

unto set his hand and seal on the day and year first within written at St. John's, in the said Island of Newfoundland.

The Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company, by their Attorney,

(signed) *Bury.*

(signed) *John Kent,*

Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland, on behalf of Her Majesty.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence
of (the alterations as initialed by us being
previously made).

(signed) *Hugh W. Hoyles.*

(signed) *John Little.*

(Certified a true copy.)

John Kent.

TREASURY MINUTE, dated 1 December 1858.

WRITE to Mr. Elliot that my Lords, referring to their minute of 7th October are pleased to sanction the payment for one year of the sum of 4,500 *l.* in aid of the sum of 8,500 *l.*, agreed to be contributed by the Colony of Newfoundland to the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company, according to the articles of agreement signed by the Honourable John Kent, Her Majesty's Colonial Secretary for the Island of Newfoundland, on the 22d October last, and for the services therein set forth.

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Send copy of the letter of the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company, and of minute thereon, also of the letter of Mr. Elliot, dated 27th ultimo, with its enclosures, to the Postmaster General, for his Lordship's information, also to the Lords' Commissioners of the Admiralty, and state that my Lords have approved of the contract for the period of one year, and request that they may be favoured with their Lordships' observations, upon the details of the contract, with a view to any alterations which may be necessary being inserted, in the event of its being renewed at the expiration of that time.

Request the contracts may be returned, and send copy of this minute to the Secretary of the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company.

Sir E. B. Lytton to the Governor of Newfoundland.

(No. 34.)

Sir,

Downing-street, 17 December 1858.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 88, of the 27th of October last, transmitting a copy of the agreement entered into with the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of the mails between Galway and Newfoundland. I communicated your Despatch to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and I forward to you herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from their Lordships, conveying their sanction to the payment for one year of the sum of 4,500 *l.*, as the contribution of the Imperial Government for this service, in addition to the sum of 8,500 *l.* to be contributed by Newfoundland.

It affords me much satisfaction to be able to announce to you the completion of an arrangement which appears to meet the wishes of the community of Newfoundland, and which will, no doubt, be productive of substantial benefits to the province.

I have, &c.

(signed) *H. Merivale,*

(in the absence of Sir E. B. Lytton.)

The Secretary to the Admiralty to the Secretary to the Treasury.

Sir,

Admiralty, 15 December 1858.

I HAVE received and laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 2d instant, transmitting a draft of the contract entered into by the Government of Newfoundland with the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company, for the conveyance of Mails between Galway and St. John's, Portland,

Contract returned.