

the appointments you have named should this proposition not meet your wishes it may be advisable for your representative to apply at the next session of Congress for the establishment of that road

Messrs Geo. Huntington & Co
Rome N.Y.

25 Feb

On examining the files of the office I do not find any letter from Mr Carrington on the subject of the accident you mention - Talbot Camp went surely on his bond - although it is highly probable that the loss happened in the way you suggest yet I cannot see how any thing can be recovered from him - a pressure of business prevented an earlier answer.

Adam Roof Esq
P.M. Conajohanny N.Y.

22

I regret that the wile mentioned in your favor of the 8th still exist. Mr Parker at the time of making the contract stated expressly that he could not call at your office under the existing arrangement - the only way to insure a regular mail to & from your office is to employ a person to meet the stage on the other side of the bridge and deliver the mail in a sealed bag both westward & eastward that is mailed at your office - you can request the postmasters at Abiza & Schenectady to enclose all mails for your office in sealed bags to be delivered your carrier on the other or Northern side of the bridge you are authorized to pay such carrier a sum not exceeding thirteen dollars for each quarter of a year - the expense of the bags will constitute a proper contingent charge.

G.G.

M^r Dwell Morgan
S. Hartford Ct

27 Feb

Yours of the 8th Feb with its enclosures were received and transmitted to the accountant of the Navy department - Whatever answer I get from that department shall be communicated to you

P.M. Boston M^r.

22

Yours of the 10th informing me that a map could be presented to this Department is received. I pray you to procure it to be nicely packed in sheets and to be transmitted to this office

P.M. Kingston N.Y.

22

You are permitted to furnish yourself with a fine desk secured with a strong door and lock for the use of your office at the expense of this department.

P.M. Columbia Pa.

22

In answer to yours of the 24th of January I can only say Mr Stump must account to the terms that you took the office. Newspapers not delivered out in the returns are to be entered as dead papers. Planks and a table are forwarded.

P.M. Walpole N.H.

22

Yours of the 7th is received. You will in the case stated as well as in all others strictly conform to the laws. If this practice is not stopped I wish you to ascertain the necessary proof and forward to me that I may order a prosecution.

P.M. Middletown Ct

22

By our regulations the letter you mention cannot arrive at this office if at all, before the next quarter, in the mean time an entry is made and the letter will be returned if discovered

R.M. Athens Ga.

22

Yours of the 9th of Feb. is before me. Your conduct in detaining the Rider to let the pending mail come in and yet allow him sufficient time to perform his route is highly approved. I regret the inequality produced by the extraordinary season and solicit all the Postmasters to impress upon the contractors the necessity of a punctual compliance

Y.Y.

Zachew Mathew

22

Farmington M^o

I know of no complaint against you as a mail carrier

Y.Y.

Col. J. S. Hoopes

22

Bowling Green Va.

Yours of the 1st is received. There has certainly been a very uncommon season which has produced a stoppage of the mail through the various parts of the United States. I early had information of the suspicions respecting Mr Henderson. Had the cloud remained over him I should have doubted intrusting the mail to his charge and made preparations accordingly. But his, it has long since been removed. The most honorable and satisfactory certificates have been forwarded to me since the conclusion of that business

Y.Y.

P.M. New Castle De.

22

Your stamps were forwarded about a week or two days past

Y.Y.

John Benson Esq

March 1 1802

Fredericksburg Va

Yours of the 26th ult is received and inclosed is returned Mr Myatts account authenticated as Mr Minor proposed

Y.Y.

