

No. 12.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 10th November, 1898.

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a resolution passed in the House of Representatives of this colony on the 3rd instant (proposed for the 28th ultimo), authorising Government to extend the San Francisco and Vancouver mail-services for one year from the 1st April, 1899. The Postmaster-General is now in communication on the subject with the shipping companies concerned.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Washington.

W. GRAY, Secretary.

[Similar letters to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Ottawa, the J. D. Spreckels and Brothers Company, San Francisco, and the Resident Agent for New Zealand, San Francisco.]

No. 13.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Wellington, 10th November, 1898.

Referring to my telegram of the 7th instant, I have now the honour to forward herewith copy of the resolutions passed in the House of Representatives of this colony on the 3rd instant (proposed for the 28th ultimo), authorising Government to extend the San Francisco and Vancouver mail-services for one year from the 1st April, 1899.

I have, &c.,

W. C. WALKER, for the Premier.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 14.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Westminster Chambers 13, Victoria Street, London, S.W., 16th November, 1898.

Referring to your cablegram of the 7th instant, stating that the New Zealand Parliament had authorised renewal of the San Francisco and Vancouver mail-services, I beg to state that I communicated this information to the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand, and to the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company, and herewith I transmit copies of their replies.

You will observe that the liquidator of the latter company intimates that the matter is receiving consideration.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

W. P. REEVES.

Enclosure 1 in No. 14.

The SECRETARY, Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand, London, to the AGENT-GENERAL.

Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited), 34, Leadenhall Street,

DEAR SIR,—

9th November, 1898.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Walter Kennaway's letter of yesterday's date, and thank you for the information given that the Government of New Zealand had authorised the renewal of the San Francisco mail-service for twelve months on present terms.

Yours, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

C. H. COOPER, Secretary.

Enclosure 2 in No. 14.

The OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR, Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company, London, to the SECRETARY to the AGENT-GENERAL.

The Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company, 138, Leadenhall Street,

DEAR SIR,—

9th November, 1898.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, informing me that the New Zealand Parliament has authorised the renewal of the Vancouver mail-service for twelve months on the present terms, and in reply I beg to say that the matter is receiving consideration.

Yours, &c.,

Walter Kennaway, Esq., C.M.G., Secretary,
Department of Agent-General for New Zealand.

CHAS. J. COWAN, Liquidator.