

427 before she can discharge her cargo at another port, which is only a port of delivery) may be destined to unload at another, the master shall not be obliged to deliver to the postmaster at the port of entry the letters addressed to persons at the port of delivery to which the vessel is destined to discharge her cargo. But if the master chooses to deliver all his letters at the port of entry, they are to be received, and those directed to the port of delivery forwarded by the first post. This a master may often find it prudent to do, when the probability is that they will arrive sooner than in his vessel. The distinction between Ports of Entry and Ports of Delivery is surely well understood; as the Revenue Laws in which they are distinguished have been made and practised upon for several years. In your state, for instance, you have but two ports of entry (Newport and Providence) and all the rest are ports of delivery. The absurdity of the construction which you say some people put on this exception, will be apparent from this observation - That the two exceptions would clash. For by the first only letters to the consignee of the vessel are retainable by the master, clearly meaning that letters to the consignees of goods on board must be delivered to the postmaster before the vessel can be entered. But if because a port of entry is also a port of delivery, therefore the letters directed to this port of entry and delivery are not to be delivered to the postmaster, - then the law requires the master to perform a duty under the penalty of refusing an entry of his vessel - and the next moment disentitles him from the obligation.

428 There is no legal objection to the practice of your packets in delivering (as you mention letters for Newport on their arrival there - and retaining those for Providence, till they arrive there. If they have dutiable goods to deliver at Providence, they must enter them, and of course previously deliver their letters at the post office. I am &c T.P.

W. William Wriatt
P.M.

General Post Office Augt. 26. 1794

Sir

To day I received a letter from J. Magruder of Port Royal, dated the 6. instant informing that John Brand the postmaster there "being about to discontinue his residence in town, had nominated him postmaster." W. Magruder supposes you would have written by the same mail, to inform who he was: but your letter has not come to hand. - One object of this letter to you is, to be informed whether W. Magruder is a fit person for postmaster at Port Royal; the other, whether John Brand jun. the postmaster, and his father John Brand his surety, are, or if either of is possessed of property, so that the recovery of the balance due will be in no hazard. This balance up to the 1st of last July was about 116 dollars. A draught given some time ago to W. Hackney for 83 dollars 80 cents on J. Brand jun. was refused payment - because he had not the money: and W. Magruder is so cautious as to say, that if appointed to the office as successor to W. Brand, he will be responsible from the time of such appointment.

These circumstances indicate that the balance is in some hazard - lately (Augt. 13th) a fresh draught was made on Brand for 116 dollars 42 cents payable by Sept. 6th. of which on the 12th instant I advised him, allowing him so much time, to avoid the appearance of rigour; and expressing a hope that he would save me from the trouble of taking any other measures. - On

429 For the reasons before mentioned, however, I am not without apprehensions of danger. And therefore I inclose to you a copy of Mr. Brand's bond, with a request that it may be put in suit, instantly, if the payment of the last draught (which was in favour of Mr. Blackney) be not made by the first of next month. The copy of the bond will furnish the necessary facts for bringing the action; and if not otherwise settled, the original shall be forwarded in due time to support it.

Your & T.P.

P.S. I have not heard lately from Mr. Smith, your predecessor. A considerable balance yet remains due from him. Do you know what are his prospects?

Augst 28. Your favour of the 24th to Mr. Burrall has arrived, covering Mr. T. Magruder.

Mr Thomas Magruder General Post Office Aug. 29 1794

Sir

I did not receive your letter of the 6th until the 26th, informing that Mr. Brand has delivered the post-office at Port Royal to you. Mr. Watt's letter covering yours to him did not arrive till yesterday.

Herewith will be sent some blanks for entering the letters &c received & sent. We use no books, but sew together more or fewer of such blank sheets, according to the quantity of business done in the office.

I shall be obliged by your continuing to discharge the duties of that post office until you again hear from me. I shall write next week, and remain
your & T.P.

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Mr Jonathan Hastings General Post Office Aug. 29 1794

Sir

I have received your letter of the 22^d and thank you for the information about the carriage of the mails. I will speak to Mr. Pease on the subject.

I am sorry you did not make a charge quarterly for the stationery you consumed in the office. It is not too late to do it now: and my circular ^{printed} letter of the 10th. of October 1792 authorizing it to be done, commencing that quarter.

I cannot pretend to say how much you should charge. From your question to this point I presume you have kept no account of it. It will therefore be safe to err on the moderate side. — In future I would advise your getting a stock of each article of stationery requisite for your office, to last a quarter or half a year, & take a bill & receipt of the stationery for your voucher. This bill may be charged entire to the quarter in which you make the purchase.

