

Post-Road shall pass, and one month's previous notice in one of the public news-papers printed and published in each of the cities of Quebec and Montreal and Town of Three-Rivers, and that such person or persons as shall offer to contract for conveying Travellers, subject to the regulations established or to be established for the said *Poste* as *Maitres* or *Aides de Poste*, on terms the lowest and most advantageous for the public, shall have the preference on giving good and sufficient security to the satisfaction of the said Superintendent of Provincial Post-Houses for the due execution and performance of his or their undertaking as *Maitres* or *Aides de Poste*. Provided also, that in no case shall the allowance to be made to such persons contracting as *Maitres* or *Aides de Poste* exceed the rates hereinafter mentioned.

IV. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if no persons residing in the Parishes or Townships come forward, who after rates equal to or lower than those offered by other persons in Parishes or Townships adjacent, or who do not give good and sufficient securities, then and in such case the said Superintendent of Provincial Post-Houses, may accept the proposals of persons from other parts who may offer rates, terms and securities, within the intent and meaning of this Act, subject to the approbation and consent of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in case no person shall offer to contract as above mentioned, the said Superintendent of Provincial Post-Houses, shall name and appoint persons under the name of *Maitres* and *Aides de Poste*, to keep the said Post-Houses for such space of time and in conformity to such stipulations as shall be agreed upon between the said Superintendent and the said persons, for the due execution of this Act, and according to the true sense and meaning thereof, and for the greater advantage and convenience of Travellers, which time shall not nevertheless exceed the duration of this Act. Provided always that when the Post shall drive on one side of any River only, nothing in this Act contained shall be considered as compulsory or obligatory on the said Superintendent, to name or appoint any *Aide de Poste* there.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every *Maître de Poste*, between the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, respectively shall be provided with two able men servants or postillions, and shall have at least four good horses with four strong and convenient carioles, and a like number of calèches with iron *criques* or springs and lea-