

No. 51.

The ACTING POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 28th April, 1906.

Re mail by "Moana." Government have already incurred considerable expense in preparing to send "Tutanekai" to Fiji, which will be chiefly lost if she does not go. Your company will receive considerable poundage in respect of this mail from British, American, and Commonwealth Governments. Your company also interested in experiment of "Moana" calling at Auckland. If "Tutanekai" goes Fiji, New Zealand Government will receive certain amount of poundage in respect of mail, which would diminish their outlay. Under all circumstances, New Zealand Government are prepared to pay Union Company total sum of four hundred pounds if "Moana" lands "Sonoma's" New Zealand Frisco mail at Auckland as proposed. Please reply early as possible whether or not Union Company accept this offer.

No. 52.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin, to the ACTING POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 28th April, 1906.

ACCEPT your offer 400 pounds "Moana" deviation, and have wired all parties interested complete arrangements. We would point, however, this sum will not cover our actual expenses in connection with altered route. We have no advice from Vancouver as to what payments we will receive for carrying Frisco mail, and in this matter have to rely on your assurance that company will receive considerable poundage in respect of Frisco mail from British, American, and Commonwealth Governments.

No. 53.

The ACTING POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 28th April, 1906.

YOUR telegram received accepting Government offer of four hundred pounds "Moana" deviation, and note that you have wired all parties interested complete arrangements. You say in this matter you rely on my assurance that company will receive considerable poundage in respect of Frisco mail from British, American, and Commonwealth Governments. Of course, New Zealand Government do not guarantee this, and have no better knowledge in matter than yourselves, but we feel certain your company will not carry this mail gratis. "Tutanekai" will not now go to Fiji.

No. 54.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, to CHIEF POSTMASTERS throughout New Zealand.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 28th April, 1906.

It has now been decided that "Moana" will herself bring on diverted Frisco mail to Auckland, arriving Thursday, 17th May. "Tutanekai" will therefore not go to Fiji as advised on 26th. Inform public and sub-offices.

No. 55.

The RESIDENT AGENT FOR NEW ZEALAND, San Francisco, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Oakland, San Francisco, 28th April, 1906.

CITY nearly all burnt down. Send last account, stationery, remittance. Lindsay on "Sonoma."

No. 56.

Messrs. HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE, Auckland, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 30th April, 1906.

MESSRS. SPRECKELS cable us that the state of local conditions make it quite impossible for them to say at the present time when the "Sonoma" will leave San Francisco, and add that she will not get away on May 10th, but that they will advise us date fixed as soon as it is decided.