two copies having been retained by the Colony of New South Wales and this office respectively.