Leave Cranberry Forge Friday at 8 a m; Arrive at Mocksville next day by Arrive at Mica by 4 p m Bond required with bid. \$300. 13343 From Ivy, by Walnut Mountain and Little 13315 From Elkin, by State Road, Roaring Gap, and Laurel Branch, to Leave Ivy Monday at 6 a m; Cherry Lane, 221 miles and back, Arrive at Flag Pond by 12 m once a week. Leave Flag Pond Monday at 1 p m: Arrive at Ivy by 7 p m. Leave Elkin Friday at 6 a m; Arrive at Cherry Lane by 12 in; 13344 From Day Book, by Ramsey Town, and Leave Cherry Lane Friday at 1 pm; Arrive at Elkin by 7 p m. Leave Day Book Monday at 7 a m: Bond required with bid, \$200. Arrive at Swingleville by 5 p m: 13316 From Dellaplane, by Roaring Riv-Leave Swingleville Tuesday at 7 a m; er, Woodruff's, Elkin, and Rusk, Arrive at Day Book by 5 p m. to Dobson, 33 miles and back, 13345 From Ramseytown, by Bee Log, to Bald Creek, 15 miles and back, once a week. once a week. Leave Dellaplane Wednesday at 1 Leave Ramseytown Monday at 7 a m; Arrive at Bald Creek by 12 m; Leave Bald Creek Monday at 1 p m; Arrive at Dobson next day by 12 m; Arrive at Ramseytown by 6 p m. Leave Dobson Thursday at 1 p m; Arrive at Dellaplane next day by 13346 From Forks-of-Pigeon to Pigeon River, 5 12 m. Leave Forks-of-Pigeon Friday at 6 a m; Bond required with bid, \$300. Arrive at Pigeon River by 8 a m; 13317 From Huntsville, by Yadkinville, Chesnut Leave Pigeon River Friday at 9 a m; Ridge, and Jonesville, to Elkin, 27 miles Arrive at Forks-of-Pigeon by 11 a m. and back, three times a week. Leave Huntsville Tuesday, Thursday, and 13347 From Stony Fork, by Soda Hill, to Trade Saturday at 7 a m; (Tenn.), 22 miles and back, once a week. Arrive at Elkin by 6 p m; Leave Elkin Monday, Wednesday, and Fri-Leave Stony Fork Wednesday at 11 a m; Arrive at Trade by 6 p m; day at 7 a m; Leave Trade Thursday at 7 a m; Arrive at Huntsville by 6 p m. Arrive at Stony Fork by 2 p m. Bond required with bid, \$500. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13218 From Hamptonville, by New Castle and 13348 From Solitude to Trade (Tenn.), 12 miles Dellaplane, to Wilkesborough, 26 miles and back, once a week. and back, twice a week. Leave Solitude Monday at 7 a m; Leave Hamptonville Tuesday and Thursday Arrive at Trade by 12 m; Leave Trade Monday at 1 p m; Arrive at Wilkesborough by 5 p m; Arrive at Solitude by 6 p m. Leave Wilkesborough Wednesday and Fri-Bond required with bid. \$200. 13349 From East Laporte to Cherryfield, 35 miles Arrive at Hamptonville by 5 p m. and back, once a week. Bond required with bid, \$500. Leave East Laporte Thursday at 6 a m: 13319 From Hamptonville, by Zion, Union Grove, Arrive at Cherryfield by 6 p m: Jenning's Mills, New Hope, Mount Pis-Leave Cherryfield Friday at 6 a m; gab, and York Collegiate Institute, to Arrive at East Laporte by 6 p m. Taylorsville, 40 miles and back, once a Bond required with bid, \$300. 13350 From Hendersonville, by Boman's Bluff, Leave Hamptonville Saturday at 7 a m; Calhoun, Davidson's River, Brevard, Cath-Arrive at Taylorsville by 6 p m; Leave Taylorsville Friday at 7 a m; ey's Creek, Cherryfield, and Hogback Val-Arrive at Hamptonville by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$400. ley, to Casher's Valley, 55 miles and back, once a week. 13320 From Hamptonville to Yadkinville, 8 miles Leave Hendersonville Thursday at 7 a m; Arrive at Casher's Valley next day by 12 m; and back, once a week. Leave Hamptonville Saturday at 8 a m; Leave Casher's Valley Friday at 1 p m; Arrive at Hendersonville next day by 7 p m. Arrive at Yadkinville by 11 a m: Leave Yadkinville Saturday at 2.30 p m; Bond required with bid, \$500. 13351 From Hendersonville to Forks-of-Pigeon, 43 Arrive at Hamptonville by 5.30 p m. Bond required with bid, \$100. miles and back, once a week. 13321 From Wilkesborough, by Elkville, Fort De-Leave Hendersonville Monday at 12 m; fiance, Lenoir, Tuttle's Cross Roads, and Arrive at Forks-of-Pigeou next day by 5 pm; Copenhagen, to Morganton, 48 miles and Leave Forks-of-Pigeon Wednesday at 7 a m; Arrive at Hendersonville next day by 12 m. back, once a week. Leave Wilkesborough Monday at 8 a m; Bond required with bid, \$400. 