

— No. 107. —

Mr. *Boatè* to the Secretary to the Post Office.

Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company  
(Limited), 10 Cannon-street, E. C., London,  
8 April 1861.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this day's date, No. 328 M., and in reply beg to state that it will cause serious inconvenience, not only to the company, but create a delay in the despatch of the "Columbia," if the certificate of exemption is now withheld.

The "Columbia" is 2,960 tons, gross measurement, 1,521 net, and is registered in the port of London.

As the certificate cannot possibly reach Galway in time for the despatch of the ship, probably you will have the goodness to telegraph to the Postmaster, or Collector of Customs, that the certificate will be granted (as on a former occasion), or favour me with a letter which I can produce at the Emigration Office, to enable the officers of that department to do so.

The Secretary, General Post Office.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *A. Boate.*

— No. 108. —

(328 M.)

Mr. *F. Hill* to Mr. *Boate*.

Sir,

General Post Office, 8 April 1861.

UNDER the circumstances stated in your letter of this day's date, I transmit to you a certificate, exempting the mail packet "Columbia" for one voyage from the operation of the Passengers Act.

On the production of this letter at the Emigration Office, the Commissioners will no doubt inform their officers at Galway, by means of the electric telegraph, that the certificate has been furnished.

A. Boate, Esq.,  
Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation  
Company.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *F. Hill.*

— No. 109. —

(347 M.)

Mr. *F. Hill* to Mr. *Boate*.

Sir,

General Post Office, 11 April 1861.

REFERRING to your letter of the 1st instant, I am directed by the Postmaster General to acquaint you, for the information of the directors of the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company, that the steamer "Hibernia," having been surveyed, has been found quite unseaworthy, and that she cannot be permitted to be employed in the conveyance of the mails between Galway and the United States until she shall have been strengthened in such a manner and to such an extent as the surveying officer of the Admiralty may deem necessary.

A. Boate Esq.,  
Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company,  
Cannon-street.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *F. Hill.*