

made accordingly

In this situation it would not be proper for me to pay my acceptance for 750 dollars until the 1st April 1802 as the annual pay will be only about a thousand & three hundred & eighty dollars a year out of which is to be deducted two hundred & seventy eight dollars 872 cents a year which will leave only 1106,28 cents a year to be paid

I am J.H.

March 26 1801

John Steele Esq^r
Secretary of the Mississ^{ip} Ter^t

Sir,

A Postroad has been established from Natchez to Loftus heights principally with a view of facilitating the correspondence between New Orleans & the United States — on the recommendation of Mr Brown from Kentucky I have taken the liberty to trouble you the occasion, both in respect to the appointment of a postmaster at Loftus heights & the employment of a person to carry the mail — for the former I have enclosed a blank appointment which I will thank you to fill up and addess to some proper person; you will observe that I have requested such person to transmit his bond by the mail to this office.

It will be necessary to advertise that proposals will be received by you, in the newspaper if one is published at the Natchez or otherwise to post it in some public place, for which purpose I have enclosed an advertisement in which the time for leaving Natchez only is fixed, the time of arrival & departure at & from Loftus heights & of the return to Natchez I must request you to fill up, as I am not acquainted either with the distance or state of the roads.

Mails carried as is proposed in this advertisement once in two weeks cost in general about three dollars a mile counting the distance one way, where the roads are bad & travelling expences are high something more is paid, but not more than four dollars a mile which I hope you will not exceed! In deciding upon proposals it has been a practice to accept of the lowest proposal provided the person was of good character & competent to the undertaking & provided also that the lowest was not much higher than the average rates

I have inclosed a blank contract & bond to be executed by the person with whom you contract when that is done they should be returned to this office & a counter part of the contract executed on the part of this

office will be forwarded to the contractor. It is wished that the contractor should commence on the first Monday in July without waiting for the counter part of the contract.

It has been customary to pay ten dollars for making a contract & no more can be paid if the trouble attending it should be considerable.

The postmaster at Natchez will be requested to procure a postmanteau & a lock will be transmitted to him from this office

A contract has been made with Mr Lyon for carrying the mail once in two weeks between Nashville & Natchez he is pretty active & I hope it will be carried to the satisfaction of the citizens of Natchez.

I am J.H.

March 31 1801

Phineas Cartl Esq^r

and others

Huntington N.Y

Gentlemen

Previously to the receipt of your Petition I had authorised Mr Lachamah Hawkins to make an agreement with the Contractor to call at Salanket with the mail for the accommodation of the Inhabitants in that neighbourhood. I was then impesed with an idea that the deviation proposed from the present Post Road was too great but my wish to make this Institution as generally usefull as possible induced me to comply with the request of the Inhabitants for the establishment of an office at Salanket if it could be done with propriety. If the contractors do not accept of the offer made them through Mr Hawkins the present Post Road will not be altered; had I received your representation on the subject sooner it is more than probable I should not have consented to the alteration of the route as the object does not appear to warrant it.

I am J.H.

Mr James Linford

Second River
near Norwalk N.J.

March 31 1801

Sir, The letters that were returned with the last quarterly accounts to this office are yet unopened — it is not usual to keep any unopened such as contain money, notes of hand, bills of Exchange &c if the letter you have written for should be of this description it will be preserved — Among such a number of dead letters it is almost impracticable after being thrown promiscuously together, which is the case as the accounts are examined to find a par-

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letter by searching for it; there are several thou and returned with the account of each quarter.

I am J.H.

Peter Conn Esq.
PM of Boonesburg Mo

March 28. 1801

Sir, Your favour of the 19 Inst. is duly received covering your Bond & Oaths as Deputy Postmaster of Boonesburg, & I have now the pleasure to inclose your commission for holding that appointment.

Two bundles containing blanks, the key of the Mail & Post Office Law for the establishment of an office at Boonsburg were sent with my letter tendering you the appointment of Deputy Postmaster of that place - I presume you have received them if not on hearing from you another supply of the necessary blanks &c for conducting the business of the Office will be immediately transmitted to you.

I am J.H.

