

hereafter performed in a more satisfactory manner to the public

Jam d<sup>r</sup>c J<sup>r</sup>

Mr Sanford Carroll.

Sir

January 27 1800

Your returns for the last quarter accompanied by your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> instant are duly received and the monthly register of the arrivals and departure of the mails

I have written to the Contractor respecting the failure you have mentioned; on such occasions he ought to have an extra rider to leave Ellsworth at the hour fixed for his departure which has not been attended and is Friday at 2 P.M. Boys are at any time improper persons to be entrusted with the mail on a route where so many difficulties are to be encountered but particularly so at this season when the obstacles to travelling must be so much increased.

Jam d<sup>r</sup>c J<sup>r</sup>

Robert Snoddy Esqr

Sir

January 28 1800

Your favor of the 13 January is duly received accompanied by your returns and twenty nine dollars and fifty one cents which are passed to the credit of your account in the books of this Office

In your next return you may state the number and amount of Postages for your own Newspapers with which you have been charged during the last year and take credit for the same

Jam d<sup>r</sup>c J<sup>r</sup>

Nathan Mitchell esqr

Sir

January 28 1800

As the postages collected at your Office are to be paid to Doct: Hayward you may retain the balances arising from the quarterly returns in your hands until it is convenient to draw on you for them

I have received your letters

of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant accompanied by your returns for the first

quarter you have held the Office

Jam d<sup>r</sup>c J<sup>r</sup>

Victory Witmore esqr

Sir

January 28 1800

I am favored with yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant accompanied by your returns and twenty eight dollars and Seventy Cents with which sum your account in the books of this Office is credited

It will be as well to continue to send your balances with your returns especially as Bank Notes can be easily obtained with you.

In case letters are sent in the manner you have mentioned they are to be rated eight cents and the stage driver receives two cents for his trouble in delivering the letters collecting the postage.

Jam d<sup>r</sup>c J<sup>r</sup>

Samuel Curtis esqr

Sir

January 28 1800

Though the Law is not explicit on the subject it could never be intended that the Commissioners of direct Taxes should continue to pack their letters after their functions have ceased I shall consult with the Officers of the Treasury and take the necessary steps to prevent an abuse of the privilege in that respect

There is nothing collected on the route from Amherst to Boston that makes it necessary to send the mail twice a week or to warrant an increased compensation for that service. The Letter you want shall be searched for and if found I will send it to you.

Jam d<sup>r</sup>c J<sup>r</sup>

Francis X. Martin Esqr

Sir

January 28 1800

M Spright handed me your favor of the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo resigning your appointment and recommending me

recommending Mr Pasteur as your successor.

The appointment of Hunter to be Postmaster has generally given satisfaction everywhere they have acted with the strictest propriety. I have therefore laid it down as a rule, from which I have scarcely deviated in a single instance, not to appoint a Postmaster if a person of any other profession, properly qualified, can be got to act. On the present occasion however I have concluded to appoint Mr Pasteur and inclosed you will be pleased to receive a blank bond and form of the Oaths to be executed by him and returned to this Office. On receiving these papers duly executed, I will immediately transmit him a Commission as Deputy Post Master of Newbern.

You will then deliver him all the articles of Post Office property such as case, claps, Post Office Law, Table of Post Offices, Key of the Mail, Blanks, Letters and papers on hand, and Stationary and forward your accounts up to the time when you leave the Office.

Send of Blanks of all kinds for the Office — Is the Contractor carrying an additional mail on your route? your return for the last quarter are received.

Jan 26 J. H.

Mr John Shippens

Sir

January 28. 1800.

I have received your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant. I reply I have to observe that it is not in my power to enclose the emoluments of the Postmaster at Shippensburg: the compensation to Postmasters are stated at so much per cent by Law. It does not appear to me that the trouble of attending the Post Office in Shippensburg can be great, as the Mails all arrive the same evening: and to a man who keeps a store and has occasion to keep some persons constantly int, the profits would equal the trouble. The Postmaster besides his Commission which amounts to about seventy dollars a year, has the advantage of receiving his letters and newspapers free and is exempted from military duty.

