

## 1847 to 1851 Presidents and PostMasters General

<i>Year President</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>PMG</i>	<i>Home State</i>	<i>Date of Office</i>	<i>Events of Note</i>	<i>Contracts of Interest</i>
1847 James K. Polk	Democrat	Cave Johnson	TBD		Act of 3/3/47. Postage stamps officially introduced in United States.	1847 Contract for Postage Stamps
1848 James K. Polk	Democrat	Cave Johnson				
1849 Millard Fillmore	Whig	Jacob Collamer				
Zachary Taylor	Whig	Jacob Collamer		[03/06/1849]		
1850 Millard Fillmore	Whig	Nathan Kelsey Hall	New York	[7/23/1850]		
1851 Millard Fillmore	Whig	Nathan Kelsey Hall			Act of 3/3/51	1851 Contract for Postage Stamps

## *Presidents and PostMasters General 1847-1851*

<i>Year President</i>			<i>PostMaster General</i>			
	<i>[Date of Office]</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>[Date of Office]</i>	<i>Stamp Contractor</i>	<i>Events of Note</i>	<i>Contracts of Interest</i>
1847	James K. Polk	Democrat	Cave Johnson	Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, Edson	Act of 3/3/47. Postage stamps officially introduced in United States.	1847 Contract for Postage Stamps
1848	James K. Polk	Democrat	Cave Johnson	Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, Edson		
1849	Zachary Taylor [03/05/1849]	Whig	Jacob Collamer [03/06/1849]	Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, Edson		
	Millard Fillmore [07/10/1850]	Whig	Jacob Collamer	Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, Edson		
1850	Millard Fillmore	Whig	Nathan Kelsey Hall [7/23/1850]	Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, Edson		
1851	Millard Fillmore	Whig	Nathan Kelsey Hall	Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, Edson	Act of 3/3/51	1851 Contract for Postage Stamps

## *Key Dates Relating to Contractual Matters 1847-1851*

### *Contract or Modification*

<i>Precipitating Event or Catalyst</i>	<i>Date of Precipitating Event</i>	<i>Bid(s) Requested</i>	<i>Proposal(s) submitted</i>	<i>Acceptance of Bid</i>	<i>Contract Signed</i>	<i>Effective Date of Contract</i>	<i>Earliest Date that Change Might be Seen by Public (if applicable)</i>	<i>Earliest Known Use (EKU) (if Applicable)</i>	<i>Expiration Date of Contract</i>
<i>1847 Contract for Postage Stamps</i>									
Catalyst: Act of 3/3/47 authorizing the Post Master General to issue postage stamps.	03/03/47	Unknown but prior to 03/20/47	03/20/47 (initial)	3/26/47 (initial); 5/17/47	05/25/47	05/25/47	07/01/47	07/02/47 (10c) 07/07/47 (5c)	Unknown
<i>1851 Contract for Postage Stamps</i>									
Catalyst: Act of 3/3/51 to Reduce and Modify Rates of Postage in the United States	03/03/51	03/08/51	04/20/51	04/23/51	06/10/51	06/10/51	07/01/51	07/01/51	06/10/57

## *Summary of Competitors for the 1847 Postage Stamp Contract*

*The Post Office solicited bids for the 1851 postage stamp contract from six bank note engravers (3/8/51). Two unsolicited bids and one letter of interest were also received.*

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Bid (\$ per 1000 stamps )</i>	<i>Comments re Bid</i>	<i>Essay Submitted?</i>	<i>Apparent Scott Catalogue # of Essay*</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson	\$.20	\$.20 per 1000 for one color; \$.25 per 1000 for bi-color stamps.	Yes. Pencil proofs on 3/20/47.	Scott #01-Esxx; #02-Eyy	This contract not bid competitively.

