Payment to Charlottetown Steam Navigation Co., for use of Rooms, &c.

AUDIT OFFICE, OTTAWA, February 10, 1899.

SIR,—I beg to bring to your notice a payment of \$174 made to the Charlottetown Steam Navigation Co. during last year for use of rooms for mails, including fuel, light, &c., from July 1 to December 22, 1897.

As I pointed out in previous correspondence it seems to me that the Company is bound under its contract with the Government to provide the accommodation in question without other charge than its subsidy for steamship services, and I shall therefore feel obliged if you will let me know your reasons for continuing to recognize the company of the provider of the prov pany's claim in this matter.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Deputy Postmaster General.

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