

Phineas Miller Esqr.

March 27. 1800.

Sir

Your favor of the 10th of August last was duly received but I postponed returning an answer until I could give a satisfactory one by transmitting my advertisement for receiving proposals for carrying a weekly Mail, after the first of Oct next to Tellarys which is now inclosed.

Precious to the receipt of your letter I had made several fruitless attempts to send a weekly mail to Tellarys on terms not only liberal but extravagant when compared with the expence of a weekly mail on horse back through the United States.

Sensible of the advantages resulting from a frequent communication by Post especially to places so remotely situated as Tellarys. in making my arrangements I have always had that object in view. I am however in making them required by Law to have regard to the practicability of the Routes which is the only proper criterion by which I can act.

The distance from Tellarys to New Brit Bridge being ninety five miles and the average rate of a weekly mail five dollars a mile reckoning the distance one way the compensation for that route of course would be four hundred and seventy five dollars a year. I shall be willing if it cannot be performed on more moderate terms to allow six hundred & fifty dollars for that service and hope a contract may be easily obtained for that sum. The Contractor to manage the business to the best advantage ought to reside at Tellarys. The compensation I have mentioned must be very liberal unless there are some obstacles to the conveyance of the mail on that route with which I am unacquainted knowing how much you are interested in the business I have troubled you with some of my advertisements and will thank you to have them made as publick as possible.

Sam J H

John Woodworth Esqr

March 24. 1800

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I have received your letter of the 3^d instant with several affidavits and am quite satisfied with your conduct so far as you have personally performed the duties of your Office and I trust if you had continued to perform the business yourself this subject would not have been agitated. But it seems from the memorials and affidavits of which lately transmitted you copies and from several others which I have since received that the person whom you employ to do the business of the Post Office and who also receives the emoluments is quite unequal and disagreeable to the inhabitants of Troy. This circumstance joined to the delay which the mail carrier frequently experiences renders it expedient for me to comply with the wishes of the inhabitants of Troy in appointing Mr David Buel postmaster there. So him you will therefore.

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deliver the maps, Post Office act, & instructions, Key of the Mail, Table of rates letters in hand and other articles of Post Office Property in your possession

Intending to commence a journey to Georgia on the 26th where I shall stay sometime I shall not with propriety delay the appointment until another communication was received

Sam J H

John Denkins.

March 26. 1800.

Sir

Your full pay for the current quarter and eight dollars which were short paid you the quarter ending on the 31st of December last have been lately sent to you by the Assistant Postmaster General.

I am glad to find that the failure was not occasioned by the neglect of your rider by the Postmaster of Lancaster Court House retains the rider again I shall place the Office in the hands of a person who will be more attentive to the business than he appears disposed to be

Sam J H

March 27. 1800. Established an Office at Cheahscroft Roads T^e and Appointed William Conway D. Post Master. Established an Office at Dandridge T^e and Appointed Hugh Martin D. Post Master. Appointed Thomas Jackson Deputy Postmaster Halloway N.J. to succeed John Norhees. resigned Appointed David Buel Deputy Postmaster Troy N.Y. to succeed John Woodworth.

Samuel Freeman Esqr

March 27. 1800

Sir

Precious to the receipt of your favor of the 16th instant I have determined against establishing a Post Office at Shoudwater from its vicinity to other Offices. As the Post Road will probably be diverted from passing thro' that place when the Bridge you have mentioned is finished it confirms my opinion that it is not a proper spot for an Office indeed it does not appear that there is any considerable neighbourhood to be accommodated with the Mail and I have avoided establishing Post Offices on the Main Line unless when they can be of more use than can be expected at Shoudwater

Sam J H

Mr William Moffat

March 27. 1800

Sir

It has been represented to me that the place where you now live is inconveniently situated for the accommodation of the Post rider

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being one mile from the cross roads where it was originally intended that the Post Office should be kept. I have therefore appointed Messrs William Conway postmaster there and as it is unnecessary to keep the office longer at your house I wish you to deliver him the key of the chest blanks and other articles of Post Office property in your possession.

