It was not contemplated by the department that the concession should apply to Saturdays and Sundays; and, to save misunderstanding hereafter, I would recommend that the Association be advised that the evenings of Saturday and Sunday are exceptions to the arrangement.

28th May, 1880.

A. T. MAGINNITY.

No. 9.

The Chairman of Committee, United Press Association, to the Hon. the Commissioner of Telegraphs.

Christchurch, 4th June, 1880.

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, covering a memorandum from Mr. Maginnity re the concession made to the United Press Association for forwarding matter after midnight, in which he recommends that the Association be advised that the evenings of Saturday and Sunday shall be excepted from the arrangement, I have to state that the Association will not object, provided that this rule is not applied in very special cases, such as the arrival of the English mail at Auckland or the Bluff.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM REEVES.

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