13358 From Marshall, by Walnut Run, Big Lau- structions, that they may be able to inform | the faithful performance thereof, in the White Rock, Peach Grove (Tenn). and Unaka, to Greenville, 42 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Marshall Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 a m; Arrive at Greenville by 8 p m; Leave Greenville Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 6 a m; Arrive at Marshall by 8 p m. Bond required with bid, \$500.

From Marshall, by Halewood, Mars Hill, and Grantville, to Stocksville, 20 miles and back, once a week. Leave Marshall Monday at 6 a m; Arrive at Stocksville by 12 m; Leave Stocksville Monday at 1 p m; Arrive at Marshall by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13360 From Warm Springs, by Marshall, French

Broad, Riverside, Asheville, Busbee, Shufordsville, Hendersonville, Flat Rock. Lima (8. C.), Belleview, and Traveller's Rest, to Greenville C. H., 98 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Warm Springs daily, except Sunday, Arrive at Asheville by 8 p m; Leave Asheville daily, except Sunday, at 8 a Arrive at Warm Springs by 6 p m:

Leave Asheville daily, except Sunday, at 8 Arrive at Greenville C. H. by 6 p m; Leave Greenville C. H. daily, except Sunday, at 8 a m; Arrive at Asheville by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$5,000. 13351 From Warm Springs, by Lee, to Spring Creek, 18 miles and back, once a week. Leave Warms Springs Saturday at 6 a m;

Arrive at Spring Creek by 12 m; Leave Spring Creek Saturday at 1 p m; Arrive at Warm Springs by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13362 From Lee to Wolf Creek (Tenn.), 15 miles and back, once a week. Leave Lee Friday at 7a m; Arrive at Wolf Creek by 12 m; Leave Wolf Creek Friday at 1 p m; Arrive at Lee by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200.

13363 From Lee to Big Creek (Tenn.),

and back, once a week, Leave Lee Monday at 7 a m; Arrive at Big Creek by 5 p m; Leave Big Creek Tuesday at 7 a m; Arrive at Lee by 5 a m. Bond required with bid, \$200 13364 From Waynesville, by Ivy Hill, Quallatown, Junaluska, Charleston, Nantahalah, Stecoah, and Rollinsvide, to Valleytown, 83 miles and back, once a week. Leave Waynesville Tuesday at 5 p m: Arrive at Valleytown Friday at 4.30 p m;

Leave Valleytown Friday at 5 p m; Arrive at Waynesville Tuesday by 4 p m. Bond required with bid, \$800. 3365 From Waynesville, by Jonathan's Creek, Catalooche, Mount Sterling, Big Creek (Tenn.), Crosby, and Wilton Springs, to Newport, 62 mies and back, once a week. Leave Waynesville Wednesday at 7 a m; Arrrive at Newport next day by 5 p m; Leave Newbort Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Waynesville next day by 5 p m. Bond required with bid, \$609.

33.6 From Franklin, by Wickle's Store, Headof-Tennessee, Clayton (Ga.), War Woman, Whetstone, and Tunnel Hill (S. C.), to Walhalla, 51 miles and back, twice a Leave Franklin Monday and Thursday at Arrive at Walhalls next days by 12 m; Leave Walhalla Tuesday and Friday at Arrive at Franklin next days by 6 p m.

Bond required with bid, \$1,000. 13367 From Franklin, by Nantahalah, Forney Creek, and Forks of Tennessee, to Chil howee, 69 miles and back, once a week. Leave Franklin Thursday at 6 a m: Arrive at Chilhowee next day by 6 pm; Leave Chilhowee Friday at 6.15 p m; Arrive at Nantahalah Sunday by 8 a m; Leave Nantahalah Wednesday at 8 a m; Arrive at Franklin by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$700. 13368 From Casher's Valley, by Horse Cove and Pine Mountain, to Clayton (Ga.), 31 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Casher's Valley Monday at 7 a m; Arrive at Clayton by 6 p m; Leave Clayton Tuesday at 7 a m: Arrive at Casher's Valley by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300. From Casher's Valley to Walhalla (S. C.), miles and back, once a week. Leave Casher's Valley Monday at 5 a m; Arrive at Walhalla by 7 p m; Leave Walhalia Tuesday at 5 a m : Arrive at Casher's Valley by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300.

13370 From Charleston to Nantahalah, 6 miles and back, once a week. Leave Charleston Wednesday at 8 a m; Arrive at Nantahalah by 10 a m; Leave Nantahalah Wednesday at 11 a m; Arrive at Charleston by 1 p m Bond required with bid, \$100. 13371 From Rollinsville to Chilhowee (Tenn.), miles and back, once a week. Leave Rollinsville Monday at 6 a m; Arrive at Chilhowee by 6 p m;

Leave Chilhowee Tuesday at 6 a m Arrive at Rollinsville by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$400. 13372 From Aquone, by Tusquittee Vale, to Hayesville, 18 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Aquone Tuesday and Friday at 12 m; Arrive at Hayesville by 6 p m; Leave Hayesville Tuesday and Friday at 5 a Arrive at Aquone by 11 a m.

Bond required with bid, \$400. 13373 From Hayesvi'le to Shooting Creek,9 miles and back, once a week. Leave Hayesville Friday at 6 a m; Arrive at Shooting Creek by 11 a m: Leave Shooting Creek Friday at 12 m; Arrive at Havesville by 5 p m. Bond required with bid, \$100.

