

Abijah Hunt esq^r

January 17. 1800.

Sir

Your Bonds and Contract for carrying the Mail from Nashville to Natches, is just received; and inclosed you will receive the Counterpart of that Contract executed by me

You will also be pleased to receive your Commission as Deputy Post Master of Natches, with a number of Blank Oaths which are to be executed by such persons as are entrusted with the Mail and transmitted to this Office

I am glad to learn that you have made the necessary arrangements for the Mail to leave Natches at the time stipulated in your Contract, and shall rely on your exertions to have the business satisfactorily performed.

If it should be necessary to make an establishment at Oechachoppe I presume the Government will afford every assistance in accomplishing that Object or any other by which the communication by Post with the Mississippi Territory can be facilitated. — so far as depends on me I shall render every assistance in my power to promote a regular intercourse with that distant portion of the Union.

I am Sir &c J. H.

William Stewart esq^r

January 17. 1800.

Sir

I have lately entered into a Contract with Mr. Abijah Hunt for carrying the Mail from Nashville to Natches which I expect will be in immediate operation as he writes me he has made the necessary arrangements for sending the Mail from Natches on the second Monday in this Month.

By this Mail I send a Packet for Mr Hunt which I wish you to retain until his rider returns to Natches — be pleased to inform me when the first Mail from the Mississippi Territory arrives at Nashville

I am Sir &c J. H.

Jedediah Baldwin esq^r

January 17. 1800

Sir

Your favor of the 10th Instant accompanied by your returns and Mr Curtis's receipt for thirty three dollars and thirty three cents are duly received

By this Mail you will receive a supply of Post Bills

If I should have occasions to appoint a New Post Master at Oxford I will recollect your recommendations of Mr Dewey as a suitable character for the appointment.

I am Sir &c J. H.

D. Brown.

Attorney at Law. Camden. S. C.

January 20. 1800.

Sir

The removal of the General Post Office to Trenton during the last prevailing epidemic, and an uncommon pressure of business since my return to this City have prevented any earlier attention to the Commission from the Court of common pleas which I received with your favor of the 8th October. My answers to the interrogatories that accompanied the Commission, and copies of my correspondence with Mess^{rs} Tibley & Green and of their letters to me so far as they can be obtained, are forwarded in this days Mail directed to Richard Loyd Champion esq^r Clerk of the Court of common pleas for Camden district, by the Commissioners before whom my depositions were taken.

I am Sir &c J. H.

William Wiatt esq^r

January 20. 1800.

Sir

The Post Master of Charlottesville informs me that his Mails from the City of Philadelphia are seventeen days in reaching his Office, when if they meet with no delay they ought to be received in eleven days. I presume the delay in question must happen from Mr Patton sending his Mails from

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for Charlottesville on the wrong day, by which the connection at
Fredericksburg is broken.

Will you be so good as to inform me what day the Phila-
delphia mail for Charlottesville arrives at your Office and give
me any other information that may enable me to discover and
remove the cause of the detention so much complained of at
Charlottesville.

Saml. C. J. F.

Mr John Wooddy
Sir

January 20. 1800

Mr Powell has conversed with me on
the subject of your failures; he says he does not wish you to be fined
if you will only make proper exertions to have the mail carried
with the necessary punctuality on your route.

That you do not do this is very evident
from a circumstance that has lately come to my knowledge: the
mail being stopped at Trauguer courthouse for want of shoes for
the riders horse -- such frivolous excuses are never admitted and
unless you show more attention to the business than you have
lately done. I shall be under the disagreeable necessity of exact-
ing the penalties where satisfactory excuses cannot be offered for
the failures that may occur in future on your routes.

By going only two miles out of your way
I am told you might have crossed at Goose creek on a late occasion
and when you cannot pass at the usual crossing place which I
presume seldom happens. I expect you will increase your ride
that distance rather than disappoint the Public in receiving
the mails entrusted to your care.

Saml. C. J. F.

Woodward Abraham. esq.

January 20. 1800.

Sir

The returns for the last quarter
and your letter of the 11th Instant are duly received with two.

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receipts of the Mail carriers and a voucher for a charge in your account of
contingent expences.

