

No. 12.

Mr. STUART to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 12th October, 1876.

HOPE that, in obtaining sanction your Parliament to modification mail service, you will secure option to call Bay Islands. Please reply.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

ALEX. STUART.
(for Colonial Secretary, Sydney.)

No. 13.

The Hon. F. WHITAKER to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 13th October, 1876.

GREAT difficulty about coastal service if Bay of Islands port of call. Auckland will probably be fixed. Difference of time to Sydney, few hours only.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Sydney.

FRED. WHITAKER,
Postmaster-General.

No. 14.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of DAYS allowed by the OFFICIAL TIME TABLES for the transit of MAILS between London and the undermentioned places, by the Mail Service *via* San Francisco, and the Mail Service *via* Galle and Suez. Also, the shortest TIME in which the Mails have been delivered at or from the respective places by each of the above-mentioned Services.

<i>Via</i> SAN FRANCISCO.			<i>Via</i> BRINDISI.			<i>Via</i> SOUTHAMPTON.		
Place.	Contract Time, No. of Days.	Shortest Time, No. of Days.	Place.	Contract Time, No. of Days.	Shortest Time, No. of Days.	Place.	Contract Time, No. of Days.	Shortest Time, No. of Days.
Sydney ...	48	46	Sydney ...	49	47	Sydney ...	56	54
Auckland ...	45	41	Auckland ...	60	55	Auckland ...	67	63
Wellington ...	49	45	Wellington ...	56	51	Wellington ...	63	59
Dunedin ...	51	48	Dunedin ...	53	49	Dunedin ...	60	57

By proposed alteration, time for delivery of New Zealand mails will be shortened by between one and two days.
General Post Office, Wellington, 28th September, 1876. W. GRAY.

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