

machinery, engines, anchors, sails, cordage, fire-hearths, masts, yards, cables; a sufficient number of efficient boats, fire-pumps, and all other proper and requisite means of extinguishing fire; lightning conductors, charts, chronometers, proper nautical instruments, and all other furniture and apparel; and whatsoever else may be requisite and necessary for equipping the said vessels and rendering them constantly efficient for the said service, in conformity with the regulations of the Board of Trade, made and provided for the government of steam vessels.

3. That one of such steam vessels, equipped and manned as aforesaid, shall leave Liverpool for Saint John's, Newfoundland, and Saint John's for Portland, Boston or New York, and one other of such steam vessels shall leave Portland, Boston or New York, for Saint John's, and Saint John's for Liverpool, with Her Majesty's mails on board to and from Newfoundland and Liverpool, at least once in each fourth week in the year, commencing about the twentieth day of July next, on such days as shall be agreed upon between the contractors and the Post-master General or his officers, or the Government of Newfoundland, during each and every fourth week, for the first year, from the commencement of the service about the said twentieth day of July next, except in the month of August following, when there shall be two trips each way in the said month;—and one of such vessels shall leave Liverpool, and another Portland, Boston or New York, for St. John's, Portland, Boston or New York, and Liverpool, respectively, not less than once in every fourth week in each succeeding year, and in every year, during the continuance of this contract, with two additional voyages each way in the months of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and April in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty; and three additional voyages in each of the three following years, from the month of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty, inclusive, during the months of July, August, and April, in each of the said years; the said vessels performing at least fourteen voyages each way, outward and homeward, in the first year, from July next inclusive; fifteen voyages each way in the second year; and sixteen voyages, each way, in each of the three following years: and shall, on each voyage outward and homeward, proceed to St. John's, (with permission to touch at a port in Ireland and Halifax, Nova Scotia, as hereinafter stated,) and deliver the said mails at the post office to the post masters, or other persons duly appointed to receive the same, and remain there a reasonable time for the receipt of mails.

4. That such vessels after remaining a reasonable time at St. John's, shall depart thence for Liverpool or Portland, Boston, or New York, respectively, to complete the voyage, (having permission to touch at Ireland, as hereafter mentioned,) with Her Majesty's mails on board, and there deliver the same to the postmasters, or other persons duly appointed to receive them. The Governor of Newfoundland to have the right to order any such vessel, by a notice to the agent of the company, on her arrival, to remain in the port of St. John's aforesaid, for six hours on any voyage, for the receipt or conveyance of mails or Government Despatches.

5. That such vessels shall have liberty to touch on their voyages to and from St. John's at such one port in Ireland and Nova Scotia, as shall be selected by the contractors; but that the said vessels shall not at any time remain longer than twenty-four hours at any such port; and that the contractors shall and will carry and convey in such vessels all such mails to and from such ports in Ireland and Nova Scotia, to and from Newfoundland, and such ports, as may be required from time to time, or shall be put on board by the proper Post-office authorities.

6. That every vessel which may be employed in the performance of this contract shall at all times, unless prevented by storm, tempest, or some other unavoidable casualty, be ready to receive the mails at all the respective ports or places as hereinbefore mentioned, or hereafter to be defined as hereinbefore mentioned.

7. That if at any time or times it shall happen that the port of St. John's, Newfoundland, shall be found to be inaccessible on account of ice, then in such case Her Majesty's mails shall, by and at the expense of the Government, be landed and received from on board at such port on the south-west coast of the said island as may be accessible, and shall also, at their expense, be by them conveyed to St. John's by land.