Arrive at Mocksville next day by 6 Bond required with bid, \$300. 13315 From Elkin, by State Road, Roaring Gap, and Laurel Branch, to Cherry Lane, 224 miles and back, once a week. Leave Elkin Friday at 6 a m; Arrive at Cherry Lane by 12 m; Leave Cherry Lane Friday at 1 pm: Arrive at Elkin by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13316 From Dellaplane, by Roaring River, Woodruff's, Elkin, and Rusk. to Dobson, 33 miles and back. once a week. Leave Dellaplane Wednesday at 1 p m: Arrive at Dobson next day by 12 m; Leave Dobson Thursday at 1 p m; Bond required with bid, \$300. 1,5317 From Huntsville, by Yadkinville, Chesnut Ridge, and Jonesville, to Elkin, 27 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Huntsville Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 a m: Arrive at Elkin by 6 p m; Leave Elkin Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Huntsville by 6 p m Bond required with bid, \$500. 1.318 From Hamptonville, by New Castle and Dellaplane, to Wilkesborough, 26 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Hamptonville Tuesday and Thursday Arrive at W.lkesborough by 5 p m: Leave Wilkesborough Wednesday and Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Hamptonville by 5 p m.

Bond required with bid, \$500. 13:19 From Hamptonville, by Zion, Union Grove. Jenning's Mills, New Hope, Mount Pisgab, and York Collegiate Institute, to Taylorsville, 40 miles and back, once a Leave Hamptonville Saturday at 7 a m; Arrive at Taylorsville by 6 p m; Leave Taylorsville Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Hamptonville by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$400. 12320 From Hamptonville to Yadkinville, 8 miles and back, once a week. Leave Hamptonville Saturday at 8 a m;

Arrive at Yadkinville by 11 a m; Leave Yadkinville Saturday at 2.30 p m; Arrive at Hamptonville by 5.30 p m. Bond required with bid, \$100. Intel From Wilkesborough, by Elkville, Fort Defiance, Lenoir, Tuttle's Cross Roads, and Copenhagen, to Morganton, 48 miles and sack, once a week. Leave Wilkesborough Monday at 8 a m; Arrive at Morganton next day by 12 m; Leave Morganton Tuesday at 2 p m; Arrive at Wilkesborough next day by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$500. 13321 From Wikesborough, by Hay Meadow, Bockery, Trap Hill, Cherry Lane, Glade creek, Gap Civil, and Piney Creek, to

Month-of-Wilson (Va. \$ 50 miles and back, once a week. Leave Wilkesborough Thursday at 1 p m; Arrive at Mouth-of-Wilson next day by 7 p eave Mouth-of-Wilson Saturday at 6 a in Arrive at Wilkesborough Monday by 12 m. Bond required with bid, \$500. 1533 From Wilkesborough, by Mulberry, Hall's Mills. Laurel Springs, Scottville, and New

River, to Month-of-Wilson (Va.), 40 miles and back, once a week. Leave Wilkesborough Thursday at 1 p m; Arrive at Mouth-of-Wilson next day by 3 p Leave Month-of-Wilson Friday at 8 am; Arrive at Wilkesborough next day by 12 m. Bond required with bid, \$400. 13324 From Wilkesborough, by Purlear's Creek, Stony Hill, Gap Creek, Stony Fork, Boone, Mapie Springs, and Lewis Fork, to Wilkesborough, equal to 40 miles and back, once Leave Wilkesborough Monday at 5 a m;

Arrive at Boone by 7 p m. Leave Boone Tuesday at 5 a m; Arrive at Wilkesborough by 7 p m; Bond required with bid, \$400. 13325 From Will-sborough, by Reddie's River, Wilbar and South Fork to Jefferson, 34 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Wikesborough Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Jefferson by 6 p m: Leave Jefferson Tuesday, Thursday, and

Arrive at Wilkesborough by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$600. 13326 From Wilkesborough, by Hunting Creek, Zummerman, and Union Grove, to Olin, 27 4 miles and back, once a week. Leave Wilkesborough Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Olin by 4 p m; Leave Olin Saturday at 7 a m; Arrive at Wilkesborough by 4 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300. 13327 From Lewer to Boone, 30 miles and back,

Leave Lenoir Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Boone by 5 p m; Leave Boone Saturday at 7 a m; Arrive at Leneir by 5 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300, 3328 From Boone, by Valley Crucis to Cranberry Forge, 22 miles and back, once a week, Leave Boone Wednesday at 6 a m; Arrive at Cranberry Forge by 4 p m; Leave Cranberry Forge Thursday at 6 a m., Arrive at Boone by 4 p m. Hond required with bid, \$200. 1312) From Boone to Blowing Rock, 8 miles and back, twice a week.

