

UNITED STATES MAIL.

Post Office Department, January 10, 1856.

PROPOSALS for conveying the Mails of the United States from July 1, 1856, to June 30, 1860, in the State of PENNSYLVANIA, will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 5 p. m. of 14th April next, (to be decided by the 7th of May following.) on the routes and in the times herein specified.

3227 From Chambersburg, by Marion, Green Castle, and State Line, to Hagerstown, Md., 21 miles and back, six times a week; Leave Chambersburg daily, except Sunday, after arrival of Harrisburg mail—say at 12 p. m.; Arrive at Hagerstown same day by 5 1/2 p. m.; Leave Hagerstown daily, except Sunday, at 6 1/2 a. m.; Arrive at Chambersburg same day by 12 m.

3228 From Chambersburg, by Keffer's Store, Upper Strasburg, Fannettsburg, Barns Cabins, Shafer Gap, Oriskany, Shirleysburg, and Vineyard Mills, to Mount Union, 50 miles and back, three times a week; Leave Chambersburg Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 4 a. m.; Arrive at Mount Union same days by 11 p. m.; Leave Mount Union Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 4 a. m.; Arrive at Chambersburg same days by 11 p. m.

3229 From Chambersburg, by Jackson Hall and Quincy, to Waynesboro', 16 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Chambersburg Monday and Friday at 2 p. m.; Arrive at Waynesboro' same days by 8 p. m.; Leave Waynesboro' Monday and Friday at 7 a. m.; Arrive at Chambersburg same days by 1 p. m.

3230 From Carlisle, by Mount Rock, to Stoughstown, 14 miles and back, once a week; Leave Carlisle Wednesday at 3 p. m.; Arrive at Stoughstown same day at 7 p. m.; Leave Stoughstown Thursday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Carlisle same day by 10 a. m.

3231 From Carlisle, by Allen, to Boiling Springs, 15 miles and back, once a week; Leave Carlisle Thursday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Boiling Springs same day by 10 a. m.; Leave Boiling Springs Thursday at 12 m.; Arrive at Carlisle same day by 10 a. m.

3232 From Carlisle, by Boiling Springs, 15 miles and back, once a week; Leave Carlisle Thursday at 6 a. m.; Arrive at Boiling Springs same day by 10 a. m.; Leave Boiling Springs Thursday at 12 m.; Arrive at Carlisle same day by 10 a. m.

of the distance of the route, the weight of the mail to be carried, and all other particulars in reference to the route and service, and also offer careful examination of the instructions and requirements attached to the advertisement.

Form of a Guarantee.

The undersigned, residing at _____, State of _____, undertake that, if the foregoing bid for carrying the mail on route No. _____ be accepted by the Postmaster General, the bidder shall, prior to the 1st day of July, 1856, or as soon thereafter as may be, enter into the required obligation to perform the service proposed, with good and sufficient sureties.

This we do understanding distinctly the obligations and liabilities assumed by guarantors under the 27th section of the act of Congress of July 2, 1836.

Form of Certificate.

The undersigned, postmaster of _____, State of _____, certifies, under his oath of office, that he is acquainted with the above guarantors, and knows them to be men of property, and able to make good their guarantee.

The sufficiency of guarantors on proposals may be certified by a judge of a court of record, and by postmasters at the following offices, and no others:

