

STATIONERY FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE UNITED STATES—PROPOSALS, &c.

FEBRUARY 22, 1843.

Referred to the Committee on Public Expenditures.

CAPITOL, February 22, 1843.

SIR: In compliance with the 17th section of the act of Congress of the 26th day of August last, I issued proposals for the supply of stationery for the House of Representatives during the present session. Divers bids were made before and on the appointed day. Those bids were opened in presence of two witnesses, the samples were compared, the prices noted, and the several lowest and best bids were accepted. The accompanying papers will show the manner in which the duty was discharged.

Very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

M. ST. CLAIR CLARKE,

Clerk House of Representatives U. S.

To the SPEAKER of the House of Representatives U. S.

PROPOSALS FOR STATIONERY.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.,

Clerk's Office, Washington, September 24, 1842.

In pursuance of the 17th section of the act of Congress of the 26th of August, 1842, entitled "An act legalizing and making appropriations for such necessary objects as have been usually included in the general appropriation bills without authority of law, and to fix and provide for certain incidental expenses of the departments and offices of Government, and for other purposes," which said 17th section is as follows:

"SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That all stationery, of every name and nature, for the use of the two Houses of Congress, and all stationery and job printing, of every name and nature, for the use of the several departments of Government, and for the bureaus and offices in those departments at Washington, including all stationery, blanks, wrapping paper, and twine, and mail bags, furnished the post offices and collectors' offices throughout the United States, shall hereafter be furnished and performed by contract, by the lowest bidder, as follows: the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the head of each Department, and such deputy postmasters in the Post Office establishment, and such collectors in the custom-house establishment, as the Postmaster General and the Secretary of the Treasury shall respectively designate for that purpose, shall respectively advertise, once a week, for at least four weeks, in

one or more of the principal papers published in the places where such articles are to be furnished or such printing done, for sealed proposals for furnishing such articles, or the whole of any particular class of articles, or for doing such printing, or the whole or any specified job thereof, to be done at such place, specifying in such advertisement the amount, quantity, and description of each kind of articles to be furnished, and, as near as may be, the nature, amount, and kind of printing to be done; and all such proposals shall be kept sealed until the day specified in such advertisement for opening the same, when they shall be opened, by or under the direction of the officer making such advertisement, in the presence of at least two persons; and the person offering to furnish any class of such articles, or to perform any specified portion or job of said work, and giving satisfactory security for the performance thereof, under a forfeiture not exceeding twice the contract price in case of failure, shall receive a contract for doing the same; and in case the lowest bidder shall fail to enter into such contract and give such security within a reasonable time, to be fixed in such advertisement, then the contract shall be given to the next lowest bidder, who shall enter into such contract and give such security. And in case of a failure to supply the articles or to perform the work, by the person entering into such contract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture specified in such contract, as liquidated damages, to be sued for in the name of the United States, in any court having jurisdiction thereof."

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until three o'clock on Monday, the 24th October next, for furnishing the articles of stationery hereinafter specified, for the use of House of Representatives during the ensuing session of Congress—each article to be of the best quality, and to be approved by the Clerk:

75 reams satin finish wove letter paper, unruled, white and blue.

25 reams satin finish laid letter paper, unruled.

75 reams satin finish wove letter paper, ruled, white and blue.

25 reams satin finish laid letter paper, ruled, white and blue.

25 reams satin finish foolscap paper, ruled, white and blue.

In the above three descriptions of paper, state the price for gilt and ungilt.

50 reams extra superfine note paper, gilt, half blue and half white.

400 reams satin finish extra size cap, for folding and envelopes.

50 reams satin finish cartridge paper, medium, for envelopes.

100 reams cartridge paper. State the price of each size.

25 reams satin finish cartridge paper, cut in form for making French envelopes.

25 reams satin finish white paper, cut in form for making French envelopes.

(Eight reams of each, when folded, to receive an enclosure $11\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches.)

(Twelve reams of each to receive an enclosure $5\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches.)

(Five reams of each to receive an enclosure $4\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.)

5 reams pink blotting paper.

550 cards of steel pens, assorted, 100 of which to be three points; Perry, Gillott, and Hayden, makers; the price of each description to be given.

4 gross red lead pencils, large size.

300 nine-inch ivory folders, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide, weighing about six ounces to the dozen.

