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Mr Augustine Davis
Mr John Grammer

General Post Office
Phila. May 10. 1793

Sir A letter from William Skinner (the loan officer at Edenton) to the Comptroller of the treasury states, that about the 17 of April he received letters from the treasury department of the following date viz. Feb 26th & 28th - March 15th & 21st & April 1. - Now these letters of such distant dates could have arrived at Edenton in the same Mail, is to me unaccountable - I wish you to inform me what you suppose could have caused their delay?

G. B.

Mr Thomas Hildrepp

Genl. Post Office
Phila. May 10. 1793

Sir

I have received your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing Mr. Noah Webster's recit for one hundred and fifty dollars, and also Mr. Brown's recit for the payment of my draft on you for one hundred and eighty dollars.

Agreeably to your request I herewith enclose the law regulating the Post Office department.

Mr. Brown's contract is not yet completed, I cannot therefore inform you with certainty what ought to be the time of Mr. Brown's arrival at and departure from your office, but I believe they should be the times mentioned by the Postmaster General in his advertisement for the contract. If however you should think any alterations more beneficial to the publick I wish to be informed of them

G. B.

Messrs Elizur Morely & others

General Post Office

Phila. May 10. 1793

Gentlemen

I have received yours of the 19 of April last, it came to hand just as the Postmaster General was setting out on his journey to Sandusky, which has prevented my answering it sooner - I do approve of your nomination of Frederick Augustus Deacon for Postmaster at the Little Falls and send herewith the necessary forms and papers. G. B.

Frederick Augustus Deacon General Post Office Phil. May 10. 1793.

Sir Hugh White Esq. and others, the contractors for carrying a mail between Corningham & Whitestown, have nominated you

for postmaster at the Little Falls, of which I have approved, and 447 herewith transmit the law relative to the Post office Department & the blanks which exhibit the mode of doing the business, together with the forms of the oaths you are to take and subscribe. The oaths when certified by the magistrate before whom you take them are to be returned to the General Post Office.

G. B.

Thomas Sumpter jun.
Statesburg

General Post Office
Phila. May 10. 1793.

Sir Your letter to the Postmaster General of the 25 instant has been received - I should have made an arrangement for the payment of your last quarters salary, before this time had not been apprehensive that you would have drawn on the General Post Office for it. I now enclose a draft in your favour on the Postmaster in Charlestown for three hundred and sixty dollars, which is the amount of your pay for the last quarter.

If it is agreeable to you, I will make an arrangement for the payment of your salary in future, by drafts from this office on the Post Office at Charlestown.

The Postmaster General set out on his journey to the Indian country on the 2^d instant. - He went by the way of the Painted Post and from thence to the Forks of the Genesee River, & from the Forks of the Genesee to Niagara, and from Niagara thro' Lake Erie to Sandusky.

G. B.

Thomas W. Bart P.M.

General Post Office

Phila. May 11. 1793

I find it inconvenient to remit money to Statesburg for the purpose of paying Mr. Thomas Sumpter jun. the contractor for carrying the mail - I have therefore drawn on you in his favour for three hundred and sixty dollars, which is the sum due to him for the quarter ending the 1st April. To enable you to pay this draft - I herewith enclose an order in your favour on the March bank of the U. S. in Charlestown, for three hundred and five dollars and also notes of said bank to the amount of fifty five dollars, endorsed in your favour - When you pay the draft please to transmit his recit to the General Post Office.

Your accounts for the last quarter have been reckoned.

G. B.

Mr. John Fay.

General Post Office Phil. May 13. 1793

Sir, In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter of the 24th Ultm. you will please to retain the balance due

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due to the General Post Office in your hands, until you receive direction from this office how to dispose of it.—

I am of opinion that the printers of the United States, have no right to exchange their papers with the printers in Canada free of postage—You will observe by the 22nd section of the Post Office law that the privilege of exchanging a newspaper free of postage is expressly confined to printers "within the United States".

I shall write to Mr. Edwards the Postmaster at Montreal, and inform him in what manner his accounts with the General Post Office of the United States are to be rendered.

