

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE

TABLE showing the Present Cost of the AUSTRALIAN MAIL PACKET SERVICE as divided between the Imperial Post Office and the Colonies; the same supposing the New South Wales and Queensland Correspondence, in addition to that of New Zealand, were conveyed *via* Panama; thirdly, the Cost of a Service twice a Month *via* Suez; and fourthly, the Division of the Expense of Three Lines of Packets proposed by the Committee of Delegates of the Colonies.

Country contributing.	Present Arrangement: New Zealand Correspondence going <i>via</i> Panama.				New Zealand, New South Wales, and Queensland Correspondence, going <i>via</i> Panama.				Estimated Cost of a Service twice a Month <i>via</i> Suez.	Proposal of Delegates: Total Expenses of the three Services.
	Suez Route.	Panama Route.	Torres Straits Route.	Total.	Suez.	Panama.	Torres Straits.	Total.		
United Kingdom*	£ 86,135	£ ...	£ ...	£ 86,135	£ 85,110	£ ...	£ ...	£ 85,110	£ 127,300	£ 200,000
Victoria	38,100	...	...	38,100	63,938	...	...	63,938	40,087	50,000
New South Wales	21,360	57,300	...	78,660	...	57,300	...	57,300	17,384	50,000
South Australia†	16,431	62,700	...	16,431	20,887	...	...	20,887	27,884	14,000
New Zealand	...	...	...	62,700	...	62,700	...	62,700	45,754	50,000
Tasmania‡	3,731	...	...	3,731	5,611	...	...	5,611	4,856	12,000
Queensland§	12,425	...	90,000	102,425	...	...	90,000	90,000	12,956	24,000
Western Australia¶	932	...	...	932	1,518	...	...	1,518	1,267	...
	179,114	120,000||	90,000	389,114	177,064	120,000||	90,000¶	387,064	277,388	400,000

Notes on the above.

Namely:—* Service between United Kingdom and Sydney, including incidental expenses ... £81,710
 King George's Sound and Adelaide ... 2,475
 Branch, Sydney to Queensland ... 1,025
 Melbourne and Tasmania ... 925

† United Kingdom to Melbourne ...
 Branch Packet to Melbourne ...

£2,806
 925

‡ United Kingdom to King George's Sound ... £7,112
 King George's Sound and Adelaide ... 9,319
 £16,431

§ United Kingdom to Sydney ...
 Branch, Sydney to Queensland ...

£11,400
 1,025

£3,731

|| This includes £10,000 for conveyance across the Isthmus of Panama.
 ¶ Estimated cost of a Monthly Service.