

— No. 58. —

Board of Trade,
26 February 1853.

Messrs. Wadeson & Malleson,

I AM directed, &c., to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, written on behalf of the committee of the London, Liverpool, and North American Screw Steam Ship Company, in which you state that the company would be willing to accept the charter applied for by that company as settled by Mr. B. Ker, with the addition of a proviso that the company shall not be at liberty to trade between the rivers Clyde and Mersey and the ports of New York and Philadelphia, without the previous permission in writing of the President of the Board of Trade, and you pray that their Lordships will be pleased to recommend the granting of the charter with the above modification.

In reply, I am directed to inform you that my Lords regret that it is not in their power to comply with the request conveyed by your letter.

I am at the same time to inform you that the remonstrances addressed to this Board against the grant of a charter to the above-named company were not confined to the owners of steam vessels belonging to the Clyde and the Mersey, but were received generally from the owners of steam vessels, and from the shipping interest generally belonging to the ports on the eastern coast of Great Britain.

I am, &c.

(signed) *James Booth.*

— No. 59. —

Sir,

London, 24 February 1853

REFERRING to the reply received from the Board of Trade to the application of the London, Liverpool, and North American Screw Steam Ship Company, date of 22d instant, I beg, as the principal contractor with the Canadian Government for the screw steam service between this country and the British North American colonies, to inquire whether the Board of Trade would recommend a charter to be granted limited to that service, in which trade there are at present no steam vessels whatever.

On the 8th December last you were understood to intimate that the Board of Trade were disposed to recommend the charter to be granted, confined to that object, and from this intimation we relied that the same, to this extent at least, would be granted, whatever might be the result of the application for the more extended charter.

As arrangements must be immediately made for the commencement of the service, it is of great moment that we should receive an early reply.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Robert Lamont*, of Liverpool,
at Euston Hotel, Euston-square.

James Booth, Esq.,
Board of Trade.

— No. 60. —

Board of Trade, 26 February 1853.

I AM directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, in which, with reference to the reply received from this Board to the application of the London, Liverpool, and North American Screw Steam Ship Company, you inquire, as the principal contractor with the Canadian Government for the screw steam ship service between this country and the British North American colonies, whether the Board of Trade would recommend a charter to be granted limited to that service, in which trade you state that there are now no steam vessels whatever.

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