

## JESSE BROWN

CONNECTICUT PAY TABLE DOCUMENTS 28 Jun 1776 to 28 December 1776

1776-06-14 Connecticut Assembly Resolve for Post Rider to Albany

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Resolved by this Assembly That His Honor the Governor be & he is hereby authorized & desired to employ a suitable Person to ride Post from this Colony to Albany & to any further or more northern place or stage as shall be necessary & his Honor shall direct, to carry & bring letters & intelligence, for the year ensuing or until this Assembly or his Honor & the Committee of Safety shall otherwise order.  
June 1776  
Concurred in the Lower House  
Test: Titus Hornum Clerk

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## JESSE BROWN ACCOUNT

Post Rider to Albany, Northern Army, General Washington's Camp & Continental Congress at Philadelphia.

Dr Jesse Brown - Post Rider to Northward &c -  
1776.  
Sub. 10<sup>th</sup> To Com<sup>rs</sup> Rider on treat. to Aug<sup>o</sup> p<sup>er</sup> rat. £. 10.  
Aug<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> To D<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> p<sup>er</sup> D<sup>o</sup> 10.  
Sep<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> To D<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> p<sup>er</sup> D<sup>o</sup> 10.  
Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> To D<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> p<sup>er</sup> D<sup>o</sup> 10.  
26<sup>th</sup> To D<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> p<sup>er</sup> D<sup>o</sup> 40.  
Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> To D<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> p<sup>er</sup> D<sup>o</sup> 20.  
Dec. 2<sup>th</sup> To D<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> p<sup>er</sup> D<sup>o</sup> 10.  
(continued to Page 104) £ 110

1776 Jesse Brown Account for Post Riding (Connecticut State Library)

# JESSE BROWN of NORWICH CONNECTICUT

## JESSE BROWN - POST RIDER FROM ALBANY

1776 August 14

2<sup>nd</sup> Payment: Order 5356



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Sir

Pay to Jesse Brown the Sum of Ten pounds in Bills for etc  
on Account of his Services as a Post Rider from Connecticut to Albany  
&c p. Order Governor and charge the State--- August 14, 1776

John Lawrence Esq.

Treasurer

L10

T Seymour

Comt

Recd. 14 August 1776 of Treasurer Lawrence Ten pounds  
being the Contents. -----

p Jesse Brown

**Public Records of the State of Connecticut**

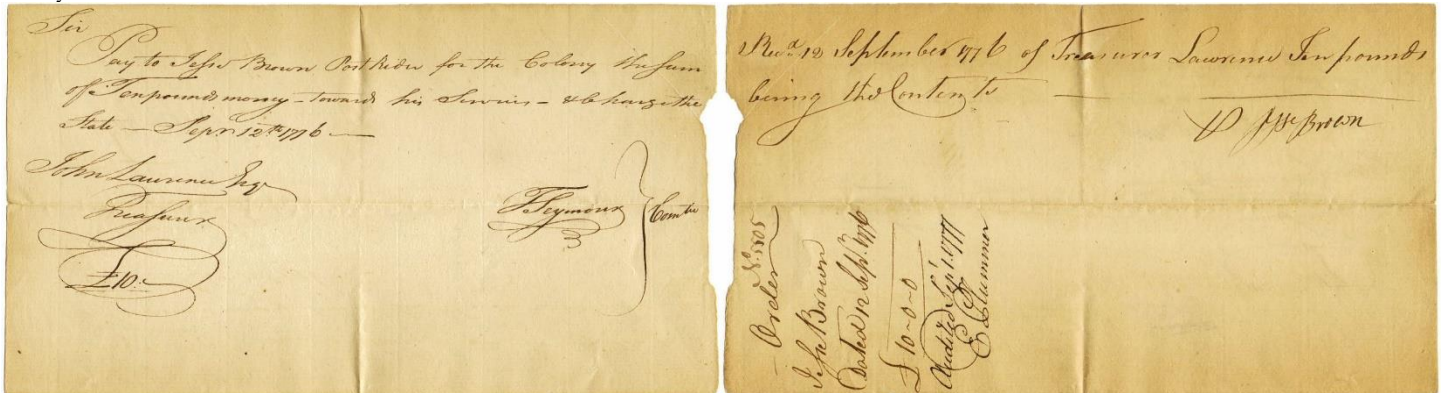
AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY,  
AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>, 1776.

