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PORT PHILLIP.

WE, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge to have received from Henry D. Kemp Esq. chief Postmaster at Melbourne, the Sums specified below, opposite to our several Names, for Mails and Loose Letters brought by us from Countries beyond the Seas, and delivered at the Post Office, between the 1st of March and the 31st of March 1848; as authorised under 19th clause of the Act of the Governor and Council, 5 William IV, No. 24, and by Letter from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary to His Honor the Superintendent, dated 3rd August, 1844.

Date of Payment.	SHIP'S NAME.	WHENCE ARRIVED.	No. of Letters at 1d. each.	AMOUNT. £	s.	d.	MASTER'S SIGNATURE.	WITNESS TO THE PAYMENT.
	FOREIGN MAILS.							
1848 March 7	Raven	Launceston	256	1	1	4		Hamilton
" 7	Flying Fish	Hobart Town	89		7	5	John Smith	Hamilton
" 9	Union	Mauritius	24		2		A Grainger	Hamilton
" 11	Souvenir	Launceston	18		1	6	James Rae	Hamilton
" 15	Giraffe	Manilla	32		2	8	Ralph Beaven	Hamilton
" "	Rosetta	Adelaide	10			10	A Wreksta	Hamilton
" "	Juno	Adelaide	207		17	3	E. F. Pacific	Hamilton
" 16	Roseanna	Adelaide	7			7	Wm Hayes	Hamilton
" "	Swan	Launceston	103		10	3	[illegible]	Hamilton
" "	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
" 18	Shamrock	Launceston	400	1	13	4	[illegible]	Hamilton
" "	do	do	197		16	5	Edwd Adams	Hamilton
" 22	Enterprise	Hobart Town	13		1	1	Samuel Miller	Hamilton

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ount of Sums paid by Henry Darling Kemp Cooke, Postmaster at Melbourne ,

llowance for taking charge of Letters despatched by Ships to Foreign Ports, from the first March

to the last March 1848, inclusive; as authorised under the 21st clause of the Act of the Governor and Legislative Council, 5 William IV., No. 24.

Date.	To whom Paid.	Name of Vessel.	Address of Mails.	No. of Voucher.	No. of Letters.	Amounts. £	s.	d.
	FOREIGN	MAILS.						
Mar 3	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	1	141	"	5	5
" 4	Capt Lucy	Sylvanus	Hobart Town	2	64	"	5	4
"	John Charlton (mate)	Hooghly	London	3	274	1	2	10
"	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	4	9	"	"	9
" 6	John Charlton (mate)	Hooghly	London	5	193	"	14	5
"	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	6	10	"	"	10
"	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	7	21	"	1	7
" 7	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	8	2	"	"	2
" 8	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	9	243	1	"	3
" 9	Major Gellibrand	Shamrock	Launceston	10	11	"	"	11
" "	John Collins (Mate)	John Bull	Hobart Town	11	17	"	1	5
"	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	12	21	"	1	9
" 10	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	13	16	"	1	4
" "	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	14	1	"	"	1
" 11	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	15	14	"	"	14
" "	John Gale	Margaret	Hobart Town	16	5	"	"	5
" 13	Wm Garwood	Vanguard	London via Geelong	17	1	"	"	1
" "	E. Thomas (Mate)	Lady Peel	Singapore	18	3	"	"	3
" "	E. Thomas (Mate)	Lady Peel	Singapore	19	10	"	"	10
" "	R. H. Shall	Alice	Circular Head	20	1	"	"	1
" 14	Thomas Marshall (Mate)	Maitland	London	21	385	1	13	1
" 16	Jacques Clinch (Mate)	Maitland	London	22	134	"	11	2
" "	John Clinch	Flying Fish	Hobart Town	23	30	"	1	8
" "	William Bell	Rodan	Launceston	24	188	"	15	8
" 17	John Clinch	Flying Fish	Hobart Town	25	2	"	"	2
" 18	John Gray	Maitland	London	26	190	"	15	10
" 20	Thomas Marshall (Mate)	Maitland	London	27	23	"	1	9
" 21	Thomas Marshall (Mate)	Maitland	London	28	88	"	7	4
"	R. Saunders (Mate)	Swan	Launceston	29	123	"	10	3
" 22	Thomas Marshall (Mate)	Maitland	London	30	32	"	2	8
"	R. Saunders (Mate)	Swan	Launceston	31	42	"	3	6
" 24	J. P. Wilson (Mate)	William Parker	London	32	92	"	7	8
"	A. Grainger	Minerva	Launceston	33	42	"	3	6
" 25	J. P. Wilson (Mate)	William Parker	London	34	151	"	12	7
" 31	R. Marr	Rose Chief	Hobart Town	35	40	"	3	4
" 28	Samuel Miller	Emily Miller	Hobart Town	36	20	"	1	8
" 30	J. P. Turner (Mate)	Alice Maude	London	37	212	"	17	8
" 31	J. P. Turner (Mate)	Alice Maude	London	38	125	"	10	5
			TOTAL.....		2,906	12.	2.	2.

Nota.—Insert name of the party signing the receipt, whether Commander or Mate; and where Mails may be sent by way of any other Port, insert "*via*" such Port, in the address.

Amounting in all to Twelve pounds two shillings and two pence

Sterling.

I certify

£_____

Received from HENRY D. KEMP, Esq., Postmaster for the District, the Sum

of

Sterling, in re-payment of Sums advanced by me, as per foregoing Account.

Witness to the Payment,

POSTMASTER.

I certify upon honor, that I have paid the several Sums charged in the foregoing Account on Letters despatched
Ships to Foreign Ports.

Henry D. Kemp
Chief Postmaster.

Received from Henry D. Kemp, Esq., Postmaster for the District, the Sum of
, in re-payment of Sums
advanced by me, as per foregoing Account.

Witness to the Payment,

Postmaster.

I certify that I have carefully compared the Sums charged in the foregoing
Abstract, with the several Vouchers therein referred to, and find the same to be
correct, amounting to

Sub-Treasurer.

PORT PHILLIP.

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WE, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge to have received from Henry D. Kemp Esq, chief *Postmaster at* Melbourne *, the Sums specified below, opposite to our several Names, for Mails and Loose Letters brought by us from Stations on the Coast of New South Wales and Port Phillip, and delivered at the Post Office, between the* 1st *of* January *and the* 31st *of* March 1848 *; as authorised under* 4th *Clause of the Act of the Governor and Council,* 4th *Victoria, No.* 9.

Date of Payment.	Ship's Name.	Whence Arrived.	No. of Letters at 1d. each.	Amount. £	s.	d.	Master's Signature.	Witness to the Payment.
1848.	COAST MAILS.							
Jany 10	Wanderer	Sydney	11	–	–	11	Roston	Hamilton
" 14	Christina	do	9	–	–	9	W. Simmons	Hamilton
" "	Phebe	do	6	–	–	6	Joyce	Hamilton
" 17	Juno	do	38	–	3	2	E. J. F. Rees Jr	Hamilton
" 22	"John Perie"	do	3	–	–	3	Thomas McVeigh	Hamilton
" 26	Thetis	do	9	–	–	9	Alex Collins	Hamilton
" "	Elizabeth	Alberton	24	–	2	–	Henry Taylor	Hamilton
" 28	Will watch	Portland	8	–	–	8	John McArthur	Hamilton
Febs 9	Diana	Sydney	12	–	1	–	Henry Bell	Hamilton
" 24	Elizabeth	Alberton	54	–	4	6	[illegible]	Hamilton
" 28	Juno	Sydney	54	–	4	6	E. J. F. Rees Jr	Hamilton
March 6	Thetis	Sydney	13	–	1	1	Alex Collins	Hamilton
" 8	Diana	Sydney	15	–	1	3	Henry Bell	Hamilton
" 22	Christina	Sydney	17	"	1	5	W. Simmons	Hamilton
" [illegible]	[illegible]							
							£2 8.	
TOTAL.....			304	£ 1.	5.	4.		

