

1st AprilthJ. R. Bradley
Westminster N.H.1st April 1803.

Elliot has resigned the post office at Brattleboro - upon an investigation I am convinced the duties of Distribution must be performed at that place. I offer the office to your son if he will remove to Brattleboro. I have inclosed blanks to Elliot for the appointment & desired him to fill them with the name of your son if he will accept of the office, & if not to appoint Samuel Elliot. I pray you to confer with Mr. Elliot on the subject immediately — G.G.

Short mane Esq^r.1st April

Mt. Mount Tabor N.H.

Yours of the 14th ultimo received your office is not to be discontinued — your commission was forwarded on the 2^d of March

J. A. French Esq^r1st April

Previous to the receipt of your favor of the 18th of March an office was established at Essex 8.81. & Theodorus Ross Esq^r appointed Postmaster. H^r Baynham will be continued. G.G.

H^r Raymond Pradelle Boston1st April 1803.

Chillicothe Ohio.

Previous to the receipt of yours of the 2^d Joseph Siffir Esq^r was appointed Postmaster of Chillicothe on the recommendation of his Excellency the Governor

G.G.

Mr. Nathaniel Gray

1st April 1803.

Sherburn N.H.

Yours of the 18th is received it appears to me unnecessary to establish a second office in Sherburn & consequently within 4 miles of an existing office such an instance can rarely happen in the United States but as you feel a strong interest in the establishment I have determined to defer the ultimate decision of the question until I can consult with your member of Congress

next winter with whom you had best advise on the subject

G.G.

Jno^r Langdon

Portsmouth N.H.

1st April

The Postmaster of Canterbury on Winnipesaukee Lake has resigned & recommended Charles Little as his successor. I take the liberty of inclosing blanks & pray you to appoint some suitable character to do the duties of that office

G.G.

Thomas Lottrop Esq^r

Norwich Ct

1st April 1803

Yours of the 15th of March is before me. I feel every disposition to accomodate the people of your parish & will make you the arrangement you wish & employ Mr. Carpenter to carry the mail down to De Witt's office, provided he will do it for the same compensation which Mr. Kenny receives that is for the sum of seventy dollars per annum.

G.G.

1st April

James Elliot

Brattleboro Vt.

1st April

Yours of the 21st of March is received the distributing office will be continued at Brattleboro I promised Gov^r Bradley to appoint his son to that office upon your resignation in case he would remove to Brattleboro I have written to him on the subject by this days mail & informed him of my determination not to remove the plan of distribution & offered him the appointment for his son according to my engagement I now inclose to you the papers necessary for an appointment — if young Mr. Bradley will accept the office they must be filled with his name, if he will not when you are informed of that by himself or his father you are permitted to fill them with the name of Saml. Elliot who in that case shall be duly commissioned

G.G.

Jardin Davis Esq^r

111 Charlottesville Virg.

1 April

I have directed other locks to be forwarded
but I am inclined to believe that with little attention you can work
the other ones. I have annexed a copy of Abrahams Schedule.

May 1 to Oct 31^d

Leave Fredericksburg every Thursday & Saturday 4.45 pm.
arrive at Charlottesville the next Friday & Monday by 11 am
Leave Charlottesville every Friday & Monday by 1 pm.
arrive at Fredericksburg the next Saturday & Tuesday at 8 am.

Nov 1 to May 1

Leave Fredericksburg every Wednesday & Saturday at 6 pm.
arrive at Charlottesville the next Friday & Monday 11 am.
Leave same every Monday & Friday by 1 pm
arrive at Fredericksburg the next Tuesday & Saturday by 9 pm.

G.G.

M^r Joshua How

1 April

Middletown Md.

I inclose the form of a contract designed to furnish
the people of the black river country with the benefit of a public
mail, it is left optional to start from Utica or Rome as shall be
thought most advisable but it must not operate over any portion
of the post roads established by law nor can the contractor derive
any portion of the emoluments from any office on any post road
established by act of Congress. Our entire ignorance respecting the
interior of that country renders it necessary for you to describe
with care & precision the route to be pursued together with the
most suitable places for Post offices & the most proper character
to fill the same designating in every instance in what county
each office is. As soon as the necessary information shall have
been communicated & the contract & bond returned duly executed
the postmasters will be appointed & every thing forwarded necessary
for their entering immediately upon the duties of their office.

