

Mr. Weir to Mr. Hamilton:

Sir,

10 November 1858.

I HAVE the honour to forward you herewith a conditional contract entered into by the Newfoundland Government with this company for a subsidy for a mail service between this country and Newfoundland, and thence to the United States of America.

This contract is the result of the negotiations which have lately existed between this company and Her Majesty's Government, and is conditional with being confirmed by the Imperial Government.

I am therefore desired by the Board of Directors to solicit the favour of your attention to this contract, and to request a confirmation of the same.

Should any further explanation be required, the directors will have pleasure in waiting on you for that purpose.

G. A. Hamilton, Esq., M. P.,
&c. &c. &c.
Treasury.

I have, &c.
(signed) A. M. Wier,
General Manager.

TREASURY MINUTE, dated 13 November 1858.

ACKNOWLEDGE receipt; state that my Lords are unable to take into their formal consideration the contract entered into by the Newfoundland Government with the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company until they shall have received an official communication upon the subject from the Colonial Office, with the remarks of the Secretary of State.

Add, that immediately upon receiving such communication, my Lords will give their consideration to the subject.

Mr. T. Frederick Elliot to Sir Charles Trevelyan, K. C. B.

Sir,

Downing-street, 27 November 1858.

WITH reference to your letter of the 7th October I am directed by Secretary Sir E. B. Lytton to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Newfoundland on the subject of direct steam communication with the Colony, and enclosing a copy of an agreement entered into with the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company for conveying the mails between Galway and St. John's, and between Newfoundland and Portland, Boston, or New York.

Sir C. E. Trevelyan, K. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

I am, &c.
(signed) T. F. Elliot.

Enclosure No. 1.

Sir A. Bannerman to Sir E. B. Lytton.

(No. 88, Postal Direct Steam.)

Government House, Newfoundland,
27 October 1858.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that the steam ship "Pacific," from Galway, arrived here on the morning of the 21st, and that Lord Bury delivered me your Despatch of the 9th October, with an enclosure from the Treasury Department, addressed to Lord Carnarvon, on the subject of direct steam communication from Newfoundland.

2. I observe that the Treasury had some reason to suppose that Mr. Cunard would undertake the service for 10,000 £., but that a deputation had waited upon the Board offering an improved service from Galway to this Colony, and that the deputation had requested to be informed "whether in the event of the Colony being willing to offer a larger contribution for such improved service, the Imperial Government would extend their contribution beyond the 3,000 £. offered by the late Board?"

3. I am gratified to see that the Lords of the Treasury, being desirous of meeting what may be the views and wishes of the Colony, were disposed to