I am & T.P.

Mr Ashbel Ely
P.M. Fenderhook

General Post Office Aug. 29 1794

Sir

I have received your letter of the 25th recommending Capt. Elihu Phinney for Postmaster at Canaan, where you say the inhabitants are desirous of having an office established. I should be satisfied with your recommendation, and readily appoint Mr. Phinney, if he were not a printer of a newspaper. It is true a number of printers are postmasters, and conduct unexceptionably: but there are objections of weight against new appointments of the kind; and I now studiously avoid making them, where other persons suitably qualified can be found.

From one expression in your letter, I conclude that Canaan, or at least Capt. Phinney's office, is not on the direct road between Rindgehook & Stockbridge. Before any other step is taken, I should wish for information on this point, and if it ^{is} out of the way to know how far.

The post road from Brookfield to Albany will pass by Lebanon Springs, & thus accommodate that place for I suppose Lebanon Springs are otherwise called New Lebanon and what you call Canaan, is I suppose New Canaan, which on the map appears northward of the line between Stockbridge and Rindgehook though perhaps the mountain may require the road to turn that way. I am & T.P.

Mr. Joseph Adams

Haverhill

Sir

Your second letter covering your proposal to 300 dollars, has secured to you the contract for carrying the mail between Boston and Concord in New Hampshire. The contract and bond to be executed by you will be forwarded in due time.

This early notice is given ^{that} you may at your ease make any necessary preparations for the performance. I am &c. T.P.

General Dearborn

General Post Office Sept. 2. 1794

Sir

Your strong recommendation of Matthias Blofson, and the interesting object of promoting a circulation of newspapers from the printing office at Hallowell, have induced me to prefer him to other candidates for carrying the mail from Portland to Pittston, altho' one proposal was a small sum below his lowest. One thing I had in view in advertising that the Pittston mail would start on Monday morning was to give time to the Portland printers to publish their papers,

the freshest intelligence: but on examining their papers I find they are printed on Saturday: so their papers can be taken out by Mr. Blofson, who can start on Saturday evening agreeably to his wishes & yours. It was not known and perhaps not probable, that the person offering the lowest proposals would have encountered a night's ride to benefit the Hallowell printer & his customers. Be pleased to advise Mr. Blofson that he will have the contract at 212.50 cents a year, & the privilege of newspapers not in the mail.

I am &c. T.P.

Mr. John Sutton Foy
Wiscasset

General Post Office Sept. 2. 1794.

Sir

When I proposed one contract for the road from Portland to Duxbury, 107 miles, my design was to give complete employment to one rider; not imagining that the roads could be so bad as to render the performance difficult. Your statement and other representations, have induced me to adopt your proposition of making Warren the division between Portland & Penobscot. I accordingly accept your proposal for carrying the mail from Portland to Warren, for three hundred and eighty dollars a year, with the privilege of newspapers, other than those in the mail.

There will now be 53 miles, from Warren to Pe. nobsco, for which I have no proposals that I can accept. I shall write Mr. Whittier on the subject. Perhaps you can aid him in finding a proper person to undertake that ride.

He should start from Penobscot on Tuesday, so as to meet you at Warren on Wednesday,

I have given you this early notice that you may prepare yourself for the carriage of the mail. The contract and bonds to be executed will be sent in due time to Mr. Whittier at Wiscasset.

I am &c. T.P.

433 W. John Fullerton
Penobscot

General Post Office Sept. 2. 1794

Sir

Your proposals for carrying the mail from Penobscot to Passamaquoddy appear to be high, for a mail carried only once in two weeks: but the country being nearly so much intersected with waters, whence much difficulty will arise in the performance. I accept your proposals; and give you this early notice, that you may prepare yourself for the business. A contract and bond will be forwarded to Penobscot, to Mr. David How who I expect will be the Postmaster there, & to whom you will be pleased to apply

I am &c T.P.

W^r David How
Penobscot

General Post Office Sept. 2. 1794

Sir

Finding the road so much worse than I had imagined, from Portland to Dutchtrap, and that it will at times, be difficult to ride thither and back in one week, I have concluded to stop the first postride from Portland, at Warren. There will now be wanting a ride from Warren to Penobscot, a distance, from my information, of 53 miles. I have received one proposal for the ride first proposed, from Penobscot to Dutchtrap: but it's so high as to be wholly inadmissible. And as the ride is now lengthened to Warren, a rider must be procured immediately, or you will not obtain the mail at Penobscot. To advertise anew, would procrastinate the business too much. John Sutton Foy undertakes the ride between Portland to Warren, estimated to be 86 miles, for 380 dollars, with the privilege of carrying newspapers, other than those in the mail. That is, about 4 dollars 42 cents a mile by the year. And supposing the true distance between Warren & Penobscot to be 53 miles, the annual amount would be about 239 dollars 50 cents - say 240 dollars.

