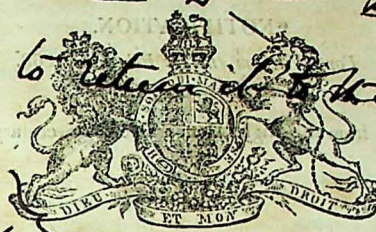


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PART I.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS TO THE PUBLIC.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The Right Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased to announce, for general information, that the Government Notification from the Educational Department of the 24th December last will, from the 1st April 1868, supersede the notice contained in Appendices A and B to the Notification issued from the Revenue Department on the 12th September 1866, and that the standards prescribed in the former Notification for the lower grades of the Public Service will be made applicable to the whole Presidency.

By order,
 E. W. RAVENSCROFT,
 Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

The following Notification by the Government of India is republished:—

"NOTIFICATION.

Fort William, the 1st February 1868.

No. 695.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, for India:—

PUBLIC.

INDIA OFFICE,

No. 184.

London, 31st December 1867.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor General of India in Council.

SIR,—In continuation of my despatch of the 10th of April last, No. 31, and previous despatches, I have to inform your Excellency in Council that I have given my assent in Council to the acceptance of a new Contract, tendered by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, for the conveyance of the East India, China, and Japan Mails. The negotiation was accordingly concluded on the 19th ultimo, and I enclose two copies of the Contract, which, you will observe, consists of a single engagement between Her Majesty's Post Master General and the Company, for the whole service, and involves, therefore, in that respect, a departure from the original proposal that the portion of the services east of Suez should be contracted for by the Indian Government.

2. I likewise forward four copies of a time-table, showing the proposed movements of the Mail Steam Packets for the year 1868. You will perceive that commencing with the mail of the 29th of February next: *via* Southampton, and the mail of the 6th of March, *via* Marseilles, the whole of the English mails for India will be sent by way of Bombay.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) STAFFORD H. NORTHCOLE.

CONTRACT OF 19TH NOVEMBER 1867.

EAST INDIA, CHINA, AND JAPAN MAILS.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made this Nineteenth day of November 1867 between the Most Noble James Duke of Montrose Her Majesty's Postmaster General for the time being of the one part and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company of the other part.

Witness that the Company for themselves their successors and assigns hereby covenant with the Postmaster General his executor administrators successors and assigns Her Majesty's Post Master General for the time being in manner following (that is to say):—

1. For all the purposes of these presents the term "mails" shall be understood to comprehend all boxes

Definition of term "mails."

bags or packets of letters newspapers books or printed papers and all other articles which under the existing regulations of the Post Office are transmissible by the post without regard either to the place to which they may be addressed or to that in which they may have originated and all empty bags empty boxes and other stores and articles used or to be used in carrying on the Post Office service which shall be sent by or to or from the Post Office.

2. If at any time the Postmaster General shall desire to modify the existing regulations as to articles

Power to modify regulations as to articles transmissible by post.

transmissible by the post either by prohibiting the transmission by the post of the articles which are now transmissible thereby or by authorizing the transmission by the post of articles which are not now transmissible thereby he shall be at liberty so to do on giving reasonable notice to the Company and in case the effect of such modification shall be to diminish the burden of the services hereinafter agreed to be performed a deduction shall be made from the annual subsidy hereinafter stipulated to be paid to the Company and in case the effect of such modification shall be to increase the burden of the services hereinafter agreed to be performed an addition shall be made to such subsidy and the amount of such deduction or addition as the case may be shall be settled by agreement between the Postmaster General and the Company or failing agreement by arbitration in manner hereinafter provided.

3. The Company will at all times during the continuance of this agreement or so long as the whole or

Company to provide vessels.

any part of the services hereby agreed to be performed ought to be performed in pursuance thereof provide keep seaworthy and in complete repair and readiness for the purpose of conveying as hereinafter provided all Her Majesty's mails which shall at any time and from time to time by the Postmaster General or any of his officers or agents be required to be conveyed as hereinafter provided on all the routes specified in the table hereunder written a sufficient number of good substantial and efficient steam vessels of adequate power and speed and supplied with first rate appropriate steam engines and in all respects suited to the performance of the services herein agreed to be performed within the respective times herein stipulated.

4. The vessels to be provided under this Agreement shall be always furnished with all necessary and proper tackle stores oil tallow fuel provisions machinery engines anchors cables boats fire pumps and all other proper and requisite means for extinguishing fire lightning conductors charts chronometers proper nautical instruments and all other furniture and apparel and whatsoever else may be requisite and necessary for equipping the said vessels and rendering them constantly efficient for the said services and manned with competent officers with appropriate certificates granted pursuant to the Act or Acts in force for the time being relative to the granting certificates to officers in the Merchant Service and also with competent engineers and a sufficient crew of able seamen and other men and with a competent surgeon to be subject to the approval of the Postmaster General.

And manned with certificated officers, &c.

Act 17 & 18 Victoria cap. 104 or to

And a medical officer, &c.

5. The Company shall land and embark the mails at Bombay by means of a small steam vessel and accordingly the Company shall in addition to the vessels hereinbefore mentioned provide a small steamer which shall be kept at Bombay in complete repair and ready for landing and embarking the mails.

6. If Her Majesty's Postmaster General shall consider any of the Company's vessels unfit for the conveyance of mails he may by writing under his hand or under the hand of the Secretary or one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Post Office require the said Company to show cause why such vessel should not be withdrawn from the service and unless within six weeks after such requisition the said Company shall show cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of the said Postmaster General he may at any time after the expiration of the said period of six weeks by writing under his hand or under the hand of the Secretary or one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Post Office declare such vessel to be unfit for conveyance of mails and after such declaration shall have been made it shall not be lawful for the said Company to employ such vessel in the performance of this Contract. And in order to determine whether the said Postmaster General shall be justified in declaring any vessel unfit for the conveyance of mails or whether the said Company shall be able to show cause to the contrary a special examination shall be made of the hull and machinery of any such vessel by such person or persons as may be selected for that purpose by the Postmaster General.

Vessels unfit to be withdrawn when required.

7. The equipments officers engineers and crew of each vessel when such vessel is in any British port shall be subject at all times to the inspection of the said Postmaster General or of such other person or persons as he shall at any time or times authorize to make such inspection.

Equipments, officers, and crew may be inspected.

8. The Company shall convey the said mails at a speed which on the average of each voyage of each vessel shall be not less than 10 knots per hour on routes west of Alexandria and not less than nine and a half knots per hour on the routes east of Suez.

Speed.

9. One of such vessels shall on such days of the week and as such hours at the Postmaster General shall appoint and immediately after the mails are embarked put to sea from touch and arrive at the several ports or places respectively mentioned in the table hereunder written and all such vessels shall convey the said mails as mentioned in such table and all the stipulations matters and things therein contained shall form part of this Agreement and be observed and performed by the Company accordingly. And the Company shall convey in such vessels to and from and cause to be delivered and received at such of the ports or places mentioned in the said table from or at which the said vessels are to start touch and arrive in the performance of this Agreement all such mails as shall or may be tendered or delivered to or received by the Company or any of their agents officers or servants by or from the Postmaster General or any of his officers or agents.

10. Should it be deemed by the Postmaster General his officers or agents requisite for the public service that any vessel to be employed under this agreement should at any time or times delay her departure from any port from which the mails are to be conveyed under this agreement beyond the period appointed for her departure therefrom the Postmaster General his officers or agents shall have power to order such delay (not however exceeding 24 hours) by letter addressed by him or them to the master of any such vessel or person acting as such and which shall be deemed a sufficient authority for such detention.

Power to delay departure of vessels.

11. If at any time or times the Postmaster General shall desire to alter the particular days times or hours of departure from and arrival at any of the ports or places to or from which her Majesty's mails are to be conveyed under this Agreement he shall be at liberty so to do on giving three calendar months' notice in writing of such his desire to the Company provided such alterations do not necessitate an increase of speed.

Also to alter times of departure and arrival.

12. If at any time or times the Postmaster General shall desire otherwise to modify the services hereby agreed to be performed (as for example to increase or decrease the frequency of the conveyance of mails between any of the ports or places to or from which such mails are to be conveyed under this Agreement or to extend the conveyance of such mails to any other ports or places not specified in this Agreement or to discontinue the conveyance of such mails to or from any port or place specified in this Agreement) he shall be at liberty so to do and in particular (and not so as to qualify the generality of this clause) he shall be at liberty to substitute Brindisi for Marseilles as one of such ports on giving reasonable notice to the Company and on paying to them for such increased or extended services such further consideration and in the event of the services hereby agreed to be performed being reduced

Power to otherwise modify services.

from which such mails are to be conveyed under this Agreement or to extend the conveyance of such mails to any other ports or places not specified in this Agreement or to discontinue the conveyance of such mails to or from any port or place specified in this Agreement) he shall be at liberty so to do and in particular (and not so as to qualify the generality of this clause) he shall be at liberty to substitute Brindisi for Marseilles as one of such ports on giving reasonable notice to the Company and on paying to them for such increased or extended services such further consideration and in the event of the services hereby agreed to be performed being reduced

on his paying to them such reduced consideration as may in either of such cases be mutually agreed upon between the Company and the Postmaster General or failing such mutual agreement by arbitration in the manner hereinafter provided.

13. The particular days times and hours of departure from and arrival at any of such ports or places or other services (if any) which may be appointed by any alteration under the two preceding clauses or either of them shall for the time being be deemed to be the days times and hours of departure and arrival of mails and other services under this Agreement and shall be observed and kept by the Company accordingly.

Altered times of departure and arrival to be observed.

