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PROPOSALS

For carrying Mails of the United States on the following Post Roads, will be received at the General Post Office in Washington, until the 16th day of January next inclusive.

IN NORTH-CAROLINA.

77. From Edenton, by Lee's mills, and Plymouth, to Washington, once a week.
 Leave Edenton every Tuesday at 6 a. m. arrive at Plymouth by 7 p. m. Leave Plymouth on Wednesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Washington by 6 p. m.
 Returning. Leave Washington on Sunday at 6 a. m. arrive at Plymouth by 4 p. m. Leave Plymouth at 4 1-2 p. m. and arrive at Edenton on Monday by 4 p. m.
 78. From Washington, by Bath, to Woodstock once a week.
 Leave Woodstock every Wednesday at 7 a. m. and arrive at Washington by 4 p. m. Leave Washington at 7 p. m. and arrive at Woodstock on Thursday by 2 p. m.
 79. From Newbern, by Trenton, North West Landing, to Edenton, once a week.
 Leave Newbern every Tuesday at 5 a. m. and arrive at Edenton on Thursday by 10 a. m. Leave Edenton on Saturday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Newbern on Sunday by 7 p. m.
 From Newbern to Beaufort once in two weeks.
 Leave Newbern every other Friday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Beaufort on Saturday by 10 a. m. Leave Beaufort the same day at 2 p. m. and arrive at Newbern on Sunday by 6 p. m.
 81. From Warrenton, by Ransom's bridge, Jonesville, Halifax, Scotland Neck, Hogatan, Williamston, Daily's, and Lee's Mills, to Seaport, once a week.
 Leave Warrenton every Tuesday at 4 a. m. arrive at Ransom's bridge by noon. Leave Ransom's bridge at 1 p. m. and arrive at Halifax by 6 p. m. Leave Halifax at 7 p. m. arrive at Seaport on Friday by 11 a. m.
 Returning. Leave Seaport every Friday at 1 p. m. arrive at Halifax by 8 p. m. Leave Halifax at 8 1-2 a. m. arrive at Ransom's bridge by noon. Leave Ransom's bridge at 1 p. m. and arrive at Warrenton by 7 p. m.
 82. From Halifax, by Northampton c. h. Princeton, Murfreesboro', Winton, Colerain, Pitch Landing and Windsor, to Edenton once a week.
 Leave Halifax every Wednesday at 4 a. m. and arrive at Murfreesboro' by 4 p. m. Leave Murfreesboro' by 5 p. m. and arrive at Edenton on Friday by 10 a. m.
 Returning. Leave Edenton every Friday at 2 p. m. arrive at Murfreesboro' on Sunday by 1 a. m. and at Halifax by 8 p. m.
 83. From Warrenton by Ransom's bridge and Jonesboro' to Tarboro', thence by Nasa c. h. and Sill's store to Warrenton, once a week.
 Leave Warrenton every Friday at 8 a. m. and arrive at Tarboro' on Saturday by 1 p. m. Leave Tarboro' at 3 p. m. and arrive at Warrenton on Monday by 8 p. m.
 84. From Halifax by Tate's store, Eufield, Tarborough, Greenville and Washington to Newbern, twice a week.
 Leave Halifax every Wednesday and Sunday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Newbern on Saturday and Monday at 10 a. m.
 Returning. Leave Newbern every Wednesday and Saturday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Halifax on Saturday and Tuesday by 6 p. m.
 85. From Scotland Neck, by Norfleet's ferry, Grandberry Cr. Roads and Clarksville to Windsor, once a week.
 Leave Scotland Neck every Thursday, at 6 a. m. and arrive at Windsor by 4 p. m. Leave Windsor every Friday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Scotland Neck by 6 p. m.
 86. From Raleigh, by Chapel hill to R. b. borough, once a week.
 Leave Raleigh every Friday at 8 a. m. and arrive at Hillsborough on Saturday by 8 a. m. Leave Hillsborough every Wednesday at 5 p. m. and arrive at Raleigh on Thursday by 3 p. m.
 87. From Hillsborough, by Mount Tabor, Person c. h. Leeburg, Caswell c. h. Lenox Cahe, Sostwick's and Rockingham to Germantown, once a week.
 Leave Hillsborough every Saturday at 10 a. m. arrive at Caswell c. h. on Sunday by noon. Leave Germantown every Wednesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Hillsborough the next Saturday by 8 a. m.
 88. From Averysboro' by Haywood, Pittsburgh and Jones's ferry to Hillsboro', once a week.
 Leave Averysboro' every Thursday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Hillsboro' on Saturday by 8 a. m. Leave Hillsboro' every Sunday at 10 a. m. and arrive at Averysboro' on Sunday by 6 p. m.
 89. From Raleigh, by Nuttall's, to Oxford, or Murfreesboro', once a week.
 Leave Raleigh every Friday at 4 a. m. and arrive at Oxford by 6 p. m. Leave Oxford every Saturday at 4 a. m. and arrive at Raleigh by 6 p. m.
 90. From Raleigh, by Paul's ferry, Watson's Cross Roads, Richlands, Woodlands, Dawsons or Tossnat, to Tarboro' once in two weeks.
 Leave Raleigh every Friday at 6 a. m. arrive at Tarboro' on Saturday by 6 p. m. Leave Tarboro' every other Sunday at 8 a. m. and arrive at Raleigh, on Monday by 6 p. m.
 91. From Williamsburg by Bullock's store, Brown's store, Williamsville, Steerungville and Red House, to Caswell c. h. once a week.
 Leave Williamsburg every Saturday at 4 a. m. arrive at Caswell c. h. on Sunday by noon. Leave Caswell c. h. every Sunday by 2 p. m. and arrive at Williamsburg on Friday by 4 p. m.
 92. From Warrenton, by Williamsboro', Oxford, Hillsboro', Alleanance, Matinville, New Garden, Saicin and Lexington, to Salisbury once a week.
 Leave Warrenton every Friday at 2 a. m. and arrive at Hillsboro' on Saturday by 8 a. m. Leave Hillsboro' at 9 a. m. and arrive at Salem on Sunday by 3 p. m. Leave Salem at 4 p. m. and arrive at Salisbury on Monday by 11 a. m.
 Returning. Leave Salisbury every Monday at 1 p. m. and arrive at Salem on Tuesday by 8 a. m. Leave Salem at 9 a. m. and arrive at Hillsboro' on Wednesday by 3 p. m. Leave Hillsboro' at 5 p. m. and arrive at Warrenton on Thursday by 5 p. m.
 93. From Salem, by Bethania, Huntsville, Rockford and Wilkes, to Morganton, and thence by Irlano Ford, Statesville, Housatonia and Huntsville to Saicin once a week.
 Leave Salem every Tuesday at 10 a. m. and arrive at Morganton the next Thursday by 5 p. m. Leave Morganton every Friday at 8 a. m. and arrive at Salem the next Monday by 8 a. m.
 94. From Salisbury, by Concord, Alexandria, Charlotte, Blountsville, Lincoln and Morganton, to Asheville, to be returned by Morganton, Lincolnton, Catawba Springs and to Salisbury once a week.
 Leave Salisbury every Monday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Asheville on Tuesday by 8 p. m. and at Asheville on Thursday by 6 p. m. Leave Asheville every Friday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Salisbury on Monday by 10 a. m.
 95. From Asheville, by the Warm Springs, Newport T. and Sevierville to Knoxville T. once a week.
 Leave Asheville every Friday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Knoxville on Monday by 10 a. m. Leave Knoxville every Monday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Asheville the next Thursday by 6 p. m.
 96. From Morganton, by Rutherfordton and Gowen's store, to Greenville c. h. S. C. once a week.

