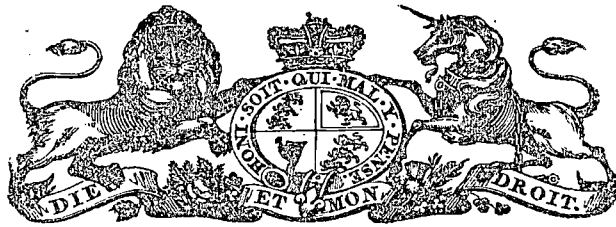


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C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTIES TENDERING FOR
MAIL CONTRACT, AS ALSO THE VARIOUS TENDERS SUB-
MITTED.

Return to an Order of the House. (Mr. Balfe, 31 July.)

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Innes, and ordered by the House to be printed.
6 August, 1862.



*CORRESPONDENCE between the Government and Parties tendering for MAIL CONTRACT,
as also the various Tenders submitted.*

Hobart Town, 30th March, 1861.

SIR,

WITH reference to your Notice of the 15th January last, inserted in the *Hobart Town Gazette* of the same date, inviting Tenders for the Conveyance of Mails between Hobart Town and Launceston, I beg to acquaint you that I am willing to undertake the Contract for Three Years from the 1st of September next, conformably to the conditions stated in your Notice above referred to, with the exception of the right of seat in the Mails for the Director of Roads and Public Works free of charge, for the Sum of Four thousand Pounds (£4,000) per annum, payable monthly. And in case my Tender should be accepted, I now submit the names of Mr. John Lord, of Woodburn, and Mr. John Page, of Lemoa Springs, as my proposed Sureties.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SAMUEL PAGE.

The Postmaster-General, Hobart Town.

Longford, 28th March, 1861.

SIR,

WITH reference to your Notice of the 15th January last, inserted in the *Hobart Town Gazette* of the same date, inviting Tenders for the Conveyance of the Mails between Launceston and Hobart Town, I beg to acquaint you that I am willing to undertake the Contract for Three Years from the 1st September next, conformably to the conditions stated in your Notice referred to, for the Sum of One thousand Eight hundred Pounds (£1,800) per annum, payable monthly. And in case my Tender should be accepted, I now submit the names of Mr. Benjamin Hyrons, of Launceston, Licensed Victualler, and Mr. James Meyers, of Launceston, Wine and Spirit Merchant, as my proposed Sureties.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN HYRONS.

The Postmaster-General, Hobart Town.

Victoria, Geelong, 23rd March, 1861.

SIR,

WITH reference to your Notice of the 15th January ultimo, inserted in the *Hobart Town Gazette* of the same date, inviting Tenders for the Government Mails between *Hobart Town* and *Launceston*, I beg to acquaint you that I am willing to undertake the Contract for *Three Years* from the 1st September next, conformably to the conditions stated in your Notice above referred to, for the Sum of *Two thousand Four hundred and Ninety-five Pounds* (2,495) per annum, payable monthly. And in case my Tender should be accepted, I now submit the names of William Rutledge, Esq., of Port Fairy, and William Noonan, Esq., Spirit Merchant, Geelong, as my proposed Sureties.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM BROWN.

The Postmaster-General, Hobart Town.

Cobb & Co's. Office, Melbourne, Victoria, 23rd March, 1861.

SIR,

WITH reference to your Notice of the 15th January, inserted in the *Hobart Town Gazette* of the same date, inviting Tenders for the Conveyance of Mails from Hobart Town to Launceston and from Launceston to Hobart Town, for Three Years, commencing on the 1st day of September next, dispatching the Mails from Hobart Town every evening at half-past Six o'clock, P.M., and from Launceston on the same days at Six o'clock in the afternoon, I beg to acquaint you that I am willing to undertake the Contract for Three Years from the 1st day of September next, conformably to the conditions stated in your Notice above referred to, for the Sum of Two thousand Four hundred and Fifty Pounds, (2,450) sterling, per annum, payable monthly. And in case my Tender should be accepted, I now submit the names of William K. Thomson, Esq., of the Firm of Messrs. James M'Ewan & Co., Ironmongers, of Melbourne, and of Mr. George W. Miln, Merchant, 52, William-street, as my proposed Sureties.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES SWANTON.

The Postmaster-General, Hobart Town.

Cobb & Co's. Office, Melbourne, 23rd March, 1861.

SIR,

YOUR letter in answer to mine came duly to hand, for which receive my thanks.