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*\*Scott's Specialized Catalogue lists an essay from Bradbury, Wilkinson. This essay does not appear to have been submitted for the 1851 contract.*



# Key Events and Correspondence Regarding Contracts with the Post Office 1847-1851 (RWHE Era)

<i>Date of Document</i>	<i>From who to whom</i>	<i>Summary of Issue</i>
<b><u>1847 Contract for Postage Stamps</u></b>		
6/10/40	[Senator Daniel Webster's Resolution to 26th Congress][Essay Proof Journal 4/1947, p. 115]	Daniel Webster introduces resolution to lower rates of U.S. postage (Just a few days after Britain issued new stamps).
3/3/45	[Scott's 2000 Specialized Catalogue, p. 1]	Act of Congress, effective 7/1/45 establishing rates of postage at 5c under 300 miles; 10c over 300 miles and associated matters.
3/4/45	[insert reference]zz	Cave Johnson takes office as PMG.
4/7/45	J. Smith Hornans to PMG Cave Johnson	Hornans encourages PMG Johnson to issue postage stamps.
7/10/45	George Smith to PMG Cave Johnson	Smith encourages PMG Johnson to issue postage stamps.
7/14/45	PMG Johnson to George Smith	Johnson responds to Smith stating that he does not have the authority (without authorization from Congress) to issue postage stamps. Johnson mentions the (provisional) stamps issued by the New York Postmaster.
2/1/47	[Essay Proof Journal 4/1947, p. 115]	House Resolution 638 introduced. This resolution became the Act of 3/3/47, authorizing postage stamps.
3/3/47	[Act of 3/3/47]	Act authorizing the Postmaster-General to issue stamps. Act prohibits postmaster provisional stamps.
3/20/47	RWHE to JW (sic) Brown RWHE to Post Office	Pencil proofs submitted, with substitution of Franklin for Jackson. Rawdon Wright Hatch Edson proposal this date, at 25 cents per thousand stamps, steel plates.
3/26/47	[RWHE letter of 3/29/47]	W.J. Brown states that Post Office wants RWHE to print stamps.
3/29/47	RWHE to WJ Brown	RWHE will submit proposal when Edson returns. They have started work without obligation on the part of the Post Office.
3/31/47		Rawdon Wright Hatch Edson proposal to include bi - color stamps at 25 cent per thousand, with mono colors 20 cent per thousand.
4/1/47	[RWHE letter of 3/29/47]	Edson, one of RWHE's partners will call on W.J. Brown this date to finalize terms of contract.
4/8/47	PMG Johnson to Robert H. Morris (PMG, NYC)	PMG Cave Johnson asks Robert Morris , Postmaster of New York to help with contract for new stamps with Rawdon Wright Edson.  PMG Cave Johnson asks what safeguards can we introduce against counterfeiting, perhaps special paper?  The Post Office sent the postage stamp contract to RWHE without having been submitted to PMG Cave Johnson.
5/17/47	John Marron to RWHE [see RWHE letter of 5/25/47]	3rd PMG Marron writes Rawdon Hatch re modifications to their proposal.
5/25/47	RWHE to John Marron	Signed contract was returned this date. Not previously signed due to Mr. Edson's absence. Mentions a clause they would have preferred to have inserted, but no details.
6/1/47	[RWHE letter of 6/26/47]zz	PMG places first order for postage stamps from Rawdon Hatch [insert quantities]

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6/3/47	[insert reference, Brett]	RWHE acknowledges the first order for postage stamps from PMG.
6/21/47	[Essay Proof Journal 4/1947, p. 120]	Newspaper article from NYC says new stamps ready.
6/24/47		Washington DC newspaper describes new stamps.
6/26/47	RWHE to PMG Johnson	First stamps are ready for delivery by Rawdon Hatch: 600,000 five cent and 200,000 ten cent.
7/1/47	[Act of 3/3/47]	Effective date of law authorizing postage stamps.
7/2/47	[Scott's 1998 Specialized Catalogue]	EKU of 10c 1847 issue (Scott #2).
7/7/47		EKU of 5c 1847 issue (Scott #1).
12/6/47	[PMG Report of 1847]	PMG describes new contract with Rawdon Hatch in PMG Report.