route Sent Contract contracts to whom sent

Feb 24	Fredericksburg to Baltimore		to the PM Fredericksburg
	Hartford & Bel Air		Jr ^r Readorn
	Staunton & Union	John Kilkenny	PM Bath ch Va
	Fredericksburg & Gooseland		The Pollard J
	Washington & Prospect Hill	John Love	James Wiley
	Alexandria to Winchester	Anthony Moore	W ^m Robinson
	Richmond & Charlottesville	James Wooddy	Marks Handewall
	Washington City to Annapolis	Cook & Cookenden	
	Romney & Marilla		John & Jackson
	Hagerstown to Staunton	W ^m Brawcull	W ^m Robinson
	Romney to Cumberland	Peter Williams	PM Romney Va
	Fredericksburg & York	W ^m Scott	W ^m Beal
28	to Chambersburg	Bresinger	sent to Nath ^l Rochester
	Leesburg to Baltimore &c		W ^m Wooddy
	Fredericksburg to Lancaster ch	Jenny Tolov	Sam ^l Templeman
	Hagerstown to Cumberland		Benj ^l Morris
	Washington to Fredericksburg	Jenny Wenemiller	W ^m Beall
	Alexandria to Piscataway		Philip Webster
	Fredericksburg to Martinsburg	A. M ^r Archer	PM Hagersburg
	Alexandria to Culpeper ch		The Pollard. Sr ^r
	Charlottesville to Nwythe ch	M ^r Haller	sent
	Fredericksburg to Charlottesville	F. Abrahams	to PM Richmond
	Annapolis to St Leonards	M ^r Stevens	
	Springfield to Palmyra		Benj ^l Poston
March 5	Wilmington to Chestertown		Jonathan Hodgson
	Fayetteville to Wilmington	sent to D. M ^r Rue	M ^r Mailet
March 15	Washington to Hyde ch	sent to PM Woodstock	to make about more 200
	Louisville Washington Barbours	offer'd to PM at Tazewell	at the price of his former
	Romney to Moorfields	sent to Alexander M ^r Kerly	sent

C. B. Pointexter Esq

28th Feb

In your letter of the 9th you mention that the draft in favor of Mr Puller for 123⁷⁵ D^{rs} was so very unjust that you was compelled to object to a large proportion of it

A few days since a statement of your account was sent to you exhibiting a balance to be due on the 31st of Oct last of ... 31.29

Since then your returns to January are received on which after correcting the errors

(an account of which are below) a balance arises of 21.63

making the whole amount now due from you 52.92

and 9th dollars more than the draft which is called so very unjust

In a few days a draft will be made on you to close your accounts

Y.Y.

Mrs Mary Pell & Son
New York.

1 March

Yours of the 17th ult^o making inquiry for a dead letter

is received on examination it has been found & is now enclosed

Y.Y.

Matthew Houston Esq
Natural Bridge Va

1 March

Yours of the 16th ult^o is received. I have written

Mr Haller and threatened a suit if the draft is not paid

I'm pleased therefore to present it again & urge the necessity of payment

Y.Y.

Jacob Haller Esq
New York Va.

1 March

Mr Houston has returned a draft on you

and mentions that he cannot obtain payment on it, the law directs me to prosecute delinquent postmasters but I have determined to make another trial before alternative is resorted

to - The draft is again returned to Mr Houston and if it is not speedily paid your bond will be put in suit for its recovery

Y.Y.

J. M. Utica N.Y.

1 March

Yours of the 15th Feb is before me. In the case you

mentioned you may reduce the postage to two dollars as it was undoubtedly a mistake

Y.Y.

J. M. Georgetown Pa.

1 March

Yours of the 16th of Febr is before me - the monies on

your hand belonging to this office will be drawn out by drafts in favor of some contractor

Y.Y.

J. S. Guignard Esq
Columbia S.C.

1 March

Your proposal for carrying the mail for 1200

dollars was not received till after the contract of one thousand dollars was forwarded to the postmaster at Columbia. It - there were some people who undertook you & the business is referred to the postmaster at Columbia who is authorized to contract with some person for that route

Y.Y.

J. M. Chambersburg Pa

You will immediately furnish at the expense of this depart-

ment such postmasteries oil cloth bags & others as are necessary for the security of the mails passing on Mr Coffey's road - In short, Sir, it is the duty of the Postmaster to see that safe and secure bags are constantly kept for that purpose

Y.Y.

The Ward Esq
Newark N.J.

1 March

Yours of the 17th of February is received. The contracts for

the new establishment have long since been made & are now gone into operation. It has not been necessary to employ any agent

Y.Y.

P. M. Albany N.Y.

1 March

Yours of the 16th ult^o is received - I am fully satisfied with the explanation you have given

G.G.

Mr. Archibald Strattenworth

1st

near Morgantown Va

Mr. Jackson had renewed his contract for the road from Romney to Morgantown before the receipt of yours of the 8th Feb.

G.G.

Mr. R. B. Russell Esq

1 March

Ball, Md.