A number of letters were written and sent in answer to letters from  
Gen' Schuyler, Gen' Gates, the Pay- Master, &c. Sent by Brown, the  
post-rider.

## JESSE BROWN - POST RIDER FOR THE COLONY

1776 September 12

3<sup>rd</sup> Payment: Order 5505



Sir:

Pay to Jesse Brown Post Rider for the Colony the Sum  
of Ten pounds money - towards his Services - & Charge the  
State ----- Sep<sup>r</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup> 1776

John Lawrence Esqr

Treasurer

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T Seymour

Comt<sup>ee</sup>.

Recd. 12 September 1776 of Treasurer Lawrence Ten pounds  
being the Contents -----

P Jesse Brown



# JESSE BROWN - POST RIDER FROM TICONDEROGA

1776 October 8

4<sup>th</sup> Payment: Order 5591

Sir  
Pay to Mr Jesse Brown post Rider to Ticondero-  
ga the Sum of Ten pounds money on account  
of his Services -- p order Gov. & Council, & Charge  
the State --- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1776 ---  
John Lawrence Esq.  
Treasurer  
£10 -

Rec<sup>d</sup>. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1776 of Treasurer Lawrence Ten pounds  
Lawful Money the Contents.  
Jesse Brown

Sir:

Pay to Mr Jesse Brown post Rider to Ticondero-  
ga the Sum of Ten pounds money on account  
of his Services -- p order Gov. & Council, & Charge  
the State --- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1776 ---  
John Lawrence Esq.  
Treasurer  
£10

T Seymour Com<sup>tee</sup>.

Rec<sup>d</sup>. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1776 of Treasurer Lawrence Ten pounds  
Lawful Money the Contents.

Jesse Brown

## JESSE BROWN'S POST RIDER ACCOUNT FOR 1777

Jesse Brown Post Rider for the States			
To	Am <sup>t</sup> brot from Page 66		£110.
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	To Order on Treas <sup>r</sup> in Ac <sup>t</sup> for Post Ridg		25.
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	To d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	20.
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	To d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	15.
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	To d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	20.
Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>	To d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	25.
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	To d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	15.
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	To d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	20.



# JESSE BROWN - RIDING POST

1777 March 12  
10<sup>th</sup> Payment: Order 6454

Sir  
Please to Pay Mr. Jesse Brown the Sum  
of Twenty Pounds Lawfull Money towards defray-  
ing his Expences Riding Post & Charge the State -  
Hartford 12<sup>th</sup> March 1777 -  
£20.  
Ez Williams } Com<sup>tee</sup>  
O. Ellsworth }  
John Lawrence Esq. Treas<sup>r</sup>

Rec<sup>d</sup>. Twenty Pounds Contents  
P Jesse Brown  
Order 6454  
Jesse Brown  
Paid 12 March 1777  
£20.0.0  
O. Ellsworth

Sir: Please to Pay Mr. Jesse Brown the Sum  
of Twenty Pounds Lawfull Money defray -  
ing his Expences Riding Post & Charge the State -  
Hartford 12<sup>th</sup> March 1777 ---  
£20, --

Ez Williams Com<sup>tee</sup>  
O. Ellsworth

John Lawrence Esq. Treas<sup>r</sup>

Rec<sup>d</sup>. Twenty Pounds Contents -----  
P Jesse Brown

**Public Records of the State of Connecticut**  
AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY,  
MARCH THE 11<sup>th</sup>, 1777. TUESDAY.

Voted an order of twenty pounds on the Pay-Table in favour of Jesse Brown,  
post to Gen. Washington and Congress, to be charged the continent.  
(Order d<sup>d</sup> said Brown.)

