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## REPORT UPON THE POST OFFICE CONTINUED

One among the many contracts of Avery, Tompkins & Co., and others who are connected with them, and whose contracts are interlaced with theirs, is taken as a specimen of another very large class of cases-a leading feature of which is complication and confusion.

The annual report of the Postmaster-General of the 25th February, 1832, states that E. Porter, James Reeside, John H. Avery, Isaac Pomp-kins, D. A. Saltmarsh, Charles P. Mallett, John McLean, and Sidney Porter, are contractors on routes 1901, 1902, 1903, 2047 2101, 2102, 2104, \$105, 2454, 2255, 2352, 2363, in stages & steamboats, at 67,950 dollars

yearly. a compensation of 24,000 dollars; and they receive for divers improvements on routes Nos. 1903, 2101 and 2102, which are all included in the grand aggregate of contracts above named, and is not included in it, an extra allowlowance yearly of 13,500 dollars. Thus first grouping, and then dividing into smaller groups, and con-

country and even in whole States, the

The extra allowances of E. P. nue of Indiana.

ceived by the Department in that Administration. State.

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bama, were 22,678 dollars. The run the mail through in two days and a cost of transportation within it is re- half each way, making five hours longmething more than five to one.

in those States from January, 1850, by arrangement, merely to enable the until the contracts took effect and the Department the better to transfer the extra allowances were made. When contract to J. B. Bennett, there is still

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ilso for improvements on 2107, which nection with the Post Office Depart-

Hay and Bennet were contractors disproportion is in some cases remarkfor carry the mail from Bellefonte to
Messlyille in the State of Bonneylva sion, one of your committee drew the nia, from the 1st of January, 1828, to Johnson, on one single contract, as has the 31st of December, 1831. On the an extra allowance of 500 dollars a year The extra allowances of contractors for increased expedition, and it is said in Virginia fall short, in but three that Bennett thereupon purchased an bundred and thirty-five dollars, of opposition press in Meadville, and swallowing up the whole revenue re- arrayed it at once on the side of the

At the lettings in October, 1830, this route was advertised to run ances fall short of the nett receipts for through in two days and seven hours. E. Platt & Co. bid for it at 1,980 dol-In Alabama, the extra allowances lars; Moore Libo & Co. at 2,450 dollars, are to the nett proceeds for post- and Benjamin Bennett at "350 dollars, pt. 525 8700" in broken bids, The whole nett proceeds of post- equal, it is believed, to 1,575 dollars ages in Virginia, as appears by the for the whole route. The bid of Ben-Postmaster General's report of the jamin Bennett is marked accepted, 28th of Eebruary, 1831, was seventy- and the acceptance erased, and that of nine thousand two hundred and six- J. B. Bennett (the owner of the press) State by the contracts of October, appears to have been made out at the 1831, and allowances and extra allowances made to contractors, is 253,959 that, on account of the unusual freshets dollars; falling short but 3,829 dollars and destruction of bridges, and other material changes in the road since the The whole nett receipts in Ala- 15th of Obtober, 1831, it is agreed to ported at 157,566 dollars. Being er time than it was fixed at by the advertisement, and proposed for the oth-These estimates are subject to vari- er bidders. Supposing the bid of Bention equal to the increase of postages jamin Bennett to be fictitious, or made

of the partmaps, which he disposed to the first production of the part of the partmaps, which he disposed to the partmaps of t cing into one the acts regulating the of his patronage, which he dispenses solution, and is the first publication of have seen, though the Blue Book does. Post Office Department, it is provided from the revenue derived from post- any portion of the incidental expenses not notice the fact in the list of printing that it shall be the duty of the Post- ages, and is guided by that discretion that has ever been made in obedience ters; and Hill and Abbott appear also The Postmaster-General, in his report of 3d March 1834, states that Avery, Tompkins & Co. are contractors on routes Nos. 1903, and 2101, at says that "a very early recommendation of the corresponding expenditures of any former vear."

dividing into smaller groups, and confounding one group of contracts with be esteemed as a precept, and relibite to trace and reduce to their elements their multiform transactions.

