

466 expensive heavy as to prevent his carrying them on horseback.  
You mention the time fixed for his arrival at Alexandria to be 6 o'clock  
I find 7 o'clock P.M. to be the hour mentioned in the schedule annexed to  
his contract.

I wish you to inform me how he has performed since the roads  
must have become settled.

C. B.

Mr Elias Beers  
Sir

General Post Office  
Phil'a July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1793.

Your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant I have received.

By direction of the Postmaster General I have authorized Mr  
Isaac Brown to transfer one of his two trips between Hartford  
and Norwich, to the Road from New Haven to New London.

You will therefore be pleased to deliver him the Mails  
agreeably to this arrangement. — I have not fixed the  
days of arrival and departure for this extra Mail, and  
will thank you to inform me what days you suppose  
will be most beneficial to the public.

Jas C. H.

M<sup>r</sup>. James Eddie M<sup>r</sup>: Philadelphia July 1. 1793.  
Yorktown

Sir M<sup>r</sup>. Mahoney the Postmaster at Chambersburg informs  
me that you have met with a loss by fire of part of your book  
of letters sent from your office, which has deprived you of the means of  
ascertaining the amount of postage received for paid letters, and has  
caused a delay of the transmission of your accounts to the Genl Post Office.  
The law requires a quarterly settlement of all the accounts in the office  
department, & it cannot be dispensed with: You will therefore please to  
render your accounts immediately & charge yourself with such sum for paid  
letters during the time for which your book is destroyed as you suppose  
they must have amounted to.

C. B.

M. Wensley Hobley P.M.  
Middletown.

Gent. Post Office  
Phil<sup>a</sup> July 6. 1793.

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Sir Your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. with your accounts came safe to  
hand — The cash enclosed being 75 dollars & cents is placed to your credit  
in the books of the office General Post Office.

The Post Office law requires a quarterly settlement to be made at  
the treasury of all the amounts in the department, & it cannot be dis-  
pensed with, I must therefore request you will be punctual in the  
transmission of yours in future. C. B.

N.B. You need not in future let the want of money for the balance  
due on your accounts delay the transmission of them. It will be best  
not to send it by the mail hereafter. and.

Alex. Turnbull P.M.

Gent. Post Office  
Phil. July 9. 1793

Sir I have drawn on you this day in favour of M<sup>r</sup>. James Steel  
for one hundred dollars and fifty dollars, the draft is enclosed in the letter  
for M<sup>r</sup>. Steel addressed to your care please to forward it to him by  
the first Post. C. B.

M<sup>r</sup>. Isaac Brown  
Sir

General Post Office  
Phil<sup>a</sup> July 9. 1793

Your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> of June I have received, agreeably to your  
request I herewith inclose you a draft on M<sup>r</sup>. Elias Beers, Postmaster at  
New Haven for one hundred & eighty dollars for your pay to the 1<sup>st</sup> July  
1793. C. B.

Isaac Trowbridge

General Post Office  
Phil<sup>a</sup> July 9. 1793

I herewith inclose an order in your favour on the Postmaster  
in New York for 156dd.3qrs which is the amount of your quarters  
pay from April 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1. 1793. C. B.

M<sup>r</sup>. George Kline

Gent. Post Office  
Phil<sup>a</sup> July 9. 1793

Sir on the 3 inst. I drew on you at sight in favour of M<sup>r</sup>. Ich-  
abod Grumman for 182\$63 unto, this sum when paid will balance your

468 account up to the 1. Jan'y 1793. When you pay the draught  
please to take duplicate receipts and transmit one of them to the General  
Post Office

C. B.

M. Elias Beers

Gent. P. O. Phil. July 9. 1793

Sir I have this day drawn on you in favour of M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>e</sup>s<sup>e</sup> Brown  
for 180 dollars. When the draft is paid please to take duplicate receipts and  
return one of them to this office.

C. B.

M. James Steel

Gent. P. O. July 9. 1793

Sir

Your letter of the 30 ult<sup>m</sup> is received, agreeably to your re-  
quest I herewith enclose to you an order on the Postmaster at Batture,  
for 150 dolls which is in full of your pay from April 1. to July 1. 1793

C. B.

M. William Mahan

General Post Office

Phil. July 10. 1793

Sir

Your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant I have received. Herewith  
enclosed you will receive an order on your favour on M<sup>r</sup> Isaiah  
Thomas for forty-one dollars and 67 cents it being the amount of  
your Quarters pay due the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1793

C. B.

M. Isaiah Thomas

General Post Office

Phil. July 10. 1793

Worcester

Sir I have this day drawn on you in favour of M<sup>r</sup> William  
Mahan for \$1.67. When you pay the draft please to take duplicate  
receipts & send one of them to this office

M. William Barrett

General Post Office

Phil. July 10. 1793.

