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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 1st day of October next, inclusive.

IN CONNECTICUT.

200. FROM New-York city by Harlem, New Rochelle, Mamaroneck, Rye, Greenwich, Stamford, Norwalk, Saugatuck, Fairfield, Bridgeport, Stratford and Milford to New-Haven every day, 76 miles.

Leave New-York, every day at 7 1-2 *a m* and arrive at New-Haven by 8 1-2 *p m*, in 14 hours.

Leave New-Haven every day at 8 *p m* and arrive at New-York the next day by 6 *a m*, in 15 hours. To meet a boat at the post office in Stamford each way.

201. From New-Haven by Branford, Guilford, Killingworth, Saybrook, Lyme, New-London, Chelsea, Jewetts City, Plainfield, Sterling and Scituate to Providence three times a week, 113 miles.

Leave New-Haven every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9 *p m* and arrive at Providence on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10 *a m*.

Leave Providence every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 *a m* and arrive at New-Haven the next days by 2 *p m*.

202. From Norwalk by Wilton, Reading, Danbury, Brookfield, New-Milford, Washington, Litchfield, Harwinton, Burlington and Farmington to Hartford once a week, 92 miles.

Leave Norwalk every Monday at 9 *a m*, arrive at New Milford by 6 *p m* and arrive at Hartford on Tuesday by 6 *p m*.

Leave Hartford every Thursday at 9 *a m*, arrive at Litchfield by 5 *p m*, at New Milford on Friday by 9 *a m* and at Norwalk by 6 *p m*.

203. From Hartford by East Hartford, Oxford, Coventry, Mansfield, Ashford, Pomfret, Thompson, Douglas, Uxbridge, Mendon, Milford, Bellingham, Medway, Medfield and Dedham to Boston once a week, 101 miles.

Leave Hartford every Monday at 2 *a m* and arrive at Boston by 10 *p m*.

Leave Boston every Thursday at 2 *a m* and arrive at Hartford by 6 *p m*.

204. From Bridgeport by Trumbull, Ripton, Huntington, Newtown, New Milford, Kent, Sharon, Salisbury, Sheffield, Ms. Great Barrington, Stockbridge, Lenox, Pittsfield, Lanesboro', New Ashford, Adams, Williamstown and Pownal, Vt. to Bennington once a week, 88 miles.

Leave Bridgeport every Tuesday at 6 *a m* and arrive at New Milford by 6 *p m*.

Leave New Milford every Wednesday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Bennington on Thursday by 10 *a m*.

Leave Bennington every Thursday at 2 *p m* and arrive at New Milford on Friday by 6 *p m*.

Leave New Milford on Saturday, at 6 *a m* and arrive at Bridgeport by 6 *p m*.

205. From New Haven by Derby, Oxford, Southbury, Woodbury and Beddeham to Litchfield once a week, 43 miles.

Leave New Haven every Monday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Litchfield by 6 *p m*.

Leave Litchfield every Tuesday at 6 *a m* and arrive at New Haven by 6 *p m*.

206. From New Haven by Woodbridge, Waterbury, Watertown, Litchfield and Goshen to Canaan once a week, 58 miles.

Leave New Haven every Wednesday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Canaan by 6 *p m*.

Leave Canaan every Thursday at 6 *a m* and arrive at New Haven by 6 *p m*.

207. From Litchfield by Cornwall, Sharon and Ancenia to Poughkeepsie, N. Y. once a week, 50 miles.

Leave Litchfield every Friday at 5 *a m* and arrive at Poughkeepsie on Saturday by 10 *a m*.

Leave Poughkeepsie every Saturday at 2 *p m* and arrive at Litchfield on Sunday by 6 *p m*.

208. From New Haven by Cheshire and Southington to Farmington once a week, 30 miles.

Leave New Haven every Wednesday at 10 *a m* and arrive at Farmington by 3 *p m*.

Leave Farmington every Tuesday at 1 *p m* and arrive at New Haven on Wednesday by 8 *a m*.

209. From New Haven by Northford, Durham, Middletown, Middletown Upper Houses, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Hartford, Windsor, Suffield, Springfield, Willbraham, Palmer, Western, Brookfield, Spencer, Leicester, Worcester, Shrewsbury, Northbury, Marlboro', East and West Sudbury, Weston, Watertown and Cambridge to Boston three times a week, 102 miles.

