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(Legislative Council)

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An Act to Amend *The Post Office Act.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts to the Provincial Government, and for the regulation of the said Department," and to make further provision in that behalf: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

That so much of the said above cited Act as may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, or may give power to make regulations on any subject provided for by this Act be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Certain portions of 13 and 14 Vict. c. 17, repealed.

II. And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to give public notice, in one newspaper published at the Seat of Government and in one or more of the Newspapers published in or nearest to the County or Counties where the contract is to be performed, for at least six weeks before entering into any Contract for carrying the Mail involving an annual cost of more than £50 per annum, that such contract is intended to be made, and the day on which it is to be concluded, describing the places from and to which such Mail is to be conveyed, the mode and frequency of its transportation, the time at which it is to be made up, and the day and hour at which it is to be delivered. He shall, moreover, within ninety days after the making of any contract, lodge a duplicate thereof, together with the proposals which he shall have received respecting it, in the Office of the Inspector General of this Province: Provided, that no contract shall be entered into for a longer term than four years, and that the Post Master General may make temporary Contracts for such services until a regular letting in the form prescribed can take place.

Mode of advertising for tenders for mail service.

Tenders and duplicate of contract to be lodged with the Inspector General.

III. And be it enacted, that no additional compensation shall be made to any Mail Contractor so as that the compensation for additional regular service shall exceed the exact proportion which the original compensation bears to the original services stipulated to be performed; and no extra allowance shall be made to any Contractor, by the Postmaster General, for an increase of expedition in the transportation of the Mail, unless thereby the employment of additional Stock or Carriers by the Contractor shall be rendered necessary; and in such case the additional compensation shall never bear

Additional compensation limited.