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Mr. Gregory, M. P., to Mr. Hamilton.

19, Grosvenor-street West,  
31 May 1858.

My dear Hamilton,  
THE proprietors of the steam-ship "Indian Empire" propose to start from Galway to America any day, from the 15th to the 21st June, which may be most convenient to the Post-office. Will you permit me, therefore, to request of you to submit the matter to the Postmaster General, and to obtain his decision as to the day on which it would be most convenient for the vessel to start, in order that her owners may forthwith advertise the day of her departure.

G. A. Hamilton, Esq., M. P.

I remain, &c.  
(signed) W. H. Gregory.

The Postmaster General to the Lords of the Treasury.

My Lords,

General Post Office, 3 June 1858.

I HAVE the honour to return the enclosed letter, referred to me on the 2d inst., and to inform your Lordships that, as the proprietors of the "Indian Empire," the first vessel to be despatched from Galway to New York, express their readiness to sail on any day between the 15th and the 21st June, which may be most convenient to the Post-office, I am of opinion that the 18th June may advantageously be fixed for the despatch of this vessel, the departure taking place as early as possible after the arrival at Galway of the express mail leaving London at 5 p.m. on Thursday the 17th June.

I propose to give notice to this effect at once, with reference to the posting of letters for transmission by the "Indian Empire."

The Lords Commissioners of  
the Treasury.

I have, &c.  
(signed) Colchester.

TREASURY MINUTE, dated 4 June 1858.

WRITE to Mr. Gregory, M. P., that my Lords have ascertained from the Postmaster General that the 18th instant would be a convenient date for the despatch of the "Indian Empire," and that it would be expedient that arrangements should be made for the departure of the vessel as early as possible after the arrival at Galway of the express mail leaving London at 5 p.m. on Thursday the 17th June. Add, that in anticipation of this arrangement being carried into effect, the necessary notice will be at once issued by the Postmaster General.

Mr. Weir to Mr. Hamilton.

Atlantic Steam Navigation Company,  
40, Cannon-street, E. C.

Sir,

7 October 1858.

A LETTER having been received from the Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland, dated 3d August last, stating that the Government of that Colony had accepted the offer made them by the Imperial Government to provide a direct postal service between the United Kingdom and Newfoundland:

By desire of the directors of the Atlantic Steam Navigation Company; I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that a powerful line of steam ships having been established by this company between Galway and America, the directors propose to contract with Her Majesty's Government, and the Colonial Government of Newfoundland, for the conveyance of mails between the United Kingdom and St. John's for a subsidy of not less than 1,000*l.* per voyage; which service the steam ships of this company are capable of performing in five days, or on an average of six days throughout the year.

The Right Honourable Lord Viscount Bury, M. P., being about to proceed in the steam ship "Pacific," on the 12th instant, for the purpose of entering into contracts for postal subsidies with the British North American colonies, the