To prevent the Vouchers being mislaid it would be
well to send them with the accounts in which the charges they are in-
tended to support are made.

Saml. C. J. F.

William Ball. esq.

January 20. 1800.

Sir

Your returns for the last quarter
are duly received.

I am sorry to inform you that there are no
Maps of the Post Roads on hand, or I would send you a set, and
and it is not probable that any more will be published shortly for
the use of the department.

Saml. C. J. F.

Alexander Garrett esq.

January 20. 1800.

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 10th
Instant inclosing Mr. Swope's Bond and Oath, as Deputy Post Mas-
ter of Charlottesville and inclosed you will be pleased to receive
his Commission.

I have written to the Post Master of Fredericks-
burg respecting the delay in receiving the Philadelphia mail
at Charlottesville and will endeavor to ascertain and remove
the cause of Complaint as soon as possible.

Saml. C. J. F.

John Crozier. esq.

January 20. 1800

Sir

You may close the mail for Moffatt on
Wednesday evening at eight O'clock and the Post Rider may leave

Knorrville as much earlier than the hour fixed for his departure on Thursday morning as he finds it convenient to do it

I am Sir &c J. T. K.

William Marshall. Esq.

January 20. 1800

Sir

I have requested Mr Davis to pay you the fees that have arisen on the suits commenced in the Federal court in behalf of the United States by this Department, and to receive any sums collected by the Marshals of the District, from the delinquent deputies

I am Sir &c J. T. K.

Augustine Davis Esq.

January 20. 1800.

Sir

I wish you to pay Mr William Marshall, Clerk of the Federal Court, of your district, the fees that have arisen on suits commenced in that court for the recovery of debts due to this Department; and to receive any sums that may have been collected by the Marshal in consequence of Judgments obtained against the delinquent Deputies

I am Sir &c J. T. K.

John Stillman Esq.

January 20. 1800

Sir

I have received Mr Divines receipt for Ninety nine dollars and four cents which payment closes your account in the books of this Office

On this occasion I cannot help expressing my satisfaction as regards every part of your conduct while you held the Post Office at Louisville

I am &c J. T. K.

David Hall.

January 21. 1800

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 28th Ult^o accompanied by your returns and two dollars and fifty two cents which are carried to the credit of your account in the Books of this Office. The Office at Beaufort must be discontinued unless some one will act as your successor. Will you endeavor to find out a suitable character for it?

I am Sir &c J. T. K.

Established an Office at Natchez Mississippi Territory and appointed Abijah Hunt Deputy Postmaster.

Appointed Daniel Bradford D.P.M. of Frankford N.J. in the room of Richard Elgano, resigned.

Robert Whittell in the room of John Mackey Harbor Ferry Va. resigned

William Chambers in the room of Joseph Durdin of Centreville resigned

Richard Williams to succeed William Hunter of Williamston deceased.

Established an Office at Bellville Pa. and appointed John Reed Deputy Postmaster.

Appointed John Ireland in the room of Ebenezer Sanders. George Town cross roads resigned.

Samuel Crockett D.P.M. of Aurelius in the room of Walter D. Nicolls.

Peter Townsend at Chester N.Y. in the room of J. C. Micham resigned

Richard Baker D.P.M. of Fauquier Court House Va. in the room of Joseph Blackwells resigned

William Poubell in the room of William Benson at Windsor N.C.

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Mr George Demonds

January 22 1800

Sir

I have received a letter from several Gentlemen in Troy in which they desire the mail may be carried every day between Albany and Lansingburg and state that you run your stages every day and are willing to carry it for two dollars a week provided that you are not detained at the Post Office in Troy. Being willing to accommodate them in those respects. I have made out a contract which I now enclose for carrying the mail in that manner to commence on the first of next month and to continue until the 1st of Oct. 1801. the time when other contracts for carrying the mail in that neighbourhood expire. The hours for arrival and departure I leave for you to fill out. — When you have executed the contract & Bonds they are to be returned to this Office, & a counterpart executed on my part will be forwarded to you

The arrangement relative to the place of the Post Office in Troy will be made so as to prevent the inconvenience now complained of.

Sam. Lord J. H.