- 300 ivory handle (octagon shape) letter stamps or seals, chequered.
- 50 ivory handle, plain, same shape handles.
- 300 pounds red wafers, large size.
- 50 dozen white tape, No. 25.
- 50 dozen red tape, No. 25.
- 250 cut glass inks, pillared and plain, the latter preferred, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches square and 2 inches deep. State price of each.
- 75 cut glass inks, with metal tops or covers, to be used in the desks in the Hall, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch square.
- 260 nests japanned tin, each consisting of a sand box, a sand holder, and a wafer box.
- 10 pounds black sealing wax, extra superfine, sixteen sticks to the pound.
- 300 pounds extra superfine sealing wax, 16 or 20 sticks to the pound.
- 20 pounds small sticks, assorted colors, sealing wax.
- 50 small boxes, fancy colors, sealing wax.
- 500 pounds extra superfine sealing wax, eight sticks to the pound.
- 300 bottles, half pint, black ink.
- 100 bottles, half pint, Stephens's unchangeable blue fluid or ink.
- 300 Rodgers and Sons' penknives, four blades, best pearl, stag, or buck handles, to be of the highest finish and best quality, and of the patterns well known as the "Congress knife."
- 50 American manufactured penknives, same finish and pattern.
- 12 ivory handle erasers, in cases.
- 150 embossed morocco portfolios, cap size, containing pocket-book apartments, and 12 sheets blotting paper.
- 75 counting-house morocco cases, pocket-book form.
- 300 memorandum books, faint-lined, best quality paper, not less than 40 sheets, morocco covers, about $7\frac{1}{2}$ by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
- 4 dozen pieces best quality office taste.

Every article to be of the best quality; no second or inferior article will be received, unless herein specified, and so ordered.

The articles are to be delivered at the office of the Clerk on or before the 15th November next, and to be paid for as soon as the Committee of Accounts shall audit the bill, and an appropriation be made therefor.

Specimens may be seen at the Clerk's office. A sufficient specimen of each article proposed for must accompany the proposal, to be marked with the name of the proposer, and numbered or marked so as to correspond with the proposal.

The whole of each article specified in the foregoing list will be deemed a class, and the person offering to furnish any class or description of articles at the lowest price, quality considered, shall receive a contract for the same, on executing a bond, with two or more sureties, satisfactory to the Clerk, for the performance of the same, under a forfeiture of twice the contract price in case of failure; which bond must be filed in the office of said Clerk within ten days after the proposals have been opened and the result declared.

The right is reserved, in case it should be necessary, to order a further supply of all or of any of the articles contained in the above list.

Proposals must be endorsed "Proposals for stationery for House of Representatives," and addressed to the Clerk; they will be free from postage.

M. ST. CLAIR CLARKE,

Clerk of House of Representatives U. S.

Accepted bids for furnishing stationery for the House of Representatives, October 27, 1842.

WILLIAM FISCHER, OF WASHINGTON.

Bids accepted for—						
50 reams extra superfine note paper, gilt, half blue and half white	-	-	-	at	\$3 00 per ream	\$150 00
300 ivory folders	-	-	-	at	4 00 per dozen	100 00
50 dozen white tape	-	-	-	at	20 "	10 00
50 dozen red tape	-	-	-	at	37 "	18 50
75 cut-glass inks, metal tops	-	-	-	at	4 00 "	25 00
500 pounds extra superfine red wax, 8 sticks to pound	-	-	-	at	90 per pound	450 00
300 Rodgers's best penknives	-	-	-	at	18 00 per dozen	450 00
50 American manufactured penknives	-	-	-	at	20 00 "	83 33½
12 ivory-handled erasers	-	-	-	at	5 00 "	5 00
150 embossed morocco portfolios	-	-	-	at	10 49 "	131 12½
75 morocco cases, pocket-book form	-	-	-	at	13 50 - -	84 37½
						1,507 33½

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JAMES YOUNG.

B. B. FRENCH.

GARRET ANDERSON, OF WASHINGTON.

Bids accepted for—						
50 reams cartridge paper, satin finish, medium, for envelopes	at	\$4 00 per ream	\$200 00			
1st. 8 reams satin finish cartridge paper, cut for Fr. envelopes, to receive an enclosure 11½ by 3½ inches	at	2 50 "	20 00			
2d. 12 reams do. to receive do. 5½ by 3½ inches	at	2 25 "	27 00			
3d. 5 reams do. do. 4½ by 2½ inches	at	1 75 "	8 75			
8 reams do. white paper, cut as above, 1st item	at	3 50 "	28 00			
12 reams do. do. do. 2d item	at	2 50 "	30 00			
5 reams do. do. do. 3d item	at	2 00 "	10 00			
100 cards 3-pointed pens	-	45 per card	45 00			
450 cards other pens, Gillott's & Hayden's	-	28 "	126 00			
260 nests japanned tin wafer and sand boxes and sand holders	at	30 per nest	78 00			
						572 75

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ACCEPTED BIDS—Continued.