C. B.

Richard Potts Esq.
Attorney for District of Maryland
Sir

In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received a letter from the PostMaster at Baltimore informing me that Thomas Stof Gantt who was imprisoned in Baltimore on a charge of robbing the mail, has lately made his escape under such circumstances, as to excite a suspicion that the means of securing him have been voluntarily neglected.— I have written to the President of the United States, and I think it my duty likewise to address you, that you may have an opportunity of investigating the subject, and of taking such measures in behalf of the publick as you shall think proper.

C. B.

The President of the
United States

General Post Office
Philadelphia May 15. 1793.

Sir

I think it my duty in the absence of the Postmaster General to inform you that Thomas Stof Gantt who was imprisoned in Baltimore on a charge of robbing the mail, has lately made his escape, under such circumstances as to excite a suspicion that the means of securing him have been voluntarily neglected.— I have the honour to enclose for your perusal, a copy of the correspondence which has passed between the Post Master General and the Postmaster at Baltimore, of the advertisement published by

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the Sheriff of Baltimore, and of a letter I have written to the attorney of the District on the occasion: And I respectfully submit to your consideration how far the aid of a reward offered by government is necessary, either to expose the publick indignation of the offence, or to ensure the returning of the offender.

I am with perfect respect &c.
C. B.

Alexander Turnbull Esq. P.M.

General Post Office

Sir

Phil. May 15. 1793.

In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter of the 9th instant, informing that there is reason to believe the means of securing Thomas St. Gantt have been neglected.

I have written to the President of the United States upon the subject and I now enclose to you a letter for Richard Potts Esq. attorney for the District of Maryland, requesting him to examine into the circumstances of Gantts escape, & to take such measures in behalf of the publick as he shall think proper.

C. B.

M. John Sull P.M.

General Post Office

Pittsburg Phila. May 16. 1793.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 9th of May enclosing one hundred & ten dollars, which sum is placed to your credit in the books of this office

On examining the books I find you have received ^{most} for the eleven pounds which you suppose to have been omitted in the statement of your accounts. This sum of \$11, or twenty nine dollars and one third, was received in your letter dated the 23rd, and is placed to your credit in our books on the 2nd March 1792 — I have not kept a copy of the statement ^{which} I sent to you but suppose this sum must have been included in it — If it is not there must have been a mistake in stating the account.

Mr. Hodgsons order for \$14 has not been ^{yet} paid, of course it has not yet been paid to your credit — I shall attend to it immediately.—

I wish to receive your accounts together with the balance as soon as possible.— If you send the balance in Post Notes, write over the endorsement on the back of them "Pay to the order of Charles Beuwall". This makes them payable to me only, and will render them more secure.

C. B.

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M. Matthew Young
Fayetteville

General Post Office
Phila. May 16. 1793.

Sir I have received your letter of the 6th instant, returning my draft in your favour on M. Sibley for 100 dollars & 50 cents unpaid, in consequence of my having made a mistake in the sum due to you.—

At the time I drew the draft your contract was not returned to this office, and I suppose this error arose from my mistaking the distance between Fayetteville & Wilmington, there would not have been any inconvenience arising from your having received the sum of M. Sibley that I drew for as the error might at any time have been corrected. — I now enclose you another draft on favour of M. Sibley for one hundred & sixty eight dollars which is the sum due to you for the quarter ending the 1. April 1793, agreeably to your contract.

C. B.

M. Thomas Barber

May 16. 1793.

Requesting him to retain the balance of the quarter ending April 1. until drawn for; & acknowledging the receipt of his letter (of April 2d) & accounts.

M. M'cull Williams

Genl. P. O. May 24. 1793

Sir

Your favour of the 9th instant enclosing a bill of exchange on Lewis D. B. L. come due to hand — the bill was accepted by M. Deblois & when it is paid I shall pay it your agent, & give you notice of it. C. B.

Jeremiah Mahoney P.M.

