

## Enclosure 2 in No. 43.

## TIME-TABLE, AUSTRALIAN ROUTE, SERVICE PERFORMED BY THREE STEAMERS.

OUTWARD ROUTE.					HOMeward ROUTE.				
Leave		Arrive at			Leave			Arrive at	
London.	San Fr'isco.	Honolulu.	Auckland.	Sydney.	Sydney.	Auckland.	Honolulu.	San Fr'isco.	London.
Thursday Evening.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Monday.	Wednesday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Saturday.
1878. Dec. 26 1879.	1879. Jan. 13	1879. Jan. 21	1879. Feb. 5	1879. Feb. 10	1879. Jan. 1	1879. Jan. 6	1879. Jan. 21	1879. Jan. 29	1879. Feb. 15
Jan. 23	Feb. 10	Feb. 18	Mar. 5	Mar. 10	Jan. 29	Feb. 3	Feb. 18	Feb. 26	Mar. 15
Feb. 20	Mar. 10	Mar. 18	April 2	April 7	Feb. 26	Mar. 3	Mar. 18	Mar. 26	April 12
Mar. 20	April 7	April 15	April 30	May 5	Mar. 26	Mar. 31	April 15	April 23	May 10
April 17	May 5	May 13	May 28	June 2	April 23	April 28	May 13	May 21	June 7
May 15	June 2	June 10	June 25	June 30	May 21	May 26	June 10	June 18	July 5
June 12	June 30	July 8	July 23	July 28	June 18	June 23	July 8	July 16	Aug. 2
July 10	July 28	Aug. 5	Aug. 20	Aug. 25	July 16	July 21	Aug. 5	Aug. 13	Aug. 30
Aug. 7	Aug. 25	Sept. 2	Sept. 17	Sept. 22	Aug. 13	Aug. 18	Sept. 2	Sept. 10	Sept. 27
Sept. 4	Sept. 22	Sept. 30	Oct. 15	Oct. 20	Sept. 10	Sept. 15	Sept. 30	Oct. 8	Oct. 25
Oct. 2	Oct. 20	Oct. 28	Nov. 12	Nov. 17	Oct. 8	Oct. 13	Oct. 28	Nov. 5	Nov. 22
Oct. 30	Nov. 17	Nov. 25	Dec. 10	Dec. 15	Nov. 5	Nov. 10	Nov. 25	Dec. 3	Dec. 20
Nov. 27	Dec. 15	Dec. 23	1880. Jan. 7	1880. Jan. 12	Dec. 3	Dec. 8	Dec. 23	Dec. 31	1880. Jan. 17

NOTE.—The running time between Sydney and San Francisco is the same as in present schedule. But with one exception, during this year, the Australian steamers have arrived one day ahead of schedule time, and we think the arrivals at Honolulu and San Francisco could and should be made one day earlier, thus placing the mails in New York in season for the Wednesday steamer.

## No. 44.

Mr. GRAY to Messrs. GILCHRIST, WATT, and Co.

GENTLEMEN,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 2nd January, 1879.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th November last, embodying the substance of a communication addressed to you by Messrs. Williams, Blanchard, and Co., the San Francisco Agents of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, relative to a proposal made by the President of the Company for performing the present San Francisco Mail Service with three boats instead of four.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the proposal is one which this Government decline to entertain. I may add that the matter was brought under the notice both of this and the New South Wales Governments, in the month of November, and that, after due consultation, the respective Agents-General were advised by telegram to the effect that four boats must be maintained in the service, as at present.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. GRAY,

Secretary.

Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., Sydney.

## No. 45.

The Hon. SAUL SAMUEL to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,—

Sydney, 10th January, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit herewith, copy of a communication received from Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt and Co., and of enclosures\* therein, containing a proposal for the mail service between Sydney and San Francisco to be performed by three boats. The service under the present time-table could be worked with three boats, apparently just as easily as under the proposed one, so far as the Contractors' interest is concerned, but I am of opinion that the new contract (as it has already been determined) shall provide for the actual employment of four boats, as with this number of vessels the services of a steamer can be secured at this end of the line to take out the mails in the event of an accident to the incoming boat. This very essential requirement would not be met if sanction were given for the employment of only three boats. Apart from this, however, the present table alternates better with other mail services than that proposed, and no change, therefore, seems desirable. I shall be glad to learn your views before replying finally to Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co.'s letter.

I have, &amp;c.,

SAUL SAMUEL,

Postmaster-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

\* The enclosures to this communication were identical with No. 43 of the present series, and enclosures thereto.