

HALIFAX, BERMUDA, AND ST. THOMAS PACKET SERVICE  
CONTRACT.

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RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 2 December 1867;—for,

“COPIES of a CONTRACT dated the 2nd day of December 1867, entered into between the Postmaster General and *William Cunard*, Esquire, for a PACKET SERVICE once every Four Weeks between *Halifax*, *Bermuda*, and *St. Thomas* :”

“And, of CORRESPONDENCE between the Treasury, the Admiralty, and the Post Office, relative to the continuance of a PACKET SERVICE between *Halifax*, *Bermuda*, and *St. Thomas* at the expiration of the present Contract.”

Treasury Chambers, }  
2 December 1867. }

GEORGE WARD HUNT.

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— No. 1. —

HALIFAX BERMUDA AND ST. THOMAS MAILS.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made this second day of December in the year 1867 between the Most Noble James Duke of Montrose Her Majesty's Postmaster General of the first part *William Cunard* of 52 Old Broad-street in the City of London Esquire (hereinafter called the Contractor) of the second part and *Henry Boggs* of 8 Crosby-square in the City of London Esquire and *John Bromley Foord* of 52 Old Broad-street aforesaid merchant of the third part witnesseth that the Contractor for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth hereby covenant with Her Majesty's Postmaster General his executors administrators successors and assigns Her Majesty's Postmasters General for the time being in manner following (that is to say) :

1. THE Contractor 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 or 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 boxes bags or packets of letters newspapers books or printed papers and every other article transmissible by the post to whatever country or place they may be addressed or in whatever country or place they may have originated and 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 in both directions between *Halifax* in *Nova Scotia* and the *Island of St. Thomas* or such substituted port as hereinafter mentioned in the *West Indies* 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.

Contractor to provide vessels.

2. One of such vessels shall once in every four weeks on such day and at such hour as the Postmaster General shall from time to time appoint by writing under

Times of starting from *Halifax*.