Tilly Gilbert Esq.
PM of Fairhaven Vt

March 28 1801

Sir, I thank you for your attention to the Post Office business after Mr Brown's removal from Fairhaven - had I been apprised of your having been properly qualified to act as his Assistant I should not have directed the Post Rider to have passed that office without calling with the Mail.

You will be pleased to receive your commission as Deputy Postmaster of Fairhaven - you may render an account of the transactions in your own name that have occurred since the first of Jan last

I am J.H.

Gen: Will^m Brickell
Louisburg N.Ca

March 28 1801

Sir, I am to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 20 Inst covering W^m Moyers's bond & oaths & I now transmit his commission as Deputy Postmaster of Louisburg.

The Post Office law and my instructions to the deputies with a new Table of Postoffices are forwarded by this conveyance to Louisburg

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there are no maps remaining in the Office or I would send one - at the time of publishing the maps the respective Postoffices in the United States were then furnished with them.

I am J.H.

Mr. Matthew Gage
late PM of Lexington Ga

March 28 1801

Sir,

Having received Mr Stewart's bond & Oaths duly executed under cover of your favor of the 20 ult^t I have now the pleasure to inclose his commission as Deputy Postmaster of Lexington.

It is not usual to return the bonds of the Deputies on resigning their appointments &c I would send yours but as there were no transactions of any consequence while you held the office the bond you gave being retained in this Office can be of no service to you - As it is a general rule to retain all the Bonds of the Deputies it gives no umbrage to any person

I am J.H.

March 31 1801

Appointed Will^m Lawrence PM of Louisa Court House Va
in the room of Suddow Bramham resigned

James Nesmith PM of Belfast Maine
in the room of Totford Durham resigned

Joshua Whitney Esq.
PM of Union N.Y.

March 31 1801

Sir, The foregoing is the Copy of my letter to you on the 20 Inst last on a subject of some importance to the Public and as I have not received an answer from you I conclude it may have miscarried from having taken a wrong direction - Will you be so good as to favour me with an early answer that the necessary arrangements for the establishment of some new offices may be made - I presume you will have no objection to carrying the mail on your route in the manner I have proposed - if your ride should be increased you will be allowed proportionally to the increased distance of it

I am J.H.

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March 28 1801

Willm J Hobday Esq
PM of Augusta Ga.

Sir, I am just favored with yours of the 18th Inst covering Joseph Fuller's receipt for what was due to him from this office for the conveyance of the mail between Williamis & Augusta after Doc't Sibley failed carrying it on that part of his route — I am glad this business is settled & I hope to M^r Fuller's satisfaction — he has certainly no claim on the department for the services he performed as an agent of Doc't Sibley; to him he must look for compensation.

I find M^r Benedia^w was authorized on the 23^d of Feby^y last to make a contract with the Mess^{rs} Grants & to allow them eight hundred dollars a year for the conveyance of the mail once a week between Savannah & Augusta — the necessary papers for completing this business were then sent to M^r Benedia^w & I hope it is effected before this — the sum demanded for that service is rather extravagant when compared with what is allowed in the Eastern States for similar services performed by the proprietors of stages — it is however less than a weekly mail could be carried for on horseback on that route and perhaps it is well to encourage the infant establishment of stages in our Southern States by allowing the proprietors a liberal compensation for the conveyance of the mail in preference to any other mode — the additional security of the mail in stages and the advantages the public derive from that useful establishment are weighty considerations in their favor — This business would have been attended to sooner but the pressure of business at this office in general & particularly during a Session of Congress prevented it for several months past.

I thank you for the hints you have given with a view to rendering the distributing system & the transmission of money in the mail more secure & convenient, they will be duly considered & thankfully received on all occasions — the greatest objection to the sealed bags for the distributive office is that the number would be found inconvenient & it would be very difficult to get the Post masters to attend to them, some are used on the main Line^{to the eastward} but whether it would answer a good purpose to introduce them generally is at least questionable.

I am J H.

*On the main line to the eastward the mail is carried in stages which admits of increasing the number of bags without much inconvenience.

