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General Post Office  
New York July 6<sup>th</sup> 1790.  
To Robert Patten Esq:

Sir Mr. Grumman makes his request that I will permit him to draw from you, money to enable his Post Rider to perform his duty. — I do not know till this day that you have been obliged to send the money to Lancaster — Mr. Grumman however says you are willing to oblige him. —

If in the course of the quarter commencing the fifth instant, you advance him Eighty Dollars his receipt for that sum shall be carried to your credit. —

I am R. S. O.

To Wm. H. Hobby Esq:  
General Post Office  
New York July 8<sup>th</sup> 1790.  
Sir

I have this day drawn on you in favor of Mr. Peace for One hundred & Sixteen Dollars which I hope will meet with due honour. —

I am R. S. O.

Miss Goddard  
General Post Office  
New York July 9<sup>th</sup> 1790.

Madam

I have this day drawn on you in favor of Gabriel P. Vanhorn for one hundred and Forty Nine Dollars & 33<sup>cts</sup> in consequence of advice received from Mr. Vanhorn that you were ready to answer a debt of £50. — The sum I have drawn for is 10<sup>o</sup> Dollars more than Fifty

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Fifty Pounds. — I hope the Draft will meet with due honor. —  
I am Madam R. S. O.

General Post Office  
New York July 9<sup>th</sup> 1790.  
Gabriel P. Vanhorn Esq:  
Sir

Mr. Merlin had received an order on Mr. Patten for 275 Dollars before your letter came to hand. —

I enclose to you an order on my Government for 149 $\frac{1}{2}$  Dollars, which is 16 Dollars more than the sum you mentioned, but as this is undoubtedly short of the balance due from him, I hope he will not make any difficulty on account of this difference in the sum. —

I could not conveniently draw on any other person for the 16 Dollars. —

I am Sir R. S. O.

To James Pipe Esq:  
General Post Office  
New York July 9<sup>th</sup> 1790.  
Sir

I have drawn on you in favor of Mr. Robert Hodgson for 10<sup>o</sup> Dollars and 6 Cents. —

The balance due on your account ending January and April is 98 Dollars 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  Cents; thus with the balance of the account owing of Mr. (which is not yet received) will I hope be sufficient to pay the bill. —

I am Sir R. S. O.

General Post Office  
New York July 9<sup>th</sup> 1790

Mr. Ross Hodgeson

Sir

Your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant  
came duly to hand together with your accts.  
ending the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst.

The balance is £214.5 equal to 5,99 Dols.  
The Postmaster General cannot draw on Mr.  
Patten or you soon as he has always anti-  
cipated the Revenue of that office to a con-  
siderable amount. —

I enclose an Accts on Mr. James Poper  
Postmt at Chestertown for 119 Dollars & 8 Cents,  
which is the balance due to you after ad-  
ducting the above sum for balance of your  
account as Postmaster. —

This draft will undoubtedly be paid  
at sight as Mr. Poper has the money in  
his hands. —

I am Sirs I. J. B.

To Robert Patten Esqur.

General Post Office  
New York July 10<sup>th</sup> 1790 —

Sir

I am this day favored with yours of  
the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, in which is enclosed my draft  
in favor of S. Anderson for 13.50 Dollars — also Mr.  
Burrall's draft in favor of Mr. Neale for 27.5 Dols.  
which is to your credit for the present quarter.

Mr. Howell has also paid the 30 Dols.  
for the receipt you enclosed me. which you

you state as the balance of your quarterly account  
ending the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. —

Any alterations that you may think proper to  
make with respect to Mr. Hodgeson's passing from  
Chestertown to Easton will meet with my appro-  
bation. —

I am Sirs,  
I. J. B.

Mr. John Conways

General Post Office  
New York July 10<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir

I have received your favor of the 21<sup>st</sup> of June and  
agreably to your request I have enclosed a Bond and the Letters  
of Office necessary to be executed to qualify you to act as Deputy  
Postmaster at Georgetown Roads. There must be two  
juries in the Bond — when executed you will return  
them to this Office, and a commission will be issued to you  
in the usual form. —

I am Sirs,

Mr. John Conways.

I. J. B.

General Post Office  
New York July 15<sup>th</sup> 1790 —

Mr. Jeremiah Mahony

Sir

Herewith you will receive a com-  
mission constituting you Deputy Postmaster at Shan-  
ibusky in the state of Pennsylvania. —

I am Sirs  
I. J. B.

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John Holmes Esq.