Leave New Haven every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 *a m* and arrive at Springfield by 8 *p m*.

Leave Springfield every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 *a m* and arrive at Northford by 8 *p m*.

Leave Northford every Wednesday, Friday and Monday at 1 *a m* and arrive at Springfield by 5 *p m*.

Leave Springfield every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday at 4 *a m* and arrive at New Haven by 8 *p m*.

210. From Litchfield by Warren, Cornwall Bridge and Ellsworth to Sharon once a week, 18 miles.

Leave Litchfield every Friday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Sharon by 11 *a m*.

Leave Sharon at 1 *p m* and arrive at Litchfield by 6 *p m*.

211. From Middletown by Chatham, Hebron and Columbia to Windham once a week, 31 miles.

Leave Middletown every Monday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Windham by 6 *p m*.

Leave Windham every Tuesday at 8 *a m* and arrive at Middletown by 6 *p m*.

212. From Saybrook by Franklin, Chester, Haddam, East Haddam and Middle Haddam to Middletown once a week, 30 miles.

Leave Saybrook every Saturday at 5 *a m* and arrive at Middletown by 6 *p m*.

Leave Middletown every Friday at 4 *a m* and arrive at Saybrook by 7 *p m*.

213. From Hartford by Windsor, Canton, New Hartford, Winchester, Norfolk, Canaan, Sheffield, Ms. Egremont, Hillsdale and Claverack, N. Y. to Hudson, N. Y. once a week, 78 miles.

Leave Hartford every Wednesday at 6 *a m*, arrive at Canaan by 6 *p m* and at Hudson on Thursday by 6 *p m*.

Leave Hudson every Wednesday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Hartford on Thursday by 8 *p m*.

214. From Hartford by Glastenbury, Marlboro', Colchester and Mantville to New London twice a week, 43 miles.

Leave Hartford every Wednesday and Saturday at 7 *a m*. and arrive at New-London by 3 *p m*.

Leave New London every Tuesday and Friday at 3 *a m* and arrive at Hartford by 8 *p m*.

215. From Hartford by East Hartford, Oxford, Hebron, Lebanon and Norwich to Chelsea once a week, 40 miles.

Leave Hartford every Thursday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Chelsea by 6 *p m*.

Leave Chelsea every Wednesday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Hartford by 3 *p m*.

216. From Norwich by Canterbury and Brooklyn to Pomfret once a week, 27 miles.

Leave Norwich every Thursday at 5 *p m* and arrive at Pomfret on Friday by 2 *p m*.

Leave Pomfret every Thursday at 9 *a m* and arrive at Norwich by 4 *p m*.

217. From Hartford by West Hartford, Farmington, Bristol, Plymouth, Watertown, Woodbury and Southbury to Newtown once a week, 47 miles.

Leave Hartford every Wednesday at 7 *a m* and arrive at Newtown on Thursday by noon.

Leave Newtown every Monday noon and arrive at Hartford on Tuesday by 5 *p m*.

218. From Canton by New Hartford, Torrington and Torrington to Goshen once a week.

Leave Canton every Thursday at 5 *a m* and arrive at Goshen by 11 *a m*.

Leave Goshen at 1 *p m* and arrive at Canton by 7 *p m*.

219. From Hartford by Coventry, Windham and Canterbury to Plainfield once a week, 44 miles.

Leave Hartford every Wednesday at 5 *a m*, arrive at Windham by 1 *p m*. and arrive at Plainfield by 6 *p m*.

Leave Plainfield every Thursday at 6 *a m* and arrive at Hartford by 6 *p m*.

220. From Hartford by East Hartford, Warehouse Point, East Windsor, Enfield, Long Meadow, Springfield, Ms. and South Hadley to Northampton, Ms. once a week, 44 miles.

Leave Hartford every Thursday at 3 *a m* and arrive at Northampton by 8 *p m*.

Leave Northampton every Wednesday at 4 *a m* and arrive at Hartford by 6 *p m*.

NOTES.

