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Charles Springer Esq } July 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
 P.M. Frankfort Ky } Yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> June is received - you  
 can close all your morning Mails at 10 P.M. the evenings preceding  
 their departure from your Office after the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct. next - but it  
 will be proper to give the Citizens of Frankfort timely information  
 of the arrangement - the great press of business has prevented our  
 doing so a very considerable time. GG

Miss<sup>r</sup> Wm. Atkinson & Son } July 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
 Philadelphia Pa } Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. is received.  
 if the letter to which you have alluded, is received at this Office as a  
 letter - it will be forwarded accordingly to your request to Miss<sup>r</sup>  
 Hart & Beall of Geo. town Col. The late press of business aspre-  
 vented an earlier attention to your letter. GG

I. Winchester Esq } July 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
 P.M. Crossfoot Pen } Yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> ult. is received, the un-  
 usual irregularity that you have mentioned was I presume attri-  
 butable to the want of a regular contractor - but as the business is  
 now arranged I trust that there will be no further cause of  
 complaint that road - the great press of business at this Office -  
 for some weeks past has prevented an earlier attention to your letter. GG

Miss<sup>r</sup> Montgomery & Newbold } July 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
 Philadelphia Pa } Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant is re-  
 ceived, there was a Mail lost, about the time the letter  
 to which you alluded should have been on its way <sup>to</sup> Nashville to New-  
 Orleans - in consequence of the rider fall from a horse - this horse  
 making his escape with the Mail - but we are informed that  
 the mail is lately received; if so, it is probable that your letter  
 has got to hand. GG

William S. Marie Esq } July 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
 P.M. Murfreesboro Tenn } Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> ult. is received.  
 I have directed the Postmaster at Culpeper C.H. to furnish suit-  
 able Postcarriages, or saddlebags for the conveyance of the mail that  
 passes by your Office. GG

Benj<sup>r</sup> Shackleford Esq } July 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
 P.M. Culpeper C.H. Va } It is represented that the post-  
 master or saddlebags now in use between your Office & Newman-  
 set are insufficient - if so, I will thank you to procure a suitable  
 one for that route at the expence of this Office. GG

Miss<sup>r</sup> Wm. Gilbert & Others } July 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
 Washington Ga } Yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant is rec'd.  
 The Postmaster at Augusta is requested to open & forward all  
 mails that are destined for your vicinity - that arrive at this  
 Office on the Sabbath to avoid an unnecessary delay. GG

Mr Joseph Ashton } July 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
 Augusta Ga } Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant is received, we are  
 satisfied with the alteration that you have adopted. GG

Jonathan D. Wilkinson Esq } July 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
 P.M. Augusta Ga } It is necessary for you to open &  
 distribute the Northern Mail that arrives at your Office on  
 Sunday in order that you may forward all communication  
 for Washington & Offices west & south thereof without delay. GG

John Donisthorpe Esq } July 31<sup>st</sup> 1805.  
 P.M. Hancock Md } Yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. is received - Mr. Williams  
 is authorized to carry newspaper other than those conveyed in the  
 Mail for his own emoluments. GG

John Coolbaugh Esq.

July 31 1805

Wilmington Del. Yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant is received - we  
have accepted the proposal of Matthew Mc-  
nans for conveying the Mail from Lancaster to Milford at seven  
hundred, & have assured him thereof.

GG

Mr. Morris Mint

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1805.

Albany N.Y. Previous to the receipt of your letter of  
the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, we had accepted the proposal of Gen: J. Morris for  
conveying the Mail from Albany to Union. GG

Mr. Price & Smith

July 31 1805.

Lancaster Ohio Yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst is received - I  
have addressed the Postmaster of Lancaster on the subject of his inat-  
tention, & if such negligence as you have represented is sufficient to entit-  
le the receipt of my letter to him. I must adopt a course that will  
remove the evil - however disagreeable it may be. GG

Parleton Bates Esq

Aug. 1 1805.