Jam^r J^H

William Novell Esq^r

March 27. 1800

Sir

When letters are received at your Office marked only fee you are to erase that word and charge them with the legal Postage. Squards against frauds the Postmaster in franking their letters are required by the Law to write their names and offices on the outside of their letters and such as will not conform to the Law must abide the consequences

Jam^r J^H

William Cooper Esq^r

March 27. 1800

Sir

I have perused the inclosed papers without discovering anything in them that can exonerate Mr Strong in his official capacity.

Jam^r J^H

Mr Anthony Moore

March 27. 1800

Sir

I have received your letter of the 25th January in which you state that it increases your ride five miles to go by Harpers Ferry and that the road is considerably worse, I have therefore concluded to offer you thirty six dollars a year for that service, that is more in proportion to distance than you receive for the rest of your route.

Charleston appears to be too much out of the way to be accommodated in any other way than it now is

I have received a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the village called Waterford who request that a post office may be established there and represent that it is not out of your way. If that is the case and you are willing to pass that way without any additional pay I shall comply with their request. Will you write me on the subject?

Jam^r J^H

W Horatio Green

March 27. 1800

Sir

Your letter of the 23rd Ult^r is received &

If the Post Office at Greenwichburg should become vacant within four or five months it is probable that you will be appointed. I should not however wish to make a positive engagement, even for that length of time, & can only say that if there was no vacancy I should with pleasure give you the appointment.

It would be improper to remit all the penalties which your rider has incurred by his delays and failures - considering however that you have been deceived in the business and may not be able to obtain all the penalties incurred from the rider I have concluded to remit fifty one dollars and eighty eight cents retaining only twenty five dollars.

Jam^r J^H

March 28. 1800. Appointed John McCormick in the room of George Simpson Deputy Postmaster of Abingdon you resigned

Appointed William Neely to succeed Francis Gardner Deputy Postmaster of Montgomery C^r House resigned

M^r William Stavers

August 22. 1800

Sir

I am just favored with yours of the 13th Inst on the subject of sending a daily Mail between Boston and Portsmouth. It has always been my desire to extend the advantages of this useful institution wherever it can be done with propriety, and in the present instance I am much disposed to gratify the inhabitants of Portsmouth with a more frequent communication by post than the existing arrangements will admit of, but in doing this, I must have regard to the productiveness of the route and Portsmouth is now sufficiently accommodated with three mails a week at a considerable expence to the Public. Your interest I presume will make it necessary to change the days of running your Stage and to run between Boston & Portsmouth with as much expedition as M^r Payne has agreed to carry the Mail on that route and if you will carry the additional mails after the 1st of October next agreeably to the following Schedule for five hundred Dollars a year I am willing to contract with you on those terms for that service.

Leave Portsmouth every Wednesday, Friday, & Monday at 4 A.M. Arrive at Boston the same days by 6 P.M. in summer and by 7 P.M. from the 15th of October to the 15th of April.

Returning

Leave Boston every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday at 4 A.M. Arrive at Portsmouth on the same days by 6 P.M. in summer & by 7 P.M. from the 15th of October to the 15th of April.

Jam^r J^H

Ignatius Pigman Esqr

August 20. 1800

Sir

Conformable to the advice contained in the letter from this Office to you of the 20th. I now forward two bundles of Blanks for each of the Post Offices to be established on the route from Frankfort to Robinson ch from Loganch to Muhlenburg ch and from Loganch to Greench each postmaster is to receive a large packet and a small one. I have also enclosed herewith 14 blank bonds to be executed by the several persons nominated as postmasters When you arrive at any place which appears to you to be a proper one for a Post Office, I wish you to consult such of the neighbouring Inhabitants as you conveniently can and with them fix upon a suitable person for postmaster & when he has executed a proper bond which you will please to fill up with one or more sureties and has taken and subscribed the necessary Oaths, a certificate thereof and his bond should be forwarded to this Office. A commission will be forwarded immediately after the receipt of the bond & certificates. If the Commission should not arrive before the 1st. of October you will desire the postmaster to enter upon business notwithstanding at that time.