Sir

I herewith enclose you an order in your favour on the  
Postmaster in Winchester for 35.13 also another on the Postmaster at  
Alexandria 69.03 making together 104.16 $\frac{2}{3}$  which is the amount of  
your pay for the Quarter ending the 1<sup>st</sup> instant

C. B.

M. James M. McCora

Sir

I have this day drawn on you in favour of M<sup>r</sup> William Barrett  
for 69.03 cents

C. B.

M. George F. Norton

Gent. Post Office

Phil. July 10. 1793

Sir

I have this day drawn on you in favour of M<sup>r</sup> William  
Barrett for 35.13 cents which is the balance due on your account  
for the Quarter ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March last after crediting you with  
14.47 advanced by you on your brother's account

C. B.

M. Eli Elmer PM.

Gent. Post Office

Bridgetown

Phil. July 11. 1793

Sir

In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received  
your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant together with your accounts; you men-  
tion your having sometime since written a letter to the Postmaster  
General in which you communicated your wish to resign the  
office of Postmaster at Bridgetown. This letter I do not find on  
file in the office & cannot ascertain whether it has ever been recd.  
I must beg the favour of you to recommend a suitable person  
to succeed you in the office & I will immediately send him a commission

C. B.

With this you will receive some Postmasters Bills

John Harrison

July 12

Acknowledged the receipt of twenty two dolls & seventy seven cents

M. Augustine Davis

General Post Office

July 13. 1793

Sir

I have received your letter of the 8 ult<sup>m</sup>. enclosing one from  
M<sup>r</sup> James Quarles informing of his intention to resign the Post Office  
at Columbia & requesting M<sup>r</sup> Merriweather Morris may be appointed in  
his place - Agreeably to his request I have appointed M<sup>r</sup> Morris  
& have sent to him a commission & together with with the necessary  
papers for him to execute previous to his taking charge of the office.

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W. A. Moore Contractor

Genl. Post Office Phil. July 15<sup>th</sup>

Sir I have received your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, agreeable to your request. I now enclose an order on the Postmaster at Alexandria in your favour for one hundred & sixteen dollars & sixty six &  $\frac{3}{4}$  cents, which is the amount of your pay for the 2<sup>d</sup> ending the 1<sup>st</sup> instant.

Col. John Hobbes

General Post Office

Phil. July 15. 1793

Dear Sir

It is necessary to make some alteration in the present mode of conveying the mail from Suffolk to Wilmington, so as to form a better connection <sup>with the mail</sup> between Wilmington & Fayetteville.

Before I make any alteration in West's schedule I wish to have your contract so as to preserve a proper connection of the mails at Suffolk. I must therefore beg the favour of you to execrute return your contract to this office immediately.

C. B.

W. James Quarters

General Post Office

Phil. July 15. 1793

Sir M. Augustine Davis has enclosed to me your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ult in which you communicate your wish to resign your office of Postmaster at Columbia & recommend M. Mennoother Morris to succeed you. I herewith enclose a commission for him, together with a bond which is to be executed by him with sufficient & returned to this office. the oaths inclosed are to be taken and subscribed by him and are also to be returned with the bond.

C. B.

Gabriel P. Van Horne Esq.

General Post Office

Phil. July 15<sup>th</sup>. 1793

Sir Your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant came duly to hand in which you assign excessive heat, and ~~regular~~ badness of roads, as reasons for the irregular arrival of the Northern mail at Alexandria, how far these reasons shall operate in mitigation of the penalties incurred by delays, I shall have to be determined by the Postmaster General upon his return. There has been several complaints received of the irregular conveyance of this mail during the last quarter, but I hope your performance in future will be such as to afford no ground for complaints.

I now enclos.

enclose to you Maryland branch Bank notes indorsed in your favour for one hundred and ten dollars, common bank notes for twenty dollars, and an order on the Postmaster at Baltimore for nineteen dollars & one third, making in all 149.5 dollars. C. B.

