

WELLINGTON – RAROTONGA – TAHITI SERVICE.

No. 88.

The SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

Post Office Department, Second Assistant Postmaster-General,

SIR,—

Washington, 20th April, 1910.

By direction of the Postmaster-General, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your cablegram of the 15th instant [No. 45, F.-6, 1910] stating that the Wellington-Tahiti service had been extended until further notice, and to inform you that he is gratified to know that the service in question is to be continued.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH STEWART,

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, New Zealand.

[P.O. 10/588(2).]

No. 89.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 25th May, 1910.

Referring to my letter of the 10th March last [No. 35, F.-6, 1910], on the subject of payments for the conveyance of United States mails from Papeete to Australia and New Zealand, I have the honour to forward for your information copy of a letter received from the Second Assistant Postmaster-General, Washington, D.C. [No. 47, F.-6, 1910]. I should be glad to know whether you desire this Department to take any further action in the matter. I am somewhat doubtful whether anything can be done before the meeting of the Madrid Postal Congress in 1911 or 1912. No doubt the Postmaster-General would consider a request from you to propose to the Congress that any transit rates decided upon should be obligatory on Administrations, whether the rates were payable direct to steamship companies or to another Administration. From the view taken by the Washington Office there would seem to be some doubt about the matter, although, as I have previously informed you, this Administration has always, in the absence of a direct contract, paid full Postal Union rates without demur for all long sea transits.

I have, &c.,

D. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

The General Manager, Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited), Dunedin.

[P.O. 10/598(3).]

[Read here Nos. 1 and 2, F.-6A, 1910.]

No. 90.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited),

SIR,—

Dunedin, 6th June, 1910.

Kindly accept our thanks for your favour of 25th ultimo, and the enclosure therewith, regarding payments for the conveyance of United States mails from Papeete to New Zealand and Australia. We expect to have the honour of addressing you again on the subject of transit rates later on.

I have, &c.,

R. McK. McLENNAN,

For General Manager.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

[P.O. 10/598(3).]

No. 91.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited),

SIR,—

Dunedin, 27th June, 1910.

Referring to Mr. Holdsworth's interview with you last week, we are advertising the "Mokoia" for another trip, leaving Wellington 12th August, Rarotonga 18th August; arriving Papeete 21st August, departing 22nd August; leaving Rarotonga 25th August, arriving Wellington 2nd September. She will thus make connection with the "Mariposa," time-tabled to leave Papeete on 22nd August, due at San Francisco 3rd September.

I have, &c.,

R. McK. McLENNAN,

For General Manager.

D. Robertson, Esq., Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

[P.O. 10/598(2).]