I am J.H.

Mr. William Dixon
Whaling, New York Sir

August 23. 1800

Mr. Benjamin Mulligan the present Post rider from Pittsburg to Washington will be continued until the 1st. of October 1801 at which period the Contracts for carrying the mail from Philadelphia to the State of Kentucky will expire. In the course of nine months there will appear an advertisement for receiving proposals for carrying the mail on the route you have mentioned when you will have an opportunity of forwarding your Proposals for it - the advertisement will be published in the Pittsburg Gazette.

I am Sir J.H.

W^r Benjamin Mulligan

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Sir

I wish you to continue carrying the mail on your route until the first of October 1801 when the other Contracts from Philadelphia to the State of Kentucky expires previous to that period. an advertisement for receiving proposals for the whole of that route will be published in the Pittsburg Gazette when you will have an opportunity of offering for such part of it as you may think proper to contract for.

I am Sir J.H.

W^r Edmunds Cushing

August 23. 1800

Sir

I have just received yours of the 15th instant and am sorry to hear of the missing letter from Charleston dated the 15th of April last containing ninety five Dollars. If the Letter has been mispent it would not be returned to this Office as a dead letter until after the expiration of the present Quarter the 30th of September next. Should it appear here it will be forwarded to you; it will be well however to be more particular in the manner a letter is to be directed to you; as there is no Post office at Lunenburg W^r a letter with that direction would not reach you

I am J.H.

Pf. It would be well for you to enquire at the Boston Post Office for your letter.

W^r Richard Waters

August 23. 1800

Sir

Your letter of the 16 Inst. recommending W^r Littleton Dennis Seach to succeed W^r Cheney dec'd and requesting a statement of W^r Cheney's account has been received.

I have a letter of W^r Cheney's of the 10th May mentioning his wish to resign as P.M. at Prince's Ann & recommending Thomas Bruff to succeed him - Accordingly on the 15th an appointment was forwarded to Mr. Bruff who has since been considered as

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the postmaster there - It seems however by your letter that no such appointment has been received or that something has prevented Mr. Bruff from acting - I now enclose a Bond and forms of Oaths to be executed and taken by Mr. Seale if Mr. Bruff declines the appointment - As the latter gentleman was recommended by the late postmaster, and an appointment forwarded to him, it seems proper that he should have the preference - After the Bond & Oaths are returned a commission will be sent - whoever executes them can commence acting as postmaster immediately without waiting for the Commission.

I enclose a statement of the late Mr. Cheney's account to the 1st of April the date to which his last accounts were rendered - After crediting him with the last draft of thirty dollars it leaves a balance due him of four dollars and seven cents - but as a whole quarters accounts were due when the draft was made it does not appear that he was overdrawn - you will much oblige us by having his accounts rendered up to the time when the Office will be delivered to the gentleman who is to be appointed to succeed him -

I am Sir J. H.

Please to forward the Receipt for the payment of the last Draft?

Appointments August 25. 1800

William Lamson in the room of John Dean Jr. resigned - Standish M. Apollos Wetmore in the room of Lechariah Hawkins resigned - Brookhaven John Emery in the room of James Hedge resigned - Chatham M. Robert During in the room of Andrew During dec. Brunswick M.

William I. Hobby Esq^r

August 25. 1800.

Sir

I am just favored with yours of the 13th instant covering Mr. Divine's Bond and Contract for carrying the mail from Augusta by Louisville to Savannah and enclosed you will be pleased to receive the counterpart of the Contract executed by me.

I find Mr. Bradley has offered Mr. Grant Seven hundred Dollars a year for carrying the mail once a week in his Stage between Savannah and Augusta on the route it runs and as it is a liberal compensation for that service I presume he has closed with the offer.

