

under his hand or under the hand of the Secretary or one of the Assistant Secretaries for the time being of the Post Office and immediately after Her Majesty's mails are embarked put to sea from Halifax aforesaid and shall proceed without loss of time to the Island of St. Thomas aforesaid or such substituted port as hereinafter mentioned and such vessel shall call on the voyage and deliver and receive mails at St. George's in the Island of Bermuda.

Times of starting from St. Thomas.

3. The same vessel shall after a stay the duration of which shall be fixed by the Postmaster General but which shall not exceed three days and immediately after Her Majesty's mails are embarked put to sea from St. Thomas aforesaid or such substituted port as hereinafter mentioned and proceed without loss of time to Halifax aforesaid and shall call on the voyage and deliver and receive mails at St. George's aforesaid.

Period of stay at port of call.

4. On every such voyage as aforesaid the vessel performing the same shall stop at St. George's in Bermuda aforesaid for such time not exceeding 12 hours of daylight as the Postmaster General shall in manner aforesaid appoint.

Duration of voyage.

5. The duration of each such voyage as aforesaid in either direction between St. Thomas and Halifax aforesaid shall not exceed 200 hours exclusive of the time of stoppage at St. George's aforesaid.

Postmaster General may alter times of departure.

6. If at any time or times the Postmaster General shall desire to alter the particular days times or hours of departure from or arrival at any of the ports or places to or from which Her Majesty's mails are to be conveyed under this Agreement he shall be at liberty so to do on giving three calendar months' previous notice in writing of such his desire to the Contractor provided such alterations do not necessitate an increase of speed. And further if at any time during the continuance of this Contract the Postmaster General shall desire to substitute for the port of St. Thomas any other port in the West Indies as the place to and from which Her Majesty's mails are to be conveyed under this Contract he shall be at liberty to do so on giving 12 calendar months' previous notice in writing to the Contractor of such his intention and of the port to be substituted the Postmaster General allowing to the Contractor such further time if any and paying to the Contractor for such change in the service out of such monies as may be from time to time appropriated by Parliament for the purpose such further sum if any as may be mutually agreed upon between the Postmaster General and the Contractor or failing such mutual agreement the same to be settled by arbitration in the manner hereinafter provided.

Postmaster General may defer departure of vessels for 24 hours.

7. Should it be deemed by the Postmaster General his officers or agents requisite for the public service that any vessel to be employed under this Agreement should at any time or times delay her departure from any port from which the mails are to be conveyed under this Agreement beyond the period appointed for her departure therefrom the Postmaster General his officers or agents shall have power to order such delay (not however exceeding 24 hours) by letter addressed by him or them to the master of any such vessel or person acting as such and which shall be deemed a sufficient authority for such detention.

In case vessels disabled others to be provided.

8. In the event of any such vessel as aforesaid being lost or destroyed by fire tempest or any other casualty or requiring repair during the continuance of this Contract the Contractor shall provide without unnecessary delay and within such reasonable time as may be required by the Naval Commander in Chief or senior naval officer on the North American and West Indian station another vessel of similar power and description and shall convey the mails in the meantime in good and sufficient sailing vessels to be provided by him to be approved of by the Naval Commander in Chief or senior naval officer on the North American and West Indian station.

Vessels unfit to be withdrawn from service.

9. If any vessel employed by the Contractor in the performance of any service hereby agreed to be performed by him shall appear by experience to be unfit for the performance of such service it shall be lawful for the Postmaster General by notice in writing under his hand or under the hand of the Secretary or one of the Assistant Secretaries for the time being of the Post Office to require such vessel to be withdrawn from such services and from and after the service of such notice such vessel shall not be again employed in the performance of any such service without the consent in writing of the Postmaster General.