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Arrive at Blowing Rock by 10 a in; Leave Blowing Rock Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30 p m; Arrive at Boone by 5 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13330 From Globe to Blowing Rock, 9 2 miles and back, once a week. Leave Globe Friday at 10 a m:

Leave Boone Wednesday and Saturday at 7

Arrive at Blowing Rock by 1 p m; Leave Blowing Rock Wednesday at 1 p m; Arrive at Globe by 3 p m.
Bond required with bid, \$100, Cross Roads, Moretz's Mills, and Boone, to Sugar Grove, 3214 miles and back, once a we 2. Leave Jefferson Thursday at 7 a m; Arrive at Sugar Grove by 6 p m; Leave Sugar Grove Priday at 7 a m; Arrive at Jefferson by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300.

232 From Jefferson, by Nathan's Creek, Chestnut Hill, and Weaversford, to Mouth-of-Wilson (Va.), 19 miles and back, once a Leave Jefferson Wednesday at 6 a m; Arrive at Mouth-of-Wilson by 12 m; Leave Mouth-of-Wilson Wednesday at 1 p m; Arrive at Jefferson by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 1333 From Jefferson to Horse Creek, 144 miles

and back, one e a week. Leave Jefferson Saturday at 1 p m; Arrive at Horse Creek by 6 p m; Leave Horse Creek Saturday at 6 a m; Arrive at Jefferson by 11 a m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 484 From Jefferson, by Wainut Hill, to Helton, 11 miles and back, once a week. Leave Jefferson Saturday at 12 m: Arrive at Helton by 4 p m: Leave Helton Saturday at 7 a m; Bond required with bid, \$100. From Helton to Mouth-of-Wilson (Va.), 9

nules and back, once a week. Leave Helton Thursday at 7 a m; Arrive at Mouth-of-Wilson by 10 a m; Leave Mouth-of-Wilson Thursday at 11 am; Arrive at Helton by 2 p m. Bond required with bid. \$100. 13336 From Burnsville, by Day Book, Green Mountain, Red Hill, Fork Mountain, Limestone Cove (Tenn.), Hampton, and Gap Run, to Elizabethton, 51 miles and back, once a week. Leave Burnsville Thursday at 6 a m;

Arrive at Elizabethton next day by 12 m; Leave Elizabethton Friday at 1 p m: Arrive at Burnsville next day by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$500. 13337 From Burnsville, by Bald Creek, Ivy, Democrat. Lockhart's, Stocksville, and Weaverville, to Asheville, 38 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Burnsville Tuesday and Friday at 6 a

Arrive at Asheville by 6 p m; Leave Asheville Wednesday and Saturday at 6 a m:

Arrive at Burnsville by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$700. 1338 From Burnsville, by Micaville, Flinty Branch, Spruce Pine, Grassy Creek, and Mica, to Marion, 38 miles and back, twice a week.

Leave Enrasville Tuesday and Friday at 7 a Arrive at Marion by 7 p m; Leave Marion Wednesday and Saturday at Arrive at Burnsville by 7 p m.

Bond required with bid, \$700. 13339 From Bakersville, by Ledger, to Burnsville 16 miles and back, once a week. Leave Bakersville Wednesday at 2 p m; Arrive at Burnsville by 7 p m; Leave Burnsville Wednesday at 7 a m; Arrive at Bakersville by 12 m.

Bond required with bid, \$200. 13340 From Bakersville, by Hawk Mine and Plumtree, to Cranberry Forge, 24 miles and back, once a week. Leave Bakersville Wednesday at 6 a m; Arrive at Cranberry Forge by 6 p m: Leave Cranberry Forge Thursday at 6 a m; Arrive at Bakersville by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300.