In making these arrangements I shall rely upon your consulting

& cooperating with Mr. Rensselaer, your brother W. How, & those other Gentleman who united with them in an application to me on the same subject last winter. I cannot learn that Mr. Eaton has made any arrangement on this subject although he has been furnished 8 or 10 months with the form of a contract. I therefore consider the business with him at an end

G.G.

Charles Burrall Esq^r

P.M. Baltimore Md.

6 April

Yours of the 2^d is received. I have this day informed Mr.
Snider that I accept his proposal to carry the mail twice a week at 100 Dls. provided
he carries it three times during the session of the legislature at Annapolis. It should
be necessary to pay him for the third trip during the session it shall be done, but
it appears to me that 100 Dls is an ample consideration.

G.G.

Mr Valentine Snider

Baltimore Md.

6 April

Mr Burrall informs me that you are willing to carry
the mail twice a week between Annapolis and Baltimore which you consider
to be as often as there is occasion to run your stages at 100 Dollars a year.

You will doubtless find it useful to run your stages three times a week
during the session of the legislature of your State, & I accept the proposal to
carry the mail twice a week when the legislature is not in session and three times
when in session. Be so good as to mention what days will be convenient for
you when the mail is carried, twice a week, & a contract shall be forwarded.

G.G.

Duncan McRae Esq^r

P.M. Fayetteville NC

11 April

I have inclosed a bond and contract for you to

execute for conveying the mail from Fayetteville to Camden, (provided Mr. Wimfield has not acceded to my proposal for that route,) of which I have previously advised you, when the bond and contract are executed and returned to this office, a counterpart of the contract executed on my part will be forwarded to you.

G.G.

✓ Miss " Anna Humphreys & others

5th AprilSomerville 6th

Precious to the receipt of yours of the 28th ult^r Aug
Humphrey was appointed PM at Marscetts - your letter of a pre-
vious date shall be attended to in the course of a few days G.G.

✓ Miss " Pearson & Rollins

6th

Newburyport

Yours relative to the loss of a letter is before me

It is more probable that it was never forwarded by the mail than
that it should be lost without a cause - frequent instances happen of
persons stating their having forwarded letters, which were afterward
found in their desks. I have however caused an entry to be made
& should it hereafter come to light it shall be forwarded to you.

G.G.

✓ Mr Jane Ferguson

5th April 1803

care of Mr Willm Brown

Paris or Bourbon Ky

Your favor of the 21st ult^r making enquiry
for a dead letter is received. The examination will take place on the
course of a week or ten days when particular attention will be paid
to your letter, which if discovered will be immediately transmitted.

G.G.

✓ Mr William Cook.

5th April

(of Georgia)

now at Baltimore.

Yours of the 2^d of April is before me - when
you shall visit Washington I pray you to call & inform me on the
subject G.G.

5th April

✓ Mr Robt Genius

Downingtown Pa

Yours of the 25th ult^r is recd. If the letter in
question should be discovered it shall be forwarded as directed. The exa-
mination will take place in a few days in the mean time I have caused
an entry to be made. & am

G.G.

✓ Mr Joseph Briger

3rd April 1803

Williesville Va.

Precisely to your request of the 26th ult^r I have attend
your Schedule it now stands thus.

Leave Williesburg every other Saturday at 10 am
arrive at Mount Tivat on Monday at 11 am

Leave Mount Tivat every other Monday by 12th pm

Arrive at Williesburg on Tuesday by 6 pm.

G.G.

✓ Genl Moses Dow

5th April

Gaverhill N.H.

Simeon Bullock the postmaster at Grafton
in New Hampshire has resigned & recommended for his successor
Rufel Hensley Mason as I am totally unacquainted with either of
these characters I have taken the liberty of inclosing the necessary
marks to your care & of requesting you without delay to select the
most suitable character to discharge the duties of that office always
taking care that he must reside upon the post road & in a central
situation.

G.G.

✓ Joseph Knottell Esq

April 3^d

P.M. Schenectady N.Y.

The conversation made by Miss Neal & Parker in
their contract was proper. Mr Parker mentioned the inconvenient
situation of the Conojahary Post office when here that office was intro-
duced by mistake - I authorized the postmaster at that place to provide

"a canoe to meet the stages on the south side of the river sometime ago.
and to inclose his mails destined East & West in a sealed bag & to request
you to inclose mails for his office and offices south of it in sealed bag
as well as the postmaster at Utica - if that office is properly attended to
Conway will meet with a proper accommodation. G.G.

✓ Mr. Hartwell Macon
Statesburg H.C.