W. Henry Stouffer  
Baltimore

Genl. Post Office  
Phil. July 15. 1793

Sir Herewith enclosed you will receive a draft in your favour on the Postmaster in Baltimore for 72.50. which is the amount of your quarters pay due the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1793. C. B.

W. Charles Gilmour P.M.  
Halifax N.B.

General Post Office  
Phil. July 15. 1793

Sir W. John Watts the contractor for carrying the mail from Halifax to Plymouth informs me that he is in want of a pair of saddlebags. By this mail I send a pair addressed to your care, which are to be used on the abovementioned road. As soon as they come to hand please to acknowledge the receipt of them.

C. B.

W. Oliver Burr

July 15. 1793.

acknowledged the receipt of his accounts of 18.76 cash

W. Benjamin Lowndes

July 15. 1793.

acknowledged the receipt of his accounts and of 37.13 cents in cash

Christopher Tappan P.M.

General Post Office  
Phil. July 16. 1793.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant together with your accounts from the 4<sup>th</sup> March to the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1793. In your letter you mention your having enclosed the balance due on your accounts amounting to six dollars & eighty eight cents - The cash received amounts to 11.50 cents which consists of a bank note and one dollar & an half in silver. As there appears a considerable difference between the sum mentioned on the letter, and the sum <sup>actually</sup> received I will thank you to inform me whether the latter is right.

C. B.

Col. S. Bauman

New York

General Post Office

Phil. July 16. 1793

Dear Sir I have received your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant enclosing  
Grumman's receipt for 150 dollars & also my brother's for 68.54 both of which  
are placed to your credit in the books of this office. You may postpone the  
remittance of your balance until my brother can furnish you with the means  
of sending it on in the manner proposed in my last letter. C. B.

Robert M. Whorter Contractor

General Post Office

Phil. July 8. 1793

Sir Herewith enclose you will receive a draft in your favour on  
the Postmaster at Wilmington, for sixty six dollars and fifty cents which  
is the amount of your quarters pay due the 1<sup>st</sup> instant. C. B.

W. Moses Beal

Phil. July 18. 1793

Sir  
I herewith enclose a draft in your favour on Mr. Hendrick  
Grey P.M. at Bonnajoharrie for 37.50. which is the amount of  
your quarters pay due the 1<sup>st</sup> instant.

W. Jonathan Low

Phil. July 18. 1793

Sir

I herewith enclose you a draft on the Postmaster at Salem  
for 40 dollars being the amount of your quarters pay due the 1<sup>st</sup> instant

W. Ezra Burwell

July 18. 1793

Enclosed him a draft on Masott Williams for 52 dollars, in full to 1<sup>st</sup> instant

Joseph Blount Esq

July 18. 1793.

Enclosed him a draft on the Postmaster at Edenton for 65 dollars  
in full for carrying the mail to the 1<sup>st</sup> instant

W. James Duer

General Post Office

July 17. 1793

Sir  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June I enclosed under cover to you a commissi  
on for Mr. Tull the gentleman whom you recommended to succeed you  
in the office of Postmaster at Drayhill - I have this day received you

~~same~~ letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant informing of the death of Mr. Tull  
and that you now are willing to continue in the office until the  
close of the year. The commission and other papers that were intended  
for Mr. Tull you will please to return to this office.

The balance due from you to the General Post Office you will  
please to retain in your hands, until you have an opportunity of sending  
it by private conveyance

Nedbert Perry

July 13. 1793

Enclosed a draft in his favour on Augustine Davis Esq. for 125 dollars  
in full of his pay to the 1<sup>st</sup> instant

W. Cleazer Davis

General Post Office  
July 19. 1793

Sir

Now enclose to you an order on the Postmaster at Annapolis  
for 120 dollars on account of your pay - I shall adjust your  
accounts and send you the balance in a few days.  
C. B.

W. Robert Braddock

General Post Office  
July 19. 1793

Sir

I have received a letter from Mr. Simeon Spring dated the 12 May  
in which he revokes his power of attorney authorising you to draw for a  
part of his pay. He informs me that he has given you a draft on the  
Postmaster General for three hundred & fifty four dollars and 6 cents  
which he desires me not to pay in case it should be presented. He  
says he authorised you to draw for his pay because he expected to have  
been absent himself, but that he has now made Martins court  
house his place of residence & shall be able to attend to the business  
himself.

