

Enclosure 3 in No. 150.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, London, to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

General Post Office, London, 2nd April, 1901.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your further letter of the 20th ultimo on the subject of the route adopted for the transmission of mails from this country for New Zealand.

The Postmaster-General is, of course, prepared to consider the proposal made in that letter from the point of view of what is on the whole best to be done; but he desires to have before him the particulars asked for in my letter of the 8th ultimo; and he will be obliged if you will be so good as to arrange for those particulars to be furnished.

I am, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

H. BUXTON FORMAN.

No. 151.

The J. D. SPRECKELS AND BROTHERS COMPANY, San Francisco, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

San Francisco, 16th April, 1901.

PLEASE instruct Mail-agents give us weights on arrival here.

No. 152.

The DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

Postal and Electric Telegraph Department, General Post Office,

SIR,—

Sydney, 17th April, 1901.

In reply to your letter dated 3rd instant [not printed], drawing attention to a discrepancy between the time-table received by you from the Imperial Post Office, Berlin, and the time-table issued by this department, respecting the voyages of the North German Lloyds steamers homeward from 22nd November and outward from 23rd September next, I have the honour to inform you that the time-table from Berlin was not received at this office until after the publication of the time-table for English mails was issued by this department, and the alteration to a thrice-weekly service was consequently not noted.

I have also to state that, in accordance with a card time-table recently issued in Sydney by the agents of the Oceanic Steamship Company, the day of the arrival of the mails in London *via* San Francisco is altered from Saturday to Friday, whilst the outward mails from San Francisco are tabled to reach Auckland on Monday instead of Friday, and at Sydney Thursday instead of Tuesday. I enclose herewith an amended copy of our sheet time-table to date for acceptance.

I have, &c.,

J. DALGARNO, Deputy Postmaster-General.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 153.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

London, 18th April, 1901.

HOMEWARD mail *via* San Francisco will be five days late. Great inconvenience caused.

No. 154.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Wellington, 26th April, 1901.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 22nd February last and the 14th ultimo, enclosing correspondence relative to the payment to the United States Post Office of the sea-rates for the conveyance of mails from the United Kingdom for New Zealand and Australia by way of San Francisco.

I have, &c.

JAS. MCGOWAN, for the Premier.

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

No. 155.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

Westminster Chambers, 13, Victoria Street, London, S.W., 26th April, 1901.

(Memorandum.)

San Francisco Mail.

I BEG to state that the mail which as by the New Zealand ocean mail time-table was timed to leave Auckland on the 23rd March, and should have arrived in London on the 20th instant, was not delivered at this office until 5 p.m. on the 25th instant.