

466 to me by George Gale Esq<sup>r</sup> whose recommendation is so strong in your favour that I should be glad to contract with you, were your proposals admissible but they are much too high. The distance by my information, is but 42 miles, for which you demand 350 dollars. Now the most usual rate is about 5 dollars a mile, by the year; which in this instance would amount only to 210 dollars for carrying this mail weekly for one year. if at 6 dollars, only to 252 dollars.

I wish you therefore to reconsider this matter and favour me with new proposals without delay.

For the carrying of the mail from Baltimore to Chambersburg, I have an offer 100 dollars lower than yours.

Jam &c T.P.

M<sup>r</sup> Francis X Martin  
Newbern

Genl Post Office Sep 9 1794

Sir

M<sup>r</sup> West performed his contract so acceptably I regretted his terms for new contracts were so high.

James Foy has the contract from Newbern to Wilmington Robert Donnell that from Newbern to Raleigh.

James Bradley that from Halifax to Washington at 3½ a mile M<sup>r</sup> West has no competitor for the road from Newbern to Washington for this he demands 7 dollars a mile, which is too much. I have written to M<sup>r</sup> Donnell suggesting whether he could not undertake it at a moderate price. I have referred him to you, engaging to confirm what you shall agree on: but at a less price than 7 dollars a mile. I think M<sup>r</sup> Donnell will do it for 5 or not exceeding 6. M<sup>r</sup> West may not think it worth his while to trouble himself with the business seeing only this short road is left to him. But he as well as others may make

make you such offers as they may think proper: and 467 you will be pleased to accept the most eligible. The ability & fidelity of the Undertaker are always supposed.

M<sup>r</sup> James Foy wishes the times of arrival and departure, particularly at Wilmington may be altered from the advertisement, in which case he would reduce his terms 40 dollars. If you will be so good as to advise with M<sup>r</sup> Bradley at Wilmington, and you can mutually agree on a schedule that will accommodate the inhabitants of Newbern & Wilmington and at the same time suit M<sup>r</sup> Foy, I shall be satisfied.

Jam &c T.P.

M<sup>r</sup> John Grammar  
Petersburg

Genl Post Office Sep 9 1794

Sir,

I beg you to complete the direction (or correct it if wrong) to M<sup>r</sup> Claiborne, one of your Delegates in Congress, and to forward the inclosed letter to him by the first good conveyance. - - - - - I oblige

yours &c T.P.

Thomas Claiborne Esq<sup>r</sup> General Post Office Sept 9 1794  
near Goldsons

Sir

You appeared to interest yourself so much in the establishment of the post-road from Goldsons by Gees Bridge, St Tammany's & Mecklenburg Courthouse to Halifax Courthouse, that I am induced to trouble you with the task of procuring some suitable person to contract for carrying the mail on that route. The only proposals received were Col<sup>r</sup> Hooness at 7 dollars a mile - nearly three times too much, considering it is but a two weeks mail. From Halifax by Warrenton, Hillsboro' & to Salisbury. Col<sup>r</sup> John Hawkins carried the mail to

468 two years past, once in two weeks, for 2½ dollars a mile; and now I am to have it done for two dollars a mile by the year, calculated on the single distance between the extreme places of the route following the post road. For instance estimate the length of this post road (Goldsboro to Halifax C. H.) at 70 miles, which at 2½ dollars a mile would amount to 175 dollars a year.— I mention these circumstances to aid you in judging of any proposals which shall be made on your application. And if they appear to you eligible, I beg you to transmit them to Charles Burrall Esq<sup>r</sup> my Assistant, who in my absence will attend to the subject, ) that as early as may be a mail may be running on that route.

I am &c T.P.

M<sup>r</sup> Robert Donnell Genl Post Office Sep. 9 1794

Newbern

Sir

In your proposals for carrying the mail from Newbern to Raleigh, you referred me to Holmes & Rainey of this city for information. But for this enquiry, I should have written you by the last post; but it was to start so soon after I had an opportunity to take up the various proposals for that of the neighbouring post roads, that I was obliged to postpone an answer till now. The information of Holmes & Rainey is perfectly satisfactory; and I now accept your proposals for carrying the mail from Newbern to Raleigh from the 1st of October 1794 to the 1st of January 1796 for five; the mail to be carried once in two weeks. The form of the contract &c. will be sent you in season; in the mean time you may be preparing for the business. I am &c T.P.

