

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place,  
December 3, 1796.

*WE, His Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties, duly authorized by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, pursuant to Act of Parliament, to lett to Farm the Duties granted by "An Act of the 25th of His present Majesty on "Horses lett to Hire for travelling Post and by "Time," do hereby give Notice, that we intend to lett, at our Office in Somerset-Place, the said Duties to Farm, on Monday the 9th Day of January next, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, according to the Districts in the Statement undermentioned, and to put the same up at the Sums placed opposite to each, for the Term of Three Years from the 1st Day of February next, to such Persons as may be willing to contract for the same. All Persons intending to farm the said Duties are to deliver in their Proposals to us, at the Stamp-Office in Somerset-Place, at least Three Days previous to the said 9th Day of January next, signed with their Names, stating the Places of their Abode, and specifying the Districts for which they intend to bid, or their Proposals cannot be proceeded on, as directed by the said Act.*

*No Persons licensed to lett Horses for the Purpose of travelling Post, nor any Persons for their Use, can be admitted to contract for the said Duties.*

A Statement of Districts for Farming out the Post Horse, &c. Duties.

No.	DISTRICTS.	Produce.
1.	North Britain	£ 5,274
2.	Northumberland	} 3,508
	Cumberland	
	Westmorland	
	Durham	
3.	Yorkshire	8,106
4.	Lancashire	} 7,971
	Cheshire	
	Derbyshire	
	Staffordshire	
5.	Lincolnshire	} 6,567
	Nottinghamshire	
	Leicestershire	
6.	Northamptonshire	} 8,564
	Rutlandshire	
	Warwickshire	
	Oxfordshire	
7.	Wiltshire	} 7,710
	Worcestershire	
	Gloucestershire	
8.	Norfolk	} 8,886
	Suffolk	
	Essex	
	Cambridgeshire	
9.	Bedfordshire	} 5,201
	Buckinghamshire	
10.	Huntingdonshire	} 8,045
	Hertfordshire	
11.	Surry	5,693
12.	Middlesex, including London and Westminster	} 13,753
13.	Kent	} 10,678
	Suffex	

14.	Hampshire	} 8,006
	Berkshire	
15.	Dorsetshire	} 8,768
	Devonshire	
	Conwall	
	Somersetshire	
16.	NORTH WALES, viz.	} 2,63
	Anglesea	
	Carnarvonshire	
	Denbighshire	
	Flintshire	
	Merionethshire, and Montgomeryshire, with Shropshire	
17.	SOUTH WALES, viz.	} 1,296
	Brecknockshire	
	Carmarthenshire	
	Cardiganshire	
	Glamorganshire	
	Radnorshire, and Pembrokeshire, with Herefordshire, and Monmouthshire	

*The above Sums are the gross Amounts of the Duty arising within each District respectively, for the Year ending on the 1st of August, 1787.*

J. Bindley.  
J. Byng.  
C. Mellish.

N. B. All Persons intending to bid for any of these Districts, are desired to take Notice, that they will not be put up to Sale according to the numerical Arrangement in which they stand above; but that the Order of selling will be varied, as Circumstances shall direct, and not declared previously to the Day of Sale, for the Purpose of encouraging a fair Competition, and of defeating the Combinations heretofore experienced, at the Time of Bidding, to the great Prejudice of the Revenue.

General Post Office, December 12, 1796.

*THERE being great Reason to apprehend the Bags of Letters, which should have arrived at this Office on Saturday Morning the 26th Ultimo, from the following Towns:*

Oakham,	Grantham,
Uppingham,	Colsterworth,
Louth,	Bourne,
Boston,	Stamford,
Spalding,	Wansford,
Peterborough,	Oundle,
Stilton,	Thrapstone,
Sleaford,	

*have been stolen, Part of the Property contained in the Letters having been negotiated in London on Monday the 28th.*

*Whoever shall apprehend or convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person or Persons who stole the said Bags, or who has or may have been concerned in negotiating Bills taken thereout, will be entitled to a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS; or, if any Accomplice in the Robbery, or concerned in negotiating the Property, shall surrender himself and make Discovery whereby the Person or Persons who stole the said Bags may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will be entitled to the said Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, and will also receive His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.*

By Command of the Postmaster General,  
Anthony Todd, Sec.