

CONTRACTS—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

LETTER

FROM THE

COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

TRANSMITTING

*Copies of all the contracts made in his office from the 1st December, 1839,
to the 14th December, 1840, &c., &c.*

DECEMBER 21, 1840.

Referred to the Committee on the Public Buildings.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
December 14, 1840.

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit, herewith, copies of all the contracts made in this office from the 1st of December, 1839, to this date, with the names of the applicants for said contracts, and the amount of their respective bids.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. NOLAND.

The Hon. SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

Fisher & Bird's contract to furnish marble flagging for the General Post Office building.—October 10, 1840.

Articles of agreement, made and concluded this 10th day of October, 1840, between Messrs. Fisher & Bird, of the city of New York, of the one part, and William Noland, Commissioner of the Public Buildings in Washington city, of the other part, witnesseth:

That the said Fisher & Bird agree and bind themselves, their heirs and assigns, to furnish and deliver, at the new General Post Office building in the city of Washington, thirteen thousand feet of Italian marble flagging, of not less than twelve inches square and one inch thick, and alternate blue and white, for forty-three cents per superficial foot, prepared for laying, and boxed; the whole to be of the best quality Italian flagging, and subject to

the inspection of the superintendent of the marble-work of said building. If other sizes than that mentioned above are allowed, the same shall be subject to the order of the architect of said building.

And on the part of the said Commissioner of the Public Buildings, he covenants and agrees to pay to the said Fisher & Bird, their heirs or assigns, on the fulfilment of this contract, at the rate of forty-three cents per square foot superficial.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

FISHER & BIRD. [SEAL.]

Witness for Fisher & Bird—JOHN M. GREER.

W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [SEAL.]

Witness for William Noland—J. B. ROOKER.

C. P. Sengstack's contract to perform the painting and glazing for the General Post Office building.—December 17, 1839.

Articles of agreement between C. P. Sengstack, of the city of Washington, painter and glazier, of the one part, and the Commissioner of the Public Buildings on the other part, witnesseth :

On the part of the said C. P. Sengstack, he covenants and agrees with the said Commissioner of the Public Buildings to perform all the painting and glazing required to complete this department of the work in the new General Post Office building now erecting in this city, in the best and most workmanlike manner, and with the best quality of crown-glass and other materials, subject to the inspection, and approval or rejection, of the architect of the public buildings and the superintendent of this part of the work, and according to the list of prices hereunto annexed, which form part of this agreement, deducting therefrom fifteen per cent. on the valuation of the said work and materials. And he further binds himself to execute the said work without delay, after due notice shall be given him by the said architect and superintendent, so that the whole of this painting and glazing shall be completed, if so required by the architect, within ten weeks after the doors and windows are hung in the building, under the forfeiture of this his contract: provided due notice to this effect be given the said Sengstack.

And on the part of the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, he covenants and agrees with the said C. P. Sengstack, that, on the faithful performance of this his contract, he shall and will pay, or cause to be paid, to him, his heirs or assigns, the full value of the work done and materials furnished in the building aforementioned, agreeably to the prices hereunto annexed, subject to a deduction of fifteen per centum on the amount of the same. And the said Commissioner further agrees to pay to the said Sengstack, from time to time, on account of this contract, as the work progresses, such sum or sums of money as he may be entitled to receive, according to the value thereof; to be certified to by the aforesaid architect and superintendent.

And for the true and faithful performance of all and singular the articles and covenants aforesated, the parties herein named bind themselves

and their successors, this seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

W. NOLAND. [SEAL.]
C. P. SENGSTACK. [SEAL.]

Witnessed by—ROBT. MILLS.

List of prices of sign and house painting, &c., established by the master painters in the city of Washington, April 1, 1838.

SIGN PAINTING.

Plain ground, plain letters, 1 line	-	-	-	50 cents per foot.
Do. do. 2 lines	-	-	-	80 " "
Do. do. 3 lines	-	-	-	\$1 00 " "
Do. do. every line over 3	-	-	-	25 " "
Shading, per line	-	-	-	25 " "
Gold letters, 1 line	-	-	-	75 " "
Do. 2 lines	-	-	-	1 25 " "
Do. 3 lines	-	-	-	1 75 " "
Do. every line over 3	-	-	-	50 " "
Shading, per line	-	-	-	25 " "
Smalting	-	-	-	18 $\frac{3}{4}$ " per sq. ft.
Ornamental letters, 1 line	-	-	-	93 $\frac{3}{4}$ " per foot.
Do. 2 lines	-	-	-	1 56 " "
Do. 3 lines	-	-	-	2 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "

Tin signs, common size.