M<sup>r</sup> Robert Donnell  
Newbern

Sir

General Post Office Sep. 9 1794

Since writing the inclosed, it occurred to me that you might be disposed to take the small additional road of 41 miles from Newbern to Washington; carrying the mail once a week agreeably to my advertisement. The only proposals for this road are those of Mr. John S. West, which I think too high; and which therefore I have declined accepting. I can think of no peculiar difficulty between Newbern & Washington that should enhance the price for carrying that mail. And as Mr. West's proposals on all the other roads also fail, I suppose he will be indifferent about retaining this.— I shall write to Mr. Martin the Postmaster on this subject, and whatever agreement you make with him, I shall confirm. I mention this because there will not be time to receive your answer here, and send back a decision, before the first of October, when the contracts should be in operation. I am &c T.P.

M<sup>r</sup> John Webster  
Sir

General Post office  
Phil. Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> 1794

I received your letter announcing your intention to resign the Post office at Wilmington. The most convenient time for doing it will be at the close of the present quarter, when a successor will be ready to receive it from you. I am Sir &c J.P.

M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Tallman

Genl. Post office Phil. Sep. 11. 1794

Sir

In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter of the 10th instant respecting a claim on you for the hire of a Sulkey. If Conney's representation of the matter be true I am of opinion that the Gentlemen's claim is not well founded and that it ought not to be paid by the public. Dams. C.B.

470 Mr. Samuel Isaacs Genl. Post Office Phil<sup>a</sup>. Septemr. 11. 1794

Sir,

Your proposal for carrying the Mail from New York to Sag Harbor on Long Island has been received and accepted by the postmaster General. — I shall send a Contract Bond &c to the postmaster at New York to be executed by you previous to your entering on the business. — You will prepare yourself to commence your first ride the 1st of October next or as soon after that date as you can be prepared. — I am &c T. P. C. B.

David Gelston Esq<sup>r</sup> General Post Office Phil<sup>a</sup>. Sept. 11. 1794

Sir,

In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter of the 9 instant expressing your opinion of Mr Isaacs. His proposal has been accepted, and as I am not certain of his place of residence I take the liberty of enclosing a letter for him, and to request the favour of you to forward it by the first opportunity. — I am &c T. P. C. B.

Robert Biough Esq<sup>r</sup> Genl. Post Office Phil<sup>a</sup>. Sept. 10. 1794

Sir

Previous to the Postmaster General's departure for the Indian country he left with me the papers relative to your claim against the General Post Office and directed me to pay to Mr. Patton some money on your account. He informed me that he had made a statement of your claim which was sent to you some time since, but I cannot find any copy of it in this office. I therefore request you will forward me the original statement as soon as possible. I am &c C. B.

Mrs Will<sup>m</sup> Evans & Co Genl. Post Office Phil<sup>a</sup>. Sept. 12. 1794 471

Sir

Mr. Greenleaf has represented to me the inconvenience experienced by the people at the City of Washington from the want of a Post Office at that place, and requests that an Office may be established at the Capital of said City. Mr. Greenleaf informs me that the Road leading by the Capital is shorter and better than the one than the one on which the stage has heretofore travelled. Be pleased to inform me whether you have any objection to running your stage by the route which he proposes, and if not I will make arrangement that will afford the accommodation which he wishes. I am &c C. B.

Isaac Craig Esq<sup>r</sup>  
D. M. Genl.

General Post Office Phil<sup>a</sup>. Sept. 12. 1794

Sir

Mr. Hodgson has handed to the Postmaster general an abstract of disbursements made by you in establishing a weekly mail from Pittsburg to Limestone, but the Vouchers and receipts for those disbursements have not been received. — Be pleased to transmit them to me, and as soon as they are received, the amount of your account shall be paid to any person here whom you may authorize to receive it, or if you wish to have it transmitted to you at Pittsburg it can be done. — I am &c C. B.