Pittsburg Pa. Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> is received. I can hardly  
think, that Mr. Johnson will be so hasty, as to take from the established  
Printer, that portion of the Post Office business which he has enjoyed,  
particularly when he knows that the head of the Department, altho'  
personally denounced, in company with other heads of Department,  
by the Aurora still continues to employ that paper, on the principle that  
the Offices of Government do not deem it proper to remove them in their em-  
ploy, for trifling causes. GG

The Hon: C. Nathan Parker

Aug. 1 1805.

Winchendon Vt. Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> of Apr was presented to me  
lately upon my return from the Western Country & I have the pleasure to  
inform you, that Jonas Robinson will be Postmaster at Fitz William.  
after the first of Oct: next & that the Contractor will be bound to go by Win-  
chendon Meeting house. GG

Juryes L. Johnson Esq

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1805.

Beverly Ms. Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> July is before me.  
The conduct of your Postmaster was conformable to his instructions, but  
considering the distance of your factory, from the Post Office & the great trou-  
ble you must incur from the frequency of applications. Have this  
day vested him with discretionary power, in your particular case, to  
abate the Postage whenever he is satisfied, it has been overcharged.

GG

Mr. Asa Bush

August 1 1805

Beverly Ms. Upon the representation of Mr. Johnson, rel-  
ative to the inconvenience he suffers by mistakes & overcharge of post-  
age, I have thought proper in his particular case, in consequence of  
its peculiar circumstance, to vest you with discretionary power, to  
abate the Postage, whenever you shall be convinced, that more than  
legal postage has been charged.

GG

The Hon: Matthew Walton

August 1 1805.

Springfield Vt. Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> Apr would have rec'd an  
answer, had it not been for my absence in the Western Country,  
which together with the profuse of business resulting from the same  
has rendered it impossible. Having after you left this & from many  
quarters particularly if I mistake not, from two of your Members  
of Congress of the deranged state of the Post Office at Louisville & knowing  
of no name for a successor, save that of James Rail, who was recommended  
to me by your public character. I succeeded to appoint him to that office.  
I then supposed that Mr. Rail has entered into a regular trade from New  
Orleans to Louisville, which he meant to carry on in person of course  
considered the duty owed the public, rendered it necessary to appoint  
a Man who would devote himself with fidelity & diligence to the duties  
of the Office. I now find the arrangement does not give satisfaction  
& I can only say, that I will resign the business, after we shall have  
had a personal interview next winter. GG

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My: I Hunter T Prather, I Berthoud } August 1 1805  
 & James Porter Louisville Ky } Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> May,  
 was lately received on my return from the Western Country. It was  
 not my intention to dismiss Mr. Munn from the information received.  
 I thought he had returned from office to a distant Country & left the  
 people without the benefits of a well conducted ofce. Mr. Rail was highly  
 recommended & it was not within my knowledge that he was the  
 printer of a newspaper. Had I known this, he certainly would not  
 have been appointed. Under the circumstances the final decision of this  
 business will be deferred until I have a personal interview with your  
 member of Congress next Winter. GG

Wm. Wainwright Esq } August 1 1805  
 Boston Mass } Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> July is before me.  
 Before its arrival, the package to which you refer, had been exam-  
 ined & the letters destroyed, otherwise it would have been returned you. GG

Mr David Garrison } Aug 2<sup>o</sup> 1805  
 Marietta Ohio } Have established a Post Office at Bel-  
 Pre Ohio nearly opposite to Head Ck. which place I wish you to ac-  
 commodate with the mail. If you shall be allowed a fair & equitable  
 compensation for that service. GG

The Hon: Paul Lanning } August 1 1805.  
 Marietta Ohio } Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> of May is before me.  
 I have this day directed the Postmaster of Ga. town & Frederick town,  
 that from those offices they shall transmit such correspondence as is  
 destined for Marietta to the office in Washington City, to be from thence  
 sent via Clarksburg Va. GG

