

13. That a suitable first-class cabin with appropriate bed bedding and furniture shall at the cost of the Company be provided and appropriated by them for the exclusive use and accommodation of every such naval or civil officer and also (to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General) a proper and convenient place of deposit on board with secure lock and key for the mails and that every of the said officers shall be victualled by the Company as a chief cabin passenger without any charge either for his passage or victualling and that should any such naval officer require a servant or should any such civil officer require an assistant such servant or assistant shall also be provided with a proper and suitable berth and be duly victualled by and at the cost of the Company as a fore cabin passenger without any charge being made for the same.

14. That the Company shall provide on board each of the vessels to be employed under this agreement all necessary and suitable accommodation to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General for the purpose of sorting and making up the mails thereby conveyed and on being required by the Postmaster-General so to do shall erect on each of such vessels a separate and convenient room the actual cost of erecting such sorting-room and of providing all such furniture lamps and other conveniences as may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of sorting and making up such mails being paid for by the Postmaster-General but such furniture lamps and other conveniences being cleaned and kept in repair and the oil for the lamps supplied by the servants and at the cost of the Company.

15. That at each port or place where the said mails are to be delivered and received the officer having charge of mails shall whenever and as often as by him shall be deemed practicable or necessary be conveyed on shore and also from the shore to the vessel employed for the time being in the performance of this agreement together with or (if such officer shall consider it requisite for the purposes of this agreement so to do) without mails in a suitable and seaworthy boat of not less than four oars to be furnished with effectual covering for the mails and properly provided manned and equipped by the Company and that the directions of such officer shall in all cases be obeyed as to the mode time and place of receiving and delivering such mails.

16. That if the Postmaster-General during the continuance of this agreement think fit to entrust the charge and custody of the mails to the master or commander of the vessels to be employed for the time being in the performance of this agreement and in all cases where the officer or other person appointed to have charge of the mails shall be absent the master or commander of such vessel shall (without any charge other than that herein provided to be paid to the Company) take due care of and the Company shall be responsible for the receipt safe custody and delivery of the said mails and each of such masters or commanders shall make the usual oath or declaration or declarations required or which may hereafter be required by the Postmaster-General in such and similar cases and furnish such journals returns and information to and perform such services as the Postmaster-General or his agents may require. And every such master or commander or officer duly authorized by him having the charge of mails shall himself immediately on the arrival at any of the said ports or places of any such vessel deliver all mails for such port or place into the hands of the Postmaster or other person at such port or place as the Postmaster-General shall authorize to receive the same receiving in like manner all the return or other mails to be forwarded in due course and that the crew of each of the said vessels respectively shall assist in conveying the mails between the mail-room and the sorting-room to be erected (if required) in each of the said vessels as hereinbefore mentioned.

17. That the Company shall not nor shall any of the masters of any of the vessels employed or to be employed under this agreement receive or permit to be received on board any of the vessels employed under this agreement any letters for conveyance other than those duly in charge of the said naval officer or other person authorized to have charge of the said mails or which are or may be privileged by law nor any mails for conveyance on behalf of any colony or foreign country without the consent of the Postmaster-General. And the said naval officer or other person shall report to the Postmaster-General any default in these respects. And in case of any such default respectively the Company shall be liable to be proceeded against for a breach of this agreement.

18. That the Postmaster-General shall have full power whenever and as often as he may deem it requisite to survey by any of his officers or agents all or any of the vessels employed and to be employed in the performance of this agreement and the hulls thereof and the engines machinery furniture tackle apparel stores equipments and the officers engineers and crew of every such vessel and any defect or deficiency that may be discovered on any such survey shall be forthwith repaired or supplied by the Company. And that for the purposes aforesaid the said vessels shall (if necessary) be opened in their hulls whenever the said officers may require. And if any of such vessels 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 hereby agreed to be performed every vessel which shall be disapproved of or in which such deficiency or defect shall appear shall be deemed insufficient for any service hereby agreed to be performed and shall not be again employed in the conveyance of mails until such defect or deficiency has been repaired or supplied to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General.

19. That the Company and all commanding and other officers of the vessels employed in the performance of this agreement and all agents seamen and servants of the Company shall at all times punctually attend to the orders and directions of the Postmaster-General his officers or agents as to the mode time and place of landing delivering and receiving mails.

20. That the Company shall when and as often as in writing they or the masters of their respective vessels are required so to do by the Postmaster-General or by any naval or other officers or agents acting under his authority (such writing to specify the rank or description of the person or persons to be conveyed and the accommodation to be provided for him or them) receive provide for victual and convey to and from and between any of the ports or places to which any vessels are to proceed in the performance of this agreement on board every or any of the vessels to be employed in the performance of this agreement (in addition to the naval or other officer authorized to have charge of the said mails) any number of naval military or civil officers or other persons in the service of Her Majesty hereinafter described as Government contract passengers (not exceeding four in any one ship) with or without their wives and children as first-class passengers and any number of Government contract passengers