Leave Morganton every Friday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Greenville c. h. on Sunday by 6 p. m.
 Returning. Leave Greenville c. h. every Monday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Morganton on Wednesday by 6 p. m.
 97. From Charlotte, by Beggar's ferry, and Hill's Iron works, to York c. h. S. C. once a week.
 Leave Charlotte every Wednesday at 9 a. m. and arrive at York c. h. by 8 p. m.
 Returning. Leave York c. h. every Tuesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Charlotte by 6 p. m.
 98. From Raleigh, by Smithfield, Waynesboro', Green c. h. and Kingston, to Newbern once a week.
 Leave Raleigh every Friday at 9 a. m. and arrive at Newbern the next Monday by 10 a. m. Leave Newbern every Monday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Raleigh the next Thursday by 4 p. m.
 99. From Charlotte, by Lancaster, Cairo and Providence, to Camden, once a week.
 Leave Charlotte every Wednesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Camden on Thursday by 5 p. m. Leave Camden on Friday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Charlotte on Saturday by 6 p. m.
 100. From Fayetteville, by Elizabethtown to Wilmington, and thence by South Washington, and Sampson c. h. to Fayetteville once a week.
 Leave Fayetteville every Monday at 4 a. m. and arrive at Wilmington on Thursday by 10 a. m. Leave Wilmington every Thursday at 2 p. m. and arrive at Fayetteville on Sunday by 6 p. m.
 101. From Fayetteville, by Andersville to Wilmington, once a week.
 Leave Fayetteville every Saturday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Wilmington on Sunday by 9 p. m. Leave Wilmington every Wednesday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Fayetteville on Thursday by 7 p. m.
 102. From Fayetteville, by Laurel Hill, Winfieldville and Cheraw c. h. to Camden S. C. once a week.
 Leave Fayetteville every Tuesday at 5 a. m. and arrive at Camden on Thursday by 8 p. m. Leave Camden every Friday at 6 a. m. and arrive at Fayetteville on Sunday by 6 p. m.
 103. From Fayetteville, by Moore c. h. Carriage and Randolph c. h. to Salisbury, and thence by Tincalsville, Henderson, Washington, Springville, Suedsboro' and Richmond c. h. to Fayetteville, once a week.
 Leave Fayetteville every Friday at 8 a. m. and arrive at Salisbury the next Monday by 10 a. m. Leave Salisbury at 2 p. m. arrive at Richmond c. h. on Wednesday by 4 p. m. and at Fayetteville on Thursday by 5 p. m.
 104. From Wilkes c. h. to Ashe c. h. once in two weeks.
 Leave Wilkes c. h. every other Thursday at 6 a. m. arrive at Ashe c. h. same day by 7 p. m. Leave Ashe c. h. every other Friday at 6 a. m. arrive at Wilkes c. h. the same day by 7 p. m.
 105. From Newbern to Swansboro' once a week.
 Leave Newbern every Tuesday at 4 a. m. arrive at Swansboro' same day by 11 a. m. Leave Swansboro' every Tuesday at 1 p. m. arrive at Newbern on same day by 7 p. m.

