

## No. 53.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 11th January, 1912.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, asking that when the inward steamer reaches Rarotonga up to time and due diligence is exercised in prosecution of the voyage thence to Wellington, permission be given for the vessel to wait at Rarotonga on Thursdays until midnight, if necessary, in respect of the shipment of perishable cargo.

The Department accedes to the request. The steamer should, however, arrive in Wellington in time for the mails to connect with the Main Trunk express train for Auckland.

I have, &amp;c.,

D. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

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

[Wn.—S.F. 12/7.]

## No. 54.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 12th January, 1912.

YOUR letter 5th instant. Proposal therein to despatch San Francisco steamer from Wellington on 29th March, and every twenty-eight days thereafter, to revert to present time-table on giving two months' notice, and to substitute "Manuka" or "Moana" for "Maitai" commencing with March trip approved.

[Wn.—S.F. 12/11.]

## No. 55.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 15th January, 1912.

Re your wire 12th, purpose announcing in to-morrow's press "Manuka" relieves "Maitai" Frisco service; also intimating alteration dates commencing "Manuka" from Wellington March twenty-ninth.

[Wn.—S.F. 12/25.]

## No. 56.

The DIRECTOR OF POSTS, Tahiti, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,—

Papeete, 27th January, 1912.

In continuation of my letter of the 13th July, 1911, I have the honour to inform you that the transit account which you have just prepared in favour of your Administration and of the Union Steam Ship Company cannot be accepted by the local Administration of Tahiti, as the conveyance of mails for this place has to be effected free of cost by the Union Steam Ship Company in accordance with the contract which has been made, a copy of which will be found attached.

[Not printed.]

I have, &amp;c.,

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

J. CADUSTEAU.

Wn.—S.F. 12/42.]

## No. 57.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 31st January, 1912.

In reference to my letter of the 2nd November last, notifying that the Hon. the Postmaster-General agreed to the extension of the New Zealand—San Francisco mail-service for a period of two years from the 20th October, 1911, I have now the honour to enclose, in duplicate, a memorandum of agreement for the extension for execution by your company.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. R. MORRIS, for Secretary.

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

[Wn.—S.F. 12/30.]

[For memorandum of agreement for the extension, see enclosure to letter of 20th March, 1912.]

## No. 58.

The RESIDENT AGENT for New Zealand, San Francisco, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

San Francisco, 2nd February, 1912.

"MAITAI" arrived at San Francisco on 2nd instant at 8 a.m. Connection failed.

[U.S.—Inc. 12/25.]