

# Key Events and Correspondence Regarding Contracts with the Post Office 1851-1861 (TCC Era)

Summary of key  
correspondence  
on "Contracts",  
separated  
by contract

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## 1851 Contract for Postage Stamps (The First TCC Contract)

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.] This was apparently from the die previously engraved as a newspaper stamp.
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.
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.
3/6/51	John Marron to James Snyder	Marron apparently answers Snyder's request for info on RWHE's costs. (This entry based on docketing on 3/5/51 letter.)
3/8/51	PMG Hall to RWHE; TCC; Baldwin & Adams; Danforth Bald; Draper Welsh; John E Gavit	Consistent with law of 3/3/51, 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.
	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. Their appointment is confirmed for 4/20/51.
3/14/51	Neale and Pate to PMG Hall	Neale and Pate submit an unsolicited bid to engrave and print postage stamps.
3/15/51	E&PW Merub to PMG Hall	Letter of recommendation for Neale and Pate, with some type of enclosure [perhaps Neale and Pate's letter of 3/14/51]: "we should forward the enclosed for your inspection and approval."
3/22/51	W Sloanaker to PMG Hall [National Archives]	Letter of introduction for JW Steel, engraver, to PMG Hall re 1851 stamp contract. J.W. Steel engraved the President's head for Sartain's Magazine in 1850. [No bid has been found from Steel.]
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.

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4/10/51	M Robinson to John Marron [National Archives]	Moncuse Robinson (a schoolfellow and friend of Marron) writes letter of introduction and recommendation for Toppan, Carpenter, re 1851 stamp contract. This was hand delivered by Samuel Carpenter on 4/16/51.
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.
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.
4/19/51	JR Ingersoll to PMG Hall [National Archives]	JR Ingersoll writes letter of introduction to PMG Hall for Toppan, Carpenter.
4/20/51	[See Danforth Bald letter to PMG Hall dated 3/11/51] [National Archives]  [See PMG Hall letter of 3/8/51]	Date of appointment of Danforth, Bald with PMG re stamp contract.  Deadline for bids for stamp contract. [TCC's appointment did not occur until 4/21/51 but this had been agreed by Marron as 4/20/51 was a Sunday.]
4/21/51	[See TCC to John Marron letter of 4/16/51] [National Archives]  Gorcoran & Riggs to PMG Hall [National Archives]  TCC letter to PMG Hall [National Archives]	Date of appointment of Samuel Carpenter and 3rd PMG Marron to discuss bid.  Gorcoran and Riggs write letter of introduction to PMG Hall for Toppan, Carpenter.  TCC requests quantity, time frames, and other info needed to prepare their proposal.
4/22/51	PMG Hall to Danforth Bald and TCC  Danforth Bald to PMG Hall  WT Hodge to PMG Hall [National Archives]  TCC to PMG Hall [National Archives]	Danforth Bald and TCC are finalists; what is best price for 4 year contract? Spells out some terms: steel plates and dies; gummed; no charge for plates or maintenance; two scenarios 3c only and 1c and 6c or 1c and 12c, with 3c.  Danforth Bald's final bid is 20c per thousand for all stamps; or 25c for others, in response to Hall letter.  Mr. W.T. Hodge recommends Toppan, Carpenter to PMG Hall re 1851 stamp contract.  TCC will submit proposal in accordance with PMG's suggestions tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. [The contents of this letter indicate it was written in the mid-afternoon.]
4/23/51	TCC to PMG Hall  [See notation on TCC letter of 4/23/51]  John Marron to TCC	Bid submitted by TCC for stamp contract. Bid is 15 cents per thousand stamps, if all stamps done by TCC. Different amounts for less than "all". Four heads (essays) were submitted.  PMG directs that TCC's bid is accepted for 4 years with verbal modifications agreed between Carpenter and Hall. Contract to be prepared and forwarded shortly.  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.
4/28/51	Newspaper article in Philadelphia Sun [Ashbrook, Vol. I, p. 46]	Newspaper article says "We have already stated that our townsmen, Messrs. Toppan, Carpenter & Co., have the contract." Article describes the designs of the 1, 3, and 12c stamps. [Note: 6c is no longer listed, indicating perhaps dropped from consideration.]