There can be no objection to Mr. Divine leaving

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leaving Augusta one hour later than is stipulated in the Schedule provided the same time for making up the mail at each of the Offices is allowed, this may be done at all the other Offices except Savannah where the mail must be closed in the evening and his arriving an hour later there will encroach on the time allowed at that office for answering their letters. If Mr. Divine can leave Augusta an hour later and arrive at Savannah by the time stipulated in the Contract I shall have no objection to the alteration he has suggested in his Schedule.

I am glad to find the new system for the Mails is at present well understood and gives general satisfaction - the trouble at most of the Offices is considerably lessened and even at the Distributing Offices is not so much increased as was apprehended by many before it got fairly into operation - I am in hopes the benefits resulting from it will greatly outweigh any partial inconveniences that may attend it, the former system of corresponding with so many Offices had grown too unwieldy to be continued any longer and the plan of having distributing Offices appeared the best calculated to correct the evil - the Post Office system is still susceptible of great improvement and every information that has a tendency to that important object will be thankfully received.

While I was in Savannah my time was so wholly engrossed with business of a public and private nature that I could not reply to many letters I received relative to the Department - this must be my apology for not answering the letters I received from you while I was there -

I am Sir J. H.

Edward Gilpin Esq^r

August 25. 1800.

Sir

It has been thought best to place the management of our Stages in the hands of Mr. Wm. G. Rogers who is to superintend the business and pay all expences attendant upon it. I have sent Mr. Richardson's Account to him & he will furnish you with the sum requisite to discharge it.

I am J. H.

James Davis Esq^r

August 25. 1800.

Sir
I have just received your favor of the 9th Inst.
enclosing

10 enclosing W^r Moody's bond and Contract and you will receive here with the counterpart of the Contract execute me.

It would be attended with some trouble to ascertain the sum paid W^r Holmes for carrying the mail from Richmond to Norfolk as the compensation for several routes was included in one Contract - from what I can understand W^r Moody receives as much as W^r Holmes did for that service.

Jam J H

Thomas N. Brickett Esq^r

Aug 25 1800

Sir

Your letter of the 30th Ult^r mentioning the necessity of your resigning as PM at Winton is received. I now enclose a bond and the forms of the Oaths to be executed and taken by the person who is to succeed you & as I have no application for the appointment I must beg the favor of your selecting a suitable person who will accept it. After the bond & Oaths are returned a Commission will be sent.

I enclose a statement of your account with this Office up to the 1st of July last - it does not appear that you were overdrawn when the last Draft of twenty dollars was made - You will please to render your accounts up to the time when you will deliver the Office to the person who will succeed you - A Draft in favor of the Contractor will be made on you for what balance may appear due.

Jam J H

Wm Y Rogers Esq^r

August 25 1800

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 22^d Inst^r I am glad that you have discharged Joseph Seaver whose drunkenness and insolence were insupportable - The changes you have made in the horses at the different stands are very proper and it will be well to continue to dispose of or exchange such as are found unfit for the Service as there is no economy in keeping them - Enclosed you will receive an account of Thos. Richardson of Wilmington for repairing the public carriages - if right you will be pleased to enable W^r Gilpin to discharge it.

CJ

41 It gives me pleasure to hear that your city continues healthy.
I am Sir J H

Judge Cooper

August 25th 1800

Sir

In a letter from W^r Strong the postmaster at Coopersburg he mentions his intention of removing from that place & requests the appointment of a person to succeed him - He strongly recommends Mr. Renselaer Williams whom he says was the person recommended by you when he himself was appointed.

I enclose a bond and the forms of the Oaths to be executed and taken by the person to be appointed, and you will do me a favor by selecting such a person as may appear to you suitable, and who will accept the appointment - When the bond & Oaths are returned a commission will be sent.