13341 From Bakersville, by Little Rock Creek and Fork Mountain, to Johnson City (Tenn.), 38 miles and back, twice a week Leave Bakersville Monday and Friday at 5 Arrive at Johnson City by 5 p m; Leave Johnson City Tuesday and Saturday at 6 a m:

Arrive at Bakersville by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$700. 13342 From Mica to Cranberry Forge, 22 miles and back, once a week. Leave Mica Thursday at 8 a m and back, once a week. Arrive at Cranberry Forge by 4 p m;

Leave Cranberry Forge Friday at 8 a m; Arrive at Mica by 4 p m Bond required with bid, \$200. 13343 From Ivy, by Walnut Mountain and Little Creek, to Flag Pond (Tenn.), 15 miles and back, once a week. Leave Ivy Monday at 6 a m; Arrive at Flag Pond by 12 m; Leave Flag Pond Monday at 1 p m:

Arrive at Ivy by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$100. 13344 From Day Book, by Ramsey Town, and Hollow Poplar, to Swingleville (Tenn.), 25 miles and back, once a week. Leave Day Book Monday at 7 a m: Arrive at Swingleville by 5 p m; Leave Swingleville Turs lay at 7 a m: Arrive at Day Book by 5 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13345 From Ramseytown, by Bee Log, to Bald Creek, 15 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Ramseytown Monday at 7 a m; Arrive at Bald Creek by 12 m; Leave Bald Creek Monday at 1 p m; Arrive at Ramseytown by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. Arrive at Dellaplane next day by 13346 From Forks-of-Pigeon to Pigeon River, 5 miles and back, once a week. Leave Forks-of-Pigeon Friday at 6 a m; Arrive at Pigeon River by 8 a m; Leave Pigeon River Friday at 9 a m; Arrive at Forks-of-Pigeon by 11 a m.

Bond required with bid, \$100. 13347 From Stony Fork, by Soda Hill, to Trade (Tenn.), 22 miles and back, once a week. Leave Stony Fork Wednesday at 11 a m; Arrive at Trade by 6 p m; Leave Trade Thursday at 7 a m; Arrive at Stony Fork by 2 p m. Bond required with bid. \$200. 3348 From Sblitude to Trade (Tenn.), 12 miles and back, once a week. Leave Solitude Monday at 7 a m;

Leave Trade Monday at 1 p m; Arrive at Solitude by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13349 From East Laporte to Cherryfield, 35 miles and back, once a week. Leave East Laporte Thursday at 6 a m; Arrive at Cherryfield by 6 p m; Leave Cherryfield Friday at 6 a m; Arrive at East Laporte by 6 p m.

Arrive at Trade by 12 m;

Bond required with bid, \$300. 13350 From Hendersonville, by Boman's Bluff, Calhoun, Davidson's River, Brevard, Cathey's Creek, Cherryfield, and Hogback Valley, to Casher's Valley, 55 miles and back, once a week. Leave Hendersonville Thursday at 7 a m; Arrive at Casher's Valley next day by 12 m; Leave Casher's Valley Friday at 1 p m;

Arrive at Hendersonville next day by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$500. From Hendersonville to Forks-of-Pigeon, 43 miles and back, once a week. Leave Hendersonville Monday at 12 m; Arrive at Forks-of-Pigeou next day by 5 pm; Leave Forks-of-Pigeon Wednesday at 7 a m: Arrive at Hendersonville next day by 12 m. Bond required with bid. \$400. 13352 From Hendersonville, by Tryon, Columbus,

Mills Spring, Bear Wallow, Edneyville, and Blue Ridge, to Hendersonville, equal to 3014 miles and back, once a week. Leave Hendersonville Monday at 7 a m; Arrive at Columbus Tuesday by 10 a m; Leave Columbus Tuesday at 11 a m; Arrive at Hendersonville by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300. 13353 From Hendersonville to Cedar Mountain, 22

miles and back, once a week. Leave Hendersonville Friday at 10 a m: Leave Cedar Mountain Saturday at 7 a m; Arrive at Hendersonville by 2 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13354 From Asheville, by Laurel Fork, Turnpike Pigeon River, Pigeon Valley, Richland Valley, Waynesville, Caler's Hill, Webster,

Franklin, Aquone, Valleytown, Marble Spring, and Tomatola, to Murphy, 12332 miles and back, six times a week. Leave Asheville daily, except Sunday, at 8 a Arrive at Murphey by 6 p m: Leave Murphey daily, except Sunday, at 7 a