NOTE.—Each separate Amount must have the Signature of a Master and a Witness.

I certify, that I have actually paid the several Sums charged in the above Abstract, that the same is correct in every particular, and in accordance with the clause of the Act above-mentioned.

Henry D Kemp
Chief POSTMASTER.

W. Clarke, Government Printer, Herald Office, Melbourne.

A. 13, No. 1.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF the Post Office — 31st March 1848.

Dr. to Joseph Greening —

For the undermentioned SERVICES performed for the Department, viz.:—

DATE.		AMOUNT. £	s.	d.
1848. March	31	To Custody and Repair of the Post Office Clock from 1st January to 31st March 1848: being one fourth part of £10. voted by the Legislative Council for this Service for the year 1848 —	2	10 —
		Joseph Greening TOTAL.....£	2.	10. —

I Certify that the Services charged in the above Account were satisfactorily performed, according to agreement, by the above-named individual. I further certify that they were necessarily required for the Public Service, and the Rates charged were the most reasonable for which they could be procured at the time they were stipulated for.

Henry D Kemp Auditor

RECEIVED on the 11th April 1848, from H. D Kemp Esq
Auditor the Sum of Two Pounds, ten Shillings,
and — Pence Sterling, in full payment of the above account, for which I have signed Triplicate
Receipts of the same tenor and date.

Witness to the payment,
H Hamilton

Joseph Greening

S. Goode, Government Printer, Patriot Office, Melbourne.

Schedule of Tenders received for conveyance of the Post Office Mails from and to the undermentioned places, for one year, from the 1st January 1848 in pursuance of a Public Notice dated the 6th September 1847, and inserted in the Port Phillip Government Gazette of the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th September and 6th and 13th October, at which Tenders were opened in presence of the undersigned on the 18th October 1847.—

No. of the Tenders	Dated of the Tenders		Names of Offerers	From and to what places	Times for Conveying	Modes of Conveyance	Whether for one or more years	Annual amount required	Rate per mile	Names of proposed Sureties.
		1847						£ s d		
1	Oct.	7	Edward B. Green	Melbourne and Portland, by Bunnenyong, Emu Creek and the Grange	Twice a week	By two horse Mail Cart, except between the latter Courses specified to this, on Horseback	one	1490 " "	£ 7.16.	William Rutledge and Sol. Middleton
2	"	7	Edward B. Green	The Grange and Mount Sambier	once a week	on Horseback	one	280 " "	£ 1.90	William Rutledge and Sol. Middleton
3	Oct.	23	James Blaxland	The Grange and Mount Sambier	once a week	By two horse Mail Cart, weather permitting, and remainder Road on Horseback. On bad weather the whole distance on horseback	one	300 " "	£ 3.34	Donald Cameron and Edm. and Bunbury
4	Oct.	11	William Rutledge	Port Fairy and Fern Creek, by Mustons Creek	once a week	on Horseback	one	160 " "	£ 1.42.	John Ritchie and A. W. Blume
					Twice a week	on Horseback	one	295 " "	£ 5.00	
5	Oct.	18	Francis Ormond	Geelong and the Leigh	once a week	One horse Mail Cart	one	85 " "	£ 1.34	W. Gibson and Alex. A. Broadfoot
6	Oct.	7	Edw. B. Green	Geelong and the Leigh	Twice a week	one horse Cart	one	130 " "	£ 1.16.	William Rutledge and Sol. Middleton
7	Oct.	11	William Rutledge	The Leigh and Mustons Creek, by Wardy Gallock and Mount Elephant	once a week	on horseback	one	185 " "	£ 1.13	John Ritchie and A. W. Blume
8	Oct.	18	Thomas Gibson	The Leigh and Mustons Creek	once a week	One horse Spring Cart	one	400 " "	£ 10.25	W. Gibson and Chas. Williamson
9	Oct.	15	David Anderson	Bunnenyong and the Police Station near Burn Bank Inn, Bunnenyong	once a week	on horseback	one	95 " "	£ 1.48	Matthew Gibson and Chas. Williamson
10	Oct.	13	D. J. Mackenzie	Melbourne and Bertrand's Inn on the Campaspie, by Mount Macedon, and by Mount Macedon and Johnson's Inn on Deep Creek, near the Loddon	once a week	Two horse Mail Cart between Melbourne and Mount Macedon, thence to Bertrand's Inn and to Johnson's Inn on horseback		500 " "	£ 6.41	(No Sureties named)
11	Oct.	18	John Straker	Melbourne and Dandenong	once a week	on horseback	one	45 " "	£ 1.53	Philip Anderson and D. O'Shaughnessy
12	Oct.	5	James Warman	Melbourne and Alberton, by the new cut and Spencer Inn	once a week	on horseback	one	1345 " "	£ 19.15	John Stephen and H. J. Cameron
				Melbourne and Alberton, by the Woolpack Inn	once a week	on horseback	one	1600 " "	£ 24.55	

We recommend for acceptance the Tenders of the undermentioned parties, for one year, from 1st January 1848, considering them to be reasonable and the most advantageous.—

Edward B. Green.— To convey the Mails from and to Melbourne and Portland, by way of Bacchus, Bunnenyong, Emu Creek and the Grange, Twice a week, by Mail Cart, except during heavy rains the floods of which Creeks shall prevent passage of the Cart, and then on horseback, for £ 1490 / Fourteen hundred and ninety Pounds.

Edward B. Green.— To convey the Mails from and to the Grange and Mount Sambier, by way of the Post Office at the Glenelg, once a week, on horseback, for £ 280 / Two hundred and Eighty Pounds.

William Rutledge.— To convey the Mails from and to Port Fairy and Emu Creek, by way of Mustons Creek, once a week, on horseback, for £ 160 / One hundred and Sixty Pounds.

Francis Ormond.— To convey the Mails from and to Geelong and the Leigh, once a week, by Mail Cart, for £ 85 / Eighty five Pounds.

William Rutledge.— To convey the Mails from and to the Leigh and Mustons Creek, by the Wardy Gallock and Mount Elephant, once a week, on horseback, for £ 185 / One hundred and Eighty five Pounds. and this to recommend as in

in preference to the second mail via the track between Port Fairy and Fiery Creek, because, while opening Port Fairy direct to Geelong, it also will pass thro' a populous District.

No desiring Tender having been received as for Mail between Melbourne and Mount Macedon, and no Tender at all as for Mails between Melbourne and Dobson's Bay, we recommend that Tenders for these lines be called for anew.

But the Mails for Dipps Sand, the Campaspe, the Loddon, and the Bynces Police Station near mount Cole, must necessarily be abandoned for the ensuing year, the funds at the disposal of the Government having to be entirely expended in those above recommended or in others to be called for again.

Melbourne, 18th October 1847.

Henry D. Kemp
A. McBean
J. Hall

Appropriation of Funds voted by the Legislative Council, for this Service, for 1848.

Sum voted by the Council for 1848	£3,800. —
Half cost of Sydney and Overland Mail	£1,300. —
Melbourne and Portland, twice a week	1490. —
The Grange and Mount Gambier, once a week	380. —
Port Fairy and Fiery Creek, once a week	160. —
Geelong and the Leigh, once a week	85. —
The Leigh and Western Creek, once a week	185. —
	£3500 —

Probable cost of Mails to be called for anew

Melbourne and Mount Macedon,	£120.
Melbourne and Dobson's Bay	150
	270 —
	£3770

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31st March 1848.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE POST OFFICE,

Dr. to Alexander Uphill

DATE.		AMOUNT.
1848 March 31	For having Conveyed the Post Office Mails, by Mail Cart from and to Mount Macedon and Melbourne, once a week — from the 1st January to the 31st March 1848, inclusively, at the rate of £90 per Annum agreeably to the Contract, dated 10th December 1847	£ 22 10 —

Alexander Uphill
Contractor.

