

has been admitted to the credit of any postmaster.

In respect to your accounts, seeing you have not retained copies, we cannot expect them, but it will be necessary for you to make an affidavit that the accounts were forwarded & that the balance in favour of this office accompanied them. This must be filed in this office to show why those accounts are deficient.

In mentioning that if forwarded, they were either lost or mislaid so far as respected being lost or mislaid in this office, merely intended a possibility for I do not recollect when such an instance has actually happened. It is probable that the accounts & balances have been stolen from the mail, several instances of losses in that way have occurred. Drafts are always entered immediately in our books & the charge to credit, if the draft is returned unpaid, it is balanced by a counter entry.

G. G.

Saml Templeman Esq

Feb. 11 1802

Yours of the 7th is received and inclosed you have another draft on the administrator of James Park as you requested. If it will be necessary to insert their names you will be pleased to do it — be pleased to fill up the receipt also, and request them to return it immediately here — you can give a receipt also on the back of the draft to be retained by them — I observe that the present postmaster was appointed Nov 13th & that Mr Parks accounts are only rendered to the 1 Oct — It will be best perhaps that the present postmaster should render from that period — but if otherwise be pleased to mention to the administrator that the account ought to be forwarded immediately — The inclosed draft balances Mr Parks account to the 1 Oct only.

G. G.

Gov. Benson Esq

11 Feb 1802

P.M. Fredericksburg Va

Your favor of the 2^d is received and you have now inclosed a statement of the late Will^m Wajatts account together with his bond to the Postmaster General on which you will be pleased to cause a suit to be instituted immediately — I am surprised that Mr Rowanlow should make this measure necessary as it can only create expense without any advantage but delay.

Be pleased to acknowledge the receipt and inform me what attorney you employ.

G. G.

Will^m Falkner Esq

Feb 11 1802

Warrenton N.C.

I wish you to forward me immediately a statement of the cash payments made by you on drafts from this office since your appointment as postmaster at Warrenton, specifying in whose favor the drafts were made their dates and amount — I hope you will oblige me in this request without any delay and am with the

G. G.

Mr Joseph Abrahams

12 Feb 1802

Richmond.

Yours of the 6th of February is before me together with the various inclosures all of which are returned herein — As the claim you make upon the department is of long standing and for services rendered before the existence of the present government, I do not consider myself authorized to adjust the same. Whatever relief you may be entitled to must be gained by an act of Congress —

G. G.

Silas Daggett Esq
Holmes & Coles 1770

12 Feb 1803

Mr Dimmick has just returned a draft on you in his favor, from this office for but 12 5/10 Drs unpaid - It appears also by our books that accounts yet remain due from you from April to May 20th last.

I hope it will not be necessary for so small an amount to cause a suit to be instituted on your bond, & yet if the draft is not paid and the accounts due rendered immediately it must be sent to an attorney for that purpose -

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Mr Anselm Dimmick
Falmouth Vt.

12 Feb 1803

Yours of the 26th Jan is received and inclosed you have a letter to Silas Dagget upon the subject of the draft which he rejected - I've pleased to present the draft (which is also inclosed) & urge the necessity of payment - he is threatened with a suit if he does not comply.

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Mr Josiah Paine
Portland Me

Feb 16 1803

I am still desirous to expedite the mail during the ensuing summer that is immediately under your charge & shall offer for your consideration the following Schedule which will undoubtedly be of much utility to yourself as well as advantageous to this department - should you on examination find that any inconvenience will arise to you from the annexed plan, or that any pecuniary expense will attend it I will thank you to give me early notice, or what sum you will demand for the proposed alteration.

Schedule

Leave Boston every day (Sunday excepted) at 2pm
Arrive at Portland the next day (Sunday excepted) by 3 1/2 pm

Returning

Leave Portland every day (Sunday excepted) by 5pm.
Arrive at Boston the next day (Sunday excepted) by 10pm.

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P.M. Northumberland Pa.

Feb 12 1803

You will procure a postman at the expense of this department for the Wilkesbarre post Rider

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Feb 14.

P.M. Halifax N.C.

Yours of the 29th is before me. I pray you to assure the people that every exertion in my power shall be made to ensure to them the benefits of a regular mail & for that purpose those who are negligent shall be regularly fined - This determination you will notify to the contractors.

