

sufficient sureties for the performance of the service, then the Postmaster General shall proceed to contract with some other person for the performance of the said service, and shall forthwith cause the difference between the amount contained in the  
 5 proposal so guaranteed and the amount for which he may have contracted for the performance of said service, for the whole period of the proposal, to be charged up against the said bidder and his guarantee or guarantees, and the same may be immediately recovered for the use of the Post Office Department in an action of debt in the name of the Postmaster  
 10 General against either or all of the said persons.

VIII. And be it enacted that the Postmaster General may at his discretion submit Contracts for Mail transportation, involving an annual expense of less than £50, to public competition in the manner and form prescribed for Contracts of a  
 15 greater annual charge, or he may direct an Agent to receive Tenders for and execute such Contracts on his behalf, or he may in special cases conclude such Contracts by private agreement when he may conceive the public interest will be promoted by such a course: Provided always, that he shall not pay  
 20 under any such Contract made by private agreement, a higher rate of annual payment for the service to be performed, than is ordinarily paid for services of a like nature under Contracts let by Public Advertisement.

Contracts for less than £50 per annum, how entered into.

Proviso.

IX. And be it enacted that no contract for the transportation of the mail shall knowingly be made by the Postmaster General 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  
 30 other person; or who shall have made any agreement or shall have given or performed or promised to give or perform any consideration whatever or to do or not to do any thing whatever, in order to induce any other person not to bid for a mail contract: And if any person so offending be a mail contractor  
 35 he may be forthwith dismissed from the service of the Department: Provided always, that whenever the Postmaster General shall exercise the power conferred on him by this section, he shall transmit a copy or statement of the evidence on which he acts to the Parliament of this Province at its next session.

Contracts not to be made with persons who have combined to keep back tenders.

Proviso.

X. And be it enacted that all advertisements made under the orders of the Postmaster General, in a Newspaper or Newspapers, of Letters uncalled for in any Post Office, shall be inserted in some Newspaper or Newspapers of the Town or place where the Office advertising may be situated, or of the  
 45 Town or place nearest to such Post Office, provided the Editor or Editors of such Newspaper or Newspapers shall agree to insert the same in three separate issues or publications of such Newspaper or Newspapers, for a price not greater than three farthings for each Letter; and under such Regulations and at

Unclaimed letters to be advertised, &c.