

been sufficiently made if the same is left with the agents for the time being of the said contractors in New South Wales: Provided that, immediately upon such notice being served on the contractors as aforesaid, they shall cause a copy thereof to be forwarded to the Postmaster-General of New Zealand for his information.

In the bond the following words are inserted after the word "same," in eighth line from the bottom of the sixth page: "or in case the said company shall not in all other respects duly and faithfully perform and observe all other the covenants and agreements on the part of the contractors contained in the hereinbefore recited articles of agreement."]

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 19th April, 1884.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, forwarding printed copies of the draft contract and draft bond of the renewed San Francisco mail service. In reply, I beg to thank you for the copies, and to inform you that the Postmaster-General approves of the contract as it stands, and of the bond as it now appears with the correction in red ink made here. I forward a copy of the corrected bond.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Sydney.