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Mr John C Foster
Philadelphia

Feb. 14

Yours of the 6th is received - I know of no ground of complaint against my agent and therefore only say that I do not contemplate dismissing him.

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P.M. Salisbury N.H.

Feb 12 1803

You will make your first return the first day of April next and afterwards quarterly -

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P.M. at Alexandria

Feb. 14.

The persons who publish the Alexandria Expositor are Agents employed in the printing business of this department. It is my wish that they may be employed by you so far as you have any occasion for use any printer in your character as deputy postmaster & I understand you were in the habit of employing Mr Wescott when he published that paper -

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James Allen

Feb 14.

Yours of the 15th of last month is before me - the monies due from your post office to this department will be drawn for in favor of the Contractor. The natives of the Nation are liable to pay postage. If it be proper to grant them relief Congress is the only power competent.

G. G.

Mr Ezekiel Hyde

11 Feb.

Wilkesbarre Pa.

Yours of the 30th of last month is before me by it I received the first intimation of the removal of Mr Hollenback into the state of New York - as soon as his resignation comes in I shall apply to the delegation of Pennsylvania to nominate a successor and suggest to them your wish to serve & in case your appointment shall accord with their wishes there is at least a probability of your holding the office.

G. G.

Ebenezer Rice Esq

11 Feb.

Marcellus NY

Yours of the 7th respecting the Post Office at Marcellus has been received & shall be duly considered.

G. G.

P. M. Post Tobacco Md.

11 Feb.

You will render your accounts up to the first of April next afterwards quarterly - a copy of the laws & also blanks are sent. I take this opportunity to return my thanks for the several presents you have forwarded.

G. G.

P. M. Gettysburg Pa.

Feb 11.

James Scott receives three hundred dollars a year for the road you mention which road probably will not be discontinued.

G. G.

P. M. Georgetown Dc

14 Feb

The road for which you offer to be mail contractor was contracted for before the receipt of yours of the 7th of February by William Ruffel at a price less than you offer - G. G.

Messrs Stephen R. Proctor & others

11 Feb 1803

Coosawatonic Nc

I have received your petition praying for the removal of Mr Wilkins & charging him of being guilty of misconduct in office. I have caused a copy of your complaint & of the depositions accompanying the same to be transmitted to Mr Wilkins with a request that he will give such answer thereto as will comport with truth - After hearing his defense I shall form such decision in the case as justice may appear to require. I think it proper however to remark that in a late letter he intimated to me that his refusing to give credit for postage demanding postage in advance & not allowing the packages in the mails to be accepted to persons not belonging to the department had given offence & that in answer to him I have justified his conduct in those respects.

G. G.

Capt Levi Pease

16 Feb.

near Worcester Ms

I find that a small alteration in the ensuing summer schedule will essentially serve the public & at the same time be inconvenient to yourself. I have therefore to request that you will convey the mail from the 15th of April to the 15th of Oct next agreeable to the following schedule.

Leave New York every Monday Wednesday & Friday by 11 am or at 9 P. M. at such times as the Philadelphia mail arrives in due time

Rest one hour in Stamford Ct.

Arrive at Newhaven on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday by 5 am
 Leave same " " in half an hour
 Arrive at Hartford " " " by 11 1/2 am
 Leave same " " " in 10 minutes

Rest one hour in Suffield and
 Arrive at Boston the next Wednesday Friday & Monday by noon

Returning
 Leave Boston every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 2 PM
 Arrive at Suffield and rest one hour

Arrive at Hartford on Wednesday Friday & Monday by 6 am
 Leave same " " " in ten minutes

Arrive at New York the next Thursday Saturday & Tuesday by 10

The same sum will be paid you for expediting the mail
 the ensuing summer as you received the last - it is optional with
 your company whether they leave Boston at 2 am or 5 am or whether
 they continue the expedition or perform merely according to your con-
 tract without increase of pay. G.G.

PM Petersburg Va 15 Feb
 Yours is received. Books are forwarded - you will
 see that a constant supply of postmanteaus is kept G.G.

