

No. 4.

ARRIVAL at Melbourne from London and Sydney, Arrival alternating at Melbourne every fourteen days.

| Via Brindisi. | | | Via California. | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|
| 46 days to Melbourne. 49 days to Sydney. | | | 48 days to Sydney. 51 days to Melbourne. | | |
| Leave. | Arrive. | | Leave. | Arrive. | |
| London, Friday, 8.50 p.m. | Melbourne, Tuesday, 9 p.m. | Sydney, Friday. | London, Sunday. | Sydney, Saturday. | Melbourne, Tuesday. |
| 24 Jan., 1873 | 11 Mar., 1873 | 14 Mar., 1873 | 16 Feb., 1873 | 5 April, 1873 | 8 April, 1873. |
| 21 Feb., " | 8 April, " | 11 April, " | 16 Mar., " | 3 May, " | 6 May, " |
| 21 Mar., " | 6 May, " | 9 May, " | 13 April, " | 31 May, " | 3 June, " |
| 18 April, " | 3 June, " | 6 June, " | 11 May, " | 28 June, " | 1 July, " |
| 16 May, " | 1 July, " | 4 July, " | 8 June, " | 26 July, " | 29 July, " |
| 13 June, " | 29 July, " | 1 Aug., " | 6 July, " | 23 Aug., " | 26 Aug., " |
| 11 July, " | 26 Aug., " | 29 Aug., " | 3 Aug., " | 20 Sept., " | 23 Sept., " |
| 8 Aug., " | 23 Sept., " | 26 Sept., " | 31 Aug., " | 18 Oct., " | 21 Oct., " |
| 5 Sept., " | 21 Oct., " | 24 Oct., " | 28 Sept., " | 15 Nov., " | 18 Nov., " |
| 3 Oct., " | 18 Nov., " | 21 Nov., " | 26 Oct., " | 13 Dec., " | 16 Dec., " |
| 31 Oct., " | 16 Dec., " | 19 Dec., " | 23 Nov., " | 10 Jan., 1874 | 13 Jan., 1874. |
| 28 Nov., " | 13 Jan., 1874 | 16 Jan., 1874 | 21 Dec., " | 7 Feb., " | 10 Feb., " |
| 26 Dec., " | 10 Feb., " | 13 Feb., " | 18 Jan., 1874 | 7 Mar., " | 10 Mar., " |

By taking Table No. 1, by which the arrivals at Sydney would alternate every fourteen days, and Table No. 3, by which the departures from Melbourne would alternate every fourteen days, we have the following result:—

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| " Melbourne | 11 Mar., " | 30 Mar., " |
| Leave Melbourne | 28 Mar., " | 11 April, " |
| " Sydney | 25 Mar., " | 14 April, " |
| Arrive London | 12 May, " | 1 June, " |
| Leave London | 16 May, " | 30 May, " |
| Arrive Sydney | 4 July, " | 17 July, " |
| " Melbourne | 1 July, " | 20 July, " |
| Leave Melbourne | 16 July, " | 1 Aug., " |
| " Sydney | 13 July, " | 4 Aug., " |
| Arrive London | 1 Sept., " | 21 Sept., " |
| Leave London | 5 Sept., " | 19 Sept., " |

The defect in this arrangement is, that the mails *via* California would leave London about two days before the arrival of the inward mail *via* California, thus precluding a reply; whereas by Tables Nos. 1 and 2, London, Sydney, and Melbourne would have a reasonable time allowed for reply, as will be seen from the following, viz.:—

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The Hon. J. VOGEL and the Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY of
NEW SOUTH WALES.

SIR,—

Sydney, New South Wales, 30th January, 1873.

In order that you may be at liberty to use the information outside the Conference, we now beg to make proposals respecting the Californian Service, in the form which we have already described to you.