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<b><u>1851 Contract for Postage Stamps</u></b>		
3/5/49	[World Almanac and Book of Facts 1995, p. 634]	Zachary Taylor takes office as President of the United States.
6/1/49	[insert reference]zz check date	Jacob Collamer takes office as PMG.
7/10/50	[World Almanac and Book of Facts 1995, p. 634]	Millard Fillmore takes office as President of the United States, following President Taylor's death.
7/20/50	[Chase, p. 19]	Nathan Kelsey Hall of NYC became Postmaster General (PMG), under Fillmore.
1/17/51	RWHE to PMG Hall	RWHE sends proofs for a Three cent stamp, which could be prepared immediately for use if required. [The Cheap Postage Law was before Congress at the time this was written. The proofs submitted appear to be the newspaper stamp engraved by RWHE in 1848.]
1/24/51	RW Latham to PMG Hall [National Archives]	RW Latham (a friend of PMG Hall) recommends Danforth, Bald & Co. for stamp contract. [The Cheap Postage Law was before Congress at the time this was written.]
3/3/51	[Act of 3/3/51]	Act of 3/3/1851 to reduce and modify rates of postage in the United States, and for other purposes.
3/4/51	Danforth Bald to John Marron [National Archives]. [Below letterhead is printed: "Murray Draper Fairman & Co formerly Draper Underwood Bald & Spencer, Underwood Bald Spencer & Hufty, Spencer Hufty & Danforth."]	Danforth Bald acknowledges an order to engrave plates for Post Office warrants and submits unsolicited proof impressions of heads for a new stamp contract (due to Act of 3/3/51) to PMG Hall. Wants to enter competition for contract for furnishing stamps.
3/5/51	James Snyder to John Marron	James Snyder (apparent friend of Marron) requests info on amounts paid to RWHE. Snyder may be associated with a printer interested in bidding on stamp production.
3/8/51	PMG Hall to RWHE; TCC; Baldwin & Adams; Danforth Bald; Draper Welsh; John E Gavit	Consistent with law of 3/3/51, PMG Hall invites six companies to enter competition, provide line engraved sample, suggests Washington profile, 'US Postage Three Cents'; prices and matters to be agreed to by 4/20/1851.
3/10/51	RWHE to PMG Hall	RWHE declines to enter the competition.
3/11/51	Danforth Bald to PMG Hall [National Archives]	Danforth, Ball & Co. acknowledges PMG's Hall letter inviting a design for a three cent stamp. Will have designs for PMG's ready for PMG's inspection by 4/20/51.
3/22/51	W Sloanaker to PMG Hall [National Archives]	Letter of introduction for JW Steel, engraver, to PMG Hall re 1851 stamp contract. JW Steel engraved the President's head for Sartains Magazine. [No bid has been found from Steel.]
3/24/51	Fowler and Wells to PMG Hall	Fowler and Wells frequently receive stamps in payment. Want to know if they will be redeemed or exchanged for new issues by Post Office.
4/8/51	RWHE to John Marron	RWHE says they misunderstood, withdraws prior objections, now they want to submit sample and bid. Asks for extension to May 10 (instead of April 20, the deadline stipulated). Stamps could be ready by May 20.
4/12/51	John Marron to RWHE	Despite request from RWHE, no extension will be granted for their bid for the stamp contract..
4/14/51	W Hay and WJ White (PM of Philadelphia) to PMG Hall [National Archives]	Wm. Hay and W.J. White (Philadelphia Postmaster) recommend Draper Welsh to PMG for stamp contract.
4/15/51	Draper Welsh to PMG Hall [National Archives]	Draper Welsh and Co. submits specimens, Houdon's bust, and bids 18 cents per thousand, with no charges for the plate.