We CERTIFY, that Mr. Alexander Uphill has actually furnished Conveyance for the Post Office Mails, from and to the Places, and during the Period above-mentioned, in a satisfactory manner, and conformably with the Contract referred to.

Henry D. Kemp — Chief Postmaster Melbourne
A. McBean — Postmaster Mount Macedon

I acknowledge to have received on the 11th April 1848, from ~~William~~ Henry D. Kemp, Esquire, ~~Sub Treasurer~~ Chief Postmaster, the Sum of Twenty two Pounds ten Shillings Sterling, in full payment of the above Account, for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts of the same Tenor and Date.

Witness to the Payment,
A. McBean

Alexander Uphill
Contractor.

E. 39.

Memorandum of Contract and Agreement,
made and entered into this Tenth day of December in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-Seven Between Alexander Uphill of Mount Macedon in the District of Port Phillip in the Colony of New South Wales Labourer of the one part, and HENRY DARLING KEMP, Esquire, Postmaster for the District of Port Phillip, in the Colony of New South Wales, for and on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, of the other part.

THE said Alexander Uphill do hereby in consideration of the payments hereinafter mentioned, contract, covenant, and agree with the said HENRY DARLING KEMP, Esquire, Postmaster for the District, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, for the conveyance in the manner after mentioned of Her Majesty's Post Office Mails and Bags of Letters from and to Mount Macedon and Melbourne

in the said District and Colony, and such other Post Office or Post Offices as may hereafter be established on the same line of road during the continuance of this Contract, for the term of One Year, commencing from the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and forty-Eight. And for that purpose the said Alexander Uphill do hereby agree to find and provide for the said term of One Year, commencing from the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and forty-Eight, good, substantial, and sufficient Carriages, each to be drawn with not less than Two Horses, and driven by careful steady Drivers, being free men and of certified good character, for the purpose of conveying the same Mails and Letters, at the times and in the manner hereinafter set forth. And he also agrees that during the said Year, to cause such Carriages to be driven on the days and at the hours hereafter mentioned, to the Post Offices or places appointed for that purpose by the Postmaster for the District in Mount Macedon and Melbourne aforesaid, and he also agrees by himself or his Agents, Servants, and Drivers, *there to receive* and take in charge all Post Office Mails, Mail Bags, Newspapers, and Letters which shall, under the authority or by direction of the Postmaster for the District or Postmasters, be delivered to and placed under his or their charge, for conveyance to and from the places aforesaid, *and* while under charge to keep and convey and deliver the same at the places on the *days* and at the *hours* following, or on such other days and at such other hours as the Postmaster for the District shall appoint, in such and the same condition as received, free from damage or loss; that is to say, To be at the Postoffice at Mount Macedon at not later than six o'clock in the morning of every Thursday to start from thence at that hour and to arrive and deliver the Mails at the Postoffice in Melbourne, at not later than five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day — And to be at the Postoffice in Melbourne at not later than six o'clock in the morning of every Saturday, to start from thence at that hour and to arrive and deliver the Mails at the Postoffice at Mount Macedon at not later than five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day — Provided always that if at any time after heavy rains it shall be found impracticable to travel with the said Carriages or Mail Cart within the time required that the said Mails being carefully secured from wet or any other damage may be conveyed on Horseback but not otherwise —

And

And further, that upon arrival at either of the places aforesaid, the said Carriages shall be driven direct to the door of the Post Office or place appointed for that purpose there to deliver the said Mails before stopping at any other place whatsoever, in either of the said Townships. *And* it is hereby agreed and declared that the said Alexander Uphill shall not assign or part with this Contract except with the special license and consent in writing of the said Postmaster for the District for that purpose first obtained. *And* the said Alexander Uphill hereby further agrees that he the said Alexander Uphill or the Post Boy or other person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall and do when thereunto required by any Postmaster carry and deliver private Letter Bags, and also carry and deliver loose Letters and Newspapers and Parcels to and at all places situated on the line of road, as aforesaid, *and* also that he the said Alexander Uphill or the Post Boy or the person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall and do when thereunto required by any person on the road take in charge, receive, and deliver over to the Postmaster at the Post Office at which he the said Alexander Uphill

or the Post Boy or the person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall first arrive, all Private Bags both Letters and newspapers, which may be tendered to the said Alexander Uphill or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid, to receive and deliver as aforesaid, provided that the said Alexander Uphill or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid, shall not be required to deviate or depart from the direct line of road for the purpose of receiving or delivering any Private Letters, Bags, and Newspapers as aforesaid, or receive or collect any charges or Postages for the same. *And* the said Alexander Uphill hereby agrees to forfeit and pay the sum of Five Shillings when and as often as and in every case when he the said Alexander Uphill or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to carry, receive, or deliver any loose Letter, Newspaper, or Parcel as aforesaid either given by the Postmaster as aforesaid, or any other person or persons whatsoever. *And* it is hereby further agreed and declared by and between the Parties aforesaid and the said Alexander Uphill

hereby agrees that the Carriages and Horses to be by him employed in the conveyance of the Mails aforesaid, shall at all times during the said Year be subject to the inspection and be liable to the approval or rejection of the Postmaster for the District, or such person as he shall appoint for that purpose; *and that* during the said Year he will find and provide all Carriages, Horses, and Drivers necessary to carry this Contract into effect, approved of by the said Postmaster for the District, and repair and exchange the same when thereunto required by him; *and will also provide secure lockers or boxes, and dry covering for the Mails, Newspapers, and Letters, and keep the same safe and dry; and will not* carry or convey, or allow to be carried or conveyed, in and by any one of the said Carriages, drawn by *two* Horses, a larger number than *three* Passengers, exclusive of the Driver, *nor* allow the same Carriages to be overloaded with luggage; *and further*, that the Driver of the said Carriages shall be provided with a horn which shall be sounded to give notice of the approach of the Mail to the different stations, and to clear the road from obstructions to its progress; and in every case and as often as any mails shall sustain damage by reason of the said Alexander Uphill not providing good and secure lockers or boxes and dry covering to keep the same safe and dry, the said Alexander Uphill agrees to forfeit and pay the sum of Ten Pounds, unless the said Alexander Uphill shall satisfy the Postmaster for the District that the same arose from unavoidable accident: And in case the said Alexander Uphill or his Agents, or the Driver of any of the said Mail Carriages shall at any time permit or suffer more than *three* Passengers to be carried or conveyed therein he the said before-mentioned Contractor agrees to forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Pounds for every such Passenger so carried or conveyed beyond the number hereby limited; and he *also agrees* to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for every five minutes delay after the first five minutes from the specified time of starting (no penalty being imposed for the first five minutes delay); *and also* to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for every ten minutes delay after the first ten minutes from the specified time for the delivery of the said Mails at the places of their respective destinations (unavoidable accidents and such delays as may be occasioned by the Postmasters in delivering the said Mails always excepted). *And* he also agrees not to receive or convey, or permit to be received or conveyed, either by himself or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, directly or indirectly, any Letters, or Packets containing Letters, except such as shall have been delivered to himself or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, under authority or by the direction of the Postmaster for the District or his Deputies, and except as hereinbefore is excepted. *And* he agrees to become and be answerable for himself his Agents, Drivers, and Servants, and on neglect or breach of this engagement to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each Letter or Packet of Letters so received or conveyed, either by himself or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, contrary to these Presents. *And further*, that all or any of the Penalties or Forfeits and Sums of Money, although arising from the neglect or misconduct or breach by Drivers or Servants, shall and may be imposed and declared forfeit and levied by the said Postmaster for the District upon his sole authority; and all such Sums of Money so imposed and declared forfeit, shall and may be by the said Postmaster for the District deducted and received from all or any of the payments to be made to the said Alexander Uphill under and in pursuance of this Contract, and it shall and may be lawful for the Postmaster for the District, and he is hereby authorised and empowered so to deduct the same, or to proceed for recovery thereof in the Court of Requests holden at Melbourne, in the said Colony. *And* that all Fines and Forfeitures hereby imposed are to be paid over and above all or any penalties or penalty imposed by Acts of the Governor and Legislative Council of the said Colony. *And* for the considerations aforesaid, the said HENRY DARLING KEMP, as such Postmaster for the District, for on behalf of Her Majesty's Government of New South Wales, doth hereby agree with and to the said Alexander Uphill that upon his performing and fulfilling this Contract and Agreement the Government of New South Wales shall and will pay unto him the Sum of Ninety Pounds for the conveyance of the said Mails, for the said Year, by quarterly payments.