Previous to the date of your letter I had forwarded an appointment to a gentleman in Shippensburg on the recommendation of Mr Bell.

Jan 26 J. H.

George Fenton Esq<sup>r</sup>

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January 28. 1800.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo — Mails for Lexington and Bourbon, Ky. Washington and Maysville. They ought to be sent from Shippensburg by way of Pittsburgh. I have given directions to the Postmaster at Shippensburg to that effect. The postmaster at Philadelphia will hereafter forward all Newspapers addressed to Winchester, by way of Baltimore and Leesburg, as you request. Mails for other Offices in Kentucky would not arrive there so soon by Pittsburgh as by the Winchester route; besides the road from Wheeling to Maysville is through a wilderness and is very deep and bad. — Is not the road between Shippensburg and Winchester in such order that a sulky may be used upon it? If it is I should suppose that the mails in their present state might be carried without much inconvenience.

It would be difficult to give much increase of pay to Postmasters without absorbing all the revenue of the Post Office: the alteration in their favor was obtained with some difficulty the last Session, and I fear that any attempt to increase it would be unsuccessfull. Every opportunity offers of serving you I shall readily embrace it.

Jan 26 J. H.

Mr John Reed

Sir

January 29. 1800.

I have received your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> ultimo relative to your balance the sum due is ten dollars and twenty five cents. The difference between your account and ours has probably arisen from errors which have been corrected in your account. You will please to remit the balance by Post.

Jan 26 J. H.

The Honble

William Cooper Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir

January 29. 1800.

I do myself the honor to return you the papers you inclosed me under cover of your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant. — After an attentive perusal I see nothing in them that can in the least implicate Mr Strong in his

his official capacity. Letters are often detained and on some occasions never reach the places of their destination but as <sup>they</sup> generally, as in the present instance, pass through many offices it is impracticable in such cases to discover where the failures or delays happens. Failures however more frequently occur from letters receiving improper directions than perhaps from any other cause.

Jan d<sup>r</sup> 6 J<sup>r</sup> H<sup>r</sup>

Capt. Lincoln Lester

Sir

January 29. 1800

I understand the person whom you have employed to carry the mail between Rutland Fairhaven & Lansingburg wishes to be authorised to arrive Rutland on Sunday at 6 P.M. and there on Monday at half past 9 A.M. See no inconvenience in that alteration and have therefore noted on your contract that those hours are to be observed in future.

No penalties have been charged to you for any delay or failure on that route.

Jan d<sup>r</sup> 6 J<sup>r</sup> H<sup>r</sup>

John Grammer Esq.

Sir

January 29. 1800.

I have received your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant. The hours fixed for the arrival and departure of the several mails at your Office are as follows. viz.

#### Richmond Mail

Arrives every day Sunday excepted at 10 A.M.  
Leaves every day Sunday excepted at 1 P.M.

#### Norfolk Mail — May 1 to October 1.

Arrives at Petersburg every Tuesday Thursday & Saturday at noon  
Leaves ditto every Monday Wednesday & Friday at 11 A.M.  
Noon 1. to May 1.

Arrives at Petersburg every Tuesday Thursday & Saturday at noon  
Leaves dd " Wednesday Friday & Monday at 11 A.M.

#### Lumberton Mail

Leaves Petersburg every Monday Wednesday & Friday noon  
Arrives at Petersburg dd dd dd 11 A.M.

J.D.

If the Contractors fail your registers which should be returned at the end of the month will be able to exact such penalties as will induce a compliance so far as is practicable

Jan d<sup>r</sup> 6 J<sup>r</sup> H<sup>r</sup>

January 29. 1800. c appointed John S. Pasteur Deputy Post Master of Newbern & C in the room of Francis Ellartine

Thomas H. Bacon Esq.