Mr William Plowden

January 21 1800

Sir

Your letter of the 22nd Ult is just received in which you state that the draft sent you on Mr Stewart is not yet paid previous to the receipt of your favor I had sent you another draft on Mr Stewart for forty five dollars. I hope you will obtain both sums before this reaches you. least however you should not. I now enclose you One hundred dollars in a Bank note as noted below. Be pleased to sign and return the inclosed receipts. you will retain the drafts on Mr Stewart if they are not already paid. & present them again before you return them

You was lately charged with 15 Dollars for not calling at Lunbury on 28th of August. 29th of Oct. & 7th of November. last from the accounts which I receive it does not seem that you make use of reasonable exertion in performing your contract.

1 Note Charleston branch No. 2198 for 100. Dollars dated Oct 2 1799 payable to order of William Plowden only

Sam J. H.

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William Clark esq.

January 22 1800

Sir

The Honble Mr Dwight Foster has informed me that you are desirous of having a private contract for carrying the mail of the United States from Winchendon by Saratoga to Brookfield, and from thence by Oxford to Providence. Seeing no objection to making that arrangement I have consented to enter into a private contract with you for carrying the mail on that route on the terms usually stipulated upon such occasions. — if you agree to them you will be pleased to have the inclosed Bonds Contract and Oaths duly executed, and returned to this Office and on receiving them I will send you the counterpart of the contract executed by me

Mr Samuel Campbell is appointed Deputy Postmaster of Oxford. The only place recommended for an Office on the route and my letter to him and other papers for the establishment of that Office are sent to Brookfield where you will find them

The hours of arrival and departure of the mail you may fill out as will be most convenient to you. The Postman's or saddle bags for the mail will be paid for by the department.

Sam Lord J. H.

William Gray esq.

January 22 1800

Sir

It seems by accounts from Hanover N. H. that none of the mails made up at the Post Office in this City reach that Office under fifteen days when they ought to arrive there in 8 days if my arrangements are duly observed.

The mail made up here on Thursday should reach your Office the next Monday evening, leave there on Tuesday morning and arrive at Hanover the next Friday. — The mails are sent from here regularly on Thursdays & I have heard of no interruption between this & your Office. Mails for other Offices between your Office and Hanover are proportionally delayed. I wish you to inform me what can occasion that delay.

No returns of the arrival and departure of that mail appear to have been received from your Office, you will keep an account of them and return it at the end of every month to this Office. I send blanks herewith for that purpose.

Does the Southern mail

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arrive regularly at your Office on Monday Wednesday & Friday
evenings? I have heard that some Mails addressed Charlestown &c
have been carried there by way of Boston: I hope you will be more
particular in selecting the mails for this route!

There is not a Table of Post Offices on hand, or I would send you
one as it is expected a number of new roads will be established, this
Session I shall propose striking off any new Tables for two or three
Months when all the Offices will be supplied with them

Jam^r d. G. J. 76

Col. Sebastian Bauman

January 22 1800

Sir

The Mails sent from this City to Hanover
&c. and to other Post Offices between that and Suffield C. are delayed
a week some where on the roads as they ought to reach Hanover
in 8 days and have not in fact reached there until 15 days after
their departure from this Office. I do not see where this delay can
arise unless some postmaster between this and Suffield C. sends
them by a wrong route. Those mails should go from your
Office with the express mail by New Haven & Hartford C. I hope they
have not taken a misdirection from your Office.

Your mails for those Offices (between Suffield & Hanover) should
be made up every Friday. Is the Albany mail yet taken every day
from your Office?

The Mails for Offices between Windsor & Burlington Vt. should be
sent by way of Suffield C. several complaints have been made
of the delays occasioned by sending letters for those Offices by Albany

Jam. d. G. J. 76.

Jacob Gallman esq.

January 21. 1800.

Sir

I am just favored with your Letter of the 23rd
Instant accompanied by your returns for the last quarter

In your letter of the 13th of December. you called Mr. Gray a
Collector of the revenue and as such he could not have the privilege
of Franking. — the Inspectors are entitled to that privilege as you
will find from the Post Office Law and Instructions which you will

receive

receive by this Post.

