

NORWICH

DUDLEY WOODBRIDGE

APRIL 7, 1779



LETTER TO BOSTON POSTMASTER, JOHNATHAN HASTINGS JR., FROM DUDLEY WOODBRIDGE ASKING ASSISTANCE IN BEING APPOINTED NORWICH POSTMASTER.

Sir

Norwich 7th April 1779

I receiv'd your Letter with Instructions, directions & C: ----- I am greatly oblig'd to you for your kindness, in offering to write to the Post Master General in my behalf. In case of approbation from the Gentl'm., mentionrd in my Letter to you ----- Would request this additional kindness of you, to make mention of my Brother Samuel Woodbridge, to be joint with me in keeping the Post Office, in Case you have, or do, Write in my behalf; he is concerned with me in Business*. We shall be better able to take charge of the Office, than I alone should be able to, as I am sometimes necessarily call'd from Home & could not Attend on Post Days without much Inconvenience.

I am Sir your most Obt Serv't
Dudley Woodbridge

Capt. Deshon is now at N London perhaps the other Gentl'm may be absent, would refer you to Mr. Daniel. Hubbard, Maj. Dorr's, Mr. Adam Babcock. or John Proctor.

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RETAINED COPY: RE SEEKING OFFICE OF POSTMASTER OF NORWICH TO BOSTON POSTMASTER JONATHAN HASTINGS JR.

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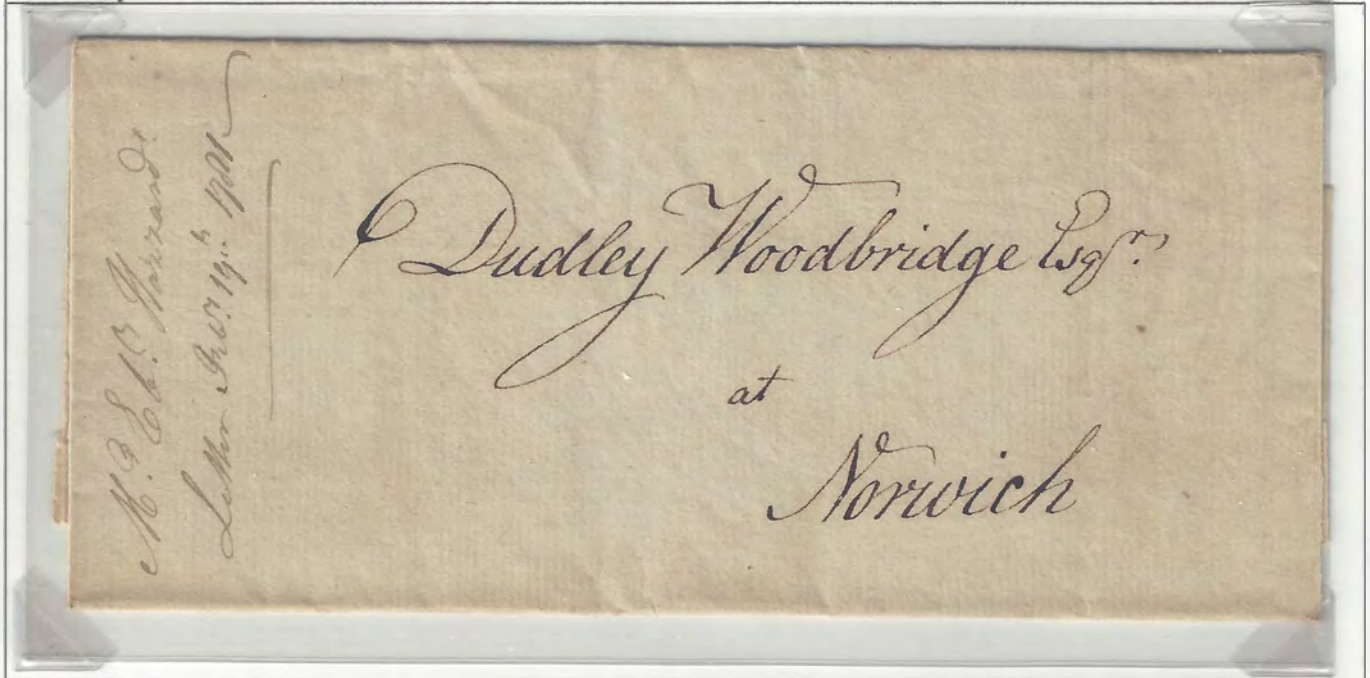
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NORWICH