The draft in your favour for 354<sup>6</sup>/<sub>100</sub> he says he gave to you on  
a supposition that you had not received any thing in virtue of the  
power of attorney, & therefore directs me to refuse the payment of it  
in case it should be presented.

W. Greenup received payment of your draft in his favour  
for 400 dollars, by an order on the Postmaster at Baltimore in  
favour of John L. Owens which order has been paid by the Postmaster  
at Baltimore long since.

474 Abraham Biegel

July 19, 1793

Enclosed a draft in his favour on William Gobey for 56.25, in full  
of his pay to the 1<sup>st</sup> instant.

Simeon Spring

Genl. Post Office

Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 19<sup>th</sup> 1793.

I have received your letters dated the 13<sup>th</sup> of March and 12<sup>th</sup> of May. In answer  
to the former I inform you that your draft in favour of Mr. David Burday  
for 150 dollars has been presented & paid - I have also paid a draft of yours for 70 dollars  
dated the 5<sup>th</sup> of April and made payable to bearer. This draft was presented  
to me by Messrs. Noomes and Rainey of this city.

In your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> of May you revoke your power of attorney  
to Mr. A. Bradock authorising him to draw for your pay - Should any  
of his drafts drawn by virtue of this power hereafter appear they will  
be refused payment. Your draft in favour of Mr. Bradock for 354.60<sup>cts</sup>  
has not yet appeared and if it should be presented I shall agreeably  
to your order refuse to pay it.

G.B.

Thomas Tabens

General Post Office  
July 19<sup>th</sup> 1793

Drew in his favour on Thomas Lewis P.M. Marblhead for 18.42<sup>cts</sup>  
in full to July 1.

William Gobey

July 19, 1793

Notified him of a draft in favour of D Biegel on him for 56.25.  
requested him to send a receipt for the payment

Thomas W. Bacot Esq.

General Post Office  
Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 20, 1793

Sir  
I have received your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> of June acknowledging  
the receipt of my letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> of May with its contents herewith  
enclosed you will receive an order in your favour on the cashier of the  
branch bank of the U.S. in Charlestown, for five hundred dollars  
which be pleased to appropriate to the payment of the several contract  
ors who made their contracts with you. Mr. Sumpter has drawn  
on the General Post Office for the greater part of his salary for the  
quarter ending the 1<sup>st</sup> instant & expects to receive the residue at this office

G.B.

Sir. There is a dead letter in the <sup>Genl. Post</sup> office addressed to Mr. James M. Dowell N. 183, Kingstreet Charleston South Carolina, containing one of  
your state certificates for a large sum of money. The letter was written  
by Thomas Wills and dated at Maidstone June 1. 1792. I wish you  
would make enquiry if there is any such person as James M. Dowell  
living in Charleston.

Thomas H. Gillis

Genl. Post Office

Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 22, 1793

Sir  
In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received  
your letter informing of your intention to remove from Salisbury &  
recommending Maj. Alexander Roborough as a suitable person to succeed  
you in the office of Postmaster at that place. I now enclose to you  
a commission for Mr. Roborough together with a bond which he  
will be pleased to execute with sufficient sureties & return to this office  
I also enclose the oaths the law requires he should take. They are  
to be returned with the bond after being certified by the Magistrate be-  
fore whom he takes them

G.B. A.P.G.

John Bradley P.M.

General Post Office

Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 22, 1793

I now acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of the 29<sup>th</sup>  
June and of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant with your accounts - Mr. James Lockwood  
bill on Mr. John Strawbridge for two hundred and eighty two dollars &  
fifty cents has been paid and is placed to your credit in the books of this  
office. I shall send you a statement of your account with the ~~next~~  
Genl. Post Office by the next mail.

I do not find your letter to the Postmaster General in which you  
inform him of the want of connection in the mails of your  
office. I will thank you to inform me what alterations you  
suppose it will be best to make in order to render them more  
beneficial to the publick

G.B.

Asa Chadwick Contr<sup>r</sup>

General Post Office

Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 22, 1793

Sir  
Mr. Chilion Godd informs me that in the month of April  
you lost one trip of the mail altogether and that you are so ir-  
regular in the conveyance of the mail that people are obliged  
to send their letters by private conveyance (I have however to prevent  
disappointment) paid the full amount of your draft in favour  
of Mr. Elias B. Dayton. But unless the loss of this trip and  
other

476 other delays are satisfactorily accounted for, I shall deduct the penalties incurred from your pay at the close of the current quarter  
6. B.