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5/10/51	NK Hall [handwritten notes regarding 1851 contract]	Hall's handwritten notes re 1851 contract and proposed changes.
5/16/51	John Marron to TCC	Asks for names of individuals in firm to insert in contract.
5/20/51	TCC to John Marron	Provides names of individuals for insertion in contract. Casilear's middle initial is incorrectly listed as "C" versus "W".
5/21/51	TCC to John Marron	Amends error in list of individuals, as Casilear is "W" not "C".
5/29/51	TCC to PMG Hall	TCC requests extension from 4 to 8 years. [The contract has not been signed at this point.]
5/30/51	PMG Hall to TCC	PMG agrees to extend contract to 6 years, not 8 as requested. Justifies extension based on certain unlisted modifications or stipulations not originally contemplated but agreed to by Carpenter.
5/31/51	TCC to PMG Hall	Plate for 12c, 3c, and 1c stamps ready for press. Awaiting paper (due 6/2/51) at which time they will commence printing.
	John Marron to TCC	Transmits contract, enclosed in duplicate, good for 6 years from date signed.
6/2/51	TCC to John Marron	Contract will be forwarded to NY for Casilear and Smillie signature and returned as soon as attested. TCC asks who should "witness" the signatures.
6/4/51	John Marron to TCC	Recommends that PM's at Philadelphia and New York City attest signatures for TCC at each of the two cities. Other persons would be acceptable.
6/5/51	TCC to John Marron	NY signatures have been attested. When Toppan returns to Philadelphia his will be attested by PM of Philadelphia, then returned to Post Office.
6/10/51	TCC to PMG Hall	Contracts signed returned to PMG Hall. Smillie and Casilear were in NYC office, other TCC partners were in Philadelphia, thus had different "witnesses."
	1851 Contract	First TCC contract commenced.
6/28/51	Newspaper editorial in Boston Daily Evening Transcript [Chase, p. 9]	Editorial discussing New Postage Law which goes into effect next Tuesday.
7/1/51	Newspaper editorial in New York Daily Tribune [Chase, p. 10]	Editorial discussing the Cheap Postage Law which goes into effect today.
	Act of 3/3/51	Effective date of new postage law going into effect.
7/14/51	SA Howland to John Marron [National Archives]	SA Howland wants stamp contract for New England states. [This letter was apparently written as TCC was having trouble keeping up with demand.]
11/29/51	PMG Report [extract]	PMG Report discusses new contract and superior quality, less price.



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1852 Contract for Stamped Envelopes

5/31/52	TCC to PMG Hall [National Archives]	TCC provides initial estimates of cost of stamped envelopes, and will get additional data for watermarked and threaded paper.
8/31/52	[Chase, p. 19]	Samuel Dickinson Hubbard of Connecticut becomes Postmaster General, under Pierce, replacing Hall.
	Act of 8/31/52	This is the first law authorizing stamp envelopes. To some extent it reduced the demand for adhesive stamps.
9/17/52	JT Crowell to John Marron [National Archives]	JT Crowell has learned of plans for stamped envelopes and offers opinions on various matters relating to their production, including security.
	JT Crowell to John Marron [National Archives]	JT Crowell provides additional information on stamped envelopes, esp. relating to watermarks. [Attached to letter is a paper covered with an eagles with figure 3's in their beaks.]
9/21/52	TCC to John Marron [National Archives]	TCC is upset that the PMG does not consider that the 1851 contract for producing stamps "of every description" does not cover stamped envelopes. TCC believes this business should be theirs.
9/24/52	TCC to PMG Hubbard [National Archives]	Cover letter for TCC proposals for the contract for furnishing stamped envelopes.
	TCC to John Marron [National Archives]	TCC proposals for the contract for furnishing stamped envelopes, @ \$2.70 per thousand envelopes.
	TCC to John Marron [National Archives]	TCC tells Marron what a pleasure it was to see the PMG this morning and discuss the stamped envelope proposal.
9/30/52	TCC to PMG Hubbard [National Archives]	TCC revises their bid for stamped envelopes, based on new information from papermakers.
10/6/52	TCC to John Marron [National Archives]	TCC inquires if the PMG has made up his mind regarding the stamped envelope contract.
10/7/52	Synopsis of Proposals for Stamped Envelopes [National Archives][This document is undated, and an approximate date is used here.]	This document summarizes the bids for stamped envelopes: Nesbitt (\$1.83 per thousand); TCC (\$2.60 per thousand); JT Crowell (\$2.47 per thousand).
10/19/52	TCC to John Marron [National Archives]	TCC responds to Marron's note telling them that Nesbitt has the stamped envelope contract. TCC feels it will seriously cut into their contract for furnishing stamps.
10/25/52	1852 Contract for Stamped Envelopes	Contract for producing stamped envelopes signed between Nesbitt and U.S. Post Office, to expire 6/10/57.
7/6/53	[insert reference from APS booklet on eku's]	EKU of stamped envelope produced by Nesbitt.