Sir

January 28. 1800

Your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant with your accounts came duly to hand. I wrote you on the 28<sup>th</sup> ulto that the Water mail would be discontinued and a land mail would be sent by Land. I desire writing to you for the purpose of knowing whether the contractors would be willing to commence the business: they have all agreed to it now and I hope its carriage has got into a regular train. By the new Contract the mail is to

Leave Charleston every Monday Wednesday & Friday at 8 P.M.  
Arrive at Charleston every d<sup>o</sup> d<sup>o</sup> d<sup>o</sup> noon

Jan d<sup>r</sup> 6 J<sup>r</sup> H<sup>r</sup>

Mr Benjamin Rainey

Sir

January 30. 1800

I have discontinued the Office at Albemarle as it appears to have been of little or no use to the neighborhood. — I presume Mr Smith will settle his account as he has given bond for the due performance of the trust reposed in him; if he leaves North Carolina without paying what he has collected his security will be responsible for him.

Jan d<sup>r</sup> 6 J<sup>r</sup> H<sup>r</sup>

Col Sebastian Baumans

Sir

January 30. 1800

I forgot to thank you for purchasing the bill of exchange for me — Your account is audited with Seventy dollars and fifty cents the sum you paid for the Bills.

Jan d<sup>r</sup> 6 J<sup>r</sup> H<sup>r</sup>

Edward Gilpin, Esqr.

Sir

January 30. 1800

The thefts that have been committed on  
the mail between Wilmington renders it improper to deliver the mail  
overnight to the carrier. You will therefore after the 7<sup>th</sup> February deliver  
the mail for Chestertown.

From November 1 to May 1

every Wednesday, Friday, 1 hour before sunrise &

From May 1 to November 1

every Wednesday, Friday & Monday, 1 hour before sunrise

Jan d<sup>r</sup> J. H.

Mr Robert Hodgeson.

Sir

January 30. 1800.

The many thefts which have been com-  
mitted on the mail which you carry between Wilmington and Chester-  
town renders it necessary to adopt such a schedule as will render it un-  
necessary to have the mail lie at the tavern on the evening previous to its  
departure from those two places. I have therefore arranged you schedule in  
the following manner which I think will be attended with more  
convenience to you.

May 1 to November 1.

Leave Chestertown every Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday 1 hour before sunrise  
& arrive at Wilmington same days by 3 P.M.

Returning

Leave Wilmington every Wednesday, Friday & Monday, 1 hour before sunrise &  
arrive at Chestertown the same days by 3 P.M.

November 1 to May 1.

Leave Chestertown every Tuesday and Saturday 1 hour before sunrise &  
arrive at Wilmington the same days by 8 P.M.

Returning

Leave Wilmington every Wednesday and Friday 1 hour before sunrise &  
arrive at Chestertown the same days by 8 P.M.

I am Sir &c J. H.

James Arthur Esqr.

Sir

January 30. 1800.

The thefts which have been lately committed

committed on the mail between Wilmington and Chestertown render it  
proper to deliver the mail overnight to the carrier. You will therefore after  
the 7<sup>th</sup> February deliver the mail for Wilmington from November 1 to May 1

On Tuesday & Saturday 1 hour before sunrise  
and from May 1 to November 1

On Tuesday Thursday & Saturday 1 hour before sunrise

Jan d<sup>r</sup> J. H.

Capt Samuel Burall.

Sir

January 30. 1800.

I received your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> addressed  
to your Brother in which you mention, that you have been offered  
twenty one hundred dollars for the Susan. Perhaps on a credit of  
five or Six months you can get more, if so I wish you to sell  
her on a credit taking good security. If there is no prospect of getting a  
higher price I would rather sell her for twenty two hundred dollars  
cash than have her lie longer on hand.

Your Brother Charles is now at Baltimore.

I am Sir &c J. H.

Harry Caldwell Esqr.

January 30. 1800

Sir

I am duly favored with your letter of the  
20<sup>th</sup> instant covering Mr Dowes receipt for his last quarters pay  
which is very sufficient

Your return and forty dollars are received  
and that sum I find is paid to the credit of your account in the  
Books of this Office

Jan d<sup>r</sup> J. H.

Mr Charles Green

Sir

January 30. 1800.

