

Col. John Holmes

G.P.O. April 1. 1794

Sir

The complaints are so strongly renewed of delays in the Southern mail, and which are very much attributed to the unwieldy loads accumulated at Petersburg, that I must request you to put a second set of horses upon the road thence to Halifax. Small horses will answer to be led with the mail on their backs. The utility of this provision will be most important while Congress is sitting; I am therefore anxious to have it made without any delay. A special allowance must be made you for this provision.

To my surprise I have now received complaints of very great delays on the lower line, between Petersburg, & Newbern & Wilmington. I think it not possible that this should happen on your part of the road. An answer by the first Post, will oblige you &c. J.P.

W. John Currier

Sir

complaints of delays in the Southern mails are so strongly renewed, I am constrained to enquire into the causes thereof. Two or three weeks delay has sometimes happened southward of your office. I have already been informed that the size of the mails often renders it impossible to send the whole by one post. I pray you to inform me immediately how the business has been conducted, and what within your knowledge, or by information from others, has occasioned so many and frequent disappointments.

I am &c. J.P.

Francis X. Martin

G.P.O. April 1. 1794

Sir Complaints of unreasonable delays in some mails between Suffolk & Wilmington oblige me to enquire of the Post Masters on the route for information of the cause. If you can favour me with that information I pray you to do it. I am &c. J.P.

Leviell Standin
John Driver

G.P.O. April 1. 1794

Sir I find there have been great delays of ^{the mails} passing your office to Wilmington. If you know of such delays & their causes you will oblige me by immediate information thereof. I am &c. J.P.

General Post Office 211

April 1. 1794

W. James Harper

Sir

From an experienced officer in the department I should have expected a punctual attendance to every duty of a Post Office. It cannot be necessary for me to remind you that the law requires the accounts to be rendered quarterly; or that yours are now five quarters in arrear. My duty as well as interest oblige me to demand that they be rendered without more delay. I am &c.

J.P.

W. John Currie
Reuben Atwater

G.P.O April 1. 1794

Sir I must remind you that your quarters accounts to Decrst 1793 have not been rendered to this office. However small the business at Georgetown, it is equally necessary to make the quarterly returns of account as from more important offices. Another quarter is now elapsed; and I must request you to forward the accounts of both immediately.

J.P.

W. William Stewart

General Post Office April 1. 1794

Sir

When your accounts were transmitted to the General Post Office, an account Current was omitted. Be pleased to furnish one as early as may be.

The great public objects which have lately engaged the attention of Congress, have caused the Consideration of the bill for regulating the post office to be postponed.

This day it was taken up and I hope it will soon be passed.

I am &c. J.P.

W. James P. Oliver
Gideon Mumford
Jonathan Palmer Esq.

General Post Office April 1. 1794

Sir Your accounts for the quarter ending last December have not yet been rendered. Another quarter is elapsed. I trust you will render both immediately.

I am &c. J.P.

212 Mr. James Edie

General Post Office April 1 1794

Sir

On the 21st of last February I wrote you desiring an immediate rendering of your accounts, agreeably to your promise of last October. I have not heard from you since. I pray you to inform me whether I am to expect them or not. From the state in which they are represented to be, I presume it would be best for you to come with them to Philadelphia. They shall then be immediately adjusted

your O^r T.P.

Mr Herman Stamp

General Post Office Phil. April 1 1794

Sir

I have received your letter of the 27 Ult^m. In your account ending 31 of December 1792 you have taken credit for letters on hand amounting to 9 dollars 49¹/₂ cents, which sum you have omitted to charge yourself with in your account for the next quarter. I have looked at the original account and find the Credit to be in your own figures, and the account signed by yourself. If it had been a mistake of yours in placing Dead letters against the line for letters on hand the error would have been discovered on the examination of your account, as the dead letters would have accompanied the account. Besides, there has not been an instance of your not having letters on hands at the close of a quarter since your appointment. - If you still have doubts about this error I will send you the original account. The error was discovered by Mr. Bradley who examined the account and omitted to inform you of it at the time.