Jeremiah Libby

General Post Office

Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 22. 1793

If any of the latest and most accurate maps of New Hampshire are to be had in Portsmouth, I will thank you to purchase and send one to this

C. B.

M.B. Please to send on a receipt of the payment & I will pay it to your credit in the books of this office

Jonathan Hastings

Genl. P.O. Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 22. 1793

Sir

If any accurate map of Massachusetts has been published since the war, I will be much obliged to you to purchase one of them & send to this office with a receipt for the payment

Samuel Freeman

General Post Office

Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 22. 1793

Sir.  
I have received your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant in which you mention M<sup>r</sup>. Bernard claims the Postage on Newspapers conveyed in the mail from Boston to Portland and from intermediate places amounting to \$4.89. which is about one sixth part of what they amounted to had they been all regularly charged. I find by M<sup>r</sup>. Bernards contract the Postmaster General has authorised him to carry Newspapers other than those conveyed in the mail for his own benefit, but surely this does not entitle him to receive any part of the Postage on those conveyed in the mail. for his own benefit. If I understand you right the above postage arose on about one sixth part of the newspapers that were carried in the mail, and that the other  $\frac{5}{6}$  have passed without being regularly charged. If this has been the case it is wrong for all Newspapers passing in the mail should be regularly charged and the postage of them accounted for to the publick. By the privilege given to M<sup>r</sup>. Bernard by the privilege given to M<sup>r</sup>. Bernard nothing more was meant than he should be at liberty to carry newspapers for those who chose to employ him in preference to having them carried in the mail.

You will please to pay M<sup>r</sup>. Lebbe Graffam for his last quarters salary and if you have then a sufficient sum in hand

Please

please to settle with M<sup>r</sup>. Bernard in full to the 1<sup>st</sup> instant and send me their receipts immediately; in case you should not have a sum sufficient to pay M<sup>r</sup>. Bernard in full please to inform me and I will supply the deficiency.

The credit was in the first instance given to the Supervisors in consequence of its being inconvenient for them to advance their own money for the postage of their letters on public business, No money having at that time been received by them for coarse.— But as this inconvenience does not now exist, there can be no necessity for extending their credit for a longer time than three months you will therefore require a settlement of the Supervisors account at your office at the close of every quarter

C. B.

M<sup>r</sup>. John Watts

General Post Office

Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 23. 1793

I have received your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> June and now enclose to you an order in your favour on the Postmaster at Halifax for fifty five dollars and fifty five cents which is the amount of your pay from the 11 of April to the 1 July 1793

C. B.

Charles Gilmour advised him of the above draft same day.

M<sup>r</sup>. John Bradley

General Post Office

Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 23. 1793

Sir  
I now enclose to you a statement of your account with the General Post Office from July 1. 1791 to July 1. 1793. by which there appears to be a balance due from you of \$33.99 cents. These have been after errors discovered in your accounts memorandums of which are herewith enclosed. I shall draw on you in a few days in favour of Mr. Young for the amount of his last Quarters pay.

C. B.

M<sup>r</sup>. Benj. & Peter Mumford

General Post Office

Phil<sup>a</sup>. July 24. 1793

Gentlemen  
I now enclose to you two drafts in your favour, one on the Postmaster at Providence for one hundred & twenty one dollars 50 cents and the other on the Postmaster at Newport for 100 dollars. I find the Postmaster General's letter directing you to alter your route by way of Stonington is dated the 31 January last but I am at a loss to determine the time you actually made the alteration, I will thank you to inform me when your ride by way of Stonington commenced and how much the distance is increased thereby, you will please to inform me what

478 what you calculate ~~you~~<sup>the</sup> whole distance of your ride at, in order to ascertain the additional compensation that is to be given you for going by way of Stonington.

6 B.

M.B. As soon as you have given me the information asked for in the above letter, I will send you an order for the balance that may be due you.

Mr. Arth. J. Maxwell

Gent. P.O. July 25. 1793

Enclosed a draft in his favour on George Manicus for 132.50. in full to inst.

Shubael Downs

by P. Office Phil. July 25. 1793

Enclosed him a draft on the Postmaster at Providence for 36.66 in full to July instant

John Sears

July 25. 1793

Acknowledged the receipt of 46 dollars by a draft (pay) on L. Hollingsworth.

William Wilkinson P.M.