Plain, 1 line	-	-	-	50
Do. 2 lines	-	-	-	1 00
Do. 3 lines	-	-	-	1 50
Do. every line over 3	-	-	-	50
Gold letters, 1 line	-	-	-	1 00
Do. 2 lines	-	-	-	2 00
Do. 3 lines	-	-	-	3 00
Do. every line over 3	-	-	-	75
Gold and smalted, 1 line	-	-	-	1 25
Do. do. 2 lines	-	-	-	2 50
Do. do. 3 lines	-	-	-	3 75
Do. do. every line over 3	-	-	-	1 00

Larger tins to be charged extra.

Plain cistern head - - - - - 1 50 " per head.

HOUSE PAINTING.

Plain oil colors, on wood, 1 coat	-	-	-	9 cents per yard.
Do. do. 2 coats	-	-	-	16 "
Do. do. 3 coats	-	-	-	22 "
Do. on brick, stone, &c., 1 coat	-	-	-	12 "
Do. do. do. 2 coats	-	-	-	22 "
Do. do. do. 3 coats	-	-	-	30 "
Do. do. do. 4 coats	-	-	-	38 "
Pencilling and painting, 1 coat	-	-	-	25 "
Do. do. 2 coats	-	-	-	37½ "
Sanding and painting on wood, 3 coats paint and 1 sand	60			"
Do. do. 4 do. 2 do.	75			"
Roof painting, 1 coat	-	-	-	15 "
Do. 2 coats	-	-	-	25 "
Do. 3 coats	-	-	-	33 "
Do. 4 coats	-	-	-	44 "
Blue painting, on wood, 1 coat	-	-	-	10 "
Do. do. 2 coats	-	-	-	19 "
Do. do. 3 coats	-	-	-	25 "
Do. on walls, 1 coat	-	-	-	15 "
Do. do. 2 coats	-	-	-	24 "
Do. do. 3 coats	-	-	-	30 "
Do. do. 4 coats	-	-	-	41 "
Green, on wood, 1 coat	-	-	-	25 "
Do. 2 coats	-	-	-	45 "
Do. 3 coats	-	-	-	62½ "
Distemper colors, completely finished, on walls	-	-	-	25 "
Mahogany, satin-wood, maple	-	-	-	\$1 00 "
Plain do.	-	-	-	75 "
Marbling	-	-	-	1 00 "
Varnishing, 1 coat	-	-	-	10 "
Do. 2 coats	-	-	-	18 "
Do. 3 coats	-	-	-	25 "

NOTE.—If the employer find materials, deduct one-third from the above prices.

GLAZING.

Sizes.	Glass and glazing, new work.	Glazing only, new work.	Glazing and glass, old work.
6 by 8 in.	8 cts.	3 cts.	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts.
7 by 9	8	3	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 by 10	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
9 by 11	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	25
9 by 12	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	25
10 by 12	20	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	25
10 by 14	28	10	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 by 12	25	10	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 by 14	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	10	50
10 by 15	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	10	50
11 by 15	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	50
12 by 14	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	50
12 by 15	40	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 by 16	46	14	62 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 by 17	56	16	75
12 by 18	56	16	75
13 by 18	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$1 00
14 by 16	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 00
14 by 18	65	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 00
12 by 20	75	25	1 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
14 by 20	80	25	1 25
14 by 22	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	30	1 25
16 by 20	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	30	1 50
16 by 22	\$1 00	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 50
16 by 24	1 25	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 50
18 by 24	1 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 56
20 by 24	1 50	40	1 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
18 by 26	1 50	40	1 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
18 by 27	1 62 $\frac{1}{2}$	44	1 75
22 by 30	1 75	50	2 00

NOTE.—These prices are for cylinder glass; if crown glass is used, the prices will be as customary, and may be purchased by the Commissioner of Public Buildings.

For circular, gothic, and diamond sash, bookcases, doors, &c., add one-third to the above prices, both in new and old glazing.

C. P. SENGSTACK.

Copy of Lewis H. Schneider's contract to furnish sash weights, &c., for the General Post Office building.—August 10, 1840.

Articles of agreement made and entered into, this 10th day of August, 1840, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, of the said city of Washington, of the one part, and Lewis H. Schneider, also of the said city of Washington, of the other part, witnesseth :

That the said Lewis H. Schneider has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, to and with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to furnish for the use of the new General Post Office, now erecting in said city of Washington, all the window sash-weights and fastenings that may be required for the use of the said Post Office building ; the whole to be of the best quality, and subject to the inspection of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may appoint for that purpose.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay to the said Lewis H. Schneider for all the window sash-weights and fastenings so delivered, at the rate of \$4 87½ per window.