The Beginning of the Norwich Post Office

Ebenezer Hazard Letter

1781 February 19



Dated: Boston, Febry 19th 1781, from Ebenezer Hazard

Ebenezer Hazard as Surveyor General of the Post Office and Roads of the Eastern District:

Boston Febry. 19th 1781

Sir,

*You will receive herewith a Bond
an Oath of Office, some Comptroller Bills, and Quarterly
Accot^s.---- I was obliged to leave some Blanks in the Bond
which you will please to fill up, and affix the Seals,
and when you have signed it, and taken the Oath,
you will return both to me. -----*

*I have wrote to Phila. For a Book
& some Post Master Bills for you; perhaps Mr Hallam
may be able to lend you some of the latter, should you
want any in the mean Time. With compliments to
Mrs. Woodbridge, Miss Cree, your Brother & their Friends.*

I am

Sir

*Your humble Serv^t
Eben Hazard*

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Sir

Your humble Servt.

Eben Hazard

To Dudley Woodbridge Esq. Deputy P.M.
Norwich Conn.

As P.M. of my City

NORWICH

The Beginning of the Norwich Post Office

Letter written by
Peter Baynton
for
Ebenezer Hazard Letter

1781 March 5



Unsigned, datelined: March 5, 1781

Ebenezer Hazard was Surveyor General of the Post Office and Roads of the Eastern District:

*Mr. Hazard presents his Com^{ts}. To Mr Wood-
Bridge & informs him that Mr Bryson of Philadelphia wrote Mr H. the 13th
ult^o. as follows. "I have sent the Bills &c to Mr. Woodbridge of Litchfield".
---- By the Bills &c are meant the Papers Mr. Hazard sent for to Phil^a. for Mr.
Woodbridge's Office; -- if they are come to Hand it is very well; - if not
Mr. Woodbridge will please to write to Mr. Hildrups at Hartford, and
desire him to direct his Rider to enquire at Litchfield for them: --
though Mr. Hazard apprehends Litchfield was wrote through Misstake
Instead of Norwich. ---- Comp^{ts}. to Mrs. Woodbridge & Miss Cree. -----
March 5, 1781*

Peter Baynton
Philadelphia Post Master: Nov 1776-1782
Post Office Comptroller and Secretary

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March 5. 1781

Postmaster
 of N. Y. C.

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WRITTEN BY PETER BAYNTON
 Comptroller & SECRETARY
 of the Post Office