Genl. Post Office May 25. 1793

Sir In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter to him of the 15th instant, informing that the Post riders on the road to Fort Pitt, carry newspapers for their own emoluments. — The Post Office law authorises the Postmaster General, in any contract he may enter into for the conveyance of the mail, to allow the person with whom such contract is made, to carry newspapers on his own account; but as this privilege has not been given to M. Grunman, his riders cannot carry newspapers other than those ^{carried} in the mail ^{without} violating the law — This privilege has never been given to any contractor, except it has been in consideration of his agreeing to carry the ^{mail} cheaper than he would have done without it.

Those newspapers which you took from the rider, you will please to rate according to law and send them on in the mail to the places to which they are destined

C. B.

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I think it will be proper to deliver the book to the rider again (as it is an article I suppose he has a right to carry) unless it is enclosed in a letter, in which ^{it} is liable to the postage.

M. William Watt

General Post Office
Phila. May 27. 1793

Sir Mr. Benjamin Mackney informs me that two locks are wanted on his route I herewith enclose them to you. M. Mackney also informs me that he has been under the necessity of purchasing a Portmanteau for the use of the publick which you will please to pay him for, and charge it in your account of contingent expenses. — Through hurry of business I have omitted to send M. Mackney an order for his pay for the last quarter. — I will thank you to settle with him immediately on receipt of this letter & pay him the balance that may be due him on his account from the commencement of his contract until the 1. April 1793. I believe he has not received any payments but what have been made by you.

C. B.

M. Augustine Davis

Genl. Post Office
Phila. May 27. 1793

Sir The president of the United States has directed the Postmaster General to offer by advertisement a reward of 500 dollars to any person who shall apprehend Thomas Stog Gant who lately made his escape from Baltimore goal. I herewith enclose a copy of the advertisement, which I have prepared, & request you will insert it in your newspaper immediately

C. B.

Alexander Survival Esq.

General Post Office

Sir The president of the United States has directed the Postmaster General to offer a reward of five hundred dollars for apprehending Thomas Stog Gant. I herewith enclose a copy of the advertisement which I have prepared, and request you to have it inserted in one of the Baltimore newspapers immediately. — You will please to have it inserted in the paper which has the most extensive circulation.

C. B.

P. O. May 27. 1793.

452. M^r. Benjamin Hackney

General Post Office
May 27. 1793.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 15 instant and agreeably to your request have given orders to M^r. Watt to settle with you up to the 1st of April last — this is the time to which all the contractors are paid — soon after the expiration of the current quarter, which will end the 1st of July, I shall send you an order for your pay — I have forwarded two locks to M^r. Watt for the mails on your route

C. B.

M^r. James Piper P.M.
Chesteatown

General Post Office
June 3. 1793.

Sir

I now acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ult^m. enclosing Robert Andrews draft at 20 days sight on Gallaudet & Cwing for sixty five pounds currency. — The draft has been accepted by them and as soon as it is paid, I shall pay it to your credit in the books of this office & give you notice of it.

I have not heard of any robberies ^{having been committed} on your road since the attempt to detect the villain.

C. B.

M^r. Benj^r Rufel Winter
Boston

General Post Office
Phil^a. June 3. 1793.

Sir

I have received yours of the 17 ult^m. informing of a difficulty that has arisen in the conveyance of your newspapers — The Post Office law contemplates newspapers as a part of the mail, and you have an undoubted right to the conveyance of your paper in it, at the times specified in the contract with M^r. Greenleaf & Stavers, but the Post master general has no right to require them to receive and carry newspapers in any other manner than in the mail — I am sorry that the sumner establishment of the mail does not take your paper on immediately after it is printed, but I know of no alteration that can now be made in the time of its arrival & departure without the consent of the contractors. — The law required the Postmaster general in his advertisements for contracts to fix the times of the arrival & departure of the mails which cannot be altered but by mutual consent of the parties.

M^r. Greenleaf & Stavers have no right to carry newspapers on the

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Postroads for their own emoluments — If it can be made to appear that they have done it in any instance since the commencement of the new law I will thank you to inform me of it. — As soon as the Postmaster general returns I shall lay your letter before him, and as the circulation of useful information has been one of his first objects, I have no doubt but he will use every means in his power to facilitate the conveyance of your paper.

