SUPPLEMENT TO THE NEW ORLEANS DAILY

OFFICIAL.

Proposals for carrying the Mail in Louisiana.

Extract from the act of Congress of 3d March, 1825, section 12.

"*And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General, in all future letting of contracts for the transportation of the mail to let the same, in every case, to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for faithful performance, without other reference as to the mode of such transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty, and security of such transportation; nor shall any new contractor hereafter be required to purchase out, or take at a valuation, the stock of vehicles of any previous contractor for the same route."

☞ Bidders will be careful to read the forms and instructions appended to this advertisement. They are requested to state, in their proposals, the mode by which they intend to convey the mail. Where the size and weight of the mails, or the speed called for in the schedules shall require it, the contracts will be made for coach, steamboat or railroad conveyance, as the case may be; and, consequently, such routes will be let to bids proposing such mode of conveyance. In all other cases, the routes will be awarded to bids proposing the cheapest mode of transportation.

☞ Railroad companies are specially notified that their regular bids are to be understood as including the supply of each office on the line of their respective roads, not over a quarter of a mile from a depot. Separate proposals for offices more than a quarter of a mile off will be considered.

PROPOSALS for carrying the mails of the United States from the first day of July, 1850, to the 30th of June, 1854, inclusive, in Louisiana, will be received at the contract office of the Post Office Department, in the city of Washington, until 10 a m of the 16th of April, 1850, (to be decided by the 11th day of May, 1850) on the route and in the manner and time herein specified—viz

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6101 From New Orleans at 5 p m daily:
By Port Pike, Pass Christian, *Miss.*, and Pascagoula:
To Mobile, Ala., by 11 a m next day, 164 miles;
And back between 12 m daily and 7 a m next day.
The intermediate offices to be supplied twice a week in each direction, and as much oftener as the boats touch there.
Proposals for a schedule allowing more time to Biloxi, to be specified, will be considered.

6102 From New Orleans at 9 a m, once a week, Wednesday and Sunday:
By St. Charles, Bonnet Carre, Convent, Donaldsonville, New River, Bayou Goula, Iberville, Plaquemine, Manchac, Bruler Landing, Baton Rouge, Lobdell's Store, Port Hudson and Waterloo;
To St. Francisville by 11 a m next day, 167 miles;
And back between 12 m Monday and Thursday, and 3 p m next days.
Bids for three trips a week are invited.
Proposals to supply by steamboat the principal intermediate points, with separate proposals to supply therefrom the neighboring intermediate points on the same sides of the river respectively by horse, will be considered.

6103 From New Orleans at 9 p m, three times a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday:
By Red River Landing and Alexandria;
To Grand Ecore by 10 a m Friday, Sunday and Tuesday;
Thence to Shreveport by 6 a m next days, 500 miles.
Bids to Grand Ecore between 3 p m Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, and 11 a m next day.
And to New Orleans between 1 p m Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday, and 12 m Friday, Tuesday, and Tuesday.
The Department may employ this service by an agent at New Orleans.

6104 From New Orleans at 9 a m, three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday:
By Mandeville and Madisonville, to Covington by 6 p m, 34 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, and 3 p m same days.

6105 From New Orleans at 1½ p m daily, except Sunday:
To Lafayette city by 2 p m, 2 miles;
And back between 10½ a m and 11 a m same days.
Proposals to extend two of the weekly trips to St. Charles will be considered.

6106 From Covington at 7 a m, once a week, Tuesday:
To Warrenville, Miss., by 11 a m, 25 miles;
To Lumsy 7 p m, 36 miles;
And back between 7 a m and 7 p m Monday.

6107 From Greensburg at 4 p m, once a week, Tuesday:
By St. Helena, Springfield and Pine Grove;
To Madisonville by 10 p m next day, 67 miles;
And back between 4 p m and 2 p m Tuesday.
Bids for a schedule allowing four days for the round trip will be considered.

6108 From Clinton at 4 a m, once a week, Friday:
To Liberty, Miss., by 11 a m, 25 miles;
And back between 1 p m and 8 p m.

6109 From Union at 3 a m, once a week, Monday:
By Woodland, Darlington, Greensburg, Sibley, and Oak Grove;
To Franklinton by 12 m next day, 64 miles;
And back between 1 p m Tuesday and 8 p m Wednesday.

6110 From St. Francisville at 1 p m, twice a week, Monday and Thursday:
To Point Coupee by 9¾ p m, 4 miles;
And back between 9 a m and 10½ a m same day.

6111 From Port Hudson at 1 p m, 3 times a week, Monday, Thursday and Saturday:
By Mount Willing and Jackson;
To Clinton by 6 p m, 36 miles;
And back between 5 a m and 12 m same days.
Bids to commence at Baton Rouge, 15 miles farther, omitting Port Hudson, are invited.

