

number in each steamer, for the purpose of guarding, assorting and taking care of such mails, and find and provide them with the usual rations and cabin accommodation.

11. That the said contractor shall furnish and supply the said steamers with sufficient fuel, stores and provisions, tackle, and all things needful and necessary to enable them to perform the voyages contracted for, and to secure the safety of the mails and passengers.

12. That the said contractor 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 him in the performance of this contract, as the advanced state of science may suggest, and advertize the sailing of the steamers in Europe and America in such manner as the Governor in Council may direct.

13. That the said steamers shall, in summer, call to land and receive mails at Father Point, or any other point in the St. Lawrence, to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, so soon as adequate facilities for that purpose shall be afforded, on their way up and down the St. Lawrence.

14. That the said steamers shall terminate their winter voyages at Portland, or such other port as the Postmaster-General may from time to time designate for that purpose, and shall call at Halifax on those voyages should the Postmaster-General so require.

15. That the days for the departure of the said steamers shall be appointed by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council and so often as he may think fit and proper for the best interests of the public service, provided that in case of changes, two months notice be given to the contractor by the Government.

16. That the said Postmaster-General shall, in case of need, have the right to delay the sailing of any of the said ships for the space of twenty-four hours.

17. That the Postmaster-General shall have the right to delay the sailing of any of the said ships for a further space of time, not exceeding forty-eight hours, and for such additional delay the contractor shall be entitled to claim payment at the rate of one hundred pounds currency for each twenty-four hours of delay, beyond the first twenty-four hours provided for in the preceding clause.

18. That the said Sir Hugh Allan doth bind and oblige himself to have, at all times, the command of a sufficient number of steamers of the description aforesaid to perform the trips hereinbefore mentioned and agreed upon, and that the time occupied by the said steamers on the outward passage from Liverpool, shall
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