I have re-examined all your accounts since June 1792 and find the quarterly balances as follows:

Balance due June 30 1792 as appears by the Books of this office 4.68

D^r. of account ending Septemr. 30th 1792 23.92

D ^r .	D ^r .	Decemr. 31	11	-	-	12.49
D ^r .	D ^r .	March 31	1793	-	-	6.15
D ^r .	D ^r .	June 30	-	-	-	17.73
D ^r .	D ^r .	Septemr. 31	"	-	-	20.44
D ^r .	D ^r .	Decemr. 31	-	-	-	13.9
						90.51

Thus it appears that there is Ninety eight dollars and 51¹/₂ Cents due from you, which is 5 Dollars and 90 Cents more than you state the balance. The difference between us arises from errors made by you as follows vizt.

Omission of Letters on hand Decemr. 31. 92	9.49 ¹ / ₂	9.49 ¹ / ₂
Deduct Commission	3.79 ¹ / ₂	5.70
Error in deducting the postage of dead Newspapers in Account ending June 30. 1793	etc 20	
Com ^t on letters for the same quarter over cast	8	
Deduct Com ^t on the error in Newspapers	28	0.18
Difference between our statements of the balance due 30 June 1792	2	
		Dollars 5.90

I have not yet received any money from Mr. Hollingsworth - To avoid trouble in future I wish your balance to be paid in full to the close of the last year - - - - - I am & C. B.

Mr Jarvis Dousenbury
P.M. Peckhill

General Post Office April 1 1794

Sir

Five quarters have now elapsed since you have rendered any accounts. You have been reminded that the law requires that post office accounts be rendered quarterly. I am personally responsible for any deficiency arising from my omitting to demand and enforce such quarterly returns. It is true the business of your office is small; but if it merits any attention, the returns quarterly are as necessary as from more important offices. If the business of yours is not, for its convenience to you and your neighbors, worth attending to regularly, I must abolish it. Or if your private affairs prevent your attention to those of the public, let me know it that I may transfer the office into other hands.

I hope you will favour me with an immediate answer. You have never returned to my office the bond and oaths which were sent you to execute in 1791. I am & J.P.

Christopher Leffingwell Esqr.
P. M. Norwich

General Post Office April 1. 1794

Sir

I have received your letter of the 25th Ult: without signature. I had also duly received your favours of January, on the robbery of money in the mail, belonging to Talbot and son, of Providence, and the one of February 28th inclosing Jesse Brown, contract, and intimating your intention to resign.

The expedient of sealing every packet going in the mail, besides being almost impracticable at the large offices, would not afford security. So much friction and jolting as take place in long journeys, are sufficient to account for the breaking of the covers, without intended violence. I have seen for instance, a packet of letters from Boston, with the cover cracked so that every letter could be withdrawn without injuring the seal. And lately a robbery was committed on the mail from New York to Boston, when the letters robbed were sealed up in the linen bag, sealed with the New York seal, and the seal perfectly sound.

I have such confidence in the rectitude of your recommendation, that I agree to the succession of your son in law Mr. Lathrop, to the post office at Norwich, whenever you choose to relinquish it.

The post bills you request will go by this post

Jam^s C.
J. P.

Mr. James R. Hutchins

General Post Office April 1. 1794

Sir

Your accounts since the first of October 1793, have not been rendered. I must request you to furnish them immediately, and to hold the balance due to the General Post Office subject to the order of me or my Assistant.

Jam^s
J. P.

General Post Office 215
Phil. April 1. 1794

Mr. Lewis Woodruff

Sir

I have this day received your letter of the 31 Ult: inclosing Thirty one dollars and twenty six cents which sum closes your accounts with this office. Enclosed you have a receipt for the above mentioned sum

Jam^s
C. B.

NB I herewith enclose your bond

Mr. Asa Leech

Sir

General Post Office
Philadelphia April 2. 1794

By the Books of this Office there is a balance of Eighty seven dollars and sixty five cents due on your account to the 1st of January 1794, which sum I have this day drawn on you for at sight in favor of Mess^s Greenleaf & Stavers. When you have paid the draft please to furnish me with a Receipt

Jam^s C. B.

Mess^s Greenleaf & Stavers

General Post Office Phil. April 2. 1794

Gentlemen

Enclose two drafts in your favor one on Mr. Emerson at Newbury Port for 95 Dollars and Sixty eight cents and the other on Mr. Leech at Beverly for 87. $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars which when paid will be in full of your account to the 1st April 1794

Jam^s C. B.

