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ficer, &c.

vessels and crew
subject to Admiralty
approval.

When vessel to
leave Liverpool for
Halifax and Boston.

When vessel to
leave Boston for
Halifax and Liver-
pool.

When vessel to
leave Liverpool for
New York.

When vessel to
leave New York for
Liverpool.

Vessels to call at
Holyhead if re-
quired by Admiralty.

Where mails may
be landed if vessel
cannot fetch Liver-
pool, &c.

Vessel once each
way every calendar
month between New
York and Nassau.

If vessel be lost, &c.
contractors to re-
place same.

And in the mean-
time mails to be
conveyed in sailing
vessels.

Admiralty at liberty
to change the port of
embarkation and
disembarkation in
the United King-
dom.

with a competent surgeon and engineers and a sufficient crew of able seamen and other men to be in all respects as to vessels engines equipments and crew subject at all times and from time to time to the approval of the said Commissioners or such other person or persons as they shall from time to time appoint for that purpose and the surgeons to be also subject to the approval of the Director General of the Medical Department of the Navy.

And that from and after the date of this contract one of such vessels of not less than 400-horse power so equipped and manned and with Her Majesty's mails on board shall on every alternate Saturday during each and every month in every year at such hour as the said Commissioners shall at any time or from time to time appoint proceed from Liverpool aforesaid without loss of time direct to Halifax in Nova Scotia and thence direct to Boston in the United States of America and one of such vessels shall also on every alternate Wednesday during each and every month in every year at such hour as the said Commissioners shall at any time or from time to time appoint proceed without loss of time direct from Boston to Halifax and thence without loss of time direct to Liverpool aforesaid with Her Majesty's mails on board.

That from and after the date of this contract one other of such vessels so equipped and manned with Her Majesty's mails on board shall on every Saturday alternate with the Saturday on which the vessel is to leave Liverpool for Halifax and Boston in the performance of this contract during each and every month in every year at such hour as the said Commissioners shall appoint proceed from Liverpool aforesaid without loss of time to New York in the said United States either direct or by way of Halifax as the said Commissioners or Postmaster-General shall at any time or from time to time determine and another of such vessels with Her Majesty's mails on board shall also on every other alternate Wednesday during each and every month in every year at such hour as the said Commissioners shall at any time or from time to time appoint proceed direct from New York aforesaid or if so required at any time or from time to time by the said Commissioners from New York by way of Halifax to Liverpool aforesaid.

That each of the said vessels proceeding from or returning to Liverpool shall call and receive and deliver mails at Holyhead in the Irish Channel if required by the said Commissioners in writing under the hand of the Secretary of the Admiralty.

That if at any time from stress of weather or other unavoidable circumstances the vessel conveying the said mails from Halifax or New York aforesaid shall not in the opinion of the naval officer or other person duly authorised by the said Commissioners to have the charge of the mails on board be able to fetch the River Mersey at Liverpool aforesaid or the port or place in the United Kingdom where the mails have to be disembarked without considerable loss of time then and in every such case Her Majesty's mails with the officer or person having the charge thereof shall be landed at any of the undermentioned places at the discretion of such naval officer or other person so authorised as aforesaid namely Bristol Falmouth Plymouth Southampton Portsmouth Dover or Deal.

That the vessel of not less than 50-horse power to be employed in the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails once each way every calendar month between New York and Nassau aforesaid shall commence the said service at the earliest possible period but not later than the 1st day of April 1859 and in case the said vessel shall during the continuance of this contract be lost or destroyed by fire tempest or any other casualty or shall require repair, then and in every such case the contractors shall without any unnecessary and unavoidable delay and within such reasonable time as may be required by the naval Commander in Chief or senior naval officer on the North American Station have the said vessel replaced by another of similar power and description and in the meantime the said mails shall be carried and conveyed in good and sufficient sailing vessels to be provided by and at the cost of the contractors of not less than 120 tons burthen each (old measurement) and in such way and manner as shall be approved of by the naval Commander in Chief or senior naval officer on the North American Station.

That the said Commissioners for the time being shall be at liberty and have full power from time to time to substitute for Liverpool as the port of embarkation and disembarkation of the mails in the United Kingdom any other port in the United Kingdom of Great Britain or Ireland without making any compensation to the