C. B.

Col. John Noomes

General Post Office
Phil^a. June 3. 1793.

Dear Sir

Sometime since I enclosed to you a statement of your account current with the general Post Office from July 1. 1791. to July 1. 1792, which I requested you to sign & return to this office, but I have not yet received it — The settlement of the Postmaster gen^l. accounts at the Treasury is now suspended for want of this statement. I must beg your attention to it immediately. — I shall send you draft in the course of this week, for the amount of your pay for the last quarter.

C. B.

J. T. Gilman
Boston

G. P. O. June 4. 1793.

Sir In the absence of the Postmaster general I have received your letter to him of the 25 ult^m. Agreeably to your request I enclose to you a key of the Mail & the blank forms & instructions necessary for the establishment of a Post Office at Hampton-falls.

M^r. John Montgomery
Harrisburg

General Post Office
June 5. 1793.

Sir

I have appointed M^r. John Wyeth to succeed you in the office of Postmaster of Harrisburg — You will therefore please to deliver to him whatever pertains to the Post Office.

I will thank you to transmit your accounts to the General Post Office, as soon after you commit the charge of your office to M^r. Wyeth as you can conveniently render them. C. B.

Peter & Benj^r. Mumford

General Post Office

June 5. 1793.

Gentlemen I have this day received your letter of the 28th Ult^m. When

When I made out the drafts for your pay for the last quarter I was not acquainted with the alteration that had been made in the route of the mail between NewLondon & Newport, otherwise I should have included in them the additional allowances due to you for going by the way of Stonington Point. When I make out your pay for the current quarter I shall include in it the additional allowance due to you, agreeably to the principles contained in the Postmaster Generals letter to you of the 3d Jan^r 1793.

G.B.

Sebastian Ballman

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 5. 1793.

Sir Agreeably to your request I herewith enclose you a statement of your account up to the 1st April 1793. G.B.

John Grammer Esq.

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 5. 1793.

Sir I have received a letter from Col. Hoomes informing me that the mails South of Petersburg are increased to so great a weight that it is impossible to carry them on horseback - He also informs me that as the conveyance of the mail is so much more expensive upon the upper road than upon the lower one, that all the mails for Wilmington & the lower country are sent upon the main line, by which means the weights of his mails are considerably increased, if this has been the practise you will be pleased to alter it, & send all mails destined for Wilmington by the way of Suffolk. G.B.

Aug. Davis P.M.

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 7. 1793

Sir I have this day drawn on you in favour of Col. John Hoomes for seven hundred & 65 dollars & 17 cents - This draft includes the balance of your account as postmaster up to the 1st April 1793 & also the sum of 14.37, paid to you on account of the Post Office at Charlottesville by M^r. Miller the Postmaster there.

Mr. Joseph Taggart
Merchant Newbern

General Post Office
Phil^a. June 10. 1793

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Sir Sometime before the Postmaster General left this city, he gave me the enclosed bill for seven hundred dollars on Mr. Edward Simpson of Newbern, & desired me in case I could not dispose of it here to forward it to you for collection. - I therefore request take the liberty to request the favor of you to present it for acceptance, immediately on receipt of it - the money when received you will please to hold subject to my order.

G.B.

Col. John Hoomes

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 7. 1793.

Sir your letter of the 28 March I have received. I now enclose to you drafts in your favour as follows viz

On Robert Nicholson for	233.03
On John Grammer for	-518.84
On Augustine Davis for	765.17
On Will ^m . Watt for	-202.45
On Edward Archer for	<u>500.00</u>
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I have paid your draft in favour of Henry Hill of this city for three hundred & thirty three dollars & one third. I am at a loss to determine the sum due to you for the carriage of the mail for the last quarter, and will thank you to return your contract as soon as you can conveniently.

I have directed the Postmaster at Petersburg to send all the letters & packets destined for Wilmington Newbern &c. by the way of Suffolk and am in hopes this will lighten the mails on the Main line South of Petersburg so that you will be able to carry them on horseback during the hot season. - Should they still be so large as to render it impossible to carry them on horseback during the heat of summer, I will then you to inform me what mode of conveyance you can adopt.