Mr. Thomas W. Bacot

P. M. Charleston

General Post April 3. 1794

Sir

Inclosed is a letter for your predecessor Mr. Hall, and an Order on him for a balance, due to the 1st of January 1792, of 98 $\frac{61}{100}$ dollars, which be pleased to present. I hope he will pay that sum, which may be retained by you to answer drafts in favor of Contractors.

Mr. Hall has rendered no account of his post office from the Commencement of January 1792, until you succeeded him.

216 I presume he retained his Entries and bills during that time. One object of the letter to him is to request him to render that account. Without answering my letter, perhaps he may start some objections: in this case I shall be obliged by your communicating them
I am & T.P.

Thomas Hall Esqr. General Post Office April 3. 1794

Sir

On the accounts rendered by you up to the first of January 1792, there appears due to the U States a balance of 98 dollars and 6 cents. For this sum my assistant now sends a draft in favor of Mr. Bacot. For the few days after the 1st of January until Mr. Bacot succeeded you, no account has been received. I must request you to furnish it immediately, that a final settlement of your accounts may be made.
I am & T.P.

Col. Hendrick Frey General Post Office April 4th. 1794

P.M. Canajoharie Sir

Your favor of the 15th Ult: to Mr. Burrall has been received, with a receipt for money paid to Mr. Beal, but not signed by him: it is therefore returned for you to obtain his signature.

I now write to the postmaster at Whitestown desiring him to settle with you in behalf of the Contractors. Such settlements ought regularly to precede your return.
I am & T.P.

Doctor Elizur Moseley General Post Office April 4. 1794

P.M. Whitestown Sir

Col. Frey, the Postmaster at Canajoharie, necessarily delays sending his accounts to this office, because the accounts between him and you remain unsettled. I beg your immediate attention to this matter, and that you will furnish him with such an account as will enable him to adjust the whole
I am & T.P.

Sebastian Dauman Esqr. General Post Office April 3. 1794
P.M. New York

Sir

The Contractor informs me that much time is lost at the small post offices in N Jersey by the postmasters being obliged to look over the whole mass of newspapers which accompany the mail of letters. I have therefore to request you to put into the small bag, with the letters, all the newspapers directed to any office between New York and Philadelphia. When I am informed by you that this regulation is adopted, I shall write to the postmasters to examine nothing, but the Contents of the small bag
I am & T.P.

W^r James R. Hutchins

General Post Office
Phil: April 2. 1794

Sir

By the Books of this Office there appear a balance of 22 dollars and 15 cents due from you to the 10 October 1793 which sum I have this day drawn for in favor of Mr. Pease - When you pay the draft please to take Mr. Pease's Receipt on the back of it and return it to me - I am & C.B.

N.B. The money that you received of Mr. Weld has not been charged to you - I have not been able to find your receipt for it - and wish you to return the money to him again -

W^r Alexander Furnival General Post Office April 4. 1794

Sir

To enable me most equitably to distribute the 110 dollars of the money robbed by Doctor Gant, which you received from an unknown hand & sent to me, I now enclose an advertisement, to be published in one or more of the Baltimore papers, as you think proper, for the sufferers to state & prove their losses before the first of June next, after which a distribution shall be immediately made.
I am & T.P.

Joseph Purn Esquire

General Post Office
Phil^a. April 4. 1794

Sir

Mr Grummon informs me that he has received of you about 45 dollars on account of the General Post Office - I wish to make a settlement of his account and will thank you to send me his Receipt for the sum you have paid him, and in future please not to pay him any more money without particular orders from me.

I am &c
your Dr
C. B.

Mr John Burnet

Sir

General Post Office
Phil^a. April 4. 1794

Mr Grummon informs me that he has received of you about Eighty dollars on account of the General Post Office. I wish to make a settlement of his account and will thank you to send me his receipt for the sum you have paid him, and in future not to pay him any more money without particular orders from me — I am & C. B.

Mr Tobias Rudolph

Sir

General Post Office April 7. 1794

Agreeably to the recommendation of the inhabitants of Elton, communicated by you, I herewith send a bond to be executed with sufficient sureties, by Thomas Giles as postmaster at place. The forms of the oaths are also inclosed, which Mr. Giles is to subscribe and take. When the bond and oaths are returned, a commission will be sent to him. You will permit me to ask your attention to the due execution of the Bond, after inserting the names of the sureties

I am &c J.P.