1. The Post-master General will expedite the mails and alter the times for arrival and departure at any time during the continuance of the contract, on previously squinting an adequate compensation for any extra expense that may be occasioned thereby.

2. Fifteen minutes shall be allowed for opening and closing the mail, at all offices where no particular time is specified.

3. For every thirty minutes delay (unavoidable accidents excepted) in arriving after the times prescribed in any contract, the contractor shall forfeit one dollar; and if the delay continue until the departure of any depending mail, whereby the mails destined for such depending mail lose a trip, a forfeiture of double the amount allowed for carrying the said one trip shall be incurred, unless it shall be made to appear that the delay was occasioned by unavoidable accident; in which case the amount of pay for the trip, will, in all cases, be forfeited and retained.

4. Persons making proposals are desired to state their prices by the year. Those who contract will receive their pay quarterly—in the months of February, May, August and November, one month after the expiration of each quarter.

5. No other than a free white person shall be employed to convey the mail.

6. Where the proposer intends to convey the mail in the body of a stage carriage, he is desired to state it in his proposals.

7. The Post-master 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.

8. The contracts for the routes No. 1 to 208 are to be in operation on the 1st day of January next, and continue until December 31, 1817. The contracts for the routes No. 209 to 334 are to be in operation on the 1st day of November next and are to continue until the 31st day of December, 1816.

RETURN J. MEIGS, Jr.
Post-master General.

GENERAL POST-OFFICE,
Washington City, May 20, 1814.

War Department, July 41, 1814.

NOTICE is hereby given, that separate proposals will be received at the office of the Secretary for the Department of War, until 12 o'clock at noon of Saturday the last day of December next, for supply of all rations that may be required for the use of the United States from the 1st day of June, 1815, inclusive, to the 1st day of June, 1816, within the states, territories and districts following, viz.

1st. At Detroit, Michilimackinack, Fort Wayne, Chicago, and their immediate vicinities, and at any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited, within the territory of Michigan, the vicinity of the Upper Lakes and the state of Ohio.

2d. At any place or places were troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the state of Kentucky and Tennessee.

3d. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the Illinois, Indiana and Missouri territories.

4th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the Mississippi territory, the state of Louisiana and their vicinities north of the Gulph of Mexico.

5th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the district of Main and state of New-Hampshire and their northern vicinities.

6th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the state of Vermont and its northern vicinity.

7th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the state of Massachusetts.

8th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

9th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the state of New-York and its northern vicinity and western.

10th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the state of New Jersey.

11th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the state of Pennsylvania.

12th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the states of Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia.

13th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed marched or recruited within the state of Virginia.

14th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the state of North-Carolina.

15th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the limits of the state of Georgia and its southern vicinity.

A ration to consist of one pound and one quarter of beef, or three quarters of a pound of salted pork, eighteen ounces of bread or flour, one gill of rum, whiskey or brandy, and at the rate of two quarts of salt, four quarts of vinegar, four pounds of soap, and one pound and a half of candles to every hundred rations. The prices of the several component parts of the ration shall be specified, but the United States reserve the right of making such alterations in the quantity of the component parts of the ration aforesaid, as shall make the price of each part thereof bear a just proportion to the proposed price of the whole ration. The rations are to be furnished to such quantities, that there shall at all times, during the term of the proposed contract, be sufficient for the consumption of the troops for six months in advance, of good and wholesome provisions, of the same shall be required. It is also to be permitted to sell and receive of the commanders of fortified places or posts, to call for, at seasons when the same can be transported, or at any time in case of urgency, such supplies of like provisions in advance, as in the discretion of the commander shall be deemed proper.

It is understood that the contractor is to be at the expense and risk of issuing the supplies to the troops, and that all losses sustained by the depredations of the enemy, or by oceans of the troops of the United States, shall be paid by the United States at the price of the article captured or destroyed as aforesaid, on the deposition of two or more persons of credible characters, and the certificate of a commissioned officer, stating the circumstance of the loss, and the amount of the articles for which compensation shall be claimed.

The privilege is reserved to the United States of requiring that none of the supplies, which may be furnished under any of the proposed contracts, shall be issued, until the supplies which have been, or may be furnished under the contract now in force have been consumed.

JOHN ARMSTRONG.