In witness whereof, the parties above mentioned have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Witness :

J. B. ROOKER.

W. NOLAND,

LEWIS H. SCHNEIDER, [SEAL.]

List of applicants for contract for furnishing sash-weights, bolts, &c., for the new General Post Office building.

Caleb Buckingham	-	-	-	\$4 87½
Joseph Nock	-	-	-	5 50
— McGuire	-	-	-	3 97½ one half.
Lewis H. Schneider	-	-	-	4 87½ per pair, or \$2 43½ each.

Copy of contract of F. J. Naylor for copper-roofing for the Treasury building.—August 27, 1840.

It is hereby agreed between the undersigned parties as follows : On the part of F. J. Naylor, that he will do all the copper-roofing to the colonnade required at the new Treasury building, in the most workmanlike manner, for the sum of five and a half cents per square foot, or five dollars and fifty cents per square of one hundred feet, the materials to be furnished by Government ; the work to be done at least in thirty days after the carpenter prepares the roof ; and, if required, will put on the copper in sections, as the same is prepared. And on the part of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, he agrees to pay, or cause to be paid, to the said F. J. Naylor, or order, for said work, at the rate of five dollars and fifty cents per square of one hundred feet ; payment to be made as the work progresses, to be certified by the architect or superintendent of the building.

It is understood, that, should any extra work be done, not included here,

the same to be paid for according to the value of the same, to be adjudged by the architect or superintendent aforesaid.

In witness whereof, we hereby interchangeably subscribe our hands and seals on this 27th day of August, 1840.

Witness: F. J. NAYLOR, [SEAL.]
W. NOLAND, C. P. B. [SEAL.]
ROBERT MILLS.

Copy of George Shafer's contract to furnish cement for the new General Post Office building.—December 1, 1840.

Articles of agreement made and entered into, this 1st day of December, 1840, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, (on account of the erection of a new General Post Office building,) of the city of Washington, of the one part, and George Shafer, of the county of Washington, and State of Maryland, of the other part, witnesseth:

That the said George Shafer has this day contracted, covenanted, and agreed to deliver at the aforesaid new General Post Office, now erecting in the said city of Washington, eight hundred barrels of best quality hydraulic cement, (each barrel to contain 300 pounds,) in such quantities and at such times as the said Commissioner may direct; the same to be subject to the inspection of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may designate for that purpose. Two hundred barrels to be delivered in the month of December instant, and the balance in all the month of May, 1841.

And the said Commissioner, on his part, agrees to pay to the said George Shafer at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per barrel for the said cement so delivered; the barrels containing the same to be returned.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first before written.

Witness: W. NOLAND, [SEAL.]
GEORGE SHAFER, [SEAL.]
J. B. ROOKER.

The names of applicants for contract to furnish cement for the new General Post Office, with the amount of their respective bids.

Thomas Edwards	-	-	-	-	\$1 68	per barrel.
John Coburn	-	-	-	-	2 00	
George Shafer	-	-	-	-	1 50	
John P. Austin	-	-	-	-	2 40	
George Lynn	-	-	-	-	2 00	per bushel.

Copy of Williams & Richards's contract to furnish bricks for the new General Post Office.—October 15, 1840.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Williams & Richards, and G. & T. Parker, are held and firmly bound unto William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, specially appointed by the President of the Uni-

ted States to superintend generally the erection of a Treasury building, Patent Office, and General Post Office building, in the sum of one thousand dollars, current money of the United States, to be paid to the said William Noland, his certain attorney or successor in office; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this fifteenth day of October, eighteen hundred and forty.

Whereas the abovebound Williams & Richards have this day contracted, covenanted, and agreed, and by these presents do contract, covenant, and agree, to and with the abovenamed Commissioner, to deliver at the General Post Office building, now erecting in the said city of Washington, two hundred and fifty thousand best quality hard burnt bricks, at the rate of seven dollars and twenty-five cents per thousand, to be delivered at such times and in such quantities as the said Commissioner may direct, subject to the inspection of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may designate for that purpose :

Now, the condition of the above obligation is such, that, if the abovebound Williams & Richards, their heirs, executors, or administrators, shall well and truly execute and perform all and singular the contract above recited, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, then this obligation to be void and of no effect ; otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

WILLIAMS & RICHARDS. [SEAL.]
GEO. & THOS. PARKER. [SEAL.]

Sealed and delivered in presence of—

S. N. WASHBURN.

[No competition.]

Copy of Thomas Corcoran's contract to furnish bricks for the new General Post Office building.—October 15, 1840.

Know all men by these presents, that we, T. Corcoran and L. Tree, are held and firmly bound unto William Noland, Commissioner of the Public Buildings, specially appointed by the President of the United States to superintend generally the erection of a Treasury building and Patent Office and Post Office buildings, in the sum of one thousand dollars, in current money of the United States, to be paid to the said William Noland, his certain attorney or successor in office; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 15th day of October, 1840.