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4/16/51	TCC to John Marron [National Archives]	Samuel Carpenter sets up appointment on 4/21/51. The official deadline for bids was Sunday, 4/20/51, but this date is agreed with Marron. Carpenter refers to the recommendation from M. Robinson (dated 4/10/51), which he apparently handed to Marron.
4/20/51	[PMG Hall letter of 3/8/51]	Deadline for bids for stamp contract.
4/21/51	TCC to PMG Hall [National Archives]	TCC requests quantity, time frames, and other info needed to prepare their proposal.
4/23/51	[Notation on letter of 4/23/51]	PMG directs that 's bid is accepted for 4 years with verbal modifications agreed between Carpenter and Hall. Contract to be prepared and forwarded shortly.
	John Marron to TCC	TCC notified by Marron that bid is accepted for 4 years with verbal modifications agreed between Carpenter and Hall. Contract to be prepared and forwarded shortly.
6/10/51	[1851 Contract]	TCC's first contract commenced.
3/4/53	[World Almanac and Book of Facts 1995, p. 634]	Franklin Pierce takes office as President of the United States



<i>Date of Document</i>	<i>From who to whom</i>	<i>Summary of Issue</i>
<u><i>Demonitization of 1847 Issue</i></u>		
6/10/51	PMG Hall to Postmasters	Redemption instructions for the old (1847) issue.
6/11/51	PMG Hall to Public and to Postmasters	Notice to public and postmasters re redeeming old stamps for new, with deadlines and details.
7/12/51	PM Monson (of New Orleans) to John Marron	Quarterly returns from PM of New Orleans; also returns 5c and 10c 1847's.
9/1/51	RW Wallace to file	Describes parcels of 1847 stamps taken from Iron Chest in Room 17 by John Marron and himself.
9/6/51		Further description of stamps taken by Marron and Wallace from Iron Chest.
9/18/51	AB Sheldon to 3rd Asst Auditor	Inquires about old style stamps returned to Post Office on 7/10/1851
9/30/51	[PMG Hall letter of 6/11/51]	Deadline for redemption of old Rawdon Hatch stamps.
10/9/51	PM Willard (of Troy NY) to PMG Hall	Asks re redemption of 1847 issue past 9/30/51 deadline; he suggests extending the redemption period.
10/20/51	Deputy PM Marsh Little Valley NY to John Marron	Asks for permission to redeem old stamps (1847 issue).

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<u><i>Final Accounting of Stamps, Destruction of Plates &amp;c.</i></u>		
11/15/51	RWHE to PMG Hall	RWHE suggests that dies and plates for 1847 issue be destroyed. Note on face of letter indicates PMG Hall directed this to be done.
12/1/51	[PMG Report] (date approximate)	PMG Report discusses dies and plates for 1847 issue and destruction of excess stamps have been issued.
12/9/51	John Marron to RWHE	After some delay since original request, Marron notifies RWHE that their request to destroy dies and plates was approved. No mention made of transfer rolls.
	John Marron to WV Brady (PM New York)	Directs destruction of plates and dies for 1847 issue.
12/12/51	RWHE, J Moore, WV Brady, GW Jenkins Certification of Destruction	Affidavits this date certify destruction of dies and plates for 1847 issue: one steel die, one steel plate for 5c, one steel plate for 10c.
	WV Brady (PM New York) to John Marron	Transmits evidence of "demolition of the Die and Plates" of the 5 & 10 cent U.S. Postage stamps.
8/13/52	JW Faerelly to PMG Hall	Per PMG Hall's request: accounts for stamps received from RWHE with amounts paid. Accounts for redemptions from PostMasters.
8/16/52	zz	Per PMG Hall's request: destruction certificate spells out stamps destroyed of 1847 issue.
8/31/52	[Chase, p. 19][Ashbrook Vol I, p. 18]	Samuel Dickinson Hubbard of Connecticut becomes Postmaster General, under Pierce, replacing Hall.