Yours has been received advising to direct Rogers to reside at the Susquehanna, in consequence of orders which had previously been issued - yours to Mr. Bradley of the 21st ult^o is before me, an agent will leave this on Sunday next to ascertain the state of our line for which purpose I shall send forward a chasacter not known on the road.

That line just assured shall be put in better order than it has been the summer past

G.G.

P. M. Philadelphia Pa

1 March

Yours of the 21st & also of the 23rd of last month are before me they would have been answered more seasonably had I been in health. I highly approve of your conduct in dispatching express horses in order to prevent if possible the failure of the mail the expenditure is nothing compared to the injury that is sustained by the delay. The evils resulting from improper franking mentioned in your last shall be carefully noticed in a circular letter which will be addressed to all the Postmasters in 60 days if I regain my health.

G.G.

The M. Randolph Esq

1 March

Edgehill near Milton Va

In compliance with your request of the 18th ult^o

I enclose a letter addressed to The D. Boyd Esq which you are permitted to read

G.G.

The D. Boyd Esq

Yours of the 16th Feb is received. You never have made any specific offer for running the mail between Richmond & Mythe in a carriage. The mail is contracted for on horseback from Richmond to Lexington Ky with a right to vacate the contract whenever a line of stages can be established. I am labouring to form a company for that purpose. If you should be here in the compass of a few weeks we could converse freely on the subject

G.G.

Mr. William Evans

1 March

Baltimore Md

Yours of the 26th of last month is before me, after Mr. Thompson quits the house at I Care de Grace, the mail stage for an experiment (which will be continued as long as it can be without injury to the department) shall run to Mr. Seav's on the terms you mentioned that is your furnishing good stabling for our horses, a comfortable carriage house a horse to carry the mail to & from the post office and transporting the mail with due promptitude across the river all free of expense to the department - you shall be entitled to the use of our small boat - the large one will be sold.

G.G.

Hon^{ble} D. (Linton2nd March

Md. Vt.

I have the honor to observe in reply to your favor of the 1st inst that the mail is carried direct from this City to Lancaster Pa in stages from Lancaster it is carried by Reading Bethlehem Easton &c to Gotham N.Y. on horse-back from thence it is conveyed in stages to Livingston, so that the only provision necessary to effect the

object in view is to extend the post road from Kingston by Catskill to Albany - whether the extension will increase the revenue is doubtful - but it will unquestionably accommodate a large & respectable portion of people who are very solicitous to have it effected.

G.G.

Gen Woodbridge Esq
Westhington M.

2 March

I transmit you a copy of the defence made by the postmaster of Albany to the charges exhibited by you which I hope will prove satisfactory

G.G.

John F Carmichael Esq
P.M. Loftus heights

March 2

I am favoured with your letter of Jan 19 under existing circumstances - it appears to be expedient to make a weekly communication between Nashville and Loftus Heights or Fort Adams I have therefore directed the contractor to that effect and to commence immediately - it will be proper for you to forward a register of his arrival and departure from your office at the commencement of every month - that it may be ascertained whether he complies properly or not

G.G.

J. C. Ross Esq
P.M. Milford Pa

2 March

I am sorry to learn that Mr Longcope is so remiss in his duty as contractor; as appears in your letter of the 5th ult - the inclemency of the past winter will no doubt excuse him in some instances but by no means in all - I shall pursue such measures with him as to give full credit to this establishment in future and to ensure a strict regularity as well as security to the mail that pass to & from your office

G.G.

Mr Isaac Miller
Cust near Natchez M.S.

It appears expedient to make a weekly communication between Natchez and Loftus Heights which you now carry once a fortnight - I have therefore to request that you will immediately on the receipt of this letter perform agreeable to the annexed schedule until further advised.

Leave Natchez every Tuesday at 5 am

Arrive at Loftus Heights or Fort Adams the next Thursday by 9 am

Returning

Leave Loftus Heights every Thursday by 3 pm

Arrive at Natchez the next Friday by 8 pm

For this allocation you shall be paid at the rate of fifty dollars a quarter in addition to your present pay

G.G.

P.M. Lancaster Pa

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It is represented to me that the mail destined for Milton is sometimes delivered in handkerchiefs - where the mail originates I cannot say - I will thank you to furnish a suitable postman for that route and forward it under lock & key and charge the expense to this office

G.G.

J. Woolfolk Esq
Post Royal Tenn

2 March

Previous to the receipt of your favor of Jan 30 a bond and contract was forwarded to Perry Foster for the route mentioned by you at 200 Ds per annum.