IN WITNESS whereof the said Parties have hereunto set their Hands the day and year first above-mentioned.

(Sgd) a. Uphill

(Sgd) Henry D. Kemp
Chief Postmaster

WITNESS—The designation "Chief Postmaster for the District" began to be substituted for that of "Postmaster for the District" in January 1851.

(Sgd) E. Barlow

W. Clarke, Government Printer, Herald Office, Melbourne.

True Copy
H.S. Chauvel

And further, that upon arrival at either of the places aforesaid, the said Carriages shall be driven direct to the door of the Post Office or place appointed for that purpose there to deliver the said Mails before stopping at any other place whatsoever, in either of the said Townships. *And* it is hereby agreed and declared that the said Alexander Uphill shall not assign or part with this Contract except with the special license and consent in writing of the said Postmaster for the District for that purpose first obtained. *And* the said Alexander Uphill hereby further agrees that he the said Alexander Uphill or the Post Boy or other person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall and do when thereunto required by any Postmaster carry and deliver private Letter Bags, and also carry and deliver loose Letters and Newspapers and Parcels to and at all places situated on the line of road, as aforesaid, *and* also that he the said Alexander Uphill

or the Post Boy or the person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall and do when thereunto required by any person on the road take in charge, receive, and deliver over to the Postmaster at the Post Office at which he the said Alexander Uphill

or the Post Boy or the person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall first arrive, all Private Bags both Letters and newspapers, which may be tendered to the said Alexander Uphill or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid, to receive and deliver as aforesaid, provided that the said Alexander Uphill or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid, shall not be required to deviate or depart from the direct line of road for the purpose of receiving or delivering any Private Letters, Bags, and Newspapers as aforesaid, or receive or collect any charges or Postages for the same. *And* the said Alexander Uphill hereby agrees to forfeit and pay the sum of Five Shillings when and as often as and in every case when he the said Alexander Uphill or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to carry, receive, or deliver any loose Letter, Newspaper, or Parcel as aforesaid either given by the Postmaster ~~as aforesaid~~, or any other person or persons whatsoever. *And* it is hereby further agreed and declared by and between the Parties aforesaid and the said Alexander Uphill

hereby agrees that the Carriages and Horses to be by him employed in the conveyance of the Mails aforesaid, shall at all times during the said Year be subject to the inspection and be liable to the approval or rejection of the Postmaster for the District, or such person as he shall appoint for that purpose; *and that* during the said Year he will find and provide all Carriages, Horses, and Drivers necessary to carry this Contract into effect, approved of by the said Postmaster for the District, and repair and exchange the same when thereunto required by him; *and will also provide secure lockers or boxes, and dry covering for the Mails, Newspapers, and Letters, and keep the same safe and dry; and will not* carry or convey, or allow to be carried or conveyed, in and by any one of the said Carriages, drawn by *two* Horses, a larger number than *three* Passengers, exclusive of the Driver, *nor* allow the same Carriages to be overloaded with luggage; *and further*, that the Driver of the said Carriages shall be provided with a horn which shall be sounded to give notice of the approach of the Mail to the different stations, and to clear the road from obstructions to its progress; and in every case and as often as any mails shall sustain damage by reason of the said Alexander Uphill not providing good and secure lockers or boxes and dry covering to keep the same safe and dry, the said Alexander Uphill agrees to forfeit and pay the sum of Ten Pounds, unless the said Alexander Uphill shall satisfy the Postmaster for the District that the same arose from unavoidable accident: And in case the said Alexander Uphill or his Agents, or the Driver of any of the said Mail Carriages shall at any time permit or suffer more than *three* Passengers to be carried or conveyed therein he the said before-mentioned Contractor agrees to forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Pounds for every such Passenger so carried or conveyed beyond the number hereby limited; and he *also agrees* to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for every five minutes delay after the first five minutes from the specified time of starting (no penalty being imposed for the first five minutes delay); *and also* to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for every ten minutes delay after the first ten minutes from the specified time for the delivery of the said Mails at the places of their respective destinations (unavoidable accidents and such delays as may be occasioned by the Postmasters in delivering the said Mails always excepted). *And* he also agrees not to receive or convey, or permit to be received or conveyed, either by himself or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, directly or indirectly, any Letters, or Packets containing Letters, except such as shall have been delivered to himself or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, under authority or by the direction of the Postmaster for the District or his Deputies, and except as hereinbefore is excepted. *And* he agrees to become and be answerable for himself his Agents, Drivers, and Servants, and on neglect or breach of this engagement to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each Letter or Packet of Letters so received or conveyed, either by himself or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, contrary to these Presents. *And further*, that all or any of the Penalties or Forfeits and Sums of Money, although arising from the neglect or misconduct or breach by Drivers or Servants, shall and may be imposed and declared forfeit and levied by the said Postmaster for the District upon his sole authority; and all such Sums of Money so imposed and declared forfeit, shall and may be by the said Postmaster for the District deducted and received from all or any of the payments to be made to the said Alexander Uphill under and in pursuance of this Contract, and it shall and may be lawful for the Postmaster for the District, and he is hereby authorised and empowered so to deduct the same, or to proceed for recovery thereof in the Court of Requests holden at Melbourne, in the said Colony. *And* that all Fines and Forfeitures hereby imposed are to be paid over and above all or any penalties or penalty imposed by Acts of the Governor and Legislative Council of the said Colony. *And* for the considerations aforesaid, the said HENRY DARLING KEMP, as such Postmaster for the District, for on behalf of Her Majesty's Government of New South Wales, doth hereby agree with and to the said Alexander Uphill that upon his performing and fulfilling this Contract and Agreement the Government of New South Wales shall and will pay unto him the Sum of Ninety Pounds for the conveyance of the said Mails, for the said Year, by quarterly payments.

IN WITNESS whereof the said Parties have hereunto set their Hands the day and year first above-mentioned.

(sgd) a. Uphill

(sgd) Henry D. Kemp
Chief Postmaster

WITNESS—The designation "Postmaster for the District" being sufficiently substituted for that of "Postmaster for the District of Maongahuich"

(sgd) E. Barlow

W. Clarke, Government Printer, Herald Office, Melbourne.

True Copy
H. J. Chadwick

I or We, with names, residences, and occupation.

I, Alexander Aspbill _____,
of Pastoria Mount Macedon Labourer _____, do hereby tender and agree for conveyance of the Post Office Mail, Letters and Letter Bags, for the year commencing the 1st January, and ending the 31st of December, 1848, from the Postoffice Melbourne _____
to the Postoffice Mount Macedon _____, and for the return thereof
from the Postoffice Mount Macedon to the Postoffice Melbourne

Daily or as the case is to be.

once a week as heretofore _____

I or We.

