

10. Special rates to passengers of the farming class shall not exceed existing rates as set forth in the schedule hereto marked "A"; provided, however, that should any reduction in such rates be made in the future by the existing or any other line of steamers the same reduction shall be extended to the Government by the Contractors. Provided further, that should the Government at any time arrange or agree to contribute towards the passage-money of intending settlers from the United Kingdom, such contributions shall not be due and payable until such time as the said settlers are duly landed in the colony.

11. In consideration of the premises the Government undertake to ship one-half of all cargo under their control from the west coast ports of the United Kingdom, and one-half of such cargo coming forward from London by the Contractors' line of steamers, provided that the Contractors give sufficient public notice of the sailing-dates of such steamers, and that should any cargo at any time be shut out, the Government shall be at liberty to make other arrangements for the shipment of such cargo.

12. That should there be in the opinion of the Government sufficient cargo offered in New Zealand for ports on the west coast of the United Kingdom other than Liverpool and Glasgow, the Contractors will on receipt of written notice to that effect send steamers to such additional ports also.

13. This contract shall not be assigned, underlet, or disposed of unless the consent of the Government (by some Minister thereof in writing) has first been obtained.

14. From all the provisions of this contract there shall be excepted the act of God, the King's enemies, restraints of princes, rulers, or people, fire, shipwreck, and dangers and perils of the sea, and of navigation of every kind.

15. Any notice which may be given to the contractors under the provisions of these presents shall be deemed to have been duly served if it has been sent to the Contractors' or their agents' last-known place of business.

16. Any right, power, or authority, or privilege conferred on the Government by this contract may be exercised or enjoyed by the Minister of Industries and Commerce for the time being, or the person from time to time performing the duties of that office, and any written instrument or notice required to be served upon or given to the Government under or in pursuance of any provision herein contained shall be deemed to have been regularly served or given if the same is delivered or given to such Minister, unless express provision is made to the contrary.

17. The Government may at any time, and from time to time, delegate all or any of the powers vested in them by virtue of these presents to such person or persons as they may think fit.

18. If any doubt, dispute, or difference of opinion touching any matter arising out of this contract or in anywise connected therewith shall arise between the Government and the Contractors, the same shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of "The Arbitration Act, 1890," of New Zealand.

As witness the hands of the parties hereto.

Signed in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King by the
Honourable Sir Joseph George Ward, K.C.M.G., Minister of
Industries and Commerce, in the presence of—
G. S. MUNRO,
Wellington.

J. G. WARD.

Signed by the New Zealand and African Steamship Company on
behalf of the Federal Houlder Line.

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THE SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN CLAUSE 10.

Full Rate.	Payment by Passenger.	Payment by Government.	Companies' Reduction.
	£	£	£
Second class, £38	27	4	7
Third class—			
In four-berth cabin, £19	10	4	5
In two-berth cabin, £21	12	4	5

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