Arrive at Asheville by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$5,000. 13355 From Asheville, by Glencoe, Avery's Creek, Mill River, Boilston, Claytonville, Davidson's River, Brevard, Dunn's Rock, Cedar Mountain, Middle Saluda (S. C.), Marietta, and White Horse, to Greenville C. H., 82 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Asheville Monday and Thursday at 5 Arrive at Greenville C. H. Wednesday and Saturday by 6 p in; Leave Greenville C. H. Wednesday and

Saturday at 7 p m; Arrive at Asheville Monday and Friday by Bond required with bid, \$1,000. 13356 From Asheville, by Leicester, Sandy Mush, Cross Rock, Spring Creek, Fine's Creek, Crab Tree, and Jonathan's Creek, to

Waynesville, 65 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Asheville Monday and Thursday at 1 Arrive at Waynesville Wednesday and Saturday by 1 p m; Leave Waynesville Wednesday and Saturday at 1.30 p m; Arrive at Asheville Monday and Thursday by 1 p m. Bond required with bid, \$800.

Ivy Gap (n. o.), to Burnsville, 36 miles and back, once a week. Leave Asheville Saturday at 6 a m; Arrive at Burnsville by 6 p m; Leave Burnsville Friday at 6 a m; Arrive at Asheville by 6p m. Bond required with bid, \$400.

13358 From Marshall, by Walnut Run, Big Laurel, 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. 13359 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 pm. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13360 From Warm Springs, by Marshall, French Broad, Riverside, Asheville, Busbee, Shufordsville, Hendersonville, Flat Rock. Lima (S. C.), Belleview, and Traveller's Rest, to Greenville C. H., 98 miles and back, six times a week Leave Warm Springs daily, except Sunday,

at 8 a m; 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 Sun-

day, at 8 a m: Arrive at Asheville by 6 p m Bond required with bid, \$5,000. 13361 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 7 a 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.), 24 miles 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 Rollinsville, to Valleytown, 83 miles and back, once a week. Leave Waynesville Tuesday at 5 p m; Arrive at Valleytown Friday at 4.30 pm; Leave Valleytown Friday at 5 p m; Arrive at Waynesville Tuesday by 4 p m. Bond required with bid, \$800.

13365 From Waynesville, by Jonathan's Creek Catalooche, Mount Sterling, Big Creek (Tenn.), Crosby, and Wilton Springs, to Newport, 62 mles and back, once a week. Leave Waynesville Wednesday at 7 a m; Arrrive at Newport next day by 5 p m; Leave Newport Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Waynesville next day by 5 p m. Bond required with bid, \$600.

13366 From Franklin, by Wickle's Store, Head of-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 7 a m; Arrive at Walhalla next days by 12 m;

Leave Walhalla Tuesday and Friday at 1 Arrive at Franklin next days by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. 13367 From Franklin, by Nantahalah, Forney's 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 p m; 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.

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, 13369 From Casher's Valley to Walhalla (S. C.), 34 miles and back, once a week. Leave Casher's Valley Monday at 5 a m; Arrive at Walhalla by 7 p m; Leave Walhalla Tuesday at 5 a m; Arrive at Casher's Valley by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300.

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. 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:

Arrive at Aquone by 11 a m. Bond required with bid, \$400. 13373 From Hayesville to Shooting Creek,9 miles and back once a week. Leave Havesville Friday at 6 a m : Arrive at Shooting Creek by 11 a m; Leave Shooting Creek Friday at 12 m; Arrive at Hayesville by 5 p m. Bond required with bid. \$100. 13374 From Murphey, by Persimmon Creek, England's Point, and Wolf creek 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, Thurslay, and Saturday at 7 a m; Arrive at Murphey by 5 p m. Bond required with bid, \$800. 43375 From Murphey to Kilpatrick's, 20 miles and back, once a week. Leave Murphey Saturday at 1 p m;

Leave Kilpatrick's Saturday at 6 a m; Arrive at Murphey by 12 m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13376 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 Biairsville Saturday at 1 p m Arrive at Murphey by 8 p m.

Arrive at Kilpatrick's by 7 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, \$300.

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 Friday 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.