14. If the Company shall fail to deliver Her Majesty's mails at any part at which the same ought to be delivered in pursuance of this Contract for 24 hours or more after the time at which the same ought to be delivered according to the provisions of this Contract which shall for the time being be in force then and in every such case the Company shall forfeit and pay to Her Majesty Her heirs and successors the sum of 50*l.* for every complete period of 24 hours during which the delivery of such mails shall be delayed beyond the time at which the same ought to be delivered as aforesaid. Provided always that the payment of any such penalty as aforesaid shall not be enforced against the Company if it be shown by them to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General that the delay has arisen from causes over which they the Company had not and could not have had any control.

Penalty for delay.

15. If the Company shall deliver Her Majesty's mails at any port at which the same ought to be delivered in pursuance of this Contract 24 hours or more before the time at which the Company is bound to deliver the same according to the provisions of this Contract which shall for the time being be in force then and in every such case Her Majesty's Postmaster General shall pay to the Company a premium of 25*l.* for every complete period of 24 hours by which the delivery of such mails shall have been accelerated as aforesaid.

Premium for acceleration.

16. Provided always and it is hereby declared that any extra time to be allowed during the seasons of the south-west and north-east monsoons shall be taken into account in all questions relating to penalties but shall not be taken into account in any question relating to premiums.

Allowances for monsoon months.

17. If the Company fail to provide an efficient vessel at any of the several ports or places at which such vessel ought to be provided in accordance with the terms of this Agreement ready to put to sea on and at the appointed day and hour then and so often as the same shall happen the Company shall forfeit and pay unto Her Majesty Her heirs and successors the sum of 500*l.* and also the further sum of 100*l.* for every successive 24 hours which shall elapse until such vessel actually proceeds to sea on her voyage in pursuance of this Agreement provided always the total amount of the penalties last aforesaid shall not in the aggregate exceed the part of the subsidy of 400,000*l.* hereinafter made payable to the Company which shall be applicable to the voyage in respect of which default shall have been made by a sum greater than the sum of 1,000*l.*

Penalty for failure to provide vessel.

18. The Company shall whenever required by the Postmaster General so to do receive and allow to remain on board of each of the said vessels while employed in the performance of this Agreement on any route east of Suez and also while remaining at Suez or at any port or place east of Suez and whether such vessel shall be with or without mails on board an officer in Her Majesty's Navy to be appointed by the Postmaster General to take charge of the said mails and also a servant of such officer (if required) and every such officer shall be recognized and considered by the Company their officers agents and seamen as the agent of the Postmaster General in charge of mails and as having full authority in all cases to require a due and strict performance of this Agreement on the part of the Company their officers servants and agents and to determine (so far as relates to the levying of penalties) every question whenever arising relative to proceeding to sea or putting into harbour or the necessity of stopping to assist any vessel in distress or to save human life and the decision of such officer as aforesaid shall in every such case be final and binding on the Company unless the Postmaster General on appeal by the Company thinks proper to decide otherwise provided however that the words "to determine every question" shall not confer upon such officer the power of control over the commander of the vessel conveying the said mails.

As to naval officer.

19. On the routes west of Alexandria the said mails shall be under the charge of a civil officer in the service of the Postmaster General and if the Postmaster General at any time or times thinks fit so to do he shall be at liberty on the routes east of Suez to substitute for such naval officer a civil officer in the service of the Postmaster General to have charge of the said mails and thereupon and in every case whether east of Suez or west of Alexandria in which a civil officer shall be appointed to be in charge of mails such last-mentioned officer shall be received and allowed to remain on board each of the said vessels as hereinbefore provided with respect to any such naval officer but when any civil officer in the service of the Post Office shall be in charge of the said mails his duties shall be confined to the Post Office business.

As to civil officer.

20. 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 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.

Accommodation for naval and civil officers.

21. The Company shall also receive and allow to remain on board each of the said vessels while employed in the performance of this Agreement and also while remaining at any port or place and whether such vessels shall be with or without mails on board in addition to the officer in charge of the mails such a number of officers of the said Postmaster General as shall be reasonably required for the purpose of sorting and making up the mails conveyed or to be conveyed by such vessel and shall provide suitable accommodation and victualling for such additional officers either as chief cabin passengers or as fore cabin passengers at the option of the said Postmaster General.
- Sorters to be conveyed and accommodated if required.
22. The Company shall at their own cost provide on each of the vessels to be employed under the Agreement a separate and convenient room for the convenient and secure deposit of the mails under lock and key and shall also at the like cost (if As to mail and sorting rooms. and when they shall be required so to do by the said Postmaster General) erect and provide on each of such vessels a separate and convenient room for sorting and making up the said mails and shall provide in such room all such furniture lamps fittings and other conveniences as shall be necessary or convenient for the purpose of sorting and making up the said mails and all such furniture lamps fittings and other conveniences shall be from time to time cleansed and kept in repair and the oil for the lamps supplied by the servants and at the cost of the Company and the services of the crew of every such vessel shall from time to time be given in the conveyance of the mails between the mail room and the sorting room.
23. 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 necessary for the public service and either with or without his assistant or servant 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 necessary 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.
- Naval and civil officers to be conveyed on shore.
24. If the Postmaster General during the continuance of this Agreement thinks fit to intrust the charge and custody of the mails or any part thereof to the masters or commanders 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 masters or commanders of such vessels shall without any remuneration (other than the sum herein provided to be paid to the Company) take due care of and the Company shall be responsible for the receipt and delivery of the said mails and each of such masters or commanders shall make the usual declaration or the 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 vessels deliver all mails for such port or place into the hands of the postmaster or other person at such port or place whom 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.
- Masters of vessels to take charge of mails if required.
25. 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 in case of any such default respectively the Company shall be liable to be proceeded against for breach of this Agreement.
- No letters or mails other (than British) to be conveyed.
26. 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.
- Orders of Postmaster General to be obeyed.
27. The Company shall and will when and as often as in writing they or the masters of their respective vessels shall be required so to do by the said 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 places to which any of the said vessels are to proceed in the performance of this Contract (in addition to the naval officer authorized to have charge of the said mails and to officers of the Postmaster General employed in connexion with the mails conveyed by such vessel) any number of naval military and civil officers in the service of Her Majesty not exceeding eight in any one ship with or without their wives and children as chief cabin or first class passengers and any number of non-commissioned and warrant officers not exceeding four in any one ship with or without their wives and children as fore cabin or second class passengers together with servants of both chief and fore cabin passengers and any number of seamen marines soldiers or artificers in Her Majesty's service not exceeding ten in any one ship with or without their wives and children as deck or third class passengers to be always provided with effectual protection from rain sun and bad weather and not exposed on deck without such competent shelter and to have hammocks or bunks (subject to the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty) placed between decks.
- Government passengers to be conveyed.

28. The passengers who shall be conveyed in pursuance of the last preceding clause (who are hereinafter designated Government passengers) with their families shall be treated in no respect whether as regards food cabin or other accommodation or aught else in a way inferior to that of ordinary passengers of the same class or that required by the Regulations of Her Majesty's Transport Service. The messing of the first and second class Government passengers shall include in each day an imperial pint of good sound bottled or draught ale or beer and that of the first class in addition an imperial pint of good foreign wine either port or white. The several classes of passengers shall mess in separate places and medical attendance medicine and medical comforts mess utensils and fittings cooking utensils articles for table use and mess places fuel lights requisite articles of bedding and all other necessities shall be provided for them in like manner as for ordinary passengers of the like classes respectively.
29. The passage money for Government passengers and their families respectively shall be the same as that charged by the Company for ordinary passengers of a similar kind and shall include all the particulars mentioned in the last preceding clause and whenever any alterations of rates for ordinary passengers may be made the Postmaster General and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall be immediately apprised of such alterations.
30. Returns of the embarkation and disembarkation of all Government passengers shall be furnished to the Director of Transport Services immediately after the departure and arrival of each vessel.
31. Payments for passage money for Government passengers shall be applied for by invoices according to a form to be obtained from the office of the Director of Transport Services and shall be made upon the production to such Director of the orders for the passages together with a certificate under the hand of the commanding officer specifying the number of the third class passengers (men women and children) conveyed with the ages and sexes of the latter and stating the periods during which they had been respectively regularly supplied while on board with provisions and also of a certificate under the hand of each first and second class passenger of his or her having been landed at the place of destination and of having been properly accommodated and messed during the voyage and specifying the dates from and to which they were so messed computed from the first to the last dinner meal.
32. The Company shall convey for every Government passenger free of charge the same quantity of baggage (whether such quantity shall be estimated or ascertained by bulk or weight) which according to the regulations of the Company for the time being they convey free of charge for an ordinary passenger of the same class and freight shall be payable for any extra baggage of a Government passenger after the same rate as the freight payable according to the same regulations for extra baggage of an ordinary passenger of the same class.
33. The passage money for the wives and families of commissioned and civil officers when not ordered to be conveyed at the public expense shall be paid to the Company by the officers themselves.
34. In all cases where an officer in the civil naval or military service of Her Majesty who may not be entitled to a passage at the public expense shall require a passage on board any of the vessels employed in the performance of this Contract the Company shall be bound when they have room to provide a passage for such officer in preference to private passengers and shall charge no higher rate for such passage than is chargeable for an ordinary passenger.
35. The company shall receive on board each of the vessels employed in the performance of this Contract and shall convey on behalf of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty any small packages which may be ordered for conveyance and also (on receiving from the Postmaster General or his officers or agents in command of the Station two days' previous notice) shall receive on board any naval or other stores not exceeding 10 tons weight or 15 tons of 40 cubic feet each in measurement at any one time in any one vessel packages and stores of a dangerous or damaging nature excepted in accordance with the general regulations of the Company) and shall convey and deliver such small packages and stores at the lowest rate of freight charged by the Company for private goods of a similar character or description and the Company shall give immediate notice to the Postmaster General and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of any alteration in such rate of freight and shall in all cases be responsible for the custody and safe and speedy delivery of such packages and stores.
36. And in consideration of the due and faithful performance by the Company of all the services hereby contracted to be by them performed the Postmaster General doth hereby covenant that there shall be paid to the Company (out of such aids or supplies as may from time to time be provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose) so long as they perform the whole of such services in manner and with such vessels as hereinbefore respectively provided the sum of 400,000*l.* per annum by equal quarterly payments on the 1st day of January the 1st day of April the 1st day of July and the 1st October in every year and so in proportion for any less period than a quarter.

