

— No. 2. —

CORRESPONDENCE relative to PROPOSED CONTRACTS with the ATLANTIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, for the Conveyance of Mails between *Galway* and *Newfoundland*.

The Marquis of *Clanricarde* and others to the Lords of the Treasury and Postmaster General.

London, 21 May 1858.

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and the Right Honourable Lord *Colchester*, Postmaster General.

WE, the undersigned, being fully impressed with the great national importance of the establishment of a direct and more speedy steam communication across the Atlantic, and understanding that it is in contemplation to establish a line of steamers between Galway and New York, to commence in June next, and that that undertaking would be much facilitated by your Lordship's directing an additional mail-bag, either for Ireland, or a general mail-bag for the United States, to be conveyed by this line, beg your Lordship's favourable consideration of the matter, and acceding to our solicitation.

(signed) *Clanricarde*
(and others).

Mr. *Leathley* and other Members of Lloyd's to the Lords of the Treasury and Postmaster General.

Lloyd's, 21 May 1858.

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and the Right Honourable Lord *Colchester*, Postmaster General.

WE, the undersigned, Members of Lloyd's, understanding that it is in contemplation to establish a line of steam vessels between Galway and New York, are of opinion that such line of steamers would be a great boon to the commercial community, and being informed that the enterprise would be materially promoted by your Lordship's directing an additional mail-bag to be transmitted by the proposed route, beg your Lordship's favourable consideration of the memorial presented by the deputation and promoters of the Atlantic Steam Navigation Company.

We have, &c.
(signed) *C. Leathley*
(and others).

The Assistant Secretary to the Post Office to Mr. *Hamilton*.

Sir,

General Post Office, 28 May 1858.

IN the absence of the Postmaster-General, I have the honour to return the accompanying memorials, referred to this department on the 27th instant, and to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that it will doubtless afford some accommodation to the public if a ship letter mail be made up and forwarded to the United States by any steam vessel which may be despatched from Galway to New York; and if the owners of the proposed line of steamers will communicate to this office the date upon which it is intended to despatch the first vessel, and the name of such vessel, notice will be given in the usual manner that a mail will be made up.

The United States post-office will also be requested to transmit a mail to Galway, on the return of the steam vessel to that port.

G. A. Hamilton, Esq.
Treasury.

I am, &c.
(signed) *F. Hill*.