6112 From Baton Rouge at 9 p m, once a week, Monday:
By Burlington, Stony Point and Bonnet Blue;
To Greensburgh by 11 a m next day, 45 miles;
And back between 2 p m Tuesday and 4 p m next day.

6113 From Baton Rouge at 9 a m, once a week, Monday:
To Clark;
To Springfield by 11 a m next day, 45 miles;
And back between 2 p m Tuesday and 4 p m next day.

6114 From Plaquemine at 5 a m, once a week, Wednesday:
By Grosse Tete and Lavonia;
To Pointe Coupee by 6 a m next day, 56 miles;
And back between 4 p m Thursday and 7 p m next day, with a 3d weekly trip between Grosse Tete and Pointe Coupee, leaving Grosse Tete at 4 a m Sunday, and Pointe Coupee at 4 p m Monday, and making the trips in 24 hours each way.

6115 From New River at 4 p m, once a week, Saturday:
To Live Oak by 4 p m, 7 miles;
And back between 9 a m and 12 m same days.

6116 From Donaldsonville at 1 a m, twice a week, Monday and Thursday:
By Crabb's Ferry, Paincourtville, Assumption, Pattersonville, Centreville, Franklin, Charmian, Jeanerette, New Iberia, St. Martinsville, Breaux's Bridge, Vermilionville and Grand Coteau;
To Opelousas by 11 p m next day, 160 miles;
And back between 1 a m Wednesday and Saturday, and 11 p m next day.

6117 From Assumption at 6 a m, twice a week, Monday and Thursday:
By Star and Thibodaux;
To Houma by 4 p m, 35 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 4 p m next days, with a third weekly trip to Thibodaux, leaving Assumption at 6 a m Wednesday, and returning by 8 p m.
Proposals for steamboat service to Thibodaux, and to commence at Donaldsonville, omitting all the points to be supplied, and the number of weekly trips to be performed, will be considered.

6118 From Houma at 5 p m, once a week, Thursday:
By Bayou Black, Tigerville, Algator, Bayou Bannacia, and Bayou Beauf;
To Pattersonville by 8 p m next day, 56 miles;
And back between 6 a m Wednesday and 11 a m next day.

6119 From Vermilionville at 2 p m once a week, Wednesday:
To Perry's Bridge by 8 p m, 25 miles;
And back between 5 a m and 12 m.

6120 From Opelousas at 6 a m twice a week, Wednesday and Saturday:
By Washington, Ville Platte, Bayou Chicot, Holmesville and Cheneyville;
To Alexandria by 5 p m next day, 94 miles;
And back between 6 a m Monday and Thursday and 5 p m next days.

6121 From Opelousas at 5 a m once a week, Wednesday:
By Plaquemine Brulee and Big Woods;
To Bellevue Ferry by 7 p m Friday, 120 miles;
And back between 5 a m Saturday and 7 p m Tuesday.

6122 From Washington at 7 a m once a week, Wednesday:
By Big Cane;
To Bayou Rouge by 6 p m, 33 miles;
And back between 7 a m and 6 p m Thursday.

6123 From Red River Landing at 1 p m once a week, Friday:
By Fairview, Vidalia, Rifle Point and Water Proof;
To St. Joseph's by 2 p m Sunday, 68 miles;
And back between 6 a m Monday and 2 p m Wednesday.
Proposals to end at Vidalia are invited.

6124 From Red River Landing at 4 p m once a week, Wednesday:
By Williamsport, the Village and Morganza;
To Pointe Coupee by 10 a m next day, 34 miles;
And back between 4 p m Thursday and 12 m next day.

6125 From Holmesville at 8 a m once a week, Thursday:
By Bayou Rouge and Mansura;
To Marksville by 5 p m, 30 miles;
And back between 7 a m Wednesday and 5 p m.

6126 From Alexandria at 4 a m twice a week, Monday and Friday:
By Cotile, Clear Lake and Natchitoches;
To Grand Ecore by 4 p m, 65 miles;
And back between 4 p m and 8 p m Sunday and Wednesday.
Bids for three trips a week will be considered.

6127 From Alexandria at 7 a m twice a week will be considered.

6128 From Alexandria at 7 a m once a week, Monday:
By Saline Mills, Saline and Sparta;
To Mount Lebanon by 5 p m Wednesday, 110 miles;
And back between 7 a m Thursday and 5 p m Saturday.

6129 From Alexandria at 8 a m once a week, Monday:
By Florida Bend, Marksville, Mansura, Moreauville, Simmesport, Atchafalaya and Red River Landing;
To Fort Adams, Mississippi, by 10 a m Wednesday, 84 miles;
And back between 7 a m Thursday and 12 m Saturday.

