

RETURN showing the Dates of Arrival at and Departure from Sydney of the Steamers which during the Year 1871 conveyed Mails by way of New Zealand and California, and by way of Fiji and California, with the Number of Days occupied in the transit of the Mails to and from London.

Arrival at Sydney, <i>via</i> New Zealand and California.				Departure from Sydney, <i>via</i> New Zealand and California.			
Name of Vessel.	Date.	Number of Days occupied in transit of Mails from London.		Name of Vessel.	Date.	Number of Days occupied in transit of Mails to London.	
* Wonga Wonga	19 Jan.	56		* Wonga Wonga	31 Jan.	61	
* City of Melbourne	19 Feb.	57		* City of Melbourne	28 Feb.	62	
* Wonga Wonga	23 Mar.	61		* Wonga Wonga	1 April	59	
* City of Melbourne	21 April	57		† Nebraska	9 June	57	
† Nevada (per James Paterson, from New Zealand)	15 May	58		† Nebraska	29 Sept.	58	
* Wonga Wonga	23 May	No English Mail.		† Nevada	28 Oct.	59	
† Nebraska	6 June	52		† Nebraska	25 Nov.	68	
† Nevada (per Hero, from New Zealand)	15 July	72		† Nevada	23 Dec.	77	
† Nebraska (per James Paterson, from New Zealand)	5 Aug.	65					
* Nevada (per Lord Ashley, from New Zealand)	9 Sept.	72					
† Nebraska	18 Sept.	53					
† Nevada	19 Oct.	56					
† Nebraska	13 Nov.	53					
† Nevada	15 Dec.	57					
<i>Via</i> Fiji and California.				<i>Via</i> Fiji and California.			
City of Melbourne	24 July	No English Mail.		City of Melbourne	4 May	54	
Wonga Wonga	25 Aug.	"		Wonga Wonga	1 June	60	
City of Adelaide	7 Sept.	"		City of Adelaide	1 July	50	
City of Melbourne	19 Oct.	"		City of Melbourne	2 Aug.	55	
Wonga Wonga	13 Nov.	"		Wonga Wonga	31 Aug.	57	

* Under contract of California, New Zealand, and Australian Line of Mail Steam Packets.
 † Steam Packets of the United States, New Zealand, and Australian Steamship Company.

RETURN showing the Number of Letters, &c., Despatched and Received by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Steamships between Galle and Sydney, and the Cost of Conveyance.

[Laid before the Conference by Mr. SAMUEL.]

Colonies.	Number of Letters Inwards and Outwards.*	Service to Point-de-Galle.	Service between Point-de-Galle and King George's Sound.	Service between King George's Sound and Melbourne.	Service between Melbourne and Sydney.	Moiety of Cost of Mail Boxes and Mail Bags.	Moiety of Expense of Naval Agents in charge of Mails.	Proportion of Cost of Special Packets between Dover and Calais.	Estimated Number of Newspapers Inwards and Outwards <i>via</i> Southampton.*	Egyptian Transit Rate on Newspapers <i>via</i> Southampton.	Totals.
1866.	No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	1,094,668	6,122 10 10	14,108 1 8	6,504 6 11	...	644 7 8	120 2 3	78 4 3	916,320	1,197 3 4	28,774 16 11
New South Wales	475,302	2,658 7 0	6,125 12 0	2,824 0 4	2,177 16 9	279 15 8	25 3 0	33 19 2	370,320	483 16 7	14,635 10 6
South Australia... ..	251,423	1,496 3 10	3,240 5 4	...	...	147 19 11	27 11 9	17 19 3	197,520	258 0 11	5,098 1 0
New Zealand	763,843	4,244 4 5	9,779 18 0	4,508 18 1	3,477 1 2	446 13 10	83 5 3	54 4 5	689,040	900 4 4	23,494 9 6
Tasmania	82,176	459 12 8	1,059 2 7	488 7 6	...	48 7 6	9 0 4	5 17 5	109,680	143 5 11	2,213 13 11
Queensland	242,124	1,354 4 11	3,120 11 4	1,438 13 0	1,109 8 4	142 10 8	26 11 4	17 6 0	164,640	215 1 9	7,424 7 4
Western Australia	34,644	193 16 4	446 12 2	...	...	20 7 11	3 16 1	2 9 6	40,080	52 7 2	719 9 2
	2,939,180	16,439 0 0	37,880 3 1	15,764 5 10	6,764 6 3	1,730 3 2	322 10 0	210 0 0	2,497,600	3,250 0 0	82,360 8 4
1867.											
Victoria	1,076,799	7,925 9 3	18,097 14 11	8,714 8 2	...	723 16 2	155 9 8	101 4 11	821,446	1,578 19 6	37,297 2 7
New South Wales	468,494	3,448 4 4	7,873 19 5	3,791 9 4	4,338 17 0	293 5 7	67 12 7	44 1 0	331,976	638 2 6	20,495 11 9
South Australia... ..	267,711	1,970 8 3	4,409 8 3	...	...	164 10 2	38 13 2	25 3 5	177,068	340 7 2	7,038 10 5
New Zealand	54,598	401 17 0	917 12 6	441 17 1	175 17 7	40 0 11	7 17 8	5 2 8	78,438	150 15 6	2,141 0 11
Tasmania	79,421	584 11 1	1,334 16 6	642 14 11	...	89 2 9	11 9 6	7 9 4	99,324	188 19 11	2,859 4 0
Queensland	251,032	1,847 12 10	4,219 1 10	2,031 11 6	2,324 17 5	143 1 10	36 5 0	2 12 0	147,598	283 14 2	10,909 16 7
Western Australia	35,442	260 17 3	595 13 7	...	...	34 12 7	5 2 5	3 6 8	35,930	69 1 3	968 13 9
	2,233,497	16,439 0 0	37,538 7 0	15,622 1 0	6,839 12 0	1,488 10 0	322 10 0	210 0 0	1,690,780	3,250 0 0	81,710 0 0

* The number of letters and newspapers are those of the preceding year in each case; thus the number stated against the year 1866 is the number posted in the year 1865.