Genl Post Office July 25<sup>th</sup> 1790.

Sir,  
I enclose a statement of your account which with  
Trinings balance amounts to 1585. 61 for which you have the  
following orders

One Lemuel Standish — For —	101. 54
John Drury —	53. 61
George Purdie —	27. 12
John Graham —	361. 59
Aug. Davis —	935. 6
James Deneville —	30. 23
Timothy Brundige —	67. 8
William Winsto —	223. 69
Edward Arthur —	285. 94
	1585. 61

I could not draw on Mr. Patten as he has no money  
in his hands — I have charged the £14 you account of  
Mr. Graham at Dumfries, and have deducted the 14 Dollars  
charged for a failure last quarter, which is not wanted as if  
you carry the mail once a week faster than you con-  
trived to do —

It will be perfectly agreeable to the Postmaster General  
that you should contract to carry the mail through the  
Southern States — The advertisements will appear early  
and you will have time to consider of it and make your  
arrangements —

I am Sirs J.P.

Augt Davis Esq.

Genl Post Office July 25<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir

I dues on you some days ago in favor of R. French  
for 35 Dollars and have this day drawn in favor of Col. Holmes  
for 135. 6, it being the balance of your acct to July 5<sup>th</sup> 1790 —

This will exceed the sum you make to these about 12/2, and  
is occasioned by the following errors — At Jan'y Ant. balance is 6 1/2  
too much — Apr' and 13 1/2 too little, being 93. 8 error in entering  
3 of the Post Bills — Letters undischarged omitted in and about 10 Dollars  
and Letters mispent overcharged 6 Dollars — July Ant 4 1/2 overpaid  
in the Commissaries —

I enclose to you Mr. James Neary's Act with the Genl. P. Offic.  
The Postmaster General requests you to commence a suit against  
him in the Federal Court — You will please to fee the Attorney  
and pay any other necessary expenses, charging the same in your Accts.  
The original and file to be kept whenever they are wanted — J.P.

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General Post Office  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 1790.

To William Winsto Esquire.

Sir

I have drawn on you in favor of Col. John Holmes  
for 225 Dollars of credit balance of your account ending July 5<sup>th</sup>. —  
This is less than you make the balance and is occasioned by  
a deduction from your charge for Ship Letters — the Ordinance of Con-  
gress allows only 1/100 of a Dollar each to be paid for them, and your charge  
one penny Virginia currency. —

I am Sirs,

J.P.

General Post Office  
New York July 29<sup>th</sup> 1790.

John Drury Esquire

Sir

I have this day drawn on you in favor of Col.  
Holmes for Fifty three Dollars and 61 cents its being the balance of  
your account to April 5<sup>th</sup> agreeable to the Books of this Office. —

Mr. Stott's appointment will be attended to speedily. —

I am Sirs,

J.P.

General Post Office  
New York July 29<sup>th</sup> 1790.

Augt. Townsend Esquire.

Sir

Your accounts for the quarters ending the 5<sup>th</sup>  
April & 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1790 were duly received to gether with the  
respective balances. —

I am Sirs,

J.P.

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Edward Archer Esquire  
Sir

General Post Office  
New York July 25<sup>th</sup> 1790.

Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>m</sup> together with your  
amounts for the quarter ending the 5<sup>th</sup> of April were due  
by you received. — There are several small errors in the  
amount amounting to 2<sup>11</sup>/<sub>12</sub> more than you make the  
balance. —

The order for £97.19 was drawn before your note  
ending January 5<sup>th</sup> were received, and was not in-  
tended for the exact balance. — I have since drawn on  
you in favor of Col<sup>l</sup>. Humes for 79 Dollars 16 Cents, and  
have this day drawn for 140 Dollars 57 Cents to balance  
your amounts to April 5<sup>th</sup>, and for 145.<sup>91</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for the quar-  
ter ending July 5<sup>th</sup>, which amounts have not yet  
come to hand. — Your delay in sending the amounts  
makes it necessary to draw on you before they are  
received, as the Postmaster General has no other way  
of paying the contractors; the whole revenue of the  
General Post Office being required to defray the expen-  
ses of carrying the mail. —

I am Sir B<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup> I<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup>.