13352 From Hendersonville, by Tryon, Columbus Arrive at Morganton next day by 12 m; Leave Morganton Tuesday at 2 p m; Mills Spring, Bear Wallow, Edneyville, and Blue Ridge, to Hendersonville, equal Arrive at Wilkesborough next day by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$500. to 30 % miles and back, once a week. 13322 From Winkesborough, by Hay Meadow, Leave Hendersonville Monday at 7 a m; Arrive at Columbus Tuesday by 10 a m; Dockery, Trap Hill, Cherry Lane, Glade Creek, Gap Civil, and Piney Creek, to Leave Columbus Tuesday at 11 a m: Arrive at Hendersonville by 7 p m. Mouth-of-Wilson (Va.), 50 miles and back, Bond required with bid. \$300. 13353 From Hendersonville to Cedar Mountain, 22 Leave Wilkesborough Thursday at 1 p m; miles and back, once a week. Arrive at Mouth-of-Wilson next day by 7 p Leave Hendersonville Friday at 10 a m: Leave Mouth-of-Wilson Saturday at 6 a m; Arrive at Cedar Mountain by 5 p m; Leave Cedar Mountain Saturday at 7 a m: Arrive at Wilkesborough Monday by 12 m Bond required with bid, \$500. Arrive at Hendersonville by 2 p m. 13323 From Wilkesborough, by Mulberry, Hall's Bond required with bid, \$200. Mills, Laurel Springs, Scottville, and New 13354 From Asheville, by Laurel Fork, Turnpike Pigeon River, Pigeon Valley, Richland River, to Mouth-of-Wilson (Va.), 40 miles Valley, Waynesville, Caler's Hill, Webster, and back, once a week. Franklin, Aquone, Valleytown, Marble Leave Wilkesborough Thursday at 1 p m; Spring, and Tomatola, to Murphy, 1231/2 Arrive at Mouth-of-Wilson next day by 5 p miles and back, six times a week. Leave Month-of-Wilson Friday at 8 am : Leave Asheville daily, except Sunday, at 8 a Arrive at Wilkesborough next day by 12 m. Bond required with bid, \$400. Arrive at Murphey by 6 p m; 13324 From Wilkesborough, by Purlear's Creek, Leave Murphey daily, except Sunday, at 7 a Stony Hill, Gap Creek, Stony Fork, Boone, Arrive at Asheville by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$5,000. Maple Springs, and Lewis Fork, to Wilkesborough, equal to 40 miles and back, once 13355 From Asheville, by Glencoe, Avery's Creek, Leave Wilkesborough Monday at 5 a m; Mill River, Boilston, Claytonville, Davidson's River, Brevard, Dunn's Rock, Ce-Arrive at Boone by 7 p m. dar Mountain, Middle Saluda (S. C.), Ma-Leave Boone Tuesday at 5 a m; Arrive at Wilkesborough by 7 p m; rietta, and White Horse, to Greenville C. Bond required with bid, \$400. H., 82 miles and back, twice a week. Leave Asheville Monday and Thursday at 5 13325 From Wilkesborough, by Reddie's River, Wilbar, and South Fork to Jefferson, 345 Arrive at Greenville C. H. Wednesday and miles and back, three times a week. Saturday by 6 p m; Leave Greenville C. H. Wednesday and Leave Wilkesborough Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 a m; Saturday at 7 p m: Arrive at Jefferson by 6 p m; Arrive at Asheville Monday and Friday by Leave Jefferson Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 a m; Bond required with bid, \$1,000. Arrive at Wilkesborough by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$600. 13356 From Asheville, by Leicester, Sandy Mush, Cross Rock, Spring Creek, Fine's Creek, 13326 From Wilkesborough, by Hunting Creek, Crab Tree, and Jonathan's Creek, to Zimmerman, and Union Grove, to Olin, 27% miles and back, once a week. Waynesville, 65 mlles and back, twice a Leave Wilkesborough Friday at 7 a m; Leave Asheville Monday and Thursday at 1 Arrive at Olin by 4 p m; Leave Olin Saturday at 7 a m; Arrive at Waynesville Wednesday and Sat-Arrive at Wilkesborough by 4 p m. urday by 1 p m; Bond required with bid, \$300. Leave Waynesville Wednesday and Satur-13327 From Lenoir to Boone, 30 miles and back, day at 1.30 p m; once a week Leave Lenoir Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Asheville Monday and Thursday Arrive at Boone by 5 p m; by 1 p m. Bond required with bid, \$800. Leave Boone Saturday at 7 a m; 13357 From Asheville, by Paint Gap (n. o.) and Arrive at Lenoir by 5 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300. Ivy Gap (n. o.), to Burnsville, 36 miles 13328 From Boone, by Valley Crucis to Cranberry and back, once a week. Leave Asheville Saturday at 6 a m; Forge, 22 miles and back, once a week, Leave Boone Wednesday at 6 a m; Arrive at Burnsville by 6 p m; Leave Burnsville Friday at 6 a m; Arrive at Cranberry Forge by 4 p m Arrive at Asheville by 6p m. Leave Cranberry Forge Thursday at 6 a m. Bond required with bid, \$400. Arrive at Boone by 4 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13358 From Marshall, by Walnut Run, Big Laurel. White Rock, Peach Grove (Tenn). 