AND I do _____ hereby tender and agree to convey the same Mails

State description of Carriage or Cart and No. of Horses, or if to be conveyed on Horseback.

by a Mail Cart _____ drawn by two _____ Horses, ~~or~~
~~Horseback~~ when practicable that is during the Summer
Season and on Horseback during the Winter
at the Sum of Seventy Pounds _____

_____ sterling, payable Quarterly.

_____ Should this Tender be accepted on the part of

I or We.

Government by the Postmaster for the District, _____ I _____ do hereby agree to enter into a bond with the two sureties undersigned in the penalty of one

Double the yearly Payment.

hundred and Eighty (£180) Pounds _____
_____ sterling, for the fulfilment of the same upon the Terms, Stipulations, and Conditions generally expressed in the advertisement for "Conveyance of Mails," dated Superintendent's Office, Melbourne, the twenty Sixth _____ day of October _____ 184 7, and as published in the *Port Phillip Government Gazette* of _____, the Sixth day of September 184 7.

WITNESS my Hand, this 6th day of November 184 7.

SIGNATURES of Proposed Sureties.	*Residence.*	*Occupation.*
(L.S.) William Piper Jr.	Pastoria Mount Macedon	Settler
" F. W. Thalman Esq.	Glenhope Campaspe Plains	

(Contractors' Signature) A. Aspbill

WITNESS, (L.S.) Thomas Piper

True copy
H. Childers

W. Clarke, Government Printer, Herald Office, Melbourne.

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31st March 1848.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE POST OFFICE,

Dr. to Francis Osmond

DATE.		AMOUNT.
1848 March 31	For having Conveyed the Post Office Mails, by ~~Foot Horse~~ Mail cart, from and to Geelong and the Leigh, once a week from the 1st January to the 31st March 1848, inclusively, at the rate of £85 per annum; agreeably to the Contract, dated 2d December 1847	£ 21 5 "

Francis Osmond Contractor.

WE CERTIFY, that Mr. Francis Osmond has actually furnished Conveyance for the Post Office Mails, from and to the Places, and during the Period above-mentioned, in a satisfactory manner, and conformably with the Contract referred to.

William Roope Postmaster, Geelong

Francis Osmond Postmaster, The Leigh

I acknowledge to have received on the 25th March 1848, from ~~William~~ Henry Thompson, Esquire, ~~Sub-Treasurer~~ P.M. Postmaster the Sum of Twenty one pounds five shillings ——— Sterling, in full payment of the above Account, for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts of the same Tenor and Date.

Witness to the Payment,

T. Kelly

Francis Osmond Contractor.

This being the only Tender received, and being also the lowest, it is recommended for acceptance. - Melbourne 13th December 1847.

(Sgd) Alexander Maconochie
C.C.L.
Chief Secretary
&c. &c. &c.

(Sgd) Charles La Trobe
Superintendent
&c. &c. &c.

E. 39.

Memorandum of Contract and Agreement,
made and entered into this Second day of December in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-Seven Between Francis Ormond of Settlers arms Inn near the river Leigh in the District of Port Phillip in the Colony of New South Wales Innholder of the one part, and HENRY DARLING KEMP, Esquire, Postmaster for the District of Port Phillip, in the Colony of New South Wales, for and on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, of the other part.

THE said Francis Ormond doth hereby in consideration of the payments hereinafter mentioned, contract, covenant, and agree with the said HENRY DARLING KEMP, Esquire, Postmaster for the District, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, for the conveyance in the manner after mentioned of Her Majesty's Post Office Mails and Bags of Letters from and to the Postoffice near the River Leigh and Geelong in the said District and Colony, and such other Post Office or Post Offices as may hereafter be established on the same line of road during the continuance of this Contract, for the term of One Year, commencing from the First day of January One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight. And for that purpose the said Francis Ormond doth hereby agree to find and provide for the said term of One Year, commencing from the First day of January One thousand eight hundred and forty-Eight, good, substantial, and sufficient Carriages, each to be drawn with not less than Two Horses, and driven by careful steady Drivers, being free men and of certified good character, for the purpose of conveying the same Mails and Letters, at the times and in the manner hereinafter set forth. *And* He also agrees during the said Year, to cause such Carriages to be driven on the days and at the hours hereafter mentioned, to the Post Offices or places appointed for that purpose by the Postmaster for the District at the River Leigh and in the Town of Geelong aforesaid, and he also agrees by himself or his Agents, Servants, and Drivers, *there to receive* and take in charge all Post Office Mails, Mail Bags, Newspapers, and Letters which shall, under the authority or by direction of the Postmaster for the District or Postmasters, be delivered to and placed under his or their charge, for conveyance to and from the places aforesaid, *and* while under charge to keep and convey and deliver the same at the places on the *days* and at the *hours* following, or on such other days and at such other hours as the Postmaster for the District shall appoint, in such and the same condition as received, free from damage or loss; that is to say, To be at the Postoffice at the Leigh at not later than five o'clock in the afternoon of every Sunday, to start from thence at that hour and to arrive and deliver the Mails at the Postoffice in Geelong at not later than seven o'clock in the evening of the same day— And to be at the Postoffice in Geelong at not later than two o'clock in the afternoon of every Tuesday— to start from thence at that hour and to arrive and deliver the Mails at the Postoffice at the Leigh at not later than seven o'clock in the evening of the same day.

And further, that upon arrival at either of the places aforesaid, the said Carriages shall be driven direct to the door of the Post Office or place appointed for that purpose there to deliver the said Mails before stopping at any other place whatsoever, in either of the said Townships. *And* it is hereby agreed and declared that the said Francis Ormond ~~Hart~~ shall not assign or part with this Contract except with the special license and consent in writing of the said Postmaster for the District for that purpose first obtained. *And* the said Francis Ormond hereby further agrees that he the said Francis Ormond or the Post Boy or other person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall and do when thereunto required by any Postmaster carry and deliver private Letter Bags, and also carry and deliver loose Letters and Newspapers and Parcels to and at all places situated on the line of road, as aforesaid, *and* also that he the said Francis Ormond

or the Post Boy or the person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall and do when thereunto required by any person on the road take in charge, receive, and deliver over to the Postmaster at the Post Office at which he the said Francis Ormond

or the Post Boy or the person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall first arrive, all Private Bags both Letters and newspapers, which may be tendered to the said Francis Ormond or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid, to receive and deliver as aforesaid, provided that the said Francis Ormond or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid, shall not be required to deviate or depart from the direct line of road for the purpose of receiving or delivering any Private Letters, Bags, and Newspapers as aforesaid, or receive or collect any charges or Postages for the same. *And* the said Francis Ormond hereby agrees to forfeit and pay the sum of Five Shillings when and as often as and in every case when he the said Francis Ormond or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to carry, receive, or deliver any loose Letter, Newspaper, or Parcel as aforesaid either given by the Postmaster ~~General~~, or any other person or persons whatsoever. *And* it is hereby further agreed and declared by and between the Parties aforesaid and the said Francis Ormond

