approval of the United States Post Office is conveyed of the contract with your company for the San Francisco mail service, and the agreement to contribute, unless Congress forbids, the sum asked for—£4,000 a year—in aid of the service is confirmed. The remarks explain themselves.

The Acting General Manager, Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited), Dunedin. I have, &c., W. Gray, Secretary.

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Mr. Gray to the Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

SIR,-General Post Office, Wellington, 13th May, 1886.
The Hon. the Postmaster-General directs me to forward, for the information of the Hon. Mr. Suttor, the attached copy of a letter of the 2nd ultimo from the Superintendent of Foreign Mails (Acting), Washington, in which the approval of the United States Post Office is conveyed of the new contract for the San Francisco mail service, and the agreement to contribute, unless Congress forbids, the sum asked for-£4,000-in aid of the service is confirmed. explain themselves. I have, &c., W. GRAY,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

Secretary.

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