

No. 211.

The CHIEF POSTMASTER, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Memorandum.)

Chief Post Office, Wellington, 21st June, 1911.

I LEARN from the Harbour Board that the Sydney steamer left here on Friday last at 6 p.m. sharp. Our mails were at the ship's side to be put on board at 4.45 p.m. We were in no way responsible for the detention of the steamer until 6 p.m.

D. MILLER, Chief Postmaster.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

[Suez Conn. 11/44.]

No. 212.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 21st June, 1911.

"WARRIMOO" missed Sydney last night. This is again a case of detention in Wellington. Had she sailed at 5 o'clock she would have arrived in time to connect with special train. All our mails were aboard by 5 o'clock. I have only now learnt of detention at Wellington, or would have brought matter under your notice before.

No. 213.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 21st June, 1911.

GREATLY regret "Warrimoo" missing mail. She has been so consistent in steaming that she must have experienced exceptional weather. Have wired Wellington office that vessels must leave on time.

No. 214.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 21st June, 1911.

I have the honour to refer to the claim of your company for the full subsidy of £288 9s. 3d. for the trip of the R.M.S. "Aorangi" from Wellington to Sydney, begun on the 19th ultimo.

I shall be glad to hear any reason you may wish to advance why the penalty provided for in the contract for late arrival in Sydney should not be imposed.

I have, &c.,

D. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

The General Manager, Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited), Dunedin.

[Suez Conn. 11/40.]

No. 215.

The Hon. the ACTING PRIME MINISTER, to the SECRETARY, Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, Christchurch.

SIR,—

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 21st June, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by your Chamber respecting the mail and passenger service between Wellington and Sydney, and to inform you, in reply, that the representations made for improving the mail-service will receive the careful consideration of Government.

I have, &c.,

J. CARROLL, Acting Prime Minister.

The Secretary, Canterbury Chamber of Commerce (Incorporated), Christchurch.

[Suez Conn. 11/39.]

No. 216.

The Hon. the ACTING PRIME MINISTER to the HIGH COMMISSIONER, London.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 23rd June, 1911.

SUEZ despatch 16th missed. Sent by German "Zieten."

No. 217.

MESSRS. GILBERT ANDERSON AND Co., London, to the Right Hon. Sir JOSEPH WARD (in London).

SIR,—

Terminus Chambers, 6 Holborn Viaduct, London E.C., 26th June, 1911.

We respectfully wish to draw your attention to the very great inconvenience and risk that is run by those who are connected with the New Zealand trade, especially the frozen-meat trade, owing to the irregular manner in which mails are delivered.