NOTICES

1. The Postmaster General may expedite the mails and alter the times of arrival and departure at any time during the continuance of the contract, he stipulating what he conceives to be an adequate compensation for any extra expense that may be occasioned thereby.
 2. Fifteen minutes shall be allowed for opening and closing the mails at all offices where a particular time is specified.
 3. For every thirty minutes delay, (unavoidable accident excepted) in arriving after the time prescribed in any contract, the contractor shall forfeit one dollar; and if the delay continues until the departure of any depending mails whereby the mails are delayed, for such depending mail to a trip an additional forfeiture of five dollars shall be incurred. And whenever a lost trip ensues, from whatever circumstance, the amount to be paid to the contractor for a regular trip is to be deducted from his pay.
 4. Newspapers, as well as letters are to be sent in the mail; and if any person making proposals, desires to carry newspapers, other than those conveyed in the mail, for his own amusement, he must state in his proposals for what sum he will carry with the emolument, and for what sum without the emolument.
 5. Should any person making proposals desire an alteration of the times of arrival and departure above specified, he must state in his proposals the alteration desired, and the difference they will make in the terms of the contract.
 6. Persons making proposals are desired to state their prices by the year. Those who contract will receive their pay quarterly, in the months of August, November, February and May, in one month after the expiration of each quarter.
 7. No other than a free white person shall be employed to convey the mail.
 8. Where the proposer intends to convey the mail in the body of a stage carriage, he is desired to state in his proposals.
 9. The Postmaster General reserves to himself the right of declaring any contract at an end whenever one failure happens which amounts to the loss of a trip.
 10. The contracts for the above routes are to be in operation on the first day of April next, and are to continue in force for two years.

GIDEON K. NGER, Postmaster-General.