6130 From Alexandria at 7 a m twice a week, Monday and Thursday:
By Big Creek and White Sulphur Springs;
To Harrisonburg by 4 p m next days, 58 miles;
And back between 7 a m Wednesday and Saturday, and 4 p m same days.
Bids for three trips a week will be considered.
Also, bids to run by the Little River, and end at Trinity, omitting Harrisonburg.

6131 From Alexandria at 5 a m once a week, Friday:
By Hineston, Wooster Bluff and Huddleston's;
To Barry's Ferry 5 p m next day, 75 miles;
And back between 5 a m Wednesday and 4 p m next day.

6132 From Trinity at 6 a m once a week, Monday:
By Little Prairie, Parham's Landing, and Flowery Mound;
To Hawn's by 6 p m, 30 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 6 p m, Tuesday.

6133 From Harrisonburg at 7 a m twice a week, Monday and Thursday:
To Vicksburg, Miss., by 6 p m, 35 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday and Friday and 6 p m.

6134 From Richmond, La., at 5 a m once a week, Wednesday:
To Mount Hope, Ala., by 11 a m next day, 164 miles;
And back between 12 m daily and 7 a m next day.
The intermediate offices to be supplied twice a week in each direction, and as much oftener as the boats touch there.
Proposals for a schedule allowing more time to Bentonia, to be specified, will be considered.

6135 From Vicksburg at 5 a m, once a week, Wednesday and Sunday:
By Bayou Pierre, Carlisle, Port Gibson, Rodney, Fort Adams, Jackson's Landing, Baton Rouge, Lobdell's Store, Port Hudson and Waterloo;
To St. Francisville by 11 a m next day, 167 miles;
And back between 12 m Monday and Thursday, and 3 p m next days.
Bids for three trips a week are invited.
Proposals to supply by steamboat the principal intermediate points, with separate proposals to supply therefrom the neighboring intermediate points on the same sides of the river respectively by horse, will be considered.

6136 From New Orleans at 9 p m, three times a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday:
By Red River Landing and Alexandria;
To Grand Ecore by 10 a m Friday, Sunday and Tuesday;
Thence to Shreveport by 6 a m next days, 500 miles.
Bids to Grand Ecore between 3 p m Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, and 11 a m next day.
And to New Orleans between 1 p m Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday, and 12 m Friday, Tuesday, and Tuesday.
The Department may employ this service by an agent at New Orleans.

6137 From New Orleans at 9 a m, three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday:
By Mandeville and Madisonville, to Covington by 6 p m, 34 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, and 3 p m same days.

6138 From New Orleans at 1½ p m daily, except Sunday:
To Lafayette city by 2 p m, 2 miles;
And back between 10½ a m and 11 a m same days.
Proposals to extend two of the weekly trips to St. Charles will be considered.

6139 From Covington at 7 a m, once a week, Tuesday:
To Warrenville, Miss., by 11 a m, 25 miles;
To Lumsy 7 p m, 36 miles;
And back between 7 a m and 7 p m Monday.

6140 From Greensburg at 4 p m, once a week, Tuesday:
By St. Helena, Springfield and Pine Grove;
To Madisonville by 10 p m next day, 67 miles;
And back between 4 p m and 2 p m Tuesday.
Bids for a schedule allowing four days for the round trip will be considered.

6141 From Clinton at 4 a m, once a week, Friday:
To Liberty, Miss., by 11 a m, 25 miles;
And back between 1 p m and 8 p m.

6142 From Union at 3 a m, once a week, Monday:
By Woodland, Darlington, Greensburg, Sibley, and Oak Grove;
To Franklinton by 12 m next day, 64 miles;
And back between 1 p m Tuesday and 8 p m Wednesday.

6143 From Monroe at 7 a m once a week, Friday:
By Bastrop and Rocky Mount;
To Vienna by 6 p m, 40 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, and 6 a m next days.
Bids for six trips a week will be considered; also to commence at Trinity, and omit Harrisonburg and Bap Hazard.

6144 From Water Proof at 6 a m once a week, Saturday;
To Kirk's Ferry by 10 a m, 15 miles;
And back between 11 a m and 3 p m same day.

6145 From Columbia at 6 a m once a week, Tuesday;
By Mount Pleasant, Castor, Vernon, and Dogdemonia;
To Quay by 6 p m next days, 79 miles;
And back between 6 a m Thursday and 6 p m next days.
Proposals to extend to Homer are invited.
Also to make two trips a week.