Whereas the abovebound T. Corcoran has this day contracted, covenanted, and agreed, and by these presents does contract, covenant, and agree, to and with the abovenamed Commissioner, to deliver at the General Post Office building, now erecting in the said city of Washington, three hundred thousand best quality hard-burnt bricks, at the rate of seven dollars and twenty-five cents per thousand, to be delivered at such times and in such quantities as the said Commissioner may direct, subject to the inspection of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may designate for that purpose :

Now, the condition of the above obligation is such, that, if the abovebound T. Corcoran, his heirs, executors, or administrators, shall well and truly

execute and perform all and singular the contract above recited, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, then this obligation to be void and of no effect ; otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

THOS. CORCORAN, [SEAL.]
L. TREE, [SEAL.]

Sealed and delivered in the presence of—

T. L. NOYES.

[No competition.]

Copy of Richard J. Young's contract to furnish bricks for the new General Post Office—October 25, 1840.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Richard J. Young and James Young, are held and firmly bound unto William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, (specially appointed by the President of the United States to superintend generally the erection of the Treasury building and the Patent Office and General Post Office buildings,) in the sum of one thousand dollars, current money of the United States, to be paid to the said William Noland, his certain attorney or successor in office ; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 25th day of October, 1840.

Whereas the abovebound Richard J. Young has this day contracted and agreed, and by these presents does contract, covenant, and agree, with the abovenamed Commissioner, to deliver at the General Post Office building, now erecting in the said city of Washington, two hundred thousand best quality hard burnt bricks, at the rate of seven dollars and twenty-five cents per thousand, to be delivered at such times and in such quantities as the said Commissioner may direct, subject to the inspection of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may designate for that purpose :

Now, the condition of the above obligation is such, that, if the abovebound Richard J. Young, his heirs, executors, or administrators, shall well and truly execute and perform all and singular the contract above recited, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, then this obligation to be void and of no effect ; otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

RICHARD J. YOUNG, [SEAL.]
JAMES YOUNG, [SEAL.]

Sealed and delivered in the presence of—

W. J. McCORMICK.

[No competition.]

Copy of C. Buckingham's contract for iron railing for the Patent Office.—August 24, 1840.

Articles of agreement made and entered into this 24th day of August, 1840, between William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, (specially appointed by the President of the United States to superintend generally the erection of a Treasury and Patent Office building,) of the city

of Washington, of the one part, and Caleb Buckingham, also of the said city of Washington, of the other part, witnesseth: That the said Caleb Buckingham has this day covenanted and agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree, to and with the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, to deliver and set up at the new Patent Office building, now erecting in the said city of Washington, all the iron railing that may be required at the said building; the said iron to be of the dimensions of $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch, and of the best quality: the same to be inspected by such person or persons as the said Commissioner may appoint for that purpose.

And the said Commissioner of Public Buildings, on his part, agrees to pay to the said Caleb Buckingham, for the iron railing before mentioned, at the rate of twelve and a half cents per pound.

In witness whereof, the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

C. BUCKINGHAM, [SEAL.]
W. NOLAND, C. P. B., [SEAL.]

Witness: J. B. ROOKER.

Copy of H. Upperman's contract to furnish bricks at the General Post Office.—October 26, 1840.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Henry Upperman and C. E. Upperman, are held and firmly bound unto William Noland, Commissioner of Public Buildings, specially appointed by the President of the United States to superintend generally the erection of a Treasury, Patent, and Post Office buildings, in the sum of one thousand dollars, current money of the United States, to be paid to the said William Noland, his certain attorney or successor in office; to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of our executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 26th day of October, 1840.

Whereas the abovebound Henry Upperman has this day contracted and agreed, and by these presents does contract, covenant, and agree, to and with the abovenamed Commissioner, to deliver at the General Post Office building, now erecting in the said city of Washington, two hundred thousand best quality hard-burnt bricks, at the rate of seven dollars and twenty-five cents per thousand, to be delivered at such times and in such quantities as the said Commissioner may direct, subject to the inspection of such person or persons as the said Commissioner may designate for that purpose:

Now, the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the abovebound Henry Upperman, his heirs, executors, or administrators, shall well and truly execute and perform all and singular the contract above recited according to the true intent and meaning thereof, then this obligation to be void and of no effect; otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

HENRY UPPERMAN, [SEAL.]
CHAS. E. UPPERMAN, [SEAL.]

Sealed and delivered in presence of—

J. B. ROOKER.
[No competition.]

