

Her Majesty's mails in a suitable boat of not less than four oars to be provided and properly manned and equipped by the contractors and that the directions of the said naval officer or of such other person having or authorised to have the charge of the said mails shall in all cases be obeyed as to the mode of receipt and delivery of the said mails.

Penalties for deviating, delaying departure, &c.

That if any vessel having Her Majesty's mails on board shall stop linger or deviate from the direct course on her voyage or shall delay starting at exact time or shall put back into port after starting without the sanction in each and every case of such officer or other person authorised to have the charge of the said mails as aforesaid or when so sanctioned to put back into port shall not again start and proceed direct in performance of the service hereby contracted for when and so soon as required by the said officer or other person authorised to have the charge of the said mails then and in each and every of such cases and as often as the same shall happen the contractors their executors and administrators shall and will pay unto Her Majesty Her heirs and successors the sum of 100*l.* and that if a vessel which ought to leave Liverpool for Halifax Boston or New York in the performance of this contract shall not proceed on her voyage for 12 hours after the proper and appointed time the contractors their executors and administrators shall and will so often as any such omission shall happen pay unto Her Majesty Her heirs and successors the sum of 500*l.* and also the further sum of 500*l.* for every successive period of 12 hours which shall elapse until such vessel shall proceed on her voyage in the performance of this contract.

Contractors to make improvements in the construction, &c. of vessels.

That the contractors their executors and administrators shall and will from time to time and at all times during the continuance of this contract make such alterations or improvements in the construction equipments or machinery of each and every of the said vessels which shall be used by them in the performance of this contract as the advanced state of science may suggest and the said Commissioners may direct.

Naval officer in charge of mails may survey vessel, &c., and deficiency to be remedied under penalty of 100*l.*

That any naval officer or other person authorised to have the charge of Her Majesty's mails shall either alone or with such other persons as he may consider necessary have full power and authority whenever and as often as he may deem it requisite to examine and survey in such manner as he may think proper all and every or any of the vessels employed or to be employed in the performance of this contract and the hulls and machinery and equipments thereof on his giving notice in writing to the commander for the time being of the vessel about to be examined of such his intention and if any defect or deficiency be ascertained and notice thereof in writing be given to the master or commander of the vessel in which such deficiency or defect may be found and if the said master or commander shall not immediately or as soon as possible thereupon remedy replace or effectively repair the same they the contractors their executors or administrators shall in every such case pay to Her Majesty Her heirs and successors the sum of 100*l.* but the payment of such penalties shall not in anywise release or discharge the contractors their executors or administrators from remedying replacing or effectively repairing such deficiency or defect.

Admiralty by agents may survey vessels, &c., and if vessel, &c., be unseaworthy, or alterations required, not to be employed until alterations, &c., made to satisfaction of Admiralty.

And the said Commissioners shall also have full power and be at liberty whenever and as often as they may deem it requisite to survey by any other of their officers or agents all and every the vessels employed and to be employed in the performance of this contract and of the hulls thereof and of the engines machinery furniture tackle apparel stores and equipments of every such vessel and if any such vessel or any part thereof or any engines machinery furniture tackle apparel boats stores or equipments shall on any such survey be declared by any of such officers or agents unseaworthy or not adapted to the service of this contract or if such officers or agents shall deem it necessary or expedient that any alteration or improvement shall be made therein or any part thereof in order to keep pace with the more advanced state of science the vessel which shall be disapproved of or in which such deficiency defect or want of improvement shall appear shall be deemed inefficient for any service hereby contracted to be performed and shall not be employed again in the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails until such defect or deficiency shall have been repaired or supplied or the alterations or improvements as the case may be shall have been made to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners.

That