6146 From Columbia at 9 a m once a week, Friday;
By the Riser and Fusebeece Settlements;
To Harrisonburg by 5 p m next days, 58 miles;
And back between 7 a m Wednesday and 5 p m next days.

6147 From Winnsboro' at 1 p m once a week, Thursday;
To Bend Prairie by 6 p m, 14 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 11 a m same day.

6148 From Chesterfield at 6 a m once a week, Thursday;
By oliver's Ferry;
To Monticello by 6 p m, 30 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 6 p m, Friday.

6149 From Richmond at 6 a m twice a week, Monday and Thursday;
By Milliken's Bend, and Young's Point;
To Vicksburg, Miss., by 6 p m, 35 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday and Friday and 6 p m.

6150 From Richmond, La., at 5 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Bayou Macon, Chesterfield, Hurricane, Winnsborough, and Oakley;
To Harrisonburg by 8 p m next day, 87 miles;
And back between 5 a m Friday and 8 p m next day.

6151 From Richmond at 5 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By New Carthage and Ashwood;
To Grand Gulf, Miss., by 8 p m, 45 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday and 9 p m.
Bids for two trips a week will be considered.

6152 From Lake Providence at 7 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Swan Lake, Lake Carroway, Monticello, Point Jefferson, and Prairie Bar Blue;
To Bastrop by 6 p m next day, 56 miles;
And back between 7 a m Monday and 6 p m Wednesday.

6153 From Monroe at 7 a m once a week, Thursday;
By Winnsboro', Butler, and Mound Bayou;
To St. Joseph's by 3 p m Saturday, 82 miles;
And back between 7 a m Monday, and 3 p m Wednesday.
Bids to extend to Vidalia are invited.

6154 From Monroe at 7 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Trenton, Forkville, Gross Hill, Colvin's Quay, Mount Lebanon and Atlanta;
To Minden by 6 p m next day, 80 miles;
And back between 5 a m Friday, and 8 p m next day.

6155 From Monroe at 7 a m once a week, Tuesday;
By Bastrop;
To Hawkins's Landing, Ark., by 6 p m next day, 60 miles;
And back between 7 a m Thursday, and 6 p m next day.
Proposals to end at Bastrop will be considered.

6156 From Monroe at 4 p m twice a week, Tuesday and Saturday;
By Ouachita City and Marion;
To Farmersville by 4 p m next days, 55 miles;
And back between 8 p m Tuesday and Friday, and 4 p m next days.

6157 From Monroe at 3 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Indian Village;
To Vernon by 8 p m, 40 miles;
And back between 3 a m and 8 p m Tuesday.

6158 From Vernon at 3 p m once a week, To Colvin's by 7 p m, 17 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 12 m same day.

6159 From Minden at 5 a m once a week, Friday;
By Ringgold, Coushatta Chute, and Campti;
To Grand Ecore by 8 p m next day, 60 miles;
And back between 5 a m Wednesday, and 8 p m next day.

6160 From Minden at 7 a m once a week, Friday;
By Allen's Settlement, Flat Lick, Dorcheat, Pine Flat, and Red Land;
To Walnut Hill, Ark., by 7 p m, next day, 68 miles;
And back between 7 a m Wednesday, and 7 p m next day.

6161 From Minden at 11 a m once a week, Wednesday;
To Bellview by 4 p m next day, 50 miles;
And back between 7 a m Friday, and 12 m next day.

6162 From Shreveport at 5 a m once a week, Tuesday;
By Willow Chute, Bellevieu, Cypress, and Pinnacle;
To Walnut Hill, Ark., by 11 a m Thursday, 89 miles;
And back between 1 p m Thursday, and 5 p m Saturday.
Proposals to end at Red Land are invited.

6163 From Greenwood at 6 a m once a week Wednesday;
By Bethany, Texas;
To Jonesville by 6 p m, 34 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 6 p m Thursday.

6164 From Mansfield at 6 a m once a week, Monday;
By Pleasant Grove;
To Pulaski, Texas, by 6 p m, 36 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 6 p m Tuesday.

6165 From Mansfield at 6 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Ashland;
To Logansport by 8 p m, 21 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 2 p m same day.

6166 From Mansfield C. H. at 5 a m twice a week, Tuesday and Sunday;
By Grand Cane, Keatchie, and Blossom Hill;
To Grand Cane by 8 p m, 42 miles;
And back between 5 a m Monday and Friday, and 8 p m same day.

6167 From Mansfield at 6 a m once a week, Monday;
By Burham's, and Williamsport to Sacrabe by 6 p m, 36 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 9 6 m Tuesday.
Proposals to extend to Shreveport are invited.

6168 From Manny at 8 a m once a week, Tuesday;
By Mill Creek and Turo;
To Burr's Ferry by 7 p m, 40 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 7 p m Wednesday.