Arrive at Hayesville by 12 m; Leave Hayesville Wednesday and Saturday at 1 p m Arrive at Murphey by 6 p m. Bond required with bid. \$300. 13380 From Laurel Valley to Ducktown (Tenn.) 17 miles and back, once a week. Leave Laurel Valley Saturday at 6 a m; Arrive at Ducktown by 12 m:

Leave Murphey Wednesday and Saturday

Leave Ducktown Saturday at 1 p m; Arrive at Laurel Valley by 8 p m. Bond required with bid. \$200. 13381 From 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 pm; Arrive at Vest's by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$100.

EXTRACTS FROM LAWS, ETC. OATH OF MAIL CONTRACTORS AND

CARRIERS, REQUIRED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, JUNE 8, 1872. I, ---, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully perform all the duties retablishment of post offices and post-roads

quired of me, and abstain from everything forbidden by the laws in relation to the eswithin the United States; and that I will honestly and truly account for and pay over any money belonging to the said United States which may come into my possession or control. So help me God.

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.

Sections of the Act of Congress " to revise, consolidate, and amend the statutes relating to the Post-Office Department," Approved June 8, 1872. 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 in-13357 From Asheville, by Paint Gap (n. o.) and structions 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 them-selves familiar with these laws and instructions, that they may be able to inform

and direct others. Postmasters, clerks, &c., cannot be contractors.

office, shall be a contractor or concerned in a contract for carrying the mail. Persons in the employ of the Post Office Department (including postmasters) cannot become interested in a mail contract, nor act as agent of contrac-

tors or bidders. SEC. 12. That no person employed in 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 from office, and shall be liable to pay so much money as would have been realized from said contract, to be recovered in an Department.

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 mail 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

fifty dollars. any private express for the conveyance of letters or packets, or in any manner cause | and his sureties, and accepted, and the seror provide for the conveyance of the same by regular trips or at stated periods, over any post-route which is or may be established by law, or from any city, town, or place to any other city, town, or place between 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 exoress 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 of this law, shall, for every such offense,

forfeit and pay one hundred and fifty dollars. SEC. 230. That no person shall transmit by private expresss or other unlawful lawful express, or deposit, or cause to be purpose of being transmitted, any letter or packet, and for every such offense the pardollars.

SEC. 231. That no stage-coach, 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, 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.

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

postmaster, and in cases where the amount | Failing contractors guilty of a misde- accompanied by a certified check, or draft. | delinquency be promptly and satisfacby 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 ac cepted as the Postmaster General shall pre scribe, 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 service proposed in his said bid, and, further, that he shall-perform the said service according to Leave Hayesville Tuesday and Friday at 5 a 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 perform 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 un-less it shall be accompanied by such bond, and there shall have been 'affixed to said proposal the oath of the bidder, taken beore an officer qualified to administer oaths, that he has the ability, pecuniarily, to ful-fill his obligations, and that the bid is made in good faith, and with the intention to enter into contract and perform the service in case his bid is accepted.

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 certificate of sufficiency of sureties in any contract 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 disqualified from holding the office of postmaster, and shall also be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dolars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

Service to be awarded to the lowest bidder. 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 faithful performance, without other reference to the mode of transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty, and security thereof;

who has wilfully or negligently failed to perform a former contract. Combinations to prevent bidding pro- Contracts cannnot be assigned nor transhibited.

Sec. 250. That no contract for carrying 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 person not to bid for any such contract; and if any person so offending is a contractor for carrying the mail, his contract may be annulled, and for the first offense the person so offending shall be disqualified to contract for carrying the mail for five years, and for the second offense shall be forever

contracts made. 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 contract with the next lowest pidder for the same service, who will enter into a contract for the performance thereof, er such bid too high, 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 fail or refuse to perform the service according to his contract, the Postmaster General shall proceed to contract with the next lowest bidder for such service, under the advertisement thereof, (unless the Postmaster General shall consider such bid too high,) who will enter into contract and give bond, with sureties, to be approved by the Postmaster General, for the faithful performance thereof, in the same penalty and with the same terms and 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 tractors.