James Dorwell  
Sir

General Post Office  
New York July 29<sup>th</sup> 1790

I have received your amounts current  
to April the 5<sup>th</sup> but no Comptroller's bills. —

I conclude you have no blanks, and have directed  
that some be sent to you — they must be an exact  
copy of your book both of the letters record and print. —

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I have drawn on you in favor of Col<sup>l</sup>. Humes for 30 Dollars and  
23 Cents, which is the balance of your amounts to April 5<sup>th</sup> 1790 agree-  
ably to your Statement —

I am Sir B<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup> I<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup>.

General Post Office  
The President of the United States  
Sir

New York July 29<sup>th</sup> 1790.

I have examined the Documents in the General  
Post Office with respect to the arrival of the Mail at Richmond and  
find but two instances of failure since the first of April last to the  
first of July instant, in delivering the Mail that goes forth from  
this place to Richmond, excepting that it sometimes happens half  
an hour and sometimes an hour after the time fixed for its arrival.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April last the Mail going southward was  
detained 24 Hours by the rise of the Waters of the Pamunkey, and  
consequently arrived a day later than it ought to have arrived  
at Richmond. —

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June the streams of Water south of Susque-  
hannah were rendered impaible by a heavy Rain. — The Mail  
that ought to have arrived at Richmond from the Northward  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> did not arrive till the 30<sup>th</sup> when two Mails were de-  
livered at the same time. — At this time Mr. Charles Burnall  
was travelling in the Stage on the business of the Post Office between  
Susquehannah and Baltimore, and he informs me that, on  
the 28<sup>th</sup> day they could not pass with the Stages or with private  
Horses. — Excepting these instances the Way Bills given  
by the Postmaster at Richmond show that the Mail is  
delivered with as much punctuality in Richmond as it  
is in New York. —

I am Sir B<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup> I<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup>  
S.O.

General Post Office  
Augustine Davis Esqur. New York July 30<sup>th</sup> 1790.

Sir

The Merchants and other Inhabitants of Richmond have memorialized the President of the United States on the frequent detention of the mail, & its not arriving at the fixed times at Richmond.

On the 1st of that Memorial I wrote the President as follows:

I have examined the Documents in the General Post Office with respect to the arrival of the mail at Richmond, and find but two instances of failure since the first of April last to the first of July instant in delivering the mail that goes forth from this place to Richmond; except that it sometimes arrives half an hour and sometimes an hour after the time fixed for its arrival.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April last the mail going forth was detained twenty four hours by the rise of the Waters of the Pamunkey; and consequently arrived a day later than it ought to have arrived at Richmond.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of June the streams of Water both of the Susquehannah were rendered impetuous by a heavy rain — The Mail that ought to have arrived at Richmond from the Northward on the 28<sup>th</sup> did not arrive till the 30<sup>th</sup> when two mails were delivered at the same time.

At this time Mr. Charles Burall was travelling on the Stage on the business of the Post Office between Susquehannah and Baltimore; and he informs me that

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for one day they could not pass with the Stage or with single Horses.

Excepting these instances, the Way Bills given by the Postmaster at Richmond show that the Mail is delivered with as much punctuality at Richmond as it is in New York.

The mail that ought to have arrived at Richmond on the 28<sup>th</sup> probably convey'd Intelligence that the Senate were about striking the Indians out of the funding bill — Perhaps the uneasiness may have arisen from some of this source at that particular moment.

You will oblige me, by informing me, what has in your opinion what has been the source of the Complaint.

Mr. Hoomes is the responsible man to the Public, and I am well persuaded he will do all that he can, to prevent irregularities in the mail.

I am Sir &c S.O.

John Hoomes Esqur.

General Post Office  
New York July 30<sup>th</sup> 1790.

Sir

The President of the United States having received a Memorial from the Merchants and other Inhabitants of Richmond complaining of the frequent detention of the Mail, and that it does not arrive at the times fixed for its arrival at Richmond, obliges me to request your particular attention to this matter.

Between the first of April and the first of July there have been two failures — On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April by the rise of the Waters of the Pamunkey and on the 25<sup>th</sup> June two mails were delivered at the same time at Richmond, owing to a detention of the Mail north of Alexandria occasioned by very heavy Rain.

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I have no doubt you have done and will continue to do all you can to prevent such complaints, which are unpleasant in any view, but more especially so, if well founded.—

Mr Davis has published the Schedule of the time of your arrival, and of the closing of the Mail at Richmond—By the Way Bills it appears that the Mail sometimes arrives punctually, sometimes half an hour & an hour after the time.—

I have attended to your letter with respect to a contract for carrying the Mail the next year from Edenton to Savannah—Advertisements will be made for receiving proposals for carrying the mail the ensuing year, as usual— I shall be happy to receive your proposals and think you may contract for that distance on better terms for the public than those that exist for the present.—

I am Sir &c S.O.