## *1847 to 1851 Overview Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, Edson Era*

<i>Year PMG</i>	<i>Third Assistant PMG</i>	<i>Contracts of Interest</i>	<i># New Denominations</i>	<i># New and Replacement Plates (not reentries)</i>	<i>Stamps (millions) Produced per Year thru August 1861</i>
1847 Cave Johnson	John Marron	1847 Contract for Postage Stamps	2	2	0.8
1848 Cave Johnson	John Marron				1.05
1849 Jacob Collamer	John Marron				1.3
Jacob Collamer	John Marron				1.3
1850 Nathan Kelsey Hall	John Marron				1.3
1851 Nathan Kelsey Hall	John Marron	1851 Contract for Postage Stamps			1



## *Deliveries to Post Office (1847-1851) by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, Edson*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>5 Cent</i>	<i>10 Cent</i>	
1847	6/26/1847	600000	200000	First delivery of U.S. stamps by Rawdon Wright Hatch Edson.
1848	4/10/1848	800000	250000	Second delivery of U.S. stamps by Rawdon Wright Hatch Edson.
1849	4/19/1849	1000000	300000	Third delivery of U.S. stamps by Rawdon Wright Hatch Edson.
1850	3/18/1850	1000000	300000	Fourth delivery of U.S. stamps by Rawdon Wright Hatch Edson.
1851	1/24/1851	1000000		Fifth delivery of U.S. stamps by Rawdon Wright Hatch Edson.
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>4400000</b>	<b>1050000</b>	

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### *Key Dates Relating to Introduction of Each Denomination for the 1847-1851 Issue*

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<i>Denomination</i>	<i>Action Initiated by PMG</i>	<i>Plate Ready</i>	<i>Ready for Delivery</i>	<i>First Delivery</i>	<i>EKU</i>
<b>5</b>					
	3/20/47		6/26/47		7/10/47
<b>10</b>					
	3/20/47		6/26/47		7/2/47

## *Key Events and Correspondence Regarding Stamps Engraved and Printed 1847-1851 (RWHE Era)*

<i>Date of Document</i>	<i>From who to whom</i>	<i>Summary of Issue</i>
<u><i>U.S. 1847 Issue: 5c &amp; 10c Values (Introduction)</i></u>		
4/7/45	J. Smith Hornans to PMG Cave Johnson	Hornans encourages PMG Johnson to issue postage stamps.
7/10/45	George Smith to PMG Cave Johnson	Smith encourages PMG Johnson to issue postage stamps.
7/14/45	PMG Johnson to George Smith	Johnson responds to Smith stating that he does not have the authority without authorization from Congress to issue postage stamps. Johnson mentions the provisional stamps issued by the New York Postmaster.
2/1/47	[Essay Proof Journal 4/1947, p. 115]	House Resolution 638 introduced. This resolution became the Act of 3/3/47, authorizing postage stamps.
3/3/47	[Act of 3/3/47]	Act authorizing the Postmaster-General to issue stamps. Act prohibits postmaster provisional stamps.
3/20/47	RWHE to JW Brown	Pencil proofs submitted, with substitution of Franklin for Jackson.
6/1/47	[RWHE letter of 6/26/47]zz	PMG places first order for postage stamps from Rawdon Hatch [insert quantities]
6/3/47	[insert reference, Brett]	RWHE acknowledges the first order for postage stamps from PMG.
6/26/47	RWHE to PMG Johnson	First stamps are ready for delivery by Rawdon Hatch: 600,000 five cent and 200,000 ten cent.
7/2/47	[Scott's 1998 Specialized Catalogue]	EKU of 10c 1847 issue (Scott #2).
7/7/47	[Scott's 1998 Specialized Catalogue]	EKU of 5c 1847 issue (Scott #1).
3/15/48	[Travers commentary]	Invoice for first order of stamps from RWHE presented this date.
4/13/48	[Travers commentary]	Bill for first order of stamps from RWHE paid this date.