April 1 1801³¹⁷

Will^m Forbes Esq^r
PM of Bangor Me^c

Sir,

I have lately received several letters & representations from Gentlemen living at Bangor in the neighbourhood of M^r Emerson & from several gentlemen in the neighbouring towns which shew clearly to me that the post office ought to be kept near the mouth of Condeskeag. It has been my wish to render this department as convenient to the public as possible and on that ground it appears necessary to reestablish the office at M^r Emerson's. From the representation of those who petitioned for the removal of the office and of a gentleman from that part of the country with whom I conversed it appears so expedient to remove the office that I did not take the usual precaution of waiting for the objections of the neighbours to the former office. Indeed the produce of the office for the first quarter was so small that it did not appear to be a matter of much consequence where it was kept. It however appears to that Condeskeag is at the head of ship navigation & that eight or ten stores are already established, circumstances which encourage the expectation that it may in proper time become a place of importance.

Under these impressions I must request you at your leisure to transmit the several articles of post office property in your possession to M^r Bulkley Emerson

I am J H.

Bulkley Emerson Esq^r
Bangor Me^c

April 1. 1801

Sir, I have received your letter of the 9th & also one from a number of the citizens of Bangor & of Onington on the subject of the removal of the post office to M^r Forbes. The very small sum produced at Bangor the first quarter gave force to the representation that your place of residence was not so proper a one as the one to which it was removed & induced me to remove it after consulting a gentleman acquainted with that part of the country, without taking the usual precaution of communicating it to those who were concerned to give them an opportunity of stating their objection. — The number of stores already established at Condeskeag and its being at the head of ship navigation on the Penobscot are sufficient indications that it will become a place of trade & that is the proper place for the Post Office. I therefore wish you to resume the duties of the Post office at Bangor & have requested M^r Forbes to transmit the articles of Post office property in his possession

I am J H.

April 1 1801

Francis Ellis Esq^r
PM of Ellenville Pa

Sir, Not finding that the Post office at Ellenville affords much accommodation to the inhabitants for whose use it was established & as it diverts the rider from passing by the houses of several individuals who were before accommodated with the mail which occasions some dissatisfaction I have concluded to discontinue the office & have informed the rider that he is no longer required to call at your office with the mail In doing this it is with pleasure I add that the business has been satisfactorily conducted ever since it was placed in your hands & I have only to regret that the office has not been sufficiently productive to compensate you for the trouble of attending it.

When your accounts are made out you will please to forward the letters if any on hand with the key of the mail to this office

I am J.H.

W^r J. Gattin
late PM of Kingston N.Y.

April 1 1801

Sir, I am to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21st inst covering the bond & Oaths of M^r Slade Gattin duly executed & inclosed you will be pleased to receive his Commission as Deputy Postmaster of Kingston.

The Assistant Postmaster General will draw for the balance due from you in favor of the Contractor & you will be advised of any errors if any should be discovered in your accounts on being examined.

I am J.H.

The Hon^r.
S. Lee Esq^r
Wiscasset Me.

April 1 1801

Sir, I have reason to be well satisfied from the united representations of the Postmasters & others of the neighbouring towns that the village of Bangor where the Post office was originally established is the proper spot for it, being represented as the most thriving village on Penobscot River and is actually a place of some consequence from the number of merchants already established there - M^r Forbes's residence is not at all calculated to accommodate the commercial inhabitants of Bangor from

which source the revenue is principally derived their interest ought therefore to be consulted & I have concluded to re-establish the Post office at the residence of M^r Emerson. I am convinced sir, that you will do me the justice to believe that my arrangements are made on the principle of affording the most general accommodation & in the present instance I can assure you that I have that consideration only in view. I send you a copy of my Letter to M^r Forbes on the occasion & am, with &c

J.H.

April 4 1801

Established a Post Office at Franklin Te and
..... appointed Thomas Masterson P.M.

Will^m Slothrop Esq^r
PM of Nashville Te

April 4 1801

Sir, Your favor of the 22^d Feb^r covering George Straits receipt for thirty five dollars is just received - Your account is always credited with the amount of the draft drawn on you at the time of drawing them.

I have established an office at Franklin & appointed M^r Masterson Deputy Postmaster to whom the necessary blanks for the establishment & conducting the business of the office are forwarded by this conveyance.

