

COPIES of all CORRESPONDENCE between the Treasury, the Post Office, and the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Ship Company, since the 1st day of September 1860, with reference to the CONVEYANCE of the MAILS between *Galway and America*.

— No. 1. —

Mr. Boate to Mr. F. Hill.

Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company (Limited),
10, Cannon-street, E. C., London,
7 September 1860.

Sir,

WITH reference to the third paragraph of your communication of the 25th ultimo, 958 L., as to the suspension of the contract until all four of the Company's new vessels were completed, I have the honour to state, for the information of the Postmaster General, that the Directors, having taken this matter into consideration, have communicated with the Treasury upon the subject, and having regard to the importance of not making any absolute suspension of the contract, and considering the requirements of your Department with respect to the ships for the service, the Directors resolved to submit a proposition to the Treasury for making the mail service a monthly service for a short time, the period not in any case to exceed six months, the fortnightly service to be resumed so soon as the other two new vessels of the Company are ready.

Mr. Weir, the general manager, and Mr. Vallance, the solicitor to the Company, attended at the Treasury this morning, and were informed that this matter has been brought under your consideration, and will be referred to his Lordship the Postmaster General.

The Directors trust this view will meet with his Lordship's approval.

Having regard to the objection you entertained to the "Parana," the Directors do not propose to offer her again for the voyage on the 11th instant, but that the monthly voyage shall date from the 28th August last, so as to make the next departure on the 25th September instant.

For this voyage on the 25th September instant, the "Connaught" will be in perfect order, and for the voyage on the 23d October the "Leinster," another of the new ships, will be ready.

The Company propose therefore to carry on the monthly service with those two ships until the other two ships are completed.

I may mention that the "Parana" made her voyage out to Boston in one day and three hours under the time stipulated, and she has arrived this morning at Galway on her return voyage considerably under the time, bringing New York intelligence up to the 31st ultimo.

Still, in deference to the wishes of the Postmaster General, the Company will not press upon your department to accept the "Parana" again.

F. Hill, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

I am, &c.
(signed) A. Boate.

— No. 2. —

(1018 L.)

Mr. F. Hill to Mr. Boate.

Sir,

General Post Office, 13 September 1860.

THE Postmaster General has received, through the Colonial Office, the copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Newfoundland, in which he complains that the steam ship "Connaught," which sailed from Boston on the 7th August last, failed to call at St John's on her way to England.

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