hereby agree that the Carriages and Horses to be by him employed in the conveyance of the Mails aforesaid, shall at all times during the said Year be subject to the inspection and be liable to the approval or rejection of the Postmaster for the District, or such person as he shall appoint for that purpose; *and that* during the said Year he will first and provide all Carriages, Horses, and Drivers necessary to carry this Contract into effect, approved of by the said Postmaster for the District, and repair and exchange the same when thereunto required by him; *and will also provide secure lockers or boxes, and dry covering for the Mails, Newspapers, and Letters, and keep the same safe and dry; and will not* carry or convey, or allow to be carried or conveyed, in and by any one of the said Carriages, drawn by two Horses, a larger number than three Passengers, exclusive of the Driver, *nor* allow the same Carriages to be overloaded with luggage; *and further*, that the Driver of the said Carriages shall be provided with a horn which shall be sounded to give notice of the approach of the Mail to the different stations, and to clear the road from obstructions to its progress; and in every case and as often as any mails shall sustain damage by reason of the said Francis Ormond not providing good and secure lockers or boxes and dry covering to keep the same safe and dry, the said Francis Ormond agrees to forfeit and pay the sum of Ten Pounds, unless the said Francis Ormond shall satisfy the Postmaster for the District that the same arose from unavoidable accident: And in case the said Francis Ormond or his Agents, or the Driver of any of the said Mail Carriages shall at any time permit or suffer more than three Passengers to be carried or conveyed therein he the said before-mentioned Contractor agrees to forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Pounds for every such Passenger so carried or conveyed beyond the number hereby limited; and he also agrees to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for every five minutes delay after the first five minutes from the specified time of starting (no penalty being imposed for the first five minutes delay); *and also* to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for every ten minutes delay after the first ten minutes from the specified time for the delivery of the said Mails at the places of their respective destinations (unavoidable accidents and such delays as may be occasioned by the Postmasters in delivering the said Mails always excepted). *And* he also agrees not to receive or convey, or permit to be received or conveyed, either by himself or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, directly or indirectly, any Letters, or Packets containing Letters, except such as shall have been delivered to him or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, under authority or by the direction of the Postmaster for the District or his Deputies, and except as hereinbefore is excepted. *And* he agrees to become and be answerable for his Agents, Drivers, and Servants, and on neglect or breach of this engagement to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each Letter or Packet of Letters so received or conveyed, either by himself or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, contrary to these Presents. *And further*, that all or any of the Penalties or Forfeits and Sums of Money, although arising from the neglect or misconduct or breach by Drivers or Servants, shall and may be imposed and declared forfeit and levied by the said Postmaster for the District, upon his sole authority; and all such Sums of Money so imposed and declared forfeit, shall and may be by the said Postmaster for the District deducted and received from all or any of the payments to be made to the said Francis Ormond under and in pursuance of this Contract, and it shall and may be lawful for the Postmaster for the District, and he is hereby authorised and empowered so to deduct the same, or to proceed for recovery thereof in the Court of Requests holden at Melbourne, in the said Colony. *And* that all Fines and Forfeitures hereby imposed are to be paid over and above all or any penalties or penalty imposed by Acts of the Governor and Legislative Council of the said Colony. *And* for the considerations aforesaid, the said Henry Darling Kemp, as such Postmaster for the District, for on behalf of Her Majesty's Government of New South Wales, doth hereby agree with and to the said Francis Ormond that upon his performing and fulfilling this Contract and Agreement the Government of New South Wales shall and will pay unto him the Sum of Two hundred Pounds (£200) for the conveyance of the said Mails, for the said Year, by quarterly payments.

IN WITNESS whereof the said Parties have hereunto set their Hands the day and year first above-mentioned.

(sgd) Francis Ormond

(sgd) Henry D Kemp as chief Postmaster

WITNESS—The designation of Postmaster to the District having been substituted for that of Postmaster for the District throughout

(sgd) E. Barlow

True copy H. P. Caddow

W. Clarke, Government Printer, Herald Office, Melbourne.

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31st March 1848.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE POST OFFICE,

Dr. to Frank Siardet

DATE.		AMOUNT.
1848 March 31	For having Conveyed the Post Office Mails, by Mail Cart from and to The Melbourne Postoffice and the Shipping in Hobson's Bay, twice a day, or as often as Vessels have arrived with Mails from the 1st January to the 31st March 1848. inclusively, at the rate of £200 per annum agreeably to the Contract, dated 8th December 1847	£ 50 " "

Frank Siardet Contractor.

I CERTIFY, that Mr. Frank Siardet has actually furnished Conveyance for the Post Office Mails, from and to the Places, and during the Period above-mentioned, in a satisfactory manner, and conformably with the Contract referred to.

Henry D Kemp
Chief Postmaster, Melbourne

I, Henry D Kemp Chief Postmaster acknowledge to have received on the 11th April 1848, from ~~William~~ Lonsdale, Esquire, ~~Sub-Treasurer~~, the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling, in full payment of the above Account, for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts of the same Tenor and Date.

Witness to the Payment,
H Hamilton

Frank Siardet Contractor.

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Colonial Secretary's Office
Sydney 4th January 1848.

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of Your Honor's Letter of the 23d ultimo, I do myself the honor to inform You, that His Excellency the Governor approves of Your having accepted the Tender of Mr. Frank Liardet for the conveyance of the Mails in the year 1848, between Melbourne and the Shipping in Hobson's Bay for the Sum of two hundred pounds.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Honor's
most obedient Servant
for the Colonial Secretary
(Sgd) W. Elyard Junr.

His Honor
The Superintendent
of Port Phillip

Memorandum of Contract and Agreement,

made and entered into this Eighth day of December in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-Seven Between Frank Learedet of the Pier Hotel, North Shore, Hobsons Bay in the District of Port Phillip in the Colony of New South Wales, Licensed Victualler of the one part, and HENRY DARLING KEMP, Esquire, Postmaster for the District of Port Phillip, in the Colony of New South Wales, for and on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, of the other part.

THE said Frank Learedet

do hereby in consideration of the payments hereinafter mentioned, contract, covenant, and agree with the said HENRY DARLING KEMP, Esquire, Postmaster for the District, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, for the conveyance in the manner after mentioned of Her Majesty's Post Office Mails and Bags of Letters from and to Melbourne and Hobsons Bay

in the said District and Colony, and such other Post Office or Post Offices as may hereafter be established on the same line of road during the continuance of this Contract, for the term of One Year, commencing from the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight. And for that purpose the said Frank Learedet

do hereby agree to find and provide for the said term of One Year, commencing from the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and forty-Eight, good, substantial, and sufficient Carriages, each to be drawn with not less than two or two Horses, and driven by careful steady Drivers, being free men and of certified good character, for the purpose of conveying the same Mails and Letters, at the times and in the manner hereinafter set forth. *And* he also agrees to during the said Year, to cause such Carriages to be on the days and at the hours hereafter mentioned, to the Post Offices or places appointed for that purpose by the Postmaster for the District in

aforesaid, and he also agrees by himself or his Agents, Servants, and Drivers, *there to receive* and take in charge all Post Office Mails, Mail Bags, Newspapers, and Letters which shall, under the authority or by direction of the Postmaster for the District or Postmasters, be delivered to and placed under his or their charge, for conveyance to and from the places aforesaid, *and* while under charge to keep and convey and deliver the same at the places on the *days* and at the *hours* following, or on such other days and at such other hours as the Postmaster for the District shall appoint, in such and the same condition as received, free from damage or loss; that is to say, From the Postoffice in Melbourne & the Eastern Shore of Hobsons Bay to Vessels in the said Bay being about to Sail, twice or three times a day upon such days and at such hours as the Chief Postmaster for the District shall from time to time appoint

From Vessels arriving in Hobsons Bay to the Postoffice in Melbourne also by the Eastern Shore as soon as Vessels may arrive with Mails Provided always that from Vessels arriving in Hobsons Bay in course of the night Mails and loose Letters shall always be delivered at the Postoffice in Melbourne at or not later than eight o'clock of the following morning;

And from Vessels arriving in course of the day, the Mails and loose Letters shall always be delivered within one hour after the arrival of such Vessel And further that upon Shipment of Mails they shall always be delivered on Board the Vessel to which directed within one hour after despatch of the same from the Postoffice Melbourne except in Cases where the Vessels may have sailed when the Mails are immediately to be returned to the Postoffice under Penalty of one Pound for delay in either of these Cases, And further upon arrival either at Melbourne or Hobsons Bay the said Carriages shall be driven direct to the door of the Postoffice or to the

boats

Boats appointed for the receipt of the Mails, there to deliver the said Mails, before stopping at any other place whatsoever. And the Boats shall always proceed direct to and from the Beach and the said Vessels. And the said Frank Leardet hereby further agrees, that he the said Frank Leardet or the Post Boy, or other person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid shall and will when thereunto required by the Commander of any Vessel or any other Person or Persons on board any such Vessels carry and deliver Private Letter Bags and also carry and deliver loose Letters and Newspapers and Parcels from such Vessels provided always that every such loose Letter or Parcel shall be delivered upon only at the Post Office at Melbourne or to or with the consent of the said Chief Postmaster under penalty of Three Pounds for each Letter or Parcel.