Immediately after the receipt of your favor of the 1st Jan^r I informed you of the Contract I had made with Col^r Lyon for the conveyance of the mail between Nashville & Natchez - I send you enclosed a copy of my letter on that occasion - it seems M^r Hunt contrary to your expectation has executed the Contract sent him for the conveyance of the mail once a fortnight between Natchez and M^r McIntosh, of course Col^r Lyon has only that part of the route between Nashville and M^r McIntosh's

I am J.H.

James Rhea Esq^r
PM of Sullivan C.H. Te

April 4 1801

Sir, I am to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 1st & 21st ult^r - finding that it was altered with too much inconvenience to M^r Dope to send his rider by Sullivan C.H. M^r Teel was written to on the 18th of Feb^r to extend his ride from Sullivan C.H. to Abingdon with which I have no doubt he has complied.

I am sorry that there has been so much difficulty in getting the new Post route proposals arranged - M^r Dope it seems was from home when

the Assistant Post Master General's letter requiring the ride to pass by Sullivan C.H. in November reached W^y the C.H. I did not receive his answer to that letter until the month of Feb^r when Mr. Teel was immediately written to on the subject.

From the date of your last letter & the time of its being received I presume Mr. Teel has commenced carrying the mail to Abingdon.

I am J.H.

Jn^r W Hunt Esq^r
PM of Lexington Ky

April 4 1801

Yours of the 10th ult^r is duly received covering the receipts of the Contractors for the payment of our drafts on you in their favor. Your account is always credited with the amount of our drafts at the time of drawing them. I send you by this conveyance such blanks as you have written for & inclosed you will be pleased to receive a statement of your account current to the first of Jan^r last exhibiting a balance of one hundred and Ninety four dollars & twenty cents due from you to that period - if any errors are discovered you will be so good as to point them out.

I am J.H.

M^r Will^m Morgan
PM of Shackleford Va.

April 4 1801

Sir Your favor of the 28th ult^r is just received accompanied by your Bond & Oath & inclosed you will be pleased to receive your commission as Deputy Postmaster of Shackleford.

In making our new arrangements for sending the mail to Gloucester C.H. Shackleford may be accommodated in the manner you have suggested - it is my desire to make the Institution as extensively useful as circumstances will admit.

I am J.H.

Appointed Clayton Montgomery PM of Stamford^r H^r
in the room of David Simpson resigned

April 4 1801

Isaac E Gano Esq^r
PM of Frankfort Ky

Sir,

In the hurry of the business of this office, it may & no doubt frequently happens that some letters must remain unanswered but

I do not recollect seeing any of yours except one dated the 7th of Dec^r last affording your reasons for not paying a draft which it seems was improperly drawn on you & informing me that you had not received your Commission which was immediately transmitted to you. I find a letter from Mr. Edmund Taylor the contractor from Cincinnati to Frankfort stating some objections that had been made to his employing a slave as the Carrier of the Mail. As this was generally allowed by my predecessors in office I made no objection to it especially as it came within my knowledge that slaves in general are more trust worthy than that class of white men who will perform such services - the stages on Col. Hoomes's route being a part of the Main Line are driven by slaves & most of the Contractors employ them as mail carriers in the Southern States Mr. Taylor may therefore be allowed to employ one for his route.

I find there is no time fixed for the arrival of the Washington & Danville mail at Frankfort: it is attended with some difficulty & is inconvenient to the Contractors to have a time fixed for the delivery of the Mail at any of the intermediate offices on their routes.

The western mail is to leave Frankfort every other monday at three o'clock in the afternoon & return from Roberts^r Court House on monday at 10 A.M.

I am extremely sorry to find there have been so many failures on the route through the Wilderness - this was owing to the strange conduct of the contractor who it seems would not go beyond Orville ten miles short of Cheaks^r road, though by his contract he is expressly bound to deliver the mail at Cheaks^r: this produced the interruption to the conveyance of the mails on that route - an agent is sent to trace whether there are any other causes that they may be removed - the mail will shortly be sent twice a week to Kentucky on James road as far as Frankfort to ensure a more regular communication by Post with that state than the present arrangement will admit of and I can only add that no endeavours on my part shall be wanting to effect an object of so much importance to the public - the Contractor who has been such a delinquent will be fined to the extent of the Penalties he has incurred by his improper conduct.

I am J.H.