13374 From Murphey, by Persimmon Creek, England's Point, and Wolf reek to Ducktown (Tenn.), 29 miles and back, three times a Leave Murphey Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Ducktown by 5 p m; Leave Ducktown Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 a m:

Arrive at Murphey by 5 p m. Bona required with bid, \$800. 13375 From Murphey to Kilpatrick's, 20 miles and back, once a week. Leave Murphey Saturday at 1 p m; Arrive at Kilpatrick's by 7 p m; Leave Kilpatrick's Saturday at 6 a m; Arrive at Murphey by 12 m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 12376 From Murphey, by Ivy Log, to Blairsville (Ga.), 23 miles and back, once a week, Leave Murphey Saturday at 5 a m; Arrive at Blairsville by 12 m;

Leave Blairsville Saturday at 1 p m; Arrive at Murphey by 8 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13377 From Murphey to Morganton (Ga.), 22 miles and back, once a week. Leave Murphey Friday at 8 a m; Arrive at Morganton by 6 p m; Leave Morganton Saturday at 8 a m; Arrive at Murphey by 6 p m.

Bond required with bid; \$200. 13378 From Murphey, by Grape Creek, Beaver, and Coker reek, to Tellico Plains (Tenn.), 38 miles and back, once a week. Leave Murphey Thursday at 7 a m; Arrive at Tellico Plains by 6 p m; Leave Tellico Plains F-iday at 7 a m; Arrive at Murphey by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300. 1337) From Murphey, by Brasstown, to Hayesville, 17 miles and back, twice a week.

Leave Murphey Wednesday and Saturday at 7 a m: Arrive at Hayesville by 12 m; Leave Hayesville Wednesday and Saturday at l p m;

Arrive at Murphey by 6 pm.

Bond required with bid, \$300,

13380 From Laurel Valley to Ducktown (Tenn.) 17 miles and back, once a week. Leave Laurel Valley Saturday at 6a m; Arrive at Ducktown by 12 m; Leave Ducktown Saturday at 1 p m; Arrive at Laurel Valley by 8 p m.

Bond required with bid, \$200, 13381 F.om Vest's to Ducktown (Tenn.), 12 miles and back, once a week. Leave Vest's Wednesday at 6 a m; Arrive at Ducktown by 12 m; Leave Ducktown Wednesday at 1 p m; Arrive at Vest's by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$100.

EXTRACTS FROM LAWS, ETC.

honestly and truly account for and pay over any money belonging to the said Uni-

OATH OF MAIL CONTRACTORS AND CARRIERS, REQUIRED BY ACT OF person not to bid for any such contract; CONGRESS, JUNE 8, 1872. I, —, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully perform all the duties required of me, and abstain rom everything | tract for carrying the mail for five years, forbidden by the laws in relation to the establishment of post offices and post-roads within the Uni ea States; and that I will

Failing bidders and contractors. Contracts may be extended, and temporary

ted States which may come into my pos-session or control. So help me God. SEC. 251. That after any regular bidder whose bid has been accepted shall fail to enter into contract for the transportation By section 16 of the act of June 8, 1872 every person employed in the postal service is subject to all the pains, penalties, and forfeitures for violation of the laws relating to such service, whether he has taken the above oath or affirmation or not. of the mails according to his proposal, or, having entered into contract, shall fail to commence the performance of the service stipulated in his or their contract as therein provided, the Postmaster General shall proceed to concract with the next lowest bidder for the same service, who will enter Sections of the Act of Congress " to re-vise, consolidate, and amend the stat-utes relating to the Post-Office Depart-ment," Approved June 8, 1872. into a contract for the performance thereof, unless the Postmaster General shall consider such bid too bigh, in which case he shall re-advertise such service. And if any bidder whose bid has been accepted, and who has entered into a contract to perform the service according to his proposal, and in pursuance of his contract has entered upon the performance of the service to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General, shall subsequently follow refuse to perform the The Postmaster General requests that bidders, guarantors, sureties, and all persons concerned, or intending to be concerned, in mail contracts, will carefully read and critically examine the abstract of laws here presented, and also the forms and instructions at the end of this advertisement, in order that bids may be made and liabilities assumed understandingly, and that all misapprehensions or cause of complaint hereafter may be avoided.

Postmasters are required to make themselves familiar with these laws and insubsequently fail or refuse to perform the service according to his contract, the Postamiliar with these laws and in-

and direct others. Postmasters, clerks, &c., cannot be con-SEC. 78. That no postmaster, assistant postmaster, or clerk employed in any post office, shall be a contractor or concerned in a contract for carrying the mail.

Department (including postmasters) cannot become interested in a mail contract, nor act as agent of contractors or bidders. SEC. 12. That no person employed 'n the Post Office Department shall become interested in any contract for carrying the mail, or act as agent, with or without compensation, for any contractor or person offering to become a contractor in any business before the Department; and any person so offending shall be immediately dismissed

By regulation of the Department, no carrier should be employed who is under sixteen years of age; and no bidder will be accepted who is under twenty-one years of age, or who is a married woman.

