

COPY of CONTRACT for MAIL SERVICE between *Halifax, Nova Scotia,* and
St. John's, Newfoundland.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made the 2nd day of October 1868, between Anthony Musgrove, Esquire, Her Majesty's Governor of Newfoundland for the time being, of the first part; William Inman, of Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, England, shipowner (which William Inman and his executors or administrators are hereinafter described as the Contractors), of the second part; and Thomas Langton Birley, of Carr Hill, Kirkham, in the county of Lancaster, Esquire, and Charles Inman, of Liverpool, aforesaid, Esquire, of the third part; Witness that the said William Inman, for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, doth hereby covenant with the Governor of Newfoundland, his executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, Her Majesty's Governor of Newfoundland for the time being, in manner following, that is to say:—

1. The contractors will faithfully convey, or cause to be conveyed, by a good and sufficient steam vessel or steam vessels, of not less than 350 tons builders' measurement, provided with a screw propeller, and with engines of not less than 80-horse power, all Her Majesty's Mails (which designation shall, for the purposes of this contract, be considered as including all bags, boxes, or packets of letters, newspapers, books, or printed papers, and all other articles transmissible by post, without regard either to the place to which they may be addressed, or to that in which they may have originated), also all empty bags, empty boxes, and other stores and articles used or to be used in carrying on the Post Office service, which shall be sent by, or to or from the Post Office, which the Governor of Newfoundland, or any of his officers or agents shall require to be conveyed during the continuance of this contract between the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the port of St. John's, Newfoundland, once each way in every four weeks during the months of January, February, and March, and once each way every two weeks during the remaining nine months in each year, making in all 23 round voyages in each year; but otherwise upon such days, and at such hours as the Governor of Newfoundland shall in writing appoint (provided that such days and hours shall be so appointed as will conveniently admit of the whole service, both ways, being performed by one vessel), and shall and will, at their own costs and charges duly receive and safely deliver such Her Majesty's Mails at Halifax and St. John's respectively.

2. The contractors will, on the 15th day of July 1868, provide at the port of Liverpool, a good and sufficient steam vessel in all respects ready for sea, for conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails from Liverpool to St. John's, and such vessel shall, immediately after Her Majesty's Mails are put on board, proceed without loss of time direct to St. John's, and will, after the arrival of the said vessel at St. John's, on such days and hours as aforesaid, during the continuance of this contract, provide at the said ports of St. John's and Halifax alternately, a good and sufficient steam vessel in every respect ready for sea, for the conveyance of the said Mails between the last-mentioned ports; and such vessel shall, immediately after Her Majesty's Mails are put on board, proceed without loss of time from such one of the said ports as shall for the time being be the port of departure to the other of the said ports; and every such voyage shall be completed within the period of 72 hours; and upon the arrival of such vessel at St. John's aforesaid, it shall remain there for a space of not less than 72 hours before sailing again.

3. The vessel or vessels to be used under this contract, between the 15th day of January and the 15th day of April in every year, shall be substantially built of wood only, or shall be built of the like materials as the materials employed in building vessels belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company, being suitable for winter service.

4. Whenever the port of St. John's shall be found to be inaccessible on account of ice, Her Majesty's Mails shall be landed or embarked (as the case may be) at such port on the South West Coast of Newfoundland as shall be
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