13329 From Boone to Blowing Rock, 8 miles and and Unaka, to Greenville, 42 miles and back, twice a week. back, three times a week. Leave Boone Wednesday and Saturday at 7 Leave Marshall Monday, Wednesday, and Arrive at Blowing Rock by 10 a m; Friday at 6 a m; Arrive at Greenville by 8 p m: Leave Blowing Rock Wednesday and Sat-Leave Greenville Tuesday, Thursday, and urday at 2.30 p m; Saturday at 6 a m; Arrive at Boone by 5 p m Bond required with bid, \$200. Arrive at Marshall by 8 p m. Bond required with bid \$500. 13330 From Globe to Blowing Rock, 91/2 miles and 13359 From Marshall, by Halewood, Mars Hill, back, once a week. and Grantville, to Stocksville, 20 miles Leave Globe Friday at 10 a m; and back, once a week. Arrive at Blowing Rock by 1 p m; Leave Marshall Monday at 6 a m Leave Blowing Rock Wednesday at 1 p m; Arrive at Globe by 3 p m. Arrive at Stocksville by 12 m; Leave Stocksville Monday at 1 p m; Bond required with bid, \$100. Arrive at Marshall by 7 pm. Bond required with bid, \$200. 13331 From Jefferson, by Shady Springs, Elk Cross Roads, Moretz's Mills, and Boone, 13360 From Warm Springs, by Marshall, French to Sugar Grove, 3214 miles and back, once Broad, Riverside, Asheville, Busbee, Shufordsville, Hendersonville, Flat Rock, Leave Jefferson Thursday at 7 a m; Lima (S. C.), Belleview, and Traveller's Arrive at Sugar Grove by 6 p m; Leave Sugar Grove Friday at 7 a m; Rest, to Greenville C. H., 98 miles and Arrive at Jefferson by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300. back, six times a week. Leave Warm Springs daily, except Sunday, From Jefferson, by Nathan's Creek, Chestat 8 a m: nut Hill, and Weaversford, to Mouth-of-Arrive at Asheville by 8 p m; Wilson (Va.), 19 miles and back, once a Leave Asheville daily, except Sunday, at 8a week. Leave Jefferson Wednesday at 6 a m; Arrive at Warm Springs by 6 p m; Arrive at Mouth-of-Wilson by 12 m; Leave Asheville daily, except Sunday, at 8 Leave Mouth-of-Wilson Wednesday at 1 p m; Arrive at Jefferson by 7 p m. Arrive at Greenville C. H. by 6 p m; Leave Greenville C. H. daily, except Sun-Bond required with bid, \$200, 18333 From Jefferson to Horse Creek, 14 1/4 miles day, at 8 a m: Arrive at Asheville by 6 p m and back, once a week. Bond required with bid, \$5,000. Leave Jefferson Saturday at 1 p m; 13361 From Warm Springs, by Lee, to Spring Arrive at Horse Creek by 6 p m; Creek. 18 miles and back, once a week. Leave Horse Creek Saturday at 6 a m; Leave Warms Springs Saturday at 6 a m; Arrive at Jefferson by 11 a m. Bond required with bid, \$200. Arrive at Spring Creek by 12 m; Leave Spring Creek Saturday at 1 p m; 13334 From Jefferson, by Walnut Hill, to Helton, Arrive at Warm Springs by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$200. 11 miles and back, once a week. Leave Jefferson Saturday at 12 m; Arrive at Helton by 4 p m; 13362 From Lee to Wolf Creek (Tenn.), 15 miles and back, once a week. Leave Lee Friday at 7 a m; Leave Helton Saturday at 7 a m; Arrive at Jefferson by 11 a m. Bond required with bid, \$100 Arrive at Wolf Creek by 12 m Leave Wolf Creek Friday at 1 p m; 1335 From Helton to Month-of-Wilson (Va.), Arrive at Lee by 6 p m. miles and back, once a week. Bond required with bid, \$200 Leave Helton Thursday at 7 a m : 13363 From Lee to Big Creek (Tenn.), 24 miles Arrive at Mouth-of-Wilson by 10 a m; Leave Mouth-of-Wilson Thursday at 11 am; and back, once a week. Arrive at Helton by 2 p m. Leave Lee Monday at 7 a m; Bond required with bid, \$100. Arrive at Big Creek by 5 p m 13336 From Burnsville, by Day Book, Green Leave Big Creek Tuesday at 7 a m; Mountain, Red Hill, Fork Mountain, Arrive at Lee by 5 a m. Bond required with bid, \$200 Limestone Cove (Tenn.), Hampton, and 13364 From Waynesville, by Ivy Hill, Quallatown, Gap Run, to Elizabethton, 51 miles and Junaluska, Charleston, Nantahalah, Steback, once a week. coah, and Rollinsville, to Valleytown, 83 Leave Burnsville Thursday at 6 a m; Arrive at Elizabethton next day by 12 m; miles and back, once a