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Modification to the 1851 Contract for Postage Stamps - presorting of stamps into envelopes.

3/7/53	[Chase, p. 19]	James Mason Campbell of Pennsylvania becomes Postmaster General (replacing Hubbard), under Pierce.
3/3/55	3/3/55 Amendment to Act of 3/3/51 [National Archives]	Act allowed PMG to compel prepayment by stamps effective 1/1/56 for letters to places within the United States (excludes letters to/from foreign countries), from on or after 4/1/55.
	3/3/55 Amendment to Act of 3/3/51 [National Archives]	Act authorized Postmaster to establish system for registration of valuable letters, and to require a registration fee of 5 cents. [It was not mandatory to pay this fee in stamps until 6/1/67.]
	3/3/55 Amendment to Act of 3/3/51 [National Archives]	Increased rate of postage between Pacific coast and the East from 6c to 10c.
3/31/55	TCC to John Marron	Discusses using envelopes with precounted stamps for deliveries. This info was needed to establish costs, leading to eventual contract revision.
4/1/55	3/3/55 Amendment to Act of 3/3/51	Effective date of 3/3/1855 amendment: mandatory prepayment, rates, registration and 10 cent Trans-continental rate
4/12/55	TCC to John Marron	Asks for additional info re wrapping stamps in envelop paper before putting in envelopes; prelude to contract revision.
4/24/55	TCC to John Marron	Submits bid for putting up postage stamps in envelopes for subsequent shipment to post offices.
5/18/55	Summary of Stamp Agents & Clerks [National Archives]	Jesse Johnson hired as Stamp Agent at salary of \$1200 per year.
5/26/55	John Marron to TCC	Marron sends contract modification re presorting stamps into envelopes to TCC for signature. [This document is no longer in the archives but its existence is evident from letter dated 5/29/55.]
5/29/55	TCC to John Marron	TCC accepts contract modification of 5/26/1855 re presorting stamps into envelopes, at \$30 per thousand parcels processed.



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Modification to the 1851 Contract for Postage Stamps - perforation of postage stamps.

1/1/56	3/3/55 Amendment to Act of 3/3/51	After this date PMG may require use of stamps on prepaid letters.
11/4/56	[World Almanac and Book of Facts 1995, p. 634]	National election for President. James Buchanan elected. [Office holders including PMG now know they will be out of office in early March.]
	TCC to PMG Campbell	Three proposals for perforating stamps; which includes options to extend contract 4 to 6 years; gives comparison cost of British equipment; attaches estimate of cost of 3 machines, which were essentially given to Post Office at cost.
11/14/56	TCC to John Marron	Asks if PMG has reached any conclusions re perforation proposals.
11/27/56	TCC to PMG Campbell	TCC urges PMG to grant contract for perforating stamps; lengthy letter regarding profits and recent proposals; very detailed cost information.
2/6/57	John Marron to TCC	PMG signs modification to "First Contract", providing for perforation of postage stamps. If TCC's contract not renewed TCC will be paid \$3000 for machinery and \$6500 for 13 new plates (3 plates for 01c; 6 for 03c; 1 for 05c; 1 for 10c; 1 for 12c; 1 for 24c)]
2/9/57	TCC to John Marron	TCC agrees with terms to "First Contract" to perforate stamps under TCC's proposal No. 1, contained in TCC letter of 11/4/56.