Conveyance of letters out of the mail. Private expresses, &c. SEC. 227. That any person concerned in carrying the mall who shall collect, receive, or carry any letter or packet, or cause or procure the same to be done, contrary to law, shall, on conviction thereof, for every

such offense, forfeit and pay not exceeding fifty dollars. SEC. 228. That no person shall establish any private express for the conveyance of letters or packets, or in any manner cause or provide for the conveyance of the same by regular trips or at stated periods, over any post-route which is or may be estab-lished by law, or from any city, town, or place to any other city, town, or place be-tween which the mail is regularly carried; and every person so offending, or aiding or assisting therein, shall, for each offense, forfeit and pay one hundred and fifty

dollars. SEC. 229. That the owner of every stagecoach, railway-car, steamboat, or other vehicle or vessel, which shall, with the knowledge of any owner, in whole or in part, or with the knowledge or connivance of the driver, conductor, master, or other person having charge of the same, convey any person acting or employed as a private express for the conveyance of letters or packets, and actually in possession of the same for the purpose of conveying them contrary to the spirit, true intent, and meaning pay on said route at the time such bid is of this law, shall, for every such offense, forfeit and pay one hundred and fifty

SEC, 230. That no person shall transmit by private expresss or other unlawful lawful express, or deposit, or cause to be deposited, at any appointed place, for the purpose of being transmitted, any letter or packet, and for every such offense the par- shall fail to execute the same, with good ty so offending shall forfeit and, pay fifty and sufficient sureties, according to the

SEC. 231. That no stage-coach, rail-way-car, steamboat, or other vehicle or vessel which regularly performs trips at stated periods on any post-route, or from any city, town, or place to any other city, town, or place between which the mail is regularly carried, shall carry, otherwise than in the mail, any letters or packets, except such as relate to some part of the cargo of such steamboat or other vessel, or to some article carried at the same time by the same stage-coach, railway-car, or other vehicle, except as provided in section two hundred and thirty-nine; and for every such offense the owner of the stage-coach, railway-car, steamboat, or other vehicle or vessel shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars; and the driver, conductor, master, or other person having charge thereof, and not at the time owner of the whole or any part thereof, shall in like manner forfeit and pay for every such offense fifty dollars. (Section 239 permits conveyance of letters in stamped envelopes otherwise than by

The manner in which proposals shall be made, and the LIABILITY OF POSTMASTERS.

Sec. 245. That every proposal for carrying the mail shall be accompanied by the bond of the bidder, with surelies approved by a postmaster, and in cases where the amount of the bond exceeds five thousand dollars, by a postmaster of the first, second, or third class, in a sum to be designated by the Postmaster General in the advertisement of each route; to which bond a condition shall be annexed, that if the said bidder shall, within such time after his bid is accepted as the Postmaster General shall pre-scribe, enter into a contract with the Unicient sureties, to be approved by the Postmaster General, to perform the service pro-posed in his said bid, and, further, that he shall perform the said service according to his contract, then the said obligation to be void, otherwise to be in full force and obligation in law; and in case of failure of any bidder to enter into such contract to per-form the service, or, having executed a contract, in case of failure to perform the service according to his contract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the amount of said bond as liquidated damages, to be recovered in an action of debt on the said bond. No proposal shall be considered unless it shalf be accompanied by such bond and there shall have been affixed to said proposal the oath of the bidder, taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths. that he has the ability, pecuniarily, to ful-fill his obligations, and that the old is made in good faith, and with the intention to enter into contract and perform the service in

case his bid is accepte SEC. 246. That before the bond of a bidder provided for in the aforesaid section is approved, there shall be indorsed thereon the oaths of the sureties therein, taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths, that they are owners of real estate worth in the aggregate, a sum double the amount of the said bond, over and above all debts due and owing by them, and all judgments, mortgages, and executions against them, after allowing all exemptions of every

character whatever. SEC. 247. That any postmaster who shall affix his signature to the approval of any bond of a bidder, or to the certifica e of sufficiency of sureties in any con-act before the said bond or contract is signed by the bidder or contractor and his sureties, or shall knowingly, or without the exercise of due diligence, approve any bond of a bid-der with insufficient sureties, or shall knowingly make any false or fraudulent certificate, shall be forthwith di-missed from office, and be thereafter d'squalified from holding the office of postmaster, and shall also be deemed guilly of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

Service to be awarded to the lowest bid der. Bids of failing contractors may not be considered.

SEC. 249, That all contracts for carrying the mail shall be in the name of the United States, and shall be awarded to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for faith ul performance, without other reference to the mode of transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty, and security thereof; but the Postmaster General shall not be bound to consider the bid of any person who has wilfully or negligently failed to perform a former contract.

Combinations to prevent bidding prohibited.