A/cd Turnersburg

General Post Office July 25<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir

I find between the 20<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of June last the Way Bills between Baltimore, and Richmond have not been sent to this Office—If they are among the papers that were delivered over to you by Mr Hamilton I will thank you enclosing them to me—and also that you will regularly furnish me with all Way Bills that issue from and return to your Office.—

I hope you find the Office as agreeable as you expected, and that the business is not very intricate.—

I am Sir &c S.O.

John Hastings Esquire  
Sir

General Post Office  
New York July 31<sup>st</sup> 1790  
Your favor of the 20<sup>th</sup> of July was duly received together with your quarterly accounts ending the 5<sup>th</sup> instant I will thank you to enclose the order on you in favor of Mr Phillips.—

By our Book the Balance due from you to the Genl Post Office is fifty two pounds.—

I have drawn on you at five Days sight in favor of Mr Levi Peace for One hundred and Sixteen Dollars.—

I am Sir &c S.O.

Levi Peace

Sir

General Post Office  
New York July 31<sup>st</sup> 1790

I have received the Draft for one hundred and Sixteen Dollars which was in your favour on Mr Hobby and not satisfied—

I enclose a Draft for the same sum on Mr Hastings which I expect will be punctually paid.—

I am &c S.O.

John Erskine Esq:

Sir

General Post Office

New York July 31<sup>st</sup> 1790

I have received your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant relative to an alteration in the Post Office days—

Mr. Patton wrote to the Postmaster General on the subject on the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. and he gave him permission to make any alteration he thought best—

Your amounts to the 5<sup>th</sup> July were duly received and are right.—

I am &c J.B.

General Post Office  
Robert Patton Esq<sup>r</sup> New York July 31<sup>st</sup> 1790

Sir.

I have received your favor of the 26<sup>th</sup> July enclosing a Receipt for which Mr Howell gave me Thirty Dollars, and this sum is according to your Credit. —

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant has also been received enclosing Mr. Drue's Receipt for 200 Dollars which is to your Credit. —

I should be very happy to oblige Mr. Holmes by advancing him two hundred Dollars in Philadelphia. But it will be very inconvenient for me to do so. There is money enough in Virginia and I doubt not he will receive it punctually. —

I am Sir &  
S.O.

Robert M'Graw  
Sir

General Post Office  
New York Aug. 2<sup>d</sup> 1790

Your favor of the 22<sup>nd</sup> came to hand the 31<sup>st</sup> which enclosed your quarterly account current ending the 5<sup>th</sup> ulto. The Comptroller's bills and Dead Letters have also been received. — I thank you for the information relative to the arrival of the mail, complaints has been received from Richmond relative to the arrival of the mail there. — I have a very good opinion of Mr. Holmes the contractor, and am glad your information tends to confirm me in that opinion.

I expect by your account that the occasion of the irregularity is north of Alexandria. — Some unavoidable accidents there will be. To these the public must submit. —

<sup>154</sup> But when none such exist, and the mail does not arrive regularly the Public have a right to complain. — The contractor is the person who is responsible for failure. —

The following is the Schedule agreed to by Mr. Van Horne. — See his contract. —

In Alexandria the Mails to arrive on the above days vizt. Tuesday Thursday & Saturday at nine O'clock in the Morning and to remain in the office, if required, the number of Hours stipulated in the contract for large offices. — The Contractor is to receive the Mail at the time the same is closed as above specified. The stipulation in the contract referred to, is Two hours for Capital offices. —

I have to request that you will duly inform me of any irregularities in the arrival of the Mail, either North or South. —

I am Sir & S.O.

No I have enclosed the old Instructions & recommend to you an observance of the Sixth Article, in answer to what you wrote me relative to that subject. —

No The following statement of the arrival of the Mail at Alexandria was enclosed in the preceding letter to Robert M'Graw Esq<sup>r</sup>. —

The Way Bills that I have received since the first of July are as follows.  
July 3<sup>d</sup> the mail was received at Alexandria at 10 P.M. Lost 3 Hours  
5 Ditto —————— Ditto —————— 4 P.M.  
7 Ditto —————— Ditto —————— 7 P.M.  
9 No Way Bill came to hand  
12 Way Bill, no entry at Alexandria. All besides entered  
14 Received at Alexandria —————— 8 P.M. — 1  
16 Ditto —————— 8 P.M. — 1  
19 recd at —————— Ditto the 20<sup>th</sup> —————— 4 P.M. — 21  
20 No entry at Alex<sup>a</sup> all the rest entered

