

the mails between the mail room and the sorting room and the Postmaster General shall pay to the Contractors the sum of 75 l. in respect of each vessel on which such sorting room as aforesaid shall be erected or provided.

12. At each port or place where the said mails are to be delivered and received the officer having charge of mails shall whenever and as often as by him shall be deemed practicable or necessary and either with or without any other officer in the service of the Postmaster General be conveyed on shore and also from the shore to the vessel employed for the time being in the performance of this Agreement together with or (if such officer shall consider it necessary for the purposes of this Agreement so to do) without mails in a suitable and seaworthy boat of not less than four oars to be furnished with effectual covering for the mails and properly provided manned and equipped by the Contractors.

Mail officer to be conveyed on shore.

13. If the Postmaster General during the continuance of this Agreement thinks fit to entrust the charge and custody of the mails or any part thereof to the master or commander of the vessel to be employed for the time being in the performance of this Agreement and in all cases where the officer or other person appointed to have charge of the mails shall be absent the master or commander of such vessel shall without any charge (other than that herein provided to be paid to the Contractors) take due care of and the Contractors shall be responsible for the receipt safe custody and delivery of the said mails and each of such masters or commanders shall make the usual declaration or declarations required or which may hereafter be required by the Postmaster General in such and similar cases and furnish such journals returns and information to and perform such services as the Postmaster General or his agents may require and every such master or commander or officer duly authorised by him having the charge of mails shall himself immediately on the arrival at the said port or place of any such vessels deliver all mails for such port or place into the hands of the Postmaster or such other person at such port or place as the Postmaster General shall authorise to receive the same.

Master to take charge of mails if required.

14. The Contractors shall not convey in any of the vessels employed under this Agreement any nitro-glycerine or other article which shall have been legally declared specially dangerous.

Vessels not to convey dangerous substances.

15. The Contractors and all commanding and other officers of the vessels employed in the performance of this Agreement and all agents seamen and servants of the Contractors shall at all times punctually attend to the orders and directions of the Postmaster General his officers or agents as to the mode time and place of landing delivering and receiving mails.

Orders of Postmaster General to be obeyed.

16. And in consideration of the due and faithful performance by the Contractors of all the services hereby agreed to be by them performed the Postmaster General doth hereby covenant that there shall be paid to the Contractors out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose so long as they perform the whole of the said services in the manner and with such vessels as herein respectively provided the following sums that is to say the sum of one shilling for every ounce of letters conveyed by them and the sum of threepence for every pound of newspapers conveyed by them and the sum of fivepence for every pound of book-packets or packets of trade patterns conveyed by them and except where otherwise expressly provided none of the duties performed by the Contractors in pursuance of this Agreement shall give them any claim to remuneration beyond the payment hereinbefore specified.

Subsidy.

17. Provided always and it is hereby declared that if the duration of any voyage made in pursuance of this Agreement shall exceed the time hereinbefore provided in that behalf by a period equal to or exceeding 12 hours then and in every such case a deduction shall be made from the amount payable to the Contractors in respect of such voyage under the last preceding clause of one-eighth part of such amount in respect of each complete period of 12 hours by which such voyage shall exceed the time hereinbefore provided in that behalf so that (by way of example) if such voyage shall exceed the time hereinbefore provided in that behalf by four complete days no payment shall be made to the Contractors in respect of such voyage.

Penalty for delay.