

RETURN TO ORDER OF 11TH JULY, 1888 (Mr. PEACOCK).

RETURN showing (1.) The Estimated Additional Cost to the Colony if all the Mail-matter now sent by the Direct Service were sent by the San Francisco Service on the Present Terms.

Estimated Additional Cost—
Salaries and travelling expenses of additional Mail Agents ... £ s. d.
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(2.) Estimated Net Monetary Result to the Colony of the San Francisco Service if the above Course were adopted.

Payments,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subsidy to Union Company	23,333	6	8			
Bonus to contractors	1,500	0	0			
Light-dues	663	0	0			
Mail Agents, £1,700, and interprovincial service, £4,500	6,200	0	0	31,696	6	8
Receipts,—						
Postages from London	18,542	18	3			
Postages collected in the colony	22,908	4	10			
Receipts from non-contracting colonies	5,000	0	0	46,451	3	1
Net profit to the colony				£14,754	16	5

(3.) Estimated Net Monetary Result of the Direct Service if all the Mail-matter now sent by the San Francisco Route were to be sent by the Direct Service on the Present Terms.

Payments,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to New Zealand Shipping Company on weight of correspondence	31,446	19	4			
Bonus	7,000	0	0			
Interprovincial service, £4,000, and light-dues, £936	4,936	0	0	43,382	19	4
Receipts,—						
Postages from London... ..	23,060	5	0			
Postages collected in the colony... ..	22,908	4	10	45,968	9	10
Net profit to the colony				£2,585	10	6

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