N. B. The Editors of Newspapers who are authorized to publish the laws of the United States, are requested to insert the foregoing advertisement once a week for two months.

GOODWIN & DODD

Have just received and offer for sale a new supply of

MILITARY GUNS,

which they will warrant to be of the best quality

Hartford, Aug. 1st. 1f70

United States' Loan.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to the United States' Loan of Six Millions of Dollars, agreeable to the proposition of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 25th ult. [published in the American Mercury of the 2d inst.] will be received by the subscriber until Friday the 19th inst. To avoid the inconvenience of personal appearance to subscribe application in writing will be received from any part of the state. All the business will be transacted and certificates of stock delivered to the subscribers without expense. Any further information desired, relative to the Loan will be given on application to

MICHAEL SHEPARD.

Hartford, August 8th, 1814. 2iw 70.

FIFTY DOLLARS *REWARD.*

DESERTED from Fort Trumbull on the evening of the 4th inst. MARSHALL G. LEONARD, a Soldier from the 25th Infantry; born in Raynham Rhode Island, aged 28 years, 5 feet nine inches high, light complexion, blue eyes, light hair, and by profession a Farmer.—Whoever will apprehend said deserter, and return him to this Garrison, or secure him at any military post in the United States, that he may return to duty shall receive a reward of 50 dollars ELIPHALET RIPLEY,

Lt. 37th Infantry.

Fort Trumbull, (Harbor of New-London,) August 6th, 1814. 71

NEW GOODS.

HILLS and PHELPS,

MERCHANT-TAILORS,

HAVE just selected and received from Boston, and offer for sale at the most reduced prices—a handsome assortment of the best of superfine Broadcloths, (of various colours) double milled Cassimeres, Blue and other coloured Burlington Cords, Blue and white ribbed Stockinetts, Black Tabby velvets—a handsome assortment of Vestings, Fine Cotton Shirtings—together with many other kinds of goods usually kept by us, most all kinds of Military clothes and trimmings that have been scarce in market.

Hartford, Aug. 8, 1814. 71

WANTED an apprentice to the Chair-making business, an active lad of 15 or 16 years of age. A lad of this description that can come well recommended will meet with good encouragement. One from the country would be preferred. JOHN GAINS.

Hartford, Aug. 6. 71

NOTICE.

THE subscribers having purchased the clothiers works, lately owned by *Joshua Dwight*, in the parish of Wintonbury, they intend now to carry on the business in every branch, such as Broadclothing, &c. with punctuality and expedition, the title may ready to receive cloth, and so far as this business may entitle them to custom, they solicit a share.

JACOB GILLET,
CHAUNCEY GOODRICH.

Wintonbury, Aug. 9. 71

CASH PAID FOR

100 Cord of good Oak and Hemlock BARK

FOR SALE,

A large quantity of good side Leather, from 1 to 2 shillings a pound, part of which was tanned two years since and has been dried one year and a half, suitable for boot soles and stiff work—harness, upper leather and calf-skins occasional.

Also an excellent two-horse Waggon.

All persons, indebted to the subscriber, either by book or note, are requested to make immediate payment.

ISAAC BLISS.

Hartford, August 9. 70

STRAYED from my house (March 22, 1814) my lawful wife, by the name of *Polly Read*, and three children, viz. Lucy, Hector and Olivia, and the latter one of the last taken by David Latham, carried to his house, and still remain there—I do hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting any of them on my account, on penalty of the law. TITUS READ.

Tolland (Ms.) July 16, 1814. 70

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

PUBLIC ACTS.

MAY SESSION, 1814.

AN ACT for establishing rules and articles for the government of the militia of the State, or any part thereof, when called into actual service under the authority of this State.

§ 1. *Be it enacted by the Governour and Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled*, That the officers and soldiers of the militia of this state, or any part thereof, when called into actual service under the authority of this state, shall be amenable and subject to trial by general and regimental courts martial, according to the rules and regulations hereinafter provided.

§ 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a general court martial shall be ordered by the commanding officer of all militia in service, and a regimental court martial shall be ordered by the commanding officer of any regiment of infantry or cavalry, or battalion of artillery, belonging to said militia in service.