Mr Augustine Davis

Sir

General Post Office April 4. 1794

I duly received your favour of the 16th ult: and am greatly obliged by the information it contained. I have waited for a letter from Mr. Campbell, but none has come to hand. I was suspicious of some such de-

fect, as you have hinted, or I should have received an answer to my letters. Indeed I had been for some time apprehensive that payments had been made. Are you sure that none have been made?

The mortgage, I presume, has been given to secure the due payment of the monies for which the bonds have been given. As soon as the mortgage has been recorded, I wish that and the bonds may be sent to the General Post Office. As you will have the goodness to transmit them, enclose a letter to Mr. Campbell desiring him to deliver them to you. Be pleased to present it as soon as you find the mortgage is recorded

I am & J.P.

Alexander Campbell Esq.
Richmond

General Post Office April 7. 1794

Sir

I have repeatedly manifested my solicitude to obtain certain provision for the payment of Mr. Hayes debt to the United States. I have lately learnt, with satisfaction, that it has been secured by a Mortgage executed by Mr. Hayes. His own bonds, it seems, had been previously obtained. I have now desired Mr. Davis, the postmaster at Richmond, to receive the bonds and mortgage of you, and to transmit them to the General Post Office. Be pleased to deliver them on the presentation of this letter, together with a bill of your fees and expences, for the payment of which I will immediately provide

I am & J.P.

Mr Moses Fort

Sir

General Post Office
Phil^a. April 7. 1794

By the books of this Office there appears a balance of Twenty seven dollars and twenty seven cents due from you, for which sum I have this day drawn on you at sight in favor of Col^r. Hoomes — when you pay the draft please to take a duplicate Receipt on the back of it and return it to me —

I am &c
your Dr
C. B.

Mr. John Bryan

Sir

General Post Office Phil. April 7. 1794

By the Books of this Office there appears a balance of Twelve dollars & 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents due from you - I have this day drawn on you at sight in favor of Col^o. John Hoomes for this balance — When you pay the draft please to take a receipt on the back of it and return it to me —

I am & C. B. A. P. M. Genl.

Mr. John Reid

Sir

General Post Office April 7. 1794

By the books of this office there is a balance of 40 dollars and 36 cents due from you to the 1 April 1793 for which sum I have this day drawn on you in favor of Col^o. John Hoomes — When the draft is presented please to take a receipt on the back of it and return it to me —

I am & C. B. A. P. M. Genl.

Mr. Joseph Ross

Sir

General Post Office Phil. April 7. 1794

By the Books of this office there appears a balance of Eighty nine $\frac{11}{100}$ dollars for which I have this day drawn on you for in favor of Col^o. John Hoomes and have no doubt but the draft will be duly honored — When you pay it please to take a receipt and return it to me —

I herewith enclose a statement of your account with the General Post Office which shews the balance for which I have drawn —

I am & C. B. A. P. M. Genl.

Mr. John W. Blake

Sir

General Post Office

I herewith enclose a statement of your account with this office by which there appears a balance of 2 dollars 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents due from you. I have given Mr. Peace a draft from you for this balance which when paid will close your account with this office I am & C. B.
N.B. When you pay the draft take a receipt on the back of it and return it to me

Mr. Alden Spooner

Sir

General Post Office Phil. April 7. 1794 221

By the Books of this office there is a balance of Six dollars and 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents due from you — I have given Mr. Peace a draft on you payable at sight for this sum which when paid will close your account with this office — When you pay the draft take a Receipt on the back of it and return it to me — I am & C. B.

Mr. Samuel Mcpure

General Post Office Phil. April 7. 1794

Sir

I have drawn on you at sight in favor of Levi Peace for 34 dollars 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents which is the balance due on your account to the 1 January 1794 — When you pay the draft take a Receipt on the back of it and return it to me — I am & C. B.

Mr. John Breck

Sir

General Post Office Phil. April 7. 1794

By the Books of this office there appears a balance of Twenty five dollars and 52 cents due from you, for which sum I have drawn on you at sight in favor of Mr. Peace — When you pay the draft take a receipt upon the back of it and return it to me — I am & C. B.

