

No. 36.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., February 25th, 1880.

I have the honor to inform you that on the 18th instant I received the telegram (copy attached) from the Chief Secretary of New South Wales. I placed myself in communication with Sir Daniel Cooper, the Acting Agent-General for New South Wales. We sent in to the Post Office to ascertain if we could rely on the use of fast steamers if the mails closed on Tuesday instead of Thursday. Having ascertained that we could, we sent a telegram* (copy attached) to the Pacific Company, New York. I attach also copy of their reply, and copy of a telegram despatched to Sydney, with instructions to inform New Zealand. I also attach copy of a joint letter to the Post Office, which we despatched after receiving the telegram just referred to.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

Enclosure 1 in No. 36.

Sir DANIEL COOPER and Sir JULIUS VOGEL to PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, New York.

(Telegram.)

London, February 20th, 1880.

SYDNEY and New Zealand Governments wish your steamers to leave Frisco with mails on Saturdays instead of Mondays. The London mail to leave on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays. Can you arrange this—say for March mail to leave here 23rd and Frisco 10th April? Reply to Cooper, London.

DANIEL COOPER.
JULIUS VOGEL.

Pacific Mail Steamship Company, New York.

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PACIFIC MAIL COMPANY to Sir DANIEL COOPER.

(Telegram.)

New York, February 23rd, 1880.

YES, commencing "Australia," April 10th. Will sail Australian steamers Frisco Saturday instead Monday, or on arrival London mail. Please inform our London agents.

Sir Daniel Cooper, London.

PACIFIC MAIL COMPANY.

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Sir DANIEL COOPER to COLONIAL SECRETARY, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

London, 24th February, 1880.

PACIFIC Company have consented start mail-steamer from Frisco Saturday, 10th April, and am arranging for it to leave here Tuesday, 23rd March. Inform New Zealand.

Colonial Secretary, Sydney.

DANIEL COOPER.

Enclosure 4 in No. 36.

The AGENTS-GENERAL for NEW SOUTH WALES and NEW ZEALAND to the POSTMASTER-GENERAL,
London.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 25th February, 1880.

We have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with what passed at the interview between Mr. Yardley and Mr. Page on the 19th instant, we have now arranged for the mail-steamer from San Francisco to be despatched on Saturday, the 10th April, and every four weeks thereafter. The mails will therefore have to be made up on Tuesday evening, the 23rd proximo, and every fourth Tuesday thereafter. We shall be glad if you will give the utmost publicity to this arrangement. We append copy of telegram authorizing us to make the alteration, as also one accepting the change from the Contractors for the mail service.

We have, &c.,

DANIEL COOPER,
Agent-General for New South Wales.

JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General for New Zealand.

The Right Hon. the Postmaster-General,
London.

No. 37.

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

General Post Office, Wellington, 22nd May, 1880.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th February, and the several enclosures thereto, reporting the action taken by Sir D. Cooper and yourself on receipt of the telegram of the 18th February last from the Chief Secretary, New South Wales, intimating that the day of the departure of the outward English mails from San Francisco was to be altered from Monday to Saturday; and that the despatch from Liverpool should be by fast packets, in order to insure arrival at New York on Saturday mornings.

* Vide Enclosure 1 in No. 30 of present series.