15th April

Yours of the 21st ult^r is received your former pro-
posal was rejected on account of the sum demanded & the postmaster
at Statesburg was authorized to contract with Tyre Jennings - if Jennings
does not accept you can apply to the Postmaster of Statesburg for the
contract - your proposed alteration could be made but your demand
appears to be too high - six dollars per mile is a great allowance
the distance is but seventy five miles

G.G.

✓ Mr. Hartwell Macon

21 April 1803

On the 15th ult^r I inclosed to you a bond & contract for con-
veying the mail from your office to Hilltown the writings were designed
for Tyre Jennings - if Mr. Jennings has not & will not execute the papers
you can contract with some other person for a sum not exceeding four
hundred & fifty dollars. you can make such alterations & variations in the
papers as appears necessary - Mr. Hartwell Macon will probably contract
with you.

G.G.

✓ Mr. William Burke

6th April 1803

Beaufort H.C.
Yours of March 19th is received. Beaufort appears
to be sufficiently accommodated with the mail - but if it suits your con-
venience to keep a connection between your line & Charleston - & you
will carry the third mail without extra expence - an alteration of

your schedule shall be made so as to make a proper interchange of
passengers and mails - From our books it appears you have been fully
paid. G.G.

✓ Thomas Granbury Fathers
Citizens of Murfreesboro:

30 March

Your letter of the 1st inst. is received in which you
object to the alteration which has been made in the arrangement
for carrying the mail between Petersburg and Murfreesboro. This alteration
was made merely with a view to economy Mr. Odum demanded 150 Ds
a year for carrying the mail & Mr. Crichton but 108 if the alteration was
made. On looking at the produce of the post office at Murfreesboro it appears
to be less than 90 Ds a year & that it is not materially greater now than it
was before the route from Petersburg was established, it is evident therefore
that the new route is a considerable loss to the public & to give 12 Ds a
year more to Mr. Odum would make it greater. But the contract is already
concluded with Mr. Crichton & I cannot therefore be made with another
I have required the contractor to deliver the mail at Murfreesboro by
5 p.m. on saturday this will allow four hours to answer letters which
appears to me sufficient time. There can be no occasion for keeping
the Post office open or for delivering letters &c on the sabbath & if any
postmasters do so, it must be because it is agreeable to them, not that they
are required to do it.

G.G.

✓ Hon^{ble} David Thomas

6 April

I am favored with yours of the 15th ult^r relative to sen-
ding the Canada mail through Champlainward. That mail is delivered
to the British Postmaster here April at Burlington conformable to a
contract made some years since & cannot be changed by me without
his consent. The mail is now carried to the Canada line by the U.S.

on both sides of Lake Champlain & the people of Highgate in Vermont represent that place to be most eligible for the exchange of mails with the British Government. It is probable that some further arrangement may be made relative to the exchange of mails & in that case it will become a consideration whether an alteration shall be made in the place of exchange & which place is the most eligible. Mr. Tally's observations have been kept in mind.

It appears to me that once a week is as often as the mail ought to be carried from Schenectady to Ballston Springs considering the produce of the latter which is less than eighty dollars a year. Increasing the carriage will make it necessary to report against the road. G.G.

✓ Mr. Daynham.

8 April 1803

✓ Mr. Willibro N.Y.

Yours of the 14th ult^m is received - no complaints have been received. The office will be continued at your house - but in order to secure the jaining interests of Willibro I have established an office at Essex (Vt) and appointed Theodore Ross P.M. G.G.

✓ R. Mansfield Esq.

8th

Yours of the 5th ult^m is received in which you request a roll of stamps - The trouble of fixing these stamps daily at an office like yours exceeds that of writing on each letter - In general no offices are furnished with stamps the amount of whose postage does not exceed 100 Ds in one quarter. G.G.

✓ Elk^t Tally Esq.

8th April

Immediately after the receipt of your bond & with a Commission was made out, dated the 21st ult^m, and forwarded the same day. G.G.

✓ Richard Gamble Esq

Milton King

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7 April 1803

Since the receipt of yours of the 1st inst. I have directed the Richmond mail carrier to call regularly at your office. G.G.

✓ Mr. William Price

6th April

Williamston N.C.

You are permitted to arrive at Halifax on Tuesday at 6 pm and depart same day by 7 pm as you are required on the 20th ult^m. It will be proper for you to execute and forward your bond & contract. G.G.

✓ Henry Pearson Esq

Bardolph & St. M.

4th April

You are permitted to perform your route agreeable to your letter of the 23rd ult^m until further orders - it will always afford me pleasure to yield to the interest of the agents of this department when consistent with my duty. G.G.