# JESSE BROWN - POST RIDING

1777 April 29  
12<sup>th</sup> Payment: Order 6826

Sir,  
Pay Mr. Jesse Brown Fifteen Pounds  
to be in acc<sup>t</sup> for his Post Riding & Charge  
the State - Hartford Apr<sup>l</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1777 -  
£15.  
John Lawrence Esq. Treas<sup>r</sup>  
O. Ellsworth } Com<sup>tee</sup>

Rec<sup>d</sup>. April 29<sup>th</sup> 1777 of Treas<sup>r</sup> Lawrence fifteen pounds L Money  
the Contents  
P Jesse Brown  
Order 6826  
Jesse Brown  
Paid 29 April 1777  
£15  
O. Ellsworth

Sir.  
Pay Mr. Jesse Brown Fifteen Pounds  
to be in acc<sup>t</sup> for his Post Riding, & charge  
the State , Hartford Apr<sup>l</sup>. 29<sup>th</sup> 1777 ~

£15  
Jno. Lawrence Esq. Treas<sup>r</sup>. O. Ellsworth Com<sup>tee</sup>.

Rec<sup>d</sup>. April 29<sup>th</sup> 1777 of Treas<sup>r</sup>. Lawrence fifteen pounds L Money  
the Contents -----P Jesse Brown

**The Public Records of the State of Connecticut**  
AT A MEETING &c. WEDNESDAY, 30<sup>th</sup>, APRIL 1777.

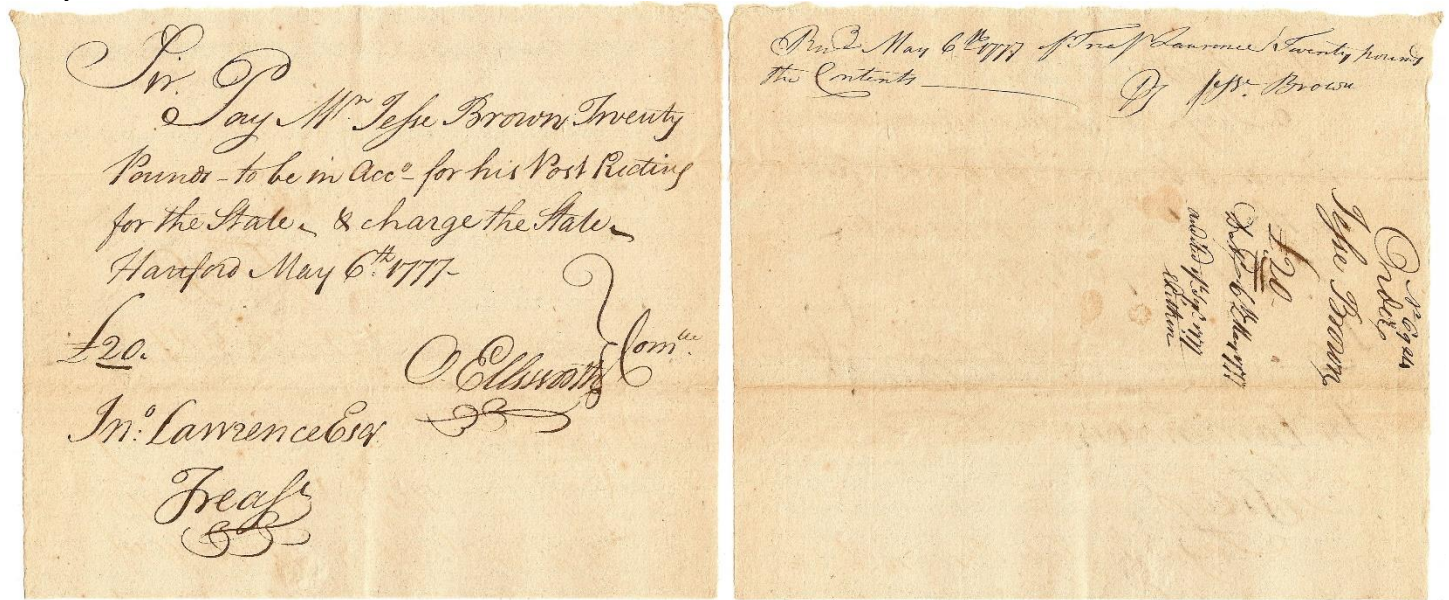
Brown this morning returned, express from Congress &c., bringing a confirmation of the account that the enemy had destroy'd the stores at Danbury, burnt many houses &c. &c. and retiring back &c.