SEC. 78. That no postmaster, assistant too high by the Postmaster General shall postmaster, or clerk employed in any post refuse to enter into contract and give bond as herein required for the faithful perfor- the route, distance, service, weight of mance of his contract, the Postmaster General shall immediately advertise for proposals to perform the service on said route. Whenever an accepted bidder shall fail to enter into contract, or a contractor on any mail-route shall fail or refuse to perform the on delinquents. service on said route according to his con-tract, 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 necessary, not in any case exceeding six months, until the service shall have comlaw: Provided, however, That the Post-master General shall not employ temporary action of debt, for the use of the Post Office | service on any route at a higher price than that paid to the contractor who shall have performed the service during the last pre ceding 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 carrying the mails shall be released from his obligation such offense, forfeit and pay not exceeding under his bid or proposal, notwithstanding an award made to a lower bidder, until a con-SEC. 228. That no person shall establish | tract for the designated service shall have vice entered upon by the contractor to the

> 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 check, or draft, payable to the orsome solvent national bank, which check or draft shall not be less than five per centum on the amount of the annual pay on said route at the time such bid is 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 thousand dollars. In case any bidder, shall fail to execute the same, with good terms on which such bid was made and accepted, and enter upon the perform- carrying the mail on route No. ance of the service to the satisfaction of from ---- to ----, do swear that the Postmaster General, such bidder shall, in addition to his liability on his my obligation as such bidder; that the amount so deposited to the United States, and the same shall forthwith be form the service in case said bid shall paid into the Treasury for the use of the be accepted. Post Office Department; but if such contract shall be duly executed and the service entered upon as aforesaid, such fore me, ---- for the draft or check so deposited, and the checks or drafts deposited by all other of -----, A. D. 187 , and in [SEAL.] bidders on the same route, shall be re- testimony whereof I hereunto turned to the respective bidders mak- subscribe my name and affix ing such deposits. No proposals for my official seal the day and the transportation of the mails where year aforesaid. the amount of the bond required to acunless accompanied with the check or fore a justice of the peace, or any other bond required by a preceding section: of a United States court, the certificate the admission of passengers, or for be- matter, or thing relating to the mail serheretofore accrued under the provisions | is duly qualified as such officer.

meanor. 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 months.

executed. SEC. 159. That no person whose big 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.

No pay to be made until contracts are

Compensation for additional service restricted 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 execution.

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 perbut the Postmaster General shall not be formed; and not exceeding three times bound to consider the bid of any person | the price if the failure be occasioned by the fault of the contractor or carrier.

ferred,

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 Failing bidders and contractors. Con- mail at their offices, respectively, to be tracts may be extended, and temporary posted in a conspicuous place in the office; and the Postmaster General SEC. 251. That after any regular bidder whose bid has been accepted shall fail to enter into contract for the transportation of the mails according to his proposal or to be kept and returned to the Depart-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 -

of Congress. by such election.—Ibid., 5, 697.]

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 mails, cost of stock, feed, and all expenses existing and likely to occur during the

Contracts to be executed and filed in the Department by the first day of June. Washington, executed in due form.

having failed to comply with their pro- qualified, and that all his official acts posals, and the Postmuster General may as such are entitled to full faith and proceed to contract for the service with credit. other parties, according to law.

CONTRACTS RECEIVED AT THE DE-PARTMENT AFTER JUNE 1ST WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE POSTMASTER

FORM OF PROPOSAL, BOND, AND CERTIFICATE.

Proposal. The undersigned ——— Certified Checks or Drafts to accompany | No. ---, between ---- and -----, tainty, and security," for the annual sum of - dollars; and if this protract, with sureties to be approved by

prescribed in said advertisement. and service; and also, after careful examination of the laws and instructions attached to advertisement of mail service.

Oath required by section 245 of an act of Congress approved June 23, 1874, to be affixed to each bid for carrying the mail, and to be taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths. ----, of ----, bidder for

Sworn to and subscribed be-

on some solvent national bank, payable to the order of the Postmaster General, equal to 5 per centum on the present an 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 signng affixed. Direct to the "Second Assistant Postmaster General, Post Office Department. Washington, D. C.," marked "Proposals,

BOND.

State of _____.