FRANCK TAYLOR, OF WASHINGTON.

Bids accepted for—			
100 half-pint bottles Stephens's blue fluid	-	-	at \$1 68 per dozen \$14 00

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J. K. HERRICK, OF WASHINGTON.

Bids accepted for—			
25 reams satin finish laid letter paper, unruled, white and blue	-	-	at \$4 00 per ream \$100 00
25 reams satin finish laid letter paper, ruled, white and blue	-	-	at 4 25 " 106 25
400 reams extra size cap, satin finish, for folding and envelopes	-	-	at 2 00 " 800 00
100 reams cartridge paper	-	-	at 3 50 " 350 00
5 reams pink blotting paper	-	-	at 3 50 " 17 50
4 gross red lead pencils	-	-	at 6 00 per gross 24 00
300 ivory handled letter stamps, chequered	-	-	at 4 50 per dozen 112 50
50 do. do. do. plain	-	-	at 4 50 " 18 75
300 pounds red wafers, large size	-	-	at 58 per pound 174 00
10 pounds extra superfine bl'k sealing wax, 16 sticks to pound	-	-	at 90 " 9 00
300 do. do. red do. do.	-	-	at 1 00 " 300 00
50 boxes fancy colored sealing wax	-	-	at 18 per box 9 00
4 dozen office taste	-	-	at 2 25 per dozen 9 00
			2,030 00

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BOWNE & CO., NEW YORK.

Bids accepted for—			
75 reams satin finish wove letter paper, white and blue, unruled	-	-	at \$3 50 per ream \$262 50
75 reams do. do. do. do. ruled	-	-	at 3 50 " 262 50
25 reams satin finish foolscap, white and blue, ruled	-	-	at 3 50 " 87 50
250 cut-glass inks, large size	-	-	at 5 00 per dozen 104 16½
20 pounds sealing wax, small sticks, assorted colors	-	-	at 1 12½ per pound 22 50
			739 16½

M. ST. CLAIR CLARKE,
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Proposals for furnishing stationery for the House of Representatives of the United States, opened October 25, 1842, by M. St. Clair Clarke, Clerk H. R. U. S., in presence of James Young and B. B. French, Esqs.