Abijah Hunt Esq Feb 15.
 Believing that the public interest will be promoted
 by the appointment of a new postmaster at Natchez I have ac-
 cordingly appointed John Henderson postmaster at that place to
 whom on the receipt of this you will please to deliver all the post
 Office in your possession taking his receipt thereof if you desire it
 I feel it my duty to declare that Mr Henderson has not been
 appointed on account of any doubt respecting your integrity or
 uprightnes but because your various avocations forbid your
 personal attendance upon the duties of the office - You will also
 close your accounts with this office as soon as may be convenient

Accept Sir my thanks for all the faithful services you
 have performed while in office G.G.

Mr David Vose 15 Feb 1803
 Hampden Me

I have very little doubt but that the letter men-
 tioned by you the 24th ult was either mispost or misdirected - in
 either case it will probably be returned to this office in the current
 quarter as a dead letter if so it will be immediately forwarded to you
 G.G.

W. C. Claiborne Esq 15 Feb 1803
 Gov. of Miss.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
 yours of the 21st Nov and I take the liberty to inclose to your care
 the papers necessary to the appointment of Mr J^r Henderson to the
 office of Postmaster at the Natchez. As that office is becoming of
 considerable importance I pray you to see that the security furnished
 by Mr Henderson is fully ample - The crisis produced by the orders
 of the Spanish Intendant has in my opinion rendered it necessary
 to facilitate the intercourse between the government of the Territory.
 I have accordingly ordered a weekly mail to run between Nashville
 & Natchez at the rate of fifty miles a day and to carry that order into
 effect an Agent was dispatched from here on the 1st of Jan last. I
 presume the operations are commenced before this time - I have also
 greatly accelerated the progress of the mail between Nashville and
 this place after the first day of April next so that we shall be able
 to hear from each other in a little more than half the time that
 was heretofore required. G.G.

Rich^d Thomas Esq^r
Queenstown, Md.

Feb 15

I shall endeavour to make such arrangements after the conclusion of the current quarter as to have the mail destined via Indigotown to Centreville. Leave Annapolis on Monday which will remove the objections you made the 11th inst to your acting as a Postmaster at Queenstown - I hope you will submit to a little inconvenience until that change is made & return the papers properly executed

G. G.

M^r Joseph Emerson
Groton Ms.

Feb 10.

I have established a post Office at Westford Ms. near the Academy and have to request that you will regularly pass and re-pass through that town with one of your stages every week. It is immaterial which of the stages are employed on that road, but you must be uniform in one of them. I am fully convinced that this office will be of no disadvantage to you, but a profit, as the Academy will give you a number of passengers & the distance will not be increased.

G. G.

Charles Beaul Esq^r
Baltimore

17 Feb.

Yours of the 15th received. The failure of our own line I have felt as the greatest mortification I have experienced since I have been in office. I thank you for your attention to the business & hope that no such event will again take place. I have written to Patton & Rogers. many complaints have been made against our line this winter. In future in the Winter months the Agent shall reside at the Susquehanna principally. I have concluded to employ James Wells to feed all the horses except at Baltimore & Philadelphia at 130 D^{rs} per year.

Feb 10 1863

M^r Joseph England
Rutherfordton N.C.

Yours of the 27th inst is received - no orders have been given M^r W^m Gilbert to pay you money and I am a little surpris'd that you should now ask for any. Capshaw departed the public as well as many individuals with whom he had dealings - an extra expence was incurred in consequence of his failure but we were not informed of it in time to retain as much of his pay - By our books you have received all that you were entitled to for carrying the mail

G. G.

J^r M. Wilkins Esq^r
Postmaster

Feb 17

(Cosawhatchy) N.C. I enclose you the copy of a Complaint which has been exhibited against you by Jerry Gillison & others and the testimony offered in its support. I have notified them of the substance of my answer to your last. I shall expect you will forward your answer to this complaint as soon as may be

G. G.

M^r Will^m Y. Rogers
Philadelphia

Feb 17

The loss of two mails between Philadelphia and this place has produced a serious evil to the community, much dissatisfaction here, & more chagrin & mortification to me than any thing I have experienced. It is the first failure that has happened on our line since the public has run it & I trust it will be the last. What makes it more extraordinary is that I cannot discover that any considerable obstacle presented itself. It appears to me necessary that during the Winter months the agent should reside at the Susquehanna principally & particularly when the inclemency of the weather is such as to render passing the river difficult. I have

concluded to contract with Genas Wells to forage & take care of most of the horses the particulars of the proposed contract are stated in a copy of the letter herewith transmitted. This will relieve you from a vast deal of trouble & save the public a very considerable expenditure. Complaints are repeated respecting our line. I must request you to see every thing in the best order and repair to the Susquehanna and carry there until the obstructions are removed

G. G.

A. Patton Esq
P.M. Philadelphia

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I take the liberty of inclosing the within to Mr Rogers and soliciting your attention so far as to give me your opinion of the alteration that is proposed.