week. Leave Waynesville Tuesday at 5 p m; Leave Elizabethton Friday at 1 p m: Arrive at Burnsville next day by 6 p m. Arrive at Valleytown Friday at 4.30 pm; Leave Valleytown Friday at 5 p m; Bond required with bid, \$500. Arrive at Waynesville Tuesday by 4 p m. 13337 From Burnsville, by Bald Creek, Ivy, Dem. Bond required with bid, \$800. ocrat, Lockhart's, Stocksville, and Wea-13365 From Waynesville, by Jonathan's Creek, verville, to Asheville, 38 miles and back, Catalooche, Mount Sterling, Big Creek (Tenn.), Crosby, and Wilton Springs, to Leave Burnsville Tuesday and Friday at 6 s Newport, 62 mles and back, once a week. Leave Waynesville Wednesday at 7 a m; Arrive at Asheville by 6 p m; Arrrive at Newport next day by 5 p m; Leave Asheville Wednesday and Saturday Leave Newport Friday at 7 a m; Arrive at Waynesville next day by 5 p m. Arrive at Burnsville by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$600. Bond required with bid, \$700. 13366 From Franklin, by Wickle's Store, Head-13338 From Burnsville, by Micaville, Flinty of-Tennessee, Clayton (Ga.), War Woman. Branch, Spruce Pine, Grassy Creek, and Whetstone, and Tunnel Hill (S. C.), to Mica, to Marion, 38 miles and back, twice Walhalla, 51 miles and back, twice a a week. Leave Bnrnsville Tuesday and Friday at 7 a Leave Franklin Monday and Thursday at Arrive at Marion by 7 p m; Leave Marion Wednesday and Saturday at Arrive at Walhalla next days by 12 m; Leave Walhalia Tuesday and Friday at Arrive at Burnsville by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$700. Arrive at Franklin next days by 6 p m. 3339 From Bakersville, by Ledger, to Burnsville, Bond required with bid, \$1,000. 16 miles and back, once a week. 13367 From Franklin, by Nantahalah, Forney's Leave Bakersville Wednesday at 2 p m; Creek, and Forks of Tennessee, to Chil-Arrive at Burnsville by 7 p m; Leave Burnsville Wednesday at 7 a m; howee, 69 miles and back, once a week. Leave Franklin Thursday at 6 a m; Arrive at Bakersville by 12 m. Arrive at Chilhowee next day by 6 p m; Bond required with bid, \$200 Leave Chilhowee Friday at 6.15 p m; 13340 From Bakersville, by Hawk Mine and Plum Arrive at Nantahalah Sunday by 8 a m; tree, to Oranberry Forge, 24 miles and Leave Nantahalah Wednesday at 8 a m; Arrive at Franklin by 6 p m. Leave Bakersville Wednesday at 6 a m: Bond required with bid, \$700. 13368 From Casher's Valley, by Horse Cove and Arrive at Cranberry Forge by 6 p m; Leave Granberry Forge Thursday at 6 a m; Pine Mountain, to Clayton (Ga.), 31 miles Arrive at Bakersville by 6 p m. Bond required with bid, \$300. and back, once a week. Leave Casher's Valley Monday at 7 a m; 13341 From Bakersville, by Little Rock Creek and Fork Mountain, to Johnson City Arrive at Clayton by 6 p m; Leave Clayton Tuesday at 7 a m; (Tenn.), 38 miles and back, twice a week. Arrive at Casher's Valley by 6 p m. Leave Bakersville Monday and Friday at 5 Bond required with bid, \$300, 13369 From Casher's Valley to Walhalla (S. C.), 34 Arrive at Johnson City by 5 p m; miles and back, once a week. Leave Johnson City Tuesday and Saturday Leave Casher's Valley Monday at 5 a m; st6 a m; Arrive at Walhalla by 7 p m; Arrive at Bakersville by 6 p m. Leave Walhalla Tuesday at 5 a m; Bond required with bid, \$700. Arrive at Casher's Valley by 7 p m. 13342 From Mica to Cranberry Forge, 22 miles Bond required with bid, \$300. and back, once a week. Leave Mica Thursday at 8 a m; 13370 From Charleston to Nantahalah, 6 miles and back, once a week arrive at Cranberry Forge by 4 p m; 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. From Rollinsville to Chilhowee (Tenn.), 40 Creek, to Flag Pond (Tenn.), 15 miles and 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. Hollow Poplar, to Swingleville (Tenn.), 25 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 Hayesville 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 Hayesville 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. Bond 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. 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 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. 3378 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. 13379 From Murphey, by Brasstown, to Hayes-ville, 17 miles and back, twice a week.