Sec. 250. That no contract for earrying the mail shall be made with any person who has entered, or proposed to enter, into any combination to prevent the making of any bid for carrying the mail, or who has made any agreement, or given or performed, or promised to give or perform, any consideration whatever to induce any other and if any person so offending is a contractor for carrying the mail, his contract may be annulled; and for the first offense the per-son so offending shall be disqualified to conand for the second offense shall be forever disqualified.

contracts made.

master General shall proceed to contract with the next lowest bidder for such service, under the advertisement the eof, (unless the Postmaster General shall consider such bid too high,) who will enter into contract tract and give bond, with sureties, to be approved by the Postmaster General, for

conditions thereto annexed as were stated and contained in the bond which accompanied his bid; but in case each and every of the next lowest bidders for such service whose respective bids are not considered too high by the Postmaster General shall refuse to enter into contract and give bond as herein required for the faithful performance of his contract, the Postmaster General shall immediately advertise for proposals to perform the contract on said representations. Persons in the employ of the Post Office sals to perform the service on said route. Whenever an accepted bidder shall fall to enter into contract, or a contractor on any mail-route shall fail or refuse to perform the service on said route according to his conract, or when a new route shall be established, or new service required, or when from any other cause there shall not be a contractor legally bound or required to perform such service, the Postmaster General may make a temporary contract for carrying the mail on such route, without advertisement, for such period as may be ne-cessary, not in any case exceeding six from office, and shall be liable to pay so months, until the service shall have commuch money as would have been realized menced under a contract made according to from said contract, to be recovered in an law: Provided, however, That the Postaction of debt, for the use of the Post Office master General shall not employ temporary service on any route at a higher price than that paid to the contractor who shall have performed the service during the last preceding regular contract term. And in all cases of regular contracts hereafter made the contract may, in the discretion of the Postmaster General, be continued in force beyond its express terms for a period not exceeding six months, until a new contract with the same, or other contractors, shall be made by the Postmaster General.

Bidders not released until a contract is entered into and service begun.

SEC. 252. That no bidder for earrying the mails shall be released from his obligation under his bid or proposal, notwithstanding an award made to a lower bidder, until a contract for the designated service shall have been duly executed by such lower bidder and his sureties, and accepted, and the service entered upon by the contractor to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General.

Certified Checks or Drafts to accompany all bids when the sum exceeds \$5,000. SEC. 253. That hereafter all bidders upon every mail route for the transportation of the mails upon the same, where the annual compensation for the service on such route at the time exceeds the sum of five thousand dollars, shall accompany their bids with a certified cheek, or draft, payable to the order of the Postmaster General, upon some solvent national bank, which check or draft shall not be less than five per centum on the amount of the annual made; and in case of new or modified service, not less than five per centum of the amount of the bond of the bidder required to accompany his bid, if the ans, or deliver to any agent of such un- amount of the said bond exceeds five thousand dollars. In case any bidder, on being awarded any such contract, terms on which such bid was made and accepted, and enter upon the performance of the service to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General, such bidder shall, in addition to his liability on his bond accompanying his bid, forfeit the amount so deposited to the United States, and the same shall forthwith be paid into the Treasury for the use of the Post Office Department; but if such contract shall be duly executed and the service entered upon as aforesaid, such draft or check so deposited, and the checks or drafts deposited by all other bidders on the same route, shall be returned to the respective bidders mak- testimony whereof I hereunto ing such deposits. No proposals for subscribe my name and affix the transportation of the mails where my official seal the day and the amount of the bond required to ac- year aforesaid. company the same shall exceed five thousand dollars shall be considered, unless accompanied with the check or draft herein required, together with the bond required by a preceding section: Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed or intended to affect any penalties or forfeitures which have heretofor e accrued under the provisions

Failing contractors guilty of a misde-

of the sections hereby amended.

SEC. 254. That any person or persons bidding for the transportation of the mails upon any route which may be advertised to be let, and receiving an award of the contract for such service, who shall wrongfully refuse or fail to enter into contract with the Postmaster General in due form, and perform the service described in his or their bid or proposal, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and by imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve

No pay to be made until contracts are

executed. SEC. 259. That no person whose bid for carrying the mail is accepted shall receive any pay until he has executed his contract according to law and the regulations of the Department.

Compensation for additional service re-

stricted and regulated. SEC. 260. That compensation for additional service in carrying the mail shall not be in excess of the exact proportion which the original compensation bears to the original service; and when any such additional service is ordered, the sum to be allowed therefor shall be expressed in the order, and entered upon the books of the Department; and no compensation shall be paid for any additional regular service rendered be-

fore the issuing of such order. SEC. 261. That no extra allowance shall be made for any increase of expedition in carrying the mail unless thereby the employment of additional stock and carriers is made necessary, and in such case the additional compensation shall bear no greater proportion to the additional stock and carriers necessarily employed than the compensation in the original contract bears to the stock and carriers necessarily employed in its exe-

Deductions may be made, and fines im-

posed, for delinquencies. SEC. 266. That the Postmaster General may make deductions from the pay of contractors for failures to perform service according to contract, and impose. fines upon them for other delinquencies. He may deduct the price of the trip in all cases where the trip is not per-formed; and not exceeding three times the price if the failure be occasioned by the fault of the contractor or carrier.

Contracts cannnot be assigned nor transferred. SEC. 271. That no contractor for trans-

United States and any foreign country shall assign or transfer his contract, and all such assignments or transfers shall be null and void.

Schedules to be furnished and posted up in post offices. Registers to be returned and reports made. SEC. 70. That the Postmaster General shall furnish to the postmasters at the

termination of each route a schedule of the time of arrival and departure of the mail at their offices, respectively, to be posted in a conspicuous place in the office; and the Postmaster General shall also give the postmaster notice of any change in the arrival and departure that may be ordered; and he shall cause to be kept and returned to the Department, at short and regular intervals, STATE OF registers showing the exact times of the County of arrivals and departures of the mail.