I have received your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant  
and observe that a mistake has occurred in transmitting your pay.  
Now transmit you adiafpon the Postmaster at Norfolk for the balance  
37<sup>92</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars supposing you or your Brother to pay 8<sup>23</sup>/<sub>100</sub> D. which ap-  
pears to be due from the Post Office Elizabeth city to the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct last, before goods  
to transmit your receipt for that sum: your account will then stand  
as noted on the other side for the last quarter

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Draft of Decem 5. 1799. on William Campbell for	13.88
do. — on John Cornwall for	10. —
ditto. do. — on Edward Archer for	22.37
ditto Jan'y 30. 1800. on same	37.02
ditto d. — on Francis Grie	8.23
	<u>91.50</u>
	<u>mm</u>

Jan 2nd 1800

Offices would more than swallow up the revenue arising from the Post Office; any attempt to increase the compensations of the deputies at this time, in my opinion, would prove unsuccessful; as the advance of their Commissions on a late occasion was obtained with difficulty.

The time of the mails' arrival is generally fixed out now way Bills. I observe at every Office except Hartford — from this circumstance I am at a loss to determine whether you are entitled to any additional compensation for receiving the mails at an unreasonable hour — the Law however only provides for an increased allowance where the mails are regularly to arrive between 9 O'clock at night and 5 O'clock in the morning — this I presume could not be the case at your Office at any time as in a few instances where the time of receiving the mail is <sup>noted</sup> at Hartford it is too & decent it is always later than 5 O'clock.

I have been applied to to remove the Post Office to Abingdon but I shall not take this step if I find Hartford the more proper place for it I shall endeavor to be well informed on the subject and will not hastily come to a determination. The accommodation of the stages is certainly an object but if other circumstances are in favor of Hartford the Office will be continued there — if I recollect right the information relative to the delay at your Office came from one of the agents of the department who could have no improper motive for giving it.

Your account is credited with 38 dollars and 62 cents received under cover of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> ulto.

Jan 2nd 1800

James Bryan

January 31. 1800.

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant resigning your appointment as Deputy Post Master of Hillsdale — if no person can be got to act as your successor the Office must of course be discontinued and in that case you will be pleased to send the Stock Maps Letters on hand and any other articles of Post Office property now in your possession to Sheffield. I still hope some person may be found to do the business in that event you will be so good as to mention his name and I will immediately transmit him an appointment.

It is contrary to the rules of the Office to return the

1800.

January 31. Established the following Post Offices

Vizt At Deerfield W<sup>t</sup> and appointed Elijah Williams D<sup>r</sup>  
At Charlotte W<sup>t</sup> and appointed Hezekiah Barnes D<sup>r</sup>  
At Sommerville and appointed William Hibby D<sup>r</sup>

1800 Jan'y 31. Appointed David Simpson in the room of John Ell King  
resigned as Post Master Stamford N.Y.

John Gardner D<sup>r</sup> of Leominster W<sup>t</sup> in  
the room of Charles Prentiss resigned

Lewis Lee Morris to succeed George Buchanan  
at Butternutts N.Y.

Herman Stump esq<sup>r</sup>

January 31. 1800.

Sir

I am sorry that I could not make it convenient to return an earlier answer to your favors of the 16<sup>th</sup> ulto and 24<sup>th</sup> instant.

The deputy Postmasters are now exempted from militia duty the other exemption you have suggested from serving on Juries would not be considered as any advantage in many of the States, indeed in no instance except your own has it been applied for; it would be difficult, if not impracticable, to admit the testimony of the Deputies contrary to the established rules of the courts of Justice.

The advantages derived from this useful institution are of such a nature that motives of Patriotism or convenience have generally induced suitable characters to hold the most unproductive Offices and I find no difficulty in filling the vacancies as they occur in the Department.

To make adequate provisions for all the Offices

Bonds of the Deputies; nothing however injurious to the parties can happen if the Postmasters have faithfully discharged the trust reposed in them and accounted for the postages collected by them— I have no doubt that your Father has done both of course his Security has nothing to apprehend from the Bonds remaining in the General Post Office

The receipt of thirteen dollars and 28 Cents has been acknowledged by the chief Clerk.

Jan 2nd J. H.

James Carrington, Esqr.

Sir

At the time the draft was drawn on you for one hundred dollars in favor of Capt. Pease your account was credited with the amount in the Books of this Office

Without

attending to your request the order you returned was destroyed it is however a matter of no consequence as you have received credit for

it

February 1. 1800.