at 7 a m:

at 1 p m;

Arrive at Hayesville by 12 m;

Arrive at Murphey by 6 p m.

Arrive at Ducktown by 12 m;

and back, once a week.

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Arrive at Ducktown by 12 m;

Bond required with bid, \$300.

17 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Ducktown Saturday at 1 p m;

Arrive at Laurel Valley by 8 p m.

Bond required with bid, \$200.

Leave Vest's Wednesday at 6 a n

Arrive at Vest's by 7 p m. Bond required with bid, \$100.

Leave Ducktown Wednesday at 1 pm;

EXTRACTS FROM LAWS, ETC.

OATH OF MAIL CONTRACTORS AND

CARRIERS, REQUIRED BY ACT OF

I. - do solemnly swear (or affirm) that

will faithfully perform all the duties re-

quired of me, and abstain from everything

forbidden by the laws in relation to the es-

tablishment of post offices and post-roads

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

ted States which may come into my pos-

session or control. So help me God.

ment," Approved June 8, 1872.

hereafter may be avoided.

a contract for carrying the mail.

age, or who is a married woman.

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

such offense, forfeit and pay not exceeding

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

SEC. 231. That no stage-coach,

made, and the

LIABILITY OF POSTMASTERS.

SEC. 228. That no person shall establish

Private expresses, &c.

and direct others.

tors or bidders.

Department.

fifty dollars.

dollars.

dollars.

tractors.

within the United States; and that I will

Bond required with bid, \$200.

Bond required with bid, \$100.

miles and back, once a week.

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back, once a week.

Service to be awarded to the lowest bidder. Bids of failing contractors may Leave Murphey Wednesday and Saturday not be considered. SEC. 249. That all contracts for carrying Leave Hayesville Wednesday and Saturday 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 13380 From Laurel Valley to Ducktown (Tenn may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty, and security thereof: Leave Laurel Valley Saturday at Gam; 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. 13381 From Vest's to Ducktown (Tenn.), 12 miles Combinations to prevent bidding pro- Contracts cannnot be assigned nor transhibited.

cepted as the Postmaster General shall pre-

master General, to perform the service pro-

posed in his said bid, and, further, that he

shall perform the said service according to

void, otherwise to be in full force and obli-

gation in law; and in case of failure of any

bidder to enter into such contract to per-

form the service, or, having executed a con-

tract, in case of failure to perform the ser-

vice according to his contract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the amount of

said bond as liquidated damages, to be re-

covered 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 be-

ore 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 en-

ter into contract and perform the service in

SEC. 246. That before the bond of a bidder

provided for in the aforesaid section is ap-

proved, 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.

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

SEC. 247. That any postmaster who shall

affix his signature to the approval of any

ficiency 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 o

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 misdemean

or, and on conviction thereof, be punished

by a fine not exceeding five thousand dol-

lars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one

bond of a bidder, or to the certificate of suf-

in the aggregate, a sum double the amount

case his bid is accepted.

character whatever.

year, or both.

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 disqualified.