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<u><i>1857 Contract for Postage Stamps (The Second TCC Contract)</i></u>		
10/1/54	[insert reference]xx	Approximate date that John W. Casilear departed from TCC.
7/6/55	[Luff, p. 55]	Casilear's name dropped off invoice letterhead, per Luff.
11/25/56	JL Vattier to PMG Campbell [National Archives]	Letter of introduction and recommendation for George T. Jones, formerly of Rawdon, Wright, Edson. Jones is interested in bidding on the contract for postage stamps.
12/6/56	GE Pugh to PMG Campbell [National Archives]	Pugh asks PMG Campbell when the present contract for supply postage stamps will expire. Docketing indicates answered 12/9: "Contract will expire 10 June 1857."
3/4/57	[World Almanac and Book of Facts 1995, p. 634]	James Buchanan takes office as President of United States.
3/6/57	[Chase, p. 19]	Aaron Vail Brown of Tennessee becomes Postmaster General (replacing James Campbell), under Buchanan.
3/18/57	J Randall to PMG Brown [National Archives]	Honorable Josiah Randall endorses TCC for contract.
	GH Martin to PMG Brown [National Archives]	Letter of introduction and recommendation for TCC, regarding the stamp contract.
	Former PMG Campbell to PMG Brown [National Archives]	Two weeks after leaving office former PMG Campbell endorses TCC for stamp contract. They performed their contract obligations to his entire satisfaction. If their contract had expired during his administration he would have renewed it without hesitation.
3/20/57	S Matthews to PMG Brown [National Archives]	Letter of introduction and recommendation for George T. Jones of Cincinnati.
3/30/57	TB Florence to PMG Brown [National Archives]	Highly recommends TCC.
	HM Phillips to PMG Brown [National Archives]	Letter of recommendation for TCC.
	JR Tyson to PMG Brown [National Archives]	Letter of introduction and recommendation for TCC.
	J Cadwallader to PMG Brown [National Archives]	Recommends TCC for renewal of stamp contract.
3/31/57	WB Reed to PMG Brown [National Archives]	Honorable William B Reed recommends TCC.
4/1/57	W Bigler to PMG Brown [National Archives]	William Bigler endorses TCC for continuance of stamp contract.
4/6/57	Second TCC contract	Date "Second Contract" signed by PMG: extended Toppan Carpenter's contract 4 years, effective 6/10/1857. Same as first except price and perfs: 14.5c for stamps, 2.0c perfs, 1.5c boxes &c. Document has several key attachments.
	John Marron Document [this item undated, hence date estimated]	Detailed justification for not competitively bidding the stamp contract of 1857; includes several keys letters as attachments including cost of perforation.
4/8/57	TCC to PMG Brown	Date "Second Contract" signed by TCC:
6/10/57	TCC's Second Contract with Post Office	Effective date of "Second Contract" of Toppan, Carpenter. Under this contract all stamps to be perforated.
	J Johnson to John Marron [National Archives]	Mr. Carpenter has informed Johnson that his old contract has expired. Johnson inquires about putting envelopes into paper and tin boxes for humid geographies.



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1861 Contract for Postage Stamps