37. Provided always that if in any year during the continuance of this Contract the entire fund accruing from all sources whatsoever and which but for this clause would be applicable to the payment of dividends on the capital employed by the Company in performance of the before-mentioned services (which capital for the purposes of this Agreement is now allowed to be 2,670,000*l.*) after taking into account the said sum of 400,000*l.* and the entire revenue obtained by the Company from all other sources in the performance of the before-mentioned services during such year and any balance that may have been left available for future dividends on the like capital after the last declaration of a dividend during the preceding year shall exceed the sum of 213,000*l.* then and in every such case the Company shall pay to the Postmaster General a sum equal to one-fourth of such excess.

38. Provided also that if in any year during the continuance of this Contract the entire fund accruing from all sources whatsoever and applicable to the payment of dividends on the capital employed by the Company in performance of the before-mentioned services (which capital for the purposes of this Agreement is now allowed to be 2,670,000*l.*) after taking into account the said sum of 400,000*l.* and the entire revenue obtained by the Company from all other sources in the performance of the before-mentioned services during such year and any balance that may have been left available for future dividends on the like capital after the last declaration of a dividend during the preceding year shall by reason or in consequence of any cause or causes not within the control of the Company be less than the sum of 160,000*l.* then and in every such case the Postmaster General shall out of such aids and supplies as aforesaid pay to the Company in respect of such year and in addition to the said subsidy of 400,000*l.* such a sum of money as will make up the said sum of 160,000*l.* provided nevertheless that the total sum payable by the Postmaster General by virtue of this clause in addition to the said subsidy of 400,000*l.* shall not in respect of any one year exceed the sum of 100,000*l.*

39. During the continuance of this Contract the Company shall keep their accounts and books of account and statements of capital revenue and expenditure in the same manner as that in which the said books accounts and statements are kept at the date of these presents and shall continue to make provision for the due insurance of their ships and for the depreciation of the same to the same extent and in the same manner as at the date of these presents and as shown in certain estimates and insurance of ships. statements and accounts which are enumerated in Schedule A hereunder written and which have been deposited by the said Company with the Postmaster General and bear the respective seals of the said Company and the Postmaster General.

40. For all the purposes of the four preceding clauses of this Agreement the Postmaster General and his officers and agents shall prior to every declaration of dividend by the Company and at all reasonable times have access to the books of account and accounts of the Company in the same manner and to the same extent as if he and they were directors of the Company and if at any time any question shall arise between the Postmaster General or his officers and agents and the Company as to the amount to be abated from or added to the fixed payment of 400,000*l.* under the three preceding clauses of this Agreement such questions shall be referred to the Arbitrators in the manner hereinafter provided.

41. On or as soon as conveniently may be after the 1st day of April and the 1st day of October in every year during the continuance of this Agreement an account shall be made out of the amount payable to the Company or to the Postmaster General under clauses 33 and 37 of this Agreement and an account of premiums earned or penalties incurred by the Company and if it shall appear by such account that any further payment is due from the Postmaster General to the Company that amount shall be paid forthwith to the Company by the Postmaster General out of such aids or supplies as aforesaid and on the other hand if it shall appear that any payment is due from the Company to the Postmaster General the amount of such payment shall be deducted from the next quarterly payment due to the Company.

42. Except where otherwise expressly provided none of the services to be performed by the Company under this Contract shall entitle them to any remuneration beyond the said subsidy of 400,000*l.* per annum and such other sum or sums of money (if any) as are hereinbefore expressly made payable. Subsidy to be in full for all services save as otherwise expressly provided.

And it is hereby further agreed and declared between and by the parties hereto as follows (that is to say)

43. It shall be lawful for the Postmaster General at any time and from time to time to delegate any of the powers vested in him by virtue of these presents to such person or persons as he shall think fit. Postmaster General may delegate his powers.

As to quarantine.

44. The Company shall undertake for themselves all arrangements relative to quarantine as connected with the due and regular performance of the conditions of this Contract.

45. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall at any time during the continuance of this Contract if they shall consider it necessary for the public interest have power and be at liberty to purchase all or any of the said vessels at a valuation or to charter the same exclusively for Her Majesty's service at a rate of hire to be mutually fixed and agreed on by them and the said Company but if any difference should at any time or times arise as to the amount of valuation or hire so to be paid such difference shall be settled by arbitration in manner hereinafter provided and the said Commissioners Admiralty may purchase or charter vessels at a rate to be settled by arbitration in case of difference.

in the case of hiring any such vessel shall return the same to the said Company in the same state and condition as she was in at the time of any such hiring reasonable wear and tear excepted and if any difference should arise upon that point the same shall be settled in the same manner as the amount for the hiring is to be settled in case of difference. And it is further agreed that in case of such purchase or hire the service hereby contracted to be performed shall be performed by other vessels of the Company of a similar description to the vessel or vessels purchased or hired if they can in due and proper time furnish them and in the event of the said Company being allowed by the Postmaster General to continue to perform only a portion of the service there shall be paid to the said Company such annual sum of money as shall be agreed upon by the said Postmaster General and the said Company and in case of their differing as to the amount the difference to be settled by two arbitrators or an umpire to be chosen respectively as aforesaid.

46. This Contract shall commence on the 1st day of February 1868 and shall continue in force for 12 years and shall then determine if the Postmaster General shall by writing under his hand or under the hand of the Secretary or one of the Assistant Secretaries for the time being of the Post Office have given to the Company or if the Company shall have given to the Postmaster General 24 calendar months' notice that this Contract shall so determine but if neither the Postmaster General nor the Company shall give any such notice this Contract shall continue in force even after the said term of 12 years until the expiration of a 24 calendar months' notice in writing as aforesaid which may be given by either of the parties hereto to the other of them and which last-mentioned notice may be given at any time after the expiration of the first 10 years.

47. If on the determination of this Agreement any vessel or vessels shall have started or shall start with the mails in conformity with this Agreement such voyage or voyages shall be continued and performed and the mails be delivered and received during the same as if this Agreement had remained in force with regard to any such vessels and services. And with respect to such vessels and services as last aforesaid this Agreement shall be considered as having terminated when such vessels shall have reached their port or place of destination and such services shall have been performed but the said Company shall not be entitled to receive any payment or compensation for the same.

48. All and every the sums of money hereby stipulated to be paid by the Company unto Her Majesty Her heirs and successors shall be considered as stipulated or ascertained damages whether any damage or loss has or has not been sustained and shall and may be retained by the Postmaster General out of any moneys payable or which may thereafter become payable to the Company or the payment may be enforced as a debt due to Her Majesty with full costs of suit at the discretion of the Postmaster General. Provided however that the payment by the Company of any sums of money (by way of penalties) shall not in any manner prejudice the right of the Postmaster General to treat the failure (if any) on the part of the Company to provide a proper vessel or to perform any voyage at or within the time for the time being appointed for the performance thereof as a breach of this Agreement.

49. All notices or directions which the Postmaster General his officers agents or others are hereby authorized to give to the Company their officers servants or agents other than any notice of termination of this Contract may at the option of the Postmaster General his officers agents or others either be delivered to the master of any of the said vessels or other officer or agent of the Company in the charge or management of any vessel employed in the performance of this Agreement or left for the Company at their office or house of business in London or any other place and any notices or directions so given or left shall be binding on the Company. Provided always that any notice of termination of this Contract shall be served on the Company their officers servants or agents at their office or last known office in London.

50. The Company shall not assign underlet or dispose of this Agreement or any part thereof without the consent of the Postmaster General signified in writing under his hand or under the hand of the Secretary or one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Post Office and in case of the same or any part thereof being assigned underlet or otherwise disposed of or of any great or habitual breach of this Agreement or any covenant matter or thing therein contained on the part of the Company their officers agents or servants and whether there be or be not any penalty or sum of money payable by the Company for any breach it shall be lawful for the Postmaster General if he shall think fit (and notwithstanding there may or may not have been any former breach of this Contract) by writing under his hand or under the hand of the Secretary or one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Post Office to determine this Agreement without any previous notice to the Company or their agents nor shall the Company be entitled to any compensation in respect of such determination and such determination shall not deprive the Postmaster General of any right or remedy to which he would otherwise be entitled by reason of such breach or any prior breach of this Contract.

51. If at any time during the continuance of this Agreement or after the determination thereof any dispute shall arise between the parties hereto or their successors respectively concerning any breach or alleged breach by or on the part of the Company of this Agreement or the sufficiency of any such breach to justify the Postmaster General in putting an end to the same or concerning the amount of consideration to be paid to or allowed by the Company as the case may be for such altered services as hereinbefore in the behalf mentioned or concerning any of the covenants matters or things herein contained or in anywise relating thereto and notwithstanding the power herein contained to determine this Agreement and any execution or attempted execution of such power such dispute shall be referred to two arbitrators one to be chosen from time to time by the Postmaster General and the other by the Company and if such arbitrators should at any time or times not agree in the matter or question referred

to them then such question in difference shall be referred by them to an umpire to be chosen by such arbitrators before they proceed with the reference to them and the joint and concurrent award of the said arbitrators or the separate award of the said umpire when the said arbitrators cannot agree shall be binding and conclusive upon both parties.

52. Any submission to arbitration in pursuance of this Agreement may be made a rule of any of Her Majesty's courts of records pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided on the application of either party.

53. In pursuance of the provisions contained in the Act of Parliament passed in the 22nd year of the reign of King George the Third, intituled "An Act for restraining any person concerned in any Contract Commission or Agreement made for the Public service from being elected or sitting and voting as a Member of the House of Commons" no Member of the House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit to arise therefrom contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said Act.

