

Postmaster General shall have power to open and close Post Offices and mail routes—to suspend any Postmaster or other officer or servant of the department, until the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor and Council be known, and to appoint a person to act, in the mean time, in the place and stead of such officer or servant—to enter into and enforce all contracts relating to the conveyance of the mail, the local accommodation of the department, and to other matters connected with the business thereof, and to make rules and orders for the management and conduct of the business and affairs of the department, and for the guidance and government of the officers and servants thereof in the performance of their duties—to sue for and recover all sums of money due for postage or penalties under this Act, or by any Postmaster, or officer, or servant of the department, or his sureties; and all such powers may be lawfully exercised by him, or by any Postmaster, officer, servant or party, whom he shall depute to exercise the same, or whose act in that behalf he shall approve, confirm or adopt; and such officer, servant or party, employed in the Post Office, shall, as regards the duties attached to the office held by him, be deemed the Deputy of said Postmaster General; and all suits, proceedings, contracts, and official acts to be brought, had, entered into, and done by the Postmaster General, shall be so in and by his name of office, and may be continued, enforced and completed by his successor in office; as fully and effectually as by himself; nor shall the appointment or authority of any Postmaster General, or of any Postmaster, officer or servant of the Post Office of this Island, be liable to be traversed or called in question in any case, except only by those who act for the Crown.

May open and close mail routes, &c.; suspend Postmaster, &c. and appoint substitutes;

enter into and enforce contracts;

make rules, &c., for management of the department;

sue for all sums due for postage, &c.

Such powers to be exercised, either by himself or by any party whom he may depute to act, &c.

Appointment of Postmaster General not to be traversed, except by those who act for the Crown.