I send, per this opportunity, a Tender for the Mail Contract between Launceston and Hobart Town.

I neglected to enquire whether it would be necessary to have *local* Sureties or not?

The parties whom I mention as willing to become mine are well-known Merchants here; and should I succeed in obtaining the Contract, they will readily enter into Bonds for my faithful performance of it.

On the other hand, should it be necessary for the Sureties to be resident either in Hobart Town or Launceston, I should find no difficulty in getting them, as I am sufficiently well known in both places.

Should my Contract be accepted, I purpose running the line similar to the style in which Cobb & Co. have been so successful in introducing into this Colony, and in which Firm I have been a Partner since its commencement.

I have put the amount of my Tender as low as I think it possible for any one starting *fresh* upon the road to undertake it. At the same time, it is sufficient to ensure of its being carried out to the satisfaction of the Post Office Department, and also to that of the Public.

I remain, very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES SWANTON.

The Secretary of the Post Office, Hobart Town.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

Low Head, 30th March, 1861.

Tender for Conveyance of Mails between Hobart Town and Launceston.

WE beg to Tender, in accordance with your Advertisement of January 15th, for the Conveyance of Mails between Hobart Town and Launceston, and from Launceston to Hobart Town, for the Sum of Two thousand Eight hundred and Fifty Pounds (£2,850), for the period of Three Years. Our Mr. Hewitt will be at Hobart Town on Monday 1st, to enter into the necessary arrangements, should this Tender be accepted.

WATSON & HEWITT.

The Postmaster-General.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

Low Head, 30th March, 1861.

Tender for the Mail from Hobart Town to Launceston.

THE Undersigned tenders for the Conveyance of Mails from Hobart Town to Launceston and back for the Sum of Two thousand Five hundred Pounds (£2,500) per annum for Three Years, in accordance with the Post Office Regulations.

ALEXANDER WALKER, *Melbourne.*

The Hon. the Postmaster-General.

Launceston, 30th March, 1861.

SIR,

REFERRING to our telegraph from George Town this morning, and with reference to your Notice of the 12th of March instant, inserted in the *Hobart Town Gazette* of the same date, inviting Tenders for the Conveyance of Mails from Hobart Town to Launceston, and from Launceston to Hobart Town, we beg to acquaint you that we are willing to undertake the Contract for Three years, from date mentioned in Advertisement, conformably to the conditions stated in your Notice above referred to, for the Sum of Two thousand Eight hundred and Fifty Pounds per annum. And, in case our Tender being accepted, we will submit to you the names of respectable and satisfactory persons as our Securities. We may be allowed to add that, for the last Seven years we have carried the heaviest and longest Mail Coaching Lines in Victoria, giving the highest satisfaction to the Government and the Public.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

WATSON & HEWITT,
Proprietors of Cobb's Coaches, Victoria.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Hobart Town.

RECEIVED 1st April, 1861—"Too late."—S. T. H.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

[Confidential.]

30th March, 1861.

SEE Mr. Hyrons immediately, and inform him that his Tender for the Main Line of Road is the lowest, but that the Securities offered are not satisfactory to the Government, and, unless others that are unexceptionable are offered, per telegram, before Monday next at noon, communication must be made to the next lowest Tender. Report result of your interview.

S. T. HARDINGE, *Postmaster.*

W. WINDEATT, *Launceston.*

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

Launceston, 30th March, 1861.

MR. HYRONS is not in Town. Shall I send to Longford for him, so that he can communicate to you on Monday morning by telegram?

W. WINDEATT, *Postmaster.*

Secretary Post Office.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

[Confidential.]

30th March, 1861.

THE Hon. the Treasurer now resides out of Town, and I have left the Tender with him, and I do not know which Hyrons it is who has tendered, without sending out to Mr. Innes, and it would take so long. Which of the Hyrons' lives in Launceston? Are there any besides the Father and Son? It is the Son who has tendered, I believe; but there may be more than one Son for aught I know.

S. T. HARDINGE, *Postmaster.*

Postmaster, Launceston.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

Launceston, 30th March, 1861.

MR. JOHN HYRONS is the Tenderer, his Father being one of his Bondsmen.

W. WINDEATT, *Postmaster.*

The Secretary Post Office.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

Launceston, 1st April, 1861.