Jam Sir J H

William Watson Esq^r

August 25 1800

Sir

Your letter of the 15th of June last mentioning the necessity of your resigning as Postmaster at Morganton and recommending W^r Thomas Watson to succeed you is received. I enclose you a statement of your account with this Office, at least so far as Accounts have been rendered by you - you will observe by the statement that none have been rendered for the following periods viz^r From Feb 26 to April 5 1797 From Nov 1 1797 to Feb 26 1798 and from Jan 1 1799 to July 1 1800. It is necessary that these accounts should be received immediately they are now required of us at the Treasury and no further delay will be admitted. If they were forwarded from your Office they must have miscarried on the way - in that case you will please furnish us with duplicates - As you are about resigning it is particularly necessary that your Accounts should be settled.

I enclose a Bond and the forms of Oath to be executed and taken by W^r Thomas Watson whom you recommend to succeed you - After they are returned a Commission will be sent, but he can commence acting as Postmaster without waiting for it.

Jam Sir J H

W^r Thomas Watson

Aug^t 25th 1800

Appointed him postmaster at Morganton N.C.
in the room of W^r Watson resigned.

W^r John Dunwoody

Sir

August 26th 1800

Your proposals for carrying the mail on the
routes you have mentioned were received but we had other good offers
for those routes at one third less than the sum you demanded of course
yours were not accepted.—

I am Sir J H.

Appointments of Postmasters August 26 1800

W^r Philip Dorsey

at Huntington N.Y. to succeed Aaron

Kawlings Esq^r resigned.

W^r William Robertson

at Morganton N.C. to succeed M^r C.

Sawyer Esq^r resigned.

W^r William Ball

at Granville N.Y. to succeed Gordon

Johnson resigned.

Gordon Johnson Esq^r

Sir

Aug^t 26 1800

Accompanying this is a packet for W^r
Ball whom you recommended to succeed you as P.M. at Granville
you will please to render your accounts up to the time when the
Office is delivered over to him.—

I am J H.

W^r James Houston

August 26th 1800

Appointed him postmaster at Georgetown
D^r to succeed Watson Pepper resigned.

W^r William Humphries

Appointed him postmaster at North
umberland ch V^a to succeed James Caugthon resigned.

Samuel Crosby Esq^r

Charlestown N.H.

Aug^t 27th 1800

Sir

Agreeably to your request in your letter
of the 1st ult^r I inclose you a statement of your account it shows a
balance due this Office of twenty five dollars and 13 cents on the 1st of
July 1800 the last account has not yet been examined if any errors are
discovered you will be informed.

The mail received from Portsmouth of
the 22nd of June contained letters that ought to have arrived at your Office
from very different directions— Those from Niagara and Utica ought to
have been received at Walpole (from the distributing office at Albany) and
from thence distributed to your office— The one from Norwich the post
master there ought to have made up into a mail directed Westward in
order that it might be stopped at the distributing Post Office at Hartford
it there would have received the direction of New Hampshire— The letter
from Boston ought to have been sent by the postmaster there on the
route immediately from Boston to Walpole— Almost all the delays
and difficulties that have occurred since the new arrangement has been
adopted, are to be attributed to the inattention and carelessness of P.M.^s

All letters for Offices not in your ta
ble are to be made up into a mail and directed Southern.—

I am Sir J H.

W^r John Dinkins

Camden S.C.

August 27th 1800

Sir

I am sorry it is not in our power to
alter the times of arrival and departure stated in the Contract last
ent without interfering with other arrangements.

Your pay for the quarter ending

June 30th 1800 was sent you in a letter of that date by a draft
on W^r Baer at Charleston.

I am J H.

J^r Hall Brooke Esq^r

August 27th 1800

Sir

Your letter of the 1st ult^r complaining of

the late arrival of the Worcester mail is received.

Mr. Towner's contract stipulates his arrival at Brattleboro' to be 12 o'clock noon which I presume is early enough to connect with the mail Northward.

I find by the registers kept at your office that it is as late as 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening.

