tion to be settled by mutual agreement between the Postmaster General and Mr. Cunard, or, failing that, by arbitration in the usual manner.

My Lords are pleased accordingly to authorise your Grace to cause a draft Contract to be prepared for their approval.

Mr. Cunard's tender is returned to you herewith.

I have, &c.

His Grace the Postmaster General, (signed) *George Ward Hunt.*
&c. &c. &c.

— No. 12. —

The Postmaster General to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

My Lords, General Post Office, 26 November 1867.

WITH reference to your letter of this day's date, authorising me to accept the tender of Mr. W. Cunard for the conveyance of a mail once a month each way between Halifax, Bermuda, and St. Thomas, I transmit herewith, for the approval of your Lordships, a draft Contract for this service.

I am &c.

The Lords Commissioners (signed) *Montrose.*
of the Treasury.

— No. 13. —

The Secretary to the Treasury to the Postmaster General.

My Lord Duke, Treasury Chambers, 29 November 1867.

I AM directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you that my Lords have had before them your Grace's letter of the 26th instant, transmitting the Draft of a Contract which it is proposed to enter into with Mr. William Cunard for the Conveyance of a Mail once a month, each way, between Halifax, Bermuda, and St. Thomas; and I am desired to state that my Lords approve of the said Draft, and to request that a Contract, in accordance therewith, may be executed forthwith, in order that a Copy may be laid before the House of Commons without delay.

I am, &c.

His Grace the Postmaster General, (signed) *George Ward Hunt*
&c. &c. &c.