Sam' Garrison Esq } Augt 1 1805  
 P. M. Ga. town D.C. } Intelligence destined for your office to Marietta  
 ought to be sent to the office in Washington City that from thence it may  
 go via Clarksburg Va. GG

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William Bull Esq } August 1 1805.  
 P. M. Frederick town Md } Intelligence destined for your office  
 to Marietta, ought to be sent to the office in Washington City that  
 from thence it may go via Clarksburg Va. GG

Hugh Willis Esq } August 1 1805.  
 P. M. Washington D. C. } Yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> June is received.  
 It gives me satisfaction to hear that you have appointed an  
 active good Clerk, but I am under the necessity of informing you at  
 the same time, that the complaints against you have once more been  
 received since my arrival from the Western Country. I shall pre-  
 sently find it necessary to procure some gentlemen to visit Wash-  
 ington & report the facts & his opinion. While you are in the act  
 of distributing Mails you will not deliver out letters to any per-  
 son. The business of the Nation cannot be delayed for the purpose of  
 giving a few moments when accomodation to a few of the Citizens. GG

James Jett Esq } August 2<sup>o</sup> 1805  
 P. M. Jefferson Va } Yours of July 2<sup>d</sup> is received, with three dollars  
 & twenty cents in silver & the half notes of forty dollars, when the  
 other half comes to hand you will have credit in the books & receive  
 due notice. GG

Robt B Parkman Esq } August 1 1805.  
 Parkman Trumbull County Ohio } I enclose to transmit you a blank  
 Contract to be executed with bond & security according to law by such  
 a man as may contract to carry the Mail from Warren to Parkman  
 for the emoluments to be decided from the Post Office at Parkman.  
 I have this day established a post office at Parkman & appointed  
 you Postmaster. Every thing necessary for commencing business  
 is forward. I have requested Mr. Smith to forward to you his  
 National Intelligencer, it is the best paper on the continent,  
 the price is five dollars per Ann. I informed him you would

transmit the money to him immediately, which as you now are Postmaster you can do without expence. GG

Bernard Post Eng. Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1805  
Fauquier C. H. Va. Yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> ulto. is received. The accounts wanting me for the quarter from Apr. 1, 1803. & not for the one ending July 1, 1803, as you appear to have understood my letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> July. All the accounts or money for the quarter ending July 1, 1802 were received at this office & if they were forwarded by Mr. Baker, they must have been lost or stolen from the mail - And in order that Mr. Baker may not sustain the loss it is necessary first his affidavit, taken before some magistrate stating that the accounts were forwarded specifying the sum transmitted with them, should be received here & you will be pleased to request Mr. Baker, on his return, to forward it. A copy also of the accounts for that quarter should at the same time be sent. GG

W<sup>m</sup> Ford Payee Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1805  
Washington D. C. Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> ulto. is received & inclosed you have my check on the Bank of the United States, for thirty seven dollars & fifty cents. GG

C. D. My<sup>r</sup> Hawkins Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1805  
Village of Coweta Creek Nation. We are still uncertain whether the mail has got into operation beyond the village of Coweta to New Orleans - but under the impression that route would with pretty clear certainty commenced in the month June last we directed several mails to be forwarded for Fort St. Louis, Fort St. Stephens & New Orleans via that road - in the event that the contractor for that route has not commenced - there will be sundry packages lying at the village of Coweta - if so, may I request the favour of you to despatch them without delay by express, to the Post Office at Fort St. Louis if you are authorised to do so on this office

for the amount of such expence as is incurred by you in dispatching said express - may I ask the favour of you to state whether the mail is in operation & if not how you have disposed of the packages. GG

William Clash Eng. Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1805  
Randleton C. H. Va. Mr. Picklin has transmitted to me your letter to him of 26<sup>th</sup> June upon the subject of the last draft on you from this Office. You are only debited with accounts to the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1803 to which time you were accountable. I hope Sir you will not make any further delay in paying the small balance due from you to the publick & that Mr. Picklin will not be obliged to return the draft - GG