Resolve of Congress came by Brown, ordering Gov. Franklin to be closely confined without pen, ink &c. &c., and considered and ordered him to Litchfield goal, and orders and warrant prepared to the sheriff of Hartford county to convey him under proper guard forthwith to Litchfield &c.,



# JESSE BROWN - POST RIDING

1777 May 6  
13<sup>th</sup> Payment: Order 6924



Sir:

Pay Mr. Jesse Brown Twenty  
Pounds - to be in Acc<sup>t</sup>. for his Post Riding  
for the State. & charge the State ~  
Hartford May 6<sup>th</sup> 1777

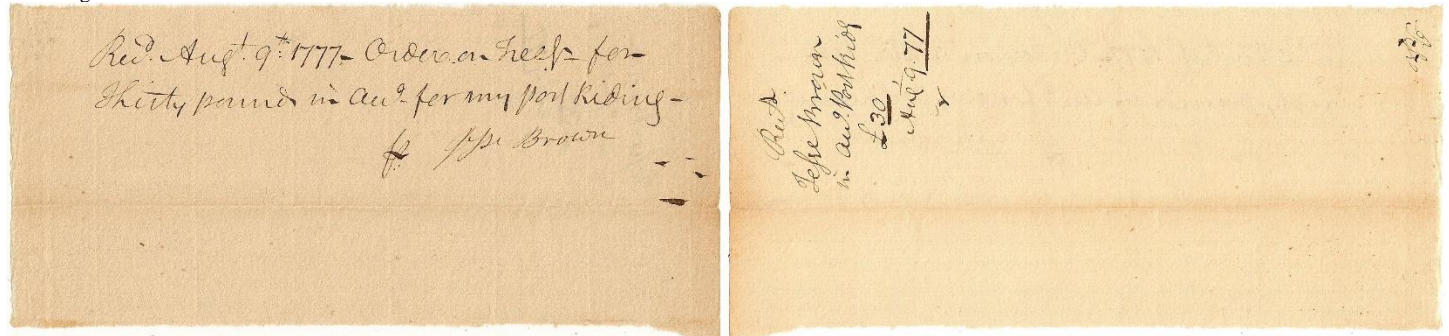
£20. O. Ellsworth Com<sup>tee</sup>.

J<sup>r</sup>. Lawrence Esq  
Treas<sup>r</sup>.

Rec<sup>d</sup>. May 6<sup>th</sup> 1777 of Treas<sup>r</sup>. Lawrence Twenty pounds  
the Contents ----- P Jesse Brown

# JESSE BROWN - POST RIDING

1777 August 9



Rec<sup>d</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>. 1777 - Order on Tres<sup>r</sup>. - for-  
Thirty pounds in Acc<sup>t</sup>. for my Post Riding -  
P Jesse Brown

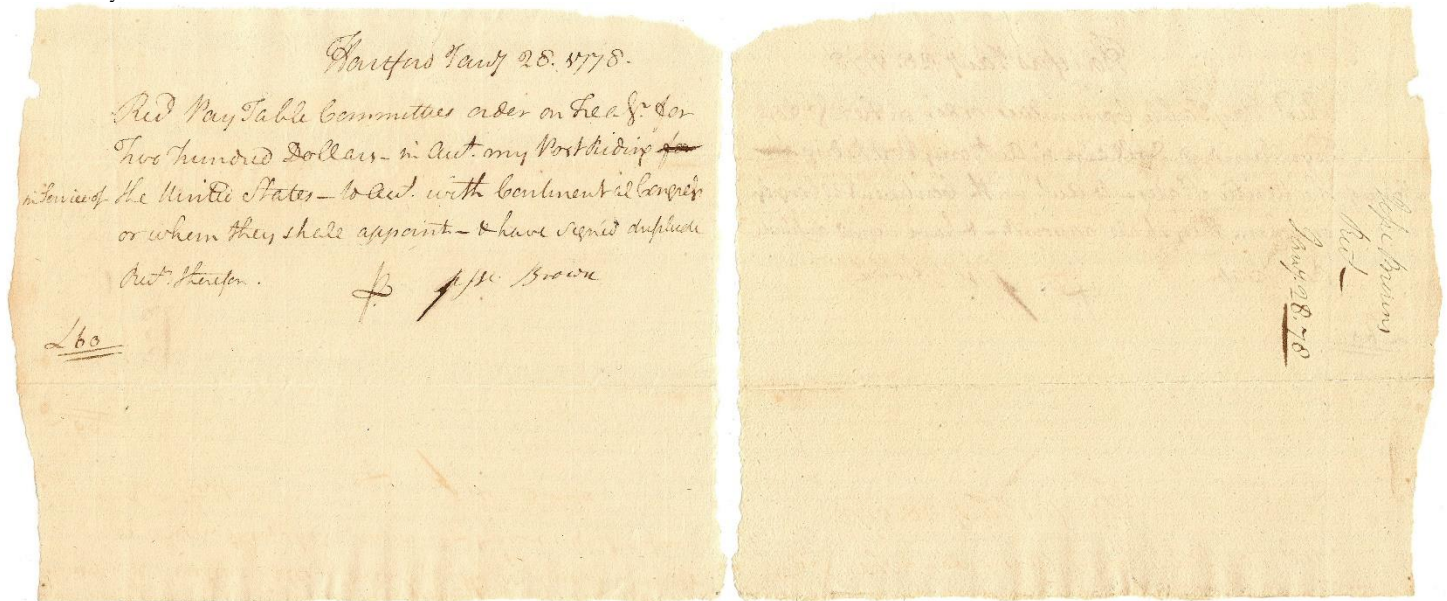
## 1777 Oct 27 JOURNALS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