6169 From Fort Jesup at 12 m, tri-weekly, Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday;
To Pleasant Hill;
To Mansfield by 9 p m;
Thence by Bethany Grove;
To Shreveport by 4 p m next day, 82 miles;
And back between 6 a m Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 11 a m next days.

6170 From Grand Ecore at 4 a m, three times a week, Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday;
By Alba;
To Fort Jesup by 11 a m;
Thence by Manny;
To Sabine, Texas, by 7 p m, 50 miles;
And back between 4 a m Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, and 7 p m.

6161 From Grand Ecore at 7 a m, once a week, Monday;
By Saint Maurice, Cedar Creek, Saline Mills, Lerioid, Wyatt's, and Harris';
To Monroe by 12 m Wednesday, 90 miles;
And back between 8 a m Thursday, and 9 p m Saturday.

6162 From Grand Ecore at 7 a m once a week, Monday;
Along the bank of Red River;
To Shreveport by 7 p m Thursday;
And back between 7 a m Monday and 7 p m Thursday.
Proposals to carry only between Jordan's and Cypress Bayou, 30 miles, by a schedule, to be proposed by the bidder, are invited.

SPECIAL OFFICES.

Proposals are invited for supplying the following offices in Louisiana for the sort proceeds of said offices respectively, limited in each case to a sum to be named in the proposals.

Albany and Caddo from Greenwood, 18 miles, once a week.
Ashton from Lake Providence, 10 miles, once a week;
Bayou Pierre from Greenwood, 10 miles, once a week.
Carrollton from New Orleans, Carrollton, three times a week.
Dallas from Bastrop, 10 miles, once a week.
Faxon Point from New Iberia, 9 miles, once a week.
Marbury ville from Bibla, 5 miles, once a week.
Milford from Baton Rouge, 14 miles, once a week.
Salt Spring from Sparta, 12 miles, once a week.
Spear's Store from Cherry Ridge, 10 miles, once a week.
St. Charles from Carrollton, 25 miles, once a week.
Taylor from Bonnet Carre, 11 miles, once a week.

Form for a Bid where no change from advertisement is contemplated by the bidder.

"I (or we, as the case may be) [here write the name or names in full] of [here state the residence or residences] hereby proposes to carry the mails on the route, in the time stated in the schedules, and by the following mode of conveyance, to wit: [Here state how it is to be conveyed.] for the annual sum of $

Form of a Guaranty to accompany each bid.

"The undersigned [here insert the name of the guarantor or guarantors] guarantee that, [here insert name of bidder or names of bidders, as the case may be,] if his (or their) bid for carrying the mail from to be accepted by the Postmaster General, shall enter into an obligation prior to the first day of July next, with good and sufficient sureties to perform the service proposed."

Dated

Form of Certificate.

The undersigned, postmaster of , certifies that the guarantors above named are sufficient and able to make good their guaranty.

Dated

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Seven minutes are allowed for opening and closing the mails at all offices where no particular time is specified; but on railroad and steam boat routes there is to be no more delay than is necessary to deliver and receive the bags.

2. The mail is to be conveyed in preference to passengers, and to their entire exclusion, if its we ght and bulk require it.

3. Post office blanks, mail bags, and the special agents of the Department, on the exhibition of their credentials, are to be conveyed, without further charge, on mail lines admitting of such conveyance.

4. Mail agents are to be conveyed, without charge, on the principal railroad and steamboat lines where the size of the mails and the number of the offices will require their employment by the Postmaster; and, in that case, a separate apartment for the assorting and safe-keeping of the mail is to be provided by the contractor, under the direction of the Department.

5. In all cases there is to be a forfeiture of the pay of the trip when the trip is not run; a deduction of at least one-fourth part of it, when the running or arrival is so far behind time as to lose the connection with a depending mail; and a forfeiture of a due proportion of it when a grade of service is rendered inferior to that in the contract. These forfeitures may be increased into penalties of higher amount, according to the nature or frequency of the failure and the importance of the mail.

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To Monroe by 3 p m next day, 36 miles;
And back between 6 a m Sunday and Thursday and 3 p m next days.
Bids to commence at Trinity will be considered.

6171 From Harrisonburg at 5 p m tri-weekly, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday;
By Trinity, Bap Hazard, and Vidalia;
To Natchez (Miss.) by 5 p m next day, 43 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, and 6 a m next days.
Bids for six trips a week will be considered; also to commence at Trinity, and omit Harrisonburg and Bap Hazard.

6172 From Water Proof at 6 a m once a week, Saturday;
To Kirk's Ferry by 10 a m, 15 miles;
And back between 11 a m and 3 p m same day.