Horatio Bullock Eng. Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1805  
B. H. Bangor Me. Inclosed is a draft for 39<sup>04</sup> on Bulkeley Emerson which you will be pleased to collect & remit to this Office. Be pleased, if Mr. Emerson declines to call on Theodore Durfee, who is his bondsman, to inform him that if the draft is returned unpaid that the bond will be forwarded for suit. Be pleased to inform me if the draft on John Forbes is paid. GG

Bulkeley Emerson Eng. Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1805  
Bangor Me. Mr. Bulbury has returned a draft on you from this Office for 39<sup>04</sup>, unpaid & mentions that he has made frequent applications for payment. On the 5<sup>th</sup> March a statement of your Accounts exhibiting that balance to be due was inclosed to you & it was not then expected there would be any difficulty in claiming payment. I hope yet it has arisen from some mistake, & not from a disposition to retain the publick money in your hands. I have therefore inclosed another draft for the same sum, to Mr. Bullock, which I trust you will pay & inclose to me his receipt. C. W. Bullock is reg-

ited, if you decline paying, to call on Mr Trafton, your bondman & I have only to add that if payment cannot be obtained without a suit, in compliance with the law, it must be resorted to.

This will incur to you considerable expense, with no other advantage than delay, & I hope you will not, therefore, impose on me so disagreeable a duty.

G G

W. Jonathan Southwick

Boston Ms

August 2<sup>d</sup> 1805

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> is received - we cannot learn that the letter which you addressed to the Hon. S. Parker in Feby. 1804, has ever been rec'd at this office as a dead letter, as we invariably request all dead letters, that are found to have valuable inclosures, except such as appear to have failed in reaching their place of destination, for misdirection. The writers residence cannot be ascertained in those cases we send the misdirected thro' their proper channel - to the person to whom they were addressed, & in some instances forward dead letters to the writer when their residence is ascertained.

G G

W. John Morton Jr.

Aug. 2<sup>d</sup> 1805

Charlotte NC. Ms. Yours of June 30<sup>th</sup> is received - the letter to which you alluded covering laundry lottery tickets - will not probably reach this office as a dead letter until the conclusion of the present quarter - if it is received here - it will be forwarded to you immediately after its receipt.

G G

Liver Spald Eg.

Aug. 2<sup>d</sup> 1805.

R. H. Eastport Me. Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. is received under the circumstance that you have mentioned in relation to the loss of the letter written by W<sup>m</sup> Eber<sup>s</sup> Morton to Capt. James Morton it appears to be advisable to advertise the letter & offer such reward as will tend to procure the necessary information - in regard to the theft or robbery that has been committed on the mail - you will advertise in both of the Portland Papers for a reasonable

sum of expense as you incur you will charge to this Office in your account current as a contingent expense. G G

W. Lewis Eg.

July 31. 1805

Lanesville Ohio Complaint is made that from your inattention to your official duties as Postmaster - that very considerable evils have arisen to citizens - the particular charge are the want of attention at the office at the usual time of the arrival of the Mail - & in consequence of that inattention - that the Mails for your office are suffered to pass the office - to the great prejudice of the citizens - & that there is considerable evil arising from your not being prepared to receive & deliver mail letters as pass thro' the medium of your office, these charges are certainly of a nature too serious to pass unnoticed. & I must ask you early explanation on reflection of the charges exhibited against you.

G G

Marion Davis Eg.

Aug. 1. 1805.

Charlottesville Va. Yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. is received - we have received seventy dollars on account of the Post office at Charlottesville - John Taylor Eg. Postmaster at Richmond M<sup>r</sup>. He alone has the privilege of franking for that office, as there appears to be no objection to W<sup>m</sup> Winn's leaving the Charge of the Post Office at Charlottesville to the care of suitable persons temporarily, his letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> was not answered.

