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OFFERS FOR CARRYING THE MAILS.

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FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

GIVING

*The information required by section 8 of the act approved June 8, 1872.*

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MARCH 2, 1877.—Ordered to be printed.

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POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, D. C., February 28, 1877.*

SIR: As required by the eighth section of an act entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and amend the statutes relating to the Post-Office Department," approved June 8, 1872, the following reports are submitted:

No. 1. A report of offers received under the advertisement of October 1, 1875, for carrying the mails from July 1, 1876, to June 30, 1880, on routes in the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee. This report embraces also the re-advertised routes in the foregoing States, with the exception of Delaware, let to contract under the advertisement of May 20, 1876.

A report of offers received under the advertisement of September 1, 1875, for carrying the mails from January 1, 1876, to June 30, 1878, on routes in the States of New York, West Virginia, Virginia, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Nevada, California, and Oregon, also in Washington, Dakota, Utah, Colorado, and Indian Territories; from January 1, 1876, to June 30, 1879, on routes in the States of Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota.

A report of offers received under the re-advertisement of May 20, 1876, for carrying the mails from October 1, 1876, to June 30, 1879, on certain routes in the States of North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.

No. 2. A report of land and water mails established or ordered during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1876, other than those let to contract at the annual letting.

No. 3. A report of all allowances made to contractors during the fis-

cal year ended June 30, 1876, above the sums originally stipulated in their respective contracts, and the reasons for the same, and all orders made whereby additional expense is incurred on any route beyond the original contract-price.

No. 4. A report of all curtailments in the service and pay of contractors during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1876, giving in each case the same particulars as in the preceding report.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. N. TYNER,  
*Postmaster-General.*

HON. SAMUEL J. RANDALL,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL ON MAIL-TRANSPORTATION TO  
THE SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

"An act to revise, consolidate, and amend the statutes relating to the Post-Office Department," approved June 8, 1872.

"SEC. 8. That the Postmaster-General shall make the following reports to Congress at each annual session:

"A report of all contracts for carrying the mail made within the preceding year, giving in each case the name of the contractor, the date and duration of the contract, the routes embraced therein, with the length of each; the time of arrival and departure at the ends of each route, the mode of transportation; and the price to be paid, together with a copy of the recorded abstracts of all proposals for carrying the mail," &c.

Last report included advertisement of March 31, 1875.

Decisions announced on or before June 10, 1875.

Service 4,846 routes; estimated 43,000 proposals; all commenced operation July 1, 1875.

Advertisement of September 1, 1875, inviting proposals for carrying the mails of the United States.

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No. 1.

*Advertisement of September 1, 1875, inviting proposals for carrying the mails of the United States in the States of New York, Virginia, and West Virginia, from January 1, 1876, to June 30, 1877; in the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Kansas, Nevada, Oregon, and California, and the Territories of Colorado, Dakota, Utah, Indian, and Washington, from January 1, 1876, to June 30, 1878; in the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri, from January 1, 1876, to June 30, 1879.*

MARSHALL JEWELL, *Postmaster-General.*

Proposals received until 3 p. m. October 20, 1875. Decisions announced by or before November 1, 1875.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *Washington, September 1, 1875.*

Proposals will be received at the Contract-Office of this Department until 3 p. m. of October 20, 1875, for conveying the mails of the United States on the routes and by the schedules of departures and arrivals herein specified, in the States of New York, Virginia, and West Virginia, from January 1, 1876, to June 30, 1877; in the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Kansas, Nevada, Oregon, and California, and the Territories of Colorado, Utah, Indian, and Washington, from January 1, 1876, to June 30, 1878; in the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri, from January 1, 1876, to June 30, 1879.

Decisions announced on or before November 1, 1875.

[Bidders should examine carefully the laws, forms, and instructions annexed. See law requiring certified check or draft with bid exceeding \$5,000, and bond with all bids.]

Contract made with Joseph Brooks, of Camp Izard, Fla., dated March 23, 1876, at \$400 per annum.

Leave Camp Izard Monday at 7 a. m.; arrive at Bay Port next day by 11 a. m.

Leave Bay Port Tuesday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Camp Izard next day by 5 p. m.

Bond required with bid, \$600.

#### ROUTE No. 16160.

From New Smyrna to Titusville, 45 miles and back, twice a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
G. L. Faulhaber.....	\$1,342 00	
Silas Wolverton.....	1,164 00	
S. L. Tibbitts.....	1,090 00	
James L. Ryle.....	1,069 00	
J. Stricker Bradford.....	1,045 00	
Dyer & Harris.....	959 00	No seal. (See reference to route 16115 for seal.)
Joseph R. Pitman.....	949 00	
John F. Reynolds.....	750 00	
Henry T. Titus.....	720 00	Accepted March 8, 1876.

Contract made with Henry T. Titus, of Titusville, Fla., dated March 8, 1876, at \$720 per annum.

Leave New Smyrna Tuesday and Friday at 1 p. m.; arrive at Titusville next days by 5 p. m.

Leave Titusville Monday and Thursday at 6 a. m.; arrive at New Smyrna next days by 10 a. m.

Bond required with bid, \$1,200.

#### ROUTE No. 16161.

From New Smyrna to New Britain, 25½ miles and back, twice a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
G. L. Faulhaber.....	\$862 00	
B. W. Browne.....	798 00	
John K. Watson.....	660 00	
Dyer & Harris.....	584 00	No seal; refers to bid on route 16115.
James L. Ryle.....	569 00	(?)
S. L. Tibbitts.....	544 00	
J. Stricker Bradford.....	539 00	
Joseph R. Pitman.....	524 00	Accepted March 23, 1876.
John F. Reynolds.....	400 00	See p. 1, order 493.

Contract made with Joseph R. Pitman, care of T. N. Iddings, Washington, D. C., dated March 23, 1876, at \$524 per annum.

Leave New Smyrna Tuesday and Friday at 8 a. m.; arrive at New Britain by 5 p. m.

Leave New Britain Monday and Thursday at 8 a. m.; arrive at New Smyrna by 5 p. m.

Bond required with bid, \$600.

#### ROUTE No. 16162.

From Enterprise to New Smyrna, 32 miles and back, twice a week.

Bidders' names.	Sum per annum.	
G. L. Faulhaber.....	\$842 00	
Silas Wolverton.....	838 00	
Frank W. Sams.....	800 00	
John H. Watson.....	800 00	
William T. Pierson.....	775 00	
Dyer & Harris.....	673 00	No seal.
James L. Ryle.....	633 00	Sum altered.
Joseph R. Pitman.....	611 00	Contract ordered.
J. Stricker Bradford.....	600 00	Accepted March 23, 1876. Failed to execute.
John F. Reynolds.....	300 00	P. 1, order No. 1493.

June 14, 1876.—J. Stricker Bradford, accepted bidder, having failed to execute contract by June 1, 1876, as required, contract is ordered and made with Joseph R. Pitman.