6173 From Columbia at 6 a m once a week, Tuesday;
By Mount Pleasant, Castor, Vernon, and Dogdemonia;
To Quay by 6 p m next days, 79 miles;
And back between 6 a m Thursday and 6 p m next days.
Proposals to extend to Homer are invited.
Also to make two trips a week.

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By the Riser and Fusebeece Settlements;
To Harrisonburg by 5 p m next days, 58 miles;
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To Bend Prairie by 6 p m, 14 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 11 a m same day.

6176 From Chesterfield at 6 a m once a week, Thursday;
By oliver's Ferry;
To Monticello by 6 p m, 30 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 6 p m, Friday.

6177 From Richmond at 6 a m twice a week, Monday and Thursday;
By Milliken's Bend, and Young's Point;
To Vicksburg, Miss., by 6 p m, 35 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday and Friday and 6 p m.

6178 From Richmond, La., at 5 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Bayou Macon, Chesterfield, Hurricane, Winnsborough, and Oakley;
To Harrisonburg by 8 p m next day, 87 miles;
And back between 5 a m Friday and 8 p m next day.

6179 From Richmond at 5 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By New Carthage and Ashwood;
To Grand Gulf, Miss., by 8 p m, 45 miles;
And back between 6 a m Tuesday and 9 p m.
Bids for two trips a week will be considered.

6180 From Lake Providence at 7 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Swan Lake, Lake Carroway, Monticello, Point Jefferson, and Prairie Bar Blue;
To Bastrop by 6 p m next day, 56 miles;
And back between 7 a m Monday and 6 p m Wednesday.

6181 From Monroe at 7 a m once a week, Thursday;
By Winnsboro', Butler, and Mound Bayou;
To St. Joseph's by 3 p m Saturday, 82 miles;
And back between 7 a m Monday, and 3 p m Wednesday.
Bids to extend to Vidalia are invited.

6182 From Monroe at 7 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Trenton, Forkville, Gross Hill, Colvin's Quay, Mount Lebanon and Atlanta;
To Minden by 6 p m next day, 80 miles;
And back between 5 a m Friday, and 8 p m next day.

6183 From Monroe at 7 a m once a week, Tuesday;
By Bastrop;
To Hawkins's Landing, Ark., by 6 p m next day, 60 miles;
And back between 7 a m Thursday, and 6 p m next day.
Proposals to end at Bastrop will be considered.

6184 From Monroe at 4 p m twice a week, Tuesday and Saturday;
By Ouachita City and Marion;
To Farmersville by 4 p m next days, 55 miles;
And back between 8 p m Tuesday and Friday, and 4 p m next days.

6185 From Monroe at 3 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Indian Village;
To Vernon by 8 p m, 40 miles;
And back between 3 a m and 8 p m Tuesday.

6186 From Vernon at 3 p m once a week, To Colvin's by 7 p m, 17 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 12 m same day.

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By Ringgold, Coushatta Chute, and Campti;
To Grand Ecore by 8 p m next day, 60 miles;
And back between 5 a m Wednesday, and 8 p m next day.

6188 From Minden at 7 a m once a week, Friday;
By Allen's Settlement, Flat Lick, Dorcheat, Pine Flat, and Red Land;
To Walnut Hill, Ark., by 7 p m, next day, 68 miles;
And back between 7 a m Wednesday, and 7 p m next day.

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To Bellview by 4 p m next day, 50 miles;
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By Willow Chute, Bellevieu, Cypress, and Pinnacle;
To Walnut Hill, Ark., by 11 a m Thursday, 89 miles;
And back between 1 p m Thursday, and 5 p m Saturday.
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By Bethany, Texas;
To Jonesville by 6 p m, 34 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 6 p m Thursday.

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By Pleasant Grove;
To Pulaski, Texas, by 6 p m, 36 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 6 p m Tuesday.

6193 From Mansfield at 6 a m once a week, Wednesday;
By Ashland;
To Logansport by 8 p m, 21 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 2 p m same day.

6194 From Mansfield C. H. at 5 a m twice a week, Tuesday and Sunday;
By Grand Cane, Keatchie, and Blossom Hill;
To Grand Cane by 8 p m, 42 miles;
And back between 5 a m Monday and Friday, and 8 p m same day.

6195 From Mansfield at 6 a m once a week, Monday;
By Burham's, and Williamsport to Sacrabe by 6 p m, 36 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 9 6 m Tuesday.
Proposals to extend to Shreveport are invited.

6196 From Manny at 8 a m once a week, Tuesday;
By Mill Creek and Turo;
To Burr's Ferry by 7 p m, 40 miles;
And back between 6 a m and 7 p m Wednesday.