The returns are not yet opened as soon as they are the
receipt of the remittance will be acknowledged

Jam^r d. G. J. 76

Joseph Esq.

January 24. 1800

Sir

Alexander Ogle has so shamefully manage
ed the carriage of the mail between Somerset & Morgantown that he
has forfeited his contract & bond and I have concluded to Offer it to
Mr. William Brynmar. which I have done in a letter to him by this
Post. Be so good as to send it to him as soon as possible. If he cannot
on the mail this trip you will not deliver it to Ogle. if he cannot
you will let Ogle take it. The inclosed letter is not to be delivered
to Ogle until Mr. Brynmar is ready to carry the mail

Your account of Arrivals & Departure of that mail
for the last month is not yet received.

Jam^r d. G. J. 76

Mr. Alex. Ogle

January 24. 1800

Sir

I have lately received information that you
have not delivered the mail at Morgantown but once in the last
month, and that your horses are so inadequate and your drivers
are so frequently changed that the carriage of the mail is never
promptly performed. Ever since the beginning of the last year, in-
deed since you have undertaken that business, there have been com-
plaints against you for your negligence and mismanagement, it
appears to me necessary to put your Bond in suit for the penalty
unless you make it appear that you have performed your con-
tract better than is above stated since the first of last month

I have written to the Postmaster at Somerset to enquire par-
ticularly into this business, and you will hear again from me on
the Subject. He is also directed not to entrust the mail again in
your hands

Jam^r d. G. J. 76

Hugh McNeily Esq.

January 24 1800

Sir

I have received your register for the
last month by which it appears that Ogle failed in delivering
the

The Mail four times. I have concluded to offer the carriage of that Mail to William Breymar. who I understand is faithful active man and hope you will receive it hereafter with more punctuality.

Sam Lr 26 J 76.

Mr William Breymar.

January 24 1800.

Sir

The present contractor (Alexander Ogil) it seems has delivered the Mail at Morgantown only once during the last month by which he has broken his contract and forfeited the penalty of his Bonds; indeed he has carried the Mail so unsatisfactorily ever since it has been placed in his hands that it is improper to entrust it to him any longer. I have concluded therefore to offer you the contract on the same terms that he has it. For that purpose I have now inclosed a contract and Bonds for you to execute and I wish you to commence the business immediately. I make this proposition to you on the recommendation of Mr Graft who says you are ready to undertake it and will perform it promptly.

When the Contract and Bonds are executed you will return them to this Office and a counterpart of the contract executed on my part shall be forwarded to you.

Sam Lr 26 J 76.

James Ince Esq.

January 24 1800.

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of the representation of the Inhabitants of Williamsboro. under cover of your letter of the 11th Instant. relative to the irregular manner in which the Mail is conveyed on Mr Hawkins's route - his failures of late have become much too frequent to be the effect of unavoidable accidents and the fines he has incurred on such occasions will be rigidly exacted unless satisfactory excuses are offered for the failures.

I have written to him so frequently without effecting a change in his conduct that I must now have recourse to exacting the penalties of his failures in hopes that this step will induce him to provide sufficient horses and more punctual riders without which he cannot expect to have the Mail carried in a satisfactory manner to the Public.

Sam Lr 27 76

Col. John Hawkins

January 24 1800

Sir

Complaints of the irregular manner in which the Mail is carried on your route, are received from different quarters - The Postmaster of Halifax writes me on the 7th Instant, "There is another complete failure in the Western Mail - the Mail due on Monday the 30th of Decem. last did not arrive until three hours after a second one was due"; and the Inhabitants of Williamsborough have sent, thro' the hands of their Postmaster, a representation on the subject which I have just received.

Such repeated failures have not been the effects of unavoidable accidents - Occasional failures will sometimes occur but repeated ones can only happen where inadequate provision is made by the Contractor either in horses or riders.

I am now obliged to have recourse once more to charging you with the penalties of your failures and they will be rigidly exacted unless you can offer satisfactory excuses for the failures - being thus apprised of what you have to expect I trust your own interest as well as a regard for your reputation as one of the agents for the Public will induce you to make adequate provisions for the conveyance of the Mail on your route.