✓ Mr. James Wooddy

Richmond King

7th April

It is especially necessary that you call at the Post Office in Milton with the mail both in going to, & returning from Charlottesville in future. G.G.

✓ Mr. Wall Esq

Richmond King

8 April

I have annexed a copy of the schedules of the different mails that call at your office & am G.G.

✓ Joseph Bringshurst Esq.

7th April

Your letter of the 6th is received. Your construction of the Post office law relative to postage is correct and agreeable to that which has been followed at other offices 1. When a letter is composed

of 4 or more pieces of paper & weighs more than an ounce it is to be charged by weight each pound to be rated equal to a single letter.

(2) If a letter is composed of only one piece of paper it is to be charged as single letter only whatever be its weight but if it contain any other thing than paper as hard money parchment &c it is to be rated by weight.

(3) Letters are not to be charged by weight unless they contain more than 3 pieces of paper

(4) It is not possible for a postmaster in all cases to know how many pieces a letter is composed when he has any doubt he should rate by. If the charge is wrong & the letter is opened in presence of the Postmaster or his agent where it is delivered, he is to correct the weight according to the contents

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17th April 1803

W. Willm. Brimble

Albany N.Y.

Inclosed you will receive the contract and bond for carrying the mail between Albany and Kingston which you will execute & return to this office when they are received here a counterpart of the contract executed on my part shall be forwarded to you.

You did not mention on what days you propose to carry the mail the schedule is therefore left blank for you to fill up with such as will be most convenient to you.

The compensation which you will receive for carrying the mail will be the balance of postage that may be collected at any office to be established on the route but you are to receive no compensation from Albany, Catskill or Kingston as those offices are already provided with regular mails & you will be more than compensated for any letters which you carry to and from those offices by receiving the whole postage on letters sent from New York & other public post offices to the post offices to be established on your route.

When you return the papers you will inform me at what places you wish post offices established & name proper persons to hold them

Jno. Green Esqrd

P.M. Glasgow or Darench Ry

G.G.

17th April 1803

Yours of the 11th March is received. As soon as your account can be regularly stated, it will be, & you will be called upon for the balance which must be paid on sight. Although you have made no charge for your services you will receive the same allowance which is granted to others. Mr. Robinson's bond has not arrived & you will be pleased to forward them immediately

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Postmaster

Greensboro' Ga.

April 11th. 1803

Inclosed is a letter to Mr. William Wright who is surety on E. E. Park's bond to the Postmaster General. It is upon the subject of Mr. Park's delinquency. As I am ignorant who Mr. Wright resides, I hope you will oblige me by making enquiry and having it delivered or forwarded to him.

G.G.

✓ Mr. William Wright

April 11. 1803.

There is so much difficulty in obtaining a settlement of Mr. Park's accounts, as late postmaster at Greensboro', that I am at length constrained to notify you, as his Bondsman, that a suit will be instituted on his bond if the public money in his hands is not immediately paid.

Notwithstanding he acknowledges his accountability to the 1st of October last, when he resigned the office, yet he continually excuses himself by alledging that the office was entrusted, by him, to other hands.

There is now due from him on accounts already rendered, a
balance

balance of \$11⁶⁵ A draft of the 1st July last for \$2⁴⁰ was made on him, for which we have no receipt, but if it was paid, the balance will be reduced to \$97⁶⁰.

Another draft of the 1st January in favor of Joseph Ashton for 100 Drs. he has declined paying, which has occasioned the present letter. I hope you will urge Mr Park the necessity of settling his accounts, and induce the payment of the draft.

An account from July 1st to October 1st 1802 is yet due from him, and the balance that may arise on it, in addition to what has been stated.

G.G.

Paul Verdon Esq^r

April 12th 1803

P.M. Orange & R.R. Va.

Yours of the 8th is received and inclosed you have & Abraham's draft returned. If you will forward it to me the latter end of December and Mr. Abraham has performed his contract, in such a manner as to entitle him to his pay, it shall be passed to your credit. When it is sent, it must be accepted by you on the back.

P.P.

P.M. Hartford Ct.

12th April

At the request of Capt Pease & of the merchants between Boston & New Haven by Hartford I have permitted him to carry an extra mail between those places & now notify you thereof.

G.G.

W^m G^r Lincoln
Salem N.H.

12th April 1803

Yours of the 25th of March is received. The mail need not be carried to Bethany until you receive orders from this department.

G.G.

✓ P.M. Buckingham Ct.

