

New York, August 1, 1787.

PROPOSALS will be received at this office until the fifteenth of October next, for the transportation of the public mails, by stage carriages, from Portland in Massachusetts, to Savannah in Georgia, for one year, commencing 1st of January 1788.

The following will be considered as indispensable articles of the contracts:

That there be in each carriage, a secure and convenient place, with a good lock and key to it, to be appropriated solely to the reception of the mail.

That the mail be carried between Portland, in Massachusetts, and Suffolk in Virginia, thrice in each week from May 1st to November 1st; and twice in each week from November 1st to May 1st.

And that it be carried between Suffolk aforesaid, and Savannah, in Georgia, twice in each week from May 1st to November 1st; and once in each week from November 1st to May 1st.

That there be stated hours of arrival at, and departure from each Post Office; and a reasonable time allowed for making up a mail to be forwarded from each, and that, in order to ascertain the times of arrival and departure, the driver of each stage shall carry a way-bill to be furnished by the post master general.

That the proprietors of the stages shall be answerable for the care and fidelity of the persons they shall employ in transporting the mail: and in case the stage's being delayed by accident, the mail shall be forwarded at the expense of the proprietors, so as to arrive at each office at the stated hours.

Bonds to be given, with two sufficient securities for the performance of each contract, and the customary oaths to be taken both by the proprietors and drivers.

In case of a coalition existing, or being hereafter formed (before the expiration of the contract) between two lines of stages upon the same route, it will be expected that the contracting proprietors shall be answerable that no letters shall be carried by the stages of the other line, to the prejudice of the revenue of the general post-office.

The necessary portmanteaus and bags will be furnished at the expense of the United States; and payment will be made quarterly, the penalties for failures (if any) being 5t deducted.

Proposals for CONTRACTS for the following CROSS ROADS.

Will be received until the first day of December next, viz.

From Portland to Pownalborough in the state of Massachusetts.

From the city of New York to the city of Albany.

From the city of New York, by way of Danbury, to Hartford in Connecticut.

From the city of Philadelphia to the town of Vienna, in Maryland.

From the town of Baltimore to the city of Annapolis, in Maryland.

From the city of Annapolis to Leonard's town, in St. Mary's county, by the route of upper Marlborough, Piscataway and Port Tobacco.

From the city of Philadelphia to the town of Bedford, in Pennsylvania.

From Fredericksburgh in Virginia, to Hobb's Hole, on Rappahannock river, and from thence to the port of entry on Yeocomico, upon Potowmac river and from thence to Urbanna, the port of entry on Rappahannock river.

From the town of Wilmington to Fayette-Ville, in the state of North Carolina, by route of Elizabethtown,

From Fayette-Ville, in North Carolina, to Cambden in South Carolina, and from thence to Charleston, in the same state.

And from Cambden, by the route of Columbia, to Augusta in Georgia.

The contracts for the cross roads are to commence on the first January next, and continue for a year.—The business must be conducted at the expense of the contractor, who will have an exclusive privilege of carrying letters and packets for hire, on the route he contracts for: and all the postage and other emoluments arising therefrom. The postage charged on these roads must not exceed the rates from time to time fixed by the United States in Congress assembled for the post of letters and packets on the main post roads.

To prevent expense and inconvenience to persons disposed to contract, either for the main or cross roads, they are informed that a personal attendance is unnecessary at present: It will be sufficient if they send their proposals in writing to the post master general, at his office, No. 29, Broad-Way, New-York.

By order of the Post-Master General, JAMES BRYSON, Assistant.

The Printers in the Federal States, are requested to give the above a place in their news papers.

From the Pennsylvania Packet.

THAT the heart, sorrowful and dejected by the repulse of ardent passion, is averse to pleasure of every kind, has been often observed. The mind, in a gay and hearty state, receives hope and enjoyment from every object around us. The same objects, if we languish and despair, are regarded with disgust or indifference. What path of life would you pursue? said Pheidippus, morose and out of humour with his condition; in public you are perplexed with business and contention; at home you are tired with cares; in the country you are fatigued with labour; at sea you are exposed to danger; in a foreign land, if rich, you are fearful, if poor neglected; have you a wife? expect sorrow; unmarried? your life is irksome; children will make you anxious; childless your life is lonely; youth is foolish and grey hairs feeble. Upon the whole, the wife man would chuse either not to have existed, or to have died the moment of his birth. Chuse any path of life, replies the cheerful Metrodorus: in the forum are profits and wife debates; at home relaxation, in the country, the bounty of nature; the sea-faring life is gainful; in a foreign land, if wealthy, you are respected; if poor, nobody knows it; are you married? your house is cheerful; unmarried? you live without care; children afford delight; childless, you have no sorrow: youth is vigorous, and old age venerable. The wife man, therefore would not have chole but to have existed.

WILLIAM MOORE, N. B. Said Moore has most kinds of West-India GOODS, by wholesale, also, all kinds of NAILS by the cask—8 by 6 and 7 by 9 GLASS by the box. Greenfield, August 13, 1787.

Flax-Seed, TAKEN by SEYMOUR DANIEL WRIGHT, at their store in Northampton, for which the highest price will be given in ready pay, one half in Cash, the other in English or West-India Goods. They also continue to pay the above mentioned Goods for BUTTER. August 20, 1787.

THE Honorable Judge of Probate, &c. for the county of Hampshire, having appointed me Commissioner to receive and examine the claims on the estate of JOHN ASHLY, Esq. late deceased, we shall attend this service at the late dwelling-house of the deceased, in Dedfield, on the first day of the three following months from two five o'clock afternoon.

