

No. 183.

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

(Telegram).

Wellington, 17th November, 1900.

LARGE English mail despatched by "Monowai" yesterday to connect with Brindisi mail leaving Sydney Tuesday. Every effort will be made to insure "Monowai's" early arrival, but should she be at all late trust you will see your way to delay train. Connection important one for us, owing to absence Frisco outward despatch this month.

No. 184.

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

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 17th November, 1900.

REGRET cannot hold train if "Monowai" late. Tuesday special train to 10 p.m., Sydney to Melbourne, would catch. Will you authorise cost, about £224, if required?

No. 185.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 19th November, 1900.

SHOULD "Monowai" be late, please arrange for special train as suggested at cost of £224. Kindly cable when steamer signalled. Much obliged if special attention could be given to transferring mails from steamer to train.

No. 186.

The SECRETARY, Chamber of Commerce, Christchurch, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,— Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, Christchurch, 19th November, 1900.

The advisability of arrangements being made by the Government with the present lines of steamers to run a fortnightly service connecting with the Brindisi mail leaving Sydney having been brought under the notice of this Chamber, this committee would strongly support the action of the Wellington Chamber in the above direction, as a regular fortnightly service would be considered a boon by business people.

Trusting that this matter will have your favourable consideration,

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

H. ANTILL ADLEY, Secretary.

No. 187.

The DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 21st November, 1900.

Your mails per "Monowai" went forward yesterday. No cost incurred.

No. 188.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Chamber of Commerce, Christchurch.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 1st December, 1900.

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 19th ultimo, in which you convey the representations of your Chamber that it would be desirable to make arrangements with existing lines of steamers to provide for a fortnightly service to Sydney to connect with mail-steamers leaving that port *via* Brindisi for the United Kingdom.

In reply, the Hon. Mr. Ward directs me to say that the matter of mail-conveyance has not been lost sight of so far as the Government is concerned.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ROSE, for the Secretary.

The Secretary, Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, Christchurch.