54. This Agreement shall not be binding until it has lain upon the table of the House of Commons for one month without disapproval unless it be previously approved by a resolution of the said House of Commons.

55. And lastly for the due and faithful performance of all and singular the covenants conditions provisions clauses articles and agreements hereinbefore contained which on the part and behalf of the said Company are or ought to be observed performed fulfilled and kept the said Company do hereby bind themselves and their successors unto our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the sum of 45,000*l.* of lawful money of the United Kingdom to be paid to our said Lady the Queen Her heirs and successors by way of stipulated or ascertained damages hereby agreed upon between the Postmaster General and the Company in case of the failure on the part of the Company in the due execution of this Contract or any part thereof.

In witness whereof the said James Duke of Montrose Her Majesty's Postmaster General hath hereunto set his hand and seal and the said Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company have caused their common seal to be hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.

TABLE OF ROUTES ABOVE REFERRED TO.

ROUTE No. 1.

Once a week.

From Southampton, to Alexandria, calling at Gibraltar and Malta, and back from Alexandria to Southampton, calling at Malta and Gibraltar.

Distance 2,951 miles. The service to be performed once each way in every week in 295 hours, exclusive of stoppages, the duration of which will be fixed by the POSTMASTER GENERAL.

ROUTE No. 2.

Once a week.

From Marseilles to Alexandria, *viâ* Messina, and back from Alexandria to Marseilles.

Distance 1,410 miles. The service to be performed once each way in every week in 141 hours.

ROUTE No. 3.

Once a week.

From Suez to Bombay, and back from Bombay to Suez, calling on both voyages at Aden.

Distance 2,972 miles. The service to be performed once each way in every week in 313 hours, exclusive of the stoppage at Aden, the duration of which will be fixed by the POSTMASTER GENERAL.

ROUTE No. 4.

Once every two weeks.

From Suez to Calcutta, calling at Aden, Point de Galle, and Madras, and back from Calcutta to Suez, calling at Madras, Point de Galle, and Aden.

Distance 4,757 miles. The service to be performed once each way in every alternate week in 501 hours exclusive of stoppages, the duration of which will be fixed by the POSTMASTER GENERAL.

ROUTE No. 5.

Once in every two weeks.

From Bombay to Hong-Kong, calling at Point de Galle and Singapore, and back from Hong-Kong to Bombay, calling at Singapore and Point de Galle.

Distance 3,852 miles. The service to be performed once each way in every alternate week in 406 hours, exclusive of stoppages, the duration of which will be fixed by the POSTMASTER GENERAL.

ROUTE No. 6.

Once in every two weeks.

From Hong-Kong to Shanghai, and back from Shanghai to Hong-Kong.

Distance 870 miles. The service to be performed once each way in every alternate week in 92 hours.

ROUTE No. 7.

Once in every two weeks.

From Shanghai to Yokohama, and back from Yokohama to Shanghai, calling on both voyages at Nagasaki.

Distance 1,120 miles. The service to be performed once each way in every alternate week in 118 hours, exclusive of the stoppage at Nagasaki, the duration of which will be fixed by the POSTMASTER GENERAL.

NOTE.—During the prevalence of the south-west monsoon, 96 hours additional will be allowed for the voyages from Bombay to Suez, from Calcutta to Suez, and from Hong-Kong to Bombay, and during the prevalence of the north-east monsoon, 96 hours additional will be allowed for the voyage from Bombay to Hong-Kong.

SCHEDULE A, ABOVE REFERRED TO.

Estimates, Statements, and Accounts, deposited by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company with Her Majesty's Post Master General.

1. Memorandum for new Contract Tenders.
2. Estimate, Southampton and Marseilles lines.
3. Do. Brindisi and Alexandria line.
4. Do. Bombay and Suez line.
5. Do. Suez and Hong-Kong line.
6. Do. Hong-Kong and Shanghai line.
7. Do. Shanghai and Yokohama line.
8. Do. Bombay and Calcutta line.
9. Do. Supplementary Ships.
10. Do. Calcutta and Hong-Kong.
11. Arrangement of Earnings.
12. Mileage Table for proposed Lines.
13. Statement of sundry Disbursements and Coals.
14. Comparison of Statements with Ledger.
15. Tonnage and Value of Steam Ships.

MONTROSE,

L. S.

The Seal
of the P. & O.
Company.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the within-named James, Duke of Montrose, Her Majesty's Postmaster General, in the presence of

E. B. OSBORN,

Solicitor's Office, General Post Office.

The Common Seal of the within-named Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, was hereunto fixed in the presence of

P. D. HADOW,	} Directors.
JAS. ALLAN,	
EDWARD THORNTON,	
H. BAYLEY,	

C. W. HOWELL,
Secretary.

Z. BROOKE,

Solicitor's Department, General Post Office.

[For Time-table see Statement attached.]

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the Despatch, and of the Contract and Time-Table therein referred to be published in the *Gazette of India*."*By order,*

E. W. RAVENSCROFT.

Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 25th February 1868.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The following Notification by the Government of India is republished for general information :—

“The 14th February 1868.

No. 989.

In continuation of Notification No. 541, dated the 24th January, 1868, the following Statement of Cash Balances, as reported up to this date, in the Government Treasuries in India, at the close of the month of December last, contrasted with that of the previous years, is published for general information:—

	DECEMBER, 1865.	DECEMBER, 1866.	DECEMBER, 1867.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Government of India	2,44,82,342	53,66,962	74,90,466
Bengal	1,15,70,996	1,15,70,996	1,46,15,277
British Burmah	1,03,146	1,03,146	19,71,597
North-Western Provinces	2,20,000	1,93,28,721	1,99,48,039
Oude	57,27,651	33,48,874	42,36,647
Punjab	1,08,67,031	94,82,843	18,18,619
Bombay	1,99,07,029	1,34,72,366	7,27,145
Central Provinces	39,73,844	33,13,898	1,05,286
Madras	1,53,96,843	1,59,99,098	43,751
Berars	11,76,56,801	8,37,46,904	9,57,000
	19,11,721	32,16,257	*
Total Rupees	1,03,68,522	8,69,63,161	

* The Cash Balance of the Berars is omitted, their Revenues and charges being now excluded from those of the Government of India.

Published by order of the Governor General in Council,

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.”

By order,

E. W. RAVENSCROFT,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 26th February 1868.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

The following Order by the Government of India is re-published for general information :—

“No. 1182.

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,

The 24th February 1868.

Notification.—The Governor General in Council deems it requisite for the public service that the Mail Steam Packet of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company which is now timed to leave Bombay for Suez at 10 A.M. on each Saturday, be detained until 5 P.M. of that day. His Excellency in Council is accordingly pleased to order that this amendment in the hour of the departure of the weekly Mail from Bombay be henceforward observed until further notice.”

By order of the Right Honourable the Governor of Bombay in Council,

E. W. RAVENSCROFT,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 25th February 1868.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Under the provisions of Section II. of Act I. of 1859, the Right Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased, with the sanction of the Governor General of India in Council, to establish a Shipping Office at Carwar, in the Canara Collectorate, and to appoint the Port Officer at that place as Superintendent.

By order,

E. W. RAVENSCROFT,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 24th February 1868.

XLVII. The Deputy Commissary General, Abyssinian Expeditionary Force, will be good enough to arrange for the formation of a Dépôt at Zoulla, for such servants as Officers serving in Abyssinia may find it necessary to dispense with; these men to be made available for suitable duties in the Commissariat, and for employment with Officers who may hereafter require them.

The above will be provided with free rations, as at present, during their detention at Zoulla.

XLVIII. It is notified for general information that the Officers' Dawk Ponies and Post Mules at each station are placed under the Officer Commanding at such station, and not under the Transport Train. The Dawk animals are on no account to be used except on a Pass, signed by the Senior Officer of the Quartermaster General's Department, either at Zoulla or Senafe.

XLIX. Officers in possession of horses for which they are not (by the regulations) entitled to forage, will be liable to have to use such horses as pack horses, should necessity occur for such a measure.

The issue of a sickle to every grass cutter is sanctioned.

L. The undermentioned Officer is reported to have arrived at Suez, en route for Abyssinia, on the 24th December 1867:—

Captain J. G. Watts, Bombay Staff Corps.

LI. The undermentioned Officer has obtained leave of absence, as follows:—

Staff Assistant Surgeon W. Wheeler, Hospital Ship "Queen of the South," for six months from date of departure, on urgent private affairs.

This Officer will report himself to the Adjutant General, Horse Guards, and to the Director General, Medical Department.

Head Quarters, Camp Zoulla, 27th January 1868.

LII. The following suggestions by Principal Veterinary Surgeon Hallen, as to the treatment of horses from first landing at Zoulla until arrival at Senafe, are published for general information:—

- 1.—Horses, if able to march, should not be kept at Zoulla longer than 24 hours after landing.
- 2.—Quarter to half dram doses of quinine should be given daily, morning and evening, from time of landing.
- 3.—The march from Zoulla to Senafe should be by regular stages, viz:—

1st day—Zoulla to Koomaylee.

2nd day—Koomaylee to Upper Sooroo.

(Horses should not be allowed to water on this march as the water is bad at Lower Sooroo).

3rd day—Upper Sooroo to Rary Guddy.

(Unless there be sufficient water to enable them to halt the day at Underwell, which there was not lately, horses should not be watered at the foot of Rary Guddy Pass).

4th day—Rary Guddy to Senafe.

(As the ascent is very steep, and the air rarified, stop often to let the horses breathe; and the horses should be marched slowly and not in the least degree hurried).

4.—The first march should be commenced just before sunset, the others at day-break; particular care should be taken that the water used *en-route* should not have been staled into or fouled in any way.

5.—It would be as well to have a day's Forage with the horses, as one or other of the halting places is almost certain to be unprovided.