By act of Congress approved April sonally appeared before me – 21, 1808, no member of Congress can be — and — , sure

behalf, into a contract with a member of Congress.

[But if a member withdraw from a contract it may be concluded with the other partners.—Opinion of Attorney General, 4, 47. A contract with one who is elected a member of Congress during its continuance is not affected by such election.—Ibid., 5, 697.]

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[But if a member withdraw from a correctly stated therein, that his place of residence furnished by the Department, to write out in full the sum of their bids, and to retain copies of them.

Altered bids should not be submitted.

No withdrawal of a bid will be allowed unless the withdrawal is received twenty by four hours previous to the time fixed on the 12½ 15. Rosin dull at 36. Rosin dull at 32. Rosin dull at 32. Exchange firmer at 48½. Gold 10½ a

The Postmaster General has no power, under the law, to release bidders and contractors and their sureties from their liabilities on the allegation of real or supposed mistakes of any kind in making proposals. He particularly requests that, before bidding, the fullest inquiry and investigation be made in regard to the route, distance, service, weight of mails, cost of stock, feed, and all expenses existing and likely to occur during the contract term, and with due consideration of the consequences imposed by law on delinquents.

Contracts to be executed and filed in the Department by the first day of June. Under the provisions of section 245 of the act approved June 23, 1874, the Postmaster General has prescribed the 1st day of June, 1875, on or before which day the contracts of accepted bidders must be received at the Department in Washington, executed in due form. Accepted bidders not complying with

proceed to contract for the service with credit. other parties, according to law. CONTRACTS RECEIVED AT THE DE-BE CONSIDERED BY THE POSTMASTER

CERTIFICATE.

Proposal.

GENERAL.

The undersigned post-office address is ----, county of -, State of ----, proposes to carry the mails of the United States, from July 1, 1875, to June 30, 1876, on route No. --- between ---- and -State of ----, under the advertisement of the Postmaster General dated October 1, 1874, "with celerity, certainty, and security," for the annual sum of ------ dollars; and if this proposal is accepted he will enter into contract, with sureties to be approved by the Postmaster General, within the time This proposal is made with full knowl-

prescribed in said advertisement. edge of the distance of the route, the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND weight of the mail to be carried, and all other particulars in reference to the route and service; and also, after careful examination of the laws and instructions attached to advertisement of mail service. Dated ----

Oath required by section 245 of an act of Congress approved June 23, 1874, to be

carrying the mail on route No .from ----- to -----, do swear that I have the ability, pecuniarily, to fulfill my obligation as such bidder; that the bid is made in good faith, and with the intention to enter into contract and perform the service in case said bid shall be accepted.

Sworn to and sr oscribed before me, of ----, A. D. 187, and in

Note.-When the oath is taken before a justice of the peace, or any other officer not using a seal, except a judge of a United States court, the certificate of the clerk of a court of record must be added, under his seal of office, that is duly qualified as such officer.

Bids of \$5,000 and upwards must be accompanied by a certified check, or draft, on some solvent national bank, payable to the order of the Postmaster General, equal to 5 per centum on the present annual pay on the route; or in case of new service, not less than 5 per centum of the amount of the bond accompanying the bid, if said bond exceeds \$5,000. The proposal must be signed by the

bidder or bidders, and the date of sign-Direct to the "Second Assistant Postmaster General, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., 'marked "Proposals,

> BOND. Directions.

Insert the names of the principal and sureties in full in the body of the bond; also the date. The signatures to the bond should be witnessed, and the certificate on the inside should be signed cial title, or, if signed by a Notary Public, he should affix his seal.

Know all men by these presents, that ---, of ----, in the State of bound unto the United States of Ameri-

to be paid to the said United States of America or its duly appointed or authorized officer or officers; to the payment of which, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this

- day of ----, 187 . Whereas, by an act of Congress approved June 23, 1874, entitled "An Act of the Post Office Department for the ceived. every proposal for carrying the mail be greater than advertised, if the points shall be accompanied by the bond of to be supplied are correctly stated. Bidthe bidder, with sureties approved by a ders must inform themselves on this point, postmaster," in pursuance whereof, and also in reference to the weight of cuted, subject to all the terms, conditions, and remedies thereon, in the said act provided and prescribed, to accompany the aforegoing and annexed pro-

posal of the said ----Now, the condition of the said obligation is such, that if the said ---bidder as aforesaid, shall, within such time after his bid is accepted as the Postmaster General has prescribed in said advertisement of route No. -, towit, on or before the 1st day of June, ment is issued, and also during the conorting the mail within or between the 1875, enter into a contract with the United States of America, with good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the Postmaster General, to perform the serivice proposed in his said bid, and further shall perform said service according to his contract: then this ob- after that time will not be considered in Borke Haywood, Jr., Treasurer. Mrs. ligation shall be void, otherwise to be in full force and obligation in law.

> -, 187 . arately for different service; and if the Witness:

On this - day of -, 187, pera contractor, or be concerned, directly aforegoing bond, to me known to be or indirectly, in any contract with the the persons named in said bond as sucemade a high misdemeanor for any offi- as such, who being by me duly sworn, cer of the United States to enter, in its depose and say, and each for himself behalf, into a contract with a member deposes and says, he has executed the far as practicable, the printed proposals of Congress.

within bond, that his place of residence furnished by the Department, to write

ever, the total sum thus assured amounting to (\$-- dollars.

