

1873.

NEW ZEALAND.

EXTENSION OF THE FIJIAN STEAM SERVICE,

(CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

Mr. W. GRAY to Mr. S. JONES.

(Telegram.)

HON. MR. VOGEL desires me to inquire whether your Company would be willing to extend Fiji Service to Southern Provinces, *i.e.* from Auckland to Port Chalmers, by way of Napier, Wellington, and Lyttelton; and if so, what additional subsidy would be required. Reply.

Stannus Jones, Esq.,

Auckland Steam Packet Company, Auckland.

Buildings, 30th July, 1873.

W. GRAY,
(*pro* Secretary).

No. 2.

Mr. W. LODDER to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Auckland Steam Packet Company (Limited), 31st July, 1873.

I have the honor to forward herewith the enclosed letter from Captain Dalry, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Auckland Steam Packet Company, having reference to a through service from Fiji to Port Chalmers, calling at Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Lyttelton, and Port Chalmers.

The Hon. Julius Vogel,
Postmaster-General, Wellington.I have, &c.,
WILLIAM LODDER,
Manager, A.S.P. Co., Auckland.

Enclosure in No. 2.

Captain DALRY to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Auckland Steam Packet Company (Limited), 31st July, 1873.

In reply to your telegram of the 30th instant, *re* extension of Fiji Service, I have the honor to inform you that the Auckland Steam Packet Company (Limited) are willing and desirous to extend the Fiji Service as you request; but at the present time the position of affairs is as follows:—

1st. The final arrangements for securing the Fiji subsidy are not completed.

2nd. The uncertainty of what may be done about the mail route from Frisco to Australia and New Zealand, as the success of the trade depends chiefly on the direction these lines may take.

3rd. The present subsidies, *viz.* £100 from the New Zealand Government, and £125, does not prove remunerative to the Company; but as soon as matters are further advanced and settled, the Company will be prepared to undertake the service.

Mr. J. S. Macfarlane, one of the directors of the Company, will arrive per "Luna," and I beg to refer you to him for further information on the subject.

The Hon. Julius Vogel, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM C. DALRY,
Chairman.