G G

John H. Russell

Aug. 1. 1805

R. M. Drummond Tamm. } Yours of June 26<sup>th</sup> is received - as Accomack Va. There is no fine how by contract for the post rider arrived at your office, he has a right to to (avail himself of eating at the cheapest place on the road) but it is necessary for him to make his arrival with as great regularity as practicable - that the citizens may reap all possible advantage from the mail.

G G

Seth Field Esq.

Augt. 1. 1805

R. M. Brookfield Ms. I have deemed it proper to remove the Post Office in Brookfield Ms. from the West to the South Parish. I have accordingly appointed Maj. Read Post master at that place, to whome on the receipt of this you will please to deliver all the Post office property in your possession taking his receipt there for if you desire it. You will also forward your accounts upon the time when you deliver over the office. G.G.

Joseph Pickline Esq.

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1805.

R. M. Nashville Tenn. Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst is received - covering a letter from Brig<sup>g</sup> Col. Johnson - I trust that the irregularities have ceased between Knoxville & Nashville, that have lately existed in the transportation of the Mail between those places - as the conveyance of that mail is now confided to a vigilant person, as we are informed, we must make you some allowance for an extra horse - if the weight of the Mail has so much increased, since the contract made with Dr. Dinnmore for conveying the Mail from Nashville to Col. Rights - as to render an additional horse necessary but we have information instances required a certificate from the Post office on the extremem parts of the route that the weight of the mail has clearly rendered the use of a led horse necessary - & in order to be consistant it will be necessary to require a certificate of that nature in this instance before the allowance is made for the service of a led horse, it will be likewise necessary for you to state with accuracy, the allowance that you agreed to make Col. Johnson for a led horse at the time of your making a contract with him. G.G.

Jalbot Godwin Esq.

from Enville, Judge Va.

August 3-1805.

Mr. Sawyer has turned a draft on you from this office for fifty dollars and mentioned that you refuse payment.

The following is a statement of your account as it stands on the books of this office. Your Balance due the General Post office April 21. 1805 - \$42.75

Thus it appears on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April last a balance of forty one dollars and ninety five cents was due from you which with that on the last quarter will probably exceed the amount of the draft. Please now to be informed the reason why you thought proper to refuse paying the draft. G.G.

George King Esq.  
P. M. Montgomery, Pa.

August 5. 1805.

I was surprised to learn by your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ulto. that the draft in favor of Mr. Righter for twenty five dollars was not paid, altho by the books of this office nearly double the amount must be due from you. I much wish Sir, upon the payment of that draft or if Mr. Righter has retained it before this reaches you, the money must be remitted to this office. G.G.

Mr. Andrew Snyder  
Baltimore Md.

August 5. 1805.

Yours of the 3<sup>d</sup> is received and inclosed you have a draft on Mr. Purwall for one hundred and seven dollars for the last quarter pay. A contract, in a few days will be forwarded for you to execute in the same terms with the last. G.G.

Charles Fairbanks Esq.  
from New Haven Ct.

August 6. 1805.

Yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> ulto. came duly to hand. The letter you inquire for you not having been returned with your last account and if you retained it with any pecuniary account, it has been destroyed. G.G.

Mr. Charles Austin  
New Haven Ct.

August 6. 1805.

Yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> ulto. covering James Steele draft

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ff 9 July 1805 for one hundred & five dollars in your favor is received and  
indorse you have mine on Jno. Atwater for the same sum. G.G.

John G. Woolfolk Esq.  
Bowling Green N.Y.

August 6. 1805

Mr. Grader Piller in a letter just received from him, requests that his pay for carrying the mail may be forwarded to him. We have no memorandum of his being employed since the 1<sup>st</sup> April. It is however probable from your letter of 2<sup>d</sup> April, that he has performed the route between Bowling Green & New-Hart instead of Mr Chapman. If so he please to inform me at what rate you agreed with him in order that his pay may be forwarded. It is not recollecting whether a contract was forwarded for Mr Piller to execute. Please to inform of and also whether Mr Chapman declined executing the one intended for him. G.G.

Mrs. Barbara Parrish  
Bridgeton N.J.

