

LETTER

FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

RELATIVE

To the case of John Fitzgerald, late Postmaster at Pensacola, removed, &c.

APRIL 30, 1830.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

28th April, 1830.

SIR: In obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the United States requiring me to report "whether John Fitzgerald, who was appointed Postmaster of Pensacola since the 4th of March, 1829, and lately removed, "is a defaulter, and to what amount, and whether his sureties are solvent," I have the honor to report:

1. That John Fitzgerald entered upon the duties of Postmaster of Pensacola on the 9th day of July, 1829, and was removed on the first day of April, instant; that the balances against him, according to the accounts rendered, amount to \$655 73, for a part of which a draught has been issued, and the residue he has been directed to deposite in Mobile, Alabama; that it does not appear that he is a defaulter in any other manner than in failing to transmit the quarterly returns of the office for the two last quarters; on account of which failure, prosecution on his bond has been ordered.

2. That the sureties of Mr. Fitzgerald were, agreeably to the long standing regulation of the Department, certified to be sufficient, by a magistrate of the Territory of Florida, who was also Mayor of the City of Pensacola.

It has since been represented to the Department, that those sureties are insolvent. Inquiry has been made on this point; and the information obtained from highly respectable sources, is, that the bondsmen were, at the date of the bond, ample security to the Government; that one of them has lately failed; but that the other is sufficient for a sum exceeding the amount of nett postages received at that office since the appointment of Mr. Fitzgerald.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient servant,

W. T. BARRY.

To the Hon. JOHN C. CALHOUN,
President of the Senate of the U. States.