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New London County

INCOMING MAIL TO NORWICH
POSTMASTER
DUDLEY WOODBRIDGE

FREE
EBEN HAZARD
Surveyor General of the Post Office

1781-12-25

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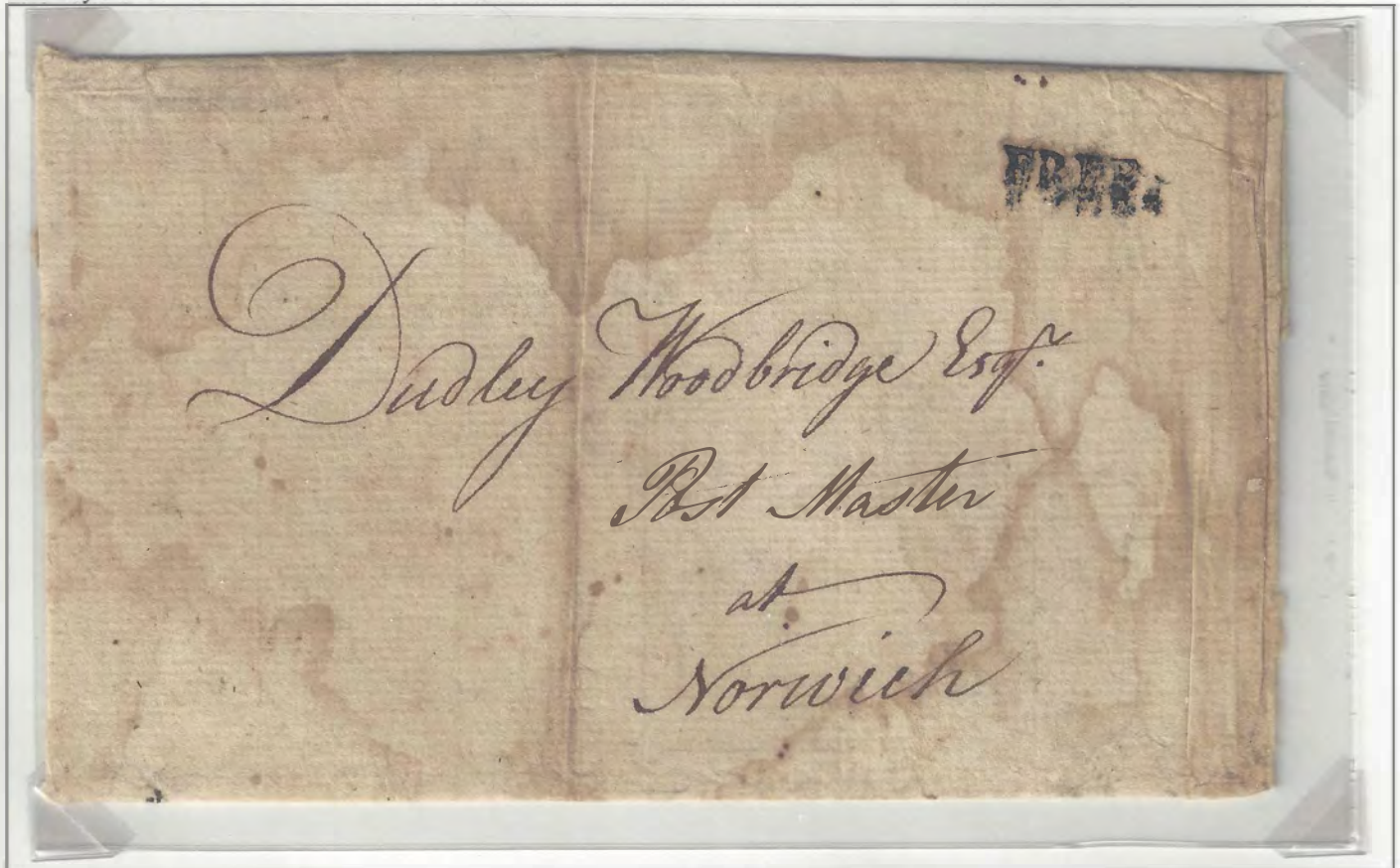
Ebenezer Hazard, Folded cover with signed frank "Free/Eben Hazard" docketed "letter from Eben Hazard Esq., Decr. 25, 1781". In January 1782 Hazard was appointed Postmaster General in place of Richard Bache.

NORWICH

The Beginning of the Norwich Post Office
from
Philadelphia General Post Office

James Bryson Letter

1782 May 6



Dated: General Post Office, May 6, 1782, from James Bryson

James Bryson as Philadelphia Post Master as of 28 January 1782:

General Post Office May 6. 1782.

Sir,

I am directed by the Post Master General to transmit you the enclosed Commission and Bond and to desire that you will have the latter completed and return it to this Office----- You are for the present to consider the Instructions formerly given as now repeated, when any Alterations are made therein you shall be duly informed of them by

