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June 8<sup>th</sup> 1804.Henry McNeil Esq<sup>r</sup>

P.M. Paris N.Y.

Your Account for the Quarter ending April 1. 1804 this day came to hand - You say with

" 5<sup>th</sup> Dollar Bill, 3 Silver dollars 1/8 & 1/16<sup>th</sup> making in all \$ 8.17 As no cash is found, and the account will be made up & covered with a wrapper I conclude you have neglected to inclose the Cash.

Mr Joseph Ashton  
Augusta Ga.

June 6. 1804.

I am solicited to establish a post office at Powellton in the County of Hancock Ga and have determined to gratify the pecuniary, and ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> ~~other~~ <sup>other</sup> ~~consideration~~ <sup>consideration</sup> ~~than~~ <sup>than</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> office in future. The arrangement proposed by the partners for the mail to accommodate Powellton is, to go direct from Greensboro to Sparta twenty five miles, to Richardsonville 6 miles, to Powellton daily, to Warrenton 12 miles, to Georgetown 18 miles and from thence to Louisville 30 miles. By this alteration I am assured that your ride will be diminished one mile, and from that consideration, and your accommodating disposition, I have no doubt of your ready compliance. G.G.

John Hale Esq<sup>r</sup>  
from Hicks's office Pa.

June 6. 1804

Mrs of May 31 is received. I have written to the contractor from Ghelzoy to Halifax on the subject of his riding neglect of duty and trust that he will adopt such measures as will prevent a repetition. G.G.

Messrs G. & C. Lindheimer  
Baltimore Md.

June 7. 1804

Mrs of the 6<sup>th</sup> last is received. We have diligently searched for the letter you mentioned, but cannot discern that the letter is, or has been in this office, if we are so fortunate, to discover it hereafter, we shall immediately forward it to you in Baltimore. G.G.

William Ghelzoy Esq<sup>r</sup>  
M. Comt. Ghelzoy N.Y.

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The postmaster at Hicks's post informs me that you ride took a trip in stage last, and assigned as a reason for the omission, that the stage did not bear the mail for that route at Ghelzoy. To what cause to attribute the inattention of the stage proprietors I know not, but their neglect of duty will not justify you, for it is important to forward money from Hicks's post to Petersburg, either mainly from the latter, and not forwarded to the former - to effect this object it is indispensably necessary for your ride to perform his duty according to contract, without respect to the depending mail. G.G.

Postmaster

June 6. 1804

Ghelzoy N.Y.

Complaints have been repeatedly made to this department, that the mails destined for Hicks's post, Hicks's 9<sup>th</sup> post have been carried southward of your office, instead of being left there. I am at a loss to determine where the fault lies; and I most request you to inform me whether the stage proprietors suffer the stage to stop your office without carrying, and who is the ~~superintendent~~ <sup>superintendent</sup> of this line for the northern part. G.G.

Richard Baker Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Mrs. Haughey C.H. N.Y.

June 6. 1804

Mrs of the 31<sup>st</sup> ulto is received. Finding Mr Long's proposed arrangement for conveying the mail under his charge would be as beneficial to the public, as the one proposed by this department. I have concluded to gratify him, his schedule will remain thus.

Leave Frederickburg every Wednesday at 6 A.M.

Arrive at Paris on Thursday by 6 p.m.

Leave Paris on Friday by 6 A.M.

arrive at Fredericksburg on Saturday by 6 p.m. G.G.

Messrs Harrar, Palmer and others  
Chelsea  
near Randolph N.Y.

June 7. 1804

I am favoured with your address of the 28<sup>th</sup> ulto. on the subject of establishing a post route in your state. I have only to remark that the Postmaster General is not authorized by law to establish post roads at the expense of the government, without an act of Congress. G.G.

Joseph Warren Esq.  
Pro. New Haven Ct.

June 8. 1804

I enclose you a copy of Mr. Brinsford's complaint against your official conduct. In haste G.G.

Mr. James Frey,  
Granville N.Y.

June 8. 1804

Congress have established the post road according to your request. G.G.

Joseph D. Selden Esq.  
Lansingburg N.Y.