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

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, By section 16 of the act of June 8, 1872, having entered into contract, shall fail to commence the performance of the service every person employed in the postal service is subject to all the pains, penalties, and stipulated in his or their contract as thereforfeitures for violation of the laws relating in provided, the Postmaster General shall to such service, whether he has taken the above oath or affirmation or not. proceed to contract with the next lowest into a contract for the performance thereof, unless the Postmaster General shall consid-Sections of the Act of Congress " to reer such bid too high, in which case he shall vise, consolidate, and amend the statre-advertise such service. And if any bidutes relating to the Post-Office Departder whose bid has been accepted, and who has entered into a contract to perform the service according to his proposal, and in The POSTMASTER GENERAL requests that pursuance of his contract has entered upon bidders, guarantors, sureties, and all perthe performance of the service to the satissons concerned, or intending to be concernfaction of the Postmaster General, shall ed, in mail contracts, will carefully read subsequently fail or refuse to perform the and critically examine the abstract of laws service according to his contract, the Posthere presented, and also the forms and inmaster General shall proceed to contract structions at the end of this advertisement, with the next lowest bidder for such serin order that bids may be made and liabilvice, under the advertisement thereof, (unities assumed understandingly, and that all misapprehensions or cause of complaint less the Postmaster General shall consider such bid too high,) who will enter into contract and give bond, with sureties, to be POSTMASTERS are required to make them approved by the Postmaster General, for selves familiar with these laws and inthe faithful performance thereof, in the structions, that they may be able to inform 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 Postmasters, clerks, &c., cannot be conof the next lowest bidders for such service whose respective bids are not considered SEC. 78. That no postmaster, assistant too high by the Postmaster General shall refuse to enter into contract and give bond postmaster, or clerk employed in any post office, shall be a contractor or concerned in as herein required for the faithful performance 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 Persons in the employ of the Post Office Department (including postmasters) enter into contract, or a contractor on any mail-route shall fail or refuse to perform the service on said route according to his concannot become interested in a mail contract, nor act as agent of contractract, or when a new route shal be estabished, or new service required, or when SEC. 12. That no person employed in the from any other cause there shall not be a Post Office Department shall become intercontractor legally bound or required to ested in any contract for carrying the mail, perform such service, the Postmaster Genor act as agent, with or without compensaeral may make a temporary contract for cartion, for any contractor or person offering rying the mail on such route, without adto become a contractor in any business bevertisement, for such period as may be nefore the Department; and any person so cessary, not in any case exceeding six offending shall be immediately dismissed months, until the service shall have comfrom office, and shall be liable to pay so much money as would have been realized law: Provided, however, That the Postfrom said contract, to be recovered in an | 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 preceding regular contract term. And in all By regulation of the Department, no carcases of regular contracts hereafter made, rier should be employed who is under sixthe contract may, in the discretion of the teen years of age; and no bidder will be ac-Postmaster General, be continued in force cepted who is under twenty-one years of beyond its express terms for a period not exceeding six months, until a new contract with the same, or other contractors, shall Conveyance of letters out of the mail. 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 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.

