

RETURNS

RELATING TO THE

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.

RETURNS TO ORDERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 24TH AND 25TH JULY,
AND 7TH AUGUST, 1872.

WELLINGTON.

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1872.

RETURNS RELATING TO THE SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.

(Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 24th July, 1872.)

“THAT there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return showing—

- “1. The number of hours which elapsed from the first departure of each New Zealand Mail from San Francisco until its arrival in Auckland and Port Chalmers, during the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1872.
- “2. The number of hours which elapsed from the departure of each mail from Port Chalmers until its arrival in Auckland and San Francisco during the same period.
- “3. The amounts deducted from the subsidy to Mr. Webb.”

(Mr. Johnston.)

RETURN showing the NUMBER of HOURS occupied in performing the VOYAGES from SAN FRANCISCO to AUCKLAND and PORT CHALMERS, and from PORT CHALMERS to AUCKLAND and SAN FRANCISCO, by the Steamers running under the Contract between the New Zealand Government and Messrs. Webb and Holladay, from the commencement of the Service.

SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW ZEALAND.					PORT CHALMERS TO SAN FRANCISCO.				
To Auckland.			To Port Chalmers.		Port Chalmers to Auckland.			To San Francisco.	
First Date of Departure.	Date of Arrival.	Time occupied, in Hours.	Date of Arrival.	Time occupied, in Hours.	Date of Despatch.	Date of Arrival.	Time occupied, in Hours.	Date of Arrival.	Time occupied, in Hours.
1871.	1871.		1871.		1871.	1871.		1871.	
April 8 ...	May 4 ...	602	May 10 ...	749	May 15 ...	May 20 ...	114	June 22 ...	926
May 6 ...	May 31 ...	577	June 5 ...	702	June 9 ...	June 14 ...	120	July 16 ...	904
May 24 ...	June 23 ...	* 711	June 30 ...	868	July 7 ...	July 11 ...	103	Aug. 13 ...	898
June 23 ...	July 20 ...	634	July 26 ...	781	Aug. 4 ...	Aug. 9 ...	108	Sept. 9 ...	875
July 20 ...	Aug. 16 ...	628	Aug. 23 ...	790	Sept. 1 ...	Sept. 6 ...	118	Oct. 7 ...	881
Aug. 16 ...	Sept. 12 ...	631	Sept. 19 ...	796	Sept. 29 ...	Oct. 3 ...	120	Nov. 5 ...	898
Sept. 13 ...	Oct. 12 ...	675	Oct. 18 ...	819	Oct. 27 ...	Nov. 1 ...	124	Dec. 3 ...	912
Oct. 11 ...	Nov. 7 ...	626	Nov. 12 ...	742	Nov. 24 ...	Nov. 29 ...	126	1872.	
Nov. 9 ...	Dec. 8 ...	† 716	Dec. 14 ...	827	Dec. 22 ...	Dec. 27 ...	122	Jan. 4 ...	1,010
Dec. 12 ...	1872.		1872.		1872.	1872.		Feb. 3 ...	1,057
Dec. 12 ...	Jan. 8 ...	627	Jan. 12 ...	723	Jan. 19 ...	Jan. 24 ...	114	Feb. 29 ...	998
1872.									
Jan. 9 ...	Feb. 7 ...	677	Feb. 14 ...	845	Feb. 17 ...	Feb. 24 ...	|| 162	Mar. 27 ...	944
Feb. 6 ...	Mar. 3 ...	‡ 604	Mar. 9 ...	740	Mar. 15 ...	Mar. 21 ...	137	April 24 ...	982
Mar. 1 ...	April 6 ...	848	April 13 ...	1,017	April 16 ...	April 21 ...	122	May 22 ...	876
Mar. 29 ...	May 22 ...	§ 1,282	May 28 ...	1,419	May 11 ...	**		**	
April 27 ...	May 22 ...	583	May 28 ...	719	June 7 ...	June 12 ...	126		
May 24 ...	June 21 ...	663	June 30 ...	863					

* Delay, accident to “Moses Taylor.” † Accident to machinery. ‡ Snow blockade; steamer arrived without English Mails. § Accident to “Mohonga;” no steamer arrived. || Detained 24 hours by Government. ** No steamer this month.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 31st July, 1872.

RETURN showing the Amounts Deducted from the Subsidy payable to Messrs. Webb and Holladay, during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1872.

When Deducted.	Reason for Deduction.	Amount.
May, 1872 ...	For Non-arrival of April Steamer, and Non-despatch of Steamer from Auckland in May	£ s. d. 3,384 12 3

General Post Office,
Wellington, 29th July, 1872.

RETURNS RELATING TO THE

(Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 7th August, 1872.)

“THAT there be laid upon the Table, a Statement of the Amount of Penalties agreed to be remitted by the Colonial Treasurer to the Contractors for the San Francisco Mail Service, and by what authority so remitted.”

(Mr. Gillies.)

RETURN of the AMOUNT of PENALTIES not claimed from the Contractors for the San Francisco Mail Service.

