

why the Imperial Post Office should be again moved to concede to the demands for an extension of the existing payments until 1883. If, after consideration of the enclosed documents, the Hon. Mr. Samuel is disposed to reopen the correspondence with the Colonial Office, the Postmaster-General will be glad to co-operate with him in such further representations as may be deemed desirable.

I beg to enclose a copy of Mr. Creighton's memorandum, which I have to request may be regarded as of a purely confidential character.

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

The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.

No. 4.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.
(Telegram.) Sydney, 30th September, 1879.

Re your letter of 13th instant. Concur with you that matter should again be pressed upon the consideration of Imperial Government. I am recommending that a despatch be sent complaining of their action in having decided future arrangement at an interview with Mr. Berry, without affording representatives of other colonies, appointed at the express invitation of Secretary of State, an opportunity of discussing the question; and I am urging, for reasons so ably advanced by Agent-General, and also in my minute of 22nd April last, that present arrangement be continued until termination of Frisco contract. I conclude by advising that matters be submitted to the Imperial Government, with an urgent request for reconsideration.

The Postmaster-General, Wellington.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney.

No. 5.

The Hon. J. T. FISHER to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 7th October, 1879.

GOVERNOR will be asked to forward memorandum to Secretary of State urging reconsideration postal question, and claiming that two colonies have every right to expect continuance present payments until termination Frisco contract. Exception will be taken to the question having been closed without the Agents-General having been heard, after having been specially appointed to represent colonies at request of Colonial Office.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Sydney.

J. T. FISHER.

No. 6.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 15th July, 1879.

Referring to my letter* of 4th July, in which I enclosed the correspondence between the Colonial Office and myself on the subject of the division of postal receipts, I now have the honor to forward, for your information, copy of the reply I have received from the Colonial Office to my letter† of 25th June.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 6.

The COLONIAL OFFICE to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 11th July, 1879.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th of June, replying to the letter from the Treasury, of which a copy was enclosed to you in the letter from this department of the 4th June, respecting the division of the postal receipts from the correspondence passing between the Australasian Colonies and this country, and I am to inform you that a copy of your letter has been communicated to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

I have, &c.

JOHN BRAMSTON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

No. 7.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 8th August, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter‡ of the 2nd June, forwarding copies of telegrams relating to the question of Imperial postages, the contents of which I have duly noted.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

* Vide No. 15, F.-2, Sess. II., 1879.

† Vide Enclosure 4 in No. 15, F.-2., Sess. II., 1879.

‡ Vide No. 82, F.-3, Sess. I., 1879.