June 11. 1804

Agreeably to your request the enclosed was presented at the office of the Secretary of State. The chief Clerk there cannot give it out in his name, but I trust to publish my advertisement for the Department of State. He wishes however that the advertisement itself may be forwarded, that it may at once be seen to what it refers. Perhaps the charge ought to have been to the War office, or some other Department. G.G.

Potowatamie

June 11. 1804

Sweet Springs N.Y.

Copy of the 29<sup>th</sup>. ulto is received. It is my desire that you keep the office at the Sweet Springs, during the months the waters are visited by the citizens, provided always it will without any expense to you, furnish a suitable & convenient room for your accommodation. G.G.

Mr. Samuel Down

June 11. 1804

Portsmouth N.H.

Copy of the 11<sup>th</sup> June is rec'd. The letters you mention, as they contain no valuable contents must have been opened and destroyed before the arrival of your letter. Mr. Stansby not arrived. I presume he may shortly be expected. I have been favourably impressed in relation to his character for a number of years. G.G.

Major General Brown

W<sup>o</sup> Pitts and others

Broadford N.C.

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I have carefully examined your application of the 11<sup>th</sup>. of May, while I hope you it would give me every pleasure to comply with your request, my duty compels me to say that the importance of a special communication to Broadford does not appear to warrant the additional expense, delay and risque which must be incurred in sending the mail twice a week (connection time) in the small distance from Oxford to Hanover - the post rider has now a right to pass by Broadford if he pleases. To compel the mail to pass that way may prevent the establishment of a line of carriages from Hanover to New-Hampshire. G.G.

Thomas Pollard Esq.

Centreville N.C.

June 11. 1804

When you return to the seat of Government from the State of Ohio, I enclose you of my own accord a copy of the "Daily Advertiser" of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant. I thank you for the communication. It is matter of deep regret that for party purposes the most malignant falsehoods be invented and propagated to deceive and impose upon the community. When I first heard the report you refer to, it produced some emotion. But reflection soon taught me that it could only be a mere day's wonder and that the sober sense and sound judgment of the people would quickly correct any unpleasant & unjust impression of the moment. G.G.

Hon. Matthew Lyon

June 11. 1804

Eddyville Ky.

Copy of the 16 April is before me. The sum necessary to make the allowance to you for carrying the mail from Hanover to Allentown equal to the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, I offered to advance you, and withdraw your claim for further damages before any decision made by the Comptroller on the question and as you did not inform me of your acquiescence in the proportion antecedent to the Comptrollers decision, I consider you entitled to the amount offered, and you will have credit in the books of this office accordingly. P.S. You will see your friend Downe is going to lay you much and truly for your behaviour.

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Postmaster  
Washington D.C.

June 11 1804

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> of May is before me. From your statement of the case, it appears to me the letters were improperly forwarded. It however does not appear absolutely certain whether Mr Bedinger had any interest in the money, transferred or in the intelligence communicated in the letters, or whether they were written at his request to save him the trouble of doing it in either of those cases Mr Bedinger has had an undoubted right to forward the letters. He is a man of known integrity and of respectability in life - his answer to these questions will be altogether satisfactory; if it goes to support the right of forwarding, you will return to Mr Bedinger the money, if not the law compels you to retain it. It is matter of serious regret to me that the law has occurred as it must in some degree injure the feelings of Mr Bedinger who, at most, was certainly ~~only~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~man~~ <sup>agent</sup> of the ~~Government~~ <sup>Post Office</sup>. I have a high respect and esteem.

Mr John Badd

June 11 1804

Great Barrington M.<sup>s</sup>

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> of April is before me in which is contained three reasons why J. Howard of Waterford should not be continued in office - 1<sup>st</sup> that he is a bitter opponent of the administration and makes use of the influence of the office to injure the Government - 2<sup>nd</sup> that he is an unexceptionable character as relates to common honesty - in the third place that he lies in an obscure part of the town and his office is not a convenient place for the public or the Citizens of Waterford.

Either of these reasons will be sufficient to induce the appointment of a new Postmaster, when the facts upon which the same is founded are duly authenticated and presented to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General - He was appointed to office on the recommendation of the late postmaster - I have some acquaintance with him and the General held his character in very high estimation, yet I never understood him to be guilty of immorality.

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Major Simon Lord, Aaron Clark &c. June 11 1804 49  
Lebanon, York County, Me.