GENERAL POST-OFFICE, Washington City, October 31, 1808.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA } November Term, 1808
 Wake County
 Lewis Bledsoe } Original attachment returned levied in the hands of John Green and Thos. Clements } he summoned a garnishee.
 Thos. Clements }
 IT is ordered by the court that the pendency of this suit be advertised in the Minerva for three weeks, that unless the defendant appears at our next county court of pleas and quarter sessions to be held for the county aforesaid on the third Monday of Feb. next, replevy and plead thereto, final judgment will be entered against him.
 Test. WILLIAM HILL, clk.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA } Nov. Term 1808.
 Wake County
 Lewis Bledsoe } Original attachment, returned levied in the hands of John Martin and he summoned a garnishee.
 Thos. Clements }
 It is ordered by the court that the pendency of this suit be advertised in the Minerva for three weeks, that unless the defendant appear at our next county court of pleas and quarter sessions to be held for the county aforesaid on the third Monday of February next, replevy and plead thereto, final judgement will be entered against him.
 Test. WM. HILL, clk.

STRAYED from the subscriber living at Willie Jones' on Monday the 31st of October, 1808, a Bay Horse 4 feet 10 or 11 inches high, supposed to be 10 years old, with a snip on his nose and a star in his forehead, half of his mane on the off side reached. Any person delivering the said horse to me at Willie Jones', or giving information of the said horse will be satisfied by me.
 RICHARD LIGON.

NOTICE

THE Subscribers having qualified as executors to the estate of Shermuel Kerne, dec. late of Franklin county, & request all those indebted to said estate to make immediate payment as the situation of the estate will not admit of indulgence; those who have claims against said estate are notified to bring in their claims properly authenticated in the time limited by law, or they will be barred of a recovery.
 JOHN NUTTAL.
 SHERMUEL COOK, jun. } Ex'rs.
 4w.

NOTICE

THE Subscriber being about to close his administration on the estate of Benj. Smith of Wake county dec. hereby notifies all those who may have claims against the said estate, that immediate application must be made for payment, or this notice will be plead in bar to all claims which may hereafter be produced.
 RICHARD SMITH, admr.
 Dec. 18, 1808. 3w.

Strayed,

From the subscriber, near Tarborough, a yellow Bay Horse, has a saddle spot on his back, blaze in his face, slim tail; he was raised in the western part of this state; was seen 10 miles west of Raleigh, following a traveller, and seen to cross the Red-Field Ford on Haw-River; the 9th December. Five Dollars and reasonable expenses will be paid to any one who will deliver said horse to the owner.
 JOHN COTTON.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, } October Session 1808.

George Buchanan }
 or } Judicial Attachment
 Basch Biscac. }

Returned levied in the hands of William R. Pickett and Toddy Robinson, and being sworn in open court, W. R. Pickett declares of his garnishment that he is indebted to the defendant by note \$ 138, and Toddy Robinson also declares on his garnishment that he is indebted to the defendant by note the sum of \$ 250, payable the first day of January last, and it is suggested to the court that the defendant resides without the limits of this state; and it is ordered by said court, that publication be made three months in the Minerva, that unless the defendant appears at the next county court of pleas and quarter sessions to be held for said county on the second Monday in January next, and replevy and enter his plea that final judgment will be entered against him.

TODDY ROBINSON.

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Has just received from New-York, an addition at supply of Books.

New British Theatre 25 vols. Survey of Spain and Portugal—late. Palmarin of England. Dibdin's Mirth and metre. Burnet's Poland. Parson's Poems. Junius, Milton, Pope, Rowe and Virgil. Nightingale on Methodism. Bancroft's Life of Washington. State of France, since 1802 to 18 6. Memoire of Madam Maintenon. Tenant's India. Juvenal Delphini. Burke's works. Boswell's John n. Cam n's Poems. Marmon. Wild Irish Boy. Fial Revenge.
 Political.—Hints to both parties, or observations on the Proceedings of Parliament. Picture of a Republican. Magistrate of the New School, by John T. Danvers of Virginia. Inquiry into the causes and consequences of the British Orders in Council, by Alexander Baring. Letter to the Hon. John Q. Adams, by Alfred. Letter to the Hon. James Madison. Anecdotes of Frederick the Great. Kendall's Pocket Encyclopedia. Rabbiae's Works. Horrors of St. Domingo. Ossian's Poems. Burn's Poems. Common Prayer Book. Life of Pitt. Do. of Fox. Memoirs of Sir William Jones. Do. of Maj. Gen. Lee. Butler's Hudibras. Gray's millwright, 10 Dollars.
 Novels.—Corinna. Marmon. Griffiths. Abby. Lel and Isabel. Foundling of the grade. Wincer in London. Warrior's Return. Salvo's Travels.

Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Monday, Dec. 26.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the president of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, and to whom also was referred on the 17th inst. a resolution of the house in the words following: "Resolved, That measures ought to be immediately taken for placing the country in a more complete state of defence," reported the following resolution:
 Resolved, That it is expedient immediately to raise, arm and equip fifty thousand volunteers to serve for the term of two years.
 The resolution, and the documents accompanying it, received from the secretary of war, were referred to a committee of the whole to-morrow.
 Mr. G. W. Campbell from the committee to whom was referred that part of the president's message which relates to our foreign affairs, and to whom was also referred a resolution of the house...

suspending all intercourse with Great Britain and France—reported a bill in pursuance thereof. The bill was read twice, and referred to a committee of the whole on Wednesday.

The house then went into a committee of the whole on the bill to enforce and make more effectual the act laying an embargo, &c. and the several acts supplementary thereto. Mr. Baptist in the chair.

Mr. Elliott spoke in opposition to the bill for about two hours; when Mr. Macon observing that the gentleman was much exhausted, moved that the committee should rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Smith opposed the rising of the committee, and remarked that he could not consent that any gentleman should occupy two days during the remainder of the session.

The motion for rising was then negatived, and Mr. Elliot continued his remarks for a few moments, but was so indisposed as to be forced to sit down without having concluded.

On motion of Mr. Varnum, the committee rose, reported progress, had leave to sit again.

Mr. G. W. Campbell from the committee of way and means reported a bill to continue in force for a longer period the first section of the act entitled "an act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers (Mediterranean fund)"—Referred to a committee of the whole house to-morrow.
 Adjourned.

Summary of the provisions of the Non-Inter-course Bill reported by Mr. Campbell to-day.

Sec. 1. Excludes from the harbors and waters of the United States, and the territories thereof, all public ships and vessels belonging to Great-Britain or France, or to any other belligerent power or powers having in force orders, decrees, edicts, or laws, violating the lawful commerce or neutral rights of the U. States, excepting vessels forced in by stress of weather, pursuit of an enemy, such as are charged with dispatches, or business from their governments, or packets having no cargo nor merchandize on board. The president is authorized to expel by force all such vessels as contravene this regulation.

Sec. 2. Imposes a penalty not exceeding 10,000\$, nor less than 100\$, and imprisonment for not less than one month, and not more than one year, upon all persons affording assistance to vessels entering contrary to the law, excepting in case of piloting them out of the jurisdiction of the United States.

Sec. 3. Authorizes the seizure and condemnation after a certain day, of all vessels and their cargoes, bearing the French or English flag, or owned in whole or in part by any citizen or subject of either, which may enter the ports, &c. of the United States, &c. excepting only vessels expressly hired to convey dispatches, such as put in through distress, or are chased in by an enemy.

Sec. 4. Prohibits, after a certain day, the importation of any goods or merchandize the produce or manufacture of Great-Britain or France, or their dependencies, either directly or indirectly, from any country whatever.

Sec. 5. Ordains the forfeiture, and payment of treble value by the owners of any goods so prohibited, attempted to be introduced into the United States, on board of any ship or vessel, boat, raft, or carriage.

Sec. 6. Declares the ship, vessel, boat, raft, or carriage forfeited, which shall receive prohibited goods on board, knowing them to be such, and the owner and master are mulcted in treble the value of the articles.

Sec. 7. Provides against the artifices of false entries and manifests.

Sec. 8. Gives collectors power to proceed against delinquents under this act, as they are empowered in cases where the payment of duties is evaded. And subjects persons buying or concealing prohibited goods to a fine of double their value.

Sec. 9. Prescribes the form of an addition to be made to the oath taken by masters of vessels, by which they swear to the legality of their cargo under this law, &c.

Sec. 10. Prescribes a similar addition to the oath or affirmation taken by importers, consignees, or agents, at the time of entering goods.

Sec. 11. Provides that if Great-Britain or France, revoke or modify their orders or decrees, so as to render our commerce sufficiently safe in the opinion of the president of the United States, of which revocation or modification he shall give public notice by proclamation, the operation of this act and of the embargo acts, shall, so far as relates to the nation making such revocation or modification, and to nations in amity with her, and having no orders, decrees, or edicts in force, violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States, forthwith cease and determine, without, however, any remission of fines and forfeitures. Vessels bound to any foreign port or place with which we have been thus restored, are to be restored to their former destination.