I do not expect the Postmaster General will return from the treaty until about the 1st of September. G.B.

Timothy Green P.M.
NewLondon

Gen^t. Post Office
Phil^a. June 9. 1793.

Sir Your accounts for the quarter ending the 1st April last with Ninety three dollars & one third come duly to hand with this you will receive the blanks wanted for the use of your office

G.B.

W. J. Brown

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 11. 1793.

Sir

Your letter to the Postmaster General of the 16 April was received by him a little before he left this city, he omitted giving you any directions respecting the transfer of one of your trips from between Hartford & Norwich to the road between New Haven & New Haven and New London. He has directed me to authorise you to make this transfer which you are at liberty to do as soon as you think proper, taking care to fix the time of your arrival & departure, so as to connect with the established mails at each end of the road. As soon as you have made this alteration you will give me notice of it, & inform me of the days & hours of your arrival & departure, so as to enable me to fix a schedule to the contract, which should be executed by you as soon as possible.

b. B.

Col. S. Barnard

Genl. Post Office

Phil^a. June 12. 1793

Sir

I have received a letter from Mr. George Brock informing me that on the 28th March last, he put a letter into your office addressed to Wheeler Martin Esq. of Providence, containing a New York bank note, & that the letter has miscarried. The postage of the letter which was 3d cents he paid at your office. He says the Postmaster at Providence informs him he has not received any mail from your office of that date. Please to inform me whether you have any recollection of the letter in question & of what your mail for Providence of the 28th March consisted.

b. B.

W. John Grammer

Genl. P. O. Phil^a. June 15. 1793

Sir I have received your letter of the 10th instant & agreeably to your request herewith enclose to you some postmasters bills & 2 Mail locks — If another pair of saddlebags are wanted at your office please to inform me & they shall be sent to you immediately

C. B.

W. George Brock

Providence

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 17. 1793.

Sir I have received your letter of the 10th instant informing of the miscarriage of your letter containing

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a bank note addressed to Wheeler Martin Esq. at Providence. I have written to the Postmaster at New York on the subject it is probable he may have mispent the letter ~~and~~ that it will hereafter appear, in some instances letters containing Bank notes have been mispent & were supposed to have been lost but have afterwards appeared. The publick is not liable for the loss of an individual by sending Bank notes in the mail. If any person chooses to transmit money in the mail he must do it at his own risque. If the mail has been robbed it is of the utmost import since that the villain should be discovered I will thank you to inform me of the amount of the bank note in your letter & whether it was a Post note or a common Bank note.

Moses Robinson Esq.

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 15. 1793.

Pennington

Sir

In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter of the second of May, and should have answered it sooner had I not been prevented by absence, & indisposition. — It is a delicate matter to discharge a contractor from his contract for the conveyance of a mail — I therefore choose to postpone it until the return of the Postmaster General. As soon as he returns I shall lay your letter before him, & have no doubt but he will relieve Mr. Clark, if it can be done with propriety —

b. B.

Mrs

The Postmaster General is one of the Commissioners now gone to treat with the Indians. I expect he will return in about 2 months.

Abraham Jones

General Post Office

Augusta

Phil^a. June 18. 1793.

Sir

In the absence of the Postmaster General, I have received your two letters informing of the loss of the mail between Augusta & Savannah. — I still hope it will be found

Yesterday I sent two mail Portmanteaus to Charlestown by water & desired Mr. Baot to forward them to you as soon as he receives them.

When the Northern mail does not arrive in time I wish you to detain your rider as long as you can without making the duty fall too hard upon him to perform his own ride ~~in time~~, as his departing without it will cause it to be delayed for a week. To make

it a rule to detain him until the arrival of the northern mail would I fear cause too much irregularity in the times of the deposit & arrival of the mails at Augusta & Savannah

C. B.

Mr. James Chapman P.M.
Elizabethtown.

General Post Office
Phil^a. June 19. 1793.