I have received your representation of the 26<sup>th</sup> of April - to have received all the attention that is due to the opinions and feelings of a respectable portion of my fellow Citizens - the probability is that no decision will be made upon the business till after the next meeting of Congress.

Mr William Pitt

June 11 1804

Midway M.<sup>s</sup> Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May is received. I have not received any application for an office at Ellsworth. G.G.

Mr Thomas Lewis  
Sweet Springs V.<sup>s</sup>

June 11 1804

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> May is before me. I have directed Mr Lewis the post to keep his office at the Sweet Springs among the ~~people~~ <sup>people</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>near</sup> the Company you furnishing him a convenient place for an office paid of expense. G.G.

Mr Horace H. Wadsworth  
Waterford C.Y.

June 11 1804

Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> is before me. I informed Mr Palmer last winter that I would allow of a mail three times per week from Lanesburg to Waterford provided any person would contract to deliver the two additional mails for the increased expenditure of the Waterford office, not for the whole amount of money produced by that office. The proposition is simply this - In the first place the General Post Office will retain to itself for the payment of the regular carriers, of that Post road who visits the Waterford office the same amount of money as he received in the year 1803 - in the 2<sup>d</sup> place - the extra carriers will be allowed to receive from the Waterford office the next balance in favor of this office after deduction of the rate of that office for the year 1803. This gives for the two additional mails all the revenue which may arise from the frequency of the mails and from the growth of business in that town. If you are disposed to contract on the above mentioned terms you will make such arrangements with the post at Waterford, as will most conduce to the convenience of the ~~business~~ <sup>of</sup> the place. G.G.

Mr John Hatchill  
Portland Me

June 11 1804

Before the receipt of yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> I  
had solicited the Hon R. Cutts to select some suitable character  
for Postmaster at Portland with him you can confer on the  
subject.

G.G.

Mr Joel Brownson  
Richmond Me

June 11 1804

Mine of the 14<sup>th</sup> April is received. I had not  
contemplated establishing an office at Richmond and from the  
examination of the map there does not appear to be any receipts  
for one.

G.G.

P.S. If any cause exists why an office should be established  
I wish you to inform me with the distance of the  
proposed place from the existing Post Office.

Mr Elijah Wood

From N.H.

Winthrop Me

I have this day written to the Postmaster  
at Winthrop that as you continue unwilling to remain his  
surety I shall find it necessary to appoint a new Postmaster  
at that place unless he furnishes new Bonds with Surety without  
delay.

G.G.

Postmaster

Winthrop Me

June 11 1804

Elijah Wood has renewed his application to be  
released from your bond and if you do not forward a new bond  
with Surety I shall be under the disagreeable necessity of appoint-  
ing a new postmaster for Winthrop.

G.G.

James Hodges Esq  
P.M. Hanover N.H.

June 12 1804

I wish you to contract with some person to  
carry two additional mails from Hanover to Providence for a sum  
~~not exceeding~~ forty five dollar quarterly and have now enclosed a blank  
contract and oath for that purpose so you have only to insert the  
date, name of Contractor and the sum you agree to give quarterly, when  
the papers are executed and returned to the office, a counterpart of  
the contract will be forwarded to the Contractor - On your trouble

in making the contract you can charge two dollars in your account  
current as a contingent expense.

G.G.

Le Roy Pope Esq  
P.M. Peterburgh N.Y.

June 12 1804

Mine of May 19 is received with the receipt  
inclosed. If Mr Gardiner cannot give a more substantial  
reason than you have mentioned for his neglect on the 8<sup>th</sup> ulto  
he will be unquestionably fined and for every similar neglect  
of duty.

G.G.

Rev J. H. Toler  
Tunbridge & Newfane

June 12 1804

Mine of May 21 is received - It will be  
proper for Mr Smeek to present his account to Mr Weston for  
Settlement. Payment to be made for your mother's neck rattle.

The Post office at Pittsfield and Montague, at the time  
this establishment, were supposed to be directly on the post road.  
If so, I cannot be justified in making an increased allowance.  
If they are not directly on the road, I will make a generous  
allowance for your extra travel - when a proper statement of  
your increased travel is made to this office - If you are disposed  
to convey the mail from Lancaster & L. to Pittsfield for  
fifty six dollars per annum which is equal to seven dollars a mile  
you may commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July next in the price offered is  
liberal and if you do not accept it, I shall authorise a contract  
to be made with some other person.

