

Enclosure 2 in No. 73.

Messrs. WILLIAMS, DIMOND, and Co. to Mr. C. CREIGHTON.

Agency Pacific Mail Steamship Company, Williams, Dimond, and Co., General Agents,
San Francisco, 19th November, 1885.

SIR,—

We beg to hand you herewith copy of our letter of this date addressed to the Postmaster here, and to notify you that we are prepared to carry all mails destined for New Zealand and New South Wales by the steamship "Zealandia," and that said steamship will await arrival of the mails due here 22nd November; and will thank you to notify the New Zealand mail-agent to this effect, so that he may take the usual charge of such mails on the steamship "Zealandia."

We have, &c.,

WILLIAMS, DIMOND, AND Co.,

General Agents, Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

Charles Creighton, Esq., Agent New Zealand Post Office Department,
606, Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California.

Sub-Enclosure 1 to Enclosure 2 in No. 73.

Messrs. WILLIAMS, DIMOND, and Co. to the POSTMASTER, San Francisco.

SIR,—

San Francisco, 19th November, 1885.

We beg to hand you herewith copy of message from H. G. Pearson, Esq., Postmaster, New York, notifying us that he has forwarded 247 sacks of mail for the colonies of New Zealand and New South Wales, for despatch by the steamship "Zealandia."

Having been informed that you propose to deliver this mail to another steamer, we hereby notify you that our contract with the Governments of New Zealand and New South Wales does not expire until the 29th day of November next, that we are prepared to carry said mail on the steamship "Zealandia" in accordance with said contract, and shall hold you responsible for all losses and damage that may accrue to us by reason of your failing to deliver this mail to the steamship "Zealandia" as consigned.

We have, &c.,

WILLIAMS, DIMOND, AND Co.,

General Agents, Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

S. W. Backus, Esq., Postmaster, San Francisco.

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The POSTMASTER, New York, to Messrs. WILLIAMS, DIMOND, and Co.

New York, 16th November, 1885.

ONE hundred and seventy-seven sacks of current British Australian mails, per steamship "Republic," supposed to be the final instalments, forwarded by the 6.15 p.m. train, Penn. R.R., this 16th day of November; making a total of 247 sacks for despatch by the steamship "Zealandia."

Williams, Dimond, and Co.

H. G. PEARSON.

Enclosure 3 in No. 73.

Mr. C. CREIGHTON to Messrs. WILLIAMS, DIMOND AND Co.

GENTLEMEN,—

San Francisco, 19th November, 1885.

Your favour of this date, containing notification that you are prepared to carry all New Zealand and New South Wales mails on the steamship "Zealandia," is duly to hand. In reply thereto I beg leave to again notify you that, acting under instructions from my Government, I have notified the Post Office authorities here and the mail-agent to ship all such mails on the steamship "Alameda."

I have, &c.,

CHARLES CREIGHTON,

Resident Agent for New Zealand.

Messrs. Williams, Dimond, and Co.,

Agents Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

Enclosure 4 in No. 73.

Messrs. WILLIAMS, DIMOND, and Co. to Mr. C. CREIGHTON.

SIR,—

Agency Pacific Mail Steamship Company, San Francisco, 20th November, 1885.

We beg to acknowledge your favour of the 19th instant, in which you state that, acting under instructions from your Government, you have notified the Post Office here and the mail-agent to ship all such mails on the steamship "Alameda." We are instructed to protest against this action, and to notify you that we shall hold the Government of New Zealand responsible for the failure to deliver the mails to the steamship "Zealandia" in accordance with the contract.

We have, &c.,

WILLIAMS, DIMOND, AND Co.,

General Agents, Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

Charles Creighton, Esq., Resident Agent for New Zealand.