							£	s.	d.
Outward Voyages	...	...	...	...	...	£2,736	0	0	
Inward	„	...	...	...	...	982	0	0	
							3,718 0 0		
Deduct Premiums earned	...	...	...	...	...	...	74	0 0	
Total							£3,644 0 0		

NOTE.—By clause 21 of the Contract the penalties have to be adjusted once a year, and by clause 18 the Postmaster-General has power to remit them. Similar power existed in the Panama Contract, also in the Contract of the Peninsular and Oriental Company with the Imperial Post Office. There has been no formal remission of any penalties. On Mr. Webb's arrival in New Zealand he gave the Postmaster-General to understand that he had great difficulty in commencing the line, and had sustained considerable loss, and that if the full penalties were to be inflicted there would be an end of the line. The Postmaster-General gave no pledge beyond the general assurance that the Government desired to deal liberally with the Contractors. Subsequently, when Mr. Webb agreed to reduce the payment receivable from the New Zealand Government up to the termination of the arrangement with the Australasian Steam Navigation Company from £50,000 to £46,000, the Postmaster-General informed him that it was his intention not to recommend to the Government to enforce the penalties for breaches of the agreement committed up to that time. The reduction in the rate of subsidy is equivalent to a saving to the Colony of £2,000. Since that date an amount of £3,384 12s. 3d. has not been paid to the Contractors, owing to no boat leaving one month.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 9th August, 1872.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.

(Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 25th July, 1872.)

“THAT there be laid upon the Table a Return showing, from the commencement of the Service, the due dates in each month, according to contract, of the delivery of the Mails by the Steamers subsidized to carry the said Mails between San Francisco and New Zealand; and the actual dates in each month of the delivery of the said Mails at the Contract Ports of Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton, and Port Chalmers, and at the Ports of New Plymouth, Nelson, Picton, Westport, Greymouth, and Hokitika respectively. Return to be furnished within one week.”

(Hon. Mr. Stafford.)

RETURN showing, from the Commencement of Messrs. Webb and Holladay's Service, the DUE DATES in each Month, according to Contract, of the DELIVERY of the MAILS by the Steamers subsidized to carry the said MAILS between San Francisco and New Zealand; and the ACTUAL DATES in each Month of the DELIVERY of the said MAILS at the Contract Ports of Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton, and Port Chalmers, and the Ports of New Plymouth, Nelson, Picton, Westport, Greymouth, and Hokitika.

AUCKLAND.		WELLINGTON.		LYTTELTON.		PORT CHALMERS.		NEW PLYMOUTH.		NELSON.		PICTON.		WESTPORT.		GREYMOUTh.		HOKITIKA.	
Due Arrival.	Actual Arrival.	Due Arrival.	Actual Arrival.	Due Arrival.	Actual Arrival.	Due Arrival.	Actual Arrival.	Due Arrival.	Actual Arrival.	Due Arrival.	Actual Arrival.	Due Arrival.	Actual Arrival.	Due Arrival.	Actual Arrival.	Due Arrival.	Actual Arrival.	Due Arrival.	Actual Arrival.
1871. May 4	1871. May 4	1871. May 8	1871. May 9	1871. May 9	1871. May 10	1871. May 6	1871. May 6	1871. May 6	1871. May 7	1871. May 8	1871. May 8	1871. May 11	1871. May 12	1871. May 9	1871. May 12	1871. May 9	1871. May 12	1871. May 9	1871. May 12
May 31	May 31	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 2	June 2	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 4	June 7	June 8	June 5	June 8	June 5	June 8	June 5	June 8
June 19	June 23*	June 26	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 21	June 21	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 23	June 26	June 27	June 25	June 28	June 25	June 28	June 25	June 28
July 17	July 20	July 24	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 19	July 19	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 21	July 24	July 25	July 23	July 30	July 23	July 30	July 23	July 30
Aug. 14	Aug. 16	Aug. 20	Aug. 19	Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Aug. 16	Aug. 16	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Aug. 20	Aug. 21
Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 16	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 13	Sept. 13	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 17
Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Oct. 16	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 15	Oct. 15	Oct. 15	Oct. 15	Oct. 15	Oct. 15
Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 8	Nov. 8	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 12	Nov. 12	Nov. 12	Nov. 12	Nov. 12	Nov. 12	Nov. 12
Dec. 4	Dec. 8†	Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 6	Dec. 6	Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 8	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 11
1872. Jan. 1†	1872. Jan. 8	1872. Jan. 10	1872. Jan. 6	1872. Jan. 7	1872. Jan. 12	1872. Jan. 3	1872. Jan. 3	1872. Jan. 3	1872. Jan. 4	1872. Jan. 5	1872. Jan. 5	1872. Jan. 11	1872. Jan. 12	1872. Jan. 12	1872. Jan. 12	1872. Jan. 12	1872. Jan. 12	1872. Jan. 12	1872. Jan. 12
Jan. 29†	Feb. 7	Feb. 12	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Jan. 31	Jan. 31	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 2	Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Feb. 16	Feb. 16	Feb. 16	Feb. 16	Feb. 16	Feb. 16
Feb. 26†	Mar. 3||	Mar. 7	Mar. 2	Mar. 8	Mar. 9	Feb. 28	Mar. 5	Mar. 5	Feb. 29	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Mar. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9
Mar. 25†	Apr. 6	Apr. 11	Apr. 30	Apr. 12	Apr. 13	Mar. 27	Mar. 27	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 9
Apr. 20	May 22	May 26	May 27	May 27	May 28	Apr. 24	Apr. 24	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 29	Apr. 16	Apr. 16	Apr. 16	Apr. 16	Apr. 16	Apr. 16
June 17	June 21	June 26	June 22	June 23	June 24	May 19	May 19	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 21	May 24	May 25	May 30	May 30	May 30	May 30	May 30	May 30
July 15	July 20	July 24	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 17	July 17	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 19	July 21	July 22	July 1	July 1	July 1	July 1	July 1	July 1

* Accident to "Moses Taylor." † Accident to machinery. ‡ Snow blockade on line of railway between New York and San Francisco, preventing mails leaving on advertised dates. § Accident to "Mohouga;" "Nebraska," in consequence, proceeded through to San Francisco from Honolulu. || Steamer arrived with San Francisco mails only. English mails detained on line of railroad, east of Ogden, through snow storms.

General Post Office, Wellington, 29th July, 1872.