Mr. Alexander Furnival

General Post Office April 7. 1794

9 " Augustine Davis

Sir

I was much concerned to hear that a portmanteau, with three of the staples missing, was suffered to pass on the road from Baltimore to Richmond, for six weeks together, and during that period exposed to the pilage of any one who would beat the trouble of putting his hand into it — Pray attend to this matter immediately, and cause to be made any necessary repairs. I beg also that you would make it a standing rule, to repair every portmanteau as it requires, and never to suffer an insecure one to go out of your office — I am & C. B.

I am & C. B.

222 Col^o. Bauman

General Post Office April 8. 1794

Sir

Mr. John Morton, in a letter dated at New York the 4th instant, mentions a packet in your office, directed to him, the postage of which is 41 dollars & 64 cents. He says you permitted it to be opened; and it is found to contain printed music. He asks a remittance of the postage.

The rule I have adopted in similar cases is this - Whatever letters are in a package, must pay letter postage. the rest, the same by the sheet as newspapers are charged. This rule you may apply in the present and future instances of the kind, without waiting particular directions from your servant

J. P.

M James M McRea

General Post Office April 8. 1794

Sir

I have been much chagrined to be informed that a portmanteau, with three staples wanting, has been passing for six weeks, on the road between Baltimore & Richmond. I have written to Mr. Davis and Mr. Farnival to cause the requisite repairs to be made; and to make it a standing rule never to suffer an insufficient portmanteau to go out of their offices. Let me request your attention to the same object, that the department may be preserved from the reproach of very blameable carelessness. As no provision is made for sending inspectors from the General Post Office, the necessary precautions for the security of the mail, must be taken by the respective postmasters, especially by those who are at the principal stations.

your O. C. J. P.

Mr Jonathan Hastings

General Post Office April 8. 1794

Sir

Mr. Burrall has handed me your letter of the 28th mentioning the expence of ten dollars you incurred for extra services in forwarding the packet letters. I cheerfully admit the charge, and at the same time, with much pleasure, express my satisfaction in the diligent attention given by you to a matter so important.

Should other packets hereafter arrive at Boston, you will of course act on the same principle. In the present eventful period such attention to dispatch the packet letters is peculiarly proper and necessary. I will just observe, that in the hurry with which you sent off the packet letters, a number were unfortunately missent. I must beg your special attention in accurately writing the letters, in future

Jam^o C. J. P.

General Post Office Phila. April 9. 1794

John Hoomes Esq^r

Sir

I now enclose Drafts in your favor amounting to Eleven Hundred and fifteen dollars, which with 600 Dollars paid you by Mr. William Wratt, and 120 Dollars paid by me to W. Jacobs agreeably to your Order, makes Eighteen hundred and thirty five dollars, which is the amount of your pay for the last quarter —

In case you cannot obtain payment of my draft on Mr. Newman return it to me and I will send you another in lieu of it on some other Postmaster in Virginia —

Jam^o C. P.

Hon^{ble} Mr Hunter

General Post Office April 10. 1794

Sir

I have been sensibly pained by the numerous complaints of the delays of the arrival of the Southern mails. Various causes have conspired to produce them. In some cases the provision for transporting the mail has been insufficient, for which the Contractors will incur the penalty stipulated in their Contracts. In others, the mail has been so large as to exceed the powers of the horses to carry it. This has obliged the Postmaster at Petersburg to divide the mail, leaving part for the next week's post rider. Perhaps this next mail has been as large as that of the preceding week, & occasioned a second division, & possibly a part of the first mail has not been forwarded even by the second. It was understood when the Contract for this part of the road was entered into, that one horse only would be requisite for this mail; and

222 Col: Bauman

General Post Office April 8. 1794

Sir

Mr: John Morton, in a letter dated at New York the 4th instant, mentions a packet in your office, directed to him, the postage of which is 41 dollars & 64 cents. He says you permitted it to be opened; and it is found to contain printed music. He asks a remittance of the postage.

The rule I have adopted in similar cases is this— Whatever letters are in a package, must pay letter postage. the rest, the same by the sheet as newspapers are charged. This rule you may apply in the present and future instances of the kind, without waiting particular directions from your ob: servant

T.P.

M: James M: McRea

General Post Office April 8. 1794

Sir

I have been much chagrined to be informed that a portmanteau, with three staples wanting, has been passing for six weeks on the road between Baltimore & Richmond. I have written to Mr: Davis and Mr: Farnival to cause the requisite repairs to be made; and to make it a standing rule never to suffer an insufficient portmanteau to go out of their offices. Let me request your attention to the same object, that the department may be preserved from the reproach of very blameable carelessness. As no provision is made for sending inspectors from the General Post Office, the necessary precautions for the security of the mail, must be taken by the respective postmasters, especially by those who are at the principal stations.

yours &c T.P.