August 6. 1805.

Your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> is received. I cannot at present make a decision in your case, but on my way to New-England will visit you at Bridgeton, for the purpose of making satisfactory arrangements provided you will carry me from thence to Boston. G.G.

Major J. & D. Emmons  
M. & G. Grader Atts.

August 5. 1805.

Your proposal for conveying the mail from Boston to Walpole is accepted at seven hundred dollars & advances for two years with the privilege of carrying newspapers out of the mail for your private emolument; the papers receiving to be engaged on your part will be forwarded in a few days. G.G.

Mr. Nathan Johnson  
Lancaster N.H.

August 5. 1805.

Proposals Lexington to Greenfield, New-Hampshire, accepted at 300\$ per annum with their postage. G.G.

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John Brown Esq.  
P.M. Society N.Y.

August 5. 1805.

Not having received satisfactory proposals for carrying the mail from your office to Sullivan I have now inclosed to you the necessary papers for establishing a mail on that route for two years next ensuing from the first of October next, and I pray you to find some suitable person to contract for that route at the rate not exceeding two hundred dollars quarterly. When the writings are executed & returned to thy office, a counterpart of the contract will be forwarded to the contractor executing in behalf of thy Department. G.G.

John G. Woolfolk Esq.  
Bowling Green N.Y.

August 6. 1805

I will thank you to see the enclosed bond contract faithfully executed by Grader Piller and when returned to this office, a counterpart of the contract executed at thy office will be forwarded to the contractor. G.G.

Joseph Pollard Jr. Esq.  
now at Bowling Green N.Y.

August 7. 1805.

Mines of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> received. We had determined to make no further acceptance or advances to our agents, but under circumstances of impolicy necessity. As your case really comes now with in the rule we will pay Mr. Woolfolk on your account in October next one hundred & fifty dollars. G.G.

Timothy Whiting Esq.  
P.M. Lancaster N.H.

August 7. 1805.

Mine of the 1<sup>st</sup> is recd. The draft in favor of Mr. Whiting very drawn for too much and indebt. I am instructed to send you one for four dollars & thirty three cent which you will be pleased to pay him and return the other to me. R.H.B.

Ebenezer Whittier Esq.  
Wycoff Maine }

August 7. 1805.

Yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> ulto<sup>r</sup> received and aperte<sup>r</sup>  
to your request you have now made a statement of your account, in confor-  
mity to the one sent you the 1<sup>st</sup> January, exhibiting a balance to be  
due from you of forty two dollars 76<sup>cts</sup> for which you will soon  
be soon on. If any of the quarterly balance vary from what you  
have them the difference by which from my corrected in the account  
on their examination here. G.G.

Mr Isaac T. Reeve  
near Jamaica N.Y.

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1805

Your two letters of July 31<sup>st</sup> are received  
On examination it appears that we misunderstood your proposal —  
you will be allowed for the two Contracts eight hundred and sixty nine  
dollars per annum for two years. G.G.

Mr Simon Petrie  
Washington Ga.

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1805

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>r</sup> is received — the letter  
to which you allude has not been received at this Office as a dead letter —  
If it is hereafter received it will be immediately forwarded to you —

G.G.

George H. Flynds  
Newport Tenn.

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1805

I am informed that your master omitted to deliver  
the mail at Chalk & Roads <sup>post</sup> the preceding July 16<sup>th</sup> and it is stated that there  
was no cause (only that it shortened the riders trave<sup>r</sup> a little) for this omission  
or neglect of duty you will be fined. G.G.

David Warden Esq

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1805

P.M. Chalk & Roads T. Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>r</sup> is received, we shall adopt  
such measures as will tend to prevent the repetition of the evil complained of —  
I will thank you to advise me of all instances wherein the mail carriers are  
deficient. G.G.

