

two hundred dollars, shall give at least six weeks previous notice by advertisement in one or more of the newspapers published in or nearest to the County or Counties where the contract is to be performed,—that such Contract is intended to be made, and of the day on which tenders for the same will be by him received ;

2. And the contracts in all cases in which there is more than one tender, shall be awarded to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient security for the faithful performance of the contract, unless the Postmaster General is satisfied that it is for the interest of the public not to accept the lowest tender :

Contract to be awarded to the lowest bidder giving good security.

3. The Postmaster General shall not be bound to consider the bid of any person who has wilfully or negligently failed to execute or perform a prior contract ; but in all cases where he does not give the Contract to the lowest bidder, he shall report his reasons therefor to the Governor, for the information of Parliament.

If otherwise, reasons to be reported to the Governor.

52. When in the opinion of the Postmaster General the lowest proposal received after public advertisement for the performance of a Mail contract is excessive, he shall not be compelled to accept the said proposal, but may in his discretion either re-advertise the said contract for further competition, or offer to the persons from whom proposals have been received, each in his turn, beginning with the lowest, such sum as he deems an equitable and sufficient price for the said contract, and may enter into a contract with such of the said persons as will accept such offer.

Lowest offer not to be accepted if deemed excessive.

Proceeding in such case.

53. It shall be within the discretion of the Postmaster General to authorize and allow a Postmaster to undertake and perform a contract for the transportation of a Mail, subject to the regulations applying to all Mail contracts, when, in his opinion, the interests of the public service will be thereby promoted.

Postmaster may be allowed to be a Contractor.

54. Every proposal for carrying the Mail shall be accompanied by an undertaking, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder will, if his bid be accepted, enter into an obligation, within such time as may be prescribed by the Postmaster General, with good and sufficient sureties, to perform the service proposed :

Every tender to be accompanied by a written guarantee to give good security.

2. If, after the acceptance of a proposal and notification thereof to the bidder, he fails to enter into an obligation within the time prescribed by the Postmaster General, with good and 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 may forthwith cause the difference between the amount contained in the proposal

Penalty for failure to give security after acceptance of tender.