Sir From information received, I conclude it will be agreeable to you to accept the Office of Postmaster at Elizabethtown. A commission for you I now enclose together with a bond, which you will be pleased to execute with a sufficient surety or sureties, & then return the same together with the oaths after they have been duly certified by the Justice of Peace before whom you shall take and subscribe them Mr. Woodruff will hold the Office until the 1st of July when he will deliver over to you every thing in his office pertaining to the publick.

C. B.

Mr. Lewis Woodruff
Elizabethtown

General Post Office
Phil^a. June 19. 1793.

Sir I herewith enclose a Packet containing a commission constituting Mr. James Chapman Postmaster at Elizabethtown. On the 1st of July you will please to deliver over to him whatever pertains to the Post Office.

I will thank you to return your accounts as soon after the expiration of the current quarter as you can make it convenient to render them.

C. B.

Mr. John W. Blake

General Post Office
Phil^a. June 20. 1793.

Sir In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter recommending Mr. Aaron Morsford as a suitable person to succeed you in the office of Postmaster at Brattleborough. I herewith enclose to you a commission for him together with a bond which you will please to see executed with sufficient surety. The bond when executed must be returned to this office together with the oaths, after they have been duly certified by the Justice of peace before whom

you shall take them and subscribe them. — You will please to return your accounts up to the time Mr. Morsford takes charge of the Office, as soon as you can conveniently render them.

C. B.

Mr. John S. West
Newbern

General Post Office
Phil^a. June 20. 1793.

Sir I herewith enclose a draft in your favour on Mr. Martin the Postmaster at Newbern for three hundred and Sixty eight dollars and ninety five cents which is on account of your pay for the quarter ending the 30th instant, the balance I shall remit to you soon after the expiration of the quarter. —

The Postmaster General informs me that the mail between Suffolk and Wilmington does not connect with the mail between Wilmington and Fayetteville and has directed me to make such alteration as will form a proper connection with that mail — I have been waiting sometime for Col. Moores to return his contract, so that I could ascertain the time of the arrival of the Northern mail at Suffolk. I think it will be best for your rider to leave Suffolk on Monday forenoon after the arrival there of the mail from the Northward, and to arrive at Wilmington so as to unite with the mail going thence to Fayetteville — You will hear further from me upon the subject as soon as I receive Col. Moores contract in the mean time I will thank you to point out such alterations as you think will be most beneficial to the publick.

C. B.

P.S. Has Col. Pickering ever sent a contract to you to be executed

Mr. Francis V. Martin P.M.
Newbern

General Post Office Phil^a.
June 20. 1793.

Sir I have this day drawn on you for Three hundred and sixty eight dollars and 95 cents in favour of Mr. John S. West. When the draft is paid please to take duplicate receipts and return one of them to this office.

C. B.

Mr. James M. M. Green

Gen^t. Post Office
Phil^a. June 21. 1793

Sir By the mail which brings this letter you will receive a pair of saddlebags, which be pleased to forward on direct to M^r Joseph Rogers Postmaster at Newbern Courthouse. They are much wanted to supply the place of a pair that was lost in passing thro' the Wildcamps.

C. B.

160 M^r. Jos Rogers

Sir

In the absence of the P.M^g. I have received your letter of the 26. May - agreeably to your request I herewith forward to you a pair of saddlebags with two locks to be used on the road to Danville.

I am at a loss to account for the great delay of the letters from this place to Hawkins & House, unless it arises from a want of connection in the rides of the several contractors for the road from Alexandria to Hawkins court house. By observing the dates of the Postmasters bills from Phil^a. you can at all times ascertain the exact time that the letters have been coming to your office.

I shall immediately write to the Postmasters on the road for information respecting the delay of the mails. Should you ascertain where the fault lies I will thank you to give me information of it.

The date of a letter written in Phil will not ascertain the time that it has been coming to your office as it may be written immediately after the departure of the mail for Huntley & of course it will remain until the next mail which will cause a delay of two weeks. C.B.

M^r. Robert Douthat

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 22. 1793.