Dockt. Nathaniel Hayward,

Mail Contr. Plymouth Me

August 5<sup>th</sup> 1805

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Your proposal for carrying the mail from  
Plymouth to Edgarton is accepted at six hundred Dollars per annum for  
two years provided you will send the mail twice a week to Edgarton with  
the privilege of carrying newspapers out of the mail for your private customers  
the papers necessary to be executed on your part will be forwarded in a  
few days. G.G.

J. Winchester Esq

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1805

Postmaster Craigfont Te

Yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>r</sup> is received — I  
most sincerely regret that your Citizens should have such ground for  
complaint against the carriers of the U.S. mail between Knoxville and  
Nashville — but you may rest assured that the evil shall be corrected  
without delay if practicable, but if the same disposition to neglect your  
Office by the carrier is continued after you receive this letter I pray you  
to give me early information thereof that I may adopt such measures as  
the exigency of the case may then require. G.G.

Mr Benjamin White

August 7<sup>th</sup> 1805

Mail Contrac<sup>r</sup> Knoxville Te

It is with much regret that I am  
under the necessity (in the beginning of your Contract) of advising you  
that your carriers neglecting or refusing to call at the post Office at Craig-  
font in repeated instances since you have had charge of the mail that passes  
that Office — has been the source of great complaint — I have pledged my  
fate to the Citizens of that place that the evil shall be corrected and I  
trust that you will without delay take such measures as will ensure their  
accommodation agreeable to your contract. G.G.

Joshua Whitney Esq

August 8<sup>th</sup> 1805

Binghamton near Chenango Point N.Y.

Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>r</sup> covering  
Stephen Marks Draft is received — as that gentlemans quarterly pay was  
remitted to him on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July last — we now remit to you his draft. G.G.

Mr. C. T. Stevens  
New York City recd.

August 9, 1805.

Yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> received and inclosed you have my draft on General Bailey for two hundred dollars of a reward for apprehending Hoxing who has lately been committing robbing the post office at Boston.

Gf

Richard Greek Esq.  
P.M. Lexington N.C.

August 9, 1805.

At Lumbard he returned a draft on you from his office for \$18.87 which he says you refuse paying and that you assign as a reason that what way we had him paid to the former post rider. The last draft to the credit of your account was taken on July 1804 for thirty dollars so that four quarterly bills since elapsed. If our books are correct, the amount of the draft is due from your expense of the balance of the last quarterly account. I pray you Sir, to inform without delay why you have refused to pay the further money when drawn for.

Gf

Honbl' Thos Washington  
Chillicothe Ohio

August 10, 1805.

Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>r</sup> is recd. I very much regret that you should experience an unusual delay in the conveyance of your letters, and if we can ascertain the cause that have protracted the conveyance from thy city or Philadelphia to Chillicothe we will immediately take efficient measures for their removal.

Gf

David Burrall Esq.  
P.M. Concord Ct

August 10, 1805.

Yours of August 6<sup>th</sup> received. We accept of Mr. Pomroy's proposal and have notified him thereof.

Gf

Mr. Newcomb Hinman  
Mr. C. Newcomb Ct

August 10, 1805.

Yours of the 29 ult<sup>r</sup> q recd. If you will convey the mail every day, Sunday excepted, from Providence to Boston and from Boston to Providence and make your arrival at Boston two hours earlier than you do at present, when so required by thy Department, we will allow you the additional sum of three hundred dollars per annum.

Gf

Mr. J. Gates  
Printer Raleigh N.C.

August 10, 1805.

Pursuing to the receipt of yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>r</sup> we had agreed with the proposal of Christopher Christopher for conveying the mail from Raleigh to Boston.

Gf

Mr. Joseph Nichols  
New Haven Conn.

August 10, 1805.

Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>r</sup> is recd. The alterations that you propose in the route Albany & New York will be attended to in making the contract. Mr. Bushnell is to receive 800\$ per annum for his route. A pamphlet is now inclosed being my advertisement under date of July 25, 1805.

