

Sureties may  
be changed.

from his Suretyship, or when the Postmaster General shall deem it necessary, he shall be entitled to 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 which may be done or committed subsequent to the acceptance of the new Bond, the date of which acceptance shall be duly endorsed on such prior Bond: Provided, that payments made subsequent to the execution of the new Bond by such Postmaster shall be applied first to the discharge of any balance which may be due on the old Bond, unless he shall, at the time of payment, expressly direct them to be applied to the credit of his new account: And provided also that 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 as the case may be.

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Postmasters to  
render ac-  
counts, and pay  
over balances  
quarterly.

XX. And be it enacted that if any Postmaster or other person authorized to receive the postage of letters and packets shall neglect or refuse to render his accounts and pay over to the Postmaster General the balance by him due at the end of every three months it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to cause a suit to be commenced against the person or persons so neglecting or refusing: that all suits which shall be hereafter commenced for the recovery of debts or balances due to the Post Office whether they appear by bond or obligation made in the name of the existing or any preceding Postmaster General or otherwise shall be instituted in the name of "The Postmaster General."

Penalty for  
neglect.

XXI. And be it enacted that if any Postmaster shall neglect to render his accounts for one month after the time and in the form and manner prescribed by the Postmaster General's instructions he shall forfeit double the value of the postages which shall have arisen at the same office in any equal portion of time previous or subsequent thereto; or, in case no account shall have been rendered at the time of trial of such case then such sum as the Court and jury if in Upper Canada or the Court alone if in Lower Canada, shall estimate equivalent thereto to be recovered by the Postmaster General in an action of debt on the bond against the Postmaster and his securities, and for which the securities shall be liable.

Postmasters to  
render, also,  
quarterly ac-  
counts of em-  
oluments.

XXII. And be it enacted that it shall be the duty of the Postmasters of each of the Cities in this Province, each and every year hereafter, to render quarter-yearly accounts to the Postmaster General, under oath, in such form as the latter shall prescribe, for the purpose of giving full effect to this