G. G.

Mr Genas Wells

17 Feb

Newport De.

Yours of the 7th received. I will contract with you to feed & take care of the stage horses between Philadelphia & Baltimore exclusive of what feed is consumed in those two cities & I will allow you one hundred & thirty dollars for each horse a year for his feed & for taking care of the line and seeing that every thing is kept in order. The contract to commence on the first of April next & you to receive a quarterly pay in advance. But I shall expect you under such agent as I may employ to purchase such horses as may be necessary for that part of the line & to sell such as may become unfit for use and also generally to take care of & see the duties generally performed on the line all without further compensation. You will also understand that you must take such forage as we may have on hand on the first day of April next at its market price & in part payment of the advance. That your conduct must remain at all times subject to the scrutiny & examination of the postmaster general or such agent as he may appoint that I may ensure a dis-

charge of your duties to the approbation of the person directing the department. Bonds will be required with approved securities and the right reserved of calling additional surety when it may be deemed necessary. I clearly understand & as I presume you do that you are to furnish convenient stabling with a right to make use of & improve that on at the Susquehanna which belongs to the Department. Please let me hear from you by return of mail.

G. G.

Mr Stevens Esq
Kent Island Md.

Feb 16

Yours of the 9th received. It is unfortunate that the papers of your office were not better secured. I know no other way of reminding the left than by your stating in an account current (one of the printed forms) the probable amount of postage on ungraded letters received and paid letters sent & also the postage on newspapers and striking the balance in the usual manner. — The account current should be for the whole period for which the papers were destroyed. Be pleased to do this & forward the account and we will endeavor to make it answer.

G. G.

Richard Mansfield &
Elkton Md.

Feb 17

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 15th inst. The extension of the route from Downingtown to Elk would be attended with a considerable expense, as the contractor's residence is near the brickmasonry house — under the present arrangement the people accommodated by that route have the earliest possible intelligence from the seat of government which is of probably more importance than a direct correspondence to the seat of government. Multiplying distributing offices makes trouble to the postmaster & I am opposed to establishing new ones, without urgent necessity.

accept my thanks for the interest you have taken in this department

G.G.

Mr Josiah Paine

17 Jan.

Portland Me.

Yours of the 18th Jan is before me. For your accommodation you are permitted to send the offices of Salisbury, Oldwells & Scarborough by way bags which upon presenting this to the postmaster of Salem Portsmouth & Portland will be duly furnished & the necessary arrangements will be made

G.G.

Charles Williamson Esq

Feb 17.

Columbia S.C.

The route at present in your charge from Columbia to Charleston was not advertised through mistake but if you are disposed to contract again on the same terms for two years you will please to execute & return the inclosed bond and contract to this office a counterpart of the contract will then be executed on the part of the Postmaster General and forwarded

G.G.

P.M. Greensboro Md.

17 Feb.

As no proposal was received for conveying the mail from Greensboro to Frederica I have to request you to make a contract with some person if practicable for a sum not exceeding twenty six dollars a quarter you can then fill up the blanks of the papers inclosed & see them properly executed and return them to this office a counterpart of the contract executed on the part of the P.M.G. will then be forwarded to your charge for the contractor

G.G.

W. Chat. F. Alexander Esq

Feb 17.

Mechlinburg C. S.C.

The Post office establishment was undoubtedly designed to promote the general good. The establishment of

Post office is entrusted to the Postmaster General, but the establishment of postroads rests with Congress alone. It is not therefore in my power to establish the office you desire since it would increase the labor of the Post rider and virtually establish a post road for eleven miles

G.G.

P.M. Raleigh N.C.

17 Feb.

Yours of the 8th is before me. I have no doubt that the public is deprived of a very considerable revenue by the negligence and inattention of Postmasters I can hardly hope that this will be corrected by a circular letter since they have instructions at large & disobey them - But one will be forwarded to the Postmasters some time in the Spring. Notwithstanding your consulting the errors of others some time produces discontent yet you will proceed regularly in the discharge of your duties. The law must be faithfully executed

G.G.