6197 From Fort Jesup at 12 m, tri-weekly, Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday;
To Pleasant Hill;
To Mansfield by 9 p m;
Thence by Bethany Grove;
To Shreveport by 4 p m next day, 82 miles;
And back between 6 a m Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 11 a m next days.

6198 From Grand Ecore at 4 a m, three times a week, Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday;
By Alba;
To Fort Jesup by 11 a m;
Thence by Manny;
To Sabine, Texas, by 7 p m, 50 miles;
And back between 4 a m Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, and 7 p m.

6199 From Grand Ecore at 7 a m, once a week, Monday;
By Saint Maurice, Cedar Creek, Saline Mills, Lerioid, Wyatt's, and Harris';
To Monroe by 12 m Wednesday, 90 miles;
And back between 8 a m Thursday, and 9 p m Saturday.

6200 From Grand Ecore at 7 a m once a week, Monday;
Along the bank of Red River;
To Shreveport by 7 p m Thursday;
And back between 7 a m Monday and 7 p m Thursday.
Proposals to carry only between Jordan's and Cypress Bayou, 30 miles, by a schedule, to be proposed by the bidder, are invited.

SPECIAL OFFICES.

Proposals are invited for supplying the following offices in Louisiana for the sort proceeds of said offices respectively, limited in each case to a sum to be named in the proposals.

Albany and Caddo from Greenwood, 18 miles, once a week.
Ashton from Lake Providence, 10 miles, once a week;
Bayou Pierre from Greenwood, 10 miles, once a week.
Carrollton from New Orleans, Carrollton, three times a week.
Dallas from Bastrop, 10 miles, once a week.
Faxon Point from New Iberia, 9 miles, once a week.
Marbury ville from Bibla, 5 miles, once a week.
Milford from Baton Rouge, 14 miles, once a week.
Salt Spring from Sparta, 12 miles, once a week.
Spear's Store from Cherry Ridge, 10 miles, once a week.
St. Charles from Carrollton, 25 miles, once a week.
Taylor from Bonnet Carre, 11 miles, once a week.

Form for a Bid where no change from advertisement is contemplated by the bidder.

"I (or we, as the case may be) [here write the name or names in full] of [here state the residence or residences] hereby proposes to carry the mails on the route, in the time stated in the schedules, and by the following mode of conveyance, to wit: [Here state how it is to be conveyed.] for the annual sum of $

Form of a Guaranty to accompany each bid.

"The undersigned [here insert the name of the guarantor or guarantors] guarantee that, [here insert name of bidder or names of bidders, as the case may be,] if his (or their) bid for carrying the mail from to be accepted by the Postmaster General, shall enter into an obligation prior to the first day of July next, with good and sufficient sureties to perform the service proposed."

Dated

Form of Certificate.

The undersigned, postmaster of , certifies that the guarantors above named are sufficient and able to make good their guaranty.

Dated

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Seven minutes are allowed for opening and closing the mails at all offices where no particular time is specified; but on railroad and steam boat routes there is to be no more delay than is necessary to deliver and receive the bags.

2. The mail is to be conveyed in preference to passengers, and to their entire exclusion, if its we ght and bulk require it.

3. Post office blanks, mail bags, and the special agents of the Department, on the exhibition of their credentials, are to be conveyed, without further charge, on mail lines admitting of such conveyance.

4. Mail agents are to be conveyed, without charge, on the principal railroad and steamboat lines where the size of the mails and the number of the offices will require their employment by the Postmaster; and, in that case, a separate apartment for the assorting and safe-keeping of the mail is to be provided by the contractor, under the direction of the Department.

5. In all cases there is to be a forfeiture of the pay of the trip when the trip is not run; a deduction of at least one-fourth part of it, when the running or arrival is so far behind time as to lose the connection with a depending mail; and a forfeiture of a due proportion of it when a grade of service is rendered inferior to that in the contract. These forfeitures may be increased into penalties of higher amount, according to the nature or frequency of the failure and the importance of the mail.

6. Fines will be imposed, unless the frequency be satisfactorily explained in one time, for failing to take from, or deliver to, a post office, the mail, or any part of it; for suffering it to be lost, injured, or destroyed; or conveying it in a careless or improper manner that exposes it to loss or injury; for refusing after tendered to convey a mail by any coach, railroad, steamboat, or other mode which the contractor regularly employs the route beyond the specified number of miles in the journey, and for arriving at the time set; and for delay in or running an express to transmit commercial intelligence in advance of the mail, a penalty will be exacted equal to a quarter's pay.

7. The Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failures; for violating the post office laws; for disobeying the instructions of the Department; for refusing to discharge a carrier when required by the department; for assigning the contract without the consent of the Postmaster General, or for setting up or running an express as afore said.