April 6, 1801

John Roberts Esq^r
PM of Franklin
Pendleton County, Va.

Sir,

Immediately after writing my letter of the 23 ult^r a copy of which is on the other side, the letter containing your commission was returned from Rocky Mount or Franklin Court House

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as I was not more particular in directing my last letter it may probably take the same course the first did I have concluded therefore to enclose another Commission with a more particular direction & if you receive both you can destroy one of them. — You see the difficulty & trouble arising from having so many offices of the same name, cannot yours be designated Pendleton? I can assure you Sir, I never treat any person with the neglect you have reason to think I have observed towards you & any unfavorable impressions that may have been made in consequence of the letter containing your Commission having been mispent I trust will be done away on the receipt of this letter.

If it should be inconvenient for you to continue to discharge the duties of your office you will particularly oblige me by recommending a suitable person for your successor

I am J.H.

David Kean Esq'
PM of Sweet Springs Va

April 4. 1801.

Sir, As you have been long wishing to resign your appointment as Deputy Postmaster of the Sweet Springs I have concluded to make a tender of the appointment to Mr Peter de Rieuex to whom if he accepts it you will be pleased to deliver over all the articles of Post Office property in your possession.

Mr De Rieuex resides at the spot & the removal of the Post Office some distance from it is an inconvenience to the Public from some information I have lately received.

I am J.H.

M^a Samuel Sumner

Boston Mass

April 4. 1801.

Sir, Inclosed you will be pleased to receive a copy of the Postmaster of New York's letter in answer to mine on the subject of Mr Barrett's loss. — I am sorry to find that the letter containing the money is either lost or mispent & so much time having elapsed since it was deposited in the Post office at New York there is little hope of its being returned as a dead letter to this office, there are most of the letters that were returned with the quarterly accounts ending Dec last still unexamined & it may yet turn up among them if it should you will immediately be apprised of it

I am J.H.

M^a John Lewis
Sweet Springs Va
Sir,

April 4 1801 323

Agreeably to your request I have concluded to make a tender of the appointment of Deputy Post Postmaster of the Sweet Springs to Mr Peter de Rieuex I have the more readily complied with your request as Mr Kean has been long desirous of resigning his appointment — it is also proper to have the office at the spot as the establishment of it was no doubt intended principally for the accommodation of persons who resort there for the benefit of their health.

When the inclosed papers are duly executed with sufficient security they are to be returned & on receiving them Mr De Rieuex's commission will be transmitted to him.

I am J.H.

The Chevalier D'Inguo
Minister Plenipotentiary from Spain

April 6 1801

Your Excellency has probably observed that a considerable commercial intercourse subsists between Kentucky, Tennessee & New Orleans & that it would be considerably facilitated were there an interchange of letters through the Public Posts so as to insure regularity to the correspondence As a step toward this object a post road was established at the last session of Congress from Natchez to the boundary line on Loftus heights & it is contemplated to convey the mail there every two weeks after the first of July next. Not being acquainted with the name of the proper office in New Orleans to be addressed on the above occasion I have taken the liberty to request your advice in that respect & also to be informed whether a public post is established from New Orleans to any place near Loftus Heights where an exchange of mails could take place.

I am J.H.

Isaac Bennington Esq
PM Savannah Ga

April 6. 1801.

Sir, Drct: E Gillett late Postmaster of Gillett's Mills J.C. requests that the balance due from him to this office may be drawn for in favor of the postmaster at Savannah

I therefore now enclose you my draft on him for 62⁸³/₁₀₀ Dollars which be pleased to receive from him on account of this office.

I am J.H.

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Doct. E. Gillet
Lower 3 Run S.C.

April 6 1801

Sir Your Letter of the 17th ult^r relative to your Post Office accoun^t, is received — I am sorry that regular transcripts of accounts of letters received & sent were not kept & that the postage on letters & newspapers could not be separately stated — As however this cannot now be done the account has been stated in the manner you proposed a copy of which I enclose herein — It shews a balance to be due from you of sixty two dollars & eighty three cents & for which agreeably to your request I have inclosed to Mr. Benedix the Postmaster at Savannah a draft in his favor.

I am J.H.