5/1/58	[Boggs Canada, p. 101]	American Bank Note Company incorporated effective this date. Members included Toppan Carpenter, Rawdon Wright Hatch Edson, Danforth Perkins, Bald Cousland, Jocelyn Draper Welsh, Wellstood Hay Whiting, John Gavitt.
	[Boggs Canada, p. 101]	Charles Toppan became the first President of the American Bank Note Company.
	[insert reference]	Under articles of incorporation of American Bank Note Company, TCC's stamp production operation was not incorporated into America Bank Note Company. The contract remained separate.
3/9/59	[Chase, p. 19]	Horatio King of Maine appointed interim Postmaster General, as Brown died in office.
3/14/59	[Chase, p. 19]	Joseph Holt of Kentucky appointed Postmaster General, replacing Arron Brown.
	[verify this date.]	Rough date when A.N. Zevely became Third Assistant Postmaster General.
11/1/59	[Engraver's Line, p. 225]	Approximate date that National Bank Note Company incorporated.
5/18/60	J Guest to PMG Holt [National Archives]	Guest has inspected TCC's operation and gives it a clean bill of health. He evaluates a proposal to reduce the return of damaged stamps, and decides it does not payback.
11/6/60	[World Almanac and Book of Facts 1995, p. 634]	Lincoln elected President of United States.
11/13/60	J Guest to AN Zevely [National Archives]	Guest has examined the stamp contract, and does not find any clause allowing modifications of its provisions. He thinks however that TCC would consent to changes in packing and delivery of stamps.
11/23/60	E Lamasure to AN Zevely [National Archives]	He has been informed that the Postage Stamp Agency will be moved to Washington DC. As Senior Clerk, Lamasure expresses desire to move with it.
11/26/60	J Guest to AN Zevely [National Archives]	He has been ordered by PMG to move Postage Stamp Agency from Philadelphia to Post Office Dept. Charles F Steel has been appointed mail messenger at \$25/month to deliver stamps to Philadelphia PO.
12/20/60	[New Dietz, p. 3]	South Carolina passes order of secession.
1/9/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	Mississippi passes order of secession.
1/10/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	Florida passes order of secession.
1/11/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	Alabama passes order of secession.
1/18/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	Georgia passes order of secession.
1/26/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	Louisiana passes order of secession.
2/1/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	Texas passes order of secession.
2/4/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	Provisional Government of Confederate States of America is formed at Montgomery, Alabama.
2/9/61	[Dietz Postal Service of the Confederate States of America, p. 1]	Jefferson Davis of Mississippi is elected to Presidency of Confederacy, Alexander Stephens of Georgia is Vice President.
2/12/61	[Chase, p. 19]	Horatio King of Maine replaces Joseph Holt as PMG. Holt became Secretary of War.



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2/16/61	John Dainty to [Post Office Department] [This letter was enclosed with JC Sims letter of 2/18/61.][National Archives]	Dainty is desirous of obtaining the contract for postage stamps.
2/18/61	JC Sims to Hon. Simon Cameron [National Archives]	Sims forwards Dainty's letter of 2/16/61 to Cameron, expressing interest in the stamp contract.
2/27/61	Act of 2/27/61	Ten cent rate of postage per each half-ounce to be prepaid on letters conveyed in mail from any point in USA east of Rockies to any state or territory on Pacific coast and vice-versa.
3/4/61	[World Almanac and Book of Facts 1995, p. 634]	Abraham Lincoln takes office as President of the United States.
	[Dietz Postal Service of the Confederate States of America, p. 4]	American Bank Note Company submits bid for CSA stamp contract: approx. 20 cents per 1000.
3/6/61	[Dietz Postal Service of the Confederate States of America, p. 2]	John Reagan of Texas appointed Postmaster General of Confederate States of America.
	TCC to AN Zevely [National Archives]	TCC inquires when PMG will advertise for a new postage stamp contract. [Docketing indicates they received an answer on 3/7/61.]
3/7/61	[Chase, p. 20]	Montgomery Blair of Washington DC replaces Horatio King as PMG.
3/13/61	[Dietz Postal Service of the Confederate States of America, p. 5]	George F. Nesbitt submits bid on CSA stamp contract: he will provide envelopes, American Bank Note Company will do stamps.
3/16/61	Draft copy of Post Office bid notice	Draft copy of advertisement that will be issued soliciting bids for the 1861 contract.
3/27/61	[EPJ #84. [p. 154]	Confederate PMG advertises for bids for stamps. [This date differs slightly from Dietz and from Morris Everett chronology which shows 4/2/61.]
	[American Philatelist, July 1961, p. 739]	Date of advertisement soliciting bids for U.S. stamps. Deadline is 12 midnight of 4/30/61. Stipulated that numerals would be employed, and specimens, type of paper; and before final signing of the contract, proofs need be submitted.
3/30/61	[EPJ #84. [p. 165]	Date ad was run in the New York Daily Tribune [and perhaps other papers] soliciting proposals for U.S. stamps.
4/1/61	[US Mail and PO Assistant, April 61]	Article in U.S. Mail and PO Assistant: establishment of Messrs. Carpenter is model of care and accuracy throughout.
	Summary of Stamp Agents & Clerks [National Archives]	Date of D.M. Boyd's appointment as stamp agent, replacing Jesse Johnson. The two assistants remained unchanged until Agency removed to NY City.
4/2/61	[Dietz Postal Service of the Confederate States of America, p. 3]	Proposal to obtain bidders for postage stamps for the Confederate States of America appears in newspapers. Reagan wrote this advertisement on 3/27/61.
4/12/61	[Siegel #754, Everett sale]	Fort Sumter attacked in Charleston Harbor-first battle of Civil War. First gun of War fired.
4/15/61	[Dietz Postal Service of the Confederate States of America, p. 2]	Lincoln calls for 75,000 volunteers for 3 months service to overthrow the secession movement.
4/17/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	Virginia passes order of secession.
4/25/61	TCC to PMG Blair	Bid by TCC for 1861 contract, various propositions, long explanation.
	Union Bank Note Company bid. [National Archives]	Undated [docketing indicates 4/25/61], bid for postage stamps, at rate of 16 3/4 cents per thousand. Samples and paper were enclosed. Docketing indicates "not a definite bid."
	Union Bank Note Company bid.	Undated bid [date shown here is an estimate] for two color stamps, at rate of 52c per thousand, plus packaging.