As the parties named in my Tender for the Mail are not deemed satisfactory, and the Notice so urgent, will you please inform me what Cash Deposit is required in lieu of Personal Security? Approved names can be procured otherwise to your entire satisfaction, sufficient time being allowed for their return to Town.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN HYRONS.

P.S.—Is one or both named Securities objected to?—J. H.

F. M. INNES, *Esquire.*

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

Launceston, 1st April, 1861.

I UNDERSTAND from Mr. Ben. Hyrons that his Son has offered to hand over Cash to the Government in the shape of Security for the Conveyance of Mail on Main Line of Road, there not being sufficient time for him to obtain fresh Securities in the time given.

W. WINDEATT.

Mr. HARDINGE.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

1st April, 1861.

UNEXCEPTIONABLE Securities must be received, in the Sum of £6,000 (being the amount of Security under the present Contract), by Wednesday morning, and prepared to enter into them.

Bond on Thursday next.

Inform the Secretary, per telegram, whether Mr. J. Hyrons is in Launceston, or whether you must write to him at Longford.

FRED. M. INNES, *Postmaster-General.**Postmaster, Launceston.*

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

Launceston, 1st April, 1861.

MR. John Hyrons declines taking the Contract for Conveying Mail to and from Hobart Town upon the conditions stated in the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer's telegram to me; viz.—Finding Security in the Sum of £6,000.

W. WINDEATT, *Postmaster.**The Secretary Post Office.*

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

2nd April, 1861.

PLEASE keep a Cabin for me in to-morrow's Steamer to Melbourne.

FRED. M. INNES.

*Postmaster, Launceston.**Mr.. Nutt's Office, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne, 8th April, 1861.*

SIR,

IN reference to the subject of an interview at Mr. Nutt's Office this day, I beg to state that I cannot consent to postpone negotiations with other Tenderers for our Mail Contract.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FRED. M. INNES.

Mr. M'CORMACK, at Mr. WISEWALL'S Office.

Mr. Nutt's Office, Elizabeth-street, 8th April, 1861.

SIR,

I HAVE to acquaint you that, in accordance with our understanding, I attended at Mr. Nutt's Office this day, at noon, to enter into the required Contract for the Conveyance of the Mails between Hobart Town and Launceston, in Tasmania, and that, having failed to meet you there, and also in receiving previous intimation of your Securities, I will feel myself at liberty to negotiate with other parties who have tendered, unless I receive a communication from you which will justify my postponing arrangements.

I am, &c.,

FRED. M. INNES.

Mr. JAMES SWANTON.

12th April, 1861.

MY DEAR SIR,

I AM very anxious to see you with regard to Mr. Swanton's Tender. I will meet you at Mr. Francis' Office to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock; or, if that time will not suit your convenience, please make an appointment during the day. I feel confident of being able to close this affair immediately, and to your satisfaction, so that you will greatly oblige me by not coming to any final arrangement until I have an interview with you.

I am,

Very respectfully yours,

T. K. NEWTON.

F. M. INNES, *Esquire, Postmaster-General, Hobart Town.*

13th April, 1861.

DEAR SIR,

I AM authorised to offer, for your approval, the names of Messrs. Watson and Hewitt as Sureties for the Mail Contract in the name of "Swanton."

Respectfully yours,

T. K. NEWTON.

F. M. INNES, *Esquire.*

*Elmbank House, Victoria Parade,
Saturday night.*

DEAR SIR,

MR. Swanton has just come down from the country, and has called upon me, and is extremely annoyed to find that Mr. Newton has interfered in my negotiations with you, relative to the Tender in his name.

I left word for you with Mr. Francis, (not being able to find you), that I withdrew my name and Mr. Wisewould's as Security, thereby giving up all claim to the Contract; but, since I have seen Mr. Swanton, who is still very anxious to have it, I have thought it advisable to inform you that, if you have not settled it already, and have any inclination to give it to us, we will be glad to take it, and carry it out *ourselves*, to the best of our ability.

I believe Mr. Newton has been acting in conjunction with Mr. Hewitt, to prevent Mr. Swanton's Tender being accepted, and thereby throw it into Mr. Hewitt's hands.

Unless I hear from you that the matter is settled, Mr. Swanton and myself will call upon you, at Mr. Francis' Office, on Monday morning. Under any circumstances, I hope you will be assured that I have acted in good faith, and with a full intention of carrying out all I have promised.

I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

GEO. D. M'CORMICK.

Mr. INNES.