Mr Josiah B Grindall
PM of Chaptico M^d

April 6 1801

Sir Your favor of the 30 ult^r informing me of your resignation is just received I have concluded to make a tender of the office to Mr William Mills who has been recommended to me as a suitable character to hold it if he accepts the appointment you will be pleased to deliver to him all the articles of Postoffice property in your possession & the key of the mail which is returned & render your accounts to the time of resigning the office.

I am J.H.

J. G Whelan Esq^r
PM of Lancaster H^y

April 6 1801

Sir I am to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 3^d ult^r giving notice of your intention to resign the Office of Deputy Post Master of Lancaster & agreeably to your request I have inclosed a bond & oaths to be executed by such person as you may select for your successor

When these papers are duly executed they are to be returned to this office and on receiving them a commission will be forwarded. You will be pleased to give over to your successor the articles of Post office property in your possession & render your accounts to the time of resigning the office

I am J.H.

April 8 1801

Appointed William Mills to succeed Josiah B Grindall
PM of Chaptico M^d
Silas Reeves PM of Richardsonville
in the room of Obadiah Richardson resigned
Simeon Drake PM of Amboy N.J.
in the room of Robert Rallbone resigned
Henry Travers PM of Georgetown D^e
in the room of Jas Houston resigned

M^r Edward Steele
Knoxville T

April 9 1801.

Sir Your letter of the 25th of February relative to a payment made on a power of attorney given by you to a Mr Thomas Stuart is received. I find by our books that 308 $\frac{3}{100}$ dollars was paid on two powers of attorney given by you in favor of Mr Stuart. You mention in your letter that this was more than was authorized & that 233 $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars & no more was the sum specified to be paid him. In order to satisfy you that this is not the case I enclose you wherein copies of the powers. Indeed it seems that less was paid than was really authorized. The first is for what was due for the carriage of the mail between Knoxville & Nashville from October 1 to Dec 31 1797 which was

\$175,

The other for what was due for the same between Knoxville & Abingdon from Nov 1, 1797 to Jan 31 1798 which was — — — 200 amounting to 375 dollars; sixty six dollars & sixty seven cents more $\frac{3}{100}$ than was really paid to Mr Stuart on the powers of attorney.

Your last quarter pay was inclosed to you in a letter of the 16th ult^r so that the power to Mr Crosby cannot be paid

I am J.H.

The Hon:
William Jones Esq^r
Philadelphia.

April 9 1801.

Sir I was duly honored with your favor of the 2^d instant accompanied by an address from a number of the inhabitants of the County of Gloucester recommending Mr Benj^r Reiley for the appointment of Postmaster of Woodbury — Mr Donnell the late Postmaster sent in his resignation about the latter end of Feb^r on the 2^d March upon his recommendation I ap-

pointed Mr Aaron Middleton to succeed him. I have only to regret that the appointment was made previous to the receipt of the address in favor of Mr Reiley — It has been invariably a rule in this department to make appointments on the recommendations of such of the deputies who have conducted their business in a satisfactory manner at places where no member of Congress resides; as the Postmaster General can have no personal knowledge of the Candidates for office & it would be extremely difficult & impracticable to obtain the necessary information through any other medium.

I hope Mr Middleton will discharge the duties of his office to the satisfaction of his fellow citizens. — Will you be so good as to forward the enclosed letter to the Gentlemen from whom you received the address.

I am J.H.

Mr George Hall

PM of Onondaga N.Y.

April 9. 1801

Sir, Your favor of the 16th Feb^r was duly received covering several receipts for payments made to the Contractors on our drafts — from the inclosed statement of your account I find you will observe that you are not overdrawn — there being a balance of twelve dollars & eight cents due to this office on the first of Jan last if the account is correct — if there should be any errors in the statement you will be pleased to point them out & they shall be corrected.

I am J.H.

Mess^s James Sloane and others
inhabitants of Gloucester
Gentlemen,

I duly received your draft recommending Mr Benjamin Reiley for the appointment of Deputy Postmaster of Woodbury — Mr Donnel sent on his resignation about the latter end of February & on the 2^d March last agreeably to his recommendation Mr Aaron Middleton was appointed his successor — I have to regret that your recommendation was not received in time for me to have made Mr Reiley a tender of the office; as it will afford me pleasure on every occasion to gratify the wishes of the People when expressed in favor of a candidate for an appointment in this department.