G.G.

Mr Samuel Longcope
Easton Pa

2 March

Serious complaints are made about the inequality of the mail in your charge repeated failures and delays are said to have occurred from the want of able horses if the fa

lines are to be attributed to that cause my duty will urge me to charge, and rigidly exact such penalties as you have incurred. a measure to me extremely disagreeable it is likewise added that the mail is often carried in handkerchiefs that must be corrected and I have directed the postmaster at Lancaster Pa to furnish a postman - and to send the mail under lock & key and it must be so conveyed to Milton regularly.

G. G.

Mr William Y Rogers

4th March

now at Havre de Grace

Complaints are received against our line - a strong one arrived last night from one of our postmasters the public mind is now agitated by the failures that have taken place on that line than by all others since I came into office It shall be quieted and unless when it becomes impossible on account of the Susquehanna the mail shall arrive in due season. I am astonished at the conduct of the drivers, if they could not force the carriage along in the night, they might the mail on led horses and extra horses could have been employed to have forward the carriage - For my own part I do not believe from all that I have heard that with proper attention and industry on the part of the persons employed in the department would have incurred this disgrace - If you feel it impossible to push forward the mail in due season I or my assistant will come in person to see to it, may give me an answer G. G. by return of post.

Mr James Thompson

4 March

Havre de Grace Md

Before yours of the 21st of Feb arrived I had engaged to run our stages to Mr Harris after you quit the

house you now occupy

4th March

Alex Porter Esq

3 March

P M Mafingales Ten.

Your office is now inserted in the contract from Sullivan Ct to Knoxville which will correct the evil mentioned in your favor of the 14th ult that contract commences on that of April.

G. G.

P M at Elkton Md

4 March

I thank you for the information communicated in yours of the 20th ult I have again written to Rogers on the subject. Every thing has been done by the department to prevent this state of things that was profible short of going in person and residing at the river - If the delays continue myself or my Assistant will be upon the road.

G. G.

Mr Jacob W Brewster

4th March

Yours of the 20th of February is received. In compliance with your request I have ordered the second quarters pay to be forwarded immediately. I rejoice that you have been able to give me so satisfactory an answer to the complaint that has been exhibited against you - You may rest assured of my friendship so long as you shall conduct with propriety.

G. G.

Miss Fred. Campman to

14th March

I Hope N. J.

By the last mail I received your nomination for a P M at I Hope. I can only inform you that I had previously delivered the papers necessary for an appointment to Genl Helms & requested him to see some suitable character appointed, under these circumstances it would be improper for me to appoint until hearing further from him.

G. G.

P.M. Urbanna Va.

11th March

Yours of the 20th received - a copy of the laws instructions and tables are forwarded - You are permitted to purchase a pine case for the use of the office not exceeding eight dollars in value. I approve of your determination not to give credit.

G.G.

Elijah Wollage Esq

2nd March

Westmoreland

near Chesterfield N.H.

Your letter of January 21st was in due course received - it would afford me much pleasure to gratify the citizens of Westmoreland with a mail if I could consistently with the present arrangements of this department and the public interest - the town of Chesterfield is directly on the route and from the most correct information I can obtain is from three to six miles nearer and the mail is consequently carried at a less expense, than it could be through Westmoreland - should any subsequent arrangement warrant me in sending the mail through your town I shall cheerfully embrace it.

G.G.

Silas Daggitt Esq

11th March

I Colmes's Hole N.H.

Yours of the 17th is received and enclosed you have a statement of your account with this office exhibiting a balance to be due from you of 22th Dec - Mr Dimmick holds two drafts on you from this office (neither of which I believe is paid) amounting to within eighteen cents of that sum viz One of 1 Oct 1802 for 12th Dec and the other of Jan 1 1803 for ten dollars - I'm pleased to pay those drafts to Mr Dimmick & eighteen cents more on the latter - & as soon as his receipts are received here your account will be closed on our books - You say you wish a receipt in full

no a statement of your account before the drafts are paid -

The enclosed statement acknowledges all the payments which have been made & the receipts which you will receive from Dimmick when the balance yet due (22th Dec) is paid will be equivalent to a receipt in full - I hope therefore that on that protest no further delay will be made in discharging what is due from you to the public.

G.G.