And the said Frank Leardet also agrees that when thereunto required by the Chief Postmaster or by his deputy a Carriage shall be in attendance for transmit of Mails to or from the Queens Wharf and the Post Office in Melbourne under penalty of one Pound for neglect or delay in any case.

And whereas certain Cash will from time to time be entrusted to the said Frank Leardet for payment over to the respective Commanders of Vessels at the time of delivering over the respective Mails which Cash in the Amount will be expressed in writing upon receipts accompanying it, each of which receipts is to be obtained the Signature of the Commander or Chief Mate of the Vessel by which the Mail may be forwarded — And all such receipts duly signed by the Commander or Chief Mate shall be delivered to the Post Office in Melbourne within one day next after the sailing of the respective Vessels under Penalty by the said Frank Leardet of double the Amount of any receipt not so duly delivered.

~~And further, that upon arrival at either of the places aforesaid, the said Carriages shall be driven direct to the door of the Post Office or place appointed for that purpose there to deliver the said Mails before stopping at any other place whatsoever, in either of the said Townships.~~ And it is hereby agreed and declared that the said Frank Leardet shall not assign or part with this Contract except with the special license and consent in writing of the said Postmaster for the District for that purpose first obtained. And the said Frank Leardet hereby further agrees that he the said Frank Leardet or the Post Boy or other person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall and do when thereunto required by any Postmaster carry and deliver private Letter Bags, and also carry and deliver loose Letters and Newspapers and Parcels to and at all places situated on the line of road, as aforesaid, and also that he the said Frank Leardet

or the Post Boy or the person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall and do when thereunto required by any person on the road take in charge, receive, and deliver over to the Postmaster at the Post Office at which he the said Frank Leardet

or the Post Boy or the person or persons employed in the conveyance of the Mails as aforesaid, shall first arrive, all Private Bags both Letters and newspapers, which may be tendered to the said Frank Leardet or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid, to receive and deliver as aforesaid, provided that the said Frank Leardet or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid, shall not be required to deviate or depart from the direct line of road for the purpose of receiving or delivering any Private Letters, Bags, and Newspapers as aforesaid, or receive or collect any charges or Postages for the same. *And* the said Frank Leardet hereby agrees to forfeit and pay the sum of Five Shillings when and as often as and in every case when he the said Frank Leardet or the Post Boy or the person or persons so employed as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to carry, receive, or deliver any loose Letter, Newspaper, or Parcel as aforesaid either given by ~~the~~ Postmaster ~~as aforesaid~~, or any other person or persons whatsoever. *And* it is hereby further agreed and declared by and between the Parties aforesaid and the said Frank Leardet

hereby agrees that the Carriages and Horses to be by him employed in the conveyance of the Mails aforesaid, shall at all times during the said Year be subject to the inspection and be liable to the approval or rejection of the Postmaster for the District, or such person as he shall appoint for that purpose; *and that* during the said Year he will find and provide all Carriages, Horses, and Drivers necessary to carry this Contract into effect, approved of by the said Postmaster for the District, and repair and exchange the same when thereunto required by him; *and will also provide secure lockers or boxes, and dry covering for the Mails, Newspapers, and Letters, and keep the same safe and dry; and will not* carry or convey, or allow to be carried or conveyed, in and by any one of the said Carriages, drawn by ~~more than~~ two Horses, a larger number than three Passengers, exclusive of the Driver, *nor* allow the said Carriages to be overloaded with luggage; *and further*, that the Driver of the said Carriages shall be provided with a horn which shall be sounded to give notice of the approach of the Mail to the different stations, and to clear the road from obstructions to its progress; and in every case and as often as any mails shall sustain damage by reason of the said Frank Leardet not providing good and secure lockers or boxes and dry covering to keep the same safe and dry, the said Frank Leardet agrees to forfeit and pay the sum of Ten Pounds, unless the said Frank Leardet shall satisfy the Postmaster for the District that the same arose from unavoidable accident: And in case the said Frank Leardet or his Agents, or the Driver of any of the said Mail Carriages shall at any time permit or suffer more than three Passengers to be carried or conveyed therein he the said before-mentioned Contractor agrees to forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Pounds for every such Passenger so carried or conveyed beyond the number hereby limited; and he *also agrees* to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for every five minutes delay after the first five minutes from the specified time of starting (no penalty being imposed for the first five minutes delay); *and also* to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for every ten minutes delay after the first ten minutes from the specified time for the delivery of the said Mails at the places of their respective destinations (unavoidable accidents and such delays as may be occasioned by the Postmasters in delivering the said Mails always excepted). *And* he also agrees not to receive or convey, or permit to be received or conveyed, either by himself or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, directly or indirectly, any Letters, or Packets containing Letters, except such as shall have been delivered to him or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, under authority or by the direction of the Postmaster for the District or his Deputies, and except as hereinbefore is excepted. *And* he agrees to become and be answerable for ~~himself~~ his Agents, Drivers, and Servants, and on neglect or breach of this engagement to forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each Letter or Packet of Letters so received or conveyed, either by himself or his Agents, Drivers, or Servants, contrary to these Presents. *And further*, that all or any of the Penalties or Forfeits and Sums of Money, although arising from the neglect or misconduct or breach by Drivers or Servants, shall and may be imposed and declared forfeit and levied by the said Postmaster for the District upon his sole authority; and all such Sums of Money so imposed and declared forfeit, shall and may be by the said Postmaster for the District deducted and received from all or any of the payments to be made to the said Frank Leardet under and in pursuance of this Contract, and it shall and may be lawful for the Postmaster for the District, and he is hereby authorised and empowered so to deduct the same, or to proceed for recovery thereof in the Court of Requests holden at Melbourne, in the said Colony. *And* that all Fines and Forfeitures hereby imposed are to be paid over and above all or any penalties or penalty imposed by Acts of the Governor and Legislative Council of the said Colony. *And* for the considerations aforesaid, the said Henry Darling Kemp, as such Postmaster for the District, for on behalf of Her Majesty's Government of New South Wales, doth hereby agree with and to the said Frank Leardet that upon his performing and fulfilling this Contract and Agreement the Government of New South Wales shall and will pay unto him the Sum of Two hundred pounds for the conveyance of the said Mails, for the said Year, by quarterly payments.

IN WITNESS whereof the said Parties have hereunto set their Hands the day and year first above-mentioned.

(sgd) Frank Leardet

(sgd) Henry D. Kemp
Chief Postmaster

WITNESS — The designation "Chief Postmaster for the District" having been first substituted for "Postmaster for the District throughout."

(sgd) E. Barlow

W. Clarke, Government Printer, Herald Office, Melbourne.

True copy
H. Rawdon

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31st March 1848.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE POST OFFICE,

Dr. to George Ward Cole

DATE.		AMOUNT.		
1848. March 31	For having Conveyed the Post Office Mails, by steamers ~~from, and to~~ "Vesta" and "Diamond", from and to Melbourne and Geelong, Consisting of 10119 Letters, bearing postage, exclusive of Banks and Newspapers from the 1st January to the 31st March 1848. inclusively, at the rate of 1d per letter; agreeably to the ~~Contract, dated~~ 4th clause of the Act of the Governor and Council 4 Victoria No 9	£	s.	d.
		42	3	3.

George Ward Cole ~~Contractor~~ owner.