Mr: Jonathan Hastings

General Post Office April 8. 1794

Sir

Mr: Burrall has handed me your letter of the 28th mentioning the expence of ten dollars you incurred for extra services in forwarding the packet letters. I cheerfully admit the charge; and at the same time, with much pleasure, express my satisfaction in the diligent attention given by you to a matter so important.

Should other packets hereafter arrive at Boston, you will of course²²³ act on the same principle. In the present eventful period such attention to dispatch the packet letters is peculiarly proper and necessary. I will just observe, that in the hurry with which you sent off the packet letters, a number were unfortunately misent. I must beg your special attention in accurately sorting the letters in future

Jam: Dr: T.P.

General Post Office Phil: April 9. 1794

John Hoomes Esq:

Sir

I now enclose Drafts in your favor amounting to Eleven Hundred and fifteen dollars, which with 600 Dols paid you by Mr: William Wratt, and 120 Dollars paid by me to Mr: Jacobs agreeably to your order, makes Eighteen hundred and thirty five dollars, which is the amount of your pay for the last quarter —

In case you cannot obtain payment of my draft, on Mr: Newman return it to me and I will send you another in lieu of it on some other Postmaster in Virginia —

Jam: C: R.

Hon: Mr: Hunter

General Post Office April 10. 1794

Sir

I have been sensibly pained by the numerous complaints of the delays of the arrival of the southern mails. Various causes have conspired to produce them. In some cases the provision for transporting the mail has been insufficient, for which the Contractors will incur the penalty stipulated in their Contracts. In others, the mail has been so large as to exceed the powers of the horses to carry it. This has obliged the Postmaster at Petersburg to divide the mail, leaving part for the next week's post rider. Perhaps this next mail has been as large as that of the preceding week, & occasioned a second division, & possibly a part of the first mail has not been forwarded even by the second. It was understood when the Contract for this part of the road was entered into, that one horse only would be requisite for this mail; and

224
and for that time it was sufficient. I have now written to the Contractor to put a second horse on the same road, for which I have promised a special allowance. This will remove the obstruction between Petersburg & Halifax, which the North Carolina Gentlemen suppose will suffice. However lest the road should be too unwieldy between Halifax & Fayetteville, I will write to the Contractor by to-morrow's post to provide a pack horse for that road also, if it should be necessary.

Another course of repeated delays has been the uncommon height of the waters, which has rendered the rivers impassable, and occasioned frequent irregularities in the mail.

My repeated pressing letters to the Contractors, and the season now advancing, will I hope prevent complaints in future during the continuance of the present Contracts; I hope also it will be practicable to provide, in the next Contracts, against all failures, except those what arise from waters occasionally impassable

Jam & J.P.

Mr Thos W. Bacot General Post Office April 10. 1794

I received your favour of the 10th Ult. inclosing Mr. Horan's letter. The complaints of delays of the mails have been renewed. One of your members, Mr. Hunter, shewed me letters from Charleston, stating three mails to be then due. I have sent him a letter of which the enclosed is a copy, to account for those delays. In the new Contracts to be made the ensuing season, such provisions may I think be introduced, as will prevent any delays but such as arise from obstructions which no human power can surmount. Jam & J.P.

Col^o John Hoomes General Post Office April 10. 1794

Sir I wrote you on the 1st instant praying you to put a second horse on the road from Petersburg to Halifax, to ensure the carriage of the mail entire. I am fearful that afterwards one horse will not be sufficient to carry the mail thence to Fayetteville: altho' the N. Carolina Gentlemen suppose otherwise. I am induced therefore

225
to request you to make a farther provision, for carrying the mail from Halifax to Fayetteville, if you find it necessary, for carrying the mail entire, in due season. I am prompted to this, by my apprehension that the single mail for Warrenton, Salisbury &c taken out at Halifax will not sufficiently lessen the load for one horse, and because of the renewed complaints of delays in the southern mails, which are unexampled.

