

charges framed by me, in consideration of appointments furnished as above, were, from

Halifax to Pictou, or New Glasgow, not to exceed	£1	10	0
Do. to West River, - - - - -	1	7	6
Do. to Truro, - - - - -	0	15	0
Truro to Amherst, - - - - -	0	15	0
West River to Antigonish - - - - -	0	12	6
Antigonish to Guysboro' - - - - -	0	10	0
Do. to Gut of Canso - - - - -	0	12	6

I am prepared to do the work on these terms, and in this manner, with the usual fines for neglect or delay. If the Government desire to leave the present contractors as they are, subject to these requirements, the object I have had in view will be obtained, viz: putting the Eastern portion of the postal and personal communication of this country on a footing creditable to the Province, and destined, in no small degree, to develop its resources, and stimulate its trade.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Hon. Jos. Howe,
Provincial Secretary.

H. HYDE.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Halifax, May 20th, 1851.

Sir,—I have to acquaint you, that I have received instructions from the Lieutenant Governor, to retain your services as Mail Contractor between Halifax and Pictou, which I notified you, in my communication of the 5th inst., was to be submitted to public competition, provided you are willing to carry out the scheme you have proposed,—which is, that the mails be despatched from Halifax four times a week for Pictou, and four times a week from Pictou for Halifax, leaving the latter place at 6 o'clock in the morning,—and further, to be conveyed in covered carriages drawn by not less than two horses, for the amount you are at present receiving. I request you will inform me at your earliest convenience whether you are willing to accede to these propositions.

The new scheme to commence on and after the 6th of July next.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. WOODGATE.

HALIFAX, 31st May, 1851.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 20th inst., offering to retain my services for the transmission