A statement of the penalties you are charged with will be sent to you shortly.

Sam Lr 26 J 76.

Col. Sebastian Bauman.

January 24 1800.

Sir

I am just informed that most of the Postmanteaus in use between New York and New Haven are in very bad order.

Being convinced that you have the safety of the Mails and the credit of the department much at heart I am satisfied you will have the Postmanteaus repaired or new ones provided if those in use are too much worn to be repaired as nothing tends so much to destroy confidence in the

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Mail as insufficient Postmanteaus for its conveyance.

Jan 26. J. H.

Mr John Croyes

Sir

January 24. 1800.

I have received your letter of the 28. Ult. I have in consequence thereof concluded to tender the Office of Postmaster to Mr Joshua Pharaoh, who has been represented to me as a punctual faithful man. If he accepts of the appointment you will deliver over to him all the articles of Post Office property that is in your possession as soon as he shall call for the same.

I am Sir J. H.

Col. A. Graves

Sir

January 25. 1800.

I have received your letter of the 17th Instant inclosing an account of Postages paid for your Regiment to the Postmaster at Hanover St. H. This is not the proper Office to reimburse any Army expenses and I do not know in what manner that kind of expense is reimbursed. The account is therefore now returned. It is probable that this expense is to be paid for by the Officer who pays the other incidental expenses of the Army.

I am Sir J. H.

Mr William Coleman

Sir

January 25. 1800

I have received your letter by last post, and am sorry to learn both that the Stages have impaired your interest and that you are obliged to discontinue them. As you have carried the Mail very faithfully, I feel disposed to serve you as much as I can with propriety. Inclosed you will receive the copy of a paper which I have annexed to your contract and as soon as you discontinue your stages I wish you to carry the Mail conformable thereto: By the terms of your Contract you are bound to carry the Mail conformable thereto until Oct. 1801 whether you run your stages or not and for the price therein stipulated, and I can only make a partial agreement with you until it expires.

It is proposed to establish a post Office in Germantown and I wish you at all times hereafter to take that Office in your route you will observe that I do not contemplate sending the Mail often than once a week between this City & Reading and that I believe was often as the occasions of the people there require

I am J. H.

William Lockwood Esq

January 25. 1800

Sir

I am favored with yours of the 20th Inst. and your account is credited with twenty six dollars and fifty five cents received with your returns.

I have written to the Postmaster of New York to have the Postmanteaus repaired or to provide new ones if those in use are too much worn to be repaired. A due attention to the safety of the Mails and the credit of the Department should always induce the deputies to give the earliest information when the Postmanteaus are insufficient; as nothing tends so much to destroy the confidence of the Public in the Mail as an circumstance of that Nature.

I am J. H.

George Moore Esq.

Sir

January 25. 1800

Your favor of the 17th Instant accompanied by your returns and Two hundred and fifteen dollars and forty six cents are duly received and that sum passed to the credit of your account in the Books of this Office

No reports injurious to your character in the discharge of your Official duties have ever reached me and on this occasion I must observe that you have conducted the business of the Office at Lancaster so far as has come to my knowledge in a very satisfactory manner. I am glad to find that you have the testimony of so respectable a character as General Hards in support of your political and private conduct if it should be necessary to have recourse to it which I do not expect will be the case.

Some time ago I received your letter of the 5th of June respecting certain abuses which I believe have too long prevailed to the injury of the Revenue by carrying Letters contrary to Law between this City and Lancaster. The proprietors of the Stage were lately written to on the subject of carrying Newspapers contrary to Law and told the consequences — if they persisted in carrying Letters in the manner you have mentioned. I shall consider it my duty to prosecute them provided proper evidence can be obtained of any infractions of the Law in that respect

I am J. H.

Andrew Woods Esqr

January 25. 1800

Sir

I am duly favored with your letter of the 15th Instant accompanied by your returns. I find the Assistant Postmaster General has sent Mr. Mulligan his pay by a draft on the Post-Master of Pittsburg - if you cannot obtain Bank Notes I wish you to retain your balance in your hands rather than remit it in Silver until it is convenient to draw for it.

I am Sir &c J. W.

Capt. John Reid

January 25. 1800.

