

5. That the said contractor shall have the option, from time to time, of deciding on the Port of Quebec, or that of Montreal, for the termination of the trips of the said vessels to the St. Lawrence, as the state of the water in the river and lake or other cause may in his judgment make it advisable; but he shall not have the right to terminate the voyage at Quebec without the sanction of the Postmaster-General, except in cases when the steamer may reach Quebec too late to admit of an extension of the voyage to Montreal.

6. That the steamers are never to approach Cape Race when the weather is so foggy or tempestuous as to make it dangerous to do so.

7. That the service under this contract shall commence on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-three (1873), and shall continue up to and until the first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight (1878), and shall not then terminate, but shall continue in force thereafter, in all its provisions until either party to the contract shall give to the other party twelve months' previous notice of a desire to terminate the same; and then, and in such case, at the expiration of such twelve months' notice, the contract shall absolutely cease and determine: and during the continuance of the contract the said contractor shall be bound to carry by each trip of the said steamers such mails as may be given to him, or to the officers in charge of his vessels, by the Postmaster-General of Canada, for transmission to Liverpool or Ireland, or by the Post Office authority in Liverpool, or Ireland, for carriage to Canada, or such other mails between the said ports as may be required to be carried at the instance or by the command of the said Postmaster-General.

8. That the mails be received and delivered respectively by the contractor at Liverpool, Londonderry, Quebec, or Portland, as the case may be, and the expenses of conveying the mails to the steamships from the said places, and from the steamships to the said places, is to be borne by the contractor.

9. That there is to be no liability under this contract on the part of the said contractor for the contents of the said mails, when the same are not delivered, in case the failure to deliver the same is the result of the dangers of the sea, or of such as are peculiar to steam navigation, and not caused by neglect or want of proper skill, or by misconduct on the part of the said contractor, his agents or servants.

10. That the said contractor shall find and furnish sufficient accommodation and space on board each of the said steamers for keeping the mails, and for assorting and distributing the same on board, and to be called "Post Office," and to fit up such apartments in such manner as the said Postmaster-General shall require, and also shall and will carry and transport on board each of such steamers, such officers and clerks, not exceeding two in  
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