

officers, soldiers and other persons belonging to or attached to the army, with their families, horses, baggage and effects, and all such provisions and other public stores, as he or his agents might be required to transport to and from the ports mentioned in the contracts respectively, he not being required to deviate from the usual route or period of departure, without a special agreement, into which, however, he was bound to enter if required. He was to furnish ample accommodation at all times in daylight usually appropriated for the transaction of public business, for the shipment of the passengers, &c.; and at later periods of the evening, should the boats remain so long in port, and the emergencies of the service render it necessary, his boats, when engaged in the conveyance of troops, were to be subject to the inspection and approval or rejection of the Quarter Master General's Department: he was to notify the senior Commissariat Officers, at Kingston and Toronto, of the days and probable time of departure established at the opening of navigation, and of any subsequent alteration; and should he fail to have boats available to meet the requisitions of Government for any particular service, not admitting of delay, he was to engage such other boats in port as might be pointed out by the senior Commissariat Officer on the spot; and in case of uncalled for delay, it was to be lawful for the said Commissariat Officer to engage the same, and to deduct such expense as might be incurred in consequence, beyond the rate payable to the contractor from the next payment becoming due to him. The officers were to be boarded as cabin passengers: the non-commissioned officers and their wives and children, to be treated as steerage passengers; and children under three years of age were to be conveyed free.

"In the month of July last, he was furnished with a copy of a letter addressed by Major DeRottenburg to Assistant Commissary General Bailey, directing an enquiry of him (Mr. Bethune) whether upon his receiving two days' notice of the movement of any considerable body of troops, he would be prepared to move them from Kingston to Toronto, the same evening of their arrival by the river mail steamer, in the event of her arrival being delayed beyond the usual hour for the boat's departure—five o'clock, P.M.—and whether he would consent to take three companies from Kingston to Hamilton without transshipment; to which enquiries, with some qualifications, he answered in the affirmative.

"He then received a letter, dated 19th July, annexing a copy of one from the Commissary General, and stating that it was the