G.G.

Franklin Williams  
Attn. Concord N.H.

June 12 1804

Mine of the 15<sup>th</sup> May on the subject of the  
additional mails between New Bedford, Fall River and Providence is  
received. Owing to the great press of business in this office the  
contract was delayed until this day. I have now instructed the post  
at Fall River to make a contract for conveying the two additional  
mails between his office and Providence and to have the contract  
commenced on the first of next month. When that arrangement  
takes place your City will be enabled to correspond with the  
city of Providence

G.G.

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Mr Luther Rich  
Cherry Valley N.Y.

June 12. 1804

Your letter of May 15<sup>th</sup> is received. There is no provision made by law for establishing a Post road through the towns you have mentioned. Should it be considered that the establishment of a mail through those towns will conduce to the public advantage, you can request your Representative in Congress to make application to Congress for the establishment of that road at their next session.

G.G.

Jeremiah Shuttlesworth Esq. June 8. 1804

Mr. Dedham W.

Your of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant is received. We have examined the Providence account of letters received for distribution, but can find no entry made for your bill of the 19<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> last - as that is the only office that distributes for mails from your office addressed Southern - it is extremely difficult to trace your letter - I have made some inquiry on your conduct or neglect in Postmasters - the letter will probably be returned to this office at the close of the current quarter, with their contents.

G.G.

Messrs Frank &amp; Rawson June 13. 1804

New London C.

Your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant is received. The existing arrangements for communicating by mail between New London & Hartford are such that I cannot in justice to the public pay more than a reasonable expence for carrying the new mail once a week. I should decidedly prefer sending that mail in a stage and should the Contr. find it useful to go more than once a week we will conform to their regulations provided they will carry the mail more than once a week whenever their stages run faster than once a week.

G.G.

Mr Edward Power  
near Taft's N.C.

June 13. 1804

Your letter of May 24<sup>th</sup> is received. We have diligently searched for the letter you have mentioned, but we cannot discover it. Should we however find it, it will be transmitted to you immediately.

G.G.

John Daniel Esq.  
Cartersville Ga.

June 15. 1804

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Yours of the first with your accounts for the last quarter and twenty dollars is received. Whosoever has the charge of Mr. Jordan's affairs ought to attend to the rendering of his accounts and you will be pleased to mention it to them and at the same time instruct them how to make them out. They ought to be forwarded immediately.

G.G.

John Goodlett Esq.

June 15. 1804

Greenville S.C. S.C.

Your of the 11<sup>th</sup> day is received. You mention that you will render your accounts when called upon. The law casts upon every Postmaster to render his accounts quarterly and I now require of you to forward them without any further delay. They are due from Mr Ingram and yourself from Oct 26 ~~the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov~~ the last office for objects me to prosecute delinquent postmasters and render me personal responsible if it is neglected.

G.G.

P.S. Be pleased to request Mr Ingram to forward his accounts - Mr Carlisle probably assist you in making out your account.

Samuel Elliot Esq.

June 14. 1804

Mrs Brattleboro D.

Your of May 14<sup>th</sup> is received. I see no objection to Mr Black departing from your office on Wednesday evening, when he finds it useful - the alteration is noted on his Contract.

G.G.

Doctor Nathan Hayward  
Plymouth N.H.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted. Doctor to Plymouth for two years at four hundred dollars per ann.

G.G.

Mr Jacob Canady  
Newbern N.C.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted - Newbern to Beaufort - at one hundred and fifty dollars per ann.

G.G.

Mr Jonathan Gandy  
Harpersfield  
near Warren Ohio.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted - weekly, from Warren  
by Musopotamia & go to Cleveland and from thence by Hudson  
to Warren at four hundred dollars per ann. G.G.

David Abbot Esq.  
Warren Ohio.

June 19. 1804.

Proposal accepted - Cleveland to Detroit at  
175 per annum, the mail to be carried by water unless otherwise directed  
by the P.M. G. G.