Subscribed and sworn before me this - day of ----, 187 .

NOTE. - When the above oath is taken before a justice of the peace or any other officer not using a seal, except a Judge of a U. S. Court, the certificate of the clerk of a court of record must be added, under his seal of office, that the person who administered the oath is duly qualified as such officer,

COUNTY OF -

clerk of the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that uine signature appears to the foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of signing the name, a justice of the peace in and for this regulation shall be considered as the county and State aforesaid, duly having failed to comply with their pro-posals, and the Postmaster General may as such are entitled to full faith and

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as clerk, and affixed the PARTMENT AFTER JUNE 1ST WILL NOT | seal of said court, on this —— day of

FORM OF PROPOSAL, BOND, AND CERTIFICATE OF POSTMASTER I, the unde signed postmaster at -State of ______, after the exercise of due dilige ice to inform myself of the pecuniary ability and responsibility of the principal and his sureties in the aforegoing bond, and of the unincumbered real estate owned by them, respectively, do hereby approve said bond and certify that the said sureties are sufficient-sufficient to insure the payment of double the entire amount of the said bond; and I do further certify that the said bond was duly signed by -— and ———— and —

> , his sureties, before signing this certificate. ----, Postmaster,

POSTMASTERS;

Containing also conditions to be incorcorporated in the contracts to the extent the Department may deem proper. 1. Seven minutes are allowed to each intermediate office, when not otherwise specified, for assorting the mails. 2. On routes where the mode of con-

affixed to each bid for carrying the veyance admits of it, the special agents | the mails with "celerity, certainty, and mail, and to be taken before an officer of the Post Office Department, also post security," having been decided to be the qualified to administer oaths. are to be conveyed without extra charge. ing for the entire mail, however large, and 3. "Way bills" or rece p.s, pre ared whatever may be the mode of conveyance by postmasters or other agents of the Department, will accompany the mails, | tainty, and security," and have the prefspecifying the number and destination of the several bags, to be examined by the postmasters, to insure regularity i the delivery of bags and pouches.

4. No pay will be made for trips not performed; and for each of such omis- to interfere with regular competition. sions, if the failure be occasioned by the fault of the contractor or carrier, three times the pay of the trip will be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as sign the approval of the bond of any to break connection with depending bidder before the bond is signed by the mails, and not sufficiently excused, one | bidder and his sureties, and not until fourth of the compensation for the trip entirely satisfied of the sufficiency of is subject to forfeiture. For repeated the sureties. See sections 246 and 247, delinquencies of the kind herein speci- act of June 23, 1874, accompanying this fied, enlarged penalties, proportioned advertisement. to the nature thereof and the importance of the mail, may be made.

the admission of passengers, or for be- matter, or thing relating to the mail serthe person who administered the oath an express conveying intelligence in the Department, and cannot consistently advance of the mail, a quarter's pay act in both capacities. may be deducted.

6. Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of postmasters or the affidavits of other credible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time; for neglecting to take the mail from, or deliver it into, a post office; for suffering 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.

the contract for repeated failures to run | giving. agreeably to contract; for violating the post office laws, or disobeying the inveying mailable matter out of the mail. 8. The Postmaster General may order the contract pay. He may change schedules of departures and arrivals in all cases, and particularly to make them conform to connections with railroads, without increase of pay, provided the -, principal, and --- and running time be not abridged. The - of ---, in the State of Postmaster General may also discon-

9. Payments will be made by collec-May, and August, provided that remaking appropriations for the service quired evidence of service has been re-

10. The distances given are believed

tions of any kind by which expense may | considerable number of citizens were be incurred. No claim for additional present. pay, based on such ground, can be considered; nor for alleged mistakes or tract term, are to be visited without extra pay, if the distance be not increased. 11. Bidders are cautioned to mail

service strictly according to the adver- fained. tisement, and then, if they desire, sep-

regular bid be the lowest offered for the advertised service, the other proposi tions may be considered. 13. There should be but one route bid for in a proposal. Consolidated or com-bination bids ("proposing one sum for two or more routes") cannot be consid-

14. The route, the service, the year! pay, the name and residence of the bid-der, (that is, his usual post-office address,) and the name of each member of Government; and by the same act it is ties, and who have executed the same a firm where a company offers, should be distinctly stated.

15. Bidders are requested to use, as

16. In case of failure of the accepted bidder to execute a contract, or of the abandonment of service during the contract term, the service will be re-advertised and re-let at the expense of the failing bidder or contractor.

17. The Postmaster General reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed extravagant; and also to disregard the bids of failing contractors and bidders. (Act of June 8, 1872, section

18. The bid should be sealed, superscribed "Mail Proposals, State of North Caroli 1a," addressed "Second Assistant Postma ster General, Contract Office."

19. Every proposal must be accompanied by a bond with sureties approved by a postmaster, and in cases where the amount of the bond exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by a postmaster of the first, second, or third class. Bids for service, the pay for which at the time of advertisement exceeds five thousand dollars, (\$5,000,) must be accompanied by a certified check, or draft, payable to the order of the Postmaster General, on some solvent national bank, of not less than five per centum on the amount of the annual pay on such route, and in case of new or modified service, not less than five per centum of the amount of the bond accompanying the bid, if the amount of said bond exceeds (\$5,000)

five thousand dollars. The amount of bond required with bids, and the present pay when it ex ceeds (\$5,000) five thousand dollars, are stated in the advertisement under the appropriate route.