Doct. Nathan Hayward

Sir

I have received your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ulto inclosing John Thachers deposition, and the magistrate's certificate relative to failure <sup>in</sup> delivering the mail at Chatham. All they are satisfactory and no penalties will be charged to you on that account. I shall transmit a copy of the deposition to Mr. Hedges in order to have his explanations.

Jan 2d J. H.

Jonathan Hastings Esqr.

Sir

The Mails for post offices in the western parts of Vermont should be made up at your Office

from Sept: 20<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> on Monday 10 A.M.

from May 20<sup>th</sup> to Sept: 20<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday 7 A.M.

and be

be forwarded with the Albany Mail by way of Pittfield. Mr.

Your Mails for the eastern parts of Vermont should be sent with the Albany Mails by Northampton and should be made up from Sept: 20<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> on Thursday from May 20<sup>th</sup> to Sept: 20<sup>th</sup> on Monday

Jan 2d J. H.

James Thompson Esqr.

Sir

February 3. 1800

Thomas Taffe the Post rider from Baltimore to Leonardtown states that the time now fixed for his departure from Leonardtown (which is 3 P.M.) is so late as to render it necessary for him to travel in the night in order to accommodate him in that respect. I wish you would make up your Mail so that he may leave your Office at 2 P.M. The inhabitants of Leonardtown will then have 5 hours to answer their letters which I presume is sufficient for their accommodation.

Jan 2d J. H.

Levi Lyman, Esqr.

Sir

February 3<sup>d</sup>. 1800.

Your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ulto accompanying your accounts is received. The blanks are forwarded herewith.

I cannot see from what defect in the present arrangement for carrying the mail between Suffield and Hanover any complaint should arise. If my arrangement is performed there will be no delay in the passage of the mail from Philadelphia or from Boston to Suffield as the mails from the Southward and Boston reach Suffield on the evening preceding its departure from Hanover. I fear that the contractor does not perform in the manner required of him and that delays have arisen from that source. I have written to the Postmaster at Suffield on the subject but have not heard from him. The arrangement which you propose of leaving Suffield on Thursday morning would be very inconvenient to the people of Hanover as the mail in that case would reach Hanover on Sunday at 10 A.M. and leave it the same

day at 2 Dells. a time when it would be inconvenient & improper for them to do business. But as it is now arranged there is no occasions of doing business at any post Office on the sabbath other than merely exchanging mails as the southern mail will arrive at each Office on a weekly day and the mails can be made up before the Sabbath for the return mail

I am Sir J H

Wm John McCormick

February 4 1800

Sir

I have received your letter of the 25 Decem<sup>r</sup>. in which you demand thirty four Shillings for your expences in going to Alexandria, after your last quarters pay; it appears reasonable that you should be allowed something for that expence and have inclosed you a French Guinea which appears to me quite sufficient. you will sign and return the receipt on the back of the account inclosed.

I am Sir J H

Wm John McCormick

February 4. 1800.

Sir

Mr Davis mentions that he has advanced you two hundred dollars which he wishes may be placed to his credit I have therefore inclosed you a draft upon him for that sum

I am Sir J H

Charles Burnell Esq:

February 4. 1800

Sir

I am favored with your Letters of the 30<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> instant and am glad to find that you have so far succeeded in establishing yourself at Baltimore by getting a suitable place for the Office and employing a person from whose general knowledge of the people you can derive so much assistance

As far as regards Mr Fennivals feelings and your own responsibility I am glad to find that you will not employ Mr Latapie and one of the Letter carriers in this I think you act very prudently and a little expence will enable you to determine how far the other

other Letter Carriers may be entrusted - it will be well to watch them narrowly Mr Fennival is here though I have not seen him yet - if he wishes it, however disagreeable it may be, I shall give him my reasons for removing him - I think I can satisfy his best friends if they are reasonable and impartial & less of the necessity of the step - it has not been taken lightly and cannot be relinquished in the present stage of the Business.

I am happy to find your appointment gives that much satisfaction - one of Mr Fennivals best friends, who will be continued in Office, observes that if he must be removed there is no person he wishes to be his successor in preference to you,

I was always satisfied that you would be acceptable to the generality of the Citizens of Baltimore; on such occasions there will be some exceptions, but I trust in the present instance they are fewer than common.