Mr Sam'l Hicks

June 19. 1804

Champlaintown N.Y.  
Will give you three hundred and seventy five  
dollars per ann. for conveying the mail from Chittenden to Cham-  
plaintown N.Y. and contract for one year. If you do not accept this  
proposal I shall employ a carriage. G.G.

William Parcomb  
near Hanover N.H.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted - two years, Hanover to  
Hanover at seventy dollars per ann. G.G.

Wm Spencer Esq.  
Troy N.Y.  
near Painted Post N.Y.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted - two years - Painted Post  
to Williamsport at four hundred & seventy dollars per ann. G.G.

Mr Thomas Haskel  
Steubenville Ohio.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted - Steubenville to New Lisbon  
at one hundred dollars per ann. G.G.

Mr Matt. Mahin  
near Fleming C.H. N.Y.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted - Washington to Augus-  
ta at one hundred and twenty dollars per ann. G.G.

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Society Park Esq.  
Portland Me.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted in Brunswick to Augusta at one  
hundred and ninety dollars - or Portsmouth to Plymouth at two hun-  
dred and ninety dollars per ann. and shall allow you one thousand two  
hundred for carrying the mail from Portsmouth to Portland and one  
hundred and fifty dollars for carrying the mail from Portsmouth to  
Guildhall in Vermont. G.G.

Mr Samuel C. Camp  
Hartford Conn.

June 19. 1804

I will give you one hundred and forty dollars  
per ann. for carrying the mail from New Haven to Farmington, which  
is about the average price for carrying mails in Connecticut; if not  
accepted the contract will be given to another person. G.G.

Mr Jacob W. Brewster  
Mr John S. M<sup>c</sup>C.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted - two years - between  
Hanover at sixteen hundred sixty six dollars off five cents G.G.

Mr John Hoffman & Hartshorn  
Baltimore Md.

June 19. 1804

Will give you five hundred and fifty  
dollars per ann. and the contract for two years, for conveying of the mail  
from Baltimore to Carlisle in a Stage and I cannot exceed that sum  
G.G.

Maj'r Benjamin Johnson  
Fayetteville Tenn.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted - Nashville to Decaturville  
at two hundred and fifty dollars per ann. G.G.

Mr John Straughn  
Danville Va.

June 19. 1804

Proposal accepted - Limestone to Gallatin  
at one hundred and fifty dollars per ann. G.G.

Lawrence Thompson Esq.  
Staunton Va.

June 19. 1804

Indeed is a draft on Edward B Smith late  
Postmaster at Bath C.H. N.Y. for 105 \$ per dy. - You informed he has  
removed

removed to Staunton and if he is at present there you will be pleased to present him the draft and receive the money on account of this office. If he declines paying it you will then be pleased to employ some respectable attorney to commence a suit against him.

He has frequently declined payment on other drafts and it is now necessary that he should be compelled to a settlement. Be pleased to answer me in this as convenient.

G.G.

Mr Isaac T. Reed

June 20 1804

Jamaica P.Y.

M<sup>r</sup> of the 13 Inst is received. You have permission to receive the mail at Bay-harbor every Sunday at 8 post until otherwise advised. I have directed your extra pay for conveying the mail in stages to be forwarded to you. G.G.

Thomas Pollard Jr Esq

June 21 1804

Thomsbury Va.

M<sup>r</sup> of the 18 is received. M<sup>r</sup> Abraham was here last week and offered to establish a line of stages immediately. I informed him after what had passed between us I should consider it unfair to contract with him without first consulting you on the subject - he went away and assured me that he would see you this week and get you to write, if a competition should arise, it will be my duty to give fair play to all applicants, at present I cannot with propriety say more. G.G.

John A. Cummings Esq

Burrard St. P.Y.

M<sup>r</sup> of June 18. is received. An unfavorable impression was made on my mind by receiving the proposal in blank now here. I doubt it originates in the manner you represent. I will with pleasure call on you whenever my business will admit. G.G.

Mr Joseph Ashton

June 20 1804

Augusta Ga.

Inclosed is a draft on Barret Burne for eighty dollars and fifty cents. Be pleased to be particular in having it presented to him and inform me his reasons if he does not pay it as in that event I have threatened to prosecute him. If he wishes a little time to raise the money you can indulge him. G.G.

Barret Burne Esq

June 20 1804

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Georgetown D.C.