TPK

Eliphalet Lockwood Esq<sup>r</sup> Genl. Post Office Phil<sup>a</sup>. Septemr. 12. 1794

Sir

In the absence of the Postmaster General I have received your letter of the 5 instant and agreeably to your request have appointed your son William to succeed you in the office of Postmaster at Monwalk. — I herewith endorse a commission for him together with a Bond which must be executed by him with sufficient surety and returned

472 to this office — It will be best to render the account in your name to the 1<sup>st</sup>. of next month. I am &c C. B. Hough

Mr. Ebenezer Clark  
Concord

Genl. Post Office Phil. Sept. 13. 1794

Sir,

On the 6<sup>th</sup>. instant the postmaster general wrote to you to inform you that he has accepted your proposals for carrying the mail from Concord to Plymouth and Haverhill — I now enclose a Contract and Bond to be executed by you in presence of Mr. Hough Postmaster at Concord, who is to judge of the sufficiency offered by you for the faithful performance of your contract —

You, and every person you shall employ in the carriage of the mail, are to take and subscribe the oaths required by law (of which blank forms are enclosed) and return them to this together with the Contract and Bond — I am &c C. B.

Mr. George Hough

Genl. P. Office Phil. Sep. 12. 1794

Sir

I have sent to Mr. Ebenezer Clark a Contract Bond &c to be executed by him for the carriage of the Mail from Concord to Plymouth and to Haverhill, and have desired him to execute his Bond in your presence — Be pleased to see that the surety offered by him for the performance of his Contract is sufficient, and that the papers are returned to this office when they are executed — As soon as they are received a counterpart of the contract executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to him — I am &c C. B.

Mr. Alden Spooner

Genl. Post Office Phil. Sept. 13. 1794

Sir

On the 6 instant the Postmaster General wrote to you to inform that he had accepted your proposals for carrying the mail from Hanover to Haverhill to Newbury — I now enclose a Contract, Bond and Oaths to be executed by you and returned to this office; and as soon as they are received a counterpart of the Contract executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to you —

P.S. Please to sign the Schedule annexed to your Contract

Mr. Thomas Tabens

Genl. Post Office Phil. Sept. 13. 1794. 473

Sir. On the 6 instant the postmaster general wrote to you that he had accepted your proposals for carrying the mail from Salem to Marblehead.

I now enclose a Contract, Bond &c to be executed by you and returned to this office, as soon as they are returned a counterpart of the Contract executed by the Post Master Genl. will be sent to you —

I am &c C. B.

Mr. George Woodward

Genl. Post Office Phil. Sept. 13. 1794

Taunton

Sir

Your proposals for carrying the Mail from Taunton to Providence has been received and accepted by the postmaster general — I have sent to the Postmaster at Taunton a Contract, Bond &c which are to be executed by you and returned to this office — As soon as they are returned a counterpart of the contract executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to you — You, and every person you shall employ in the carriage of the Mail must take and subscribe the oaths prescribed by law, blank forms of which are sent with your Contract

P.S. Please to sign the Schedule annexed to your Contract

I am &c C. B.  
A. P. M. G.

Mr. Abraham Cohen

Genl. Post Office Phil. Sep. 13. 1794

Sir

I have this day sent to Mr. Alexander Martin a Contract and Bond to be executed by him for the carriage of the mail from Cheraw St. House to Georgetown. Be pleased to see that the sureties offered by him are sufficient, and that the Contract and Bond is properly executed and returned to this office —

I am &c C. B. a. m. g.

Mr. Alexander Martin

Genl. Post Office Sept. 14. 1794

Sir

On the 2 instant the Postmaster General wrote to you that he had accepted your proposals for carrying the mail from Cheraw Courthouse to Georgetown in South Carolina

P.S. Please to sign the Schedule annexed to your Contract

I am &c C. B.

474 I now enclose a Contract and Bond which you will please to execute in presence of Mr. Abraham Cohen Postmaster at Georgetown who is to judge of the sufficiency of the sureties offered by you for the performance of your Contract. As soon as it has been executed and returned to this office a counterpart executed by the postmaster general will be sent to you.

The law requires that any person concerned in the carriage of the Mail shall take and subscribe certain ~~and~~ oaths (blank forms of which are enclosed with your contract) which are to be returned to this office.

I am &c C. B. A.P.M.g.

Mr. John Troy

Gent. Post Office Phil. Sept. 14. 1794

Sir

On the 5 instant the postmaster general wrote to you that he had accepted your proposals for carrying the mail from Salisbury to Fayetteville, and he should send the Contract to Salisbury for you to execute - Agreeably to his letter I have sent the Contract and Bond to Mr. Samuel Dayton postmaster at that place who is to judge of the surety offered by you for the performance of your Contract. - When your Contract and Bond has been executed and returned to this office a counterpart of the contract executed by the Postmaster General shall be sent to you. - The law requires that you, and every person you shall employ in the carriage of the mail shall take and subscribe certain oaths, blank forms of which are sent with your Contract.

you will please to sign the Schedule as well as your contract.