<i>Date of Document</i>	<i>From who to whom</i>	<i>Summary of Issue</i>
<u><i>U.S. 1847 Issue: 5c &amp; 10c Values (Subsequent Printings)</i></u>		
3/13/48	Sibley (for PMG Johnson) to RWHE [zz]	Orders more 5 and 10 cent stamps to be printed. [insert quantities]
3/15/48	[insert reference, Brett]	RWHE acknowledges the second order for postage stamps from PMG.
4/10/48	[insert reference, Brett]	Estimated date that second order ready for delivery.
3/19/49	PMG Collamer to RWHE (see Morris letter of 3/20/49)zz	PMG places order for third printing of postage stamps. [insert quantities]
3/20/49	RH Morris (PM New York) to PMG Collamer	Morris tells Collamer that problems were experienced with authentication of seals when RWHE came to retrieve printing plates.
	RH Morris (PM New York) to John Marron	Morris tells Marron that problems were experienced with authentication of seals when RWHE came to retrieve printing plates.
	[insert reference, Brett]	RWHE acknowledges the third order for postage stamps from PMG.
3/24/49	RH Morris (PM New York) to John Marron	Plates have been delivered to RWHE.
4/11/49	RWHE to PMG Collamer	Postage stamps ordered on 3/19/49 will be ready after 4/18/49. RWHE asks for instructions on how to package stamps.
4/18/49	[RWHE letter of 4/11/1849]	Date given for which postage stamps ordered on 3/19/49 will be ready.
4/19/49	[insert reference, Brett]	Third order ready at RWHE for delivery.
2/4/50	PMG Collamer to RWHE[zz]	PMG places order for fourth printing of postage stamps.[insert quantities]
2/5/50	[insert reference, Brett]	RWHE acknowledges the fourth order for postage stamps from PMG.
3/11/50	John Marron to RWHE	Provides instructions for packaging order of stamps.
12/7/50	PMG Hall to RWHE[zz]	PMG places order for fifth printing of postage stamps.[insert quantities]
12/9/50	RWHE to PMG Hall	Acknowledges order for fifth printing of stamps.
12/10/50	WV Brady (PM New York) to PMG Hall	Plates were delivered this date to RWHE. No problems with seals.
	WV Brady (PM New York) to PMG Hall	Plates were delivered this date to RWHE. No problems with seals.
12/19/50	PMG Hall to RWHE	PM of New York has been instructed to give die to RWHE.
	PMG Hall to WV Brady (PM New York)	RWHE needs to retouch the plate and wish to have the die. About one third of order has been worked off.
1/17/51	John Marron to RWHE	Marron provides packaging instructions to RWHE for current order.
1/24/51	RWHE to PMG Hall	Order is ready for delivery.
1/25/51	WV Brady to PMG Hall	Stamps were delivered from RWHE this date. Plate sealed and returned. No mention of die.

<i>Date of Document</i>	<i>From who to whom</i>	<i>Summary of Issue</i>
<u>Newspaper Stamps</u>		
8/26/47	JW White (PM Hillsdale) to PMG Johnson	Asks for instructions about stamps and newspaper subscriptions.
10/20/47	TP Sparhawk to PMG Johnson	Recommends a 3 cent newspaper stamp be issued.
10/22/47	W Dunton to PMG Johnson	Another recommendation that a 3 cent newspaper stamp be issued.
11/30/47	[Enclosure to letter of 12/20/47]	Encourages issuance of 3 cent newspaper postage stamp.
12/2/47	RH Morris (PM New York) to PMG Johnson	Morris believes that a three cent stamp is needed and that all mail should be prepaid by stamps.
3/13/48	Sibley (for PMG Johnson) to RWHE [see RWHE letter of 3/18/47]	Asks for specimens of 3 cent newspaper stamp.
3/18/48	RWHE to PMG Johnson	Furnishes specimens of 3 cent newspaper stamp, in black and blue.
7/29/50	F Finch to PMG Hall (?)	Recommends a 2 cent newspaper stamp be issued.
9/26/50	WA Davis to Honorable JM Botts	Recommends fractional cent newspaper stamps be issued.
1/17/51	RWHE to PMG Hall	RWHE sends proofs for a Three cent stamp, which could be prepared immediately for use if required. [The Cheap Postage Law was before Congress at the time this was written. The proofs submitted appear to be the newspaper stamp engraved by RWHE in 1848.]