- In the State of PENNSYLVANIA, postmasters of offices at the court-house or county seat of each county; and at Addison, Albion, Alexandria, Altoona, Anville, Archbald, Archspring, Athens, Beaver Meadows, Berlin, Berwick, Bethlehem, Birdsboro, Blairsville, Bloomsburg, Blossburg, Brady's Bend, Branchdale, Bristol, Brownsville, Buchanan, Cannonsburg, Canton, Carbondale, Carlisle Springs, Catsaqua, Catawissa, Chester, Clarion, Clark, Coatesville, Cochransville, Columbia, Conneautville, Connellysville, Conshohocken, Cookstown, Cresson, Darby, Doughlassville, Downingtown, Duncan, Duncansville, Dunmore, Dushore, East Smithfield, Ebensburg, Elinborough, Elizabethtown, Enon Valley, Erldown, Fallston, Florence, Fountain Spring, Franklin, Freedom, Freeport, Germantown, Girard, Glen Riddle, Great Bend, Green Castle, Hamburg, Hanover, Harford, Hartstown, Hawley, Hazleton, Hemlock, Hogestown, Holmesburg, Honesdale, Hyde Park, Indiana, Jvansville, Jersey Shore, Johnstown, Jonestown, Kingston, Landisburg, Latrobe, Lewisburg, Liberty, Ligonier, Litz, Liverpool, McDonnellsville, McKeesport, McVeyton, Martintown, Mauch Chunk, McChansburg, Mercersburg, Myers-town, Middleport, Middletown, Millsburg, Millfield, Millertown, Milton, Minersville, Monongahela City, Monistville, Mount Pleasant, Muncy, Nazareth, New Brighton, New Castle, New Holland, New Hope, New London, New Milford, New Mount Pleasant, Newport, Newtown, Newville, New Washington, New Wilmington, Newton Hamilton, North East, Northumberland, Oxford, Paradise, Parkersburg, Penningsville, Perkiomen Bridge, Phillipsburg, Phoenixville, Pine Grove, Pittsburg Ferry, Port Clinton, Port Kennedy, Port Richmond, Portsmouth, Pottsville, Pottsville, Providence, Quakertown, Safe Harbor, St. Clair, Saltsburg, Schellsburg, Schuylkill Haven, Scranton, Selms Grove, Shamokin, Shannonsville, Sharon, Shippenburg, Shermanstown, Shirleysburg, Silver Creek, State Hill, Slatington, Slippery Rock, Spruce Creek, Strasburg, Strattonville, Stroudsburg, Summit, Susquehanna Depot, Tamaqua, Tarentum, Temperanceville, Tioga, Tremont, Troy, Tunk Hancock, Tuscarora, Tyrone, Waterford, Waverly, Waynesborough, West Greenville, West Middletown, West Springfield, West Haven, Wilkins, Williamsburg, Womelsdorf, Wrightsville, Wyoming, Yardsville, York Sulphur Springs, Youngville, Zehle-noppe, Dankirk and Buffalo, N. York, Wheeling, Va., Wellsville, O.

INSTRUCTIONS.

- 1. Seven minutes are allowed to each intermediate office, when not otherwise specified, for assorting the mails; but on rail-road and steamboat routes there is to be no more delay than is sufficient for an exchange of the mail bags.
- 2. On routes where the mode of conveyance admits of it, the special agents of the department, also post office clerks, mail bags, locks and keys, are to be conveyed without extra charge.
- 3. On railroad and steamboat lines, British and Canada mails, when offered, are to be conveyed without additional pay; also, the route agents of the department, for whose exclusive use, while travelling with the mails, a commodious car, or apartment in the centre of a car, properly lighted, warmed, and furnished, and adapted to the convenient assortment and due security of the mails, is to be provided by the contractor, under the direction of the department.
- 4. No pay will be made for trips not performed; and for each of such omissions not satisfactorily explained three times the pay of the trip may be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as to break connexion with dependent mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-fourth of the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture. Deduction will also be ordered for a grade of performance inferior to that specified in the contract. For repeated delinquencies of the kind herein specified, enlarged penalties, proportioned to the nature thereof and the importance of the mail, may be made.
- 5. For leaving behind, or throwing off the mails, or any portion of them, for the admission of passengers, or for being concerned in setting up or running an express conveying commercial intelligence in advance of the mail, a quarter's pay may be deducted.
- 6. Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of post-masters, or the affidavits of other credible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time, for neglecting to take the mail from, or to deliver it into, a post office; for suffering it (owing either to the unsuitableness of the place or manner of carrying it) to be wet, injured, destroyed, robbed, or lost; and for refusing, after demand, to convey the mail as frequently as the contractor runs, or is concerned in running, a coach, car, or steamboat, on a route.

FORM OF PROPOSAL where no change from advertisement is contemplated by the bidder. I, _____, of _____, county of _____, State of _____, propose to convey the mail from July 1, 1856, to June 30, 1860, on route No. _____, from _____ to _____, agreeably to the advertisement of the Postmaster General, dated January 10, 1856, and by the following mode of conveyance, viz: _____ for the annual sum of _____ dollars. This proposal is made with full knowledge

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