I am &c C. B. A.P.M.g.

Mr. Samuel Dayton

Gent. Post Office Phil. Sept. 14. 1794

Sir

On the 5 instant the postmaster general wrote to you that he had accepted your proposals for carrying the mail from Salisbury to Charlotte, and that he had also accepted Mr. John Troy's proposal for carrying the mail from Salisbury to Fayetteville.

I now enclose the Contracts and

Bonds for those two Mails which you will be pleased to see 475 executed and returned to this office. I am &c C. B. A.P.M.g.

Mr. Nicholas Tillinghart Gent. Post office Sept. 14. 1794  
Taunton Sir

Mr. George Woodward's proposal for carrying the Mail from Taunton to Providence, and Mr. Sylvester Richmond's proposal from Taunton to Warren have been accepted by the Postmaster general. - I herewith enclose contracts Bonds &c to be executed by them and returned to this office. - Be pleased to see that the sureties offered by them are sufficient.

I am &c C. B. A.P.M.g.

Mr. Sylvester Richmond  
Dighton

Gent. Post Office Phil. Sept. 15. 1794

Your proposal for carrying the Mail from Taunton to Warren has been accepted by the Postmaster general, and I have sent a contract, Bond &c to the Postmaster at Taunton to be executed by you. - As soon as they have been executed and returned to this office a counterpart of the contract executed by the postmaster general will be sent to you.

You, and every person that you shall employ in the carriage of the mail must take and subscribe the oaths required by law, blank forms of which are enclosed with your Contract.

I am &c C. B. A.P.M.g.

Thomas Machan Esq.

General Post Office  
Phil. Sept. 15. 1794

Sir

In the absence of the Postmaster general I have received your letter of the 13th. instant. When I was in New York Col. Baumer informed me that you had a sum of money in your hands that you wished to pay to the Postmaster general on account of the Canadian Post Office, and I should have waited on you had I not been prevented by hurry of business during the short time that I was in New York.

476 I have now drawn on you in favour of Jonathan Burrall Esq. for Four hundred dollars and have no doubt but my draft will be duly honored.

Jam Sc C. B.  
A.S.C.P.M.G.

I Burrall

Genl Post Office Phil<sup>a</sup> Sept 15 1794

Sir

Please to receive of Thomas Mach-  
mep Esq. Four hundred dollars, the amount of the enclosed  
order on him in your favour and transmit the same to me  
by a draft on the Cashier of the Bank of the United States

Jam Sc C. B.

W. Herman Stump

Genl Post Office Phil<sup>a</sup> Sept. 15. 1794

Sir

In the absence of the Postmaster General  
I have received your letter of the 10th Instant in answer to  
which I inform you that you are to charge your Commission  
for the present quarter at 20 P. Cent which is the rate  
fixed by law -

The 15 section of the law makes it the duty  
of Post riders to receive all way letters that are presented to them  
at the distance of two miles from a post office and to  
deliver the same at the first post office to which they  
shall afterwards arrive, where the postmaster is to pay them  
one cent for each letter, which is to be added to the common  
rate of postage. For all money paid to Postriders for the  
delivery of way letters into your office, you must take receipts and  
take credit for them in your account current the same is now  
practised with ship letters.

Jam Sc C. B. A.P.M.G.

W. Thomas Jones  
P.M. Williamston Sen

G. P. O. Phil<sup>a</sup> Sept. 15 1794

W. William Pearce of Williamston having  
offered the lowest terms for carrying the mail between Halifax and  
Windsor in North Carolina, I must request you to see

477 bond and contract executed with sufficient sureties and  
return them to this office. When they are received a coun-  
terpart of the contract will be executed will be executed by  
the Postmaster general and forwarded to Mr. Pearce. The  
contract and bond are inclosed. Jam Sc C. B.  
A.P.M.G.