Will^m Albotson Esq5th March

Nixonston N.H.

Mr Williams has just returned a draft on you from this office of 45 Dollars, which he says you refused paying - It remains for me to notify you that the P.O. law directs me to prosecute delinquent Postmasters and that your bond will be thus acted upon if the public money in your hands is not paid - the draft is again enclosed to Mr Williams

G.G.

John Dodd Esq

5th March

Hartford Ct.

Be pleased to pay the enclosed bill to Mr Babcock and charge it in your post Office account as a contingent expense - it ought to be receipted to yourself.

G.G.

Mess^{rs} Robert M^r Intosh & Co5th

Lunenburg N.H.

The summer arrangement will be such as enable you to leave Petersburg by 4 pm - which will meet with your views as expressed in your favor of the 27th ult and by one of your company who was here a few weeks since

G.G.

Dear Mr. Rao Esq
J. M. Fayetteville

5 March

Mr. Winfield has relinquished his contract after the first of April next and I have concluded to send the mail on his charge but once a week hereafter - he has made a proposal for the conveyance once a week which is much too high - I have made him an offer and requested him to inform you whether he will accept it or not in case of his refusal I wish you to contract personally or with some other person for that route for one year at a rate not exceeding one thousand dollars agreeable to the annexed schedule -

Leave Fayetteville every Tuesday at 6 am
Arrive the next Thursday at Camden by 7 pm.

Leave Camden the next day Friday at 6 am

Arrive at Fayetteville the next Sunday or Monday by 7 pm

Mr. Winfield appears dissatisfied with the allowance of one hundred and eighteen dollars made him for the last summer expedition his demand is about 200 Ds I have referred him to the decision of two of your judges and request that you will attend with him on my part but before the decision I shall wish to state to you my ideas.

J. J.

Joel Winfield Esq

5 March

On the first of April next I shall forward you seven hundred and fifty dollars over and above your three quarters pay for relinquishing your contract expressed in your favor of the 17th ult. Your demand for conveying the mail once a week is much too high & your estimate embraces more horses, greater losses both in sulkeys and horses than is sufficient to do the duty, and make amends for the hazard

On examining the schedule you have received you will perceive that you are not to travel more than at the rate of 40 miles a day.

under your present contract you travel only a difference essential both in hardship to the rider and the horses employed one rider can at all times do the duty when well - two horses stationed at your own house will be sufficient ordinarily to do the duty - but in my estimate annexed I will allow you three one sulkey if properly made and carefully used will be sufficient for the year - with small repairs but it will be proper to have two in case of accident - on the other side I have annexed an estimate which you on examination & reflection will find liberal.

Estimate

Three horses valued at 100 Ds each hazard in loss of horses 33 1/3%	100
Two sulkeys at 120 Ds loss on sulkeys and repairs at 50%	65
One riders wages at 10 Ds per month	120
virtualling rider at your own estimate	80
Ferriage at the two rivers at your estimate	40
For horse keeping at your estimate at 100 Ds each	300
For horse shoeing at 30 - 30 -	30
For superintending the line at your estimate	250
	<u>985</u>

But as my estimate makes but 985 Ds reckoning every thing at the highest rate, for the sake of making even sums I will allow you at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum; should this seem meet your views I will thank you to notify Mr. M. Rao who is authorized to contract with some other person in case you decline - As you are dissatisfied with the last summer allowance - I will submit to any two judges of the court of Fayetteville to say what sum or what other additional pay shall be given you for that extra duty & will abide by their decision - I have instructed J. M. Rao Esq to attend to the business in my behalf first instructing me that I may suggest such things as appear applicable - I must add that I am fully convinced the allowance was ample.

J. J.

Messrs Williams Wheatly & others
Brookfield near Randolph H.

5th March

I was just favored with your favor of Jan^y 28th 1809
It appears to me that the mail should pass as near the centre of town
as convenient will admit of & that the inhabitants will meet with a
more equal advantage than when confined to a different part I am
therefore of opinion that the present post road has at least an equal
claim for the mail as the branch road - should any subsequent
arrangement enable me to accomodate so respectable a portion of my
fellow citizens I shall embrace it
G.G.

Messrs Darwell, Converse & others
Randolph H.