20. All checks deposited with bids will be held until contract is executed and the service commenced by the accepted bidder. Checks will not be re turned by mail, but the bidder himself, or some one upon his order, must receive them IN PERSON, and receipt for them on the books of the Department.

21. Transfers of contracts, or of interest in contracts, are forbidden by law, and consequently cannot be allowed. Neither can bids, or interest in bids, be transferred or assigned to other parties. Bidders will therefore take notice that they will be expected to perform the service awarded to them through the whole contract term.

22. Section 249 of the act of June 8. 1872, provides that contracts for the tranportation of the mail shall be "awarded to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for faithful performance, without other reference to the mode of such transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty, and security thereof." Under this law bids that propose to transport necessary to insure its "celerity, cererence over all others, and no others are considered, except for steamboat routes. 23. A modification of a bid in any of its essential terms is tantamount to a new bid, and cannot be received so as Making a new bid in proper form is the only way to modify a previous one. 24. Postmasters are cautioned not to

25. Postmasters are also liable to dismissal from office for acting as agents

.5. For leaving behind or throwing off of contractors or bidders, with or withthe mails, or any portion of them, for out compensation, in any business, BROGDEN, Governor of North Caroing concerned in setting up or running vice. They are the trusted agents of MARSHALL JEWELL,

Postmaster General.

THE ERA. W. M. BROWN, Manager.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1874. THANKSO'VING .- Attention is called to the Proclamation of His Excellency Governor Brogden, setting apart Thurs-7. The Postmaster General may annul day, the 26th inst., as a day of Thanks-

The publication in this and the next structions of the Department; for refus- five issues of the Era of proposals for ing to discharge a carrier when required | carrying the mails in North Carolina by the Department to do so; for run- will necessarily exclude much editorial, ning an express as aforesaid; or for local and miscellaneous matter, and the transporting persons or packages con- unusual quantity of composition accounts for the delay in getting out this number of the paper. As the advertisean increase of service on a route by al- ment affects the interests of a large class by a justice of the peace, adding his offi- lowing therefor a pro rata increase on of our people, we have no doubt our readers will be willing to excuse the ab-

sence of the usual current reading. A WORD IN SEASON .- The Era wil continue as a living newspaper and exponent of Republican principles under -, as sureties, are held and firmly linue or curtail the service, in whole or its present management and name. in part, in order to place on the route While we have no disposition to obtrude compensation for the amount of service many ways. We inform our friends sell the following property, subject to retained and continued.

throughout the State, and the Republithe rights of Mrs. Charles Homan theretions from, or drafts on, postmasters or can members of the approaching Legis- in, to-wit: five LOTS situate in the City otherwise, after the expiration of each lature, that the Era will be found herequarter-say in November, February, after as heretofore the faithful defender of Republican men and the exponent 210 feet, South 55 feet, West 210 feet, of Republican measures.

teen hundred and seventy-five, and for other purposes," it is provided: "that creased pay will be allowed should they making preparations for the meeting of No. 41, on Martin street; and No. 58, on the General Assembly.

Installation .- The ceremony of inin compliance with the provisions of the mail, the condition of hills, roads, stalling the officers of Hickman Lodge said law, this bond is made and exe- streams, &c., and all toll bridges, turn- I. O. G. T., of this city, took place at pikes, plank-roads, ferries, or obstruc- their Hall on Tuesday night, 3d inst. A

> MARRIAGE.-Dr. Jos. H. Baker, o misapprehension as to the degree of ser-vice; nor for bridges destroyed, ferries riage on Wednesday morning, the 4th discontinued, or other obstructions caus- inst., to Miss Ida Manly, of this city, ing or increasing distance or expense daughter of Ex-Governor Manly. Rev. occurring during the contract term. Mr. Marshall, of the Episcopal church, Offices established after this advertise- performed the ceremony. The couple left at once for the North.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.-At a meeting of the Directors of the Insane Asytheir proposals in time to reach the De- lum, held on Wednesday, the 4th inst. partment by the day and hour named Wesley Whitaker, Esq., was elected in the advertisement, as bids received Steward for the ensuing year, and E. competition with bids of reasonable Lawrence was re elected Matron, and amount received in time. Neither can Mr. Curfman Engineer. The pay of In witness whereof we have hereun to bids be considered which are without Treasurer was reduced to \$600. Dr. set our hands and seals this — day of the bond, oath, and certificate required Ramsay was selected as Chairman of the by section 245, act of June 23, 1874. Board, vice Wesley Whitaker, resigned. 12. Bidders should first propose for Phe old Executive Committee was re-

Statesville has a skating rink.

An immense crowd attended the Charlotte Fair.

Gamblers were excluded from the Salisbury Fair. The house of C. B. Church, near Wel

don, was destroyed by fire on the Istinst. Mrs. Coleman, the widow of a Confederate soldier, committed suicide near Wentworth, on the 2nd inst., by shooting herself through the head.