Sir In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter of the 6th instant together with your accounts from Jan^y 2 to June 2. 1793. Your account from the 24th July 1792 to Jan^y 2. 1793 has also been received & examined. You had cast your commission on this account at 20 per cent but we have increased it to forty per cent which reduces the balance to 23d. 72c. The balance due your account from the 2 Jan. to the 2 June^y $\frac{3}{4} \text{d} 67$ dollars. These two balances amount to 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ d^o which sum M^r. William Chambers has paid on your account. Your next accounts you will please to state upto the 1st October which will make the quarters end even with the rest of the amounts of the department. You will please to continue to charge your commissions at 20 per cent on accounts, until the close of

Genl. Post Office
Phil^a. June 25. 1793

the year, when the amount of the postage received by you shall be known & the rate of commission that you are entitled to receive can be ascertained.—

M^r. Bardays draft in your favour for one hundred & fifty dollars has been presented by M^r. William Chambers and paid.

If you can ascertain suitable characters in the back towns that are willing to accept any of the offices in the back towns you will oblige me by giving information of them.

There is much inconvenience experienced by the Proprietors of the lead works from the want of a Post office at Wythe court house, letters destined for these works pass on to Montgomery a distance of 70 miles for want of a person to open the mail at Wythe.

C.B.

M^r. Robert Douthat

General Post Office
Phil^a. June 25. 1793

Sir In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received a letter from M^r. Joseph Rogers Postmaster at Hawkins court house, informing me that there has been great delays in the conveyance of letters by Post from Phil^a. to Hawkins & House — He says that letters have been two months in going from Philadelphia to his office. I cannot conceive how these extraordinary delays have happened, unless they have arisen from the loss of trips by some of the contractors or from the want of connection between them.

I wish you to inform me whether the mails so far as they have come under your observation have been conveyed with regularity, and also whether there is any want of connection between them at your office. If you can ascertain where the fault rests, I will be much obliged to you to inform me of it immediately.

C.B.

M^r. James M. McBrea

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 25. 1790.

In the absence of the Post Master General, I have received a letter from M^r. Joseph Rogers Post master at Hawkins i.t. informing

462. informing me that there has been great delays in the conveyance of letters by the mail from Phil^a. to Hawkins t.h. — he says that letters have been two months in going from Phil^a. to his office I cannot conceive how these extraordinary delays have happened, unless they have arisen from the loss of trips by some of the contractors or from a want of connection between them. I wish you to inform me whether the mails as far as they have come within your observation have been conveyed with regularity and also whether there is any want of connection between them at your office.

B. B.

W. George T. Morton

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 25. 1793.

Sir

In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received a letter from Mr. Joseph Rogers Postmaster at Hawkins t.h. informing me that there have been great delays in the conveyance of letters by Post from Phil^a to Hawkins court house. He says that letters have been two months in going from Phil^a. to his office. I cannot conceive how these extraordinary delays have happened, unless they have arisen from the loss of trips by some of the contractors, or from a want of connection between them.

I wish you to inform me whether the mails so far as they have come within your observation have been conveyed with regularity, and whether there is any want of connection between them at your office, — If you can ascertain where the fault lies, I will be much obliged to you to inform me of it immediately.

B. B.

W. Josias Smith P.M.

Vergennes

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 25. 1793.

Sir

In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter to him of the 10th instant enclosing your bond and oaths of office. I am sensible that a pecuniary consideration of the advantages arising from your office has been no inducement to you to accept of it. Yet I flatter myself you will continue to do the business of it for the benefit of the town inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood.

as it would have been impossible in many instances to ascertain

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the rate of commission ^{that} the deputy Postmasters were entitled to receive until the close of the year when the amount of Postage received by them could be ascertained, the Postmaster General directed them to charge a uniform rate of ^{one} cent of commission until the 31st December.

You will please to retain the balance of Mr. Brush's account until I have for it. — It will be wanted to pay the contractor for carrying the mail.

B. B.

W. Peter Hanson

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 26. 1793.