5 March

After fully investigating the subject of your
address of the 2^d of January I am of opinion that the present post
road through Randolph being more central has at least an equal
claim on this department as the branch road - the inhabitants of the
town generally must be as well or better accomodated where the office
now is, than in the place mentioned by you - It would afford
me pleasure to yield to your wishes if I conceived it my duty so to do.
G.G.

John Crozier Esq
Stonerville T.

8 March

Inclosed you have Samuel Marshs draft for 455
dollars on John Oulton Esq in my favor & by me indorsed payable
to your order - be pleased to collect it on account of this office &
inform me when it is paid - Presuming there will be no delay
in its payment I this day inclosed to Benj^y White the mail
contractor my draft on you payable 1st April next for 388 D^s
G.G.

M^r Benj White Esq
Stonerville T.

8th March

Inclosed you have my draft on John Crozier Esq for
388 dollars payable the 1st April next on account of carrying the mail.
G.G.

W Thomas Coffield

8th

I Care de Grace

In consequence of an arrangement with James Wells to
supply feed for our stage horses I have found it most convenient for the
interest of the public to direct the mail carriages to stop at M^r Sears
G.G.

Hon^{ble} David Stone

5th

Mem^r Senate U.S.
near Windsor N^t

No change is contemplated in the route
which embraces Windsor - the mail is to pass and re-pass invariably
as it has heretofore done through that town.
G.G.

Thomas Giles Esq
Elkton Md.

March 7 1809

As the road from Greensboro to Easton was provided
with a mail to March next and by mistake was inserted in my
advertisement and introduced into your contract of Jan^y 18th I have
to request that you will continue to perform the route from Elkton
to Greensboro the ensuing year - agreeable to your present schedule
and for your present compensation and to consider that part of the
road from Greensboro to Easton as void - as no possible inconve-
nience can arise to you I have no doubt in your entire acquies-
cence
G.G.

Mr Tho^s P Williams
Indiantown N.C.

8th March

Your proposal for the route from Norfolk to Edenton
was never received - a contract has been entered into with C. Sawyer
for two years at the rate of 68⁷/₁₀₀ Dis per annum

G.G.

Isaac Richardson Esq^r
P.M. Newport R.I.

8th March

Yours of the 21st of February is received - the con-
tractors are bound to arrive at 4 o'clock p.m. & not earlier - their
penalties will be rigorously exacted if they do not comply. I do
not think best under all circumstances to fix an earlier hour for
their arrival.

G.G.

P.M. Jayfield N.W.T.

8th March

Your letters of the 21st of last month are received
Your resignation is accepted & the person you nominate is appointed
I wish you to inform Beaumont that in case he makes another
failure on his route he shall be dismissed unless the waters are
impracticable & I do assure you that in case of any after failure on
his part upon your recommending to me a suitable character
to succeed him he shall be employed

G.G.

James Davidson Esq^r
Bath Maine

8th March

Yours of the 12th of February is before me I have
written to the P.M. at Bath to inform me respecting his local
situation & when informed shall take such order upon it as
the public interest shall appear to require

G.G.

Mr William Holdson

8th March 69

You are to call upon a post office to be kept by James
Wilson at Davis's Mecklenburg Co. Virg^a - if it should occasion extra
travel you will receive a reasonable compensation.

G.G.

P.M. Fredericksburg Va

8th

I have to request you to forward the packages from
your office destined to Ferncastle by way of Staunton

G.G.

P.M. Davis's

8th March

Mecklenburg Co. Virg^a

William Holdson is the contractor on your route
and it is his duty to call at your office immediately

G.G.

Duncan M^r Rae Esq^r

7th March

P.M. Fayetteville N.C.

The alteration made in your schedule was at the
particular request of the Hon^{ble} W. Hill M.C. - the schedule proposed
by you the 23rd ult^o will be proper you can make the alterations mentioned
before you execute the bond & contract.

G.G.

Mr Dempsey Taylor

7th March

Halifax N.C.

Your proposal forwarded to your representative
was lost and the sum demanded for the conveyance was named by
him - and an alteration proposed, which on fully examining could not
be made - had your proposal been examined (if received) it would have
been rejected - as the schedule cited in yours of the 20th ult^o, which appears
to be the copy could not be agreed to - Under existing circumstances
It may be proper to allow you six hundred dollars per annum for
one year without alteration of schedule - if not agreed to by you, the
P.M. at Halifax is instructed to contract with some other person

G.G.