

and to the same extent as though the same were a Canada Mail or part of a Canada Mail ;—And in any indictment for such act or offence, such Mail or part of a Mail may be alleged to be, and on the trial of such indictment shall be held to be a Canada Mail or part of a Canada Mail ;—And in any indictment for stealing, embezzling, secreting or destroying any Post letter, Post letter-bag, packet, chattel, money or valuable security sent by Post through and by any of the said United States Mails as aforesaid, in the indictment to be preferred against the offender, the property of such Post letter, Post letter-bag, packet, chattel, money or valuable security sent by Post as herein mentioned, may be laid in the Postmaster General,—and it shall not be necessary to allege in the indictment or to prove upon the trial or otherwise, that the Post letter, Post letter-bag, packet, chattel or valuable security was of value.

Property in
such mails.

POSTMASTERS.

46. The Postmaster General shall, upon the appointment of any Postmaster, require and take of such Postmaster a bond, with good and approved security, in such penalty as he deems sufficient, conditioned for the faithful discharge of all the duties of such Postmaster required by law, or which may be required by any instruction or regulation or general rule for the government of the Post Office :

Postmasters
to give bonds.

2. And when any Surety of a Postmaster notifies to the Postmaster General his desire to be released from his suretyship, or when the Postmaster General deems it necessary, he may require such Postmaster to execute a new bond, with sureties, which bond, when accepted by the Postmaster General, shall be as valid as the bond given upon the original appointment of the Postmaster, and the Sureties in the prior bond shall be released from responsibility for all acts or defaults of the Postmaster done or committed subsequent to the acceptance of the new bond, the date of which acceptance shall be duly endorsed on such prior bond ;

Sureties may
be changed
and new bonds
executed.

3. Payments made by such Postmaster subsequent to the acceptance of the new bond, shall be applied first to the discharge of any balance due by him at the time of such acceptance, unless the Postmaster General shall otherwise direct ;

Application of
payments made
after new
bond.

4. And no suit shall be instituted against any Surety of a Postmaster after the lapse of two years from the death, resignation or removal from office of such Postmaster, or from the date of the acceptance of a new bond from such Postmaster.

Limitation of
suits against
sureties.

47. The Postmaster General may appoint the periods at which each Postmaster or person authorized to receive postage or any class or number of Postmasters or persons respectively, shall render his or their accounts,—And if any Postmaster or

Accountability
of Postmasters
to be enforced
by Postmaster
General.