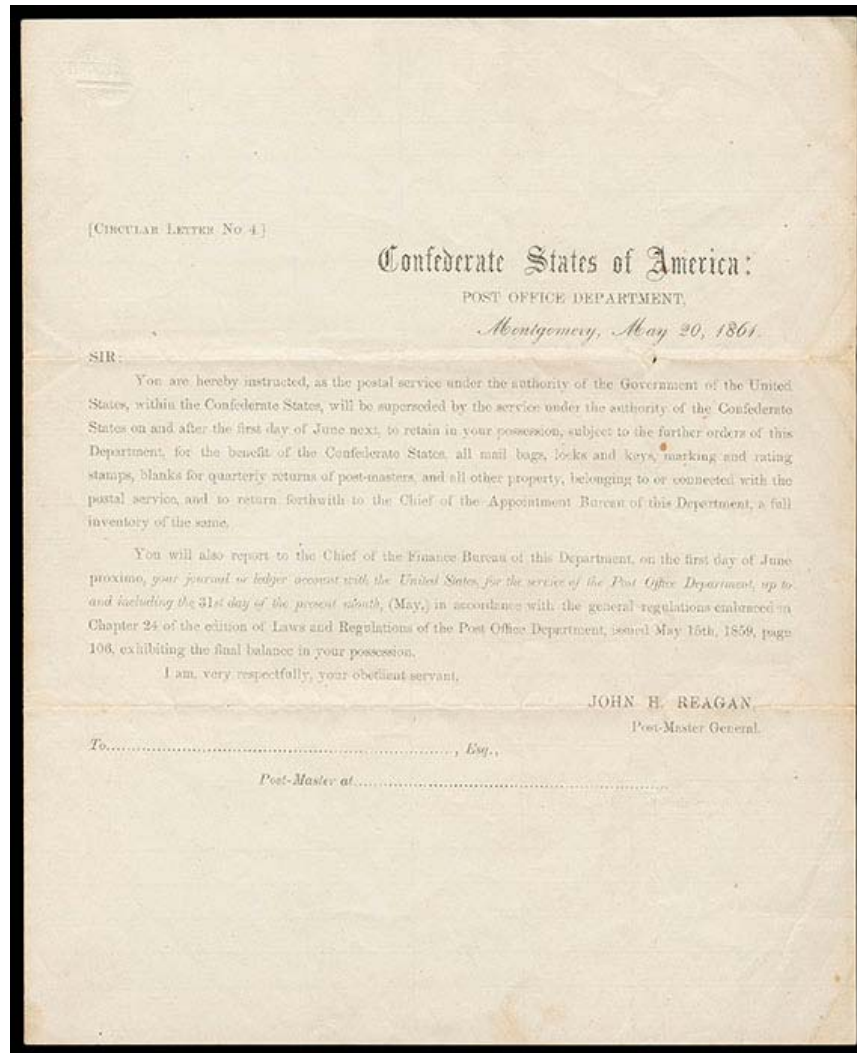


Post Office Circular Letter No. 4
20 May 1861



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[CIRCULAR LETTER No 4.]

Confederate States of America:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

Montgomery, May 20, 1861.

SIR:

You are hereby instructed, as the postal service under the authority of the Government of the United States, within the Confederate States, will be superseded by service under the authority of the Confederate States on and after the first day of June next, to retain in your possession, subject to the further orders of this Department, for the benefit of the Confederate States, all mail bags, locks and keys, marking and rating stamps, blanks for quarterly returns of post-masters, and all other property belong to or connected with the postal service, and to return forthwith to the Chief of the Appointment Bureau of this Department, a full inventory of the same.

You will also report to the Chief of the Finance Bureau of this Department, on the first day of June proximo, *your journal or ledger account with the United States, for the service of the Post Office Department up to and including the 31st day of the present month, (May,) in accordance with the general regulations embraced in Chapter 24 of the edition of Laws and Regulations of the Post Office Department, issued May 15th, 1859, page 106, exhibiting the final balance in your possession.*

I am, very respectfully your obedient servant,

**JOHN H REAGAN,
Post-Master General.**

To Esq.,

Post-Master at