W. Stephen Sneed

Genl Post Office Phil<sup>a</sup> Sept. 15. 1794

Williamsboro

Sir

On the 5 instant the Postmaster  
General wrote to you that he had accepted your proposals  
for carrying the mail from Halifax to Salisbury and  
from Hillsborough to Bethania - I now enclose the  
Contract and Bond to be executed by you in presence of  
the Postmaster at Williamsborough - as soon as these  
papers are executed and returned to this office a counterpart  
of the contract executed by the Postmaster General will  
be sent to you -

Jam Sc C. B. A.P.M.G.

W. Genit De Witt

G. P. O. Phil<sup>a</sup> Sept. 16. 1794

Sir

Your proposals for carrying the mail  
from Easton to Rhinebeck have been received and accepted by  
the Postmaster General. I now enclose a Contract and Bond which  
you will be pleased to execute in the presence of Mr. Wyncoop  
postmaster at Livingston. The Schedule annexed to your Contract  
is filled up so as to connect your mail at Easton, with the  
mail from this city, but the rest of the Schedule is left blank  
and may be filled up hereafter when experience has shown what  
days and hours are most beneficial to the public. - You, and  
every post rider that you shall employ, are to take and subscribe  
the oaths prescribed by law, blank forms of which are enclosed  
in your Contract.

Jam Sc C. B. A.P.M.G.

478 Mr. John C. Wyncoop  
P.M. Hinsdale

G.P.O. Phil. Sept. 16. 1794

Sir. W<sup>r</sup>. Genit De Witt's proposal for carrying the mail from Easton to Rhinebeck has been accepted and I have sent to him a Contract and Bond which he is to execute in your presence - Be pleased to see that the sureties offered by him are sufficient and that his contract and bond are duly executed and returned to this office when a counterpart of the Contract executed by the Postmaster general will be sent to him. Darm & C B  
A.P.M.G.

Mr. John Burnet

G.P.O. Phil. Sept. 16. 1794

Newark

W<sup>r</sup>. John Woods proposals for carrying the mail from Newark to Sussex Courthouse have been accepted. I have sent to him a Contract and Bond which he is to execute in your presence - Be pleased to see that the sureties offered by him are good and that the papers are properly executed and returned to this office

Darm & C B  
STRNGS

Mr. John Woods  
Newark

G.P.O. Phil. Sept. 12. 1794

Sir

Your proposal for carrying the mail from Newark to Sussex Courthouse has been received and accepted by the Postmaster General I now enclose a Contract and Bond to be executed by you in presence of Mr. Burnet the Postmaster at Newark. As soon as these papers are executed and returned to this office a counterpart executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to you. The law requires every Contractor and post rider to take oaths blank forms of which are enclosed Darm & C B  
A.P.M.G.

Benjamin Talmadge Esq.

G.P.O. Phil. Sept. 16. 1794

Sir

W<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Griswold's proposal for carrying the mail from Hartford to Hudson has been accepted, and a Contract and Bond has been sent to him, to be executed in your presence - Be pleased to see that the sureties offered by him are sufficient, and that the Contract and Bond are duly executed and returned to this office. —

Darm & C B STRNGS

Mr. Jacob Griswold Jr.

G.P.O. Septemr. 11. 1794

Sir,

Your proposals for carrying the mail between Hartford and Hudson are accepted at one hundred and seventy five dollars a year, you having the privilege of carrying newspapers other than those conveyed in the mail, for his own emolument; another proposal was received as low as 180 dollars a year.

A Bond and Contract are sent herewith - Col<sup>r</sup>. Talmadge is to decide upon the sufficiency of the surety offered for a faithful performance.

When the bond is executed Col<sup>r</sup>. Talmadge will forward it to this office.

You will please to sign the contract, and get the Postmaster at Hudson to fill up the schedule so as to connect it with the Western mail & otherwise to be made convenient to you and the publick. The contract is to be left with the Postmaster at Hudson who will forward it to this office, when the contract a counterpart reexecuted by the Postmaster general & forwarded to you

You are to take and subscribe the oaths required by law, of which blank forms are enclosed (& likewise every person you shall employ to carry the mail for you) & return them to this office  
yours & C B Clark

Mr. Thomas Flights

G.P.O. Phil. Septemr. 16. 1794

Sir

Your proposal for carrying the mail from Hartford to New London has been accepted by the Postmaster General -

490 I now enclose a Contract and Bond which you will execute either in the presence of the Postmaster at Hartford or the Postmaster at New London and return them to this Office. As soon as they are received a counterpart of your Contract executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to you -

Iam &c C.B. APMge

Sir, Please to sign the Schedule as well as the Contract.

