

18. Every vessel which may have started, or which should have started, before the termination of the Contract, must complete its voyage in like manner as if the Contract remained in force.

19. The Postmaster General to be authorised to delegate any of his powers to such persons as he may deem fit to exercise them.

20. The Contractors, when so required, to be bound to convey from any port or ports of departure or call, to any other such port or ports, any number of Government passengers, not exceeding *four* of the first class, with their wives, children, and servants; *four* of the second class, with their wives and children; and *eight* of the third class, *with their wives and children*; such passengers with their families to be treated in no respect, whether as regards food, cabin, or other accommodation, or aught else, in a way inferior to that of ordinary passengers of the same class or that required by the regulations of Her Majesty's Transport Service. The messing of the first and second class Government passengers to include each day a reputed pint of good sound bottled or draught ale or beer, and that of the first class, in addition, a reputed pint of good foreign wine, either port or white. The several classes of passengers to mess in separate places. Medicine and medical comforts to be provided, as also mess utensils and fittings, cooking utensils, articles for table use and mess places, *cabins and berths*, fuel, lights, requisite articles of bedding, and all other necessities. Third class passengers to have hammocks or bunks (subject to the approval of the Naval authorities) placed between decks.

21. The passage-money for Government passengers or their families to be the same as that charged by the Contractors for ordinary passengers of a similar kind, and to include all the requisites specified in the 20th Condition; and the freight or baggage according to Government scale, a copy of which is annexed. Whenever any alterations of rates for ordinary passengers may be made, the Postmaster General and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to be immediately apprised by the Contractors of such alterations.

22. Returns of the embarkation and disembarkation of all Government passengers to be furnished by the Contractors to the Director of Transport Services immediately after the departure and arrival of each vessel.

23. Payments for passage-money of Government passengers to be applied for by invoices according to a form to be obtained from the office of the Director of Transport Services, and to be made upon the production, to the Director, of the orders for the passages, together with a certificate, under the hand of the commanding officer, specifying the number of the third class passengers (men, women and children) conveyed, with the ages and sexes of the latter, and stating the periods during which these have been regularly supplied, while on board, with provisions; and also of a certificate, under the hand of each first and second class passenger, of his or her having been landed at the place of destination, and of having been properly accommodated and messed during the voyage, and specifying the dates from and to which they were so messed, computed from the first to the last dinner meal.

24. The passage-money for the wives and families of commissioned and civil officers, when not ordered to be conveyed at the public expense, to be paid to the Contractors by the officers themselves *at the ordinary rates for private passengers*.

25. In all cases where an officer in the Civil, Naval, or Military Service of Her Majesty, who may not be entitled to a passage at the public expense, shall require a passage on board any of the vessels employed in the performance of the Contract, the Contractors to be bound to provide such passage and to charge no higher rate for such passage than is chargeable for ordinary passengers.

26. The Contractors to receive on board each of the vessels employed in the performance of the Contract, and to convey, on behalf of the Admiralty, *without charge*, any small packages which may be ordered for conveyance; and also (on receiving from the Postmaster General, or his officers or agents, or from the British naval officer in command of the station, two days' previous notice) to receive on board any naval or other stores, not exceeding five tons weight, *or seven tons and a half measurement of 40 cubic feet to each ton*, at any one time, in any one vessel; and to convey and deliver such stores at the lowest rate of freight charged by the Contractors for private goods; immediate notice being given to the Postmaster General and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of any alteration in such rate of freight. The Contractors to be in all cases responsible for the custody and safe and speedy delivery of the packages and stores.

27. The Contractors to make any arrangements which may be required relative to quarantine.

28. Except where otherwise specified, none of the duties enumerated in the foregoing Conditions to give the Contractors any claim to remuneration beyond the general subsidy.

29. Every sum of money forfeited by the Contractors to be considered as stipulated or ascertained or liquidated damages, and to be payable whether any damage shall or shall not have been sustained by reason of the breach for which the penalty may be levied. The amount to be deducted by the Postmaster General out of any moneys then payable or which may thereafter become payable to the Contractors; or at his discretion, the payment thereof may be enforced, with full costs of suit.

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