Sir

Your humble Servant
Jas Bryson

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Your humble servant

J. P. Bryson

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POSTMASTER RETAINED LETTER

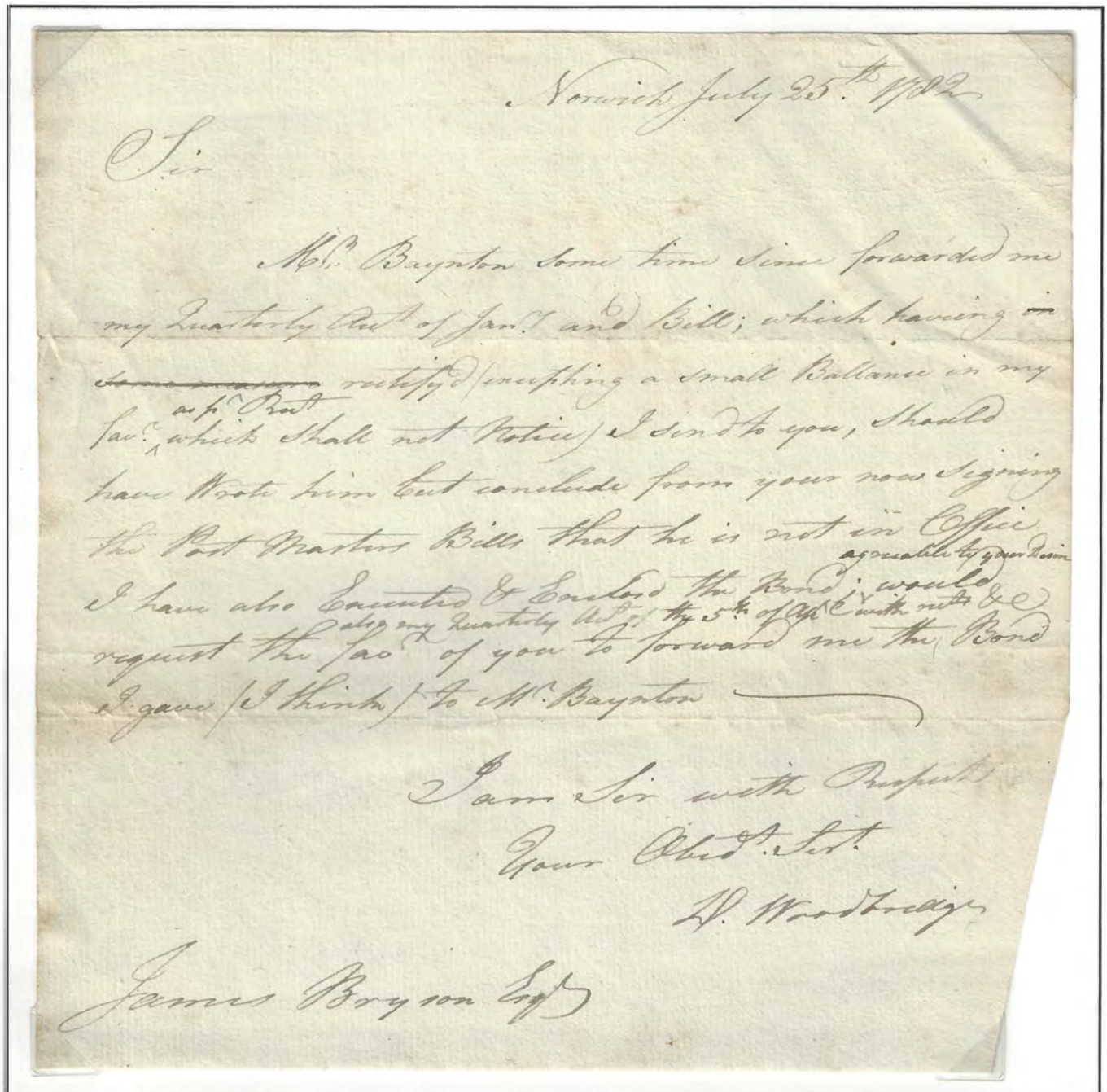
Norwich July 25th, 1782

Sir

Mr. Boynton some time since forwarded me my Quarterly Acct. of Jany. and Bill; which having rectifyd (excepting a small Balance in my favr. as pr. Ret. which shall not Notice), I send to you. Should have Wrote him but conclude from your now Signing the Post Masters Bills that he is not in Office. I have also Executed & Enclosed the Bond; agreable to your Desire, also my Quartely Acct. of the 5th of April with note & c. would request the favr. of you to forwarded me the Bond I gave (I think) to Mr. Boynton.-----

I am Sir with Respect
Your Obedt. Sert.
D. Woodbridge

James Bryson Esq.



NORWICH

The Beginning of the Norwich Post Office
from
Philadelphia General Post Office

James Bryson Letter

1782 August 14



Dated: Philad^a. Aug^t. 14th. 1782, from James Bryson

James Bryson as Philadelphia Post Master as of 28 January 1782:

Philad^a. Aug^t. 14th. 1782.

Sir,

Yours of 25th. Ult^o. I duly received, as also your quarterly Acco^{ts}. ending Jan^v. & April 1782, but your July account is not yet come in, which I beg you to send on as soon as possible, as it is necessary that the Accounts should be settled punctually, at the end of every quarter.---- The above acco^{ts}. have been examined and found right, except the small balance in your favor, which you mention & which the Post Master General begs you to take note of in your next Acco^t. as he has made an entry of it in his book.---- I rec^d. your Bond ---- Mr Baynton is out of Office---- enclosed you have your old Bond.

I am, Sir

*Your H^{ue}. Serv^t
Jas Bryson*

Sir/

Philad.^a Aug^r 11th 1782.

