

his heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant with the said Saul Samuel, and George McLean, as such Postmasters-General, and with the successors and successor of them and each of them in their respective offices, that he, the said Edward Cunningham, will, out of the share of any such dividend or dividends as aforesaid which he may receive under and by virtue of this indenture, pay to the firm of Foster and Thomson, carrying on business as solicitors in the City of New York, the sum of £200 of lawful money of the said United Kingdom, or an equivalent sum in the currency of the United States of America, in satisfaction of their charges in connection with the said offer by the said Edward Cunningham and the acceptance thereof as aforesaid. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

(L.S.) SAUL SAMUEL,
(by William Forster, his attorney.)
(L.S.) GEORGE McLEAN,
(by Julius Vogel, his attorney.)

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the within-named Saul Samuel (by William Forster, his attorney) and George McLean (by Sir Julius Vogel, his attorney) in the presence of—
Charles Stewart, solicitor, 57, Coleman Street, E.C.

No. 25.

The Hon. Mr. FISHER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 14th January, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th November last, from which I am glad to learn that you have received from Mr. Cunningham and paid into the credit of the Public Account the sum of £5,000, in settlement of the claim of this Government under the Hall-Forbes San Francisco Mail Contract, and that a matter which has involved much troublesome correspondence and negotiation has thus been brought to a conclusion.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
J. T. FISHER.

No. 26.

Mr. GRAY to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Sydney.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 4th January, 1878.

I am directed to forward, for your information, a copy of a communication received by the last mail from the Agent-General for New Zealand, advising the settlement of the Cunningham compromise in the matter of the postal contract, and reporting the payment to him, on account of this colony, of the sum of £5,000.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney:

I have, &c.,
W. GRAY,
Secretary.

No. 27.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

SIR,— 7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 18th December, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of 4th October, relating to the power of attorney in the matter of the old San Francisco contract. You will have already learned, by my letter of 13th November, that, after the receipt of your telegram confirming the settlement, the sum of £5,000 was paid to me on behalf of Mr. Cunningham.

The Agent-General for New South Wales received at the same time a similar sum.

The law charges incurred in this matter, amounting to £308 10s. 10d.—viz., Messrs. J. Mackrell and Co., £169 16s. 10d.; and Messrs. Peachey and Lloyd, £138 14s.—have been divided equally between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of New South Wales.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

No. 28.

The Hon. Mr. FISHER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 28th March, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th December last, in reply to mine of the 4th October, in further reference to the Cunningham compromise, and intimating that the law costs in connection therewith, amounting to £308 10s. 10d., had been equally divided between this Government and that of New South Wales.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
J. T. FISHER.