Resolved, That Jesse Brown, who hath been employed as an express by his excellency Governor Trumbull to the different departments and to and from Congress, and hath proved himself faithful and alert in that business, submit his accounts for past services to the commissioners of accounts for the State of Connecticut, and charge the same to account of the United States; and that he be continued as an express in the Continental Service.



## JESSE BROWN - ACCOUNT WITH CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

1778 January 28



Hartford Jan'y 28, 1778 -  
 Rec<sup>d</sup>. Pay Table Committies order on Treas<sup>r</sup>. for  
 Five Hundred Dollars - in Acc<sup>t</sup>. my Post Riding for  
 in Service of the United States - to Acc<sup>t</sup>. with Continental Congress  
 or when they shall appoint - and have signed duplicate  
 Rec<sup>d</sup>. therefor.

L60

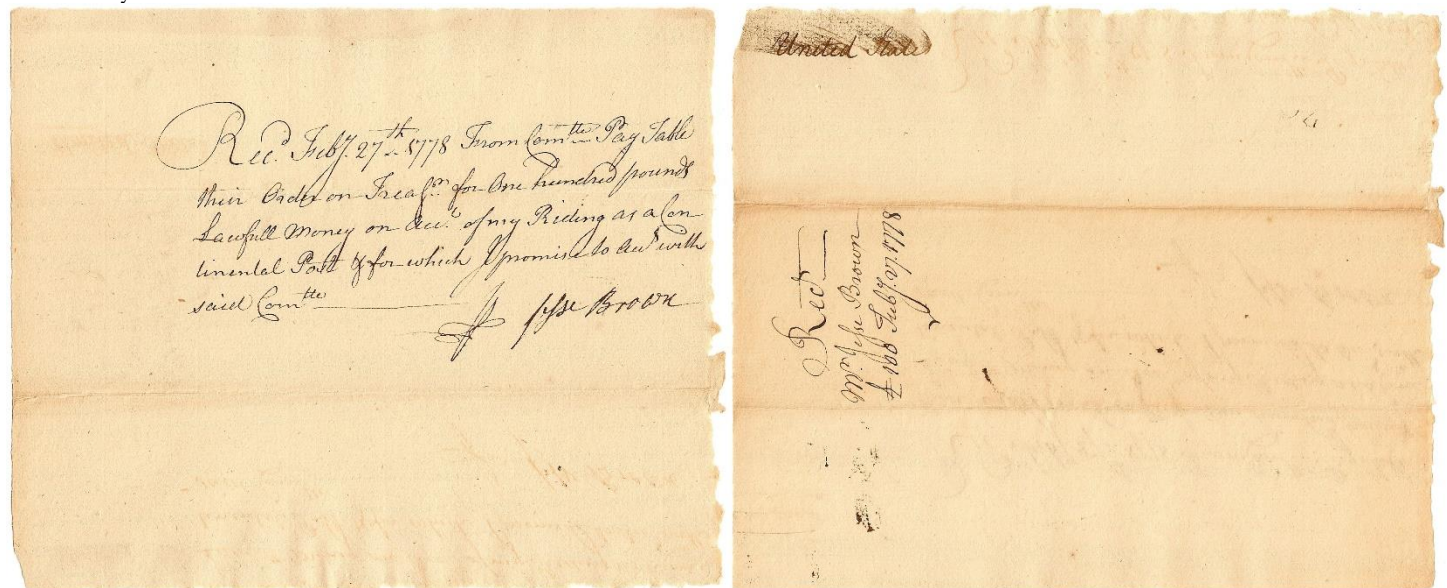
p Jesse Brown

### AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFTY HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON THE 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1778.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table furnish Mr. Jesse Brown, continental express, with money necessary from time to time in that service, keeping proper accounts thereof, and charge the United States.

## JESSE BROWN RIDING AS CONTINENTAL POST

1778 February 27



Rec<sup>d</sup>. Feb'y. 27<sup>th</sup>. 1778 From Comm<sup>tee</sup> -- Pay Table  
 their Order on Treas<sup>r</sup>. for -- One Hundred pounds  
 Lawfull Money on Acc<sup>t</sup>. of my Riding as a Con-  
 tinental Post & for which I promise to Acc<sup>t</sup>. with  
 said Com<sup>tee</sup>----- p Jesse Brown

JOURNALS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