434 which sum I would give for a weekly carriage of the mail between Warren & Penobscot.

The expected official connection with you as postmaster for Penobscot, induces me to commit to you the business of procuring a post rider who will contract to carry this mail. He should now start from Penobscot on Tuesday, so as to meet Mr. Foy at Warren on Wednesdays, & there exchange mails. Perhaps you may engage a rider on lower terms than Mr. Foy's (of 4.42 cents a mile) or if there are more difficulties and expences to encounter on this road than on Mr. Foy's, something more may be allowed. With these observations, I confide the forming of this contract to you; and trust from the necessity of the case you will so far oblige the publice and your & T.P.

W^r Seth Burnham
Arundell. Maine

General Post Office Sept. 2. 1794

Sir

The proposals of Josiah Paine for carrying the mail between Portsmouth and Portland are accepted. I give this early notice that he may be prepared for the business, and address my letter to you at his request. The contract and bond to be executed by him will be forwarded in due time.

I am &c T.P.

Samuel Freeman Esq.

General Post Office Sept. 2. 1794

Sir

I recollect that it was with some difficulty I could give the mail between Portsmouth and Portland to Mr. Bernard, on account of his terms, when the last contract was made. And now he must lose it, which I the more regret, because he contemplated the setting up a stage. This design should have prompted him to lower his proposals.

435 but he has raised them to 600 dollars. — Josiah Paine, who is recommended by the selectmen of Arundell and Justice Gorham, offers to carry this mail for 450 dollars; and consequently he must consequently have the contract. Mr. Barnard's long services and numerous recommendations make me wish it had been practicable to continue the business in his hands. A small matter would not have parted us.

I am &c T. P.

Mr. Alexander Martin
Georgetown

General Post Office Sept. 2. 1794

Sir I duly received, and now declare my acceptance of your proposals for carrying the mail between Georgetown and Cheraw Courthouse in South Carolina. The contract and bond will be sent you in the next mail. The times of arrival and departure it may be necessary to vary from those mentioned in the advertisements if the progress of the main post road should be altered. This cannot be decided until an experiment has been made. The time allowed, however, for the performance of your contract I suppose will not be lessened.

I shall send a duplicate of this letter by water to Charleston, for the chance of giving you earlier notice than by post.

I am &c T. P.

Mr. Benjamin Hatchney
Westmoreland County, Virginia

General Post Office Sept. 2. 1794

Sir I received your letter of the 5th of August manifesting your wishes to continue to carry the mail from Fredericksburg down on both sides the Rappahannock — from Fredericksburg to Charlottesville — and

and from Richmond to Tappahannock; and you proposed to do it on the same terms as you had heretofore done the business. To day, I received your letter of the 26th of August, in which you explicitly state the terms on which you will carry those mails viz at six dollars a mile. At this rate the roads on the Rappahannock, estimated at 200 miles, will amount to 1200 doll. Richmond to Tappahannock, 50 miles. 300 Fredericksburg to Charlottesville, 90 miles. 540 2040

Now I have proposals for the first, 200 miles. & 930 And for the second. 50 miles. at 120

These of course you cannot have. The third I have an offer for besides yours, but both I think too high. — The person who now carries the mail from Richmond to Charlottesville and Staunton offers to do it for five hundred dollars a year. The distance is 120 miles; so that he asks but 4 dollars 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents a mile. With this he is satisfied; and I see no reason why the mail from Fredericksburg to Charlottesville should cost any more.

Upon the whole your proposals appear to be inadmissible. You will nevertheless continue to carry the mail on your old route as at present, until the first of October next.

I am &c T. P.

Mr. William Peery.
Broadhill

General Post Office Sept. 2. 1794

Sir

I have just received your letter of the 25th. Ultimo. The appearance of the same name to two opposite papers of opposite input suggested the idea of improper conduct somewhere. I am glad you have written, and obliged by your information. Among other objections to a removal of the office from Gloucester I think one was, the increase of distance; therefore you can have them measured without too much trouble and expence to yourself, it will afford a satisfaction to me. I am &c T. P.