I am Sir J H

Cotton Gelston Esq:

February 5. 1800

Sir

Agreeably to your request you have inclosed a statement of your account current with the General Post Office to the 1 January last exhibiting a balance due of One hundred and ten dollars and Sixty Six cents due from you to that period

I am Sir J H

William Fennan Esq:

February 5. 1800.

Sir

There are no tables of Post Offices on hand or I would send you one; as soon as the new tables are struck off all the Offices will be supplied with them - there is a bill for some additional Post Roads now pending as soon as its fate is known the new Tables will be published.

I am Sir J H

W William Coleman.

February 5. 1800.

Sir

I have received your letter requesting to be allowed to leave Philadelphia at 6 A.M instead of 8 A.M every Thursday and to leave Carlisle at 6 A.M instead of 8 A.M on Monday

Monday. If you will look at the schedule I sent you you will find that you are to arrive in Philadelphia every Thursday at 10 AM and leave it the same day at 2 P.M.; on further consideration it appears to the most convenient arrangement that can be made for you and if any thing too little time for letters to be answered by the same Post at Philadelphia and Carlisle — you are not required to ride more than forty miles in twenty four hours which can be easily accomplished.

Jam Sdr &c. J. H.

Herman Stump esq:

February 5. 1800.

Sir

When I wrote to you on the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant it escaped me to send you a statement of your account current which I think you are desirous of receiving — it is now inclosed

Jam Sdr &c. J. H.

Valentine White esq:

February 5. 1800.

Sir

I have received your letter of the relative to an allowance for Office rent. Such a charge is not made at any Post Office in the United States, and if made would not be allowed at the Treasury as the Law does not authorise it

Jam Sdr &c. J. H.

Dod: John Sibley

February 5. 1800

Sir

Your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant covering your Contract for carrying the additional mail to the Southward of Lemington was duly received and you will be pleased to receive the counter part of the Contract executed by me.

I hope the additional mail on your part of the route was in operation by the time you contemplated as the latest for it to be commenced — Colonel Hoomes would be ready a little before the first of February or about that time.

I shall shortly look over these certificates

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you sent me relative to the failures on your route and determine how far they can be admitted in extenuation of the penalties with which you are charged.

Jam Sdr &c. J. H.

John S West Esqr.

Sir

February 5. 1800.

I have received your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ulto & am obliged by your readiness to forward the views of this Department I also received your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> ulto describing the road from Newbern to Wilmington; it contains all the information I wanted

Since writing to you I have learned that a stage is established between Fayetteville & Wilmington and that the inhabitants of the latter are desirous the additional mail should be sent that way: and since you do not seem desirous of entering into the new contract. I have concluded to gratify them in that respect. It will therefore be proper for you to carry the mail according to your present contract your expences in carrying the mail twice a week and those incurred by putting it into operation shall be paid to your order on receipt of your account

Jam Sdr &c. J. H.

Barnabas O'Farnell Esqr

January 31. 1800

Sir

I have received your letter of the instant with your accounts. It is of little use to advertise letters on hand in a newspaper published at a distant place, and I approve of your method of publishing them by written advertisements

Mr John McKenall showed over to you all the lettered post office papers in his hands and I wish you to call upon him for that purpose. You will charge yourself with the amount of the Postages which you may receive of him and should the letters not be taken up you will of course have credit for them when you return them as dead letters

Jam Sdr &c. J. H.

February 7. 1800. Appointed James Winchester Postmaster at Cragfont Tennessee in the room of William Cage resigned.

William Cage  
Sir

I have enclosed your account current and given the Contractor an order on you for the balance due from you thirteen dollars and fifty six cents which when paid will be in full & close your accounts in the Books of this Office

Jan 2d J H

W Edwards Peet

Sir

Enclosed a draft on William Cage Postmaster at Cragfont for thirteen dollars and fifty six cents a balance due from him to this Office — Please receive it of him and consider it as an account of your pay for the current quarter.