I am J.H.

Will^m Finley Esq^r
Greensburg Pa

April 10 1801

Sir, The postmaster of Greensburg has declined acting I must therefore request the favor of you to select a suitable character for the appointment by whom the enclosed papers are to be executed & returned to this office and on receiving them a Commission will be forwarded accordingly.

Mr Mc Keahan will deliver over all the articles of Post office property in his possession to the person you select for the office.

I would just observe that Mr Morrison was removed for not rendering his accounts regularly he would therefore be an improper person to reappoint.

I am J.H.

Appointed Doct Hugh Scott PM of Pittsburg Pa
in the room of Geo Adams deceased

David Mc Keahan Esq^r
Greensburg Pa

April 10 1801

Sir, I duly received your favor of the 26th notifying me of your resignation in consequence of which I have concluded to request Mr Finley to select a suitable character for the office to whom you will be pleased to deliver over all articles of Post office property in your possession & render your accounts up to the time when you leave the office.

I am J.H.

Mr Geo: Smith
Contractor
Washington H^r

April 10 1801

Sir, I find that my draft on Thomas Eades in your favor & sent in a letter to you of the 11th Oct 1800 has been returned here unpaid I have written to Mr L Campbell surety on Mr Eades bond on the subject & mentioned to him that if the debt is not immediately paid the bond will be put in suit for its recovery — I therefore now enclose you my draft on Mr Eades for sixty four dollars & twelve cents the balance due from him — If he declines payment please to present it to Mr Campbell & endeavor if possible to obtain without obliging a suit to be commenced — If however payment cannot be obtained please to return it to this office in order that the proper steps may be taken.

Your Pay for the last quarter was inclosed to you in the Office Postmaster

General letter of the 16th ult^m by a draft on J W Hunt Esq^r

If the enclosed draft is paid you can consider it as on account of your pay for the current quarter.

I am J.H.

William Patten Esq^r

Bourbon M^d

Sir M^r Thomas Eades your Predecessor in the office at

Bourbon owes a balance to this office which he has declined paying

I have written to Mr L Campbell who is surety on his bond & inclosed the letter to your care. If he does not live in Bourbon be pleased to direct it & forward it to him wherever he may be.

I have inclosed a draft to Mr George Smith the Contractor for the balance due & shall be happy if payment can be obtained on it without obliging me to commence a suit as that will be a measure very disagreeable to me.

I am J.H.

Mr P^r Campbell

April 10 1801

Sir M^r Tho^r Eades late Postmaster at Bourbon has some months since refused to pay a draft on him from this Office for money that remains due on his Post Office accounts.

On the Bond that was given by him at his appointment I find your name as his surety & as it is not my wish to put you to any unnecessary expense I have thought proper to notify you that unless the balance that is due from him is immediately paid I shall be under the disagreeable necessity of putting it in suit.

The Post office law directs such measures against the delinquent Postmasters & indeed renders me personally responsible when they are not taken — I hope however you will prevent it in this instance by causing what is due from him to the public to be immediately paid

I enclose you herein a statement of his accounts as it stands on our books exhibiting a balance of 04¹² Dollars against him — For that sum I have this day sent Mr Geo Smith the Contractor for carrying the mail a draft which I trust will promptly paid & thereby prevent a measure which otherwise as has been mentioned will be indispensable

I am J.H.

April 11th 1801

Basil Briscoe Esq^r

PM^r of St. Ignatius M^d

Sir By this conveyance I send you a supply of the necessary blanks for conducting the business of your office & a table of Post offices & am respectfully

J.H.

Mark Langdon Hill Esq^r

April 11 1801

PM^r of Georgetown M^d

Sir I am duly favored with yours of the 23rd ult^m covering your bond & oaths properly executed & I have now the pleasure to inclose your Commission as Deputy Postmaster of Georgetown — Should the business of the Post office interfere too much with your other pursuits I shall be much obliged by your selecting & recommending a suitable person for your successor.

I am J.H.

