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Electronic copy of a document relating
to sending mail by train.

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Electronic copy of a document relating to sending mail by train, completed in a font similar to the handwriting and with closely matched line lengths. The document is a piece of full foolscap (17in x 13in) folded over with four separate foolscap folio time bills held within by ribbon.

Outer cover:

Dated 10th May 1851

No. 9

Notice to
The Lancashire and
Yorkshire Railway Company

Left a notice of which this is a Duplicate Copy
With Captn Laws General Manager of the
Within named Railway Company at his Office
On the Victoria Station of the said Company at
Manchester this 14th day of May 1851

John Eldershaw
Clerk in the Post Office
Manchester

First page, original is 35 lines of writing after title on a foolscap size paper

*To the Lancashire and Yorkshire
Railway Company.*

Take Notice that in pursuance of the powers vested in me by an Act of Parliament passed in the second year of the Reign of Her present Majesty intituled 'An Act to provide for the conveyance of the Mails by Railways' and by an Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty intituled 'An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by Post and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon and for other purposes relating to the Post office.' I the undersigned Ulick John Marquess of Clanricarde Her Majesty's Postmaster General do by this writing under my hand require and direct that the Mails and Post Letter Bags shall from and after the Sixteenth - day of June - next be conveyed and forwarded by you on your Railways either by the ordinary trains of Carriages or by Special trains as need may be from Manchester to Leeds and from Leeds to Manchester respectively once each way in each day of every week (Sundays included) and from Mirfield to Normanton and from Normanton to Mirfield respectively once each way in each day of every week (Sundays included) and from Manchester to Normanton once in each day of every week (Sundays included) and from Normanton to Manchester once in each day of every week (Sundays excepted) and from Leeds to Mirfield once in each day of every week (Sundays included) and from Normanton to Manchester once in each day of every week (Sundays included) at such times and hours and subject to such regulations and

restrictions as to speed of travelling places and times of stoppages and times of departure and arrival as are mentioned and set forth in the several time bills herunto annexed. Together with the guards appointed and employed by the Postmaster General in charge thereof and other Officers of the post office as hereinafter mentioned. And I also require you from and after the said Sixteenth - day of June next to cause and procure a Box or Imperial to be fitted in or upon one of the Railway Carriages in the train which will daily (Sundays included) leave the Manchester Station at 10h-15m am (London time) for Mirfield and Normanton and a similar Box or Imperial to be fitted in or upon

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one of the Railway Carriages in the Train which will daily (Sundays included) leave the Normanton Station at 11h-20m am (London time) for Mirfield and Manchester and a seat near such Box or Imperial upon the outside of each such Railway Carriage for the Guard in charge of the Mails. And I also require you from and after the said Sixteenth day of June next to appropriate exclusively the whole or so much as the Postmaster General shall deem necessary of the inside of a second Class carriage in the Train which will daily (Sundays included) leave the Normanton Station at 8h-45m pm (London time) for Manchester. And also to provide such accommodation as the Postmaster General shall deem necessary in the train which will from and after the said Sixteenth day of June next daily (Sundays included) leave the Manchester Station at 10h-0m pm (London time) for Normanton for depositing therein respectively

the Mails and Post Letter Bags and for conveying the Guards in charge thereof and other Officers of the Post office as hereinafter mentioned & which Carriages Boxes and Imperials respectively you are to provide with proper locks and keys and to fit up in such a manner as the Postmaster General shall require. And I require and direct you to receive take up carry and convey in and upon such Carriages Boxes and Imperials respectively all such Mails and Post Letter Bags as shall for that purpose be tendered to you or any of your officers Servants or Agents by any officer of the Post Office and the Guards in charge thereof. And also by the Train which will from and after the said Sixteenth day of June daily (Sundays included) leave the Normanton Station at 8h-45m pm (London time) for Manchester any other Officers of the Post Office the Postmaster General shall reasonably require. And to take up deliver and leave such Mails or Post Letter Bags Guards and Officers at the several and respective places or stations on the lines of your said Railways mentioned in the Time Bills herinto annexed and at all such other places or stations on the lines of your said Railways as the Postmaster General shall in that behalf from time to time reasonable order and direct. And I hereby require you to take the charge and care of the Mails and Post Letter Bags to be daily forwarded by the Dispatch from Mirfield at 12h-0m noon (London time) for Leeds and also the charge and care of the Mails and Post Letter Bags to be daily forwarded by the Dispatches from Leeds at 11h-30m am (London time) and at 8h-45m pm (London time) respectively for Mirfield and also of the Mails and Post letter Bags to be daily (Sundays excepted) forwarded

