the public. For if the proposals should be returned to the General Post office before the contracts are made, a delay of two months may take place — I at first thought of getting the contracts for the Georgia sea ports executed at Savannah; but have now concluded to have them made by you at Charleston with those for your own State. Perhaps too some citizen of your state may offer a contract for the carriage of the mail from Augusta to Washington G. — This measure will require that you get the advertisements published in Savannah and Augusta — If time should be wanting, you may postpone the day of closing the contracts for Georgia to a later period than that for the contracts in your own state. — Indeed as by the new main post road, a regular communication with the States of South Carolina & Georgia will be kept up, after the old route is discontinued, I shall not be very anxious for an immediate completion of any contract there, except the one which must establish a communication between your city & States Burg; tho I would lose no time unnecessarily. The hours of arrival and departure mentioned in the advertisement, being made to correspond with the arrangement for the main post-road, must not be altered without my knowledge — a copy of that arrangement I send you herewith.

If you should deem any changes expedient, you will be pleased to inform me — Formerly very extravagant prices for carrying the mails from Charleston to Georgetown and to Savannah were given to the contractors: for the former a little more than seventeen dollars a mile: the mail being carried twice a week in summer, and once a week in winter, which reduced to one tour a week, would be more than eleven dollars a mile by the year — In like manner the mail to Savannah cost near fifteen dollars a mile, which reduced to one tour a week, would be near ten dollars a mile — That is, 1770 dollars were given for the carriage of the mail one year between Charleston & Savannah, and 1028 56/100 dollars for its carriage between Charleston and Georgetown — In New England the average expence of carrying the mail on horseback, once a week, to and from any places, is about five dollars a mile by the year — These facts may assist you in judging of the proposals which shall be made. I will mention another, a Robert Henderson formerly employed by Mr. Yeadon to ride between Charleston & Georgetown, sometime ago made proposals to me to carry the mail between those two places, & between Charleston & Savannah, for twelve dollars a mile, twice a week in summer and once a week in winter. As I propose that it should be carried on those roads but once in two weeks, and have so arranged the matter that the

same rules may perform both tours you will receive proposals vastly lower. I have advertised so many seperate contracts, because many persons may be willing to contract for a single post road; tho' if all the roads were to be comprehended in one contract, they might make no proposals at all. at the same time any one person may offer proposals & contract for the whole - After you have received the proposals for the contract between Savannah and Sunbury, and shall have determined whose proposals you will accept, You can fill up the blanks in the forms of contracts which I shall send you, and transmit a couple (to be counterparts) to be executed in presence of Mr. Watt Postmaster at Savannah. if that will be more convenient to the Contractor. The other Georgia contract may be best executed at Charleston -

I am &c

P.S. I wish to receive the first of every Newspaper in which the advertisement shall be printed - be pleased to furnish them immediately

Mr. Thomas Lenght Bacot
Postmaster
Charleston.

[Canada Mail.] General Post office, Philadelphia.

His Britanic Majesty having established a regulare communication between his European dominions & the United States of North America by means of his packets; and the direct conveyance of the British mails brought by those packets to newyork, and destined for the province of Canada, and the mails for that province which are to be put on board those packets being thro' the States of Newyork and Vermont; a friendly and commercial intercourse also existing between his subjects in that province and the citizens of the United States; which conveyance and intercourse may be facilitated and encreased, by mutually beneficial regulations -

The undersigned Timothy Pickering Post Master General of the United States of America in behalf of the said States makes the following proportions -

1. To convey, by post, all British letters Packets and newspapers from the city of Newyork to Burlington in the State of Vermont, and from Burlington to the city of New York, at the same rates of Postage with which they would be chargeable if received and conveyed by post for citizens of the United States.

