

13315 From Elkin, by State Road, Rockingham Gap and Laurel Branch, to Cherry Lane, 2 1/2 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Elkin Friday at 6 a m.; arrive at Cherry Lane Friday at 12 m.; arrive at Elkin Friday at 5 p m.

13316 From Dillane, by Roaring River, Woodruff's, Elkin, and Ruck, to Dobson, 33 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Dillane Wednesday at 11 m.; arrive at Dobson Thursday at 12 m.; arrive at Dillane next day at 12 m.

Bond required with bid, \$300.

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Extracts from Laws, ETC.

OATH OF MAIL CONTRACTORS AND CARRIERS, REQUIRED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, JUNE 8, 1872.

Section 1. I, , do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully perform all the duties required of me, and abstain from everything forbidden by law or by the regulations for the establishment of post offices and post-roads within the United States; and that I will not knowingly or negligently fail to perform any money belonging to the said United States which may come into my possession or control. So help me God.

SECTIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS "TO REVISE, CONSOLIDATE, AND AMEND THE STATUTES RELATING TO THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT," APPROVED JUNE 8, 1872.

Section 1. That any person employed in the Post Office Department who makes or procures to be made, or knowingly aids in the making or procuring to be made, of any false or fraudulent certificate, or who knowingly or negligently fails to perform any duty required of him by the said regulations, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

Service to be awarded to the lowest bidder. Bids of failing contractors not to be considered.

Section 2. That any contract for carrying the mail shall be awarded to the lowest bidder who has entered or proposed to enter, into any combination to prevent the making of a contract for carrying the mail, or who has made any agreement, or given or performed, or promised to give or perform, any promise or agreement in relation to the mail, or who has not performed any duty required of him by the said regulations, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

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

Section 23. That any regular bidder who has entered or proposed to enter into a contract for carrying the mail, or who has made any agreement, or given or performed, or promised to give or perform, any promise or agreement in relation to the mail, or who has not performed any duty required of him by the said regulations, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

Persons in the employ of the Post Office Department (including postmasters) cannot become interested in a mail contract, nor act as agent of contractors or bidders.

Section 12. That no person employed in the Post Office Department shall become interested in any contract for carrying the mail, or shall act as agent of any contractor, or shall act as contractor in any business, or shall act as agent of any contractor, or shall act as contractor in any business, or shall act as agent of any contractor, or shall act as contractor in any business.

Conveyance of letters out of the mail. Private express, &c.

Section 22. That any person concerned in carrying the mail who shall collect, receive, or carry any letter or packet, or cause or procure the same to be collected, received, or carried, in violation of any law, shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

Contracts not to be made until contracts are executed.

Section 19. That no person shall be allowed to make any contract for carrying the mail, until he has executed and delivered to the Postmaster General a bond, with sufficient sureties, to the amount of five thousand dollars, conditioned that he will faithfully perform all the duties required of him by the said regulations, and that he will not knowingly or negligently fail to perform any duty required of him by the said regulations.

Form of Proposal, Bond, and Certificate.

I, the undersigned postmaster at , State of , in conformity with the provisions of an Act of Congress, approved June 8, 1872, and of an Act of Congress, approved June 8, 1872, do hereby certify that , of county of , State of , is qualified to perform the service described in his or her bid, and that he or she has entered into a contract with the Postmaster General for the service described in his or her bid, and that the same shall be performed in conformity with the regulations of the Postmaster General, and that he or she has furnished to the Postmaster General a bond, with sufficient sureties, to the amount of five thousand dollars, conditioned that he or she will faithfully perform all the duties required of him by the said regulations, and that he or she will not knowingly or negligently fail to perform any duty required of him by the said regulations.

Proposed.

The undersigned , whose post-office address is , county of , State of , do hereby propose 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 authority of an Act of Congress, approved June 8, 1872, and of an Act of Congress, approved June 8, 1872, with the following conditions, to-wit:

1. That the annual compensation for the service on such route at the time of the execution of the contract shall be dollars, and if this proposal is accepted, the said annual compensation shall be paid to the Postmaster General, within the time prescribed in said advertisement.

This proposal is made with full knowledge of the contents of the regulations of the Postmaster General, and of all other particulars in reference thereto, and the undersigned, and each of the sureties, shall be bound to perform the service described in the proposal, and to execute the same, in conformity with the regulations of the Postmaster General, and to keep the same in force until the expiration of the term of the contract, and until the payment of the compensation therefor.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant, , Bidder.

Instructions to Bidders and Postmasters.

1. Seven minutes are allowed to each bidder for the purpose of withdrawing or altering his bid, if he so desires.

2. On routes where the mode of conveyance is by stage-coach, or by pack-trail, or by mule-trail, the bidders must provide for the conveyance of the mail, and for the protection of the same, in conformity with the regulations of the Postmaster General.

3. Way bills, or receipts, prepared by postmasters or other agents of the Post Office Department, and used for the purpose of conveying the mail, and for the purpose of ascertaining the weight of the mail, and for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of the compensation therefor, shall be subject to the examination and signature of the Postmaster General, and shall be subject to the examination and signature of the Postmaster General.