

No. 17.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to Messrs. HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE, Auckland.

GENTLEMEN,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 5th February, 1904.

I have the honour to forward herewith two copies of the memorandum of agreement [No. 24] for the renewal of the San Francisco mail-service for three years from the 10th November last, and to ask whether, in your opinion, Sir Joseph Ward may execute the instrument for his part. If you are unable to say, perhaps you will be so good as to send the copies forward to San Francisco for the approval of the J. D. Spreckels and Bros. Company.

Messrs. Henderson and Macfarlane, Auckland.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

No. 18.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to Messrs. HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE, Auckland.

GENTLEMEN,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 23rd February, 1904.

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant [not printed], stating that you were of opinion that the San Francisco mail-service agreement might be signed by the Postmaster-General, I have now the honour to forward herewith two copies of the agreement duly completed by Sir Joseph Ward. I shall be glad if you will have the copies forwarded by first mail to San Francisco for execution by the J. D. Spreckels and Bros. Company, and one copy afterwards returned to this office.

Messrs. Henderson and Macfarlane, Auckland.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

No. 19.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PRIME MINISTER.

(Telegram.)

London, 29th February, 1904.

ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN Company refuse to call at Fanning Island after 16th April. Chairman and Manager Cable Board ask New Zealand Government use good offices get them to continue to do so till the end of May, so as to give time to make other arrangements.

No. 20.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the J. D. SPRECKELS AND BROS. COMPANY, San Francisco.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 3rd March, 1904.

UNDERSTAND you cease calling Fanning Island after sixteenth April. Beg you continue call up to end of May, enable Pacific Cable Board make other arrangements.

No. 21.

The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 3rd March, 1904.

HAVE cabled Spreckels urge call Fanning Island till end of May.

No. 22.

The J. D. SPRECKELS AND BROS. COMPANY, San Francisco, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

San Francisco, 3rd March, 1904.

"VENTURA," leaving Sydney May sixteenth, last call Fanning.

No. 23.

The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th March, 1904.

SPRECKELS advises "Ventura," leaving Sydney May sixteenth, last call Fanning. [See No. 76.]