12th April 1803

Yours of the 11th of April is received, there are no maps in this office with which we can furnish you With esteem G.G.

✓ Duncan McRae.

Fayetteville N.C.

12th April 1803

Yours of the 8th inst is received — you will be allowed 1250 Drs per annum for carrying the mail from Fayetteville to Camden & are hereby authorised to make this alteration on your contract.

G.G.

✓ Mess^s Saml. Dickins & others

Mount Tabor N.C.

12th April

Yours of the 2^d of last month is received. The Post office at Mount Tabor will no be discontinued G.G.

✓ P.M. Charlottesville Va.

12th April 1803

Sir

Yours of the 8th is received — Enclosed you will receive a schedule of the arrival & departure of the mails — the keys which you requested in a former letter have been forwarded — I presume before this you have received them. I have written to the P.M. at Fredericksburg on the subject of the miscarriage of your mails from this city.

G.G.

✓ Capt Lwi Pease

Stowesbury Ms.

12th April 1803

Yours of the 1st of April is received — you are permitted to carry an extra mail between Boston & New Haven — for this you will be allowed some trifling compensation which shall be fixed when next we meet.

G.G.

✓ 11th Inst. Draper
111 Englishville Va.

12th April.

Yours of the 28th of March is received - your bill of
26.25 & 8.39 cents for the expenses incurred by forwarding the extra
Natchez mail will be paid upon your transmitting to this office
a receipt for that sum specifying on what account it is received

G.G.

✓ 111 Frederickburg Virg^a12th April 1803.

By a letter from Charlottesville dated the 8th of this month
I find complaints exist that two mails from thence to that office
are wanting being the two which should have arrived next before
the date of the letter. As the road for that office branches off at yours
it appears at least possible that the error may have been committed
by your Clerk, if you can give me any information on the subject
I shall expect it by the return of post.

G.G.

✓ James Steen Esq.
✓ Natchez. Ms. S.

12th April 1803

Yours of the 26th Feb is received not having heard
from you in a long time & finding from representations frequently
made that the office at Natchez was not conducted satisfactorily upon
the recommendation of Govr Claiborne on the 14th Feb I appointed Mr
J Henderson Postmaster at that place. I cannot therefore issue a
commission to Mrs^r Seaman whose bond is received, but have re-
tained the bond in order to commission him in case Mr Henderson
should not accept.

G.G.

✓ 11th Ely Whitt & Baldwin.

April 9 1803

Your letter of the 21st Feb is received in which
you suggest sundry alterations in the mail routes in your

neighbourhood, the advertisement was made out before its receipt,^{1/23}
an alteration cannot be made now conveniently, but it shall be con-
sidered against the next arrangements are made.

You mention an intention of running your stages twice a week
& of carrying the mail so often, both will be an accommodation to
the public & I hope you may find sufficient encouragement to enable
you to continue.

You have omitted to mention on what day you intend to run
the second stage I will thank you to inform me.

G.G.

✓ Editors of the Balance

I Hudson N.Y.

13th April

Yours is before me on the subject of newspaper postage
In my opinion a newspaper cannot be considered as extending beyond
a sheet it is true that supplements have occasionally been issued
from papers (when important news had unexpectedly occupied the
paper) to prevent an injury to the advertising custom & that in
those cases the officers have not been strict in exacting postage in
all cases upon the supplements but as I understand your case you
lately published two distinct papers, one wholly political the other like
common papers devoted to news politics & advertisements - you have
now discontinued one of those papers & devote your main or principal
paper exclusively to news & politics & if so on the same days another
regular paper devoted wholly to advertisements under the name of a
supplement I think the supplement is liable to be charged with
postage because it is a distinct paper & may be taken by those who
do not wish to rely on your publications either for news or politics
& because I believe that by law every supplement is liable to be
charged with postage.

G.G.

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The Attorney General
of the United States

April 13. 1803

A question has arisen whether the Commissioners appointed under the Bankrupt law have a right to receive, or direct who shall receive, from the post office the letters addressed to such bankrupt. It is of considerable importance I will thank you to give me your opinion on the subject. Almost every individual has some concerns which do not affect his property, and which might be injurious to him if known; if the Commissioners have a right to all letters addressed to him through the post office, these will be exposed: on the other hand mercantile men transact much of their business by letter, and if a bankrupt was disposed to act fraudulently, by arresting the letters addressed to him, discoveries might be made relative to his property.