The Mails of the 19 & 21 went in the same Stage from Alex<sup>a</sup> to Richmond — The Postmaster at Baltimore certifies that the Mail of the 19<sup>th</sup> was delayed by the rise of the Waters

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Waters of the Patowmick. -- We pleasure to inform  
me why no entry of the time of arrival of Mail  
appears on the Bill of the 12<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

General Post Office  
New York Aug 2<sup>d</sup> 1790

Gabriel D'Urfey Esquire  
Sir.

Sir I have enclosed for your inspection a  
Statement of the arrival of the Mail at Baltimore and Alexandria  
by which it will appear that there is not so much regularity in  
this respect as there ought to be, and it has occasioned  
complaints. --

The Way Bill dated the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1790 returned to Baltimore  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> Mail received at Baltimore ... 7 P.M.

10<sup>th</sup> Ditto ... 4 P.M.

13<sup>th</sup> Ditto ... 12 3/4 P.M. Lost 5 Hours

15<sup>th</sup> no Bill

17<sup>th</sup> arrived at Baltimore ... 9 P.M. ... 2 D.

20<sup>th</sup> rec'd 3/4 past 6 on the 21<sup>st</sup> ... 22 1/2 Lost

22<sup>nd</sup> rec'd at Baltimore ... 9 P.M. ... 2 D.

25<sup>th</sup> This bill was not rec'd at Balt' till the 27<sup>th</sup>

27<sup>th</sup> rec'd at Baltimore ... 9 P.M. ... 2

The Mails that had the Way Bills of the 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> both  
went on together from Alexandria to Richmond. --

In the Way Bill that should have been received at Bal-  
timore on the 20<sup>th</sup> Mr. Furnival has made the following  
note. "This delay was occasioned by the heavy rains  
which rendered the River Patowmick impassible"

July 2<sup>d</sup> Mail Rec'd at Alex'a at ... 10 P.M. lost 3 Hours

5 Ditto ... 4 P.M.

7 Ditto ... 4 P.M.

July 2<sup>d</sup> Mail rec'd at Alex'a ...  
12<sup>th</sup> Bill but no entry at Alexandria  
14<sup>th</sup> Mail received ... 8 P.M. 1 Hour lost  
16<sup>th</sup> Ditto ... 8 1/2 P.M. 1 1/2 D.  
19<sup>th</sup> Received on the 20<sup>th</sup> ... 4 P.M. 21 1/2 D.  
21<sup>st</sup> No entry at Alexandria

I have no doubt but you will pay that attention to the regular con-  
veyance of the Mail which the importance of its requires. --

I am Sir Be, S.O.

General Post Office  
Alex'd Furnival Esq<sup>r</sup>  
New York Aug 2<sup>d</sup> 1790  
Sir

Complaints from Alexandria having  
been made that the Mail from the Northwest of  
that place is very irregular in its arrival, I find  
there is too much reason for the same.

The next complaint I expect will be from Bal-  
timore. -- The following Schedule taken from the Way  
Bills shows the irregularity of the Mails arrival  
at your place since the 1<sup>st</sup> of July last.

See the Schedule in the preceding Letter to Mr.  
Van Horne. --

The Mails that had the Way Bills of the 25<sup>th</sup> &  
27<sup>th</sup> both went on together from Alexandria to Rich'd  
on the Way bill that should have been received  
at Baltimore the 20<sup>th</sup> is the following Note: -

"This delay was occasioned by the Heavy Rain,  
which rendered the River Patowmick impassible.  
Did the same Rain occur two Miles going  
from Alexandria to the southward at the same  
time? -- The Way Bill that you should have

have received the 16<sup>th</sup>, so kind enough to forward, if it is not already forwarded. — and to keep me as well informed as you can, as to any irregularities in the arrival of the Mail. —

I am Sir S.C.

General Post Office  
Robert Patton Esq<sup>r</sup> New York Augt 8<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir

Your favor of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>m</sup>. was duly received which enclosed Isaac Grummans Receipt for Eighty Dollars. This sum is to your Credit in account with the General Post Office for the present Quarter. —

I am Sir S.C.