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 beall bids when the sum exceeds \$5,000. tween which the mail is regularly carried: and every person so offending, or aiding or SEC. 253. That hereafter all bidders assisting therein, shall, for each offense, upon every mail route for the transporforfeit and pay one hundred and fifty tation of the mails upon the same, where the annual compensation for the SEC. 229. That the owner of every stageservice on such route at the time excoach, railway-car, steamboat, or other vehicle or vessel, which shall, with the knowl- ceeds the sum of five thousand dollars, shall accompany their bids with a ceredge of any owner, in whole or in part, or with the knowledge or connivance of the tified check, or draft, payable to the ordriver, conductor, master, or other person der of the Postmaster General, upon having charge of the same, convey any person acting or employed as a private ex- some solvent national bank, which press for the conveyance of letters or packcheck or draft shall not be less than five ts, and actually in possession of the same per centum on the amount of the annual for the purpose of conveying them contrapay on said route at the time such bid is ry to the spirit, true intent, and meaning made; and in case of new or modified of this law, shall, for every such offense, forfeit and pay one hundred and fifty service, not less than five per centum of the amount of the bond of the bidder SEC. 230. That no person shall transmit required to accompany his bid, if the by private expresss or other unlawful amount of the said bond exceeds five means, or deliver to any agent of such unthousand dollars. In case any bidder, lawful express, or deposit, or cause to be deposited, at any appointed place, for the on being awarded any such contract, purpose of being transmitted, any letter or shall fail to execute the same, with good packet, and for every such offense the parand sufficient sureties, according to the y so offending shall forfeit and pay fifty terms on which such bid was made and accepted, and enter upon the performance of the service to the satisfaction of from ----- to ----, do swear that way-car, steamboat, or other vehicle or the Postmaster General, such bidder I have the ability, pecuniarily, to fulfill vessel which regularly performs trips at shall, in addition to his liability on his my obligation as such bidder; that the stated periods on any post-route, or from any city, town, or place to any other city, bond accompanying his bid, forfeit the | bid is made in good faith, and with the town, or place between which the mail is amount so deposited to the United intention to enter into contract and perregularly carried, shall carry, otherwise States, and the same shall forthwith be form the service in case said bid shall than in the mail, any letters or packets, expaid into the Treasury for the use of the | be accepted. cept such as relate to some part of the cargo of such steamboat or other vessel, or to Post Office Department; but if such some article carried at the same time by contract shall be duly executed and the the same stage-coach, railway-car, or other vehicle, except as provided in section two service entered upon as aforesaid, such hundred and thirty-nine; and for every draft or check so deposited, and the checks or drafts deposited by all other of ----, A. D. 187 , and in [SEAL.] such offense the owner of the stage-coach, railway-car, steamboat, or other vehicle or bidders on the same route, shall be re- testimony whereof I hereunto vessel shall forfeit and pay one hundred dolturned to the respective bidders mak- subscribe my name and affix lars; and the driver, conductor, master, or ing such deposits. No proposals for my official seal the day and other person having charge thereof, and not at the time owner of the whole or any the transportation of the mails where year aforesaid. part thereof, shall in like manner forfeit the amount of the bond required to acand pay for every such offense fifty dollars. company the same shall exceed five (Section 239 permits conveyance of letters in stamped envelopes otherwise than by thousand dollars shall be considered, unless accompanied with the check or fore a justice of the peace, or any other draft herein required, together with the officer not using a seal, except a judge The manner in which proposals shall be 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 ser-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 penalties or forfeitures which have the person who administered the oath advance of the mail, a quarter's pay act in both capacities. SEC. 245. That every proposal for carrying heretofore accrued under the provisions is duly qualified as such officer. the mail shall be accompanied by the bond of the bidder, with sureties approved by a of the sections hereby amended.

postmaster, and in cases where the amount Failing contractors guilty of a misde-

of the bond exceeds five thousand dollars, by a postmaster of the first, second, or third SEC. 254. That any person or persons class, in a sum to be designated by the bidding for the transportation of the Postmaster General in the advertisement of each route; to which bond a condition mails upon any route which may be adshall be annexed, that if the said bidder vertised to be let, and receiving an shall, within such time after his bid is acaward of the contract for such service. who shall wrongfully refuse or fail to scribe, enter into a contract with the United States of America, with good and suffienter into contract with the Postmaster cient sureties, to be approved by the Post-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 therehis contract, then the said obligation to be of, be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and by imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

No pay to be made until contracts are executed. SEC. 259. 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. 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 before 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.

posed, for delinquencies.

Deductions may be made, and fines im-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 performed; and not exceeding three times the price if the failure be occasioned by the fault of the contractor or carrier.

be null and void.

Schedules to be furnished and posted up in post offices. Registers to be re-

turned 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 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 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

of Congress. But if a member withdraw from a 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 and above all debts due and owing by who is elected a member of Congress | him, and all judgments, mortgages, and

by such election.—Ibid., 5, 697.] The Postmaster General has no power, ever, the total sum thus assured under the law, to release bidders and amounting to (s---) --- dollars. 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 Judge of a U. S. Court, the certificate of on delinquents.

Contracts to be executed and filed in the duly qualified as such officer. Department by the first day of June. Under the provisions of section 245 of | STATE OF _____)

the act approved June 23, 1874, the Post- County of _____ master General has prescribed the 1st day of June, 1875, on or before which same being a Court of Record, do hereday the contracts of accepted bidders by certify that ---menced under a contract made according to | must be received at the Department in | uine signature appears to the foregoing Washington, executed in due form. Accepted bidders not complying with name, a justice of the peace in and for

having failed to comply with their pro- qualified, and that all his official acts posals, and the Postmaster 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 ----ost-office address is -Certified Checks or Drafts to accompany | No. ---, between ---- and ---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 October 1, 1874, "with celerity, certainty, and security," for the annual sum of ----- dollars; and if this proposal is accepted he will enter into con- this certificate. tract, with sureties to be approved by the Postmaster General, within the time prescribed in said advertisement.

This proposal is made with full knowl edge of the distance of the route, the weight of the mail to be carried, and all other particulars in reference to the route and service; and also, 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 currying the mail, and to be taken before an officer qualified to administer oaths.