After several other extras for improvements which result in daily mails, with increased expedition on these routes, and an increased allowance of the such a manner, that the such a manner, that the sure of an independent Government.

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"For running, besides a tri-week-ly line in a four-horse wagon, so as to exclude passengers, & insure the regular arrival of the mail during the winter season, they were allowed, winter season, they were allowed, winter season, they were allowed, and the sum of money appear to have been the control of law as it it were the treating the control of law as it it were the control of law as it it were the treating the control of law as it it were the control of law a al compensation, at the annual rate of proprietor of an efficient party press in two thousand five hundred dollars."— Culpeper county, Virginia.

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carry the mail on no less than intent and the mail coutes; and instead of extra allowances, his contracts are noted in the margin "with newspaper privilege,"
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Meadville, in the State of Pennsylva- attention of the Senate to this subject, blanks alone exceeds the sums published in the Blue Book, by by a resolution calling for an account

contract to J. B. Bennett, there is still the 30th of September, 1831, and the 30th of September, 1835, with the composition between the next receipts for postages, and the expenditures in those States, though lessened, will be enormous.

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the resolution, exceeding, by \$23,008 50, the sums published by the department in the Blue Book. And from an accurate examination of the original vouchers for these payments to them the following facts appear:

e real sum paid for the printed blanks. And that the real sum paid for wrapping paper and twine was

been shown, consume the whole reve- of th of January, 1830, they obtained vening between the 30th of Sept., evidence upon which these large sums result of the report of Postmaster General on this subject, hereto annexed, the whole of it might have been transcribed from the Post Office books, by a tolerable clerk, in one day. When, after repeated inquiries for the subject, the first time, compared to the same person who edited at the postmaster for the whole under the same for the State of New York and the same person who edited at the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York and the same person who edited at the same for the State of New York and the same person who edited at the same for the State of New York and the same person who edited at the same for the State of New York and the same person who edited at the same for the State of New York and the same person who edited at the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York and the same for the State of New York, proposals for carrying the mail taken, and by the books and documents of Sandy Hill Herslil, New York, proposals for carrying the mail taken, and by the books and documents of Sandy Hill Herslil, New York, proposals for carrying the mail taken, and by the shocks and documents of Sandy Hill Herslil, New York, proposals for carrying the mail taken, and by the shocks and documents of Sandy Hill Herslil, New York, proposals for carrying the mail taken, and by the shocks and documents of the same dors and the same dors and the same dors and the same dors and the same for the same for the same dors and the same for the same for the Sandy Hill Herslil, New York, proposals for carrying the mail in New York, proposals for carrying the same for the Sandy Hill Herslil, New York, 12:1 July 10

country, but in the most obscure country papers, some of which, having consumed the alment they fed on, have since perished for the want of it. We present a few examples, and inquire for what possible purpose, except that of supporting a party press, while an excited political canvass was proceeding in the State of New York, were the following expenditures made?

13,444 50 1832. Mack and Andrews, for pub-Lahing proposals for carrying the United States mail in New York, 31st October, 1832 Bryan & Lesph & Co. for ditto in New York, 10th Sept 1832 York, 29th Nov. 1832

was at length, for the first time, communicated to the Senate, it appeared was transfered to its present propriein secret session, in company with another paper giving an account mark-have, it appears to us that the posted "confidential." On the last paper, master himself was interested in it at
over which the veil of secrecy still the time of granting his certificates.

This is but any of the secret propriepublishing the same for the State of New
York, and transmitting them to every part
of the State from which a bid could be expected, these four papers some of them
scarcely circulating through a single county
in the interior, and published two or three
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the Committee on the Post Office and

Post Roads. Mr. Grundy presented the following

paper, as containing the views of the minority of the committee; which was ordered to be appended to, and printed with the report of the ma-

The undersigned, two of the five members comparing the committee on the Past Office and Past Roads, to which was referred the resolution of the Senate, of the 29th March last, directing an examination to be made into the present conductor of the Post Office Department, differing essentially in their views from the majority of the committee, consider it their dety to present a statement of the result of their dety to present a statement of the result of their inquiries, which it is believed is folly austained by the testimony taken, and by the books and documents of the department.

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