6.—Each horse should have two jhools and a hood for use on arrival at Senafe; one jhool should be worn during the day, the second jhool and the hood put on at night. It is also advisable to have a set of warm bandages for the legs, and if possible, a small tarpaulin or waterproof to put over the horse's back, as the dew at night is very heavy in the highlands.

LIII. The Commander-in-Chief desires that Officers Commanding Stations will exercise close supervision over the detachments of the Land Transport Corps under their respective commands, so as to ensure all deficiencies or irregularities being brought to his immediate notice.

His Excellency is well aware of the difficulties with which the officers of the Land Transport Corps have had to contend, and the strenuous exertions which have been, almost universally, made to conquer them; and he has no desire that they should be impeded in carrying out the instructions they may receive from time to time from their immediate Head.

It appears to Sir R. Napier, however, desirable that the wants and requirements of their respective dépôts should be known to him with as little delay as possible, and he therefore requests that Officers Commanding Stations will send to the Quartermaster General, Head Quarters, Camp, a full report of any such that may come under their personal cognisance, sending a duplicate of such report to the Controller of Transport and Supply.

LIV. Dépôts will be formed at Zoulla and Senafe under the orders of the Senior Commissariat Officers at those stations, for the reception of native camp followers, public or private, whose services may no longer be required.

All public followers may be retained for duty with the Commissariat, as well as such private followers as are willing to work for the pay that may be offered to them.

All public followers whose services are not required, and all private followers who are unwilling to remain, will be sent back to India by first opportunity.

With reference to the above G. O. C., Corps and Departments are requested to send to the dépôts all such public and private followers as may be no longer required.

Lv. A general dépôt will be at once formed at Senafe under the orders of the Officer Commanding that Station, for the reception of all such men, whether European or Native, who are pronounced unfit to accompany their respective regiments to the front.

The Officer Commanding at Senafe is requested to detail two officers for duty with this dépôt, one from a European and the other from a Native Regiment.

Lvi. G-14 Royal Artillery will at once hand over to the Officer Commanding Land Transport Corps, Senafe, for permanent duty, 45 syces and 45 grass cutters, at present borne on their establishment.

Lvii. The Commissariat Department will make good to Station Staff Officers, not in receipt of special allowance, all stationery used by them for station purposes. Officers Commanding Stations will send to the Commissariat Department from time to time requisitions for the same, showing the amount expended, and certifying that it has been used for *bonâ fide* station purposes. Such requisitions shall be considered as sufficient vouchers for the issue.

Head Quarters, Camp Zoulla, 29th January 1868.

Lviii. Until further orders, a working party at every station will be provided, as occasion requires, for the loading and unloading of all Land Transport Corps convoys that may arrive or depart.

Due notice must be given to Officers Commanding Stations, of the amount of assistance required; and they are requested to comply with the demand, so far as practicable.

Lix. Officers Commanding Stations where troughs for watering purposes are not provided in sufficient quantities, are requested to utilise the empty ghee casks. They should be thoroughly cleaned, and then sunk in rows near the watering place, and filled either from the overflowing of the troughs, or by some other special arrangement.

Lx. It having come to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief that much inconvenience to the public service has arisen from a want of proper understanding between officers of different departments, His Excellency requests that, before sending in to Head Quarters, their mutual wants may first be made known, one to the other, and, if possible, complied with—due notice of course being given to the heads of their respective departments. By this means, His Excellency feels assured that in very many instances much delay and consequent injury to the general weal, will be avoided.

Lxi. In future, all detachments and convoys moving up or down between Zoulla and the front will be furnished with ration certificates on the station they may be proceeding to.

A responsible individual must in all cases precede the detachment, &c.; he will be furnished with full information for the Officer Commanding the Station, regarding its strength, probable time of arrival, &c., and also with the ration certificate above mentioned. By this means every requisite arrangement will be able to be made for the reception of the detachment, &c.

Lxii. The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to note that, as it is of great importance to avoid small detachments of transport, as they are away from supervision, and animals are liable to be for a long time unavailable, every possible effort is to be made to send detached officers, or small parties, with convoys—of which the mules of such parties shall form a part. When this cannot be arranged, all officers and others to whom carriage is entrusted are requested to see personally to the feeding of their transport animals.

Every mule should be provided with a water bag, or "kullee," and the transport officer in charge at each station will see this bag filled, prior to the march commencing.

Officers Commanding at each Station in the Pass will be good enough to tell off a few men as policemen, whose duty it will be to see that all animals as they arrive with convoys, &c., are watered and fed. A report should be submitted daily, to the Brigadier General or other Officer Commanding at Koomaylee that this has been done.

Officers Commanding Troops on the march are also directed to be most careful that every attention is paid to the watering and feeding of the baggage animals.

Lxiii. It is notified, for general information, that the following Ships have been allotted as Store Ships:—

"The Elizabeth Henderson"—For powder and ammunition.

"The City of Agra"—For Ordnance Stores, and Arms and Accoutrements of men located in the Hospital Ships.

"The Indian Chief"—For the baggage of individual Officers, Regiments, or Departments.

A Store-keeper will be nominated by the Principal Transport Officer to take charge of all stores deposited in the "Indian Chief," and to issue them, as demanded, under proper authority.

Lxiv. The services of Lieutenant Rule, Royal Marines, having been placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that officer is appointed an Assistant Field Engineer, and will report himself for orders to Colonel Wilkins, R.E., Commanding Engineer.

Lxv. The undermentioned Officer, of the Royal Navy, having been placed by Commodore Heath, C.B., at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, is hereby appointed an Assistant Field Engineer for employment in the Telegraph Department, under Lieutenant St. John, R.E.:—

Lieutenant W. H. Hayward, R. E.

Head Quarters, Camp Zoulla, 31st January 1868.

LXVI. The following Order is published for the information of the Officers concerned :—

A portion of the Lahore and Rawul Pindee Mule Trains having arrived, the Officers Commanding these Trains are directed to attach a third Mule to each driver, and in consideration of the extra work, the men will receive an additional two rupees a month to their pay so long as the arrangement lasts.

LXVII. The following order is confirmed :—

Dated 26th January 1868. By Major General Sir C. Staveley, K.C.B.

“Sanctioning the issue of a quarter of a pound of meat per man daily to the Sick of the Bengal Cooly Corps in addition to their ordinary rations.”

LXVIII. The undermentioned Officers are appointed to the Land Transport Train as Subalterns of Division, and will join at once :—

Captain T. Kelly, 1st Batt. 2nd Foot.

Lieutenant W. Mackie, do.

LXIX. The undermentioned Officers of the Purveyor's Department are reported to have arrived at Aden, en-route for Abyssinia, on the dates mentioned :—

Assistant Purveyor Young, Hospital Ship “Golden Fleece,” 7th Dec. 1867.

Do. Thwaites, do. “Mauritius,” 18th Dec. 1867.

Do. Woolett, do. “Queen of the South,” 22nd Dec. 1867.

LXX. The undermentioned Officer has obtained leave of absence as follows :—

Lieutenant C. M. H. Downing, Royal Artillery. To proceed to England for the purpose of appearing before a Medical Board. This Officer is available for duty with Troops during the voyage, and will, on arrival, report himself to the Adjutant General, Horse Guards.

LXXI. Subject to confirmation of Government, Captain I. F. Chapman, Bombay Staff Corps, and Wing Officer, 3rd Regiment N. I., is allowed Furlough to England for eighteen months, on medical certificate.

LXXII. The 16th Company, Royal Engineers, is reported to have arrived at Suez, en-route to Abyssinia, in two detachments, as under :—

Major Pritchard, Lieutenant Morgan, and 65 non-commissioned officers and men, on the 23rd November 1867.

Lieutenant Puzey and 18 non-commissioned officers and men, on the 25th November 1867.

Head Quarters, Camp Zoulla, 3rd February 1868.

LXXIII. The Director, Land Transport Train, is authorised to purchase, on the approval of a Board of Officers, such serviceable Camels, Ponies, Bullocks, or Mules as may be offered for the Government Service.

The expenses incurred by the Director, Land Transport Train, on the 20th December last, viz., Dollars 792 for the purchase of 12 Camels for the Land Transport Train, are hereby sanctioned.

LXXIV. The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct that whenever an officer loses a horse by death, a Committee should be assembled to ascertain and record the circumstances connected with such casualty, and it should state explicitly, in its own opinion, the actual cause to which the loss is to be attributed.

These proceedings are then to be duly registered and retained in the Regiment or Department to which the loser may belong, and forwarded hereafter, when called for to the Head Quarters of this Department.

LXXV. With reference to G. O. C. No. 38, 21st January 1868, a daily allowance of 4 ozs. of Rice will be re-issued to all Europeans drawing Government Rations who are stationed at Upper Sooroo and south of that Station.

LXXVI. Brigadier General Merewether will act as Political Officer attached to the Abyssinian Field Force from the date of arrival of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in Annesley Bay ; viz., 3rd January 1868.

The Senior Cavalry Officer present with the Force will assume command of the Cavalry, until further orders.

LXXVII. A Depôt will be formed, at Senafe, under the charge of the Commissariat Officer at that Station, for the reception of all Public and Private Followers no longer required by Departments, Regiments, or Private Individuals.

These men will be forwarded to the Depôt at Zoulla, as soon as possible. They will be supplied with three days' rations from Senafe, and with a certificate which will enable them to draw another day's ration on arrival at Koomaylee.

LXXVIII. Subject to confirmation, Captain J. R. Strutt, Bombay Staff Corps, is appointed to act as Wing Officer, 3rd Regiment N. I., vice Captain Chapman, on medical certificate, and will join on completion of the special duty on which he is now employed.

This cancels so much of G. O. C. No. XL. of the 23rd ultimo, as relates to Captain Strutt.

LXXIX. The undermentioned Officer is reported to have arrived at Suez, en-route for Abyssinia, on 21st December 1867 :—

Captain F. F. Atkinson, 45th Foot.

Head Quarters, Camp Zoulla, 3rd February 1868.

LXXX. Gunner Falside, A Battery E Brigade R. H. A., attached to the Land Transport Train, is remanded to his Brigade for misconduct, and will join G Battery 14th Brigade, R.A., at Koomaylee, pending further orders as to his disposal, which will be communicated by the Colonel Commanding Royal Artillery, A. F. F.

LXXXI. Lieutenant Hulbert, at present attached to 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, will return to Aden for general duty, his services being no longer required with the Abyssinian Expeditionary Force.

LXXXII. Veterinary Surgeons borne on the Abyssinian Field Force will be considered as on general duty, and must be prepared to be ordered off to any station where their services may be urgently required.

2. The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to permit all Officers under his command to avail themselves of the services of the Veterinary Surgeons attached to the Force, in the event of their horses requiring professional aid.

Such horses must in all instances be sent to the sick lines for treatment, with a letter from the owner to the Veterinary Surgeon in charge, stating the symptoms of the illness, &c.

LXXXIII. The following movements of Troops have been ordered :—

The 4th King's Own Regiment to move up to Senafe as soon as possible in three Detachments.

The five and a half inch Mortars on Mule Carriages to move up inland with the Steel Batteries.

The eight-inch Mortars to be brought up on Elephants when it is decided to send Elephants to Senafe.

As many Native Infantry as can be spared by Brigadier General Wilby from Koomaylee, to be encamped between that place and Lower Sooroo, for the purpose of clearing the road.

The 2nd Company, Bombay Sappers, to move to a spot about 5 miles in advance of Sooroo, for the purpose of repairing the road between Sooroo and Undal Wells.

The 3rd Regiment N. I. to move out from Zoulla to Koomaylee to relieve the 25th Regiment N. I., ordered forward.

LXXXIV. In continuation of G. O. C. No. 42 of the 23rd instant, the following will be the amount of Camp Equipage and Carriage (if available), and the number of Native Private Followers allowed to each Staff Officer :—

Camp Equipage.

- 1 bell tent, double cloth, for each Staff Officer in charge of an office.
- 1 do. do. for every two Staff Officers not in charge of an office.
- 1 do. single cloth, for every 5 clerks.
- 1 do. do. for every 16 Public Followers.

Carriage.

- 1 Mule for every officer's private baggage.
- 1 do. for tent of every officer in charge of an office.
- 1 do. for tent of every two officers not in charge of an office.
- 1 do. for every two bell tents, single cloth.
- 1 do. for Mess Kit of three officers.
- 1 do. for personal conveyance of two clerks, commissariat inspectors, or draftsmen.
- 1 do. for conveyance of the baggage of four clerks, commissariat inspectors, or draftsmen—the baggage of each clerk, &c. being limited to 40 lbs.
- 1 do. for baggage of eight public followers, the baggage of each follower being limited to 20 lbs.

Followers.

- 1 Servant for each Staff Officer.
- 1 Grass Cutter for each Officer's horse.
- 1 Servant for Mess of every three officers.

Staff Officers are allowed the option of having a soldier servant each in lieu of a Native private servant.

LXXXV. Seven Officers and 93 men attached to the Naval Brigade landed at Zoulla on the 25th January 1868, and are brought on the strength of this Force from that date :—

Commander T. H. B. Fellowes, Commanding.
 Lieutenant C. S. Cardale, A Battery.
 Lieutenant F. R. B. Kemp, B do.
 Asst. Sub. Lieut. G. L. Atkinson, B do.
 Midshipman D. A. Crofton, A do.
 Assistant Surgeon H. N. M. Sedgwick, in medical charge.
 Mr. C. J. Pawsey, Assistant Paymaster.

N.B.—On the 31st January Mr. Pawsey returned to his ship, sick, and on the 1st February the following officer was appointed, vice Pawsey :—

Mr. W. E. Boxer, Assistant Paymaster.

LXXXVI. G. O. C. No. LVI., dated 27th January 1868, is cancelled.

The supernumerary grass cutters of G. Battery 14th Brigade R. A. being all required by the Royal Artillery they will be disposed of under Regimental arrangements consistent with G. O. C. No. XLII. dated 23rd January 1868.

LXXXVII. The undermentioned Officer is reported to have arrived at Suez, en route for Abyssinia, on the 27th December 1867 :—

Lieutenant H. B. Edwards, Wing Subaltern, 27th Regiment N. I.

By order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief,

FRED. THESIGER, Colonel,
 Deputy Adjutant General.

No. 140 of 1868.—The following Native promotions are made :—

Corps.	Rank and Names.	To what rank promoted.	From what Date.	In whose room.
7th Regt. N.I.	Jemedar Sew Narayen	Subedar	1st Jan. 1868 ..	Subedar Ramjee Chowan, pensioned.
	Havildar Suntoo Bhoslah ...	Jemedar	1st Jan. 1868 ..	Jemedar Sew Narayen, promoted.
25th Regt. N.L.I.	Jemedar Ram Churn	Subedar	1st Jan. 1868 ..	Subedar Nainsook, pensioned.
	Havildar Major Bunnujee Israel.	Jemedar	1st Jan. 1868 ..	Jemedar Ram Churn, promoted.

W. F. MARRIOTT, Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 26th February 1868.

No. 7 of 1868.—The following temporary appointments are confirmed :—

By Captain J. W. Young, C.B., Superintendent of Marine.

The following individuals were appointed on the pay and allowances of Third Class European-trained Engineers, for duty in the Factory, from the dates marked opposite their names :—

Mr. B. Scinner	20th January 1868.
„ B. Hall	21st „ „
„ R. McSarly	31st „ „
„ George Coleman	24th „ „
„ Alfred Baldwin	24th „ „
„ W. Young	27th „ „
„ D. Mead	29th „ „

W. F. MARRIOTT, Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS, &c.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 21st February 1868.

The Honorable Sir RICHARD COUCH, Chief Justice of Her Majesty's High Court of Judicature, Bombay, has been granted privilege leave for three months from the 15th proximo.

The Honorable HENRY NEWTON has been appointed to perform the duties of Chief Justice during the absence of the Honorable Sir RICHARD COUCH.

By order of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

C. GONNE,

Secretary to Government.

Mr. R. H. Pinhey, Judge and Session Judge of the Konkan, is, under the provisions of Section XI. Chapter III. of the New Covenanted Civil Service Absentee Rules, allowed leave of absence on medical certificate to Europe for fifteen months, from the 14th March 1868.

Bombay Castle, 26th February 1868.

Under the provisions of Act VI. of 1845 the undermentioned Gentlemen have been appointed Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Town and Island of Bombay and its dependencies, and are requested to qualify by taking the prescribed oaths:—

Abbott, Henry Byam.	Lyall, Alfred Comyns.
Ashburner, John.	Macdonald, Donald.
Babington, Stephen.	Macdougall, James William.
Bacon, Edmond Antioine Henry.	Mackenzie, Hector.
Beddy, Joseph.	Magniac, Francis Lane.
Bernard, Charles Edward.	Munton, William.
Brooke, Thomas Henry Barstowe.	Newmarch, Henry Fowler.
Brooke, William Saurin.	Nicholetts, Gilbert.
Campbell, Ronald.	Nicholls, George Jaspas.
Cameron, Donald Alexander.	Oldfield, Francis John.
Cates, William Edward.	Playfair, Elliott Minto.
Chamberlain, Crawford Trotter.	Plowden, Frederick Dormer.
Crichton, William Hindley.	Ramsay, William.
Dobbs, Alexander Fairlie.	Rivett-Carnac, John Harry.
Drysdale, Theodore.	Ross, Alexander Benjamin.
Egerton, Robert Eyles.	Scott, Thomas Augustus.
Forsyth, James.	Sherwood, A.
Grace, Charles Halyburton.	Simpson, George Bruce.
Jones, William Britain.	Smith, Charles Bean Lucie.
Lambert, Richard M.	Waddington, Henry Ferrers.
Lawrence, Alexander John.	West, Edward William.
Lloyd, John Hayes.	Westropp, George Ralph Collier.
Loch, John Lewis.	Williams, Frederick St. Clair.
Low, William Malcolm.	Wright, Henry Louis.

Captain C. D'U. La Touche, commanding the Wing of the Poona Horse at Jacobabad, is invested with the powers of a Magistrate in the Frontier Districts of Upper Sind.

Captain C. D. J. Dodd, First Class Deputy Collector and Magistrate, F. P., in the Shikarpoor District, is invested with powers to hear appeals from decisions in criminal cases tried in the Districts under his charge by Officers exercising powers less than those of a Magistrate.

Baron A. J. De H. Larpent assumed charge of his appointment as Joint Judge of Rutnagherry during office hours on the 21st instant.

Mr. T. Bosanquet, appointed to act as First Assistant to the Collector of Ahmednuggur, is invested with the powers of a Magistrate in the Ahmednuggur District.

Azum Narayen Gunesh Sathé, appointed to act as Mamlutdar of Kheir from the 1st March next, is invested with the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the First Class, in the Poona District.

By order of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

C. GONNE,

Secretary to Government.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 20th February 1868.

Mr. E. Pratt, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Salt, and Opium, is allowed privilege leave of absence for two months.

Bombay Castle, 24th February 1868.

Mr. W. M. Salmon, Acting Sub-Collector of Colaba, is allowed privilege leave of absence for two months and twenty-three days, from the 7th proximo.

Bombay Castle, 26th February 1868.

The Right Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments, with effect from the 14th March 1868:—

Mr. A. F. Bellasis to be Commissioner of Customs, Salt, and Opium, and Reporter General of External Commerce.

Mr. E. W. Ravenscroft to be Collector of Bombay and Superintendent of Stamps and Stationery, continuing to act as Secretary to Government in the Revenue, Financial, and General Departments, and Chief Secretary to Government with charge of the Separate Department.

Mr. J. T. Muir to act as Third Assistant to the Collector of Poona, vice Mr. W. H. Crowe.

Mr. T. Bosanquet to act as First Assistant Collector of Ahmednuggur during Mr. Waddington's absence.

*GENERAL DEPARTMENT.**Bombay Castle, 26th February 1868.*

The appointments of Messrs. J. F. Gonsalves, Abdul Rahim Hakim, and Girthurlal Ruttonlal Daphtare as Sub-Assistant Surgeons on the Medical Establishment of this Presidency, notified on the 8th January 1868, are to take effect from the 16th December 1867.

Mr. A. D. Robertson is permitted to resign Her Majesty's Covenanted Civil Service on the Bombay Establishment from the 14th March 1868.

By order,

E. W. RAVENSCROFT,

*Acting Chief Secretary to Government.**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**Bombay Castle, 24th February 1868.*

Captain A. U. H. Finch, R.E., Acting Executive Engineer, Sattara, is allowed privilege leave of absence for three months from the 5th March 1868.

Mr. F. B. Walker, Assistant Engineer 1st Grade, is appointed to officiate as Executive Engineer, Sattara, during Captain Finch's absence on privilege leave.

Bombay Castle, 26th February 1868.

Lieutenant C. F. Baldwin, R.E., received charge of the office of the Executive Engineer Ahmedabad, from Lieutenant F. W. Joseph, Staff Corps, on the forenoon of the 15th February 1868.

By order of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

M. K. KENNEDY, Colonel, R.E.,

*Secretary to Government.**EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.**Bombay Castle, 26th February 1868.*

Mr. J. O'Leary, B.A., has been appointed Government Professor of Law.

Mr. Mahadeo Govind Ranadey, LL.B., has been appointed to act as Professor in the Elphinstone College during the absence on sick leave to Europe of Mr. J. P. Hughlings.

Mr. W. Wordsworth, B.A., Principal, Poona College, availed himself of the leave for six months granted to him under the Government Notification of the 11th instant from the 14th idem.

Mr. R. G. Oxenham, B.A., has been appointed to act as Principal of the Poona College, during the absence on leave to Europe of Mr. W. Wordsworth.

Mr. W. H. Crowe, C.S., has been appointed to act as Professor in the Poona College.

By order of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

C. GONNE,

*Secretary to Government.**ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.**Bombay Castle, 26th February 1868.*

The Reverend H. H. Pace having on the 24th January last, completed ten years' service from date of arrival in India, is promoted to the grade of Senior Chaplain from that date.

W. F. MARRIOTT, Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

NOTIFICATION BY THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.

No. 65.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay, No. 678, dated 31st January 1863, is published for the information and guidance of all Officers in charge of Civil Treasuries:—

“In reply to your letter No. 34, dated 9th January 1863, I am directed to inform you that in any Money-Order Office where the amount of Stamp Duty on the Security Bond may deter a clerk from accepting the Office of Money Order Agent, the work must be of insignificant amount.

2. In such a case the Officer in charge of the Treasury should transact the work of the Money Order Department as a part of his Ordinary Treasury business, making no difference between it and his other transactions beyond recording his receipts and issues of Money Orders and the receipts from Commission. The Treasury Office has the best possible Agency for carrying on the work, viz: a Government Treasury, with a staff of competent and highly paid Officials. These Officials, moreover, have at present ready to hand a complete and efficient system for drawing Bills on other Treasuries, and the addition of one more kind (viz: Money Orders) to the several descriptions of Bills now drawn upon other Treasuries, cannot entail work needing a special Establishment in the case which is supposed, viz: that of Money Orders being so few as not to provide sufficient Commission for a Money Order Agent.”

J. L. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant General.

Bombay, Accountant General's Office, 25th February 1863.

NOTIFICATION BY THE COMMISSIONER IN SIND.

The following Native gentlemen have been appointed Members of the Municipality of Kurrachee, under Clause III:—

Amcerjee Ebrahimjee, vice Lookmanjee Ebrahimjee.
Ahmed Hajee Joones, vice Abdool Guffoor.

Commissioner's Office, Camp Soombuck, 19th February 1868.

W. H. HAVELOCK,
Commissioner in Sind.

NOTIFICATIONS BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF ASSURANCES.

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE REGISTRATION ACT, 1866.

STATEMENT of Appointments made under Sections 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the Registration Act XX. of 1866, by the Branch Registrar General in Sind, during the week ending the 15th February 1868.

No.	Persons appointed.	For what duties.	At what place.	REMARKS.
1.	Bulledino wulud Hazee Gool Mahomed.	Sub-Registrar	Meerpoor Buttora, Kurrachee District.	
2.	Nialchund	Ditto	Boolakhan's Thana, Kurrachee District.	From 5th February 1868.
3.	Cazee Abdool Hafeez wulud Mahomed Salya.	Ditto	Nowshera, Hydrabad District.	
4.	Cazee Goolamoola wulud Alarukya.	Ditto	Kundiara, Hydrabad District.	
5.	Cazee Mahomed Salya wulud Mahomed Sakur.	Ditto	Shahdadpoor, Hydrabad District.	
6.	Cazee Deen Mahomed wulud Dost Mahomed.	Ditto	Mora, Hydrabad District.	
7.	Caze Abdool Luteef wulud Goolamoola.	Ditto	Sukkrund, Hydrabad District.	

J. MOORE,
Branch Registrar General in Sind.

Branch Registrar General's Office, Kurrachee, 17th February 1868.

*STATEMENT of Appointments made under Sections 9 and 12 of Act XX. of 1866, between the
20th and 26th February 1868.*

No.	Persons appointed.	To what duties.	At what place.
1	Mr. Byramjee DaJabhoy	Deputy Registrar General	Bombay, to have effect from 26th February 1868.
2	„ Govind Bapoojee Patwardhun..	Officiating Sub-Registrar.	Chiploon, in the Rutnagherry District.
3	„ Balerushna Vishnoo, 2nd Carkoon	Do. do.	Malseerus, in the Sattara District.
4	„ Kalidass Kandas	Do. do.	Thasra, in the Kaira District.

F. F. ARBUTHNOT,

Registrar General.

Bombay, General Registry Office, 26th February 1868.

The following Officers have respectively delivered over and received charge of Sub-Registry Offices on the dates specified:—

District.	Sub-District.	Names of Officers delivering over charge.	Names of Officers receiving charge.	Date of the same.	Time.
Broach	Jumboosur ..	Mr. Ganputraw, Abheram.	Mr. Soorvyram Madhuran.	19th Feb. 1868.	In the forenoon.
Rutnagherry ..	Chiploon	Mr. Wassoodew Balkrishna Dabké.	Mr. Govind Bapoojee Patwardhan.	10th do. ..	Ditto
Sattara	Malsirus	Mr. Shunkar Moreshwar.	Mr. Balkrishna Vishnoo.	10th do. ..	In the afternoon.
Kaira	Thasra	Mr. Nurbheram Purbhooram.	Mr. Kalidass Kandsss.	3d do. ..	In the forenoon.
Do.	Do.	Mr. Kalidass Khandass.	Mr. Nurbheram Purbhooram.	11th do. ..	Ditto
Ahmedabad ..	Dholka	Mr. Madhawlal Bapoojee, Maulutdar.	Mr. Nubhoolal Nanalal.	13th do. ..	Ditto
Rutnagherry / Klu	arepaan...	Mr. Damodar Vishwanath	Mr. Vishnoo Praninath.	14th do. ..	Ditto

F. F. ARBUTHNOT,

Registrar General.

Bombay, General Registry Office, 26th February 1868.

NOTIFICATIONS BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPT.

No. 18.—Sub-Assistant Surgeon Ruttonjee Hormusjee, in charge of the Baicherdass Dispensary, Ahmedabad, is allowed privilege leave of absence for two months from the 4th proximo.

No. 19.—With reference to Notifications No. 100, dated 25th September, and No. 116, dated 23rd October 1867, Assistant Vaccinator Chintamon Wittul (No. 96) is allowed an extension, for two months, of the leave therein granted.

By order of the Inspector General Indian Medical Department,

T. B. JOHNSTONE, M.D.,

Surgeon Major, Secretary.

Bombay, 26th February 1868.

NOTIFICATION BY THE SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER.

Mr. W. Turnbull, 3rd Class Assistant Settlement Officer, Indus Right Bank Survey, having completed two years' service in that grade, is promoted to the grade of 2nd Class Assistant Settlement Officer, with effect from the 10th ultimo.

J. FRANCIS, Lieutenant Colonel,

Survey and Settlement Commissioner.

Camp Chiploon, 22nd February 1868.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

Changes of Address.—All communications on the Subject should be made to the **POST MASTER** of Bombay, or other **POST MASTERS**, and not to the **POST MASTER GENERAL**. The name of the **Post Town** to which letters will be found addressed should be stated in the application.

No request for alteration in the destination of letters can be attended to in the Bombay Post Office after the Overland Mail is signalled.

Complaints from Residents of Bombay requiring redress as to surcharge of postage, missending, or delay in the delivery of letters, &c., should be made to the Post Master, accompanied by the envelopes of the letters referred to.

Similar complaints in the Mofussil should be made to the Inspecting Post Master of the Division, also accompanied by the envelope.

An appeal against the decision of the Post Master of Bombay, or of the Inspecting Post Master, can always be made to the Post Master General.

Overland Mails.—The two next Overland Mails per P. and O. Company's Steam Packet will be closed at the dates and hours below named:—

Saturday, 29th February 1868, 2 P.M. After Packet until 3 P.M.

Saturday, 7th March do. Do. do.

After-Packet Letters will not be forwarded unless an 8-anna stamp is affixed to the letter in addition to the postage.

Registered Letters will be received until 1 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland Covers at the several Branch Post Offices is 1 P.M.

China Mail.—The Post Office Packets for **CEYLON, PENANG, SINGAPORE, and HONGKONG**, per P. & O. Company's Steamer, will be closed on Saturday, the 29th February 1868, at 6 o'clock P.M. A Packet for late Letters will be kept open, on payment of the usual fee, until 7 A.M. on the 1st proximo.

Postal Guide.—The Bombay Postal Guide, with Postal Map of the Bombay Postal Circle, corrected up to the 1st May 1867, can now be had on application at the Post Office.—*Price 1 Rupee.*

DESPATCH OF MAILS FROM BOMBAY.

MAILS.	Latest hour for Posting:		
	At General Post Office.		At Branch Post Offices.
	Ordinary Letters and Papers.	After Packet Letters.	
For Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, <i>i.e.</i> for Khandeish, Malwa, Berar, Central Provinces, Punjab, N. W. Provinces, and Bengal	4-30 P.M.	5 P.M.	3-30 P.M.
For Post Towns on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, <i>i.e.</i> for Poona, the Deccan, S. M. Country, and Madras Presidency	1 P.M.	2 P.M.	0-30 P.M.
For Post Towns on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, <i>i.e.</i> for Stations on the Railway Line as far as Poona	8 A.M.	} 5 P.M. of previous day.
For Post Towns on the B. B. and C. I. Railway, <i>i.e.</i> for Post Offices on the Railway Line, Guzerat, Scinde, Kattiawar, and Kutch	4-30 A. M.	5 A.M.	

Registered Letters and Banghy Parcels for despatch by all Mails will be received, except on Sindays, from 7 to 8 A.M. and from 12 (noon) to 5 P.M.

Overland Mails.—In continuation of this Office Postal Notice, dated the 26th instant, the following Table, showing the dates of departure of Overland Mail Steamers from Bombay during the year 1868, is published for general information.

It will be noticed that, *during the monsoon months*, the P. & O. Co.'s weekly Contract Steamers will quit Bombay on *Tuesdays*.

Leave Bombay on			Leave Bombay on		
Month.	Day.	At 5 P.M.	Month.	Day.	At 5 P.M.
January 1868	Tuesday	14	July 1868	Tuesday	21
Ditto	Wednesday	29	Ditto	"	28
February	Friday	14	August	"	4
Ditto	Saturday	29	Ditto	"	11
March	"	7	Ditto	"	18
Ditto	"	14	Ditto	"	25
Ditto	"	21	September	"	1
Ditto	"	28	Ditto	"	8
April	"	4	Ditto	"	15
Ditto	"	11	Ditto	"	22
Ditto	"	18	Ditto	"	29
Ditto	"	25	October	"	6
May	"	2	Ditto	"	13
Ditto	"	9	Ditto	"	20
Ditto	Tuesday	12	Ditto	Saturday	31
Ditto	"	19	November	"	7
Ditto	"	26	Ditto	"	14
June	"	2	Ditto	"	21
Ditto	"	9	Ditto	"	28
Ditto	"	16	December	"	5
Ditto	"	23	Ditto	"	12
Ditto	"	30	Ditto	"	19
July	"	7	Ditto	"	26
Ditto	"	14			

China Mails.—In supersession of Postal Notices Nos. 57 and 6, dated 28th December 1867 and 27th ultimo, the subjoined Table, showing dates of departure of China and Australian Mail Steamers from Bombay during the year 1868, is published for general information:—

CHINA MAILS.		AUSTRALIAN MAILS.	
Months and Dates.		Months and Dates.	
	9 A. M.		9 A.M.
January 1868	15	January 1868	15
Ditto	30	February	15
February	15	March	15
March	1		Noon
Ditto	15	April	17
	Noon	May	15
Ditto	27	June	12
April	17	July	10
May	1	August	7
Ditto	15	September	4
Ditto	29	October	2
June	12	Ditto	30
Ditto	26	November	27
July	10	December	25
Ditto	24	January 1869	22
August	7		
Ditto	21		
September	4		
Ditto	18		
October	2		
Ditto	16		
Ditto	30		
November	13		
Ditto	27		
December	11		
Ditto	25		
January 1869	8		
Ditto	22		

Arrangements having been made for the establishment of an Indian Post Office in connection with the Abyssinian Expeditionary Force, the public are hereby informed that Letters and other articles addressed to Abyssinia, for transmission *viâ* Aden by British or French Mail Packets, will be subject to the same conditions and rates of postage as if addressed to Aden.

2. Letters and other articles posted in Abyssinia, for transmission *viâ* Aden by British or French Mail Packets, will be subject to the same conditions and rates of postage as if posted in Aden.

3. Letters and other articles conveyed by Indian Post from one part of Abyssinia to another, or between Abyssinia and Aden, will be subject to the conditions and rates of the Indian Inland Post.

List of Books now lying at the Dead Letter Office without addresses.

- 2 Griffith Gaunt, Vols. I. and II.
- 2 Friends in Council, Vols. I. and II.
- 1 Short Studies on Great Subjects, Vol. II.
- 2 A Troubled Stream, Vols. II. and III.
- 2 Weighed in the Balance, Vols. I. and II.
- 1 Field Exercise, 1867.
- 1 Packet containing Photographic Views.
- 1 The Army List.
- 1 Bundle containing Illustrated London News and other papers.
- 1 The Retrospect of Medicine, by W. Braithwaite, M.D.
- 1 Children's Prize 1867.
- 1 The Christmas Eve Dream.
- 1 Sutton's Amateur's Guide.
- 1 Packet of Patterns of Muslin.
- 1 Do. of Blank Cards.
- 1 Do. of small Pamphlets.
- 2 Army Lists for *January* 1868.
- 1 Gentleman's Washing Book.
- 1 Leather Pocket Book, without pencil.
- 1 Packet containing sample of coloured Woollen Cloth.
- 1 Calendar for King's College, London, for 1867-68.
- 1 Proceedings of the Royal Artillery Institution, Vol. V.
- 1 The Gospel in Turkey, 1866-67.
- 1 Royal School for Daughters of Officers of the Army.
- 1 Leather Pocket Book.

Overland Postage Rates.—Under instructions from Her Majesty's Post Master General, LONDON, received on the 25th instant, the single rate of postage on letters sent between the UNITED KINGDOM and INDIA, *viâ* Southampton, will be raised from six pence, or 4 annas, to nine pence, or 6 annas, per half ounce, and on those *viâ* Marseilles, from ten pence, or 6 annas 8 pies, to one shilling and a penny, or 8 annas and 8 pies, per half ounce.

2. Unpaid Letters, *viâ* Southampton or Marseilles, will be liable, in addition to the foregoing rates, to a fine of nine pence, or 6 annas, and insufficiently paid letters will be liable to the deficient postage, and a like fine of nine pence, or 6 annas.

3. All letters forwarded from India through the United Kingdom to Foreign Countries, or British Colonies, will, in like manner, be subject to an additional charge of three pence, or 2 annas, over and above the rates which are now being collected in India.

4. The scale of progression for charging letters above the weight of half an ounce, will be by half ounces, that is to say, a letter weighing above 1 oz., and not exceeding 1½ oz., which, under the old scale, would be chargeable with four rates of postage (1 Rupee *viâ* Southampton, and 1 Rupee 10 annas and 8 pies *viâ* Marseilles,) will, under the new scale, be leviable with only three rates (1 Rupee 2 annas *viâ* Southampton, and 1 Rupee 10 annas *viâ* Marseilles).

5. This increase of Postage will take effect on the 1st March next, and all letters posted on and after that day will be chargeable accordingly.

Book Post.—Consequent on an alteration of the postage rates on packets of Books and Patterns or Samples of Merchandise forwarded through the German Postal Union, the following reduced rates will be chargeable on Packets of the above description posted in India, and addressed *via* the United Kingdom to those places* in Turkey, Moldavia, or Wallachia, at which Austrian Post Offices have been established, viz:—

For a Packet.

Not exceeding 2 ozs.	Exceeding 2 ozs. and not exceeding 4 ozs.	Exceeding 4 ozs. and not exceeding 8 ozs.	Exceeding 8 ozs. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
0 3 8	0 6 4	0 12 8	1 9 4	0 12 8

No packet of patterns or samples must exceed 8 ozs. in weight, and no book packet must exceed 3 lbs. in weight.

The above rates include the Indian inland postage of one anna per 4 ozs.

* Adrianople, Alexandretta, Antivari, Bakan, Berlad, Beyrout, Boluschany, Bourgas, Bucharest, Caifa, Candia, Canea, Cavalla, Chio (Ichesme), Constantinople, Dardanelles, Durazzo, Fookschan, Galatz, Gallipole, Guirgevo, Ibruilla, Ineboli, Jaffa, Janina, Jassy, Jerusalem, Kustendjee, Lagos, Larnaka, Latakia, Mersina, Mitylene, Philippopol, Piatra, Plojeshite, Prevesa, Retimo, Rhodes, Reman, Rutshuk, Salonica, Samsoun, Seres, Sinope, Smyrna, Sofia, Sulina, Tchernavoda, Tenedos, Trebeyond, Tripoli, Tultscha, Valona, Varna, Volo.

Book Post.—The following reduced rates of Postage will be payable on Book and Pattern Packets posted in India and addressed to the United Kingdom *via Southampton* and *Marseilles*:

For a Packet.

	Viá Southampton.	Viá Marseilles.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Not exceeding 4 oz.	0 2 8	0 4 0
Exceeding 4 oz. and not exceeding 8 oz.	0 5 4	0 8 0
Do. 8 oz. do. 12 oz.	0 8 0	0 12 0
Do. 12 oz. do. 1 lb.	0 10 8	1 0 0
	And so on, adding 2 annas 8 pies for every additional 4 oz.	And so on, adding 4 annas for every additional 4 oz.

NOTE.—No packets exceeding 5 lbs. in weight will be received. The above rates include Indian Inland Postage.

C. A. STUART,

Bombay, General Post Office, 26th February 1868.

Post Master.