I ----, of ----, bidder for carrying the mail on route No. -

Sworn to and subscribed before me, ---- for the ----of ----, this---- day

Note.—When the oath is taken be ance of the mail, may be made.

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 anamount 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 signing affixed. Direct to the "Second Assistant Postmaster General, Post Office Department Washington, D. C., "marked "Proposals, State of !-

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 by a justice of the peace, adding his official title, or, if signed by a Notary Pub-

lic, he should affix his seal.

Know all men by these presents, that ---, of ---, in the State of -, principal, and ---- and -- of ---, in the State of as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America 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, 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 | quired evidence of service has been remaking appropriations for the service ceived. 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 in compliance with the provisions of streams, &c., and all toll-bridges, turnsaid law, this bond is made and exe- pikes, plank-roads, ferries, or obstruccuted, subject to all the terms, conditions, and remedies thereon, in the said be incurred. No claim for additional 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 Offices established after this advertisesaid 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 be not 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, in the advertisement, as bids received and further shall perform said service after that time will not be considered in according to his contract: then this ob- competition with bids of reasonable igation shall be void, otherwise to be in amount received in time. Neither can full force and obligation in law.

In witness whereof we have hereunto

Witness:

On this -- day of ---, 187, perwithin bond, that his place of residence is correctly stated therein, that he is the during its continuance is not affected executions against him, after allowing all exemptions of every character what-

> 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 the clerk of a court of record must be added, under his seal of office, that the person who administered the oath is

I. ———, clerk of the —— the affidavit, was, at the time of signing the this regulation shall be considered as the county and State aforesaid, duly

In testimony whereof, I have hereunthan five per centum of the amount of to set my hand as clerk, and affixed the seal of said court, on this --- day of

CERTIFICATE OF POSTMASTER. I, the undersigned postmaster at ----, State of _____, after the exercise of appropriate route. due diligence to inform myself of the 20. All checks pecuniary ability and responsibility of | will be held until contract is executed -, whose the principal and his sureties in the and the service commenced by the ac--, county of aforegoing bond, and of the unincum- cepted bidder. Checks will not be re _____, State of _____, proposes to carry bered 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 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.

> said bond was duly signed by -— and ———— and --. his sureties, before signing ----, Postmaster.

Dated _____, 187 . INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND

POSTMASTERS;

Containing also conditions to be incorcorporated in the contracts to the ex-

tent the Department may deem proper. 1. Seven minutes are allowed to each such transportation than may be necesintermediate office, when not otherwise specified, for assorting the mails. 2. On routes where the mode of con-

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, specifying the number and destination 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 Making a new bid in proper form is the fault of the contractor or carrier, three only way to modify a previous one. times the pay of the trip will be deducted. Fer 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 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-

may be deducted. Bids of \$5,000 and upwards must be | 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 connual pay on the route; or in case of new service, not less than 5 per centum of 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 in-structions of the Department; for refus-

ing to discharge a carrier when required by the Department to do so; for running an express as aforesaid; or for transporting persons or packages con-veying mailable matter out of the mail. 8. The Postmaster General may order an increase of service on a route by allowing therefor a pro rata increase on 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 running time be not abridged. The Postmaster General may also discontimue or curtail the service, in whole or in part, in order to place on the route superior service, or whenever the public 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

retained and continued. 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 re-

compensation for the amount of service

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 the mail, the condition of hills, roads, tions of any kind by which expense may 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 causment is issued, and also during 11. Bidders are cautioned to mail their proposals in time to reach the Department by the day and hour named

bids be considered which are without the bond, oath, and certificate required set our hands and seals this - day of 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, sep-

arately for different service; and if the regular bid be the lowest offered for the advertised service, the other propositions may be considered. 13. There should be but one route bid

for in a proposal. Consolidated or combination bids ("proposing one sum for two or more routes") cannot be consid-14. The route, the service, the yearly

pay, the name and residence of the bidder, (that is, his usual post-office address,) and the name of each member of a firm where a company offers, should be distinctly stated. 15. Bidders are requested to use, as

far as practicable, the printed proposals 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-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

18. The bid should be sealed, superscribed "Mail Proposals, State of North Carolina," addressed "Second Assistant

Postmaster General, Contract Office." 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

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 exceeds (\$5,000) five thousand dollars, are stated in the advertisement under the

case of new or modified service, not less

20. All checks deposited with bids some one upon his order, must receive them IN PERSON, and receipt for them on

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 sary 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, certainty, and of the Post Office Department, also post | 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 tainty, and security," and have the preference 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 4. No pay will be made for trips not new bid, and cannot be received so as 24. Postmasters are cautioned not to the sureties. See sections 246 and 247,

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,

MARSHALL JEWELL, Postmaster General