Sir

It has been suggested to me that the establishment of a Post Office at the Catawba Springs will be a considerable accommodation to persons who may resort there for the benefit of their health. I have therefore agreed with Mr. John Dirkins to pass by the Springs from the 15th of April to the 15th of Oct. during the continuance of his contract and as it will be necessary to have an Office established there I have concluded to make you as tender of the appointment. If you accept it you will be pleased to have the inclosed Bond and Oaths executed and returned to this Office and on receiving them I will send you a Commission as Deputy Postmaster of the Catawba Springs

There are not tables

of Post Offices remaining on hand or I would send you one New tables however will be struck off in a little time when you will receive one.

The Key of the Mail Post Office Law and Instructions and the necessary blanks for conducting the business of the Office are sent by this conveyance to Camden from whence Mr. Dirkins will take them to you

I am Sir &c J. W.

January 25. 1800. Established an Office at Catawba Springs N.C. and appointed John Reid Deputy Postmaster.

W. John Miller

January 25. 1800

Sir

Your letter of the 23 Instant with your accounts of forage purchased the last quarter is received. The Law requires receipts to be taken for all money payments on account of the Public and the Sums paid cannot be allowed me at the Treasury without them or depositions that the money has been paid

I am Sir &c J. W.

Joseph Palmer Esqr

January 25. 1800

Sir

Your letter of the 2nd instant with your accounts is received. I am sorry that you should have suffered such a loss as thirty dollars by having your office broken open by a thief, and it appears the burden upon you as your undertakings are small from the Post Office. It does not appear to me that any allowance can be made you for that loss without an act of Congress for the purpose.

I am Sir &c J. W.

Mr Andrew Balfour

January 25. 1800.

Sir

On the 11th of January last (1799) I drew upon you in favor of Mr. John Hawkins for sixteen dollars: he was lately called upon to return his receipt for that sum and in reply states that you never paid it to him. Your account was credited with that sum at the time of drawing the draft and I hope you will transmit him the amount without delay.

I am Sir &c J. W.

George W. Mancius Esqr

January 27. 1800.

Sir

The postmaster of Utica writes me that the Postman teaus now in use between Utica and Rome is much too small; he says that the old one that was used between Albany and Utica would answer very well for some time, if not in use you will send send it to him or a spare. Postman teaus if you have neither be pleased to inform him that he may procure a new one.

I am Sir &c J. W.

Robert M Nairy

January 26. 1800

Sir

On the 11th January 1799 you was drawn upon by the Postmaster General in favor of John Hawkins for twenty eight dollars. He was lately called upon for his receipt for that sum and says in reply that you never paid him the amount of the draft That amount was entered to your credit at the time of drawing and I hope you will pay it to Mr Hawkins without delay

Sam^l J^r F^r

W^m William Moubray

January 27. 1800.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 15th Ult^o and find that you ought not to be charged with the balance of the quarter ending July 1st 1798, your account is therefore credited with the amount which is charged to Mr Elliot. will you inform me at what place Mr Elliot resides? There is still a balance of 1⁶⁹ dollar against you which you will please to pay to Mr Crews or to the Postmaster at Charleston and transmit me his receipt that your account may be closed

Balance favor of General Post Office by $\frac{a}{c}$	50. 58
Paid. J Crews <i>em^t</i>	23. 33.
Amount of balance end July 1798. recharged.	25. 56
Balance to be paid Mr Crews now	1. 69

Sam^l J^r F^r

Samuel Carrington Esq^r

January 27. 1800

Sir

Your letter of the 3rd Instant is received. You did right in having the Old Portmanteaus repaired. I have written to the Postmaster at Albany to forward to you a Portmanteau to be used between Utica & Rome if he has any spare ones on hand. otherwise to write to you that you may procure a new one of proper size. It is of great importance to have the Portmanteaus kept in proper order and Postmasters when

where the mail rests should always have them repaired when they become deficient

Sam^l J^r F^r

William Hay Esq

January 27. 1800

Sir

Agreeable to your request I send you enclosed a statement of your account current with this Office from which it appears that you have been overdrawn to the first of January last seven dollars and thirty one Cents - this no doubt has arisen from calculating the proceeds of the last return at nearly the usual amount, tho' it produced little or nothing from your providing saddle bags for the Mail, when the Assistant Postmaster General drew the last draft on you