Sir

On the 29th of December 1792 I wrote to you and informed you that the Post Office Law required the Postmaster General to make a quarterly settlement of all the accounts of his deputies & desired you to return yours agreeably to the 16 article of "instructions to you: And on the 29th of March the Postmaster General wrote to you and informed you that by the law he was laid under an extraordinary responsibility which renders the settlement of your accounts indispensable & earnestly desired that you would forward them immediately, yet none have since been received from you. I am therefore under the necessity of repeating the request, and hope that you will render them immediately after the expiration of the current quarter which will end in four days from this date, otherwise I shall be under the disagreeable necessity of taking measures to compell a compliance

B. B.

Sebastian Bauman Esq.

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 26. 1793.

Sir I have received a letter from the Postmaster at Boston

informing me that it has been your practice to send the mails for Charleston W.A. Hanover, Windsor, Westminster &c. to his office which is out of the direct route — He informs me that the direct route for these offices is from Springfield up the river.

W. Alexander Kite

Strasburg

General Post Office

Phil^a. June 26. 1793.

Sir In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter signifying your intention to resign the office of deputy Postmaster

at

464 at Strasburg, and recommending your son to succeed you.

I now inclose to you a commission for him together with a bond which is to be executed with sufficient sureties and returned to this office. I also inclose the oaths which are to be taken and subscribed by him previous to his entering upon the duties of the office. They are also to be returned to this office after being certified by the magistrate before whom he takes them.

You will please to render your accounts up to the time your son takes charge of the office, immediately after the business is committed to his charge.

The balance that may be due to this office you will please to send on with your accounts, provided you can procure bank notes of the bank of the United States. —

C. B.

W. John Lovett P.M.

Phil^a. Genl. Post Office June 29. 1793

Sir In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter informing of the inconvenience which the merchants of Lansingburg experience, by reason of the delays of their letters to Albany.

I wish you to ascertain on what terms you can procure the conveyance of a mail between Albany and Lansingburg as often as will be necessary for their accommodation, and to inform me immediately I should suppose that the Proprietors of the stage could afford to do it on very reasonable terms, as it would be attended with very little if any expence to him

C. B.

George F. Norton P.M.

Winchester

Genl. Post Office

Phil^a. June 29. 1792

Sir I have received your letters of the 27th of May & of the 4th of June — You will please to retain the recit for the money advanced by you for the payment of my draft on your brother until you receive payment from him, or hear further from me on the subject.

Your accounts for the quarter ending April 1 have come to hand — The first part of them that were sent on had been mislaid

and when the last part arrived Mr. Minchin thought the first 465 part had not been received, & by mistake wrote to you for them.

Agreeably to your request I herewith enclose to you some blank form of letters received & sent together with the Post Office law, instructions &c. — I shall draw on you for the balance in your hands upto the first of April. Please to transmit your account for the quarter that will end the 1st of July as soon as you can conveniently render them.

C. B.

W. Joshua King
Ridgefield

General Post Office
Phil^a. June 29. 1793.

Sir I have lately been informed that you were taken sick at Reed's tavern in Norwalk, and that during your illness your trunk was opened and a note of Forty Pounds — taken out of it. For particular reason I wish to ascertain the truth of this story, and will be much obliged to you to inform me whether it is true, and if it is to inform me of the particular circumstances attending the loss.

C. B.

W. James Duer P.M.
Snowhill

Genl. Post Office
Phil^a. June 29. 1793.

Sir In the absence of the Post Master General I have received your letter informing of your removal from Snowhill and recommending W. George Tull to succeed you in the Office of Postmaster at that place. From your recommendation of W. Tull I have had property to appoint him in your place, and herewith enclose to you a commission for him together with a bond which he will be pleased to execute with sufficient sureties and return it to this office. I also enclose the oaths which the law requires he should take, they are to be returned together with the bond.

W. James M. McCrea

General Post Office
Phil^a. June 29. 1793.

Sir On the receipt of your letter of the 27th of May informing of the irregularity of the arrival of the Northern mail at Alexandria W. Bradley wrote to Col. Van Horne on the subject — He assigns as a reason for the delays the extraordinary bad state of the roads, which rendered it impossible to convey the mail by stages within the time limited by his contract. And says the mails were so expensive heavy