

calculated at fourteen months, being procured from the last station beyond the boundaries of location. The route, proposed to be taken by the expedition, is the Great Northern Road, and across the Wollombi, by the mountain passes, to Liverpool Plains, and which it is opined will be for many months to come the most serious portion of the journey, as, when once fairly on the route for the Victoria, the road, for about a thousand miles, to the point where Sir Thomas turned, is said to be one along which a carriage might with perfect security be driven.—*Sydney Herald*, March 10.

Dr. Leichardt.—A private letter from a gentleman attached to Dr. Leichardt's present expedition, mentions that in the event of the successful accomplishment of the journey to the Swan, Dr. L. contemplates attempting to pass overland from the Swan River to South Australia, an undertaking which, though it seems in point of magnitude to fall infinitely short of either of the gallant Dr.'s former efforts, is nevertheless of considerable hazard, and if attended with the successful result of opening up a practicable land passage will be productive of immense benefit, not only to South Australia and the Swan River settlement, but also to the whole of the other Australian Colonies.—*M. Argus*.

The Boundary Line.—The boundary line between Port Phillip and South Australia is to be settled at last. A gentleman named Wade attached to the Government Survey Department has arrived per "*Christina*," from Sydney, under whose superintendence a party of eight will proceed to the rendezvous on the Glenelg River, where they will be met by a similar party on behalf of the North Australian Government. Both parties will there unite and proceed to strike the line necessary for the police purposes of Colonies. The line will run due north and south.—*Port Phillip Gazette*.

Postal Communication.—In January last, the Acting Superintendent, Capt. Lonsdale, wrote to the South Australian Government, relative to the expedition of the arrangements requisite for the completion of the overland mail between Melbourne and Adelaide. We believe no answer has been received as yet; but there is every reason to believe that Major Robe will see the necessity that exists for the acceleration of a measure which is ex-

tremely desirable. This morning, Mr. Greene, our indefatigable mail contractor, starts for Mount Gambier, to ascertain the state of affairs there. He estimates that the overland route between the two southern cities can be accomplished in about eleven days, which may be ultimately reduced to the average of a week. Four days are taken between Melbourne and Mount Gambier, and seven days will be required between that place and Adelaide.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—We have no later dates from this Colony, nor from South Australia, or Van Diemen's Land.

Our Singapore, Pinang, and Hong Kong papers have not come to hand by this mail, as the steamer from China did not reach Point de Galle in time for the homeward packet. A report, however, is current from Ceylon that disturbances had taken place with the Chinese, who had again assailed our merchants at Canton; our position there, as we stated in our last, is a critical one, and the Chinese certainly bear us no affection.

NEW ZEALAND.

We have Nelson papers to the 13th February, inclusive, but we do not find any intelligence of importance in them, nor in those from Wellington to the 27th March.

The disputed question of the land claims at Wainui is said to be finally disposed of. £5,000 is to be paid to the natives claiming the land (belonging chiefly to the Agalitoa tribe) and ample reserves are made for their use, and they have expressed themselves perfectly satisfied. By this arrangement the Government obtain all the land from Wainui to the Tararua, comprised in the New Zealand Company's limits. During the discussions which ensued on the sale of the land the natives evinced considerable anxiety for the release of Rauperaha, but they were given distinctly to understand that for the present he would not be liberated.

There had been a severe drought throughout the whole of the Northern Island.

MAURITIUS.

We have intelligence overland to the 1st June.

The Government has promulgated fresh regulations for the distribution of newly-arrived emigrants. Her Majesty's