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by the Dispatch from Normanton at 2h.30m am (London time) for Manchester. And to take up deliver and leave the said respective last mentioned Mails and Post Letter Bags at the respective Stations on the lines of your Railways mentioned in the time Bills hereinafter annexed it not being my intention to send any Guard or other Officer of the Post Office in charge of the last mentioned Mails and Bags of Letters of which you are so required to take the charge and care. And I further require you from and after the said Sixteenth day of June next at your own costs to provide and finish sufficient carriages and engines on your said Railways for the conveyance of the Mails and Post Letter Bags Guards and other Officers of the Post Office in manner hereinbefore directed to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General. And I give you further notice that the several and respective services mentioned and required in and by certain Notices from the Postmaster General directed to the Manchester and Leeds Railway Company bearing date respectively the 5th day of March 1844 and the 16th day of May 1845 will from and after the said Sixteenth day of June next cease to be required and that from thenceforth the services required by this Notice shall be substituted for them.

*General Post Office
16th May 1851*

Clanricarde

Ulick John de Burgh Clanricarde (1802-74) was Postmaster General 1846-52. In every case the words 'Sixteenth' and 'June' in the phrase 'Sixteenth day of June' have been filled in by a different hand and in a different colour of ink (slightly browner). Note also how little punctuation there is. An 'Imperial' was a specially constructed luggage box shaped to fit the roof of a carriage.

Time Bills:
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Day Mail

Manchester and Leeds Time Bill

<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>London time</i>
					<i>To be despatched from the Railway Station Manchester at—</i>	<i>10.15 am</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>To arrive at Miles Platting, at—</i>	<i>10.21</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>85</i>		<i>11</i>	<i>To arrive at Middleton, at—</i>	<i>10.32</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>130</i>		<i>8</i>	<i>To arrive at Blue Pitts at—</i>	<i>10.40</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>65</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at Rochdale, at—</i>	<i>10.50</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>70</i>		<i>19</i>	<i>To arrive at Todmorden, at—</i>	<i>11.9</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>90</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at Hebdon Bridge, at—</i>	<i>11.19</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>180</i>		<i>14</i>	<i>To arrive at Sewerby Bridge, at—</i>	<i>11.33</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>40</i>		<i>7</i>	<i>To arrive at North Dean, at—</i>	<i>11.40</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>125</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at Brighouse, at—</i>	<i>11.50</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>75</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at Mirfield, at—</i>	<i>12.0</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>154</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at Dewsbury, at—</i>	<i>12.10</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>101</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>To arrive at the Railway Station</i>	<i>12.30</i>
<i>50</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Leeds at—</i>	<i>pm</i>
					<i>To be despatched from the Railway Station Mirfield, at—</i>	<i>12.0 Noon</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>95</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>To arrive at Wakefield, at—</i>	<i>12.20</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>165</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at the Railway Station</i>	<i>12.30</i>
					<i>Normanton, at—</i>	<i>pm</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>40</i>		<i>30</i>		
					<i>Clanricarde</i>	

