

Sub-enclosure in Enclosure 1 in No. 27.

TABLE showing the date and hour of arrival at New York of the Cunard Packets, despatched from Queenstown every Sunday, during the six months from the 1st August, 1887, to the 31st January, 1888, together with length of each voyage :—

Name of Packet.	Left Queenstown, Sunday,	Reached New York.	Length of Voyage.		
			D.	H.	M.
"Etruria"	7th August	Saturday, 13th August, 3.5 p.m. ...	6	1	30
"Aurania"	14th August	Sunday, 21st August, 5.47 p.m. ...	7	4	42
"Umbria"	21st August	Sunday, 28th August, 4.7 a.m. ...	6	15	16
"Servia"	28th August	Monday, 5th September, 11.20 a.m. ...	7	22	18
"Etruria"	4th September	Sunday, 11th September, 2.30 p.m. ...	7	1	25
"Aurania"	11th September	Sunday, 18th September, 6.6 p.m. ...	7	4	54
"Umbria"	18th September	Saturday, 24th September, 3.24 p.m. ...	6	2	18
"Servia"	25th September	Monday, 3rd October, 6.52 a.m. ...	7	17	37
"Etruria"	2nd October	Sunday, 9th October, 0.5 a.m. ...	6	10	35
"Aurania"	9th October	Sunday, 16th October, 6.0 p.m. ...	7	5	4
"Umbria"	16th October	Sunday, 23rd October, 0.40 a.m. ...	6	11	44
"Servia"	23rd October	Monday, 31st October, 7.36 a.m. ...	7	18	16
"Etruria"	30th October	Monday, 7th October, 11.15 a.m. ...	7	22	0
"Aurania"	6th November	Sunday, 13th November, 7.55 p.m. ...	7	6	55
"Umbria"	13th November	Sunday, 20th November, 0.40 a.m. ...	6	11	33
"Servia"	20th November	Monday, 28th November, 6.50 a.m. ...	7	17	38
"Etruria"	27th November	Sunday, 4th December, 9.20 a.m. ...	6	19	35
"Aurania"	4th December	Monday, 12th December, 6.57 a.m. ...	7	16	47
"Umbria"	11th December	Monday, 19th December, 4.18 a.m. ...	7	14	25
"Gallia"	18th December	Tuesday, 27th December, 9.5 a.m. ...	8	18	19
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"Etruria"	25th December	Sunday, 1st January, 8.55 p.m. ...	6	18	15
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"Bothnia"	1st January	Thursday, 12th January, 5.25 a.m. ...	10	16	1
"Umbria"	8th January	Monday, 16th January, 9.13 p.m. ...	7	19	9
"Servia"	15th January	Tuesday, 24th January, 1.37 a.m. ...	8	12	31
"Gallia"	22nd January	Tuesday, 31st January, 2.40 p.m. ...	9	1	27
"Aurania"	29th January	Monday, 6th February, 2.47 a.m. ...	7	13	35

Enclosure 2 in No. 27.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, London.

SIR,— 7, Westminster Chambers, S.W., 5th March, 1888.

I have to acknowledge with thanks Mr. Rea's letter of the 2nd instant, intimating the assent of the Post Office to the proposal of my Government for changing the day of London despatch of the New Zealand mails *via* San Francisco from Wednesdays to Saturdays. With reference to the last paragraph of my letter of the 16th February, I should be glad if you would fix Saturday, 24th March, as the first day for the commencement of the new day of despatch.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, St. Martin's le Grand.

F. D. BELL.

Enclosure 3 in No. 27.

The AGENT-GENERAL to Mr. REA, General Post Office.

(Telegram.)

5th March, 1888.

THANKS for official letter. You do not say when it would suit you for Saturdays to begin. Can you wire me this?

DILLON BELL.

The GENERAL POST OFFICE to Sir FRANCIS BELL.

(Telegram.)

5th March, 1888.

WE commence Saturday, 24th March, if you like. Propose in your official reply.

REA.

The AGENT-GENERAL to Mr. REA, General Post Office.

(Telegram.)

5th March, 1888.

THANKS. Am proposing March 24th accordingly.

BELL.

No. 28.

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

SIR,— 7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 24th March, 1888.

In my letter of the 18th February I enclosed copy of one I had addressed to the Imperial Post Office on the preceding day, asking that the existing arrangements as to division of postage in connection with the San Francisco service should be continued until November, 1889. You will be