

Post Office, Wellington,
June 18th, 1855.

Sir,—

In compliance with your circular of date 26th April last, I have the honor to enclose herewith a statement of the number of Letters despatched to the United Kingdom from the Province of Wellington for the year ended 31st March last.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOHN HOGGARD.

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary,

A Statement shewing the Number of LETTERS despatched from the Province of Wellington to the United Kingdom during the year ended 31st March, 1855.

							Number of Letters.
From Wellington, including the Ahuriri	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,760
From Wanganui	...	...	...	...	...	...	591
Total							13,351

Post Office, Wellington
18th June, 1855.

(Signed) JOHN HOGGARD,
Postmaster.

Post Office, New Plymouth,
24th May, 1855.

Sir,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter No. 22, under date the 26th April last, and to forward herewith the return of letters posted for England at this office, therein called for.

I beg further to report that during the period referred to there was no other Postmaster and no Deputy-Postmaster in this Province.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. LEECH,
Postmaster.

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary,
Auckland.

Return of LETTERS posted at this office for England during the year ended the 31st March, 1855.

Number of Letters inclosed in sealed Mails addressed to the Postmaster-
General, London 1873

N.B.—Letters for England, overland, via Auckland or Wellington, are not put into separate mails unless some of them may be registered, and therefore any such letters will be included in the returns from those offices to be furnished under the Colonial Secretary's letter dated the 26th April, 1855.

W. LEECH,
Postmaster.

Post Office, New Plymouth,
24th May, 1855.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th March, 1855.

Sir,—

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Company having relinquished their contract for the conveyance of the Australian Mails by way of Singapore, and the General Screw Steam Navigation Company having been compelled to discontinue their bi-monthly steamers via the Cape of Good Hope, it is evident that the benefits of steam communication with England will be lost to these Colonies for a time, unless some prompt steps can be taken to combine the efforts of the whole of the Australian Colonies towards the attainment of an object confessedly of the greatest importance to their interests. Under