Directions. and sureties in full in the body of the bond; also the date. The signatures to | 8. The Postmaster General may order the bond should be witnessed, and the an increase of service on a route by alcertificate on the inside should be signed lowing therefor a pro rata increase on by a justice of the peace, adding his offi- the contract pay. He may change schedcial 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 --, principal, and ---- and ------, in the State of ca in the just and full sum of ---- dollars, lawful money of the United States, 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, retained and continued. 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 making appropriations for the service

of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and for other purposes," it is provided: "that every proposal for carrying the mail to be supplied are correctly stated. Bidshall be accompanied by the bond of ders must inform themselves on this point, the bidder, with sureties approved by a and also in reference to the weight of postmaster," in pursuance whereof, and the mail, the condition of hills, roads, in compliance with the provisions of said law, this bond is made and executed, 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 ing or increasing distance or expense time after his bid is accepted as the occurring during the contract term. Postmaster General has prescribed in said advertisement of route No. -, to-SEC. 271. That no contractor for trans- wit, on or before the 1st day of June, tract term, are to be visited without exporting the mail within or between the 1875, enter into a contract with the tra pay, if the distance benot increased. United States and any foreign country | United States of America, with good shall assign or transfer his contract, and and sufficient sureties to be approved all such assignments or transfers shall 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 obligation shall be void, otherwise to be in full force and obligation in law. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this - day of

_____, [L. S.] Witness:

On this -- day of ---, 187, per-21, 1808, no member of Congress can be - and - , sureties in the unless the Postmaster General shall consid- a 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 sure-Government; and by the same act it is ties, and who have executed the same a firm where a company offers, should made 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 [But if a member withdraw from a is correctly stated therein, that he is the out in full the sum of their bids, and to contract it may be concluded with the owner of real estate worth the sum other partners .- Opinion of Attorney hereinafter set against his name over General, 4, 47. A contract with one who is elected a member of Congress him, and all judgments, mortgages, and during its continuance is not affected executions against him after allowing all exemptions of every character what-

ever, the total sum thus assured amounting to (\$-----) ------ dollars. --- s ---. Subscribed and sworn before methis -- 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 249.) tion of the consequences imposed by law Judge of a U. S. Court, the certificate of 18. The bid should be sealed, superthe 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.

day of June, 1875, on or before which same being a Court of Record, do hereday the contracts of accepted bidders by certify that ----, whose genmenced under a contract made according to | must be received at the Department in | uine signature appears to the foregoing affidavit, was, at the time of signing the Accepted bidders not complying with name, a justice of the peace in and for this regulation shall be considered as the county and State aforesaid, duly

> In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as clerk, and affixed the seal of said court, on this ---- day of ____, 187 .

-----, Clerk. CERTIFICATE OF POSTMASTER.

I, the undersigned postmaster at ----, State of _____, after the exercise of appropriate route. due diligence to inform myself of the pecuniary ability and responsibility of will be held until contract is executed the principal and his sureties in the and the service commenced by the acpost-office address is ----, county of aforegoing bond, and of the unincum- cepted bidder. Checks will not be rebered real estate owned by them, re- turned by mail, but the bidder himself, or the mails of the United States, from | spectively, do hereby approve said bond | some one upon his order, must receive July 1, 1875, to June 30, 1876, on route and certify that the said sureties are sufficient-sufficient to insure the payment the books of the Department. State of ----, under the advertise- of double the entire amount of the said ment of the Postmaster General dated | bond; and I do further certify that the | est in contracts, are forbidden by law, said bond was duly signed by ---

____ and ___ and ___ and ___

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND 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-

of the Post Office Department, also post office blanks, mail bags, locks and keys, are to be conveyed without extra charge. 3. "Way bills" or receipts, prepared by postmasters or other agents of the necessary to insure its "celerity, cer-Department, will accompany the mails, tainty, and security," and have the prefspecifying the number and destination | erence over all others, and no others are of the several bags, to be examined by the postmasters, to insure regularity in

the delivery of bags and pouches. 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 to break connection with depending mails, and not sufficiently excused, one 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 import-

ance of the mail, may be made. 5. For leaving behind or throwing off of contractors or bidders, with or withdraft herein required, together with the officer not using a seal, except a judge the mails, or any portion of them, for out compensation, in any business, Provided, That nothing in this act shall of the clerk of a court of record must ing concerned in setting up or running vice. They are the trusted agents of be construed or intended to affect any be added, under his seal of office, that an express conveying intelligence in the Department, and cannot consistently may be deducted.

torily explained by certificates of postmasters or the affidavits of other credible persons, for failing to arrive in connual pay on the route; or in case of new tract 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. 7. The Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failures to run agreeably to contract; for violating the post office laws, or disobeying the instructions of the Department; for refusing to discharge a carrier when required by the Department to do so; for running an express as aforesaid; or for Insert the names of the principal transporting persons or packages conveying mailable matter out of the mail.