On the question, *Ordered*, That the sum of 4740 dollars, reported by the commissioners to be due to Jesse Brown, for riding express between 16 November, 1777, and 3d March, 1779, inclusive, be paid.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>This report, dated March 12, is in the Papers of the Continental Congress, No. 136, III, folio 167. The Commissioners added the following comments:

“Although we have cut off all his expenses, 350 which he charged, we think the deduction still very moderate as his demand is the most exorbitant of the kind that was ever exhibited to the Commissioners—”

March 16<sup>th</sup> 1779

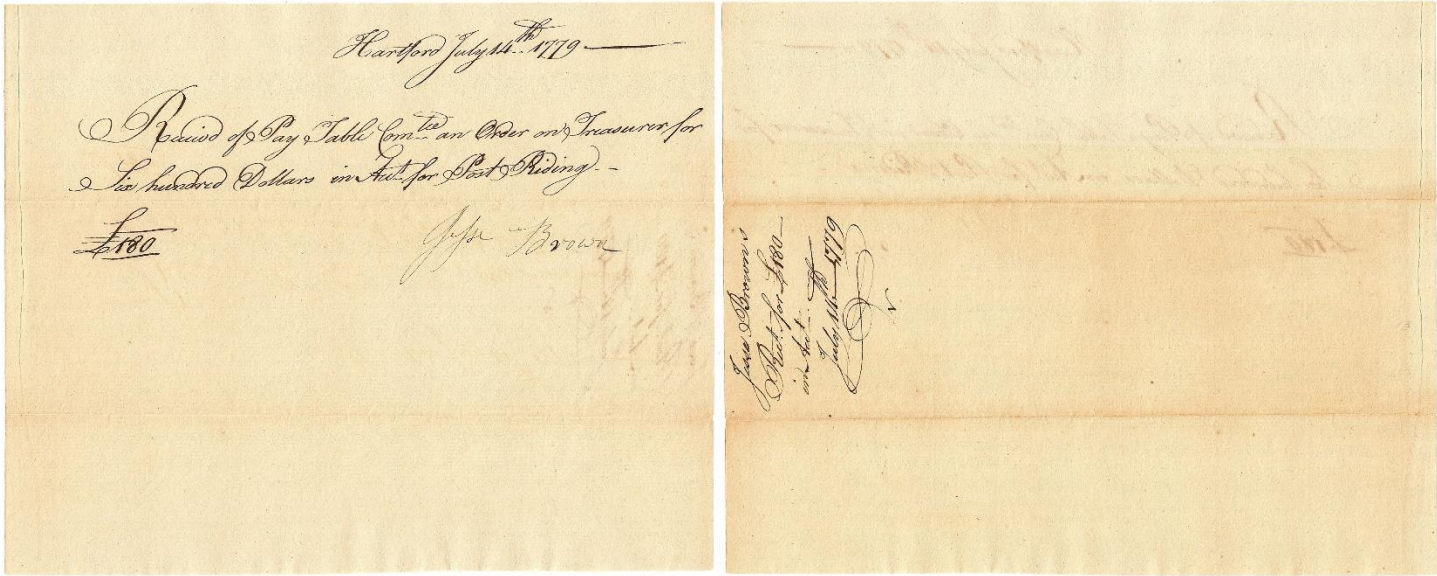
“We have reconsidered our report of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant on Jesse Brown’s account of which the above is a copy, and are still of opinion that we have made him a very generous allowance; The reasons which induced us to do so are these: He declares, and we have reason from other good information to believe it, that he always rode his own horses, and that he constantly kept two for that purpose only, he likewise declares that he never drew any forage, nor had his horses supported at the public expense wherever he went, nor had he ever any horse furniture, or anything else belonging to the public --- In all these circumstances we apprehend his case is different from that of other Express riders, who are furnished with horses, forage and furniture at the public expense, and for that reason have always been allowed less than we now allow him - By a Resolve of Congress and a certificate from the Honble Henry Laurens Esq<sup>r</sup>, late President, it appears that M<sup>r</sup>. Brown has performed his duty with much punctuality, fidelity and dispatch---  
All of which we respectfully submit.

