

Pago Pago to be picked up by the outgoing steamers. Correspondence forwarded by the eastern route should be enclosed in the Auckland mails.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, for the Postmaster-General.

The Secretary, General Post Office, London.

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#### No. 40.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the DIRECTOR, International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, Berne.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 15th September, 1902.

I have the honour to inform you that this Administration will be in a position to despatch mails for Fanning Island once every six weeks by the mail-steamers leaving Auckland for San Francisco. Will you kindly advise other Administrations? Fanning Island is one of the Pacific telegraph-cable stations.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Director, International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, Berne.

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#### No. 41.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Office of Foreign Mails, Washington.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 15th September, 1902.

I have the honour to inform you that this Administration will be in a position to despatch mails for Fanning Island by the mail-steamers leaving Auckland for San Francisco. The present intention is that the outward steamers only shall call at Fanning Island once every six weeks, beginning with the voyage of the "Sierra" from Auckland on the 19th instant. The New Zealand Marine Post Office will make up a mail addressed to the Superintendent of the Pacific Cable Board at Fanning Island until it is decided whether a post-office is to be opened. Correspondence from the United States should be handed by the San Francisco Post Office to the New Zealand Mail-agent, or enclosed in a bag directed to him.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Superintendent, Office of Foreign Mails,  
Post Office Department, Washington, D.C.

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#### No. 42.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 15th September, 1902.

I have the honour to inform you that this Department will be in a position to despatch mails from Fanning Island once every six weeks by mail-steamer leaving Auckland for San Francisco. The time-table will, when it is finally settled, be advertised in our "Post and Telegraph Guide." Correspondence should be sent forward on Auckland, except that conveyed by the outward mail-steamer, which is to call at Fanning Island. In such case a mail should be made up for the New Zealand Marine Post Office. Will you kindly instruct the Sydney office accordingly?

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department,  
Commonwealth of Australia, Melbourne.

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#### No. 43.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Fanning Island.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 16th September, 1902.

All mail-matter for Fanning Island will for the time being be made up in a mail by the Mail-agents on the steamers and delivered to you for distribution; and any correspondence desired to be forwarded from the island should be delivered to the Mail-agents for disposal, on being prepaid in New Zealand postage-stamps, which may be obtained from the Mail-agents. You will probably agree with me that it is advisable to establish a post-office at the island, and I assume you will be willing to accept the position of Postmaster, seeing that the mail-matter will be almost entirely for and from members of your staff. I have asked Mr. Isbister, the Mail-agent, to see you personally and explain what is really required of a Postmaster in charge of an office at such a place as Fanning Island.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Superintendent, Pacific Cable Station, Fanning Island.