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4/26/61	JM Butler to AN Zevely [National Archives]	John M Butler endorses TCC for the stamp contract. From its content, this letter was written post submission of TCC's bid. [Butler later was the partner of Joseph Carpenter in Butler and Carpenter.]
	Various Merchants and Bankers to PMG Blair [National Archives]	Various merchants and bankers of Philadelphia endorse TCC for stamp contract. [This letter does not have a month and date, just "1861"]
4/27/61	C Wister to AN Zevely [National Archives]	Charles Wister endorses TCC for the stamp contract.
	JM Butler to PMG Blair [National Archives]	John M Butler endorses TCC for the stamp contract. [Butler later was the partner of Joseph Carpenter in Butler and Carpenter.]
4/30/61	American Bank Note to Zevely	Bid by American Bank Note Company for 1861 contract, including statement that TCC was present at board meeting where decision made. Includes statement dated 4/26/61 from architect re fire proof building.
	[American Philatelist, July 1961, p. 739]	Deadline given in prior advertisements for bids to be submitted on the 1861 US stamp contract.
5/1/61	CB Smith to AN Zevely [National Archives]	Caleb Smith endorses George T Jones of Cincinnati.
	Summary of bids	Summarizes bids for 1861 contract, TCC, ABNCo, NBNCo, Geo T Jones.
5/3/61	SP Chase to PMG Blair [National Archives]	SP Chase endorses George T Jones of Cincinnati. Jones proposed engraving house would be in Washington DC.
5/6/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	Arkansas passes order of secession.
	[EPJ #84, p. 155]	New York paper blasts American Bank Note Company for bidding on both Confederate and US stamp contracts.
5/10/61	PMG Blair to NBNCo.	PMG Blair accepts bid of National Bank Note Company. Requires that National prepare designs and furnish impressions of denominations, gummed, perforated, with envelopes, boxes, &c.
5/11/61	[See TCC to AN Zevely dated 5/13/61]	Zevely tells TCC that National Bank Note has been awarded the 1861 stamp contract; TCC should stop production; Zevely asks TCC for specimens of various in-house forms.
5/13/61	NBNCo. to AN Zevely [American Philatelist, July 1961, p. 741]	F Shephard of NBNCo. enclosed a newspaper clipping that erroneously reported that American Bank Note Company had been awarded the 1861 contract.
	TCC to AN Zevely	TCC tells Zevely his letter of 5/11 received; production halted; 55 million stamps on hand; TCC refuses to provide in-house forms.
5/21/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	North Carolina passes order of secession.
5/31/61	[Siegel #754, Everett sale]	Confederate Post Office established.
6/1/61	[Dietz Postal Service of the Confederate States of America, p. 16]	Postmaster General Blair suspends mail service to Confederate States of America.
6/8/61	[New Dietz, p. 3]	Tennessee passes order of secession.
6/10/61	1851 Contract	Date of expiration of Toppan Carpenter contract to manufacture stamps. TCC continued to provide stamps to the Post Office through the transition, until National Bank Note could be in full production.