JA<sup>s</sup>. MILLIGAN  
R. SMITH

1779 March 22: JOURNALS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS  
The Committee on the Treasury, to whom was referred the memorial of Jesse Brown, [of 16th instant] respecting his account as passed by the commissioners, report, that the balance of 4740 dollars, reported by the commissioners to be due to Jesse Brown, for riding express between 16 November, 1777, and 3d March, 1779, inclusive, be paid.

POST RIDING

1779 July 14



Hartford July 14<sup>th</sup>.. 1779 -----  
Received of Pay Table Com<sup>tee</sup> – an Order on Treasurer for  
Six hundred Dollars in Acc<sup>t</sup>. for Post Riding. –  
£180 Jesse Brown



# JOURNALS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

1780 January 8

That a warrant issue on the Treasurer, in favor of Jesse for three thousand, one hundred and sixty dollars and 45/90, the balance of his account of expenses in conducting Mrs. Huntington wife of the Honorable the President from Norwich in Connecticut to Philadelphia to be charged to the United States.

1780 March 23

Resolved, That Mr. Jesse Brown be continued an express rider until the post riders shall be established, agreeable to the resolution of the 27th of December 1779, or until the further order of Congress.

## COURIER – HARTFORD and CONGRESS PHILADELPHIA

1781 November 16

Philadelphia Nov. 16. 1781 -  
Received of Treasurer Lawrence pr hands of  
Mr Brown, fifty pounds Lawfull Money to be  
discounted on my Order in his hands -  
L50: 0: 0 My Richard Law

1781 Nov 16

Philadelphia Nov. 16 1781 -  
Received of Treasurer Lawrence pr hands of  
Mr Brown, fifty pounds Lawfull Money to be  
discounted on my Order in his hands.

Richd. Law

L50: 0 -- LMy

## COURIER – HARTFORD and CONGRESS PHILADELPHIA

1782 January 24

Philadelphia Jan 24. 1782  
Sir  
Please to pay unto Mr Jesse Brown the  
sum of fifty pounds Lawfull Money, it being  
for Value received of him and charge the  
same on Acct of the Balance due to  
myself on the order in your hands -  
L50: 0: 0 My Richard Law  
To John Lawrence Esq  
Treasurer of the State of  
Connecticut

Recd of Treasurer Lawrence  
the Contents of Jesse Brown  
1782 Jan 24  
L50-0-0  
Lawrence  
Jesse Brown

Sir,

Philadelphia Jany 24 – 1782

Please to pay Mr Jesse Brown the  
Sum of fifty pounds Lawf Money it being  
for Value received of him and charge – the  
same on Acct of the Balance due to  
myself on the order in your hands

L50. 0: 0 LMy

Richard Law

To John Lawrence Esq  
Treasurer of the State of  
Connecticut-----