Jan 2d J H

John Jack Esqr

Sir

Enclosed you have a receipt in full for judgment & Costs in the suit against Juniah Mahoney

Jan 2d J H

Abram Savage

Sir

I am favored with yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> Ultmo covering Mr John Neills receipt for nine dollars and forty four cents which closes your account in the Books of this Office

Jan 2d J H

John Easton Esqr

Sir

Blank Oaths

Agreeably to your request I send some patches for Luncennes and Hashashias and hope you have before this time met with a safe conveyance for them. I am very anxious of hearing that the Mail is in operation on that route and wish you to give me the earliest intelligence of that event.

Jan 2d J H

Charles Burnside Esqr

February 7. 1800.

Sir

I have heard that the Mail Postman train was cut open yesterday morning and the Bag containing mail for the intermediate Offices was taken out. By such circumstances as have been known here, it should seem that the villainy was committed while the Mail was on its passage from your Office to the Stage Officer or while at the Stage Office. I have no doubt but you will use such exertions as will detect the Villains.

In order to prevent the hazard of a repetition direct the Stages not to leave Baltimore until 6 A.M. and do not deliver them the Mail until that time; at least the Philadelphia Stages

Jan 2d J H

February 7. 1800. Established an Office at New Market W. and appointed John Hall Deputy Post master

Established an Office at Blacksburg <sup>11<sup>th</sup></sup> and appointed John Clark D. P. M.

Mr James Westfield

Sir

Enclose you a draft on Mr Anderson Pope (Formerly Postmaster Louisville) for twenty four dollar and Eighty five cents a balance due from him to this Office — Please the money of him and consider it as an Account of your pay for the current quarter.

Jan 2d J H

February 7. 1800. Established an Office at Culliville,<sup>Pa.</sup> and appointed  
Mr. Francis Ellis. D. Post.

Mr. Warden Pope.

February 7. 1800.

Sir

I am favored with yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> Ultto  
accompanyed by your return to the time you left the Post Office at  
Louisville.

A small error against yourself reduces your balance  
to twenty four dollars and eighty five cents for which sum I have  
sent Mr. Westerfield a draft on you and when paid will close your  
account in the Books of this office

Jam. Sir. Le. J. H.

February 7. 1800. Appointed John Bolton Deputy Post Master of Abbotts-  
town. P<sup>t</sup> in the room James Duncan. resigned.

Mr. Jason Parker.

February 7. 1800.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> Ultto in  
which you state that you carried a 3<sup>d</sup> Mail 3 weeks in 1798. and 2 weeks  
in 1799. You have now a draft inclosed on Eliz. Moseley. Esqr. for twenty  
two dollars and thirty cents. which is the amount due you for that  
service.

Jam. Sir. Le. J. H.

Samuel Headwell. Esqr

February 7. 1800.

Sir

I am duly favored with your  
letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ultto covering your contract for carrying the addition  
abt. mail on your route and inclosed you will be pleased to receive  
the counterpart of it executed by me

Jam. Sir. Le. J. H.

Mr. Thomas Dinkins

Sir

February 7. 1800.

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your  
favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ultto. covering your contract for carrying three mails  
a week between Charleston and Camden and inclosed you will be  
pleased to receive the counterpart of it executed on my part.

I shall reply to that part of your letter that relates to the  
failures that have recently happened on your route in the course of  
a day or two.

Jam. Sir. Le. J. H.

John Ireland. Esqr.

February 7. 1800.

Sir

There are no tables of Post Offices on  
hand or I would send you one.

It is expected that a number of new  
Post Roads will be established and many additional new Post Offices  
will be added in that event; I have therefore postponed striking off  
any new tables for a few months but as soon as they are published  
the respective offices will be furnished with them

Jam. Sir. Le. J. H.

William Pleasants Esqr

February 7. 1800.

Sir

Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ultto is received  
no complaints against you have been made. Should any come  
forward that seem entitled to notice I will communicate them  
to you.

Jam. Sir. Le. J. H.

Edward Harris. Esqr.

February 8. 1800.

Sir

I sent you by the last mail a supply of  
Post Bills for your Office.  
As there is now no Paper published at  
Washington. it will be proper to have the letters remaining on hand  
advertised in the manner you have mentioned and you will