W<sup>th</sup> Joseph Adams g.P.O. Phil. Sept. 16. 1794  
Haverhill Sir

On the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant the Postmaster General wrote to you that he had accepted your proposal for carrying the mail from Boston to Concord. I have sent to W<sup>th</sup> Hastings at Boston a Contract and Bond which you will please to execute and return them to this office. as soon as they are returned a counterpart executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to you

Iam &c C.B. APMge

Jonathan Hastings Esq. g.P.O Phil. Sept. 12. 1794

Sir

W<sup>th</sup> Joseph Adams's proposal for carrying the mail from Boston by Andover &c to Concord has been accepted. I now enclose a contract and Bond which you will be pleased to execute by him and returned to this office. As soon as they are received a counterpart of the contract executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to him -

Iam &c C.B.

W<sup>th</sup> Jacob Tallman g.P.O. Phil. Sep. 16. 1794

Sir W<sup>th</sup> Abraham Deforts proposals for carrying the mail from Trenton by Allentown Monmouth &c to Brunswick have been accepted. - I now enclose a contract and Bond which be pleased to see duly executed by him and returned to this office; when a counterpart of the contract executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to him. - Iam &c C.B.

Samuel Freeman Esq.

g.P.O. Phil. <sup>489</sup> Sep. 16. 1794

Sir

Mr. Matthias Blossom's proposals for carrying the Mail from Portland to Pittstown has been accepted, and I now enclose a contract and Bond to be executed by him. Be pleased to see that the Sureties offered by him are sufficient and that the contract and Bond are duly executed and returned to this office. I have addressed a letter for him to your care which be pleased to forward to him by the first opportunity. I believe, he lives at Monmouth

Iam &c C.B. APMge

W<sup>th</sup> Matthias Blossom

g.P.O Phil. Sept. 16. 1794

Sir

Your proposal for carrying the Mail from Portland to Pittstown has been accepted, and I have sent a contract and Bond to Samuel Freeman Esquire Postmaster at Portland to be executed by you - as soon as the contract and Bond have been executed and returned to this office, a counterpart of the contract executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to you - you and every person you shall employ in the carriage of the mail, are to take the Oaths prescribed by law, blank forms of which are enclosed with your contract.

Iam &c C.B.

Please to sign the Schedule annexed to your contract.

Jonathan Hastings Esq.

g.P.O Phil. Sep. 16. 1794

Sir

W<sup>th</sup> Jotham Johnson's proposals for carrying the Mail from Boston to Charlestown in New Hampshire have been accepted, and I here with enclose a contract and Bond to be executed by him. Be pleased to see them duly executed, and fix the schedule so as to connect with Pease Iam &c C.B.  
W<sup>th</sup> The schedules must be signed by the Contractors.

W<sup>r</sup>. Gotham JohnsonG.P.O. Phil<sup>c</sup>. Sept. 16. 1794

Sir

On the 6 instant the Postmaster general wrote to you that he had accepted your proposals for carrying the Mail from Boston by Concord &c. to Charleston in New Hampshire. I have sent a contract and Bond to W<sup>r</sup>. Hastings at Boston to be executed by you - As soon as your contract is executed and returned to this office a counterpart executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to you

Iam &amp;c C. B.

George Mancius Esq<sup>r</sup>G.P.O. Phil<sup>c</sup>. Sept. 16. 1794

Sr. I herewith enclose a Contract to be executed by Moses Beal and others for the carriage of the mail from Albany to Whitestown. Be pleased to fill up the Schedule so as to connect with the New York Mail and see that the Contract and Bond are duly executed and returned to this office - Iam &c C. B.

Mess<sup>r</sup>. Beal, Hudson & ParkerGPO Sep<sup>r</sup> 16. 1794

Wrote to them that their proposals were received & enclosed a Bond & Contract to them. A counterpart will be sent them of the Contract when they are returned. C. B.

Sebastian Bauman Esq<sup>r</sup>G.P.O. Phil<sup>c</sup>. Sept. 16. 1794

Enclosed a Bond & Contract to him to be executed by Samuel Isaacs for the carriage of the Mail from New York to Sagg Harbour, a counterpart to be sent upon their return, w<sup>ch</sup>ill make appointments on Long Island & send a list of Postmasters in a few days. C. B. A.M.G.