437 Mr. William Watt
Fredericksburg

General Post Office Sept. 2. 1794

Sir

Mr. Hackney, the present contractor for carrying the mail on both sides of the Rappahannock, has offered proposals for carrying the same, and as far as Gloucester Courthouse, at the rate of six dollars a mile, which would amount to

1200 dollars

That from Richmond to Tappahannock estimated at 50 miles, at the same rate, - - - - - 300

And that from Fredericksburg to Charlottesville (which he states at 90 miles) for - - - - - 540

Making in all a sum of - - - - - 2040 D^s

Now I have received other offers for the two first contracts much lower, viz. On both sides of the Rappahannock for - 930
And Richmond to Tappahannock for - - - - - 120
1050

Making a difference of - - - - - 450 dol.
1500 dol.

lars on the two first contracts only - For the third I have received other proposals; but those as well as Mr. Hackney's are too high. The person who now carries the mail from Richmond to Charlottesville and Staunton [the distance 120 miles] receives about 500 dollars a year; and he proposes to renew his contract on the same terms.

Is there any reason why the mail from Fredericksburg to Charlottesville should not be carried at as cheap a rate, that is, for 4. 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents an mile? At this rate the annual amount would be 375 dollars, that is, 165 dollars less than Mr. Hackney's proposals; taking the distance as he states, at 90 miles. Or if be 95 miles, according to my estimate, the amount would be only 395. $\frac{53}{100}$ dollars; for

for which sum, or for 400 dollars, I have no doubt it may be well done. 438

My view, in giving this minute information, is, the better to enable you to enter into an engagement with some suitable person, to carry the mail between Fredericksburg and Charlottesville, at the same time that I announced to you that a new contractor would take the mails on the Rappahannock, on the first of October. This is Col^o. Kemp the Postmaster at Urbanna.

To advertise and would procrastinate the business too long, and disappoint the expectations of the people on the route from Fredericksburg to Charlottesville. I have therefore to request you to inquire for a trusty person to carry this mail, and if possible to get him to commence riding the first week in October. If one does not present in time in your neighbourhood, I could wish you to make it known to Mr. Davis at Richmond, who procured the post-riders from thence to Staunton. This rider, who is very much approved, I have no doubt would at once find a suitable person in or near Charlottesville to undertake it.

Before your answer can reach Philadelphia, I shall be gone to the Indian Treaty. But Mr. Burnall will attend to your communications. I am &c. T.P.

W^r Samuel Helme
Tower Hill.

General Post Office Sept. 4. 1794

Sir Upon enquiry, I find that you have been acting as postmaster at Tower Hill, in South-Ringtown No returns from you appear in this office. You must be

439 sensible that the law requires every postmaster to render his accounts to the General Post Office, once a quarter.

It is my duty therefore to desire you to render yours from the time you commenced the business. I hope you will do without delay. Your transactions must necessarily be on a small scale, but it is not the ~~ob~~ requisite to render an account of them: and their small extent will cost you but little time to do it.

I am &c T. P.

W^t Charles M^c Clung General Post Office Sept^r. 4. 1794
Knoxville Sir

I inclose the copy of my letter of the 21st ult^r to Governor Blount; since which I have received his letter of July 21st informing that he had referred to you the business of forming a contract for carrying the mail between Knoxville & Abingdon, and that you had been so obliging as to accept the trust. Lest the letter to the Governor should miscarry or be delayed, I inclose duplicate forms of the contract and bond, and of the oaths, to be taken by the contractor and any persons whom he may employ to carry the mail.

If the Governor should not himself decide on the appointments of a postmaster for Knoxville, I pray it may have your attention.

This is intended to go by Col^r Henley, by whom I shall send the blanks necessary for commencing business at the post-office.

I am &c T. P.

I beg you to make my acknowledgement to the Governor, for his attention to my request.

Thomas Blount Esq^r General Post office Sept^r. 5. 1794

Sir In your behalf, Col^r Thomas put in proposals for carrying the mail from Tarborough by Nash Courthouse to Lewisburg, at four dollars and a half a mile. The proposals are accepted. The contract and bond will be duly forwarded, if want of time prevents their accompanying this. In the mean time while you can prepare for carrying the mail. I am &c T. P.

M^r Stephen Sneed
Williamsboro'

General Post Office Sept^r. 5. 1794

Sir

Your proposals for carrying mails in North Carolina were duly received; and yesterday your letter of the 1st Ult^r arrived, agreeing to carry the mail, as you had proposed, from Halifax to Salisbury, at two dollars a mile, altho' no alteration in the return to Halifax should be made. — I close with this proposal; and you will prepare for commencing the execution in due order after the first of October.