A. McGilbert Esq

Feb 16.

Rutherfordton N.C.

Joseph England writes that you had informed him you were directed from this office to pay him forty dollars on Capeheart's account but that you had refused to do it until fresh orders were received. I do not find any orders were given you to pay England money - he as well as Capeheart have been paid in full - You will be pleased not to pay any thing on account of this office without drafts for that purpose from me or the Chief Postmaster Genl.

G.G.

Jacob Barr Esq

Feb 14 1803

Pottsgrove Pa.

Yours of the 8th inclosing twenty dollars dollars is received. The 16 Dollars & 50 cents which you mention to have inclosed and forwarded appear not to have been received

at this office

It is necessary before your account can be credited that your affidavit should be taken before some justice of peace stating that sum was deposited in the mail directed and forwarded to the General Post Office—a certificate also by two magistrates that your character is fair should accompany it. The rules of the Treasury require such evidence and as soon as these papers are received here your account will be credited with the money lost. What you mentioned relative to a hundred dollar note is not understood & requires further explanation before you can be answered on that head. By the books of this office the best accounts received from the post office at Potogrove are only to January 1795. George Pflieger appears to have been appointed postmaster since then but never rendered any accounts. We please to inform me for what period he held the office and also the date of your last appointment. We have Pflieger's bond & if he does not immediately render his accounts a suit will be instituted on it. There are now six years accounts due and as you doubtless know who is accountable since Jan 1795. to the date of your last appointment I hope you will inform me particularly on the subject & render such as are due from yourself immediately

Alex^r Tho^s Bradbury &
Duxton M^r

18 Feb.

Your representation respecting a change in the Post Office department at Duxton is before me. It shall meet with due consideration and attention

G. G.

Mess^{rs} Joseph Parsons &
Parsonfield M^r

Feb 18 1803

I have received your representation of the 25th of Dec^r it shall meet with due attention I have desired the Hon^{ble} M^r Cullis to give me his opinion on the subject—when I have attained that the final orders will be given

G. G.

M^r Jonathan Hodgson

18 Feb.

near Head of Sapsapas M^r

Your proposal for carrying the mail from Wilmington to Chestertown was considered much too high for acceptance but desirous of giving all reasonable encouragement for the continuance of the line I have concluded to offer you seven hundred dollars per annum which is one hundred dollars more than the present compensation. I will thank you to give me early notice whether you accept or not

G. G.

M^r Gloucester ch^{va}

18 Feb.

Yours of the 15th is before me Postage is to be collected on Newspapers—there has been no alteration in the law on that subject—Slaves are not to be entrusted with the mails wherever the Contract has been made since the 10th of May 1802. On the road you mention. New Contracts commence on the first of April next

G. G.

Mess^{rs} James C. Clinton Pochers

18 Feb 1803

Montgomery N^y

Your representation of the 15th of Jan has been carefully attended to—The office at Walkhill is discontinued and M^r Brown appointed Postmaster at Little Britain—I cannot discharge 1300th—M^r Thompson must forward his bid by the first

of July next with recommendations least yours which will be filed away might be forgotten - he must then take his chance upon the fair principles of competition

Mr Samuel Hall Sedwick Feb 18 1803 Philadelphia Pa

Yours of the 2 of Feb is before me. The postmaster was correct in charging your printed sheet as newspaper postage. The exception of postage as it relates to newspapers and pamphlets does not extend to these circular letters & subscription papers. Congress alone have the power of reducing the postage on these things. It is certainly desirable to diffuse religion through the country but we should violate its precepts by refusing to obey the law. I wish you to consider me as a subscriber to the work & to forward me a copy

David A. Cornell Esq 18 Feb Walkill NY

The fact being ascertained by Mr Lucas your member of Congress that your post office is only two miles distant from the one at Goshen and the product of your office being trifling indeed to procure a more central stand which will furnish a more equal accommodation I have discontinued your office and established one at Little Port Jervis to which I have appointed Mr John Row to him on the receipt of this you will please to deliver all the Postoffice property in your possession taking his receipt therefor if you desire it - you will also close your account with this office as soon as may be convenient. Accept his my thanks for all the faithful services you have performed while in office