8. The Postmaster General may alter the contract, and alter the schedule, by allowing a pro rata increase of compensation, within the restrictions imposed by law, for the additional service required, or for the increased speed, if the employment of additional stock or carriers is rendered necessary; but the contractor may, in such case, relinquish the contract, on timely notice, if he prefers it to the change. The Postmaster General may annul the contract, or curtail the service and pay, when he wishes to dispense with the service in whole or in part, or place a higher or different grade of service on the route, he allowing one month's extra pay on the amount dispensed with.

9. The payments will be made through drafts on post offices or otherwise, after the expiration of each quarter—say in February, May, August and November.

10. The distances are given according to the best information; but no increased pay will be allowed, should they prove to be greater than is advertised, if the places are correctly named.

11. The Postmaster general is prohibited by law from knowingly making a contract for the transportation of the mail with any person who shall have entered into any combination, or proposed to enter into any combination, to prevent the making of any bid for a mail contract by any other person or persons; who shall have made any agreement, or shall have given or performed, or promised to give or perform, any consideration to do or not to do, any thing whatever to induce any other person not to bid for a mail contract. Particular attention is called to the fifth section of the act of 1836, prohibiting combinations to prevent bidding.

12. A bid received after time, to wit: the 16th April next, at 10 a m, or without the guaranty required by law, or that combines several routes in one sum of compensation, cannot be considered in competition with a regular proposal not adjudged to be extravagant.

13. A bidder may offer where the transportation called for in the advertisement is difficult or impracticable at certain seasons, to substitute an easier mode of conveyance, or to interrupt service a specified number of days, weeks or months. He may propose to omit an office that is inaccessible, or to omit the stage road the railway, or a steamboat route, in the case may be; or he may offer to substitute an inferior mode of supply in such cases. He may propose different days and hours of departure and arrival, provided no more running time is asked, and it is shown that no inconvenience to other public accommodation is projected. He may ask for more running time to the trip, during a specified number of days, if certain seasons of peculiar bad roads; but beyond these changes, a proposal for service different from the advertisement will prevent his being considered in competition with a regular bid not set aside for extravagance; and where a bid contains any of the above alterations, their disadvantages will be estimated in comparing it with other proposals.

14. There should be but one route bid for in a proposal.

15. The route, the service, the yearly pay, the bidder's name and residence, and the name of each member of the firm, if it be a company, should be distinctly stated; also the mode of conveyance, if a higher mode than on horseback is intended.

16. The bids should be addressed, and delivered to the First Assistant Postmaster General, with "Mail Proposals in [name the State and Territory,]" written on the face of the letter; and should be dispatched in time to be received by or before the 16th April next, at 10 o'clock, a m. It should be guaranteed, and the sufficiency of the guarantors should be duly certified. (See forms.)

17. The contracts are to be executed by or before the 1st July next.

18. Postmasters at offices situated upon or near railroads, but more than 80 rods from a depot, will immediately after the 1st July next, report that fact to the Department, stating their exact distance from the railroad depot, and now otherwise supplied with the mail, in order that the Postmaster General may direct the proper supply to be made from the railroad by mail messengers, from and after the first July next.

19. Under the Act of March 3, 1845, the route is to be let to the lowest bidder, tendering sufficient guaranties for faithful performance, without other reference to the mode of transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty and security of such transportation.

When the bid proposes a mode of conveyance that is inadequate for the route in respect to the certainty, security and celerity of the mails, made from any accommodations for travel, it will not be entitled to the route.

20. When the bid does not name a mode of conveyance, it will be taken and understood to be for the lowest mode of conveyance to wit, on horseback. When it proposes to carry according to the advertisement, and the route is advertised as to be let for the route in the advertisement, it will be considered as offering only for horseback conveyance.

21. Since the passage of the act of March 3, 1845, a new description of vehicle has been in operation, combining modes of conveyance, but engages to carry the mail with certainty, celerity and security, using the terms of the law. These bids are considered, the manner in which they are designated on the books of the Department, "star bids." If a bid specifying a specific mode of conveyance of a higher grade as two horse coach transportation is to be preferred to the star bid. The experience of the Department enables it to lay down the following rules, viz:

When the mail on the route is not large as to require two horse coach conveyance, a star bid, if the lowest, will be preferred to the specific bid.

22. When the mails are of such size and weight as to render it necessary or expedient, in the opinion of the Department, to provide two horse coach conveyance, the specific bid, though the highest, will be preferred to the star bid, to the extent of moderate difference in the compensation, in case the difference is not such as to interfere with the policy of the new law, which limits to a reasonable extent cost of transportation. Exceptions, however, may be allowed, where the star bid is