



1854.

No. 7.

An Act to promote the establishment of direct Monthly Communication with England.

[Assented to, November 18, 1854.]

*Repealed
by No 13. 1855-6*

WHEREAS it is expedient to encourage the establishment of a more frequent and rapid postal communication between this Province and England, and it is believed that the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company will, if due encouragement be afforded to them, provide for the Monthly Delivery of Mails in this Province from England, within the period hereinafter specified—Be it therefore Enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of the same, as follows:

Preamble

1. It shall be lawful for the Colonial Treasurer, and he is hereby required, in each and every year, during six years, from and after the first day of January next, to appropriate and set apart, from and out of the General Colonial Revenue, the sum of Six Thousand Pounds, and to pay and apply the same, or such part thereof, as may become payable under the provisions hereinafter contained, in the manner and on the conditions hereinafter set forth.

£6,000 yearly, to be set apart from Revenue.

2. After it shall have been notified to the Colonial Treasurer, by the Postmaster-General, that arrangements have been made by and with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company for a direct Monthly Postal Communication from and to England, by the way of the Red Sea, the said Colonial Treasurer shall pay a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds for every steam-vessel of the said Company, employed in conformity with such arrangement, bringing Mails from England by the route aforesaid, without having

£500 to be paid to each steam-vessel delivering direct Mails within fifty-eight days.

£100 to be deducted
for every day beyond
fifty-eight days.

touched at any Australian port to the eastward of Port Adelaide: Provided that the full sum of Five Hundred Pounds shall be paid in respect of every such vessel bringing English Mails, which shall deliver her Mails within the period of fifty-eight days from the day of their being dispatched from England, and that a sum of One Hundred Pounds shall be deducted from the said sum of Five Hundred Pounds in respect of every day beyond such time of fifty-eight days which shall elapse before the delivery of such Mails: Provided also, that no such sum shall be paid unless the arrangement for such Monthly Postal Communication shall be subsisting and carried out.

Sums to be paid to
Agent of Company
on certificate of
Postmaster-General.

3. Such sum as aforesaid shall be paid to the Agent of the said Company, upon production of a certificate from the Postmaster-General that such an arrangement for Monthly Postal Communication is subsisting and carried out, and of the time of the dispatch and delivery of the said Mails; and such certificate, and the receipt of the said Agent, shall be a full discharge to the said Treasurer for all moneys paid by him in conformity with the provisions hereinbefore contained.

No payment in re-
spect of mails tran-
shipped.

4. No such sum as aforesaid shall be paid in respect of any steam-vessel delivering any such mails, unless the said mails shall be so delivered by the same vessel by which they shall have been dispatched from the last port of departure beyond the limits of the Continent of Australia.