I received your letter relative to the express with publick dispatches. I find there were delays at several places in providing expresses & horses. Eastward the dispatch was very great. In 6 hours, by my computation, the dispatch reached Boston, a distance of about 350 miles,

Jam & J.P.

D^r Saml A M Coshay

Sir

General Post Office April 10. 1794

As you have recommended Mr. Thomas

Alexander to succeed Mr. Hline in the Post Office at Carlisle, permit me to inclose to your care a bond to be executed by him with sureties, and the forms of the requisite oaths. Be pleased to see that the sureties are sufficient, and to fill up the blanks left for their names & dates — the oaths must be subscribed as well as taken. When they and the bond are returned to my office a commission of Postmaster will be sent to Mr. Alexander. He may enter on the office as soon as the bond and oaths are executed. I have written to Mr. Hline to deliver possession accordingly

Jam & c J.P.

Mr George Hline
Mr Carlisle

General Post Office April 10. 1794

Sir

In consequence of your letter of the 10th of March, desiring a successor might be appointed to the Post Office at Carlisle, I have made enquiry and now inform you, that I have fixed on Mr. Thomas Alexander as your successor. By this mail I send the requisite papers for the purpose of qualifying him to take charge of the office, which being executed, you will then deliver possession thereof to him

Jam & J.P.

Augustine Davis Esq.

General Post Office
Phil^a. April 10. 1794

Sir I have received your letter of the 2 instant enclosing Mr. Perry's Receipt for his pay to the 3 January last - You will please to settle with him for his quarters pay that became due the 1 instant deducting therefrom such penalties as has been incurred by delays - As soon as you have paid him forward his receipt to me -

Jam^{es}
C. B.

General Post Office
Philadelphia April 11. 1794

Sir

Your accounts from July 1. to October 1. 1793 are not to be found - One of the Clerks in this Office who was employed in examining Postmaster's accounts died of the late malignant fever: the confusion & removal of this Office during the prevalence of that fever, probably occasioned the loss of your account. I must therefore request you to furnish a copy of your accounts for that quarter as soon as you can conveniently, as it is expedient for the Postmaster General to render them to the Treasury immediately. Jam^{es} C. B.

Wrote as above to the following Persons - Samuel Henmerly ac^t from April to July
William Watson William Wilson
Henry Hardy Smith Weed
Joseph Storer Nathaniel Freeman

Mr. Aaron Horsford

Genl. Post Office Phil^a. April 10. 1794

Acknowledged the receipt of his for last quarter \$ six dollars & 7 cents.
C. B.

William Watt Esq.

General Post Office
Phil^a. April 11. 1794

Sir In answer to your letter of the 23^d of January I inform you that I have credited you with One Hundred and Eighty five dollars paid by you to Mr. Hackney the 2^d of October 1793.

If I understand you right his Bill of the 15th of November 1793 is

On Laurence Muse for . . .	90 Dollars
On John Brand - for . . .	60
On Yourself - for . . .	35
	185

This Bill will not answer as a Voucher; it would be inferred from it that you had paid the amount of the three drafts - It is necessary that I should have a Receipt for the payment of each Draft - I therefore return his order and request you will get him to sign the enclosed receipts and return them to me as soon as possible, provided he has received payment of the Drafts - Your letter without date enclosing Col^o. Hoomes Receipt for 600 dollars, and Mr. Hackney's for 185 Dollars has been received, and the receipts passed to your credit - You will please not to pay Mr. Hackney any more money without particular Orders from me, as I wish to pay him by drafts on some of the Postmasters who cannot conveniently remit their balances to the General Post Office. Jam^{es} C. B.

Mr. William Wilson
Bermont.

General Post Office
Phil^a. April 12. 1794

Sir

Your letter of the 7th instant with your accounts and Twenty three Dollars and twelve Cents, came safe to hand - I received with your accounts for the last quarter Fifteen dollars, which sum is to your Credit in the Books of this Office Jam^{es} C. B. A PM Gen^d.

Mr. Samuel Clarkson

Sir

Alexander Campbell Esq^r. attorney of the U States for the district of Virginia, was employed to do a piece of business for the general post office, for which he will be entitled to reasonable fees. His draughts for One hundred and Sixty six dollars and Sixty six cents, now presented by you is so extremely disproportionate to the service performed, that my duty as a public Officer obliges me to refuse accepting or paying it

John C.
your C. B.

General Post office
Phil^a. April 11. 1794