In your letter of the 19 July 1803 you mentioned that you had taken the liberty of drawing for eighty dollars and fifty cents in favour of Matthew Colby, on account of the difficulty of sending cash and at the same time requested that you might be drawn for the same sum in favor of some contractor for the mail. Not supposing any deception, your draft was accordingly paid and the 1 Oct. following another on yourself for but thirty dollars was forwarded to Mr Ashton which however you thought fit not to pay and it was therefore returned. Now for after such conduct it is presumed that you could hardly yourself have expected any thing else than an immediate despatch from office as well as a prosecution on your bond. Last however there may have been some mistake I have determined, previously, to make another experiment, and have this day inclosed to Mr Ashton a draft for eighty dollars and fifty cents which I hope you will think proper immediately to pay. G.G.

Mr Joseph Hardin

June 21 1804

Petersburg Va.

M<sup>r</sup> of the 18 Inst is received, it is extremely difficult to ascertain what has become of the mail at Petersburgh Va. and inclosing your letter of the 17 ult<sup>r</sup> addressed to Battle, but we have strong reason to presume that the mail is impeded and will not reach the place of destination, as no recent robberies of the mail have come to our knowledge, and you may be assured that this Department will give every proper aid to the recovery of that mail. G.G.

Mr Parrot Blasdell

June 19 1804

Windsor Vt.

I have accepted your proposal for conveying the mail in stages from Windsor to Burlington for two years at three hundred and twenty dollars per annum, reserving the right of amending the contract provided you do not distribute the different political & stamp papers with strict impartiality. G.G.

Charles Burnall Esq

June 21 1804

Battle Vt.

M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hardin do state that on the 27 May last they deposited a letter in the post office at Petersburgh

No. inclosing two hundred and fifty dollars for a post  
Hoffman son of Batt. - the postmaster at Harrisburg  
says that he made a mail for your office on that day and  
168 pos. Drs. - Has the mail of that date come to hand?  
G.G.

Jacob Richardson Esq.  
Newport R.R.

June 21 1804

I have established a post office at Little  
Compton R.R. to which place you will direct mails inclosing such  
letters and newspapers as are directed to that place.  
G.G.

William Toley Esq.  
New Bedford M.W.

June 21 1804

I have established a post office at Little  
Compton R.R. to which place you can inclose such letters and news-  
papers in a mail as are directed to that place.  
G.G.

Mr Thomas Terry

June 21 1804

New Bedford M.W.  
I have to request that you will give  
your rider directions to call at the first office established at Mr.  
Sam'l Church's Little Compton R.R.  
G.G.

John Cadwallader Esq.  
near Alexandria Pa.

June 21 1804

Yours of the 9<sup>th</sup>. inst is received, at the time it is  
in the power of the postmaster general to extend the mail from this  
to Boston furnace, it does not appear expedient; for the unusual number  
of post roads, established the last session of Congress, will nearly ab-  
sorb the next proceeds of this establishment; for the ensuing year in  
and under these circumstances, it is better for the communications  
between those places to take the circuitous route via Harrisburg and  
Northumberland, for the present, where the mail is now carried weekly.

Your proposal for carrying the mail from Lancaster to  
Alexandria at 500 dollars per annum is much too high for acceptance -  
for the distance between these places, from the best information we can  
obtain does not exceed ninety three miles and the average price paid  
for transporting a fortnight mail in the middle and northern states is  
from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 dollars per mile.  
G.G.

Mr Richard Phillips  
Richmond Va.

June 22 1804

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A letter from Mrs London No. says that for two  
weeks previous to the 9<sup>th</sup>. of June there had been no arrival of your  
mail, and that high water was not a sufficient justification for the  
delay, and that one hours extra ride would have enabled you to have  
abridged that impediment. I will thank you for an explanation  
G.G.

Mr Snoddy Esq.  
near New London Va.

June 22 1804

Your proposal for carrying the mail from New  
London to Prince Edward C. H. once in two weeks is too high for accep-  
tance - the highest price we pay for transporting fortnight mails  
is three dollars and fifty cents per mile. The distance from your office  
to Prince Edward C. H. is thirty miles and estimating the distance  
at our highest rate, the yearly expense for carrying that mail will  
be two hundred and ten dollars - If you are disposed to contract  
I will send you the necessary papers. I shall  
require an explanation from Phillips in respect to his delay in  
G.G.