I have written him on the subject and hope in future there will be no cause for complaint.

It is necessary that we should be regularly furnished with registers of the arrival and departure of the mail - without them we cannot know how the contractors perform - none have been received from your office later than April.

I am Jn H.

Mr. Jonas Towner

August 27. 1800

Sir

Great complaints are made from Brattleboro' that you do not reach there in time to connect with the mail that leaves that place northward. The hour mentioned in the schedule of your contract for your arrival at Brattleboro' is 12 o'clock noon yet I find by the registers of arrival and departure that you are as late as 6 and 7 in the evening.

I must insist upon a rigid compliance with your contract in future and shall exact all penalties that may be incurred. I hope however you will see the necessity of arriving at the proper hour from the great inconvenience that is caused by its being later than the departure of the other mail from Brattleboro.

I am Sir J. H.

Jonathan Hastings Esq^r

August 27. 1800

Sir

It was mentioned to the postmaster at Suffield in a letter written to him some time since that a separate mail was to be made up at Boston for his Office this was I believe neglected to be mentioned to you. You will please to insert Suffield in your table and make up a distinct mail for that

that Office in future.

Letters for Charleston N.H. from your Office should never take the circuitous route by Portsmouth.

I am Sir &c
J. H.

Thaddeus Burr Esq^r

August 28. 1800

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 22^d Inst^r covering a representation of the Selectmen of Huntington and Trumbull on the subject of the new post route from Fairfield to New Milford. Previous to the receipt of your letter it had been determined to send the mail thro' the centre of those towns as the most convenient route for the public and I am glad to find that the opinion I had formed on the occasion is confirmed by such respectable Authority as the Selectmen of the Town so immediately interested in that arrangement. Your balances for the two last quarters I find have been received amounting to eighty dollars and that sum applied to your credit in the books of this Office.

I am Sir &c
J. H.

Jonathan Grout Esq^r

August 28. 1800

Sir

I find the Assistant Postmaster General previous to the receipt of yours of the 14^d had complied with the request contained in a former letter by sending the Oaths you forwarded as Appliant to Mr. Warner which I hope you will receive safe.

I am Sir &c
J. H.

Jonathan Hastings Esq^r

August 28. 1800

Sir

Mr. Williams the postmaster writes me that he has received and forwarded the eastern and southern mails regularly except the letters from Boston and letters and newspapers from New York City for this town, they not being forwarded has created considerable uneasiness here."

As there is a daily communication between Hartford and both those places it is proper that the mail should be regularly forwarded. You will therefore in future make up and forward a daily

daily mail from Boston to Hartford

I am Sir Sc.
J. A.

Sebastian Bauman Esq.

Sir

August 28. 1800

Mr. Williams, Postmaster at Hartford writes me that he has forwarded and received the Eastern and Southern mails regularly except the letters from Boston and the letters and newspapers from New York City for this town; they not being forwarded has created considerable uneasiness here."

As there is a daily communication between Hartford and both those places it is proper that the mail should be as often regularly forwarded - You will therefore be pleased in future to send a daily mail from New York City to Hartford.

Mails directed to Massachusetts state ought not to be put in the sealed bag which is not opened after it leaves your office until it arrives at Boston - Hartford Ct. is the distributing office for Massachusetts and all mails addressed to that state ought to be first received here for distribution - It is complained of that letters from the southward of New York continue to go on to Boston? In assorting the mails in the large bag from Philadelphia great care should be taken that those directed to the state of Massachusetts are not put in the sealed bag for Boston.

I am Sir Sc.
J. H.

John Wyeth Esq.

