

arisen; and if the contractor or courier is in fault, the circumstance should be immediately and specially reported to the Postmaster General.

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LIX. Should the mail be stopped at an Office in consequence of the neglect of the contractor to provide means for its conveyance, the Postmaster will immediately hire some competent and trustworthy person to take the mails forward at the expense of the contractor, and report to the Postmaster General. The person employed must make an affidavit to that effect.

When mails are delayed by the contractor, Postmaster to forward at contractor's expense.

LX. Way Office keepers should have their mails closed immediately on the arrival of the courier, and when practicable, before his arrival.

Mail to be closed on arrival of the courier.

LXI. Should a mail bag be received without a seal, or the seal broke or tampered with in any manner, the receiving Postmaster should learn from the courier the cause of such irregularities, and carefully ascertain, if possible, whether the contents of the bag have been improperly dealt with. The circumstance must be immediately reported to the Postmaster General, stating the address of the bag, the Office from which it was last despatched, the name of the courier, and his explanation, &c.

When the bag is not sealed, or seal broken, to enquire the cause and report to the Postmaster General.

LXII. It is the duty of a courier to deliver the mail bags at the Post or Way Office, or to the Officer, and take the bags from the Officer when ready to be dispatched, and to see that they are properly labelled.

Bags to be delivered and received at the Office.

LXIII. Every courier should carry a post horn, and sound the same distinctly two or three times on arriving at, or leaving a Post or Way Office.

Post horn to be used.