

Contracts for Mail Service.

ELGIN, A. Co., 8th May, 1896.

DEAR SIR,—I have arranged to remain in the United States, and am not in a position to carry the mail from Elgin to Albert, via New Ireland, in this county. My contract expires by lapse of time soon, and I hereby respectfully request that I be relieved of my contract and that the contract be awarded, without tender, to Thomas W. Church, who is now carrying the mail on this route.

JOHN GARLAND.

To the Honourable the Postmaster General.

OTTAWA, 2nd July, 1896.

MY DEAR DR. WELDON,—Referring to your letter of the 24th ulto., stating that Mr. John Garland desires to relinquish his contract for the mail service between Albert and Elgin and Kerry and New Ireland Road, and recommending that the former contract be given to Mr. T. W. Church and the latter to Mr. J. E. Tehan, in each case under four years' contract on the existing terms and conditions, I beg to say, as regards the latter contract, that the Postmaster General regrets that he is unable to carry out your wishes.

While he can renew a contract with the same person on the existing terms and conditions, he cannot make a contract with another person until tenders have been invited. The former contract, which already stands in the name of Mr. T. W. Church, has been renewed as you recommended.

Yours faithfully,
WM. WHITE.

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Armstrong's Corner and Round Hill.

This contract was let without tender at \$168 per annum, while there was a tender in the Department for \$155 per annum, the loss being \$52 for the term. The contract having expired on the 31st March, 1897, tenders were invited by the present Government and a contract has been obtained for \$160 per annum. As the price prior to the expiration of the last contract had been advanced to \$180.60 per annum on account of increase in the distance, the saving amounts to \$82.40 for the term.

The service was let by tender from 1st April, 1889, the contract having been awarded to the lowest tenderer, Mr. Andrew Graham, at the rate of his tender, \$168 per annum.

Prior to the termination of this contract on the 31st March, 1893, tenders were invited due to be opened on the 27th January. Tenders received were not considered, as instructions issued on the 27th January for the renewal of Mr. Graham's contract at existing rate of \$168 per annum. On the 1st September, 1896, the amount was increased to \$180.60 per annum on account of an increase of 1½ miles in the route.

Tenders received :—

J. D. Armstrong.....	\$155 00
T. L. Graham.....	158 00

CORRESPONDENCE.

ST. JOHN, 14th Jan.

DEAR SIR,—I would have much pleasure in recommending a renewal of Mr. Graham's contract if satisfactory to Department. His service has been very satisfactory and I am advised his contract is a very low one at present rate.

Yours respectfully,
GEO. F. BAIRD.

Hon. P.M.G.,