General Post Office  
John Bradley Esq<sup>r</sup> New York Augt 8<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir

In your Letter to the Postmaster General you have noticed a difference between in several sums between the amount I sent you and your own. — I have examined the original amounts and shall now point out the ones which occasioned the difference. —

The first is in the sum recd of Henry Mather the 15<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1790 which you say is overcharge £2.90. — Your Receipt is filed in the Office for £1.08 and I believe you will find that to be the sum I have charged you. —

In the October Account the Comptroller Bill No 4 is short added to Posts which makes the Diff<sup>n</sup>. April Account is balanced on the Credit side of — this with some other small Errors makes the difference in the Accounts — The principal difference is in the sum received of Mather, and your Receipt appears for that agreeable to the charge. —

I am Sir S.C. D.P.

General Post Office  
Sebastian Beauman Esq<sup>r</sup> New York Augt 16<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir

Mr. Lee has been with me this morning and informs me that he finds it necessary to answer many official Letters in the absence of the President which ought not to be charged with postage. —

Mr. Lee will furnish you with an impression of the Seal of Office. And all Letters having the same impression and endorsed on the power of the President and signed by Mr. Lee, you will be pleased to forward free of Postage. —

I am Sir S.C.

General Post Office  
Sam Hasting Esq<sup>r</sup> New York Augt 17<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir

I have enclosed your favor with the Order in favor of Mr. William Phillips enclosed in its

Encl<sup>e</sup> you will find your account as it stands on the late Postmaster General's Books from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1790 to the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1790. —

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The Ordinance of Congress which I con-  
curred you have for regulating the  
Post Office says "The Postmaster shall receive  
and Despatching to and from Members and  
Secretary of Congress, while actually at-  
tending Congress, shall pass and be  
carried free of postage." —

I am Sir &c.

General Post Office  
New-York August 5<sup>th</sup> 1790. —

Sir

I have been honored with the Perusal of Mr. Horner's  
Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> of August accompanied with sundry  
Vouchers relative to the Regularity & good Order  
of the Transportation of the public Mail by Mr. Horner

I act with great Satisfaction remarks, in  
Behalf of that Gentleman, that I am fully persuaded  
the Testimonials are well founded; & that by his  
Integrity & constant Attention to the regular Performance  
of his Contract, he merits the Confidence of the public  
The failures North of Alexandria have in sundry  
Instances occasioned the irregular Arrival of the Mail  
at Richmond. Four Instances of failure are mentioned in  
the Certificate to have happened from the first of April,  
that of the 11<sup>th</sup> June was probably occasioned by the mistake  
of the Postmaster at Fredericksburg. I did not discover  
this after I had wrote my Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> July that  
the Way Bill which ought to have informed me of this  
Error was missing. I wrote for it immediately but have  
not as yet obtained it. —

I did not notice the failure of the 27 April & by again referring  
to the Way Bills of the 20 & 22 of April I find no Note on them  
by the Postmaster at Richmond of any Irregularity  
But his quarterly Accounts show that two Mail were received  
at the junction from the North of Baltimore on the 25<sup>th</sup> April  
at half past 7 P.M. — Of the four Instances of failure  
one happened by the hands of the Postmaster at Fredericksburg. I  
have Certificate that two were occasioned by heavy rains  
and that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April the Mail did not arrive in  
Season for Baltimore from the northward & consequently remained  
at Baltimore till the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April when two Mail left that place for  
Richmond. In all these Instances Mr. Horner stands fully acquitted. —

I have the Honor to be dear

The President of the United States.

Robert Morris Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Postmaster at Hampton

General Post Office Aug<sup>st</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir,

I have recd your account for the  
quarter ending July 5<sup>th</sup> 1790. You charge P each for Step Letters, whereas  
the Ordinance of Congress authorizes the payment of 190 of a Dollar  
only, which is all that will be allowed in our Settlement at the  
Treasury Office. This makes a difference of 9 in your account

The Bill for regulating the Post office Dept was left in consequence  
of a disagreement between the Senate & House of Representatives  
I send you some Comptrollers Bills & Accounts current as  
I am Dear JFB.

Jacob Richardson P.M. at Newport - Genl. Post Office Aug<sup>st</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir,

Your account for the quarter ending Ap<sup>ril</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> are duly recd, together  
with 10 Dollars in Cash which is paid to your credit —

The late Postmaster General's return of Deputies in service contains the  
Names of John Mumford and Thomas Potter at East Greenwich and  
South Kingston. — Will you please to inform me whether these gentlemen  
continue to act in that capacity? or whether whether there are any  
Post offices in those places — I am &c JFB —