2 That as the dignity of the two nations and the friendship subsisting between them, require a mutual confidence in the Officers who conduct

the business relative to their mutual intercourse, The Port Bills made out under the hands of the sworn Officers of the department of the British Port Office specifying the numbers of single, double, and triple letters. the number and weights of Packets, and the numbers of News papers, contained in any British mails destined to pass thro' the States of New York and Vermont, to or from the province of Canada shall be admitted as conclusive evidence of the contents of such mails, the postage of which shall be rated according to those bills - The Deputy Portmaster General for the province of Canada to make due provision for the payment of the amount of such postage quarter-yearly into the General Post Office of the United States -

3. As it often happens that letters addressed to British subjects in the province of Canada are received from vessels arriving in the ports of the united states, and sometimes letters in like manner addressed may be dropped into the Port Offices of the united States, without notice to the portmasters; all such letters shall be made up into proper mails, directed to the portmaster at Montreal, and conveyed as far as Burlington aforementioned. The portmaster at Montreal will be charged with the portages of those mails, which he will be pleased to collect, and after deducting a commission of twenty

percent on the monies so collected, for his trouble, remit the residue to the General Post Office of the United States - Any of these letters becoming Dead, may be transmitted quarter yearly by the portmaster at Montreal, to the General Post Office of the United States, for which he will receive due credit -

4. A similar arrangement would be proposed respecting letters from the province of Canada to citizens of the united states, but here the Post Offices will be so numerous (from one to two hundred) that to account for the portages of letters so dispersed would be extremely troublesome. It will therefore be expedient that the portages of all these letters as far as Burlington should be paid at the port Offices in the province of Canada, and the portmaster at Burlington (to whom the mail containing them may be addressed) will sort and send them in mails to the respective port Offices in the united States, which shall be at or nearest to their places of delivery -

5. If these propositions shall be agreeable to the Deputy Portmaster General of the province of Canada, their operation shall commence as soon as a duplicate thereof signed by him shall be received at the General Post Office of the United States, and continue in force until the first day of June in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety four, which is the period of the law of the united States authorising a convention with any foreign Post Office -

Done in Philadelphia the seventeenth day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred & ninety two - in presence of

Prosper Wetmore.

T. P.

General Post Office
Philadelphia March 17th 1792

Sir.

Mr. Edwards the Postmaster at Montreal, having come to this city in order to make an arrangement with me for the carriage of the British mails between the City of New York and the province of Canada, I have for that end proposed the regulations contained in the enclosed paper. He thinks they will be adequate to the purpose - If you should approve them, you will be pleased to sign and transmit a duplicate thereof to the General Post Office of the United States. - If a more formal convention on the subject should be preferred, or if any improvements on the plan should occur to you, and you are pleased to communicate them to me, I will give them due consideration.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
T. P.

Hugh Finlay Esquire
Deputy Post Master General for the province of Canada —

Mr. Lemuel Standin.
Sir,

Genl Post Office Philad. March 31. 1792.

Inclosed is an advertisement for contracts for carrying the mail on some post roads in your state, which I request you to have published in your newspaper at Edenton as soon as it comes to hand.

I have an expectation that colonel Hoomes will carry the mail on the other post roads, in consequence of the contract

contract now existing with him; by continuing some of his riders, on the old, and transferring others to the new roads.

Whereever proposed contracts are advertised, it will be convenient for me to receive that number of a newspaper in which the advertisement shall for the first time appear; that so I may have in my hand the evidence of their being advertised according to law: Be pleased to favour me with it.

I inclose a few copies of the advertisement, which I request you to send to such places as you think best for the information of persons disposed to contract, as you have so few newspapers in your state. I am &c. T.P.

Mr. Lemuel Standin.

Mr. John Singer.

General Post Office
Philadelphia March 31st 1792

Sir.

I have just received your letter of yesterday, expressing your consciousness of having done your duty as postmaster in all respects, except in not making the remittances in due time, and "if there is any other part of your conduct wrong you wish to be informed, that you may justify yourself". — General Dickinson, as you expected, wrote me that you wished to be continued in office - In my answer, I told him the reasons of your removal - merely for his own information - not for the purpose of accusing you. - Perhaps he may transmit my answer to you - I told him that your deficiency in respect to monies, had made me suspend sending you a commission, when I was renewing my appointments to others. - That this joined with the affair of Mr. Oldens.

packet, which passed thro' your hands, and came to the Post office in Philadelphia with the seal broken and thrust in among damp newspapers a week or more after it should have come to hand, determined me to place the office in other hands. — I caused inquiry to be made at other offices and no trace of it could be found. — Your own Certificate and letters, & the way-bills, are at variance. — These circumstances connected with the situation of the packet when it arrived at the post office here, and the testimony of the post-rider of your transactions at Trenton the evening preceding and on the morning of the day on which the packet came to hand, excited and confirmed suspicions unfavourable to your character. And tho' there did not appear to be evidence on which to ground a public inquiry into your conduct; yet, joined with an acknowledged deficiency in another part of duty it was sufficient as I conceived not only to justify, but to require your removal —