It has been the policy of the acts relative to the post office to secure as far as possible the communication by post, not even admitting the Government to search and break open letters on suspicions of treasonable correspondence. The 15th section (at the last part) inflicts a penalty on any person who shall open any letter which shall have been conveyed ^{by post} before it shall be delivered to the person to whom it is addressed. While the 5th section of the act to establish a system of Bankruptcy authorises the commissioners to take into their possession "all the Estate real and personal of any nature & description" and also deeds, books of account and writings belonging to such bankrupt. Now a bankrupt demands of a postmaster all letters to him addressed & his Commissioners demand the same. To whom shall the letters be delivered?

GG

Robert Patton Esq^r
P.M. Philadelphia

April 13. 1803

I will thank you to inform me by return of post what opinion your Lawyers have given on the question who is intitled to a bankrupt's letters? he or the Commissioners, and also who have given these opinions. GG.

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Edward Archer Esq^r
P.M. Norfolk Va.

April 13. 1803

Your letter of the 21st. yet remains to be answered. The question whether the Commissioners or assignees of a bankrupt have a right to receive the letters addressed to such bankrupt from the post office is of considerable importance and I wished to consider it fully before I gave an opinion on the subject. I have however concluded to advise with the attorney general and will write you again shortly.

When I was in Philadelphia last fall Mr. Patton mentioned the subject; he had taken the opinion of Mr. Davis, Mr. Ingersol and Mr. Dallas, who considered that the Commissioners or assignees had a right to receive them & not the bankrupt, if they gave an order to that effect.

GG

N.B. The present opinion of the atty Gen^r appears to be that they belong to the bankrupt, he has the subject under consideration and as soon as he gives his opinion a copy of it shall be forwarded.

GG

Postmaster
Hudson N.Y.

12th April 1803

I enclose you a copy of a letter this day transmitted to the Editors of the balance.

GG

Postmaster
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

12 April 1803

Inclosed is a copy of a letter this day sent to the Editors of the balance.

GG

Messrs' Hill & Rice
New Canton N.Y.

9 April 1803

I have wrote to the P.M. of Fredericksburg on the subject of your letter of the 4th. Inst. and trust that the evils complained of will be corrected immediately.

GG

✓ John Benson Esq^r
P.M. Fredricksburg Va.

9 April 1803

It is represented that mails are not received at New Canton, in the usual time, it is not improbable that the delays have arose from sending them via Charlottesville they ought to be forwarded by Richmond.

G.G.

✓ Thomas Garnett Esq^r
P.M. King & Queen ch Va.

11 April 1803

For the purpose of accomodating the public in your vicinity, I have requested Mr. Moody to make the alteration you proposed on the 1st. Inst. - he will consequently leave Dunkirk on Friday and return on Monday.

G.G.

✓ W. John Moody
Dunkirk Va.

April 11. 1803

I have to request that you will observe the following schedule, instead of the one attached to your contract for the same route.

Dunkirk and Matthews C.R.

Leave Dunkirk every Friday by 8 A.M.

Arrive at Matthews C.R. on Saturday by 8 P.M.

Leave Matthews C.R. every Sunday by 6 A.M.

Arrive at Dunkirk on Monday by 7 P.M.

This alteration is made at the request of King and Queen who prefer a direct correspondence with Norfolk rather than Richmond. From your local situation I presume that no inconvenience can arise to you from the alteration.

G.G.

✓ John Lucas Esq^r
P.M. Sparta Ga.

April 12. 1803

I sincerely regret that the citizens of Sparta have met with such repeated failures in the regularity of the mail as is related in your favour of the 25th Ult. more failures have occurred the last winter from the severity of the weather and deep snows than than for five proceeding seasons - where ample and satisfactory reasons are not assigned for the delays, in your vicinity, the contractors shall be fined -

The Augusta Contractor has forwarded certificates from sundry Postmasters on his route, that four failures have occurred, within the time mentioned by you, in consequence of high waters, from the other contractor I have heard nothing - as these routes have fallen into the hands of the Hon^r - Meriwether - I trust that full and entire justice will be done the public.

G.G.

✓ Silas Lambles Esq^r
Winthrop Me.

14. April 1803

I now inclose the bond omitted in my last which you will please execute & return to this office without delay G.G.

✓ W. James C. Winn

13th April 1803

Louisville Ky

Your proposed alteration of the 25th Ult cannot be granted. At Westfield the contractor from Louisville to Bainbridge was requested Feb 26 to leave Louisville on Saturday all am instead of Friday at 2 pm that alteration must be complied with - he was to receive at the rate of twenty five dollars per annum for the alteration G. Gray