Sir

August 28. 1800

Enclosed you will be pleased to receive a statement of your account current as Deputy PM^r of Harrisburg with the General Post Office, exhibiting a balance of twenty six Dollars and eleven cents on the first of July last; if any errors are pointed out they shall be immediately corrected. Your account with Mr. Cadwallader as Contractor, for carrying the mail is balanced to the first of July last in the following manner:

Overpaid on the quarter ending the 31st March last 22.90
Amount of balance due from you on the 1st July last as PM^r 27.10
Cash sent you by the Asst. PM^r Genl. 170.00

220.00

According

According to the above statement your accounts as Postmaster and Contractor stand closed to the 1st of July last in the books of this Office. In future your pay as Contractor will be transmitted in equal proportions to yourself and Mr. Cadwallader.

I am Sir Sc.
J. H.

Mrs. Briggs & Doane
Chatham N.Y.
Gentlemen

August 28. 1800

Without seeing your letter of the 17th June and upon the recommendation of Mr. Hedge in which I placed the fullest confidence I lately sent an appointment to Mr. John Emery as Deputy Postmaster of Chatham. Under such circumstances I shall not hesitate a moment in recalling Mr. Emery's appointment and making the Gentleman you have recommended Mr. Cleazar Cobb a tender of the Office.

The business of this office has been a good deal deranged in consequence of the removal of the Seat of Government to this place and my unavoidable absence for some months past which will account for the delay that has occurred in filling the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Hedge's resignation. You may rest assured that I will not knowingly place an Office of so much trust in the hands of a person who appears to be a little deserving of public confidence as the one in question.

I am Gentlemen &c
J. H.

Mr. J. Watson
Green castle Pa
Sir

August 28. 1800

I am to acknowledge the receipt of fifteen dollars with your last Quarterly account which are placed to the credit of your account in the books of this Office.

I am Sir Sc.
J. H.

Mr. John Emery,
Chatham N.Y.
Sir

August 28. 1800

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Hedge I you deputy Postmaster of Chatham since which I am informed from respectable authority that you are an improper character for the Office;

It therefore becomes my duty to recall your appointment and to place the Office in the hands of Mr. Caesar Cobb to whom you will be pleased to deliver the Key of the mail and any letters or Papers belonging to the Post Office that may be in your possession in consequence of the appointment I sent you.

I am Sir Dr
J. H.

W. Cleaver Cobb

Graham M.

Sir

Aug^t 29. 1800

Without seeing a letter from some Gentleman of Graham respecting the character of W^r Emery and recommending you for the office, I sent him the appointment of Deputy Postmaster of that place on the recommendation of Mr. Hedge who lately acted in that capacity.

Being now fully satisfied that W^r Emery is a very improper character for the office I have recalled the appointment I sent him a few days ago and make a tender of it to you. If you accept of it you will be pleased to execute the enclosed Bond with a sufficient Surety and then return the same together with the Oaths after they have been duly certified by the Justice of the Peace before whom you shall take and subscribe them, and on receiving them at this Office a Commission will be immediately transmitted to you. You can enter on the duties of your Office without waiting for a Commission.

I am in hopes my letter will reach you in time to prevent the papers of the office getting into W^r Emery's hands if not and he refuses to deliver them over to you I will immediately take such steps as will compel him to do it.

You ought to receive the Key of the mail Post Office laws, tables of Post Offices, and blanks for conducting the business of the Office with a case for the safe keeping of letters if any applies to it.

I am Sir Dr.
J. H.

W^r Seth C Baldwin
Ballston N.Y.
Sir

Aug^t 30. 1800

I am just favored with yours of the 11th

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1st Inst^r covering W^r Cook's Bond & Oaths as Deputy Postmaster of Ballston and enclosed you will be pleased to receive his Commission.

In delivering over to W^r Cook the papers of the Office it will be proper to pay him what is due from you and forward his receipt with your accounts. This will enable me to close your Acct^r in the books of this Office.

I am Sir Dr
J. H.

The Honble

Joseph H. Nicholson Esq^r
Centreville Md

Sir

Aug^t 30. 1800

I have sent W^r Andrew Hall the gentleman you recommended in your letter of the 12th of May the appointment of Deputy Postmaster of Church-Hill. At the papers for the establishment of that Office should still remain at Chestertown the Postmaster will forward them to W^r Hall by the Post Rider out of the mail if they were transmitted to W^r Stinson. W^r Hall will receive them from him.