I send you a supply of Keys for the Mail by this conveyance and hope you will continue to discharge the duties of the Office until you can recommend a suitable character for your successor as it is an object of great importance to have the Post Offices in the hands of men of information and strict integrity

Sam^l J^r F^r

Daniel Edwards

January 27. 1800

Sir

Inclosed you will be pleased to receive your account current with this Office which shews that you are paid in full for carrying the Mail to the 1st of January last.

It seems you were overpaid upwards of thirty ^{you} dollars to the first of July last which may have induced to think that there is a balance still due you. If you discover any errors in the Statement of your account current you will point them out. I wish you to sign the receipt for the cash I sent you last: if there proves to be any errors in my statement of your account no advantage will be taken of the manner in which the receipt is expressed.

Sam^l J^r F^r

Established an Office at Oxford and appointed Samuel Campbell T. P. G.

Col. Sebastian Bauman.

January 27, 1800

Sir

I have received your letter of the 25th Instant by which it appears that you have transmitted your claims for Offices on Connecticut River by the proper route. In my letter I alluded only to Post Offices in Vermont lying between Windsor and Burlington - which are Woodstock, Royalton, Randolph, Williamstown, Mountpelier, & Jericho - Mails for these Offices should be forwarded with the mails for Offices up Connecticut river.

The Offices established on the new route between this & New York are marked in the margin with their distances. I wish you to keep a distinct account of the Postages arising from that route as the Contractors are to have the whole proceeds. This mail is to arrive at New York on Monday at 7. P.M. and leave New York on Saturday at 8 A.M.

Mails for Bennington, Manchester Rutland Middleberry Vergennes and Burlington should continue to go by Albany.

- Dustlow N. 12
- Newton N. 13.
- Bennington N.J. 10
- Milestone N.J. 17
- Bond Brook N.J. 8
- Plainfield N.J. 7
- Springfield N.J. 14
- New York 18 99

James J. T. G.

Mess^{rs} William & Geo. R. A. Richetto

Gentlemen.

January 27, 1800

Your letter of the 14th Instant is received. The letter addressed by you to William Hytton Esq^r in August last containing six hundred dollars has not yet been returned to this Office if it is returned this quarter your directions respecting it shall be observed.

It is not clear that this letter ever arrived at Bath N.H. The Postmaster there has not entered any mail from New York of a corresponding date. In his letter to me he states that Letters addressed to Bath Berkley were frequently sent to his Office and that he always forwards them, but he has no particular recollection

recollections of the letter alluded to. There is much reason to fear that the letter and contents have been stolen. I have ordered the notes advertised in the Staunton Gazette. If the letter has not been stolen it will be returned here during this quarter (before 31. March)

James J. T. G.

To the Person in charge of the Post Office Leominster. M^s

January 27, 1800.

Sir

As I understand M^r. Prentiss cannot attend any longer to the business of the Post Office at Leominster. I have appointed M^r. John Gardner to succeed him to whom you will be pleased to deliver over all articles of Post Office property such as Letters on hand, papers, blanks key of the mail, table of Post Offices cases &c. and to render your account to the time of giving up the Office to M^r. Gardner

James J. T. G.

M^r. Edmund Martin

January 27, 1800.

Sir

The mails from Kentucky on your route find have been delayed a week. For some time past a letter I have just received from the Postmaster of Maysville explains the cause of the delay. In a letter of the 3rd Instant he observes "that the Post rider arrived too late on that day to depart at the usual hour and that he did not leave Maysville until Saturday morning" - On such occasions an extra rider to proceed with the mail at the usual hour of departure for Mushingum or the lost trip can never be regained if his departure is delayed until the following day.

The rider is represented to be a Boy unable to perform the Tour particularly at this Season when obstacles in passing the rivers must be expected - I shall place every reliance on your exertions to have the mails carried with punctuality - the fines you have already incurred for failures would amount to a large sum I shall not however exact them if, in disposition on your part to have the business hereafter