



MAIL STEAMERS (HALIFAX AND UNITED STATES).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 23 May 1851 :—for,

A RETURN, "in a Tabular Form, of the MAIL STEAMERS employed by Messrs. *Cunard & Co.* in carrying the Mails to and from *Halifax* and the *United States*, from their earliest Commencement down to the present Time; giving the Names of the Vessels, their respective Tonnage, inclusive of the Space occupied by the Boilers and Machinery, and what Space is occupied by these; the Horse-power of each Vessel, and the Contract Price paid for each Year's Service; how many Summer and how many Winter Voyages they were and are bound to perform under their Contract, and when these Voyages begin and end; when the respective Contracts began and ended, and when the present one will expire."

Admiralty, }
16 June 1851. }

J. H. Hay,
Chief Clerk.

RETURN of the CONTRACT MAIL STEAMERS employed by Messrs. *Cunard & Co.* in carrying Mails between this Country, *Halifax*, and the *United States*.

	Contract Price.	No. of Summer Voyages.	No. of Winter Voyages.	Summer Voyages.		Winter Voyages.		Contract Began.	Contract Ended.	REMARKS.
				Began.	Ended.	Began.	Ended.			
Four or more steamers, of not less than 300-horse power, and a sufficient number not less than 150-horse power - -	60,000 <i>l.</i> per ann. less 4,000 <i>l.</i> for running once only in Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb.	16	4	March	Oct. -	Nov. -	Feb. -	1 July 1840	August 1841	-- Between Liverpool and Halifax, N. S.
Five steamers, of not less than 400-horse power, and two steamers, of not less than 150-horse power (for St. Lawrence service)	80,000 <i>l.</i> per ann.	16	4	April -	Nov. -	Dec. -	March	1 Sept. 1841	June 1846	-- Between Liverpool, Halifax, Boston, and Quebec.
Nine steamers, of not less than 400-horse power, and one spare steamer, of not less than 150-horse power - - - -	85,000 <i>l.</i> per annum until commencement of New York line, on 1 Jan. 1848, then 145,000 <i>l.</i>	35	9	April -	Nov. -	Dec. -	March	1 July 1846	June 1850	-- Between Liverpool, Halifax, and Boston, and Liverpool and New York.
Eight steamers, of not less than 400-horse power - }	145,000 <i>l.</i> per ann.	35	9	April -	Nov. -	Dec. -	March	1 July 1850	- - Will expire on 31 December 1851, when a new contract comes into operation.	

NAMES OF VESSELS EMPLOYED.	Tonnage (Old Measurement).	What Space Occupied by the Boilers and Machinery.	Horse Power.
Asia - - - - -	2,073	No record showing this in this department.	800
America - - - - -	1,729	- - -	630
Africa - - - - -	2,050	- - -	800
Cambria - - - - -	1,314	- - -	500
Canada - - - - -	1,774	- - -	680
Europa - - - - -	1,777	- - -	650
Niagara - - - - -	1,774	- - -	630
Margaret - - - - -	618	- - -	220
Acadia - - - - -	1,148	- - -	420
Britannia - - - - -	1,156	- - -	420
Caledonia - - - - -	1,144	- - -	420
Columbia - - - - -	1,140	- - -	420
Achilles - - - - -	991	- - -	430
Unicorn - - - - -	648	- - -	260
Hibernia - - - - -	1,349	- - -	500



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(*Mr. Brown.*)

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