Carter B. Point dealer New Kent ch Va

Mr Puller has just returned a draft on you from this office for 123 7/10 Ds with your letter to him stating why it was rejected. Yours also and on the books of the office stands thus viz

To balance of account rendered from March 11 to July 1 1802	32.10
To ditto ditto July 1 to Oct 1 1802	31.74
	63.84
By a draft in favor of Philip Moody Oct 1 1802 for	32.91
Ballance due & Pd Oct 1 1802	31.29

The quarterly returns to Jan 1 last are not yet received, but the balance owing on them it was supposed would not be less than the difference between the draft and what by the above statement appeared the 10 Oct. The returns of the last quarter it is presumed are to be rendered by you as I find Mr Glenns bond to be dated on that 1st January, and if they had been duly rendered the exact balance would have been drawn for. I hope you will make no further delay in forwarding them - The errors committed in your account ending Oct 1 last increase the balance due on that quarter six dollars & 80 cents - they are stated below

Thos M Prout Esq 18 Feb O.M. Charleston S.C.

I am informed that the New York mail of the 11th of Dec had not reached your office on the 12th of Jan last has it arrived? if so, to what cause can the delay be attributed

Chas Murray Esq 18 Feb P.M. Baltimore

The Winchester returns are received - but reflect no light on the top of Messrs Hoffmanns letter - I am inclined to believe from the circumstances mentioned in your favor

similar letter sent to Mr O.M. at Savannah

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of the 28th ult that the young man taken as a witness must have failed means to secure the letter with its contents.

Yours of the 17th was received last night I really feel distressed at the failure of the mails. I have ordered the agent to take his stand at the ferry I anticipated a decrease of the city offices - but it is my opinion that the increase of the country offices will cover the deficit
G.G.

Wes^m Mindeim and Champlain

New York.

Pursuant to your request of the 28th ult I have directed the proper enquiries to be made, as to the cause of the mail from New York of the 11th Dec last being lost or unnecessarily detained the probable cause is, that some of the Post officers have allowed it to lay in their office, through neglect - until after the departure of the subsequent mail - you will be duly informed the result of my enquiries - a multiplicity of business has prevented my answering you at an earlier period
G.G.

G.G.

Wmth J. C. Smith
Chairman of Com^o of Claims

19 Feb

In compliance with your request contained in your letter of the 18th I transmit a copy of the contract between the late P.M. & James Gillespie (N^o 1) the certificate of Mr Prady A.P.M. (N^o 2) a copy of the account between the Gen^l P.O. & Mr Gillespie (N^o 3) It will appear by the contract that Mr Gillespie is mistaken in dates in stead of the 30 of Sept 1800 he must mean 30 of Sept 1801. there is no further evidence that the 4th P.O. was led into the error than is derived from this fact that on the 1st day of July 1801 it was in ad^o to Mr Gillespie in the sum of 212^{rs} Mr Gillespie contract expired on the 31 of March 1801 a duplicate of this contract I presume was in his pos

sepiam - he remained a Contractor on another road until the 4th

31 March 1802

G.G.

Charles Bruce

Feb 22 1802

near

I have enclosed a bond, Contract and oath for the conveyance of the mail from Columbia by York ch to Columbia - when properly executed by you and returned to this office a counter part of the contract executed on the part of the Postmaster Gen^l will be forwarded to you - the security must be acceptable to the P.M. of -
G.G.

J. M. Columbia S.C.

22 Feb

I have request you to forward the enclosed letter to Mr Charles Bruce which contains a bond and contract for the carriage of the mail from Columbia & York to Columbia provided J. S. Guignard has not executed or will no execute a bond & contract for that route which was forwarded to him a few days ago from this office - should Mr Bruce decline the contract - you are authorized to allow J. S. Guignard Esq Postee hundred dollars per annum for that route one year the sum that he demanded since the papers were em
G.G.

Major Wood, St John's

G.G.

22 Feb

Otters Northampton N.Y.

I am to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 7th inst - The postmaster General is at liberty to establish private post roads without legislative aid and give the proceeds and no more of the route so established for the conveyance of the mail -

If any person is willing to convey the mail on the road you have named for the proceeds of the mail - on giving me notice I will direct the proper writings to be made and forwarded to him and