General Post Office

Phil. July 26. 1793

Sir I have received your favour of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant informing of irregularity in the conveyance of the mail between Hartford and Providence. By order of the Postmaster General I have lately transferred one of Mr. Browns trips between these two places to the road from New Haven to New London, so that you will now receive only one mail <sup>as each</sup> from New Haven to Hartford — This mail I believe leaves Hartford on Thursdays and is to arrive at Providence on Fridays at 9 o'clock P.M. — I have not yet fixed the schedule for the conveyance of it — If therefore you should be of opinion that any other days for its arrival & departure will be more beneficial to the publick, I will thank you to inform me.

6 B.

Jeffe Brown

Gent. Post Office

Phil. July 26. 1793

Sir I lately received your letter from the Postmaster at Providence complaining of irregular performance <sup>in the conveyance of the mail</sup> between Hartford and Providence as there is more than one mail a week between Hartford and Providence it is necessary that it should be carried with the utmost regularity. I will thank you to inform me immediately of the days & hours

of

of the arrival and departure of the mails between those two places. 479

Mr. John Scull P.M.

General Post Office

Phil. July 27. 1793.

Sir The Postridier complains that he was detained at Pittsburg the last trip by the Quarter-Master, 12 hours beyond the time that he is obliged by contract to remain there. The contract obliges him to remain at Pittsburg six hours, which I should suppose was a sufficient time for the Quarter Master to answer his ~~draft~~ letters — if however instances occur in which the interest of the publick requires he should remain there a longer time, please to inform me and I will endeavour to make some arrangement with the contractor, that will afford the necessary accommodation. At present we have no right to detain the rider a moment beyond the time fixed in the contract for his departure.

I am de C B.

Mr. John Anderson P.M.

G.P.O. July 26. 1793

Sir

Sir. Postridier informs me that sometimes when he arrives at Bedford he can find no person to receive and deliver the mails — He says that instead of doing the business at the Post Office, you require him to call upon you at a place near six miles from the office which detains him much longer than if the business was done at the office — I will thank you to inform me whether this representation is true. If it is at times inconvenient for you to transact the business at the Post Office, can you not commit it to some of your family.

James Wiley

G.P.O. Phil. July 27. 1793.

Sir

I now acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. with your accounts and three dollars, which sum is added to your credit in the books of this Office. Your accounts for the quarter ending the 1<sup>st</sup> April have also been received with 132 cents which is also to your credit — There was a trifling error in your account which reduced the balance cents less than you had stated it. The account ending the 1<sup>st</sup> instant has not yet been examined.

6 B.

Seaborn Jones,

G.P.O. Phil. July 27. 1793.

Sir

On the absence of the Post Master General I have received your letter in which you wish to be informed whether you are obliged to wait at Augusta for the arrival of the Northern mail. Invert it is out of time before you depart with the mail for Savannah.

J

I have no doubt but you are at liberty to leave Augusta at the hour fixed by your contract for the departure of the mail, and wrote your brother to this effect on the 18<sup>th</sup> June, but at the same time desired him to detain his rider, for the northern mail when it did not arrive in time as long as he could without making the duty too severe <sup>upon</sup> his rider to perform his own ride in season, as his departing without it would cause a great delay of the Northern letters.

6. B.

W. James Piper

G. P. O. Phil. July 27. 1793.

Sir I have seen your note to Mr. Patton in which you wish to be informed whether ~~the~~ stage must wait at Chestertown until the arrival of Mr. Newman when he is out of time. In answer to which I inform you we have no right to detain the stage any longer than the time fixed for its departure by the contract.

I will thank you to inform me of every instance of Mr. Newman arriving too late at Chestertown, to have his mail brought direct on in the stage

The receipt for 5.20, paid to the order of W<sup>r</sup> Gathana, I have credited in your account ending the 1<sup>st</sup> April last.

6 B.

W. Levi McLeary

July 27. 1793

Sir  
I now acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> instant with your accounts and 39.6 cents which sum is referred to your credit in the books of this office.

You were right in demanding Postage on Mr. Winters Newspapers, for there can be no doubt but his privilege to receive them free, ceased as soon as he ceased to be the printer of a Newspaper.

6. B.

Smith Weed

July 27. 1793

acknowledged the receipt of 8.10 cash and his accounts

6 B.

William Watson

July 27. 1793.

acknowledged the receipt of his accounts, requested him to retain his balance till drawn for.