John Matthew Lynn  
Eddyville Ky.

June 21 1804

I find the proposals for carrying the mail from  
Mexico to New Madrid and Liverpool so high that I cannot  
feel myself justified in sending those mails more than once a month;  
if you are disposed to contract for the carriage of those mails, mon-  
ey at four hundred and sixty five dollars, per annum, I will  
forward you the necessary papers, and I will give you fifty  
dollars per annum for conveying the mail once a fortnight from Cahokia  
to St. Louis.  
G.G.

Sam'l Church Esq.  
from Little Compton R.R.

June 21 1804

Yours of the 10 Inst. is received. I have informed  
the postmasters at Newport and New Bedford that your office is established  
and request the Contractor to call at your office with the mail. G.G.

Mr Josiah Price  
Portland Me.

June 22 1804

Inclosed is a draft on George Tyler for \$253 $\frac{1}{2}$  per Drs.  
as soon as it is received he pleased to send me a copy of it in order that  
he

be may be assured of it before it is presented - if he desires pay-  
-ing it, you will then be pleased to return it? G.G.

George Tyler Esq.  
Castine M<sup>W</sup>

June 22. 1804

Your several letters praying for a further indulgence  
to pay what you are indebted to the public are received.

My duty will not per-  
mit me to continue in office such as apply the public monies to their  
own private uses, neither am I at all disposed to admit any exten-  
-sion, that he, who thus deceives the public, professes to be attached to  
the republican administration - Did that administration ever teach  
you that it was congenial with the principles of republicanism to ap-  
point and retain men in office only that they were of particular trust  
without any regard to the fidelity with which they perform their  
duty? If you have heretofore indulged such expectations permit me  
now to undeceive you and to assure you that the Government looks  
for other guides than ~~such~~<sup>such</sup> ~~as~~<sup>a</sup> ~~high~~<sup>high</sup> ~~liver~~<sup>liver</sup>  
~~for other guides~~<sup>for other guides</sup> ~~as~~<sup>as</sup> ~~high~~<sup>high</sup> ~~liver~~<sup>liver</sup>  
- ~~figures~~<sup>figures</sup> of support. To show you however that I am disposed  
to extend to you every reasonable indulgence, I have this day  
enclosed to Mr Paine a draft on you for 200\$ You do the balance  
due from you to the 1<sup>st</sup> April and shall wait the fate of it before  
I any further proceed - at the same time however I must advise  
you that if that draft is returned to this office unpaid I shall  
immediately appoint a new post-master at Castine and forward  
your bonds for prosecution. G.G.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Joseph Bartlett  
of Portland  
now at Boston M<sup>W</sup>

June 22. 1804

Yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> is before me - Before  
its arrival I had referred every thing in relation to the post-  
office in Portland to the Hon<sup>d</sup> R. Cutts - this was done in an  
interval of his having been the person thro' whom the former ap-  
plications were made in relation to that office and by whose  
order the late unfortunate appointment was made. I pray you  
to address him on that subject G.G.

Mr. Oliver Sheldon  
Rochester M<sup>W</sup>

June 22. 1804

Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> is before me, how it should have  
escaped my attention for this length of time it is impossible for me to say  
but so the fact is. It is a principle with me, not to remove from office  
those who differ from me in political opinions and perform their services  
with fidelity until they use the influence derived from office to counteract  
the Government to its friends or detract from the character of gentlemen,  
city and trades the ruling of the nation - it follows of course that in order  
to succeed in gaining the removal of a Postmaster, clear and satisfactory  
proof must be furnished to this office sufficient to bring the case with  
in the rule here laid down; if it shall be your pleasure to forward such  
proof you may rest assured the case you refer to shall meet with a consider-  
able and important decision. G.G.

