

Statement of the periodicals sent yearly by mail from Boston.

	Number of sheets under 100 miles.	Postage at 1½ cent.	Weight.	Expense by stage at 3 cents per pound, the same as passengers.	Excess paid to mail over land carriage.	Excess over what is paid for the same number of sheets of newspapers.
	177,501	\$2,662 51	8,875 pounds.	\$266 25	\$2,396 26	\$887 50
	Number of sheets over 100 miles.	Postage at 2½ cents.	Weight.	Expense by stage at 9 cents per pound, averaging 300 miles.	Excess paid to mail over land carriage.	Excess over what is paid for the same number of sheets of newspapers.
	254,992	\$6,374 80	12,750 pounds.	\$1,147 50	\$5,126 30	\$2,549 92
Total,	432,493	\$9,037 31	21,625 pounds.	\$1,413 75	\$7,522 56	\$3,437 42

Estimate of the newspapers sent yearly by mail from Boston.

	Number of sheets under 100 miles.	Postage at 1 cent.	Weight.	Expense by stage at 3 cents per pound, the same as passengers.	Excess paid to mail over land carriage.	Amount paid less than would be paid for the same number of sheets of periodicals.
	525,000	\$5,250 00	41,000 pounds.	\$1,230 00	\$4,020 00	\$2,625 00
	Number of sheets over 100 miles.	Postage at 1½ cent.	Weight.	Expense by stage at 9 cents per pound, averaging 300 miles.	Excess paid to mail over land carriage.	Amount paid less than would be paid for periodicals.
	750,000	\$11,250 00	55,469 pounds.	\$4,992 21	\$6,257 79	\$7,500 00
Total,	1,275,000	\$16,500 00	96,469 pounds.	\$6,222 21	\$10,277 79	\$10,125 00

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ERROR IN A CONTRACTOR'S BOND CORRECTED.

COMMUNICATED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH 8, 1832.

Mr. CONNOR made the following report:

The Committee on the Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of George Bowen, report:

That the petitioner sets forth that, in making and filling a bond for contract, by mistake, the Post Office Department had inserted a sum fifty dollars less than his bid; and, without particularly examining the bond as to the correctness of the sum inserted, he had signed it, not doubting its correctness. The Department not feeling that they were authorized to correct the mistake, he has received fifty dollars per year less than in justice he should, for four years, the term of his engagement with the Department.

The committee, having ascertained at the Post Office Department that the true bid given by Mr. Bowen was for fifty dollars more than was inserted in his bond and paid to him, have therefore resolved that he is entitled to relief, and accordingly report a bill.

GENERAL POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF MAIL CONTRACTS, *March 6, 1832.*

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, requesting information relative to the amount paid Mr. George Bowen for carrying the mail on route No. 218, Edgefield, S. C., to Greenville; and, in reply, am instructed to inform you that Mr. Bowen's bid for that route is now on file at the United States Treasury Department; that the original amount of his bid was \$600, but was afterwards altered to \$550, and was so accepted by the Department. In filling his contract for this and other routes, \$500 appears to have been embraced for the route in question, and Mr. Bowen was paid for his services \$500 per annum from January 1, 1827, to December 31, 1830, being four years.

Very respectfully,

O. B. BROWN, *Superintendent.*Hon. H. W. CONNOR, *House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*