Election News. We gather the following as the result of the elections held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., as far as could be obtained up to the time of going to press. While large Democratic gains are reported in many cases, the returns are of too meagre a character to form an opinion upon the state of the parties in the next House of Representatives, although it is conceded that the Republican majority will be considerably reduced. ALABAMA.—Democrats elected five members of Congress, being again of 2. DELAWARE.—Fill Democratic dele-

ration elected. GEORGIA.—Election very quiet. State conceded Democratic. A. H. Stephens elected almost without opposition.
FLORIDA.—Returns scattering, Finly Democrat, reported elected in 1st dis-

ILLINOIS.—Small Conservative gains eported; nothing definite, however, heard. Supposed that usual Republi-can delegation elected. NEW YORK.—The Democrats earry

the city of New York by about 42,000 majority which is a considerable falling off. The Tribune claims that the Demo-crats have elected two thirds of the Con-gressional delegation. It will require returns from the rural Districts to decide the Governor's election. Louisiana.—Voted on the 2nd inst. The Democrats claim the election of five Congressmen. Returns not fully in. PENNSYLVANIA.-Returns indicat that the State is close. The city of Phila-

SOUTH CAROLINA. - Result for Govers nor reported in doubt. Large Conserrative gains claimed. TENNESSEE .- Vote much reduced since election in August. Estimated

y reported. VIRGINIA .- Walker elected to Conress in the Richmond District. Vote n the Norfolk District close between Goode and Platt. State conceded Democratic by heavy vote.

members of Congress. Result in others doubtful MISSOURI.-No returns of a reliable character.

orted, but nothing of a definite charac-Massachusetts.—Butler defeated for Congress and Gaston elected Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH

A PROCLAMATION. THEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF North Carolina have been abundantly blessed with the favor and protection of Divine Providence, which has crowned the past year with plenty and general prosperity, preserved to us the enjoyment of civil and religious liberty, exempted us from the ravages of war, pestilence, famine, and other calamities which have scourged other people and States, permitting no evils to befall us but such as are incident to the common

lot of man: Now, therefore, as it becomes us, a christian people, to render thanks to Almighty God for these and numberless other blessings showered upon as in His great mercy, I, CURTIS H.

as a day of public Thanksgiving throughout the State. And I do earnestly invite the clergy of every denomination to open their respective houses of worship, and the people to abstain on that day from all pursuits inconsistent with the sacred luties of the occasion, and with devout hearts to assemble in their respective sauctuaries, and offer the prayer of thanksgiving, and unite in the songs of praise to Him who has given us peace and plenty, and vouchsafed all the priv-ileges and blessings we enjoy. Let gratitude inspire our hearts and enlarge our benevolence. And remembering the poor and unfortunate among us, let us add to our devotions deeds of chari-

ty and works of love. With gratitude for the mercies of the past, let us seek wisdom from above to guide us in the future, that our feet may be kept in the paths of rectitude, and that our days may be a blessing to our-

Done at the city of Raleigh, on this the 4th day of November, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and in the ninety-minth year of American Independence. CURTIS H. BROGDEN. By the Governor:

JOHN B. NEATHERY, Private Secretary

1st. Beginning on Fair Ground street at Thomas Sledge's line, running East North 55 feet, conveyed to Chas. Ho-man by deed registered in Book 32, p.

Davie street. See Book 36, pp. 168-9. 3d. All the interest of Chas. Homan in a lot for which he has bond for title from Jenkins & Palmer, on Rock Quarry road, beginning at Ranson Harrison's S. E. corner, running with said road 315 feet, West 185 feet, North 315 feet, East 185 feet; subject to a claim of \$900 unpaid purchase money.

4th. A lot adjoining the above, being on Hargett street, beginning at Ransom Harrison's N. W. corner, runs West 824 feet, South 105 feet, East 824 feet, North 105 feet. See deed, Register's Book 36,

page 701. JOHN C. BLAKE, Trustee. As Assignee in Bankruptcy of the estate of Charles Homan, I will at the same time and place sell the interest of the said Homan in the above property. except his homestead interest in the 3d and 4th lots as above described. J. H. FLEMING, Assignee.

By virtue of a power in a mortgage duly executed to the People's Building and Loan Association by M. Kelly and Catherine Z., his wife, and registered in Book 32, p. 597, I will at same time and place sell the interest of Charles Homan in the first lot above mentioned, known as the Kelly lot.

SEATON GALES, Secretary. Raleigh, October 26, 1874. 19-tds.

that a petition has been filed in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina by Harvil Harris, of Granville county, in said District, duly declared a Bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2d, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims, provable under said Act, and that the 10th day of November, 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the office of A. W. Shaffer, Register in Bankruptcy, in Ra-TOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Shaffer, Register in Bankruptoy, in Ra-leigh, N. C., is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all credit-

delphia has gone Republican. Repub-licans claim 15,000 majority in the State RHODE ISLAND. -Both Congressional

Districts gene Republican.

Democratic majority in State 25,000. Both branches of Legislature Democratic. VERMONT.—Usual Republican major-

Wisconsin.-Republicans elected five MICHIGAN .- Democratic gains re-

by a plurality vote: W JERSEY.-Slight Democratic

CAROLINA.

lina, in obedience to law and in conformity with an honored precedent, do appoint and set apart
Thursday, November 26th, 1874,

selves and those with whom we asso-