

in the performance of this contract, with all necessary and proper tackle, stores, oil, tallow, fuel, provisions, machinery, engines, anchors, sails, cordage, fire hearths, masts, yards, cables, a sufficient number of efficient boats, fire pumps, and all other proper and requisite means of extinguishing fire, lightning conductors, 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 service, in conformity with the regulations of the Board of Trade made and provided for the government of steam-vessels.

3. That one of such steam-vessels, equipped and manned as aforesaid, shall leave Galway for St. John's, Newfoundland, and St. John's for Portland, Boston or New York, and one other of such steam-vessels shall leave Portland, Boston, or New York for St. John's, and St. John's for Galway, with Her Majesty's mails on board, at least once in each fourth week in the year, commencing on such days in the month of January in the year 1859, during each and every fourth week from the commencement of the service, as shall be agreed upon between the contractors and the Postmaster General, or his officers, or the Governor of Newfoundland, and one such vessel shall leave Galway, and another Portland, Boston, or New York for St. John's, Portland, Boston, or New York, and Galway respectively, not less than once in every fourth week in each succeeding year, and in every year during the continuance of this contract, and shall, on each voyage outward and homeward, proceed to St. John's and deliver the said mails at the post-office, to the postmasters or other persons duly appointed to receive the same, and remain there a reasonable time for the receipt of mails, and that the said vessels shall have permission in all cases to touch at Halifax, Nova Scotia, besides the said other ports of call, at the discretion of the said contractors, and that in case the said vessels shall touch at Halifax, they shall convey between that place and St. John's, and deliver at both places, all such mails as shall be put on board for that purpose.

4. That such vessels, after remaining a reasonable time at St. John's, shall depart thence for Galway or Portland, Boston or New York respectively, to complete the voyage, with Her Majesty's mails on board, and there deliver the same to the postmaster or other persons duly appointed to receive them; and that the Governor of Newfoundland shall have the right to order any of such vessels, by a notice to the agent of the company, on her arrival, to remain in the port of St. John's for six hours on any voyage, for the receipt or conveyance of mails or Government despatches.

5. That any vessel which may be employed in the performance of this contract shall, at all times, unless prevented by storm, tempest, or some other unavoidable casualty, be ready to receive the mails at all the respective ports or places as hereinbefore mentioned or hereafter to be defined as hereinbefore provided.

6. That if at any time or times it shall happen that the port of St. John's, Newfoundland, shall be found inaccessible on account of ice, then, in such case, Her Majesty's mails shall, by and at the expense of the Government, be landed and received from on board at such port on the south-west coast of the said island as may be accessible, and shall also, at their expense, be by them conveyed to St. John's by land.

7. That a time-bill shall be kept by the commander of every vessel employed for the time being in the performance of the said service in such form as the said Governor and Council of Newfoundland shall at any time, or from time to time direct, and that there shall be accurately noted by the said commander, on such bill, the time of every arrival and departure of the vessel, and the same shall be signed by the said commander, and one copy thereof shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the General Post-office, London, and another to the Colonial Secretary of the Government of Newfoundland by the first post after each return of each of the said vessels to Portland, Boston, or New York and Galway. During the continuance of this contract, the charge and custody of Her Majesty's mails shall be committed to the commander or commanders of all or any of the vessels to be employed in the performance of this contract; and such commander or commanders shall, without any additional charge, take due care thereof, and be responsible for the same, and shall make the usual declarations required, or which may hereafter, from time to time, or at any time, be required by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General; in such or similar cases,