Thus sir, I have frankly declared to you the motives of my conduct towards you, It has not arisen from prejudice: nor the appointment of Mr. Gordon from any partiality; for you are both equally unknown to me in your persons: and of your character I know nothing save from your conduct in

Office — Mr. Gordon is recommended to me in such a manner as to demand my confidence; and I therefore desire him to take the office agreeably to the commission I have sent him. But tho' in this respect my determination is fixed, yet it can afford me no pleasure to entertain unfavourable sentiments of any man; and if you deem it of consequence, to communicate any facts or information respecting Mr. Olden's packet, I shall carefully examine them; and it will give me satisfaction to find them sufficient for your entire exculpation. — Though just to my station, I am sir, not unfriendly to you —

T. P.

Mr. John Singer, Trenton.

General Post Office
Phila Apl. 2d 1792.

Abm. G. Lansing Esqr.
Sir

Enclosed is an advertisement for carrying the Mail from Albany to Connajohanie — Bennington, &c — which be so good as to hand to your printers at Albany whose News-paper has the greatest circulation where contractors will be most likely to present. — I wish to have it published as early as possible after its arrival; and request you to desire the printers to send me (under cover as a letter) that number of their paper in which the advertisement shall first appear

I am Sir &c

Wm Davis Russell
Sir

Gen.l Post Office
Phil.a Apl. 2 1792.

Enclosed is an advertisement for carrying the Mail in Vermont &c. which I request you to hand immediately to your printer that it may be published in the first news-paper printed after its arrival. — Be so good also as to send me (under cover as a letter) that number of the news paper in which the advertisement shall first appear. —

Jam Lidley P. P

Jeremiah Libley Esq.
Sir

General Post Office
Phil.a Apl. 2 1792.

I enclose an advertisement for carrying the Mail in your state, which I request you to have published in one or two of the News-papers of your state, which have the greatest circulation where contractors will be most likely to preside. — Be pleased to insert it in one of the News-papers as soon as it gets to hand; and to transmit to me that number of each paper in which the advertisement shall the first time be printed. —

Jamde P.P.

Gen.l Post Office Phila.a April 2. 1792.

Sir.

Inclosed is an advertisement for carrying the mail of the United States from Springfield up Connecticut River &c. which I wish you to publish in your newspaper as soon as it comes to hand; and that you would send me (under cover as a letter) that number of your paper in which it shall first appear. Jam &c. P.P.

[The post road from Springfield, by Stockbridge, to Kinderhook, was included in the above mentioned advertisement.]

General Post Office April 4. 1792.

This morning the following Letters were sent in the Southern Mail, to wit

1. One to James Cowan, postmaster and printer at Easton in Maryland, inclosing an advertisement for proposals for carrying the mail from Easton to Snow-Hill.
2. One to Alex.r Furnival P.M. at Baltimore, inclosing an advertisement for the like purpose, with respect to the mails on all the new roads in Maryland, and to Chambersburg in Pennsylvania.
3. One to James M. McRea postmaster at Alexandria, inclosing an advertisement for carrying the mails on all the new roads in Virginia, & to Kentuckey; to be published in the Alexandria papers & to procure a copy to be inserted in the Fredericksburg paper.
4. One to Augustine Davis P.M. at Richmond, with the same advertisements, to be published in his paper; and another letter to be forwarded by him to —
5. The Printer at Staunton, inclosing a copy of the same advertisement, to be published in his paper.
6. One to the Printer at Winchester, inclosing another copy of the same advertisement, to be published in his paper.

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See the next page { Friday April 6. 1792. The following proposals for carrying the mails advertisements were transmitted —
1. To M. Williams, postmaster at Salem — to get published in the Salem news-paper — on the roads from Salem to Gloucester — Salem to Marblehead — and Salem to Boston.

2.

Mr. Levi Pease
Sir

Genl. Post Office
Phila. Apl. 6th 1792

Your letter of the 2d Inst. to the Postmaster General came duly to hand. — Agreeably to your request you will receive herewith enclosed a Draft on Mr. Hastings in your favor, for 318 72/100 Dollars, being the balance of your Account to the first of April, after deducting 306 27/100 Dollars overpaid you last quarter. —

The above sum of 306 27/100 Dollars is a balance which remained due on Mr. Burnally draft of the 19th Novr. for 639 60/100 Dollars, but was afterwards paid to you by Mr. Hastings. —

I am Sir &c. C. B.