I CERTIFY, that Mr. George Ward Cole has actually furnished Conveyance for the Post Office Mails, from and to the Places, and during the Period above-mentioned, in a satisfactory manner, and conformably with the ~~Contract~~ act referred to.

Henry D. Kemp
Chief Postmaster

I acknowledge to have received on the 11th April 1848, from Henry ~~William~~ D. Kemp ~~Esquire~~, Esquire, ~~Sub-Treasurer~~ chief Postmaster, the Sum of Forty-two pounds three shillings and three pence Sterling, in full payment of the above Account, for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts of the same Tenor and Date.

Witness to the Payment,

George Ward Cole
owner
~~Contractor~~.

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31st March 1848.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE POST OFFICE,

Dr. to Frederick Pittman

DATE.		AMOUNT.
1848 March 31.	For having Conveyed the Post Office Mails, by Steamer ~~from and to~~ "Thames" from and to Melbourne and Geelong, consisting of 103 Letters bearing postage, exclusive of Franks and Newspapers——— from the 1st January to the 31st March 1848. inclusively, at the rate of 1d per Letter ; agreeably to the ~~Contract, dated~~ 4th Clause of the Act of the Governor and Council 4th Victoria No 9.——— £	" 8 6

F. Pittman Agent ~~Contractor~~.

I CERTIFY, that Mr. Frederick Pittman

has actually furnished Conveyance for the Post Office Mails, from and to the Places, and during the Period above-mentioned, in a satisfactory manner, and conformably with the ~~Contract~~ Act referred to.

Henry D. Kemp
Chief Postmaster

I acknowledge to have received on the 11th April 1848, from ~~Henry~~ D'Kemp ~~Chief Postmaster~~, Esquire, ~~Sub Treasurer~~, the Sum of Eight Shillings and six pence Sterling, in full payment of the above Account, for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts of the same Tenor and Date.

F. Pittman

Witness to the Payment,
H Hamilton

Agent ~~Contractor~~.

PORT PHILLIP.

Warrant No. of Abstract 184 . } Voucher No. of Abstract .

ABSTRACT of Sums paid by William Roope, Postmaster at Geelong,

for allowance for taking charge of Letters despatched by Ships to Foreign Ports, from the 1st day of February to the 29th day of February 1848, inclusive; as authorised under the 21st clause of the Act of the Governor and Legislative Council, 5 William IV., No. 24.

Date.	To whom Paid.	Name of Vessel.	Address of Mails.	No. of Voucher.	No. of Letters.	Amounts. £	s.	d.
	FOREIGN MAILS.							
Feb. 1	W. Bowden, Master	"Isabella"	Hobart Town	1	49	1	11	1
"	Jas. Rey, Master	"Souvenir"	Launceston	2	22	"	1	10
" 2	Richd. B. Browne, Master	"Rachel"	London	3	105	"	8	9
" 2	Danl. Berry, Master	"Souvenir"	Launceston	4	11	"	"	4
" 3	Robt. Bowden, Master	"David"	Hobart Town	5	12	"	1	"
" 5	Thos. Stafford, Master	"Warrior"	London	6	40	"	3	4
" 10	Jas. Moodie, Master	"Rainbow"	Hobart Town	7	58	"	4	10
" 28	Danl. Berry, Master	"Souvenir"	Launceston	8	20	"	1	8
" 28	Jno. Campbell, Master	"Gillies"	Hobart Town	9	42	"	3	6
			TOTAL.....		352	1	9	4

NOTE.—Insert name of the party signing the receipt, whether Commander or Mate; and where Mails may be sent by way of any other Port, insert "*via*" such Port, in the address.

Amounting in all to One Pound nine Shillings and four pence Sterling.

I certify

I certify upon honor, that I have paid the several Sums charged in the foregoing Account on Letters despatched by Ships to Foreign Ports.

William Roope

Postmaster.

Received from Henry D. Kemp, Esq., Postmaster for the District, the Sum of One pound nine Shillings and four pence, in repayment of the Sum advanced by me, as per foregoing Account.

William Roope

Postmaster.

Witness to the Payment, Peter Lyon

I certify that I have carefully compared the Sums charged in the foregoing Abstract, with the several Vouchers therein referred to, and find the same to be correct, amounting to

Sub-Treasurer.

PORT PHILLIP.

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ABSTRACT of Sums paid by William Roope, Postmaster at Geelong,

for Allowance for taking charge of Letters despatched by Ships to Foreign Ports, from the 1st day of March 1848, to the 31st day of March 1848, inclusive; as authorised under the 21st clause of the Act of the Governor and Legislative Council, 5 William IV., No. 24.

Date.	To whom Paid.	Name of Vessel.	Address of Mails.	No. of Voucher.	No. of Letters.	Amounts. £	s.	d.
	FOREIGN MAILS.							
March 1	J. W. McDonald. Capt.	"Matilda"	Hobart Town	1	31	"	2	7
" 8	J. R. Williams. Capt.	"Agnes & Elizabeth"	Hobart Town	2	18	"	1	6
" 11	W. Garwood. Capt.	"Vanguard"	London	3	335	1	7	11
" 13	W. Garwood. Capt.	"Vanguard"	London	4	7	"	"	7
" 15	Robt. Bowden. Capt.	"David"	Hobart Town	5	34	"	2	10
" 16	James Shey. Capt.	"Souvenir"	Launceston	6	19	"	1	7
" 22	W. Everett. Mate	"Adelaide"	Hobart Town	7	29	"	2	5
" 27	W. Tollaybee. Mate	"Lillias"	Hobart Town	8	33	"	2	9
						£2	2	2
			TOTAL.....		506	2	2	2

NOTE.—Insert name of the party signing the receipt, whether Commander or Mate; and where Mails may be sent by way of any other Port, insert "*via*" such Port, in the address.

Amounting in all to Two pounds two Shillings and two pence Sterling.

I certify

£ 0.6.7

RECEIVED from Henry D. Kemp Esq. Chief Esq., Postmaster for the

District, the Sum of Six Shillings & Seven pence

Sterling, in re-payment of Sums advanced by me, as per

foregoing Account

Witness to the Payment.

H. Hilton

Postmaster.

I certify upon honor, that I have paid the several Sums charged in the foregoing Account on Letters despatched to Ships to Foreign Ports.

Postmaster.

Received from Henry D. Kemp, Esq., Postmaster for the District, the Sum of Six pence sterling, in repayment of Sums advanced by me, as per foregoing Account.

Witness to the Payment,

Sub-Treasurer.

I certify that I have carefully compared the Sums charged in the foregoing Abstract, with the several Vouchers therein referred to, and find the same to be correct, amounting to

Postmaster.

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PORT PHILLIP.

WE, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge to have received from George Godwin Smith, Postmaster at Portland, the Sums specified below, opposite to our several Names, for Mails and Loose Letters brought by us from Countries beyond the Seas, and delivered at the Post Office, between the 1st of January and the 31 of March 184 ; as authorised under 19th clause of the Act of the Governor and Council, 5 William IV, No. 24, and by Letter from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary to His Honor the Superintendent, dated 3rd August, 1844.

Date of Payment.	SHIP'S NAME.	WHENCE ARRIVED.	No. of Letters at 1d. each.	AMOUNT. £	s.	d.	MASTER'S SIGNATURE.	WITNESS TO THE PAYMENT.
	FOREIGN MAILS.							
1845 Feb 25	Julia Percy	Launceston	54	—	4	6	James Worthy	Chas P Norris
March 4	Do	Launceston	28	—	2	1	G Hamilton	Chas P Norris

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Received from HENRY D. KEMP, Esq., Postmaster for the District, the Sum

of One shilling & One penny Sterling, in re-payment of Sums advanced by me, as per

foregoing Account.

Witness to the Payment,

POSTMASTER.