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your quart^r of acco^{ts} ending Juny & April 1782; but
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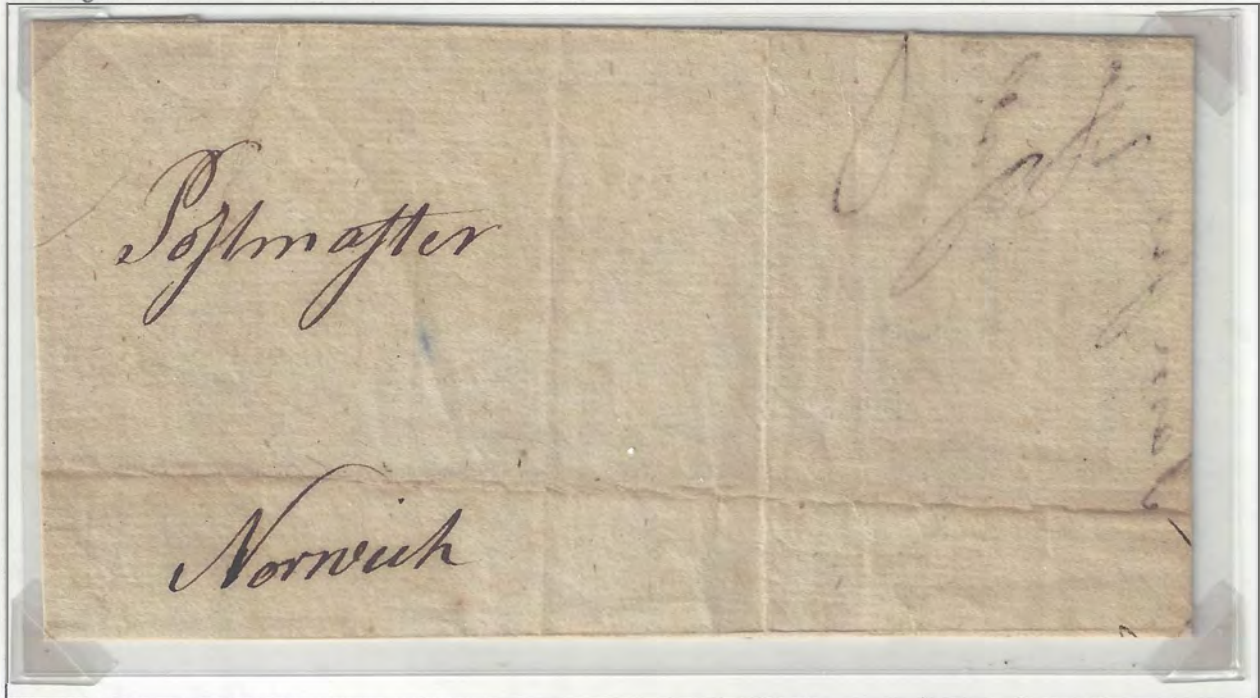
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Philadelphia General Post Office

James Bryson Letter

1784 August 11



Dated: Gen^l. Post Office, 11th Aug^t., 1784, from James Bryson

James Bryson as Philadelphia Post Master as of 28 January 1782:

Gen^l. Post office 11th Aug^t. 1784.

Sir,

*If you have any letters Directed to Mr.
Charles Chequiere at Baltimore or
else where please send them to this office
by first post*

I am Sir

*Your H^{be}. Servant
jas Bryson*

Sir

Gen. Post Office 11th Aug. 1781

If you have any letters Directed to
Charles Ghequiere at Battermore or
else where please send them to this office
by first Post

I am Sir

Your^{tho} Servant
Jas. Boyson

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The Beginning of the Norwich Post Office

from

Philadelphia General Post Office

James Bryson Letter

1784 September 17



Dated: General Post Office, 17 Sept. 1784, from James Bryson

James Bryson as Philadelphia Post Master as of 28 January 1782:

General Post office 17th Sept. 1784.