Lawrence Muse

July 27. 1793

acknowledged the receipt of his letter. Notified that his balance would

be drawn at the close of the current quarter, favour of Benj. Mackney

6. B.

acknowledged the receipt of his accounts &amp; of 4.08 cents cash

Philip Bradley

July 27. 1793.

acknowledge the receipt of his accounts, letter, & 3.32 cents cash.  
Bank Ac. but have been sent.

Henry Bedinger

July 27. 1793.

acknowledged the receipt of his accounts &amp; of only 2.93 cents only cash

Daniel Scwall

July 27. 1793

acknowledged the receipt of his acts for the 1<sup>st</sup> inst and for April 1. last.

John Scull

July 27. 1793.

acknowledged the receipt of his letter (not dat'd), & of 20 dollars cash.  
requested his accounts and <sup>balance</sup> up to the 1<sup>st</sup> instant.

Henry Spiring

July 27. 1793.

acknowledged the receipt of his accounts and 6.94 cents cash

Nathaniel Rochester

July 27. 1793.

Sir your accounts &amp; 40 dolls cash are received.

Your account from Sept 10 to Dec. 31. 1792 has been adjusted at this office and a commission of 20 per cent allowed upon <sup>which</sup> reduced the balance to 21.79 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents. You will continue to charge 20 per cent commission on your accounts until the close of the current year when the commission will be settled agreeably to Col. P. letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1792 upon the subject of compensation.

W<sup>r</sup>o. Bent

July 27. 1793

Boonton

acknowledged the receipt of his acct. &amp; 2.31 cents cash.

enclosed the Post Office law.

Richard Newman.

July 27. 1793.

Sir W. Piper the Postmaster at Chestertown has requested to be informed whether he shall detain the stage at Chestertown to wait for your arrival when you are out of time. I have informed him we have no right to detain it a moment longer than the time fixed for its departure by the contract. And I have thought proper to inform you that

482 in every instance that you arrive at Chestertown too late to have your mail forwarded direct on the stage, that the penalty incurred by delays will be exacted from you, unless the most satisfactory reasons are given for the delays.

C. B.

John Holmes

July 27. 1793.

I have received your letter of the 23. instant covering your contracts and bonds. In my letter to you of the 7<sup>th</sup> June I desired you to inform me what plan you could adopt for the carriage of the mail South of Petersburg, that would relieve your horses, but have not received your answer. I have this day received a letter from the Postmaster at Fayetteville informing me that for three months past the mail going South of his office has been so large he could not send it all at once and desires to be instructed what to do - He thinks it will be best to send two mails a week, or else to send one in some sort of carriage to Linden from his office to Camden where the mail separates.

There is no doubt but you are bound by contract to carry all the mail at once even if it should require two horses and riders but I suppose that one only was thought necessary to perform the business at the time your contract was made, and that in case you are obliged to furnish two you have a fair claim in equity to additional compensation, I cannot however undertake to promise you any compensation beyond the sum specified in the contract, but must refer the subject to the decision of the Postmaster General. Therewith enclose two drafts in your favour one

on the Postmaster at Richmond for 855.94 cents and the other on the Postmaster at Norfolk for 261.24 cents making together 1117.18 cents which is in full of your account as contractor to the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1793. C. B.

Henry Edward

July 27. 1793

Acknowledged the receipt of his accounts & of 5.50 cash.

Nath. Phillips

July 27. —

Acknowledged the receipt of his accounts & of 6.96 cents cash

Nicholas Power

July 27. 1793

Acknowledged the receipt of his accounts & of 21.25 cents cash.

Sir

John M. Ministry

July 30. 1793.

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I now acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant with your accounts \$ 2.18 1/2 cents which sum is entered to your credit in the books of this office the cash received falls short of the sum mentioned in your letter 23 1/2 cents; the money received consists of 2 dollars & 1/2 of a dollar, & as the letter was delivered in good order I think you must have made a mistake in putting it in. Your accounts for the quarter ending the 1<sup>st</sup> April have also been received, with 3.11 cents which is also to your credit. C. B.