Gf

John Hook Esq.  
Halifax near Liberty

August 8, 1805

Yours of —— received. I should gladly accede to the alteration you have selected, if the alteration were not extremely prejudicial to our arrangement of the mails, that are connected with the one which is mentioned by you, but the alteration of thy single route would render sundry other alterations in mail depending thereon necessary and occasion much perplexity. From these reasons I find it necessary to continue the present arrangement for the present.

Gf

Augt<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Monij Foster  
Philadelphia Pa.

August 3 1805.

Yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> ult<sup>t</sup> is recd. We have  
advertised the route from Bethlehem to Warwick, as a fortnight mail, from a  
strong conviction that the unproductiveness of the route would not authorize  
the establishment of a weekly mail. The same impression still continues,  
but knowing the superior advantages that a weekly mail has over a fort-  
night mail. I will establish it weekly, provided a competent person will  
take it at three hundred & fifty dollars, which in my opinion is equivalent  
to the service and the extent that I should be justified in giving. Mr.  
Jones demands \$500, a sum totally disproportionate to the service. If we  
cannot succeed in sending it weekly within a few weeks on the above terms  
we must necessarily establish it as a fortnight mail. Gf

Mr James Keating  
Beaufort S.C.

August 9 1805.

Yours of 24<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>t</sup> is recd. The proposal of Mr. Keating  
was in due course received, offering to carry the mail from Philadelphia  
to Beaufort (whether once or twice a week is not mentioned) for seven hundred  
& fifty dollars per ann: The distance is about fourteen miles and allowing that  
you intended to carry the mail twice a week would make each mail cost at  
the rate of about 27<sup>5</sup> p.m. a sum that appears to us to be greatly dispropor-  
tionate to the expense of the establishment and for exceeding the benefit derived  
by the Department from the road, and it may appear as extravagant  
If you are disposed to carry that mail for five hundred dollars p.m.  
twice a week either on horse-back, or in a stage (which is fifty dollars more  
than Mr. Bullock's) we will forward you the necessary paper, but that  
sum cannot be exceeded. Gf

Charles Bruce Esq<sup>r</sup>  
M. C. Greenville S.C.

August 10 1805.

Yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>t</sup> is recd. The following

is an extract from a letter from Samuel Gardner Esq<sup>r</sup> of Philadelphia Pa,  
under date of April 6<sup>th</sup> 1805. "Last week Mr. Rose from Greenville  
sent his son to this place to commence carrying the mail, meaning  
from his office to Washington, and I presume finding the distance greater  
and the expense of inconvenience more than he had calculated, has return-  
ing says that he will have nothing to do with it." In consequence  
of the above representation we requested Mr. Gardner to carry that mail  
conditionally, but we have not entered into any contract with him. Gf

P. D. V. Pennington Esq<sup>r</sup>  
P. M. Chester or Secon Lake N.Y.

August 8<sup>th</sup> 1805

Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>t</sup> is recd. The post  
road from Sandy hill to Chester or Secon lake was advertised with many  
other post roads inviting proposals to be forwarded to the office until the  
10<sup>th</sup> of last July, but we receive no proposal for the above mentioned road.  
We will however give the contract to Mr. Carpenter on the present terms  
for the two ensuing years, if he will accept it. On the 15<sup>th</sup> and on the  
27<sup>th</sup> of July last a letter was forwarded to Mr. Carpenter advising him  
to call Mr. covering several draft on account of his pay, he has probably  
before they receive them: if the draft are not duly honored we wish them  
returned without delay. Gf

Zephaniah Swift Esq<sup>r</sup> Foster  
Windham Co.

August 9 1805.

Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>t</sup> is recd. The funds  
of this office have been so much reduced in consequence of the establishment  
of a great number of unproductive post roads that I cannot in justice to  
the public pay for a second mail from Hartford to Plainfield. Ex-  
tending that route to Providence would be totally useless to the public  
as the mail is now carried three times weekly from Plainfield to that  
place. The present price demanded for carrying the mail on horse-back  
from Hartford to Plainfield of 100 dollars, for the purpose of carrying