Sir,

Please to forward all the letters in your office, that is Charged with Packet postage to

Sir

*Your Humble Servant
Jas Bryson*

Sir
General Post Office 17th Sept. 1784

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NORWICH

New London County

DUDLEY WOODBRIDGE POSTMASTER

Retained copy of letter to Ebenezer Hazard, Post Master General

Norwich 7th Jany 1789

Norwich 7th Jan^y 1789

Sir. On Examination of our last Quarter
by aud. there were some errors as you sug-
gested in Yours of Dec^r 27th which we have
Rectify'd & forwarded a new aud. I am
destitute of Comptrollers Bills would beg the
fav^r of you to forward me some

My Information from Sundry Postmasters
I thought I had a right to purchase what
was due for the Office, I accordingly
got to the am^t of 10/9 which I charged in last
April Quarterly aud. I rec^d. as charged & paid
for them; I have no other Voucher than my own
attestation which if due can forward

"The department. I did not mean to incurr
any Expence without Authority". I conceived
had I wrote to you for those matters that were
due. It would be troubling you with trifling
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I shall however be more careful in future.

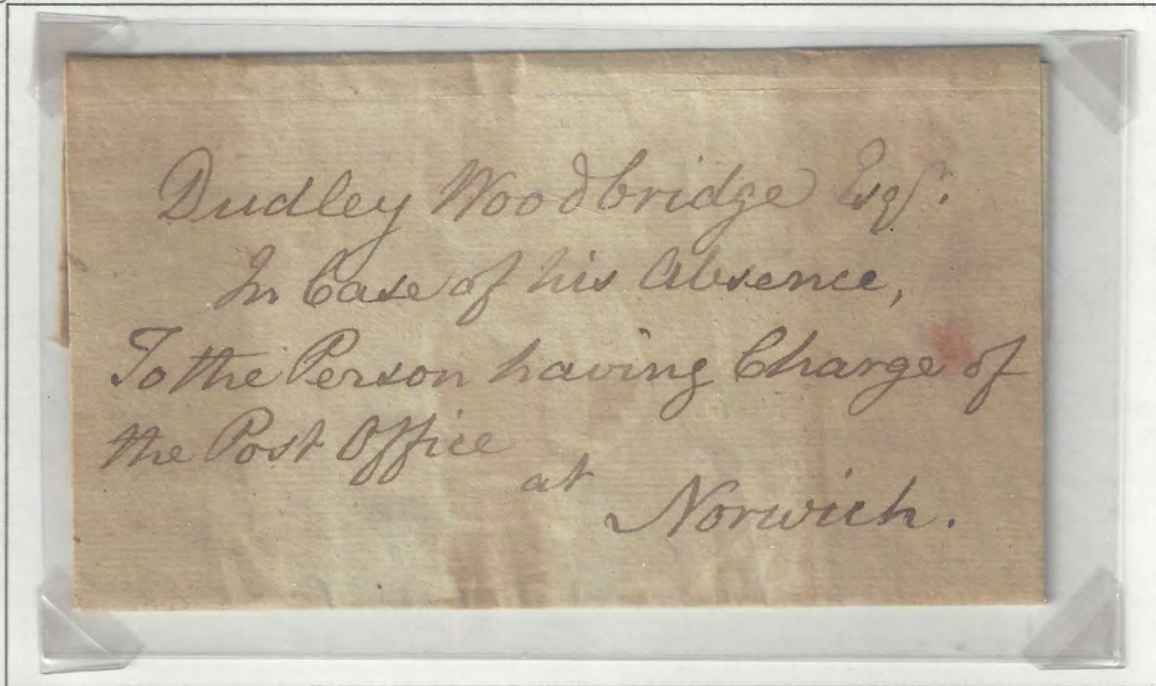
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The Beginning of the Norwich Post Office

Transfer of the Norwich Post Office
from
Dudley Woodbridge
to
William Leffingwell

1789 August 27



Dated: New York, Aug^r. 27th 1789, from Ebenezer Hazard

Ebenezer Hazard Post Master General: 28 January 1782 to 20 September 1789:

New York, Aug^r. 27th 1789,

Sir,

I have rec^d. yours of 29th. ult^o.

& as you inform me you are about to leave the State; have appointed Mr. William Leffingwell to succeed you as Postmaster of Norwich: you will therefore deliver the Books & Papers & other things belonging to the Office to him, & deliver him the Letters remaining on hand, taking his Receipt therefor.

Please to pay the Balance due from you at the time of giving up the Office, to Mr. Leffingwell, to be forwarded to

Sir

Your hum^{le} Serv^t
Eben Hazard

Rec^d. Norwich Sept 4, 1789 The
Above mentioned articles for ye use
Of ye Post Office. W Leffingwell

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John Howard Post master
General

Rec^d Norwich Sept 4 1789

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