Henry Paynham Esq.  
Post Master at

June 22. 1804

I enclose & transmit you the copies of two letters  
one from Mr. Rop and the other from Mr. Tolman - The facts complained  
of certainly appear to require my interposition, and I trust no cause of  
complaint will exist in future, it has also been represented to me that you  
have removed your office from that part of the town where it was first  
established quite into the vicinity of Mr. Rop's office, this, if so, is attemp-  
ting an improper and wholly undesirable. Ever since I have been in office  
there has been one constant jarring and misunderstanding between Mr.  
Rop and you - my patience is exhausted, and my candor induces me to  
say that if this quarrel cannot be terminated - it is my determination  
to discontinue both offices and establish a new one. In this I may err  
but I believe the duty which I owe to the public forbids my devoting  
so much of my time to objects so inconsiderable. G.G.

Postmaster  
Brewster &c

June 22. 1804

Yours of the fourth is received. This office is not  
furnished with maps for the use of the country office - there is not  
a single open map in our possession. G.G.

Thomas Phipps Esq.  
from Albany N.Y.

June 22. 1804.

Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst is rec'd. I should regret that ever since I came into office there has been one constant attention between you and Mr. Baynham and I cannot easily run my fingers over that subject without trouble. I have written to Mr. Baynham and inclosed him a copy of yours and Mr. Holcomb's letters and as far as our opinion that the matters therein complained of are just subjects of complaint, and he must desert from such practice. I have also suggested to him the impropriety of removing his office into that part of the town where yours is left - and induce me to say that it is my determination to discontinue both offices and establish a new one in case the quarrel between you cannot be terminated.

In this I may err, but I believe the duty which I owe to the public forbids my devoting so much of my time to objects so unconsiderable. G.G.

Thomas H. Post Esq.

June 22. 1804

Mr. Turney and Mr. Henderson have both proposed to convey the mail from Charleston to Savannah - the former at two thousand dollars and the latter has offered for such sum as the Postmaster General considers equitable - 2000 dollars appears to be a fair and reasonable compensation for the conveyance of that mail as a contract, the gentlemen both stand equally high in the confidence of this department; it places me in a situation extremely difficult to decide, on account of the remote situation of the route and the gentleman who are competitors. I have therefore concluded to refer the decision to you, as you are better acquainted with the particular situation of the competitors, and the bearing the decision will have on this department. Then I am - in making your decision you will naturally enquire, whether that contract is perpetual, or in what degree to the support or continuation of the route between your City and Fayetteville now contracted for by Mr. Henderson. I will thank you to notify both the gentleman that the business is referred to you and after a full hearing. I have no doubt but that your decision will be equitable and perfectly satisfactory this Department. G.G.

Mr. Sim. Drown Jr  
Greensburg Penn.

June 22. 1804

Presuming that in making of your proposal for carrying the mail from Greensburg to Alexandria you made your calculations for transporting the mail weekly instead of once in ten weeks

weeks, we have concluded to offer you three hundred dollars for transportation of that mail once a fortnight with the privilege of carrying newspapers, for your own entertainment - as the distance is but ninety three and a half miles - the offer made you is considerably more than the average price paid for transporting similar mails in the middle and northern States, which is from 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 3 dollars per mile - If you accept this proposal, the newspaper papers will be forwarded to you. G.G.

William Phipps Esq.

June 22. 1804

Shippensburg Penn. If you are disposed to carry the mail from Shippensburg by Strasburg & Huntingdon, I will allow you two hundred & ninety dollars in addition to your present pay from Shippensburg to Strasburg, which is about the same rate you now receive, making the yearly compensation of three hundred and fifty dollars per annum for the whole route, if you accept this offer the newspaper papers will be forwarded to you. G.G.

Mr. Geo. Greninger  
Hagerstown Md.

June 22. 1804

Yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst is received. I wish you to commence carrying the mail in your coach or stage on the first of July next, if any obstacle presents itself to you, that renders your compliance difficult. I will thank you to give me immediate notice, that I may give the conveyance to another person. G.G.

And. Hopkins Esq.  
Baltimore Md.

June 22. 1804

Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst is received. If the functions of the Inspector of the Revenue you have mentioned have not ceased, he has a right to receive and send letters free of postage - altho' the wording of the law does not give him that privilege, it has always been admitted that the true construction of the law, did. Blanks will be forwarded to your office. G.G.

Mr. Durance Donelly  
Watertown N.Y.

June 26. 1804

Your proposal is received for carrying the mail from Kingston to Albany, but the terms are too high for acceptance, the mail leaves New York and Albany is now conveyed six times a week, and takes