Articles to be furnished.	Quantity.		NAMES OF PERSONS PROPOSING TO SUPPLY.									
			William Fischer, of Washington.	Garret Anderson, of Washington.	Robert Farnham, of Washington.	Franck Taylor, of Washington.	J. K. Herrick, of Washington.	Bowne & Co., of New York.	George F. Nesbitt, of New York.	Wm. H. Hoffman, of Maryland.	J. C. McGuire, of Washington.	Joseph E. Hover, of Philadelphia.
Satin finish wove letter paper, unruled, white and blue	75 reams	Per ream.	\$4 50	\$4 00	\$4 00	\$4 25	\$3 75	Selected, \$3 50	\$4 00			
Do. laid do. do. do.	25 "	"	4 50	4 25	4 25	4 50	Selected, 4 00	4 75	5 00			
Do. wove do. ruled do.	75 "	"	5 00	4 25	4 25	4 75	Selected, 4 00	3 50	4 50			
Do. laid do. do. do.	25 "	"	5 00	4 50	4 25	5 00	Selected, 4 25	4 75	4 50			
Do. foolscap paper, do. do.	25 "	"	4 50	4 35	4 25	3 75	Selected, 4 00	3 50	4 75			
Extra superfine note paper, gilt, half blue and half white	50 "	"	Selected, 3 00	3 60		5 50 & 2 75	3 & 3 50	4 50	4 25			
Extra size cap, satin finish, for folding and envelopes	400 "	"	2 75	2 50	1 75	4 25	Selected, 2 00	3 75	3 75	\$2 10		
Cartridge paper, satin finish, medium, for envelopes	50 "	"	and other bids.	Selected, 4 00	3 50	4 25		4 00	6 00		\$5 25	
Cartridge paper	100 "	"	3 50 & 4 50	4 00		4 25	Selected, 3 50		4 50 & 8 00	3 50		
Cartridge paper, satin finish, cut for French envelopes	25 "	"	1st size, 6 00	Selected, 2 50		5 50			5 00		5 22	
		"	2d " 6 50	Selected, 2 25								
		"	3d " 6 50	Selected, 1 75								
		"	1st " 6 00	Selected, 3 50		8 50			6 00		3 75	
		"	2d " 6 50	Selected, 2 50								
		"	3d " 6 50	Selected, 2 00								
White paper, do. do. do.	25 "	"		4 00	4 50	6 50	Selected, 3 50	4 00	5 00			
Pink blotting paper	5 "	"		45	50	54 1-6		50				
Steel pens	100 cards, 3 pointed	Per card	36 & 46	Selected, 45								
Do.	450 cards, others	"	Perry, 30 Gillot, 50 Hayden, 30	Gillot, 28 Hayden, 28	37½	36 4-10 average	34 average	37½	52 4-12 average			
Red lead pencils	4 gross	Per gross	6 50	8 00	9 00	10 20	Selected, 6 00	9 00	12 00			
Ivory folders	300	Per dozen	Selected, 4 00	6 00		3 12½	4 00	4 50	6 00			
Ivory handled octagon shaped letter stamps, chequered	300	"	4 25	9 00		5 25	Selected, 4 50	6 00	9 00			
Do. do. do. plain	50	"	5 27	9 00		5 25	Selected, 4 50	6 00	9 00			
Red wafers, large size	300 pounds	Per pound	70		66	85	Selected, 58	75	1 00			
White tape, No. 25	50 dozen	Per dozen	Selected, 20		50	35	25	50	13			
Red tape, do.	50 "	"	Selected, 37		50	45	37½	50	60			
Cut-glass inks, large size	250	"	6 00		4 75	6 00	5 00	7 20 & 3 00				
Do. metal tops, (small)	75	"	Selected, 4 00			4 20	3 00	3 00	6 00			
Nests japanned tin wafer box, sand holder, and sand box	260	Per nest	37½	Selected, 30				95	1 00			
Extra superfine black sealing wax, 16 sticks to pound	10 pounds	Per pound	99		1 25	1 45	Selected, 90		1 00			
Do. red do. 16 or 20 do.	300 "	"	\$1 00 & 1 09			1 15 & 1 05	Selected, 1 00		1 00			
Sealing wax, small sticks, assorted colors	20 "	"	1 49			1 75	1 25	Selected, 1 12½	1 25			
Do. in boxes, fancy colors	50 boxes	Per box	25				18	1 20	12 & 14			
Extra superfine wax, 8 sticks to the pound	500 pounds	Per pound	Selected, 90			1 15 & 1 05		95	1 00			
		"	and 1 10									
Half pint bottles black ink	300	Per dozen	M. & N. 1 50 Jugs, 1 75 Kent's, 1 25	1 25	1 68	1 80 & 1 44	1 25	2 25	1 92			Selected, \$125
Do. do. Stephens's blue fluid	100	"	2 20			Select. 1 68	2 00	3 00	3 00			
Rodgers's penknives	300	"	Selected, 18 00		21 00	21 00	18 00	21 00	22 00			
American manufactured penknives	50	"	Selected, 20 00					18 00	18 00			
Ivory handled erasers	12	"	Selected, 5 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	6 00			
Embossed morocco portfolios	150	"	Selected, 10 49			13 00	10 00	12 00	18 00			
Morocco cases, pocket-book form	75	"	Selected, 13 50	12 00			10 50	18 00	33 & 27 00			
Memorandum books	300	"	3 50			4 50	3 00	3 60	6 00		Selected, \$2 88	
Office taste	4 dozen	"	2 50			2 75	Selected, 2 25	2 50	2 40			

RECAPITULATION.

William Fischer, accepted bids	-	-	-	-	\$1,507 33½
Garret Anderson, accepted bids	-	-	-	-	572 75
Robert Farnham, (none accepted.)	-	-	-	-	
Franck Taylor, accepted bids	-	-	-	-	14 00
J. K. Herrick, accepted bids	-	-	-	-	2,030 00
Bowne & Co., accepted bids	-	-	-	-	739 16
George F. Nesbitt, (none accepted.)	-	-	-	-	
William H. Hoffman, (none accepted.)	-	-	-	-	
J. C. McGuire, accepted bids	-	-	-	-	72 00
Joseph E. Hover, accepted bids	-	-	-	-	31 25
Whole amount of accepted bids	-	-	-	-	4,966 50

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Attest :

MW. ST. CLAIR CLARKE,
Clerk Ho. of Reps. U. S.

