Clothing and Clothing Materials.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Provisions and Clothing,
April 2, 1857.

SEPARATE PROPOSALS sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Navy Clothing and Clothing Materials," will be received at this office until 9 o'clock, a. m., on the 1st day of May next, for furnishing and delivering (on receiving sixty days' notice) at each or either of the navy-yards at Charlestown, Massachusetts; Brooklyn, New York; or Gosport, Virginia, the quantities below mentioned of any or all of the following classes of articles of navy clothing and clothing materials, and such further quantities of the same as may be ordered by the chief of this bureau, or by the commandants of the said navy-yards, respectively, during the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of July next, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1858, viz:

CLASS 1.—*Cloth Clothing.*

Blue cloth pea jackets	3,000
Round jackets	3,000
Blue cloth trowsers	5,000
Blue satinet trowsers	5,000
Blue cloth caps	5,000

CLASS 2.—*Flannel Clothing.*

Blue flannel jumpers	5,000
Blue flannel overshirts	5,000
Blue flannel undershirts	5,000
Blue flannel drawers	5,000

CLASS 3.—*Linen Clothing.*

Canvas duck trowsers	3,000
Barnsley sheeting frocks	3,000

CLASS 4.—*Blue Satinet.*

Blue satinet.....yards	10,000

CLASS 5.—*Blue Flannel.*

Blue flannel.....yards	100,000

CLASS 6.—*Sheeting, Duck, and Nankin.*

Barnsley sheeting	yards	20,000
Canvas duck	do..	10,000
Blue nankin	do..	10,000

CLASS 7.—*Shoes.*

Calfskin shoes	pairs,	5,000
Kipskin shoes	do..	5,000

CLASS 8.—*Socks.*

Woollen socks	pairs,	10,000

CLASS 9.—*Mattresses.*

Mattresses	2,000

CLASS 10.—*Blankets.*

Blankets	4,000

CLASS 11.—*Handkerchiefs.*

Black silk handkerchiefs	8,000

Offers may be made for one or more classes, at the option of the bidder; but all the articles embraced in a class must be bid for.

Each class will be considered by itself, and the contract for that class will be awarded to the bidder whose proposals for the articles comprised in the class are lowest in the aggregate.

The cloth for the pea jackets shall be twilled pilot cloth of American manufacture, pure indigo blue, wool-dyed. It shall be 54 inches wide, and weigh 26 ounces per yard. It shall have a list on each edge composed of 24 white threads, of all wool. All pieces weighing less than 25 ounces per yard will be rejected; and each bale of about 300 yards must average 26 ounces per yard.

The cloth for round jackets, blue cloth trowsers, and blue caps shall be twilled, all wool, of American manufacture, and pure indigo blue, wool-dyed. It shall have a list on each edge composed of 24 white threads, of all wool. All pieces under 17½ ounces per yard will be rejected; and each bale of about 300 yards must average 18 ounces per yard.

The satinet must be American manufactured, 27 inches wide inside of list, which list must consist of not less than 12 white woollen threads on each edge of the cloth, woven in the whole length of the piece; must weigh not less that 9½ ounces per yard, to contain in each piece about 28 yards; the warp must be cotton, pure indigo blue, yarn-dyed, and the filling wool, pure indigo blue, wool-dyed. Each bale of 400 yards shall average nine and a half ounces to the yard, and no piece shall be below 9½ ounces to the yard. The satinet trowsers must be made of material like the above. The pilot-cloth, broadcloth, and satinet of which garments are made, shall be well sponged before made up.

The flannel must be all wool, American manufactured, wool-dyed, pure indigo-blue, and twilled; must be in pieces of about 50 yards in length, 27 inches wide, weighing 5 ounces per yard, with a list on each edge of 4 white woollen threads woven in the whole length of the piece. To be packed in bales of 10 pieces, the pieces to be rolled separately without cloth boards; each bale to contain 500 yards and 156¼ pounds flannel. No piece to have a less average weight than 4 8-10 ounces per yard.

The overshirts, undershirts, drawers, and jumpers must be made of flannel like the above.

The Barnsley sheeting must be free from cotton, 80 inches in width; weight, twelve ounces 61-100 per yard; texture, 4 by 4 to 1-16 inch.

The canvas duck must be free from cotton, 27 inches in width, and about 36 yards in the piece, double thread warp and filling; weight, eight ounces 23-100 per yard; texture, 9 by 10 to ¼ inch.