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*Summary of Issue*

U.S. 1851 Issue: 3c Value

1/17/51	RWHE to PMG Hall	RWHE sends proofs for a Three cent stamp, which could be prepared immediately for use if required. [The Cheap Postage Law was before Congress at the time this was written. The proofs submitted appear to be the newspaper stamp engraved by RWHE in 1848.]
3/3/51	[Act of 3/3/51]	Act of 3/3/1851 to reduce and modify rates of postage in the United States, and for other purposes.
3/8/51	PMG Hall to RWHE; TCC; Baldwin & Adams; Danforth Bald; Draper Welsh; John E Gavit	Consistent with law of 3/3/51, PMG Hall invites six companies to enter competition, provide line engraved sample, suggests Washington profile, 'US Postage Three Cents'; prices and matters to be agreed to by 4/20/1851.
3/10/51	RWHE to PMG Hall	RWHE declines to enter the competition.
4/8/51	RWHE to John Marron	RWHE says they misunderstood, withdraws prior objections, now they want to submit sample and bid. Asks for extension to May 10 (instead of April 20, the deadline stipulated). Stamps could be ready by May 20.
4/12/51	John Marron to RWHE	Despite request from RWHE, no extension will be granted for their bid for the stamp contract.
4/20/51	[PMG Hall letter of 3/8/51]	Deadline for bids for stamp contract.
6/10/51	[1851 Contract]	TCC's first contract commenced.



## *Key Events and Correspondence Regarding Problems Experienced 1847-1851 (RWHE Era)*

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*Summary of Issue*

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### *Adhesiveness, Gum*

2/4/50      PMG Collamer to RWHE

PMG tells RWHE about problems with lack of adhesiveness of stamps.

12/7/50      PMG Hall to RWHE

PMG tells RWHE there have been no recent complaints on adhesiveness of stamps.

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<b><u>Reuse of Stamps, Improper Cancelling</u></b>		
10/15/47	A Huger (PM Charleston)	Submits stamp that has had cancel cleaned with acid.
10/19/47	RM White (PM of New York) to PMG Hall	Forwards letter from Alfred Huger with stamp that had cancel cleaned with acid.
10/26/47	JM Buchanan (PM Baltimore) to PMG Johnson	Recommends that stamps be cancelled by cutting or piercing rather than ink, which can be removed.
1/4/48	JJ Ayers (PM Williamsport) to John Marron	Sends his thoughts on disadvantages of postage stamps.
3/13/48	Sibley (for PMG Johnson) to RWHE [see RWHE letter of 3/18/47]	PMG asks RWHE to suggest a better mode of cancelling stamps.
3/18/48	RWHE to PMG Johnson	RWHE has given Sibley a crude tool for defacing stamps by cutting, but not so as to injure letter. RWHE can furnish these cancelling drills or bitts on favorable terms.
7/12/48	PM Greene (Boston) to PMG Johnson	Sends stamps which have not been cancelled properly, and transmits letter from JP Robinson
7/12/48	JP Robinson to PM Greene	Sends stamps which have not been cancelled properly.
8/15/48	GW Clinton (U.S. Attorney) to PMG Johnson	Returns stamp with cancellation removed. Stamp is not counterfeit.
8/19/48	RWHE to John Marron	Stamps sent them were not countefeit but had cancellation removed.
8/27/48	GW Clinton (U.S. Attorney) to John Marron	Returns RWHE letter about stamps with cancels cleaned, and originally thought to be counterfeit. Regrets it is not criminal.
10/25/48	J Holbrook (Special Agent) to 1st PMG Hobbie	Discusses types of ink that will prevent reuse.
11/2/48	J Hall to J Holbrook	Hall sends stamps, with cancels cleaned, to Special Agent Holbrook.
11/22/48	J Holbrook (Special Agent) to John Marron	Discusses reuse of stamps and search for a process to prevent cleaning the cancellations.
12/26/49	HW Stevens (PM Oberlin) to PMG Collamer	Discusses means to prevent removal of cancellations.
7/30/50	LH Green (PM Gardiner) to PMG Hall	Discusses use of red ink and how easily removed.
2/10/51	L Tappan to PMG Hall	Discusses improper cancelling of stamps, allowing reuse.