



## PANAMA MAIL SUBSIDY ORDINANCE, 1862.

IN THE TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY  
QUEEN VICTORIA.

SESSION XVI., No 88.

### ANALYSIS :

Preamble.

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| <p>1. Superintendent empowered to grant a Subsidy of £30,000, for the Conveyance of Mails <i>viâ</i> Panama.</p> | <p>2. Upon condition that Port Chalmers be the terminus, and that Otago have a preferable right to contributions from other Colonies.</p> <p>3. Short Title.</p> |
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AN ORDINANCE for authorising a Guarantee of Thirty thousand Pounds towards a Subsidy for the Conveyance of Mails *viâ* Panama.

**W**HEREAS the Conveyance of Mails to and from Europe America and New Zealand *via* Panama will be attended with great benefit and advantage to the Colony of New Zealand and to the Province of Otago in particular if the Port of Otago be made the Port of arrival and departure of Vessels conveying the Mails: And whereas it will be expedient and equitable in that case that the said Province should contribute towards the payment of any Subsidy which may be agreed to be given under any Contracts to be entered into for the Conveyance of Mails by the said route.

Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Superintendent of the said Province by and with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof as follows:—

1. In the event of the Postmaster-General of New Zealand or other person acting under the authority and instructions of the Governor of New Zealand entering into any Contracts for or in

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respect of the conveyance of Mails by Steam Vessels to and from Great Britain and the Port of Otago *via* Panama it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of the Province of Otago and he is hereby authorised and empowered to guarantee subject to the conditions herein contained the payment out of the Revenues of the said Province of a Subsidy of Thirty thousand pounds per annum for five years by way of Supplement to any other Subsidy to be made out of the Revenues of New Zealand for liquidation of such amount as may be fixed for such conveyance whether by periodical payments of agreed sums or in any other way whatsoever fixed and agreed upon by the Contracts to be entered into as aforesaid.

Upon condition that Port Chalmers be the terminus, and that Otago have a preferable right to contributions from other Colonies.

2. The said guarantee shall be given and if accepted shall be deemed to have been accepted upon the express conditions after-mentioned that is to say that Port Chalmers in the said Province of Otago shall be the sole and only Port at which and from which all vessels employed under the said Contracts shall arrive and depart and deliver and receive Mails after leaving their Port of departure from and when proceeding to their Port of arrival at the Continent of America: And further that in the event of any other Colonies than the Colony of New Zealand or any Dependency of any such other Colony agreeing to contribute and contributing towards the expense of the conveyance of Mails to New Zealand *via* Panama over and above the postage legally charged for each and every letter and packet conveyed by the said Mails the Province of Otago shall have a preferable claim right and title to be reimbursed out of such contributions the amount of the said supplementary Subsidy of Thirty thousand pounds prior to any part of such contributions being applied towards the reimbursement of the Subsidy to be given out of the Revenues of New Zealand.

Short Title.

3. This Ordinance shall be termed and may be cited and referred to as "The Panama Mail Subsidy Ordinance 1862."

Passed the Provincial Council this twelfth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

CHARLES SMITH,

*Clerk of Council.*

ALEX. RENNIE,

*Speaker.*

Dunedin, December 23rd, 1862.—I hereby declare that I reserve this Bill for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon.

J. L. C. RICHARDSON,

*Superintendent of the Province of Otago.*