Your proposals to carry the mail from Hillsboro' by Person Courthouse &c to Bethany are also accepted; and you will in like manner prepare for executing them. I do not see that the place of starting can be changed from Hillsboro' to Williamsboro', so as to authorise me to allow you pay for the intermediate distance.

The contracts and bonds will be forwarded in due season, if the want of time prevents their accompanying this. I am &c T. P.

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Col^r John Hawkins
Warrenton. Sir

Genl Post Office Sept. 3 1794

Your proposals for carrying divers mails in North Carolina were duly received; but others still lower offered, by persons, who I conceive, are inadequate to the undertaking and worthy of the Trust entitle them to a preference.

In your proposal for the mail from Petersburg in Virginia to Fayetteville you doubtless contemplated the present mode of carrying it with a led horse. Col^r. Holmes, the present contractor proposed to carry this mail in the mode now proposed for thirteen dollars a mile. That is half a dollar more than your offer, but considering that Col^r. Holmes is already ^{has been} the contractor for this road and has carried the mail in a manner so unexceptionable; for the small difference mentioned it did not appear expedient to refuse the contract to him; especially as his proposals with those of the gentleman, who joined him, embraced, agreeably to my advertisement the whole road from Petersburg to Augusta and Camden to Charleston.

Mr. Sneed proposed to carry the mail from Halifax to Petersburg for two dollars a mile; your proposal was for five Dollars unless the return to Halifax could be altered. Mr. Sneed wished for the like alteration; but consents to carry it for two dollars a mile agreeably to the advertisement. The road from Hillsboro' to Bethany he undertakes for one dollar seventy five cents a mile.

Before I close my letter I must acknowledge the very satisfactory manner, in which the mail under your direction has been carried & that I should have been well pleased to have renewed & extended contracts with you. At the same time you will be gratified that the public service can be performed at cheaper rates than you could afford or than your experience authorized you to propose. I am
T. R.

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P. S. I overlooked one route, in which, you have no competitor that from Raleigh by Chapel Hill to Hillsboro', and from Chapel Hill to Chatham Courthouse. My information of the Distances makes them-

from Raleigh to Hillsboro' 38 miles,
Chapel Hill to Chatham 24. 18⁵⁶

which at 5 dollars a mile would be, 280 dollars a year. This single road and at a Distance from you will scarcely merit your attention. However, as you alone have proposed to carry this mail, I inclose a contract & bond which if you decline entering into yourself, I am persuaded you will do me the favor to get them executed by some suitable person, who will undertake to carry this mail at a rate not exceeding five dollars a mile. If you choose to enter the rate per mile in the contract instead of the amount by the quarter, you will alter the words of the contract accordingly. I think it probable Mr. Sneed would do it for a less sum.

T. R.

Thomas P. Williams

Indian Town N.C. Sir

Genl Post Office Sept. 5th 1794.

I received your letter of the 29th of July suggesting that the mail from Edenton to Indian Town might be carried for less money than at present, provided that Indian Town instead of Edenton, were made the place of starting. I shall be willing to make this alteration if Mr. Blount, the present Contractor should decline carrying it on terms, which I think reasonable or as low as those you shall offer. For this purpose I beg you to speak to Mr. Samuel Standish postmaster at Edenton, at what rate you will carry this mail, as at present, once in two weeks, only starting from Indian Town staying at Edenton a convenient time for answering ^{business}

letters & then returning to Indiantown. - It is to save time that I have referred this matter to Mr. Staudin, who lives so near to the place who may be disposed to contract and his agreement I shall confirm. - You will recollect that Mr. Blount's present engagement extends only to the first of October, by which time the new contract should be in readiness for operation I am &c.

J. P.

Joseph Blount
Edenton.

Gin! Post Office Septr. 5. 1796.

Sir I have received your letter of June 25th offering to renew your contract for carrying the mail between Denton & Indiantown. I always thought your terms too high. I think you still & must endeavour to obtain better terms. I have referred the matter to Mr. Staudin desiring him to receive yours and any other proposals, which shall be made and to determine thereon. You have been receiving almost as much, for a two weeks mail, as Mr. West for a weekly mail thro' a country of the same kind. I hope on reconsideration, you will be induced to make a large abatement. I am &c.

J. P.

Samuel Staudin
Denton
N.C.

