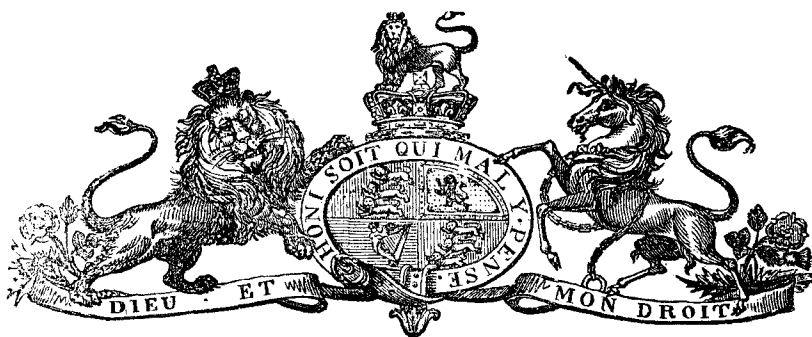




POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH CONFERENCE, 1895.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE INTERCOLONIAL POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC CONFERENCE HELD IN HOBART DURING FEBRUARY, 1895.

PRESIDENT THE HON JOHN GAVAN DUFFY, M.L.A., OF VICTORIA.

- I. THE Seven Colonies of Australasia were all represented at the Conference.
- II. The Conference sat on the 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 8th February

The following were the principal Resolutions adopted, viz. :—

RELATING TO POSTAL SERVICE.

1 That this Conference re-affirms the desirableness of establishing a four-weekly service (alternating with the San Francisco Service) between Australia, New Zealand, and Vancouver, the Mail Steamers calling at one main port in New Zealand and such ports in Australia as may be determined upon.

2. It is desirable that in the next Contract for the conveyance of Mails from the United Kingdom to Australia, provision be made—

- (1) That until safe and commodious harbour accommodation be provided at Fremantle, it be optional with the Companies to call at Fremantle; but that so soon as such accommodation is provided, it be compulsory for the Companies to call at Fremantle to deliver and take on board mails and passengers.
- (2.) That any Mail Steamer arriving at Albany or at Fremantle shall remain in port for six hours at least.
- (3.) That the sailing day for Mail Steamers from Adelaide be Saturday