

## NORTH AMERICA AND BAHAMA MAILS.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made the 24th day of June in the Year of our Lord 1858 between the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (for and on behalf of Her Majesty) of the one part and Samuel Cunard of Bush Hill Edmonton in the County of Middlesex Merchant George Burns of Glasgow in that part of Great Britain called Scotland Merchant and Charles McIver of Liverpool in the County Palatine of Lancaster Merchant hereinafter designated "The Contractors" of the other part.

WHEREAS by articles of agreement bearing date on or about the 1st day of April 1850 between the said Commissioners for and on behalf of Her Majesty of the one part and the said Samuel Cunard and George Burns and Charles McIver of the other part for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails between England and North America the said Samuel Cunard George Burns and Charles McIver did covenant and agree with the said Commissioners that they would convey the said mails as therein mentioned And whereas by other articles of agreement bearing date on or about the 1st day of January 1852 and made between the said Commissioners for and on behalf of Her Majesty of the one part and the said Samuel Cunard George Burns and Charles McIver of the other part the said contractors did for the consideration therein mentioned enter into further arrangements for conveying the said mails between England and North America as in such last mentioned articles of agreement is mentioned.

Recital of contract of 1st April 1850.

Recital of contract of 1st January 1852.

And whereas the said Commissioners on the part of Her Majesty have determined to enter into this further contract with the said contractors Now these presents witness that in consideration of the payments hereinafter stipulated to be made to the contractors the contractors do for themselves their heirs executors and administrators and each and every of them for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth hereby covenant promise and agree to and with the said Commissioners that they the contractors their executors and administrators shall and will during the continuance of this contract diligently faithfully and to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners for the time being and with all possible speed convey Her Majesty's mails (in which designation all despatches and bags of letters are agreed to be comprehended) which shall at any time or times and from time to time by the said Commissioners or Her Majesty's Postmaster General or any of the officers or agents of the said Commissioners or Postmaster General be required to be conveyed between England and North America and between New York in the United States of America and Nassau in the Island of New Providence Bahamas as hereinafter mentioned by means of a sufficient number of good substantial and efficient steam vessels.

Contractors to convey mails.

That the contractors their executors or administrators shall and will for the performance of the services between England and North America at all times at their own cost provide and keep seaworthy and in complete repair from the day of the date hereof and during the continuance of this contract a sufficient number (not less than eight) of good substantial and efficient steam vessels of not less than 400-horse power each and for the service between New York and Nassau aforesaid a good substantial and efficient steam vessel of not less than 100 tons measurement and 50-horse power and at the like cost adequately provide and furnish all and every the vessels to be and while employed in the performance of this contract with all necessary and proper tackle stores oil tallow fuel provisions machinery engines anchors cables two efficient boats fire pumps and all other proper and requisite means for extinguishing fire lightning conductors on Sir Snow Harris's principle charts chronometers proper nautical instruments and all other furniture and apparel and whatsoever else may be requisite and necessary for equipping the said vessels and rendering them constantly efficient for the said services.

Not less than eight steam vessels between England and North America of not less than 400-horse power each and one steam vessel between New York and Nassau of not less than 50-horse power.

Vessels to be furnished with machinery, tackle, &c.

And that each and every of the said vessels shall also at the like cost be manned with competent officers with appropriate certificates granted pursuant to the Act 17th and 18th Vict. cap. 104 or to the Act or Acts in force for the time being relative to the granting certificates to officers in the merchant-service and also

And manned with certificated officers &c.