Mr. Jon. Hastings

Genl. Post Office
Phila. Apl. 6th 1792

Wrote to him advising of the above draft on him in favor of Mr. Pease. — —

General Post Office April 6. 1792.

This morning transmitted letters, inclosing advertisements for carrying the mails of the U States, on the following post-roads.

1. To Mascoll Williams postmaster at Salem — to get published in the Salem newspaper — roads from Salem to Gloucester — Salem to Marblehead — and Salem to Boston
2. To Jona. Hastings, Mr. Boston — to get published there, — all the roads from Boston to Rhode Island — Barnstable & New Bedford — Salem to Gloucester — Marblehead & Boston — & Providence to Worcester.

3. To John Carter, Mr. Providence. to publish in his paper, & send to J. Richardson at Newport to publish there — the roads from Boston to Taunton — New Bedford & Newport — and Providence to Worcester.
4. Wm. Shute Mr. Elizabethtown — road from Elizabethtown to Newark to Morristown & Sussex Court House — & Bethlehem to Sussex Court House — Goshen & Rhinebeck — and Woodbridge to Amboy: — to be published in the Elizabethtown Newspaper.
5. Thos. Hildrop Mr. Hartford — to publish there — the road from N. York through Danbury & Litchfield to Hartford.
6. Printers at Danbury } the same road from New York to Hartford. N.B. Mr.
7. Printers at Litchfield } Wilmore took these two letters with to N. York Apl. 7. to forward from thence.
8. Printers at Goshen — the roads from Bethlehem to Goshen & Rhinebeck — the road from Eliz.town to Morristown & Sussex Court House — & Woodbridge to Amboy.
N.B. Gave this to Mr. Schoonmaker to forward
9. Peter Brynberg Printer Wilmington — } road from Wilmington to Dover — Snow-Hill — to Norfolk.

Messrs. Stavers & Greenleaf
Gentlemen,

General Post Office
Phila. April 9th 1792.

You will remember that I proposed a continuance of your Contract into the present year, until Congress should make a law to regulate to post Office department. — This is now done. But you will see by the news-papers that in advertising for Contracts, I have been silent in respect to the Road from Boston to Portsmouth. — My reason for this was, that I wished to have your mind on this point — Whether if you were not obliged to carry the Mail more than twice a week in summer, you would not choose to run your Stages but twice a week? Whether the people wanting to travel would not be sufficiently accommodated? and whether, as your Stages would then be better filled with passengers you would not find it for

your

your interest to run your Stages only twice aweek. I have asked the opinion of some Gentlemen well acquainted with the road & the business, and they agree that twice aweek will be often enough for the Mail - and they think it well be often enough for the passengers. - If this should be your opinion, I should then wish to know what abatement you will make of the sum now allowed you, if I consent to your carrying the Mail but twice a week during the residue of this year. —

Be pleased to inform me whether it will make any difference to you if you go thro' exeter instead of Hampton? & whether the encrease of passengers business which you will find in exeter will not at least compensate for the small encrease of distance.

P.S. If it should be your mind to run the stages only twice aweek after the first of May, you may carry the Mail only twice. —

I am &c
J. P.

I mention this now as I shall probably be absent when your answer arrives & cannot reply in time. If the carriage of the Mail is at all to be reduced to twice aweek in summer, it will not be worth while to begin to carry it three times. —

Mr. Brynburg
Sir

General Post Office
Phil.a April 12th 1792

I sent you an advertisement for proposals for carrying the Mail from Dover to Norfolk. - Upon examination, I find an omission of the Road from Wilmington by Cantwells Bridge to dover. & Be pleased

pleased therefore to publish the advertisement amended agreeably to the enclosed paper. — I am Sir &c
J. P.

Sebastian Bauman Esq.

General Post Office
Phil.a Ap.l 13th 1792.

I wrote you yesterday by order of Col.l Pickering, desiring you to send the balance of your account by Mr Wetmore. — If this reaches you before the departure of Mr Wetmore please to retain in your hands 375 Dollars for the purpose of paying Mr De Hart for the conveyance of the Mail to Albany for the last quarter. —

I am &c C. B.

General Post Office
Phil.a Ap.l 13th 1792

Wrote to the folling person acknowledging the the receipt of their respective balances - viz.t —

Nicholas Power Postm.r at Poughkeepsie
Joseph Storer — ditto — Wells
Thomas Hamilton - ditto — Greensburg
Sam.l Turbett — ditto — Lancaster
John Griffith — ditto — Bridge Town

Mr. Peter Keenon

Gen.l Post Office Ap.l 26th

Wrote to him this day acknowledging the receipt of his Accounts & the balance. —

C. B.

Peleg Coffin Esquire

Gen.l Post Office
Phila Apl. 24th 1792.

Sir

I have received your representation & the letter expressing the wishes of a number of the respectable Inhabitants of Nantucket, in favor of the establishment of a post Office at that place. —

The propriety and usefulness of the thing are apparent, & Mr William Coffin is recommended in a manner entirely satisfactory. — I will therefore establish a post Office at Nantucket & transmit a Commission with the necessary forms & instructions to Mr Coffin. — The business might commence the first of June; but probably that month might elapse before the Mail shall be carried regularly from Boston to Barnstable. —

I am Sir &c
T. P.

P.S. You will be so obliging as to communicate this to the Gentleman who wrote the letter enclosed in yours. —

Mr John Voorhees

Gen.l Post Office
Phil.a Apl. 25th 1792.

Wrote to him this day, desiring him to transmit the Balance of his Accounts. —

Mr William B. Magruder.

Gen.l Post Office
Phil.a Apl. 24th 1792.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 18th Monies have been left in different post Offices to be drawn out by orders in favor of the Contractors for carrying the Mail. The money in your hands will not be wanted for that purpose. Be pleased therefore to remit it to me, by post, or in such way as will be most convenient to you. —

Divers candidates for the post Office at Fredericktown have been recommended by Gentlemen in Congress & others. — I will place on the list the name of the Gentleman recommended by you, to be considered with the others previous to a decision. —

I am Sir &c
T. P.

Gen.l Post Office
Phil.a Apl. 26th 1792

Wrote to the following persons advising them of the Drafts drawn on them this day in favor of Col.l John Hanmer viz.t —

	D.	C.		D.	C.
James Mr Whea for	331.	73.	John Grammer for	350.	19.
William Wyatt	230.		Francis & Marten	50.	9.
John Bradley	54.		Edw.d Archer	309.	18.
Augustine Davis	641.	43.			

General Post Office
Philadelphia April 26th 1792.

Col. John Hoomes.

Sir.

As you already have a contract for carrying the mail through the Carolina's to Savannah in Georgia, I have omitted advertising for new contracts for the new main post road in those States, as well as for such parts of the old post road as lie in North Carolina; and also the new Cross post road between Fayetteville and Wilmington; from an idea that your present riders would be equal to the carrying of the mail on all these roads, if it should be carried but once a week in summer as well as in winter, and this it is my present opinion should be done the residue of the current year.. When therefore you go to the Southward, as you propose, I desire you to make your arrangements accordingly - The Schedule showing the times of the arrivals and departures of the mail, of which you have a copy, I have proposed rather for an experiment than a determined rule - The supposed distances upon which it was formed, as well as other circumstances, may require deviations, which you will be at liberty to make.. In the enclosed list are mentioned the places where it is thought Post

Offices should be erected, and against the places are the names of Gentlemen who have been recommended to me for Postmasters. But perhaps on your arrival at the several places, and enquiry on the spot, you may think the public will be better served by the appointment of other persons. In such case I desire you to appoint them accordingly. In a word, I commit to you the power of fixing post Offices and postmasters at all places on the roads south of Virginia where they are not already established, and you apprehend the public good requires additional establishments.

I will transmit to Mr. Bacot postmaster at Charleston your proposals for carrying the mail between Charleston & Statesburg or Camden; and direct him to give you the preference on equal proposals.

I am &c.

T. P.

Mr Eyria W. Weld

Genl. Post Office
Phila. Apl. 28th 1792.

Your letter of the 4th Inst. to Col. Pickering with your accounts & the balance, being 14 21/100 Dollars came duly to hand. — The account has not yet been examined, but in case any errors should appear int. you will be informed of them. —

I am Sir &c

C. B.

P. S. With this you will receive some Postmasters Bills. —