

30. The Contract to continue in force until the expiration of a notice of not less than one year; to be given in writing at any time by either party.

31. The Contract will not be binding until it has lain upon the table of the House of Commons for one month, without disapproval, unless, previous to the lapse of that period, it has been approved of by a resolution of the House.

32. Subject to deductions for penalties or otherwise, payments to be made quarterly at the General Post Office, London, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament.

33. All notices which the Postmaster General or any of his officers or agents are authorised to give, either to be delivered to the commander of any vessel of the Contractors or to any officer or agent of the Contractors in charge of any such vessel or to be left at the office or last known place of business or residence of the Contractors or of one of them.

34. The Contractors not to assign, underlet or dispose of the Contract, or any part thereof, without the consent, in writing, of the Postmaster General.

35. In case of the breach of the 34th Condition, or in case of a great or habitual breach of the Contract, of any other kind, the Postmaster General to have power, and that without previous notice, to terminate the Contract; such termination not to give the Contractors any claim to compensation.

36. In pursuance of the provisions of the Act 22 Geo. 3, c. 45, no Member of the House of Commons to be admitted to any share of the contract, or to any benefit arising therefrom.

37. For the due fulfilment of the Contract, the Contractors to enter into a bond, with two responsible sureties, to be named in their tenders, in the penalty of 3,000 £. Such penalty to be considered and recoverable as liquidated damages.

38. Should any dispute arise respecting the interpretation of any part of the Contract to be framed on the basis of this Tender and of these Conditions, the same to be settled by arbitration in the usual manner; and a submission to arbitration may be made a rule of court.

SCALE of BAGGAGE to be embarked with Naval Officers, Military Officers or Troops, and to be conveyed Free of Charge (applicable to all Stations, and to Coastwise as well as sea-going Services):

[*Vide Schedule at the end of the Contract.*]

— No. 9. —

The Secretary to the Treasury to Mr. *W. G. Romaine*.

Sir,

Treasury Chambers, 9 November 1867.

WITH reference to Lord Henry Lennox's letter of the 5th of August last, and previous correspondence relating to the Bermuda Mail Packet Service, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter from the Postmaster General, together with a tender from Mr. W. Cunard to undertake the packet service between Halifax, Bermuda, and St. Thomas, at the expiration of the present contract; and I am to request that in laying the same before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for any observations which may occur to them thereon, you will state to their Lordships that my Lords must hesitate before authorising the Paymaster General to accept the tender submitted, inasmuch as its acceptance would involve, even supposing that the various conditions proposed by Mr. Cunard are agreed to, a very considerable increase of expenditure beyond what is at present incurred on a service which the Postmaster General represents as one hardly called for on postal grounds.

My Lords would therefore suggest, as the continuance of this service has been represented by their Lordships of the Admiralty to be of great importance, with a view to enable the Naval Commander in Chief on the North American station to communicate with the West Indies and other portions of his extensive command, whether it might not be possible for their Lordships to make some more economical arrangement for the purpose in question than the one which the

Postmaster
General, 5/11/67.