Jeremiah Libbey Esq<sup>r</sup>G.P.O. Phil<sup>c</sup>. Sept. 16. 1794

Sir

W<sup>r</sup>. Elias Libbys proposal for carrying the Mail from Boston to Keen have been accepted and I herewith enclose a contract and Bond for him to execute. Be pleased to see that the sureties offered by him are sufficient and that the Contract and Bond are duly executed to this office

Iam &amp;c C. B.

W<sup>r</sup>. Benjamin B. BruceG.P.O. Phil<sup>c</sup>. Sept. 17. 1794

Sir Your proposal for carrying the Mail from Richmond to Staunton has been accepted, and I have sent a Contract Bond &c to W<sup>r</sup>. Davis for you to execute - as soon as they are returned to this office a counterpart of the Contract executed by the Postmaster General will be sent to you -

Iam &amp;c C. B. A.M.G.

W<sup>r</sup>. John G. WoolfolkG.P.O. Phil<sup>c</sup>. Sept. 18. 1794

Sir

I have sent a Contract Bond &c to the Postmaster at Richmond to be executed by you for the carriage of the Mail from Osbornes to Bermuda hundred - As soon as it is executed and returned to this office a counterpart executed by the postmaster General will be sent to you

Iam &amp;c C. B.

Augustine Davis Esq<sup>r</sup>GPO. Sep<sup>r</sup> 17. 1794

Enclosed to him Contract & Bond to be executed by Benjamin B. Bruce & John G. Woolfolk. Desired him to attend to the sureties, likewise to ascertain the exact distance from Osbornes to Bermuda hundred and fill up the blank in W<sup>r</sup>. Woolfolk Contract at the rate of 11 dol<sup>r</sup> a mile

84 Enclosed will be Robinsons Contract to him to be exec'd  
W. Robinsons proposal was to ride once a week from Richmond to Lynchburg and from Lynchburg to ~~Pittsburgh~~  
for 750 dollars, but New London being a place of considerable importance, the Postmaster General has extended his weekly ride to that place and has added 27 dollars and 96 cents to the sum proposed by him which is at the same rate he proposed for the other weekly mail

The first mails that are sent on the new Road must go unlocked as the Postmaster, are to receive their Keys by them  
I am &c C. B.

M. Anthony Moore Genl. Post Office Sep<sup>r</sup>. 17, 1794

Sir

Your proposal for carrying the mail from Alexandria to Winchester has been accepted and I herewith enclose a Contract and Bond to be executed by you

As soon as they are executed and returned to this office a counterpart executed by the Postmaster General will be sent you  
I am &c C.B

P.S. Please to sign the Schedule annexed to your contract

M. Lewis Blume Germanton N.C.

Sir

Your proposal for carrying the mail from Prince Edward Co House to Germanton has been accepted and I have sent a ~~Contract~~ Bond &c to Mr. Gottlieb Shober P.M. at Salem to be executed by you

As soon as they have been received and returned to this office a counterpart of the contract executed by the Postmaster

General will be sent to you. No proposal that can't be accepted, has been made for the mail from Martinsburg to Liberty - perhaps it may suit you to carry this mail at the same rate that you are to carry the other; if so be pleased to inform me immediately  
I am &c C. B.

M. Gottlieb Shober

G.P.O. Sep<sup>r</sup>. 17, 1794

Enclosed Lewis Blumes Contract and Bond to be executed and desired him to see that the Sureties were sufficient  
C. B.

M. Stewart Herbert Hagerstown

G.P.O. Phil<sup>d</sup>: Sep<sup>r</sup>. 17, 1794

Sir

Your proposal for carrying the mail from Hagerstown to Shepherdstown has been accepted and I have sent a contract Bond &c to the Postmaster at Hagerstown to be executed by you - As soon as they are executed and returned to this office a counterpart of the contract executed by the postmaster General will be sent to you I am &c C.B.

M. Robert Rochester

G.P.O. Sep<sup>r</sup>. 17, 1794

Enclosed Stewart Herberts Contract and Bond to him to be executed by S.H. and desired him to attend to the Sureties  
C. B.

M. Samuel Standish

G.P.O. Sep<sup>r</sup>. 16, 1794

Sir

I have received loud complaints of the failure of letters on the Indiantown route. One gentleman informs me that out of about twenty letters sent from this City to him on that road, not more