Gin! Post Office Septr. 5. 1796.

Mr. Blount the Contractor for the mail from Denton to Indiantown has renewed his former proposals, which I think & always thought much too high considering that this mail was carried but once in two weeks. I cannot accept them until an attempt has been made for carrying it for a less sum. This I think Mr. Thomas P. Williams of Indiantown will do. I now write him on the subject and desire him to inform you on what terms he will carry this mail, provided that

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Indiantown instead of Denton be made the place of starting. I have desired Mr. Blount also to reconsider the matter and if disposed to carry this mail on lower terms, to state to you the sum, for which he will carry it. When you have received his & Mr. Williams & any other proposals, I must beg you to decide, to whom the preference is due, & to agree accordingly. (The contractor to be ready to carry the mail in due order of time after the first of October next, if practicable, or at further by the next succeeding tour.

For my own part I think four dollars a mile quite enough for this two weeks mail. Mr. West carried the mail from Suffolk to Wilmington once a week for six.

If want of time should prevent getting the contract & bond ready to forward herewith they will be transmitted seasonably in a succeeding mail. I am &c.

James Bradley
W. Hampton Co.
N.C. Sir.

Your proposals were duly received for carrying the mails of the U.S.

From Halifax by Hicks's Ford to Charles Harris's, on

From Halifax by Princeton, Murfreesboro' etc. to Notoway river

From Halifax by Tarboro' and Greenville to Edenton and Washington

at the rate of three Dollars, and one third per mile.

These three proposals are accepted and I give you the earliest notice that you may prepare for carrying these mails.

For the two other routes, Halifax to Plymouth & Windsor - & Halifax to Salisbury lower terms have been offered & accepted.

The contracts shall be forwarded as

Gin! Post Office Septr. 5. 1796.

as soon as they can be prepared, to the postmaster at Halifax.
I am &c.

T. P.

Thomas Jones
Post Master
W. Wilmington N. C.

General Post Office Sept. 5. 1794.

I have received the proposals for carrying the mail from Halifax to Plymouth & Windsor, which you made in behalf of William Peirce; and you recommend him strongly that I cannot but accept his offer, seeing it is thirty dollars lower than Mr. Watts'. At the same time I regret, that a man who has approved himself so faithful as Mr. Watts, should lose the employment.

Inclosed are the contract & bond to be executed by Mr. Peirce and the Oaths he is to take & subscribe, before he takes charge of the mail. These, when executed, you will be pleased to return to my office. I am &c.

T. P.

John Watts
Wilmington
N. C.

General Post Office Sept. 5. 1794.

Your proposals to carry the mail from Halifax to Plymouth and Windsor were duly received and I am sorry to inform you that I feel myself constrained to give the mail to another; seeing you have done the business to such general satisfaction. A trifling difference in the proposals would not have influenced me to take the business from one so experienced & well approved: but Thirty dollars is considerable in so small a contract. William Peirce, who is well recommended, has offered to carry this mail for two hundred & fifty dollars who is therefore to have the Contract.

I am &c.

T. P.

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John Troy
Salisbury. Sir

Your proposals for carrying the mail from Salisbury to Fayetteville by the route, proposed in my advertisement were duly received & are accepted. I give you the earliest notice that you may prepare for the business. The contract shall be sent to Mr. Dayton the Postmaster at Salisbury, where you can execute it.
I am &c.

T. P.

Samuel Dayton
Post Master
Salisbury. Sir

General Post Office Sept. 5th 1794.

Your proposals for carrying the mail from Salis- bury by Cabarras Courthouse to Charlotte, to return by Tredell Courthouse are accepted. I inclose a contract and bond to be executed by you and returned to my office, when a counterpart will be sent you. I also inclose a contract & bond to be executed by Mr. John Troy, who is to carry the mail from Salisbury to Fayetteville. These I request you to see duly executed with competent securities. It may be well to execute your own in presence of Mr. Steel.

Some time since I desired Mr. Shober to have half a dozen portmanteau's made at Salem for the new post roads in that quarter. You & Mr. Troy can each have one from him. I am &c.

T. P.

Samuel Tredwell
Edenton. Sir

General Post Office Sept. 5. 1794.

I give you the earliest notice, that your proposals for carrying the mail from Suffolk in Virg^a. to Washington in Nth Carol^a for six hundred & eighty dollars a year, are accepted; that you may prepare for the business. The contract shall be forwarded to Mr. Standish by the next mail. For the other road from Halifax to Beaufort I have proposals much lower than yours. I am &c. T. P.