ALL persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make immediate payment, to Elisha Porter, Administrator. August 25, 1787.

STOLEN from the Subscribers, the night of the 27th inst. two Saddles, one nearly new, with a red cross-hat saddle cloth, and small pair, the other an old one, with a narrow blue checked saddle-cloth, likewise two new whole-holland Shirts, three Ditto partly worn, six checked Shirts, four pair linen Stockings, one pair cotton Ditto, two pair nankeen Overall, two pair tow Trowsers, one pair nankeen Breeches, and two pair checked Overall. Whoever will secure the thieves, so that they may be brought to justice, and the articles stolen, so that the owners may have them again, shall have Five Dollars reward, and three Dollars for the above articles only.—It is presumed the villains have taken horses near this town.

HARTFORD, August 20. Copy of a letter from Mr. Decius Wadsworth, to Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth, containing a further account of Mr. James Cowles' wheat. Farmington, August 15, 1787.

SIR, I HAVE the satisfaction to inform you, that Mr. Cowles' wheat continued free from any material injury by the Fly, until the harvest; though considerably affected by a blast which prevailed in the neighbourhood, but which on no account appears owing to the fly: yet the straw was very luxuriant—three hundred sheaves were reaped on an acre. The difference between the wheat which had but an im-

perfect trial of the preparation, and the other, is very striking, and serves more than any other fact to convince us of the efficacy of the elder. Mr. Cowles informed me that he reaped but four sheaves where the peck of seed, mentioned in my former letter, was sown.

If this peck of seed was of the same quality, and differed in no respect but the mode of preparing it, from the rest, as Mr. Cowles stated; and unless by some unlucky circumstance Mr. Cowles was deceived in that particular, it undoubtedly was, for his veracity is unquestionable; the efficacy of the elder is established, and we may congratulate the farmers, that so easy a method is discovered, of relieving them from the prospect of want with which they were threatened.

D. WADSWORTH, Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth.

GINSENG.

WANTED a quantity of good and well-dried GINSENG, for which Two Shillings per pound will be given, in any kind of goods, if cured agreeable to the following directions, viz. immediately after drying, wash the roots perfectly clean, at the same time, sever the small branches from the main root—this done, filling the roots in as small basons as convenient, hang them in an upper room, otherwise out of the sun, where there is a free circulation of air, until they are perfectly dried.—By attending to these directions, it will be found, that the root not only appear of a brighter complexion, but in a great measure retain their size and weight.

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SEPTEMBER 1787. Jonathan Judd THE HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE. NUMB. 54.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1787. NORTHAMPTON: PRINTED BY WILLIAM BUTLER, A FEW RODS EAST OF THE COURT-HOUSE.

For the HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE. POLITICAL and MORAL ENTERTAINMENT. NUMBER VIII.

On a late excursion, for you must know, reader, I am fond of excursions, as they afford pleasing relaxation from the severer duties of life, and give an opportunity to make observations which may turn to my own account, and I would hope, not to my own only. I met with something which I cannot conceal; a spirit of complaint: and what completed my unhappiness was that in the circle I found myself unperceived. But as I have found myself unperceived, I do not apprehend myself in immediate danger of death, or of the justness of my sentiments I left upon my dissent to the grounds. I said little referring to myself the unachievable, and believe, uncontroverted right of after reflection. What I then heard and what I had heard several times and in other circles on the same subject I repeat on my return expressed my opinion.

My thoughts I shall give the public. From what I have already experienced I do not doubt I shall find it very interesting. Various causes of uneasiness were mentioned: the truth, I judged, was hidden from them; if charity did not forbid, I would say they were deceived by them. Truth usually lies near the surface: At least, candour and diligence, for the most part, discover it.

Scarcely can we light of one, who is without complaints. Few who are not eager in their desires, to reflect in their temper, too sanguine in their expectations or disappointed in their views, collect fuel to feed discontent. It is not surprising, a concluding opinion, that laughs at faults. One cannot conceive what may not a group of complaints. The best things are overrated.

It is well known that the administration of the South Legislature, did not give universal satisfaction. I may add that the theories under which Israel was placed was the occasion of clamour and rebellion. I have a right to say that a government was ever more faulted. Certain people complain of a measure it is not certain it should be changed: of an institution it should be altered: of a law that it should be repealed: of a burden that it should be lessened: and of a civil administration that it should be universally commended: it is a characteristic in those that should be improved by long experience compel us to believe that a wise measure, a beneficial institution, a good law, a necessary burden, a right constitution, will not be universally commended: it is a characteristic that every man who has often observed that particular neglected or not secured. The reports of the actions of the world will be searched. A his advice is to be too much of one of no other proof of the policy and injustice of measures than the people complain of them. I admit, they are not much governed by reason as they are by passion; as much by a regard for personal prosperity as for their own separate interests: they are influenced in their political conduct by that ready love for their country which qualifies men to be angry and makes every man a public benefactor; the argument would be variable: Were a people slow to spread their reports, and to believe lies, slow to speak without reflection and swift to bear the words of others; Did they think more and talk less, Believe without evidence and weigh every man's assertions to honesty in a just balance: In a word, was wisdom the guide of their actions in public and the public good their pole-star: they commonly influenced by those principles would make a people happy, generous and unassailable: Were they slow to spread their reports, and to believe lies, slow to speak without reflection and swift to bear the words of others; Did they think more and talk less, Believe without evidence and weigh every man's assertions to honesty in a just balance: In a word, was wisdom the guide of their actions in public and the public good their pole-star: they commonly influenced by those principles would make a people happy, generous and unassailable: Were they slow to spread their reports, and to believe lies, slow to speak without reflection and swift to bear the words of others; 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