Thomas Hamilton

July 27. 1793

Sir

I have received your letter of the 20 instant informing me of your appointment of Prothonotary of the county & regret your being obliged to resign the office of Postmaster in consequence of it. I find that it is incompatible with the constitution of this state for you to hold both offices at the same time, & will thank you to ascertain and recommend a suitable character to succeed you -

I find nothing in the law <sup>expressly</sup> that authorises the Postmaster General to relinquish any part of the Postage arising on an article that has been conveyed in the Mail, yet I find that in several instances where articles have been sent in the mail, the Postage of which have amounted to more than the value of the articles, & the persons to whom they are addressed have refused to take them up, that he has directed the Postmasters to deliver them for a part of the Postage: but this he has done only in instances where the publick would otherwise have got nothing. You will therefore act agreeably to your own judgement respecting the mail now in your office. C. B.

M. John Sibley

General Post Office

Phil: July 27. 1793

Sir

I now acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant with your accounts. The credit was at first given to the Supervisors of the roads in consequence of its being inconvenient for them to advance their own money for the postage of their letters on publick business they not having at that time received any publick money. But as this inconvenience does not now exist, there can be no necessity for extending their credits for more

184 than three months you will therefore please to require a settlement of the Supervisor's account at the close of every quarter.

If the mail is ever so large the contractor is bound to carry it even if it should require two horses, but I conclude that only one horse was thought necessary to convey it at the time of making the Contract, & that he will conceive himself in equity entitled to receive an additional allowance in consequence of his being obliged to furnish two. This however is a subject that I shall refer to the decision of the Post Master General when he returns from the Indian Treaty.

I see no inconvenience in your plan of conveying the mail between Fayetteville and Wilmington, and if Mr. Young is willing to undertake it without any additional compensation, or alteration in his schedule, I believe it will be best for you to make the alteration immediately. His going down on one side of the river and returning on the other, must afford a more general accommodation to the inhabitants of the country than he does at present.

G. B.

General Post Office

Phila. July 31. 1793.

Sir  
In the absence of the Postmaster I have received your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, in which you request him to inform you whether you are to be allowed no more than 20 per cent commission on letters, in answer to which I inform you, you are entitled to a commission of 40 per cent at which rate your commission has been set on the adjustment of your accounts up to the close of the last year. — The Postmaster General in his circular letter of the 18<sup>th</sup>. June 1792 directed all his deputies to charge a commission of 20 percent on account <sup>until paid off</sup> when the amount of Postage collected by them would be known, & the rate of commission to which they are entitled <sup>will</sup> be ascertained. I am sensible that the pecuniary advantage arising from your office cannot be much inducement with you to hold it, yet I flatter myself you will continue to do the business for the accommodation of your town & neighbourhood.

No money appears to have been received with your letter dated the 26 instant and I am at a loss to determine whether any was enclosed by you, from the manner in which you have expensed yourself. You say I herewith send my account current the balance due the General Post Office. — Many of the Subscribers &c. I will thank you to inform me whether you meant your account with the balance, if the balance was enclosed please to inform me of what it consists.

G. B.

William Robeson

July 31.

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Acknowledged the receipt of his accounts & of . cash.

John Griffiths

July 31.

Acknowledged the receipt of his accounts for the Quarter ending April 1<sup>st</sup> & of 6.25 cents cash

George Blapoth

July 27. 1793

Sir I have seen your letter to Mr. Marvin of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant in which you inform him of your intention to resign the office of Postmaster at Lancaster Court house & say that you have engaged a young gentleman to undertake the business of the office. I will thank you to inform me the name of the young gentleman & whether you can recommend him as a proper person to succeed you in the office. As soon as I have commissioned another person in your place & your accounts are up to the time you leave the office are adjusted, I will draw on you for the balance that may be due the General Post Office and as soon as it is paid will return your bond.

G. B.

Samuel Hamilton

General Post Office

Phila. July 31. 1793.

John Coomes & Quinn

August 1<sup>st</sup>. 1793

Sent him a statement of his account with the General Post Office from July 1<sup>st</sup> 1792 to January 1<sup>st</sup> 1793 and desired him to sign it and return it to this office.

G. B.

Sebastian Bauman

August 1<sup>st</sup>. 1793

Acknowledged the receipt of 2000 dollars <sup>due</sup> of him by this days Mail. — G. B.

Mr. John Stavers

Genl. Post Office

July 30. 1793.

Sir I have received your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant requesting payment of your account for the carriage of the mail for the last quarter, and complaining of the delay that has taken place in the settlement of your accounts. — You observe that by the contract great punctuality is required of you in the conveyance of the mail and that you