The shoes must be stamped with the contractor's name, number of shoe, and year when made; the sizes to be in the following proportion for each 50 pairs, unless otherwise ordered, viz: 4 of No. 5, 9 of No. 6, 12 of No. 7, 12 of No. 8, 9 of No. 9, 3 of No. 10, 1 of No. 11.

They are to conform in all respects to the samples at the yards, and to be delivered in good strong boxes, 50 pairs in each. The name of the contractor, contents, and the year when made, marked on each box.

The calf-skin and the kip-skin shoes to be packed in separate boxes.

The woollen socks must be woven or knit, indigo-mixed, ribbed, all wool, and of American manufacture. No. 1, leg 13 inches, foot 11 inches; ten dozen shall average three pounds, and no one pair shall be less than three and a half ounces. No. 2, leg 12 inches, foot 10 inches; ten dozen shall average two pounds twelve ounces, and no one pair shall be less than three and one-quarter ounces. The socks shall be well scoured, and in color and quality fully equal to sample.

The mattresses must weigh ten pounds, including ticking, which is to be cut 6 feet in length and 31 inches wide. The covers must measure 71 inches in length and 29 inches in width. The hair, ticking, and covers must conform to samples.

The nankin must be the best blue American nankin, 26 inches wide, texture 5 threads by four threads to the 16th of an inch, dyed with *pure Bengal indigo.*

The blankets must weigh six pounds per pair, and measure 58 by 78 inches each. A bale of 50 pairs must weigh 300 pounds, and no pair shall weigh less than 5 pounds 13 ounces. They must be of American manufacture, made of clean wool, and each blanket must be marked "U. S. Navy."

The black silk handkerchiefs must be 31½ by 31½ inches, and weigh one ounce and 12 grains Troy; texture 14 by 23 to one-eighth of an inch.

A schedule of the three sizes for each 100 pieces of made-up clothing will be found with the samples at the respective yards; and all the above articles, including the necessary buttons, rings, &c., are to be fully equal in the quality, texture, color, weight, and finish of material, and conform in pattern, sizes, and workmanship to said samples.

The number or quantity which will be required of each of the foregoing articles cannot be precisely stated. It will not be less, however, than the quantity specified in the foregoing list. The contracts will, therefore, be made for the quantity of each article so specified, and for such further quantity as the bureau may require. *The price must be uniform at all the stations.*

All the above articles must be subject to such inspection at the place of delivery as the chief of this bureau may direct; and no article will be received that is not fully equal to the sample in every respect, and which does not conform to the stipulations and provisions of the contract to be made.

The whole must be delivered at the risk and expense of the contractor. Each box and bale to be marked with the contractor's name. The inspecting officers to be appointed by the Navy Department.

The offers must distinguish the prices for each article mentioned in a class, and must be calculated to cover every expense attending the fulfilment of the contract, including the necessary buttons.

In case of failure on the part of the contractors to deliver the several articles which may be ordered from them, *in proper time and of proper quality*, the chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing shall be authorized to purchase or direct purchases to be made of what may be required to supply the deficiency, under the penalty to be expressed in the contract; the record of a requisition, or a duplicate copy thereof, at the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, or at either of the navy-yards aforesaid, shall be evidence that such requisition has been made and received.

Two or more approved sureties, in a sum equal to the estimated amount of the respective contracts, will be required, and twenty per centum will be withheld from the amount of all payments on account thereof as collateral security, and not in any event to be paid until it is in all respects complied with; and eighty per centum of the amount of all deliveries made will be paid by the navy agent within thirty days after triplicate bills, duly authenticated, shall have been presented to him.

Bidders whose proposals shall be accepted (and none others) will be forthwith notified, and as early as practicable a contract will be transmitted to them for execution, which contract must be returned to the bureau within five days, exclusive of the time required for the regular transmission of the mail.

A record, or duplicate of the letter informing a bidder of the acceptance of his proposal, will be deemed a notification thereof within the meaning of the act of 1846, and his bid will be made and accepted in conformity with this understanding.

Every offer made must be accompanied (as directed in the act of Congress making appropriations for the naval service for 1846-'47, approved 10th August, 1846) by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation within five days, with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the supplies proposed. The bureau will not be obligated to consider any proposal unless accompanied by the guarantee required by law; the competency of the guarantee to be certified by the navy agent, district attorney, or the collector of the customs.

Blank forms of proposals may be obtained on application to the navy agents at Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, Pensacola, and at this bureau.

The attention of bidders is called to the samples and description of articles required, as, in the inspection before reception, a just but rigid comparison will be made between the articles offered and the samples and contract, receiving none that fall below them; and their attention is also particularly directed to the joint resolution of March 27, 1854, in addition to the act of the 10th August, 1846.

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[No. 580.]
Notice

Of the Establishment of three additional Land Offices in the Territory of Nebraska.

IN pursuance of the act of Congress approved March 3d, 1857, entitled "An act to establish three additional land districts in the Territory of Nebraska," to be called, respectively, the "NEMAHA LAND DISTRICT," the "SOUTH PLATTE RIVER LAND DISTRICT," and the "DAKOTA LAND DISTRICT," it is hereby declared and made known that the offices for said districts have been established as follows, viz:

For the "NEMAHA LAND DISTRICT" at Brownsville.
For the "SOUTH PLATTE DISTRICT" at Nebraska City.
For the "DAKOTA DISTRICT" at Dakota City, in said Territory.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, this thirteenth day of April, 1857.

By order of the President:
JOS. S. WILSON,
Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office.

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E. L. FANT, Jr., & CO., land agents and dealers in exchange, Lecompton, Kansas.—Land warrants located and sold on commission. Land warrants sold to pre-emptors on time.

Locations made on "joint account."

The active partner of the firm was engaged in the United States surveys in Kansas, and will be able to make choice locations.

Business sent through Sweeney, Rittenhouse, Fant, & Co. will be forwarded to us.

REFERENCES.

Sweeney, Rittenhouse, Fant, & Co., Bankers, Washington, D. C.
E. W. Clark, Dodge, & Co., Bankers, New York.
Drexel & Co., Bankers, Philadelphia.
Josiah Lee & Co., Bankers, Baltimore.
Fowle, Snowden, & Co., Bankers, Alexandria, Va.
H. H. Maury & Co., do Richmond, Va.
H. B. Merrell & Co., do New Orleans.
John J. Anderson & Co., do St. Louis, Mo

March 18—w1&ded1m

Proposals for Stationery.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNITED STATES,
Clerk's Office, March 31, 1857.

IN pursuance of the seventeenth section of the act of Congress of the 26th 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," sealed proposals will be received at this office until Monday, the 1st day of June next, at 12 o'clock, m., for furnishing the following articles of stationery for the use of the House of Representatives during the Thirty-fifth Congress, viz:

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.

CLASS No. 1.—*Paper.*

Item 1. 500 reams white-laid quarto post, extra superfine, faint lined
2. 100 reams white-laid quarto post, extra superfine, unruled
3. 75 reams white-laid Bath post, extra superfine, faint lined
4. 50 reams white-laid Bath post, extra superfine, unruled
5. 125 reams extra superfine cream-laid note paper, large size, faint lined and gilt edged
6. 125 reams same article, unruled
7. 125 reams extra superfine cream-laid note, medium size, gilt edged
8. 100 reams white cap paper, extra superfine, faint lined
9. 25 reams same paper, unruled
10. 125 reams commercial-laid note paper, large size, faint lined

Proposals for the above must state the price per ream.

Of items 1, 2, 3, and 4, a portion, not to exceed one-half of each, to be furnished gilt-edged, if required.

CLASS 2.—*Envelopes.*

Item 1. 275,000 envelopes, thick laid, white, large letter size
2. 125,000 do do do small size
3. 40,000 do do small note size
4. 60,000 do do official size, 8½ x 3¾, 9 x 4, and 9½ x 4 inches
5. 150,000 do buff laid, large letter size
6. 25,000 do do official size
7. 100,000 do buff medium, between letter and official size, smooth and strong, for newspapers and documents.

The envelopes are to be in all cases adhesive. Preference will be given to those having full pockets. Proposals must state the price per thousand.

CLASS 3.—*Knives, &c.*

Item 1. 100 dozen four-blade pearl-handle pocket knives
2. 80 do same article, stag handle
3. 30 do two-blade pearl and shell-handle pocket knives, small size, half of each
4. 50 cases scissors
5. 50 pairs first-rate office shears
6. 8 dozen ivory-handle carvers.

Proposals for knives and erasers must state the price per dozen. Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 are to be of the best quality and first style of finish.

CLASS 4.—*Pens, Penholders, Pencils, and Quills.*

Item 1. 50 gross Perry's double patent large blue-barrel pens, fine points
2. 50 gross Perry's three-pointed pens
3. 400 do fine quality metallic pens, in boxes containing ¼ gross each
4. 10 do bullion pens, on cards or in gilt pens of one dozen each
5. 3 do porcupine-quill penholders
6. 6 do rosewood penholders for large barrel pens
7. 6 do do do small do
8. 3 do penholders, best styles, for pens without barrels
9. 2 do fancy penholders, handsome styles
10. 20 do Faber's Nos. 1, 2, and 3 black-lead pencils
11. 30 dozen gold pens, first-rate quality, half with silver cases and half without cases.

CLASS 5.—*Ink and Inkstands.*

Item 1. 50 dozen ink, in pint bottles
2. 30 do half-pint do
3. 15 do quart do
4. 3 dozen red ink or carmine, in small glass bottles
5. 6 do standishes, china or cut-glass inkstands, with racks, &c.
6. 5 do fine china inkstands, pump and dishes, gilt
7. 10 do handsome cut glass inkstands, large size
8. 10 do do do do medium size
9. 5 do do pressed-glass inkstands, various patterns
10. 4 do do porcelain ladies' inkstands, various patterns.

CLASS 6.—*Memorandum Books, Portfolios, Tablets, and Diaries.*

Item 1. 20 dozen memorandum books, assorted sizes
2. 20 do portfolios, quarto, with locks, tablets, and of fine quality
3. 10 do portfolios, cap, with locks, and of fine quality
4. 10 do pearl tablets, with pencils, and of superior quality and finish
5. 15 do pocket diaries, of fine paper and finish.

CLASS 7.—*Wax and Wafers.*

Item 1. 200 pounds red wafers, of fine quality
2. 250 do red wax, of very finest quality.

CLASS 8.—*Paper Weights and Paper Folders.*

Item 1. 20 dozen cut glass paper weights, finest quality and patterns
2. 30 do nine-inch fine ivory folders, one inch wide, and not less than 9 oz. to the dozen
3. 20 do nine-inch fine ivory folders, one inch wide, and not less than 9 oz. to the dozen, and with strong handles
4. 10 do fine pearl folders, assorted patterns, and strong handles.

CLASS 9.—*Miscellaneous.*

Item 1. 300 dozen red tape, No. 19
2. 250 do do No. 25
3. 25 do white tape, No. 25
4. 25 do vesta taper stands, with wax tapers, fine quality
5. 1,000 pounds black sand, pound papers
6. 10 dozen letter clips, gilt
7. 10 do do bronze
8. 200 fine ivory handle letter stamps, chequered
9. 100 do do do plain
10. 12 dozen pieces best quality twilled office taste, various colors
11. 12 do bottles adhesive mucilage, best quality, with metal tops and pencils attached
12. 5 pounds India rubber, in usual size pieces, native gum preferred.

CLASS 10.

Item 1. 1,000 reams buff or brown envelope paper, smooth surface, strong and tough, 19 x 24 inches, to weigh not less than 23 pounds to the ream
2. 500 reams of buff or brown envelope paper, smooth surface, strong and tough, 20 x 24 inches, to weigh not less than 25 pounds to the ream
3. 50 reams strong and smooth Manilla paper, 27 x 31 inches, to weigh not less than 40 pounds to the ream
4. 1,000 reams white flat cap in half sheets, to weigh not less than 12 pounds to the ream
5. 2,000,000 document envelopes, fine buff paper, 7¼ inches long and 3¾ inches wide.

Proposals for the above must state the weight and price per ream for paper and price per thousand for envelopes.

By the act approved June 17, 1844, the Clerk of the House of Representatives is "directed to confine his purchases exclusively to articles the growth and manufacture of the United States, provided the same can be procured of such growth and manufacture, of suitable quality, and at reasonable prices, upon as good terms as to quality and price as can be obtained of foreign growth and manufacture." A preference will therefore be given to the productions of American industry; and all persons making proposals to supply any article will state whether the same is of the growth and manufacture of the United States.

The articles are to be delivered, free of any charge for carriage, at the office of the Clerk on or before the 15th of October next, and to be paid for as soon as the Committee on Accounts shall audit the bill.

Each bidder, though he may desire to propose for the whole of the articles above enumerated, will be required to make a *separate and distinct proposal for each item;* and no proposal or paper embracing more than a single item will be considered. Each proposal to be endorsed "Proposals for item No. —, class No. —, of stationery for House of Representatives of the United States," and addressed to the undersigned. They will be free of postage.

Sufficient specimens of each item accompany the proposal, marked with the name of the bidder and the number of the class and item, according to the above advertisement.

The person offering to furnish any 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 the 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 any of the articles contained in the above list.

WM. CULLOM,
Clerk of the House of Representatives U. S.

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United States Mail.

FLORIDA.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
March 5, 1857.

PROPOSALS for carrying the mails of the United States from 1st June, 1857, to 30th June, 1859, on the following route in the State of Florida, and in the time and manner herein specified, will be received at the Contract Office of this department until 3 p. m., of the 30th April next, to be decided on the next day:

6842 From Bainbridge, Ga., by Chattahoochee, Fla., Ocheesee, Aspalaga, Long Cane, Ridleysville, Rickoe's Bluff, Iola, and Fort Gadsden, to Apalachicola, 206 miles and back, three times a week from the 15th of October to the 15th of June of each year, and twice a week the residue, in first-class steamboats, with the privilege of using two-horse coaches from Bainbridge to Chattahoochee when the river is too low for navigation.

From 15th October to 15th June.

Leave Bainbridge Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 2 p m;
Arrive at Apalachicola next Wednesday and Friday by 4 p m, and Monday by 11 a m;
Leave Apalachicola Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 5 a m;
Arrive at Bainbridge next days by 8 a m.

From 15th June to 15th October.

Leave Bainbridge Tuesday at 3 p m, and Saturday at 2 p m;
Arrive at Apalachicola next Wednesday by 4 p m, and Sunday by 3 p m;
Leave Apalachicola Monday at 12 m, and Wednesday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Bainbridge next Tuesday by 1 p m, and Thursday by 10 p m.

For form of proposal, guarantee, and certificate, also for instructions and requirements, see pamphlet advertisements of routes in Virginia, Florida, &c., dated January 12, 1855, and February 2, 1857.

Proposals should be superscribed "Proposals for route 6842, Florida," and sent by mail to the "Second Assistant Postmaster General, Contract Office."

JAMES CAMPBELL,
Postmaster General.

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CONSULTING ENGINEER.—The subscriber has established his residence at the city of Washington, for the purpose of acting as consulting engineer in the preparation of plans and the location of public works.

He may be consulted by companies upon all questions appertaining to the cost, location, or plans of construction of railroads, bridges, canals, water works, or the improvement of river navigation, either at his office or on the site of the work.

CHARLES ELLET, Jr.,
Civil Engineer.

No. 288 H street,
Washington, D. C.

March 23—dif2w*†

"Small Stores," "Candles," &c.—1857-'58.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Provisions and Clothing,
April 13, 1857.

PROPOSALS, sealed, and endorsed "Offer for Small Stores," or "Offer for Candles," or "Offer for Salt-water Soap," or "Offer for Mustard Seed, Black Pepper," &c., as the case may be, will be received at this bureau until 9 o'clock, a. m., on the 18th day of May next, for furnishing and delivering (on receiving twenty days' notice) at the United States navy-yards at Charlestown, Massachusetts; Brooklyn, New York; and Gosport, Virginia, such quantities *only* of the following articles (excepting the salt-water soap and the candles, for each of which separate proposals and contracts will be made) as may be required or ordered from the contractor by the chief of this bureau, or by the respective commanding officers of the said navy-yards, during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1858, viz:

Boxes, shaving, India rubber	Combs, coarse, India rubber, or gutta percha
Brushes, shaving	Combs, fine, India rubber, or gutta percha
Brushes, scrubbing	Grass for hats
Brushes, shoe	Jack-knives
Brushes, clothes	Razors, in single cases
Buttons, navy vest	Razor straps, Ordway's
Buttons, navy medium	Scissors
Buttons, navy coat	Spoons
Buttons, dead eye	
Beeswax, in ¼-lb. cakes, pure	
Blacking, boxes of	

Cotton, spools of Nos. 12 and 16, 900 yards each, 3 cords, equal parts.
Handkerchiefs, cotton, fast colors, 32 by 30 inches, weight not less than 2 oz. each, texture 8 by 8 to ½ inch.
Needles, sewing, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, drill-eyed, betweens
Ribbon, hat, best French black, 12 yards to the piece; width, 1½ inch
Soap, shaving, in cakes; each cake not less than 2 oz.
Silk, sewing, blue-black; wrapper not to exceed 2 oz. to the pound
Thread, black and white, Marshall's best quality
Tape, white linen, 4 yards in length, ½ inch wide
Tape, black, twilled cotton, 6 yards in length, ½ inch wide
Thimbles, 8-10 and 9-10 diameter.

WHITE SALT-WATER SOAP—*separate bid for 150,000 pounds.*

The soap must be manufactured from cocoa-nut oil, and be of the best quality denominated "white salt-water soap," and be delivered on sixty days' notice, in good strong boxes of about 75 pounds each, and, after inspection, the boxes must be hooped at each end, at the expense of the contractor. The price to be uniform at all the yards.

CANDLES—*separate bid for 70,000 pounds.*

The candles must be American manufactured, of prime loaf lard stearine, six candles to the pound, 8 1-10 inches in length, *exclusive of tip*, six candles No. 1, to weigh not less than 14 ounces 87-100; melting point not to be less than 140 degrees Fahrenheit. The wick must be braided, and composed of 78 cotton threads of the best quality of No. 27 yarn. The candles to be delivered on sixty days' notice, in good boxes, containing about 30 pounds each, and the box to be marked with the contractor's name and the weight of the candles.

MUSTARD SEED, BLACK PEPPER, &c.

Separate bids for all that may be required for the use of the navy, to be delivered at New York only.

Mustard seed, American, brown.
Pepper, black, Malabar.
Bottles, octagon, for mustard and pepper.
Corks, for bottles.

All the foregoing articles must be of the best quality, and conformable in all respects to the samples deposited at said navy-yards and in this bureau, and subject to such inspection at the navy-yard where directed as the chief of the bureau may direct, the inspecting officer to be appointed by the Navy Department.

All the articles to be delivered free of any incidental expense to the government, in proper vessels or packages, and the price of each article must be the same at the respective places of delivery. Packages in which the above articles are delivered must be marked with their contents and the name of the contractor, and be sufficient to insure their temporary safe-keeping.

The contractor must establish agencies at such stations other than his residence, that no delay may arise in furnishing what may be required; and when the contractor or agent fails promptly to comply with a requisition, the Chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing shall be authorized to direct purchases to be made to supply the deficiency, under the penalty to be expressed in the contract; the record of a requisition, or a duplicate copy thereof, at the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, or at either of the navy-yards aforesaid, shall be evidence that such requisition has been made and received.

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Washington Aqueduct.

OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT,
Washington, March 5, 1857.

PROPOSALS are invited for materials and work for the Washington aqueduct.

Proposals received up to 7th May will be opened at noon of that day.

Maps, profiles, and specifications of the materials and work to be let will be ready for examination at this office on and after the 20th April next.

The work to be let will embrace masonry of some of the bridges, graduation, excavation, and embankment of reservoirs, iron pipes connected with the reservoirs, 12-inch iron main, gate houses, bricks, sand, rubble, and cut stone, &c.

For the particular works and materials reference is made to the specifications and plans.

As upon a portion of the line the titles are not yet acquired by the United States, there may be some delay in commencing the work thereon; but for such unavoidable delays due allowance will be made in the time of completion.

Portions only of some of the works can be completed under the present appropriation; but all contracts for unfinished work will be subject to future appropriations by Congress. The engineer reserves the right to prescribe the amount of work to be done and rate of progress under each contract for each appropriation; and in case of the appropriation not holding out sufficiently, to decide when and what works shall be stopped until funds become available.

In case of the entire stoppage of any particular work for want of funds, the reserved ten per cent. will be paid, if, in the judgment of the engineer, the work has been properly executed so far as it has gone.

Payments will be made in specie checks upon the United States treasury upon the monthly estimates of the engineer, reserving 10 per cent.; and it will be a condition of all contracts that the workmen shall be paid their full wages monthly, and in specie.

All bids should be sealed, and endorsed "Proposals for work or materials on the Washington Aqueduct."

The United States reserves the right to reject any or all the bids should they not be deemed advantageous, and to make such arrangements as may be considered most conducive to the progress of the work.

Every offer must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation, within ten days, with good and sufficient securities, for the completion of the work undertaken; said guarantee to be accompanied by the certificate of the United States district judge, United States district attorney, navy agent, or some officer of the general government or individual known to the Engineer or Department of War, that the guarantors are able to make good their guarantee.

Bids will be opened in presence of bidders, if any of them choose to be present.

M. C. MEIGS,
Capt. of Engineers, in charge.

FORM OF GUARANTEE.

To Capt. M. C. Meigs, U. S. Engineers.

We, the undersigned, residents of ——, in the State of ——, hereby, jointly and severally, covenant with the United States, and guaranty, in case the foregoing bid of —— be accepted, that he or they will, within ten days after the acceptance of the said bid, execute the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties to perform or furnish the articles proposed in conformity to the terms of the advertisement under which it was made. And in case the said —— shall fail to enter into contract as aforesaid, we guaranty to make good the difference between the offer by the said —— and the next lowest bidder.

(Signed) A. B.
C. D.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above-named guarantors are good and sufficient.

(Signed) E. F.

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Notice

Of the Establishment of three additional Land Offices in the Territory of Kansas.

IN pursuance of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1857, entitled "An act to establish three additional land districts in the Territory of Kansas," to be called, respectively, the "Delaware land district," the "Osage land district," and the "Western land district," it is hereby declared and made known that the offices for said districts have been established as follows, viz:

For the "DELAWARE DISTRICT" at DONIPHAN.
For the "OSAGE DISTRICT" at FORT SCOTT.
For the "WESTERN DISTRICT" at OSAWKE, in said Territory.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, this eleventh day of April, A. D. 1857.

By order of the President:
JOS. S. WILSON,
Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office.

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Notice

Of the Establishment of an additional Land District in the State of Wisconsin.

IN pursuance of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1857, entitled "An act to establish an additional land district in the State of Wisconsin," to be called the "CHIPPEWA DISTRICT," which district embraces that portion of the old La Crosse and Hudson districts, situated *north of the line dividing townships twenty-four and twenty-five north; south of the line dividing townships forty and forty-one north; west of the line dividing ranges one and two east; and east of the line dividing ranges eleven and twelve west,*" it is hereby declared and made known that the office for said district has been established at the town of "EAU CLAIRE," in said State.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, this eleventh day of April, A. D. 1857.

By order of the President:
JOS. S. WILSON,
Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office

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Navy Supplies—1857-'58.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, March 17, 1857.

SEPARATE PROPOSALS, sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Navy Supplies," will be received at this Bureau until 9 o'clock, a. m., on Monday, the 20th day of April next, for furnishing and delivering (on receiving ten days' notice, except for biscuit, for which five days' notice shall be given for every twenty thousand pounds required) at the United States navy yards at Charlestown, Massachusetts; Brooklyn, New York; and Gosport, Virginia, such quantities *only* of the following articles as may be required or ordered from the contractors by the chief of this bureau, or by the respective commanding officers of the said navy-yards, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1858, viz:

Biscuit, flour, rice, dried apples, pickles, sugar, tea, coffee, beans, molasses, vinegar, and whiskey.

The biscuit shall be made wholly from sweet superfine flour, of the manufacture of the year 1856 or 1857, but shall in all cases be manufactured from flour made of the crop immediately preceding the dates of the requisitions for the same; and shall be fully equal in quality, and conform in size and shape, to the samples which are deposited in the said navy-yards; shall be properly baked, thoroughly kiln-dried, well-packed, and delivered free of charge to the United States, in good, sound, well-dried, bright flour barrels, as above described, with the heads well secured; or in air and water-tight whiskey or spirit barrels, at the option of the bureau.

The flour shall be superfine, and of the manufacture of wheat grown in the year 1856 or 1857; but shall in all cases be manufactured from wheat of the crop immediately preceding the dates of the requisition for the same; shall be perfectly sweet, and in all respects of the best quality, and shall be delivered in good shipping order, free of all charge to the United States, in the best new, well-seasoned, sound, bright barrels, or half barrels, as the case may be—the staves and headings to be of red oak of the best quality, strong and well hooped, with lining hoops around each head, and equal in quality to sample barrel at said navy-yard; two half barrels to be considered as a barrel, and not more than one-sixth the required quantity to be in half barrels.

The rice shall be of the very best quality, and of the crop immediately preceding the dates of the requisitions for the same.

The dried apples shall be of the best quality, and shall be prepared by *sun-drying* only, and shall be of the crop of the autumn immediately preceding the dates of the requisitions for the same.

The pickles shall be put up in iron-bound casks, and each cask shall contain one gallon of onions, one gallon of peppers, and eight gallons of medium cucumbers, fifty to the gallon, and the vegetables in each shall weigh fifty-seven pounds, and they only be paid for; and each cask shall then be filled with white wine vinegar of at least 42 degrees of strength, and equal to French vinegar; the casks, vegetables, and vinegar shall conform and be equal in all respects to the samples deposited at the above-named navy-yards, and the contractors shall warrant and guaranty that they will keep good and sound for at least two years.

The iron hoops on the barrels containing whiskey, molasses, vinegar, and pickles to be well painted with red lead.

The sugar shall be according to samples at the said navy-yards, and be dry and fit for packing.

The tea shall be of good quality young hyson, equal to the samples at said navy-yards, and be delivered in half and quarter chests only.

The coffee shall be equal to the best Cuba, according to sample.

The beans shall be of the very best quality white beans, and shall be of the crop immediately preceding the dates of the requisition for the same, 64 pounds to be taken as one bushel.

The molasses shall be fully equal to the very best quality of New Orleans molasses, and shall be delivered in well-seasoned red oak barrels, with white-pine heads not less than 1⅛ inch thick; the staves not less than ⅞-inch thick; the barrels to be three-quarters hooped, and, in addition, to have four iron hoops, one on each bilge, 1½ inch in width and 1-16th inch thick, and one on each chime 1¼ inch in width and 1-16th inch thick, and shall be thoroughly coopered and placed in the best shipping condition.

The vinegar shall be of the first quality, equal to the standard of the United States Pharmacopœia, and shall contain no other than acetic acid; and shall be delivered in barrels similar in all respects to those required for molasses, with the exception that *white-oak* staves and heads shall be substituted for red-oak staves and white-pine heads, and shall be thoroughly coopered and placed in the best shipping order.

The whiskey shall be made wholly from grain, sound and merchantable, and be full first proof according to the United States custom-house standard, and shall be rectified. It shall be delivered in good, new, sound, bright, three-quarters hooped, well seasoned white-oak barrels, with white-oak heads, the heads to be made of three-piece heading, and well painted; the staves not to be less than ⅞-inch thick, and the heads not less than ¾-inch thick; and each barrel shall be coopered, in addition, with one three-penny iron hoop on each bilge 1¼ inch in width, and 1-16th-inch thick, and one three-penny hoop on each chime, 1¼-inch in width, and 1-16th inch thick, as per diagram. The whole to be put in good shipping order, free of all charge to the United States.

All the foregoing described articles, embracing casks, barrels, half barrels, and boxes, shall be subject to such inspection as the chief of this bureau may direct, the inspecting officer to be appointed by the Navy Department. All inspections to be at the place of delivery. Biscuit may, however, be inspected at the place of manufacture, but will in all cases be subject to a final inspection at the place of delivery before bills are signed therefor.

The prices of all the foregoing articles to be the same throughout the year, and bidders may offer for one or more articles.

All the casks, barrels, and half barrels, boxes or packages, shall be marked with their contents and the contractor's name. All the barrels and half barrels of flour, bread, and pickles shall have, in addition to the above, the year when manufactured or put up, marked upon them.

The samples referred to in this advertisement are those selected for the ensuing fiscal year, and *have no reference to such as have been previously exhibited.*

The quantity of these articles which will be required cannot be precisely stated. They will probably be about—

	To be offered for,	
Biscuit	1,800,000 lbs	per 100 lbs.
Flour	1,400 bbls	per bbl.
Rice	250,000 lbs	per lb.
Dried apples	150,000 lbs	per lb.
Pickles	150,000 lbs	per lb.
Sugar	235,000 lbs	per lb.
Tea	25,000 lbs	per lb.
Coffee	25,000 lbs	per lb.
Beans	7,000 bush	per bush.
Molasses	20,000 gals	per gal.
Vinegar	22,000 gals	per gal.
Whiskey	50,000 gals	per gal.
Sugar		

The quantities of any or all may be increased or diminished as the service may hereafter require. The contracts will therefore be made, not for specific quantities, but for such quantities as the service may require to be delivered at those navy yards respectively.

Contractors not residing at the places where deliveries are required must establish agencies at such places, that no delay may arise in furnishing what may be required; and when a contractor fails promptly to comply with a requisition, the Chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing shall be authorized to direct purchases to be made [illegible] to supply the deficiency, under the penalty to be expressed in the contract; the record of a requisition, or