§ 3. *Be it further enacted*. That a general court-martial shall consist of not more than thirteen, nor less than nine members, exclusive of the judge advocate; and the president and the judge advocate shall be named by the officer ordering the court. And a regimental court-martial shall consist of not more than five, nor less than three members; the president to be named by the officer ordering the same. And said courts shall be detailed, and organized, according to the rules and usages of war.

§ 4. *Be it further enacted*, That members of said courts-martial, when convened, shall take the following oath, to be administered in general court-martial, by the judge advocate; and in regimental courts-martial, by the president; and said oath shall be administered to the president by any member of the court, viz. "You swear, that you will well and truly try and determine the matters brought before you, between the state of Connecticut and the prisoner or prisoners to be tried; and that you will duly administer justice according to the provisions of law, without partiality or favour. And you swear that you will not divulge the sentence of the court until published by proper authority; neither will you disclose the opinion or vote of any member of the court, unless required to give evidence thereof as a witness, in a court of law: *so help you God*." And the judge advocate shall take the following oath, to be administered by the President, viz. "You do swear, that you will not disclose the vote or opinion of any member of this court-martial, unless required to give evidence thereof in a court of law; nor divulge the sentence of the court to any but the proper authority, until it shall be duly disclosed by the same; and that you will faithfully, and impartially do the duty of judge advocate in the court, according to the best of your ability: *so help you God*."

§ 5. *And be it further enacted*, That a record of all the evidence and proceedings of any court-martial shall be made and sent transmitted with the sentence or decision of the Court to the officer ordering the court, and said sentence or decision shall be approved or disapproved by the said officer; and all offences committed by field, commissioned or staff officers, shall be tried by a general court martial; and all other offences mentioned in the act, shall be tried by either general or regimental courts-martial, as shall be directed by the officer ordering the same.

§ 6. *Be it further enacted*, That any field, commissioned or staff officer, who shall desert his post, or command in time of action, or shall be guilty of making known the watch word; or deserting to an enemy, mutiny, cowardice, or delivering up a magazine to an enemy, shall be cashiered, and rendered incapable of holding a civil or military office under the laws or authority of this state.

§ 7. *Be it further enacted*, That any field, commissioned or staff-officer who shall be guilty of disobedience of orders, neglect of duty, contempt or disrespect to a superior officer, or insolence, or ungentlemanlike conduct, shall be cashiered, suspended, fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or reprimanded, at the discretion of the court-martial.

§ 8. *Be it further enacted*, That any non-commissioned officer, musician or private, who shall be guilty of deserting to an enemy, making known the watch word, mutiny, cowardice, delivering up a magazine to an enemy, or striking an officer; and each private who shall be found sleeping while on sentry, shall be punished as such shall direct, not extending to death.

§ 9. *Be it further enacted*, That any non-commissioned officer, musician or private, who shall be guilty of swearing, gaming, intoxication, profaneness, selling liquor or accoutrements, absence from parade, making false alarm, contempt or disrespect to a commissioned or staff officer, or disobedience of orders, shall be punished by fine, stopping pay, or stopping rations in part, confinement under guard, daily labour or drumming out of camp, at the discretion of the court martial; and in case a non-commissioned officer shall offend against the provisions of this section, he may be ordered to the ranks. And in case any detachment less than a battalion or squad on, shall be in service, the officer commanding such detachment, may, with the advice of the commissioned officer or officers, if any there be belonging to such detachment, or a majority of them, decide upon any of the offences enumerated in this section, and committed by a non-commissioned officer, musician, or private belonging to said detachment, and may inflict either of the above mentioned punishments.

§ 10. *Be it further enacted*, That the officer whose duty it shall be to promulgate any sentence of a court martial, shall have the power to pardon the offender, or mitigate his punishment, as he shall judge proper.

§ 11. *And be it further enacted*, That if any general officer shall be guilty of any of the offences detailed in this act, which ought to yield or other commissioned officers, he shall be subject to the same punishments, which are provided for them, and shall be tried by a general court-martial, to be ordered by the commander in chief of this state, agreeably to the provisions of this act.

General Assembly, May Session, 1814.

SILVANUS SHACKLES, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN COTTON SMITH, Governor.

ATTEST THOMAS DAY, Secretary.

BLANKS

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE