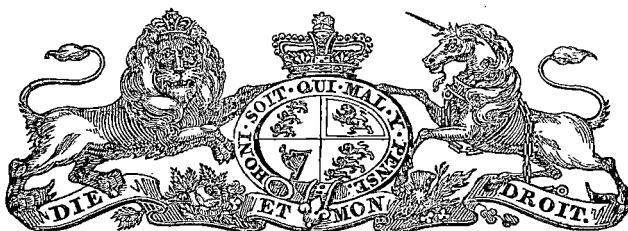


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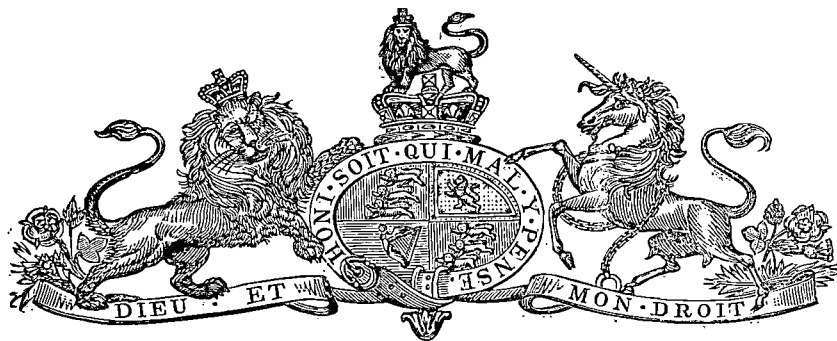
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

ORIENT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY:

DRAFT OF AGREEMENT FOR CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



DRAFT OF AGREEMENT *re* OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

This Deed of Agreement and Arrangement is dated the First day of February A.D. One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight and is made between His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT BARON CARRINGTON a Member of Her Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony of the first part His Excellency Sir WILLIAM CLEAVER FRANCIS ROBINSON Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Province of South Australia and the Dependencies thereof by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Province of the second part His Excellency Sir ROBERT GEORGE CROOKSHANK HAMILTON Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony of Tasmania of the third part His Excellency Sir FREDERICK NAPIER BROOME Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Territory of Western Australia and its Dependencies by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Territory of the fourth part and His Excellency Sir HENRY BROUGHAM LOCH Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Colony of Victoria of the fifth part

And whereas HER MAJESTY'S POSTMASTER-GENERAL of the United Kingdom has entered into a contract or agreement with the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED for the conveyance by means of the Vessels of the Company of Mails between Brindisi (*via* the Suez Canal) and King George's Sound Adelaide Semaphore Melbourne and Sydney respectively once in every fortnight in either direction upon the terms and in manner therein provided Such Contract to be in force from the First day of February One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight until the Thirty-first day of January One thousand eight hundred and ninety-five inclusive

And whereas HER MAJESTY'S said POSTMASTER-GENERAL for the United Kingdom has also entered into a contract with the ORIENT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED for the conveyance (by means of vessels running in the Orient line) of Mails between Naples and King George's Sound (or at the option of the Company Gage Roads in lieu of King George's Sound) Adelaide Semaphore Melbourne and Sydney respectively (*via* the Suez Canal) once in every fortnight in either direction upon the terms and in manner therein provided Such Contract to be in force from the First day of February One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight until the Thirty-first day of January One thousand eight hundred and ninety-five inclusive

And whereas the Colonies the parties to this Deed have agreed to contribute the sum of Seventy-five thousand pounds sterling per annum towards the cost of such Mail services according to and on the basis of their respective populations and such contributions for the first year shall be the following sums that is to say New South Wales £30,122 6s. 6d. Victoria £30,154 14s. South Australia £9,392 18s. 6d. Tasmania £4,125 and Western Australia £1,205 1s.

And whereas it has been arranged that the Colony of Victoria shall remit to the Government of the United Kingdom the whole of the £75,000 per annum and that the other colonies parties to this Deed shall yearly and every year for the period of seven years commencing on the First day of February in the year One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight pay by equal quarterly payments in advance to the Colony of Victoria contributions towards the said sum of £75,000 to be calculated rateably according to and on the basis of their respective populations and such contributions for the first year shall be the sums mentioned in the Schedule hereto

Now these presents witness that each of the contracting parties hereto of the first second third and fourth parts hereby binds the Government of the Colony of which he is the Governor that it shall pay annually to the Government of the Colony of Victoria for seven years from the date hereof rateable contributions towards the said sum of £75,000 according to and on the basis of the respective populations of each Colony party hereto (and the first year's payment shall be the amount set opposite the name of the Colony in the Schedule hereto) by equal quarterly payments in advance on the fifteenth day of February the fifteenth day of May the fifteenth day of August and the fifteenth day of November in each year the first of such payments to be made on or before the execution hereof

And it is hereby agreed that as soon as possible after the First day of February in each year an adjustment shall be made between the different colonies the parties hereto of all payments made in respect of letters packets and newspapers sent from colonies and places not contributing to this Mail Service and despatched by the said Mail Services the adjustment to be in accordance with the proportion paid by the Colonies parties hereto to the said contribution of £75,000 and the payments to be according to the rates fixed by the Postal Conference held at Sydney in January 1888 or such other rates as the Colonies parties hereto may from time to time determine.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have each affixed the Seal of the Colony of which he is the Governor and set his signature hereto.

SCHEDULE.

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New South Wales	30,122	6	6
South Australia	9,392	18	6
Tasmania	4,125	0	0
Western Australia	1,205	1	0