Leeds and Manchester Time Bill

<i>M F y</i>	<i>H M</i>	<i>To be despatched from the Railway Station Leeds at —</i>	<i>London time</i>
			<i>11.30 am</i>
<i>8 7 101</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>To arrive at Dewsbury, at ———</i>	<i>11.50</i>
<i>3 1 154</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at Mirfield, at ———</i>	<i>12. 0</i>
<i>3 6 75</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at Brighouse, at ———</i>	<i>12.10</i>
<i>3 4 125</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>To arrive at North Dean, at ———</i>	<i>12.17</i>
<i>2 5 40</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>To arrive at Sewerby Bridge, at —</i>	<i>12.24</i>
<i>4 4 180</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>To arrive at Hebden Bridge, at —</i>	<i>12.37</i>
<i>4 3 90</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>To arrive at Todmorden, at ———</i>	<i>12.52</i>
<i>8 4 70</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>To arrive at Rochdale, at ———</i>	<i>1.13</i>
<i>1 5 65</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>To arrive at Blue Pits, at ———</i>	<i>1.25</i>
<i>3 6 130</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>To arrive at Middleton, at ———</i>	<i>1.32</i>
<i>3 2 85</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>To arrive at Miles Platting, at. —</i>	<i>1.40</i>
<i>1 4 0</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>To arrive at the Railway Station</i>	<i>1.45</i>
<i>50 0 15</i>	<i>2 15</i>	<i>Manchester, at ———</i>	<i>pm</i>
		<i>To be despatched from the Railway Station, Normanton, at ———</i>	<i>11.20</i>
			<i>am</i>
<i>3 0 165</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at Wakefield, at ———</i>	<i>11.30</i>
<i>9 4 95</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>To arrive at the Railway Station</i>	<i>12. 0</i>
		<i>Mirfield, at ———</i>	<i>noon</i>
<i>12 5 40</i>	<i>40</i>		
		<i>Clanricarde</i>	

Luggage Train

Manchester and Normanton Time Bill

<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>London time</i>
	*				<i>To be despatched from the Railway Station Manchester, at —</i>	<i>10.00 pm</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>60</i>		<i>48</i>	<i>To arrive at Rochdale, at —</i>	<i>10.40</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>70</i>		<i>32</i>	<i>To arrive at Todmorden, at —</i>	<i>11.20</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>30</i>	<i>To arrive at Sewerby Bridge, at —</i>	<i>11.50</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>40</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at North Dean, at —</i>	<i>12.0</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>125</i>		<i>23</i>	<i>To arrive at Brighouse, at —</i>	<i>12.23</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>75</i>		<i>22</i>	<i>To arrive at Mirfield, at —</i>	<i>12.45</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>95</i>		<i>32</i>	<i>To arrive at Wakefield, at —</i>	<i>1.17</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>165</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>To arrive at the Railway Station Normanton, at —</i>	<i>1.37</i>
<i>50</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>37</i>		<i>am</i>
					<i>Return</i>	
	**				<i>To be despatched from the Railway Station Normanton, at —</i>	<i>2.30</i>
						<i>am</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>165</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>To arrive at Wakefield, at —</i>	<i>2.40</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>95</i>		<i>55</i>	<i>To arrive at Mirfield, at —</i>	<i>3.35</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>200</i>		<i>45</i>	<i>To arrive at North Dean, at —</i>	<i>4.20</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>To arrive at Todmorden, at —</i>	<i>5.20</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>70</i>		<i>33</i>	<i>To arrive at Rochdale, at —</i>	<i>5.53</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>60</i>		<i>47</i>	<i>To arrive at the Railway Station Manchester, at —</i>	<i>6.40</i>
<i>50</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>am</i>
					<i>Clanricarde</i>	

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Leeds Mirfield, Normanton and Manchester Time Bill

<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>London time</i>
					<i>To be despatched from the Railway Station Leeds at —</i>	<i>8.45 pm</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>101</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>To arrive at Dewsbury, at —</i>	<i>9.5</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>154</i>		<i>15</i>	<i>To arrive at the Railway Station Mirfield, at —</i>	<i>9.20 pm</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>35</i>		<i>35</i>		
					<i>To be despatched from the Railway Station Normanton at —</i>	<i>8.45 pm</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>165</i>		<i>8</i>	<i>To arrive at Wakefield, at —</i>	<i>8.53</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>95</i>		<i>27</i>	<i>To arrive at Mirfield, at —</i>	<i>9.20</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>75</i>		<i>11</i>	<i>To arrive at Brighouse, at —</i>	<i>9.31</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>125</i>		<i>12</i>	<i>To arrive at North Dean, at —</i>	<i>9.43</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>40</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>To arrive at Sewerby Bridge, at —</i>	<i>9.48</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>180</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>To arrive at Helden Bridge, at —</i>	<i>10.6</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>90</i>		<i>14</i>	<i>To arrive at Todmorden, at —</i>	<i>10.20</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>70</i>		<i>20</i>	<i>To arrive at Rochdale, at —</i>	<i>10.40</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>60</i>		<i>30</i>	<i>To arrive at the Railway Station Manchester, at —</i>	<i>11.10 pm</i>
<i>50</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>25</i>		
					<i>Clarricarde</i>	