

POSTAL CONTRACTS.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 6 December 1867;—for,

COPIES “of CONTRACTS entered into between Her Majesty’s Postmaster General and the North German Lloyd, the Liverpool, New York, and Philadelphia Steamship Company, and Messrs. Cunard, Burns, and MacIver, for the Conveyance of MAILS to *New York*:”

“And, of the CONTRACT entered into between Her Majesty’s Postmaster General and the Liverpool, New York, and Philadelphia Steamship Company for the Conveyance of MAILS to *Halifax*, with Copies of the CORRESPONDENCE relating thereto.”

Treasury Chambers, }
6 December 1867. }

GEORGE WARD HUNT.

— No. 1. —

NORTH AMERICAN MAILS.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made this 30th day of November in the year 1867 between the Most Noble James Duke of Montrose Her Majesty’s Postmaster General for the time being of the first part the North German Lloyd of Bremen (hereinafter called the Contractors) of the second part and Henry Huth of Moorgate-street in the City of London Merchant and Daniel Meinertzhagen of the same place Merchant of the third part Witness that the Contractors for themselves their successors and assigns hereby covenant with Her Majesty’s Postmaster General his executors administrators successors and assigns Her Majesty’s Postmaster General for the time being in manner following (that is to say):—

1. THE Contractors will at all times during the continuance of this Agreement or so long as the whole or any part of the service hereby agreed to be performed ought to be performed in pursuance thereof provide keep seaworthy and in complete repair and readiness for the purpose of conveying as hereinafter provided all Her Majesty’s mails (in which term “mails” all bags boxes or packets of letters newspapers books or printed papers and all other articles transmissible by the post without regard either to the place to which they may be addressed or to that in which they may have originated also all empty bags empty boxes and other stores and articles used or to be used in carrying on the Post Office service which shall be sent by or to or from the Post Office are agreed to be comprehended) which shall at any time and from time to time by the Postmaster General or any of his officers or agents be required to be conveyed as hereinafter provided a sufficient number of good substantial and efficient steam vessels of adequate power and speed and supplied with first-rate appropriate steam-engines and in all respects suited to the performance of the services herein agreed to be performed within the respective times herein stipulated.

Contractors to provide vessels.