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6/10/61	1851 Contract	Date of expiration of Toppan Carpenter 1857 contract to manufacture stamps. TCC continued to provide stamps to the Post Office through the transition, until National Bank Note could be in full production.
6/25/61	AN Zevely to TCC	Continue to deliver stamps as before; you will be informed as to what to do with balance on hand.
7/27/61	NBN to AN Zevely [American Philatelist, July 1961, p. 743]	National Bank Note proposes revised first delivery date of 8/15/61 due to color issues and shortage of supply.
8/10/61	Summary of Stamp Agents & Clerks [National Archives]	Stamp Agency was moved from Philadelphia to New York City.
8/14/61	TCC to AN Zevely [National Archives]	Due to unexpected orders, TCC is unable to forward the balance of their remaining stock of postage stamps to Mr. Guest, Special Agent; will send partial delivery tomorrow.
	[Ashbrook Special Service First Series, p. 19, quote from Ward]	Receipt for dies, rolls and plates from Toppan, Carpenter by U.S. Treasury Mint. Corresponds to close of contract and printing. This receipt lists the number of plates of each value and the number of dies and rolls.
8/15/61	[EPJ #84, p. 168]	Effective date of new postage stamp contract with National Bank Note Company.
	TCC to AN Zevely	Offer by TCC to Post Office to reduce price to 12 cents for stock on hand, instead of 16.5 cents (per contract). Inventory was kept on hand as safety stock and for 'seasoning'; no more printing since 5/11 have reduced stock from 55 million to 28 million.
	TCC to AN Zevely	Part of TCC's remaining inventory of postage stamps have been given to Mr. Guest. 11,710,845 were delivered by TCC prior to removal of Stamp Agency.
8/16/61	TCC to AN Zevely	Final delivery of stock on hand, 14 million more, for 28 million total; at reduced rate of 12 cents per thousand this is approximately \$3,352.
9/30/61	[Travers' notes.]	Due to shortage of National Bank Note stamps, TCC's old stamps (1857 issue) were reintroduced. Hence TCC is due more money (\$3,324) as they had struck a deal with the Post Office to write down the old inventory as unusable.
10/22/61	[Insert reference]xx	TCC writes Zevely "We are much in want of money. Will you be so kind as to give attention to our a/c rendered 7th inst. and remit the amount at your earliest convenience?"
11/1/61	1861 Contract	Date of contract for 1861 issue. [This was several months after start of production, perhaps delayed due to War.]
11/5/61	[Insert reference]xx	This is date National Bank Note's stamp contract finally got signed due to other pressing needs on contract division (war)

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<i>Date of Document</i>	<i>From who to whom</i>	<i>Summary of Issue</i>
<u><i>Post TCC Contract Period</i></u>		
4/2/63	Samuel Carpenter to Internal Revenue [Luff, p. 58]	Carpenter (of the late firm of TCC) describes contract with Post Office for perforating stamps. [Agrees with the modification to the contract signed 2/6/57.]
6/1/66	[insert reference from Engraver's Line]xx	Samuel Carpenter dies in 1866. [Date is uncertain.]
11/20/74	[Insert reference]	Charles Toppan dies in Florence, Italy.
9/1/77	[Mekeels, Ward article 5/4/56]	A.D. Shepard delivers plates and dies, rolls to H.A. Chambers for 1851-57 issue. [Related to reprints made in 1870's]