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CORRESPONDENCE between the LIVERPOOL, NEW YORK, and PHILADELPHIA STEAM SHIP COMPANY and the POST-OFFICE, and TREASURY, relative to the offer of that Company to Contract for the Conveyance of Mails between this Country and the *United States*.

Mr. *Inman* to the Secretary to the Post-office.

Liverpool, New York, and Philadelphia
Steam Ship Company,

Sir,

Liverpool, 1 March 1858.

SEEING in the "Daily Packet List" the announcement that the United States mail-steamers (Collins' line) between Liverpool and New York have ceased running, thereby breaking up the semi-weekly mail communication between England and America, I beg again to bring the Company's claims forward, and to ask that the vessels composing the line may be accepted as mail steamers, for the departures hitherto taken by the Collins' mail line.

This Company, established in 1850, have maintained (except during the war with Russia) a constant communication between England and America, though they have never received any Government support whatever, whereby they have been placed at great disadvantage with those lines that have been subsidised.

This Company having on other occasions pointed to the great regularity and speed they have maintained, do not further allude to it now than to say that their vessels' passages average under the present mail contract time, which they are prepared to show.

This Company was the first in the kingdom to give the poor passenger the great boon of carriage by steam, which is now so largely availed of, several mail lines now following in the course pointed out by our unaided enterprise.

I beg to enclose the notice of our vessels' departures, and asking your favourable consideration of our request.

I have, &c.

(signed) *William Inman*, Agent.

I beg to add that this Company are willing to undertake the mail service as above stated for the amount of postage received.

(signed) *William Inman*.

To the Secretary, General Post-office,
London.

Mr. *Inman* to the Secretary to the Post-office.

Liverpool, New York, and Philadelphia
Steam Ship Company,

Sir,

Liverpool, 10 April 1858.

ON the 1st March I had the honour to address you on the subject of establishing the steamers of this Company as mail packets between Liverpool and New York for the amount of postage alone.

Not having yet received any reply to that communication, and pending any decision that may be come to, I beg now to apply to know whether the steamer "Kangaroo," to sail on the 14th instant from this port, is to have the mails for the ocean postage to New York.

The "Kangaroo" brought the United States mails of the 20th March, and delivered them at the Post-office in Liverpool in 12 days and 9 hours from the time of embarkation, and in London in less than 13 days, (see *Daily Packet List*, 3d April.)

The "Kangaroo," on the 14th instant, sails on the Collins' United States mail-day, on which day there is no departure for America except this vessel.