William Henderson Esq^r

April 11. 1801

PM^r of Hendersonville T^r

Sir I have the pleasure to inclose your commission as Deputy Postmaster of Hendersonville —

The key of the mail & blanks for conducting the business were forwarded at the time of establishing the office if they do not get to hand before this reaches you, you will be pleased to inform me that another supply may be transmitted to your office — the key of the mail & blanks make a pretty large packet & I presume are only delayed a post or two

I am J.H.

Mr Robert Poor

April 11th 1801.

Goochland C.H. Va

Sir The people immediately in the vicinity of the Court House wish the Post Office removed to that place & recommended Mr Anthony Gadsby for their Postmaster I have therefore concluded to make him a tender of the appointment & if he accepts it you will be pleased to deliver over all the articles of Post office property in your possession & render your accounts up to the time when you leave the office

I am J.H.

330 Augustine Davis Esq^r
PM^r of Richmond Va

April 14th 1801

Sir Your favor of the 5th instant is just received accompanied by your returns for the last quarter. The Post Office was removed a small distance from Goochland C.H. because no person could be got to act there when Mr. Perkins resigned his appointment. The enclosed letter contains an appointment for Mr. Gadsbury to whom you will be pleased to forward it, as soon as the Bond & Oaths are duly executed they are to be returned to this office and on receiving them a Commission will be transmitted to that Gentleman. I have by this conveyance written to Mr. Poor who now holds the office informing him of Mr. Gadsbury's appointment & if he accepts it Mr. Poor is directed to deliver over all the articles of Post office property in possession of Mr. Gadsbury.

I am J.H.

Gilton Gelston Esq^r
PM^r of the City of Hudson N.Y.

April 11 1801

Sir Inclosed you have a statement of your account current taken from the books of this office exhibiting a balance to be due from you on the first of January last of fifty dollars & sixty three cents if any error should be discovered you will be pleased to point them out.

I am J.H.

John Harrison Esq^r
PM^r of Princeton N.J.

April 11 1801

Dear Sir I am duly favored with yours of the 2^d inst. covering Mr. Blewells account & receipt for advertising the letters remaining unhand in your office for several years past & accompanied by your returns for the last quarter — the amount of Mr. Blewells account will be allowed as a contingent charge — in future it would be as well to obtain the Printed account every six months at least & forward it with your returns, as the charge of advertising letters for several years appears large without advertising to that circumstance.

Agreeably to your request I inclose you a statement of your account current taken from our books exhibiting a balance to the 31st of Decem last of one hundred & thirty seven dollars & twenty eight cents due to this office after crediting you with my last draft on you in favor of my son

Robert for forty five dollars.

The rumours that have reached you are entirely without foundation — I am much obliged by your good wishes on the occasion & you have mine for your welfare & happiness.

I am J.H.

Mo W Hancock Esq^r
Petersburg Va.

April 13 1800

Sir My advertisement inviting proposals for the conveyance of the Mails on the New Post Roads will be published very shortly and the Contracts are to be in operation on the first of October next — the law makes it necessary to advertise for proposals for contracts six weeks successively & it will require further time to make the necessary arrangements for completing the contracts.

The Contract for the New Postroad from Hickisford to Murfreesboro cannot therefore be in operation before the time I have mentioned.

The late law in providing for the accommodation of the Cross Keys with the mail enacts that it shall not be construed to affect any existing contract of course that place cannot be accommodated with the mail during the existence of the present Contract unless with the consent of the Contractor.

I shall be disposed however to send the mail to the Cross Keys immediately if he will undertake to include it in his present route for a moderate compensation in addition to what he now receives — I will write to him on the subject by this conveyance.

I am J.H.

M^r Alex^r Madill
Contractor for carrying the Mail
Hickisford Va.

April 13th 1801

Sir The late Post office law provides for the accommodation of the Cross Keys with the mail after the expiration of the existing contract from Smithfield to Hickisford. I am however disposed to gratify the Inhabitants in that neighbourhood with that accommodation at an earlier period than the law contemplates if you will agree to include it in your present route for a moderate additional compensation to what you now receive — We please to mention whether you will agree to my proposition & in case you do the increased compensation you will expect for that extra service — Will you be so good as to tell me how much the distance of your ride will be increased by calling at the Cross Keys & the distance from Hickisford to Murfreesboro? to which place the Post road is to be extended.

I am J.H.