The removal of the Seat of Government to this place and my absence from this Office for several months have occasioned the delay that has occurred in establishing a Post Office at Church-Hill.

I am Sir Dr
J. H.

James Arthur Esq^r
Chestertown M^r
Sir

Aug^t 30. 1800

Some time ago a Post Office was established at Church-Hill under W^r William Stinson appointed Deputy Postmaster who I find has declined acting. I have now appointed W^r Andrew Hall and send a letter to that gentleman by this Post which you will be pleased to forward to him by the rider out of the mail with the papers that were sent to W^r Stinson when that Office was established if they should still be in your Office.

I am Sir Dr
J. H.

Daniel W^m Birdsall Esq^r
Pashill N.Y.
Sir

August 30 - 1800

I am to acknowledge the receipt of yours
of the 23^d Inst covering one dollar and nineteen cents which are
placed to the credit of your account in the books of this Office.

I am Sir &c
J. H.

Mess^r. Hutchinson, Herr, Others
Middlebrook V^a

September 1. 1800

Gentlemen

In compliance with your wishes
I have established a Post Office at Middlebrook and appointed Mr.
James Patterson Nelson; who is well recommended to me, Deputy
Postmaster of your Village. Mr. Nelson will receive my letter and
the necessary papers for establishing the Office by his conveyance.

I am Gentlemen &
J. H.

Mr. James P. Nelson

September 1. 1800

Established a Post Office at Middlebrook V^a
and appointed him Deputy Postmaster.

Mr. Daniel Beall

Sept^r 1. 1800

Sir

By this conveyance you will receive a letter
for Mr. Samuel Gardner with two packets containing blanks for
the establishment of a Post Office at Clarksborough which I will thank
you to send by the first private conveyance that offers. if you cannot
meet with a good opportunity you will be pleased to retain them in your
office until the Post Rider who will commence carrying the mail to
Clarksborough calls for them, the contract for that route will be in
operation on the 1st of Oct^r next.

I am Sir &c
J. H.

Bernard Kelley Esq^r
Sir

September 1. 1800

I send by this post addressed to your care a
letter for Mr. Matthew Gage whom I have appointed Deputy Postmaster

of Lexington with two packets containing the necessary blanks for
conducting the business of his Office and I will thank you to forward
them by a private conveyance to Mr. Gage, if you cannot meet with one
they must be retained in your office until the Post-Rider commences
carrying the mail on that route.

I am Sir &c
J. H.

William J. Hobley Esq^r

September 1. 1800

Sir

A new post road is established from Augusta
directly to Petersburg which will be in operation by the first of October
next and I send by this conveyance a letter directed to Mr. Henry Jones
with two packets containing the necessary blanks for establishing a Post
Office at Lincolnton on that route which I will thank you to send by
a safe conveyance to Mr. Jones if none offers you will be pleased to re-
tain them until called for by the Post Rider who is to commence
carrying the mail on that route at the period I have mentioned. Mr.
Bernard Kelley of Washington is the contractor for the route.

I am Sir &c
J. H.

Mr. William Bawcutt

September 1. 1800

Sir

Middlebrook on your route is represented
to be a thriving village nearly central between Staunton & Brownsburg
and I have at the request of the Inhabitants established a Post Office
at that place and appointed Mr. James Patterson Nelson Deputy PM^r
on whom you will be pleased to call with the mail in passing to
and from Staunton.

I am Sir &c
J. H.

Peter Mallett Esq^r

September 1. 1800

Sir

I find the Amt. Mr. Gage sent your pay for
the last Quarter on the 27^d Inst and to prevent your sustaining any
inconvenience by having your Draft for it returned unpaid I shall pay
it on its being presented in advance for the current Quarter's Salary

I am Sir &c
J. H.