ules of departures and arrivals in all cases, and particularly to make them conform to connections with railroads. without increase of pay, provided the running time be not abridged. The Postmaster General may also discontinue or curtail the service, in whole or -, as sureties, are held and firmly in part, in order to place on the route bound unto the United States of Ameri-ca in the just and full sum of —— dol-lic interests, in his judgment, shall require such discontinuance or curtailment for any other cause; he allowing, as full indemnity to contractor, one month's extra pay on the amount of service dispensed with, and a pro rata compensation for the amount of service

9. Payments will be made by collections from, or drafts on, postmasters or otherwise, after the expiration of each quarter-say in November, February, May, and August, provided that required evidence of service has been re-

10. The distances given are believed to be substantially correct; but no increased pay will be allowed should they be greater than advertised, if the points streams, &c., and all toll-bridges, turnpikes, plank-roads, ferries, or obstructions of any kind by which expense may be incurred. No claim for additional pay, based on such ground, can be considered; nor for alleged mistakes or misapprehension as to the degree of service; nor for bridges destroyed, ferries discontinued, or other obstructions caus-Offices established after this advertisement is issued, and also during the con-

11. Bidders are cautioned to mail their proposals in time to reach the Department by the day and hour named in the advertisement, as bids received after that time will not be considered in competition with bids of reasonable amount received in time. Neither can bids be considered which are without the bond, oath, and certificate required by section 245, act of June 23, 1874.

12. Bidders should first propose for service strictly according to the advertisement, and then, if they desire, separately for different service; and if the 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 considered. 14. The route, the service, the yearly pay, the name and residence of the bid der, (that is, his usual post-office address,) and the name of each member of

be distinctly stated. 15. Bidders are requested to use, as within bond, that his place of residence | furnished by the Department, to write retain copies of them.

Altered bids should not be submitted.

No withdrawal of a bid will be allowed unless the withdrawal is received twenty-four hours previous to the time fixed for opening the proposals. 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-adver tised 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

scribed "Mail Proposals, State of North Carolina," addressed "Second Assistant Postn a ter 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

21. Transfers of contracts, or of inter-

and consequently cannot be allowed. Neither can bids, or interest in bids, be -, his sureties, before signing 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 veyance admits of it, the special agents | the mails with " celerity, certainly, and security," having been decided to be the only legal bids, are construed as providing for the entire mail, however large, and whatever may be the mode of conveyance considered, except for steam boat routes.

23. A modification of a bid in any of its essential terms is tantamount to a 4. No pay will be made for trips not 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 sign the approval of the bond of any

bidder before the bond is signed by the bidder and his sureties, and not until 25. Postmasters are also liable to dismissal from office for acting as agents

MARSHALL JEWELL.

Postmaster General.

Leave Casher's Valley Monday at 7 a m;

SEC. 245. That every proposal for carrying 13370 From Charleston to Nantahalah, 6 miles the mail shall be accompanied by the bond Leave Charleston Wednesday at 8 a m;

of the bidder, with sureties approved by a of the sections hereby amended.

satisfaction of the Postmaster General.

der of the Postmaster General, upon means, or deliver to any agent of such un- amount of the said bond exceeds five deposited, at any appointed place, for the on being awarded any such contract, ty so offending shall forfeit and pay fifty and sufficient sureties, according to the town, or place between which the mail is | bond accompanying his bid, forfeit the (Section 239 permits conveyance of letters | company the same shall exceed five in stamped envelopes otherwise than by thousand dollars shall be considered,

GENERAL.

----, State of -----, proposes to carry October 1, 1874, "with celerity, cerposal is accepted he will enter into con- this certificate. the Postmaster General, within the time | Dated _____, 187 .

This proposal is made with full knowledge of the distance of the route, the weight of the mail to be carried, and all other particulars in reference to the route

I have the ability, pecuniarily, to fulfill bid is made in good faith, and with the intention to enter into contract and per-

Note.-When the oath is taken be-

penalties or forfeitures which have the person who administered the oath advance of the mail, a quarter's pay act in both capacities. Bids of \$5,000 and upwards must be 6. Fines will be imposed, unless the