

2 MEMORIAL:—ATLANTIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

In the case of the Galway contract, however, the circumstances are altogether different. The service, unsatisfactory when performed, has broken down, no departure having taken place under the contract since the month of October last.

The undersigned, representing Canadian interests in this country, feel themselves justified, under these circumstances, in respectfully calling upon Her Majesty's Government to exercise the powers vested in them by the express terms of the Galway contract, as follows: "In case of any breach of this contract on the part of the said Company, their officers, agents, or servants, in any respect, and whether there be or be not any penalty or sum of money made payable by the said Company for any such breach, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for executing the said office of Lord High Admiral (if they think fit, and notwithstanding there may or may not have been any former breach of this contract), by writing under the hand of one of their secretaries for the time being, to determine this contract without any previous notice to the said Company or their agents, and to declare that contract at an end."

And your memorialists further pray that Her Majesty's Government will consent to transfer to the Montreal Line of Steamers the whole, or such portion as they may think fit, of the subsidy hitherto allowed to the Galway Line, thereby rendering in some degree justice to the Canadian people, and the large interests in this country concerned in the prosperity of the province, by relieving Canada of a portion at least of the heavy annual subsidy to the Montreal Line of steamers, now borne by the Colonial Exchequer, a subsidy forced upon the Government and people of Canada by a course of policy, against which they have for several years past energetically protested as unfairly fostering the rival ports of the United States; and a policy, moreover, which has been condemned after solemn inquiry by a verdict of a Select Committee of the House of Commons.

(Signed by)

Brothers ^{A.S.}
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Glyn, Mills & Co. }

Chalmers, Guthrie & Co.

John Chapman & Co.

And by twenty-seven other signatures.
