

## An Act for establishing Postal Communication with Great Britain *via* Panama. [2nd November, 1858.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama and that this Colony should contribute towards the accomplishment of the said object Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Arrangements with  
British Government  
for Postal Service *via*  
Panama to amount  
of £50,000 per annum.

1. The Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may make such arrangements with the Imperial Government and may enter into all such contracts as may be deemed expedient for establishing and maintaining for a period not exceeding ten years from the passing of this Act a regular and expeditious Postal Communication by Steam between this Colony and Great Britain by way of Panama Provided that the whole amount of the proportionate expense thereof to

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to be borne by this Colony shall not in any year exceed the sum of fifty thousand pounds inclusive of all sums that may be paid for the carriage of mails or for any other such service. Provided that a subsidy to the extent of one-half the amount which may be paid to the contracting parties shall be paid or contributed by the Government of Great Britain.

2. The Governor may also with the advice aforesaid agree with the other Australasian Colonies or any of them for their sharing in the benefits of such Postal Communication upon such terms as shall seem fit.

3. No contract shall be concluded under this Act which shall allow more than sixty days for the delivery of the English Mails at Sydney unless such contract shall have been first referred to the Governor and Executive Council of this Colony.

4. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as "The Panama Short title. Route Postal Act of 1858."