

AUSTRALIA - 1853

We have no direct evidence why the owners of the independent New Orleans sent their ship to Australia in 1853, but there is plenty of circumstantial evidence. Shipping competition was intense in San Francisco and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company mail contract gave them a big advantage over the competition. The recent Australian gold-rush looked like greener pastures than California. In 1854, Robert Carrington sold the New Orleans to Australian interests on behalf of I.W. Raymond and Carrington & Co. The ship would be renamed the Governor General and would ply between Australian coastal cities.



1853 - Letter Missing

Posted at Melbourne four days later than envelope on previous page, but travelled in the same mail. Four pence single rate postage collected upon arrival in Sydney on November 6.