

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE PANAMA MAIL SERVICE.

No. 1.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. PARKER, to the Hon. Major RICHARDSON.

Office of the Superintendent of the Panama Railroad,
Aspinwall,
September 5, 1865.

SIR,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of May 29th, ult., and to express my pleasure at the indication it affords of the progress of arrangements for carrying out the new steam line between Great Britain and her colonies of New Zealand and Australia.

I have directed a copy of your letter to the President of this Company in New York.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Postmaster General,
Wellington.

WM. PARKER,
Supt. P. R. R.

No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. TILLEY to the Hon. Major RICHARDSON.

General Post Office, London,
October 9, 1865.

SIR,—

I am directed by the Postmaster-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29th May last, stating that the Government of New Zealand had entered into a contract with the Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails between Great Britain and New Zealand and Australia, by way of Panama.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, I am to inform you that, when the new service shall have commenced, his Lordship will be happy to allow any cost which may be incurred in the transit of the Mails across the Isthmus of Panama to be defrayed by this Department, the amount so paid being charged against the Colony in the Accounts prepared by this Office.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Postmaster-General,
Wellington.

P. TILLEY.

No. 3.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. CHAS. E. COWPER to the Hon. J. C. RICHMOND.

No. 106.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, New South Wales,
30th September, 1865.

SIR,—

Referring to your letter to me of 13th May last, in respect to the co-operation of this Government with that of New Zealand in carrying out a contract for Steam Postal Communication by way of Panama, I have the honor to inquire whether any further steps have been taken in the matter.

2. Parliament is called together for the despatch of business on the 24th proximo, when the subject will probably be brought under discussion; and during the Session a Bill will have to be submitted for giving effect to the Resolution passed by the Assembly on the 20th April.

3. Should you be desirous of offering any suggestion for the consideration of this Government, in connection with the proposed Legislative enactment I shall be glad to be favored with it at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. Colonial Secretary of New Zealand,
Wellington.

CHAS. E. COWPER.