

Chapter 6 Southern States

Louisa and Virginia Central Railroad Route Agent's CDS

Louisa Railroad. Route 2425 of 68½ miles once daily. Contract value \$6,500 a year
Virginia Central Railroad. Route 2429 of 138 miles once daily. Contract value \$13,815 a year

The Louisa Railroad's name was changed in 1851 to the Virginia Central Railroad.



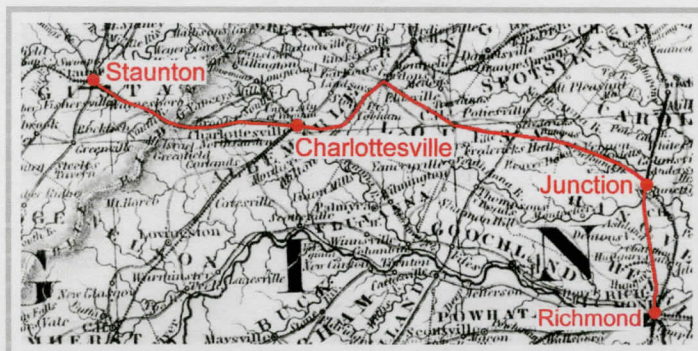
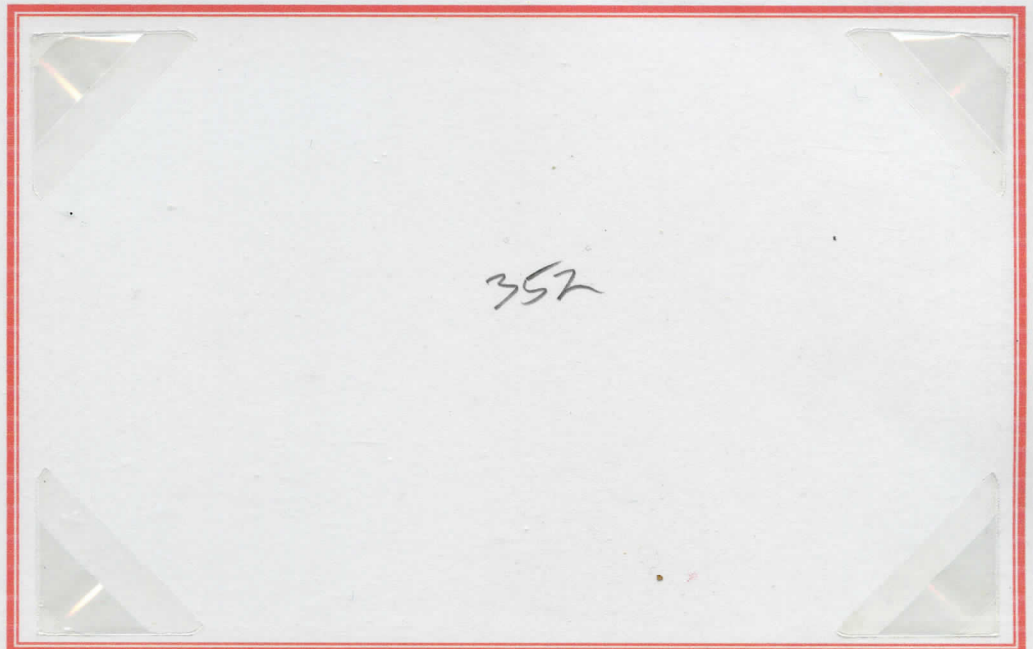
**LOUISA - R. ROAD
MAY / 16**

Wrapper put onto Route 2425 on May 16th circa 1849 and carried west to Charlottesville where the University of Virginia is located.

**VIRGINIA CENTRAL RAIL R.
SEP / 16**

Wrapper carried on Route 2429 on September 16th circa 1852 east to Richmond for transfer via Burkesville to Charlotte Court House.

Rated by Towle as Extremely Rare.



Map by Colton of 1861

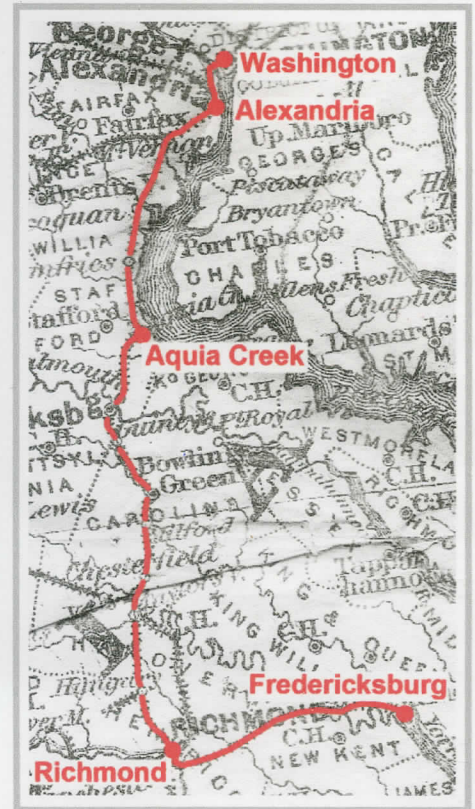
Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Rail Road

From January 1839 the Great Southern Mails started to be carried south from Washington DC partly by steamboat and partly by rail road to Richmond. From July 1843 mails were carried to Game Point on Aquia Creek and then Route 2422 contracted to the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Rail Road. A daily service of 75 miles at \$14,725 a year. In 1852 the line was completed into Washington and the contract was for Route 2401 for a twice daily service of 130 miles at \$39,000 a year.

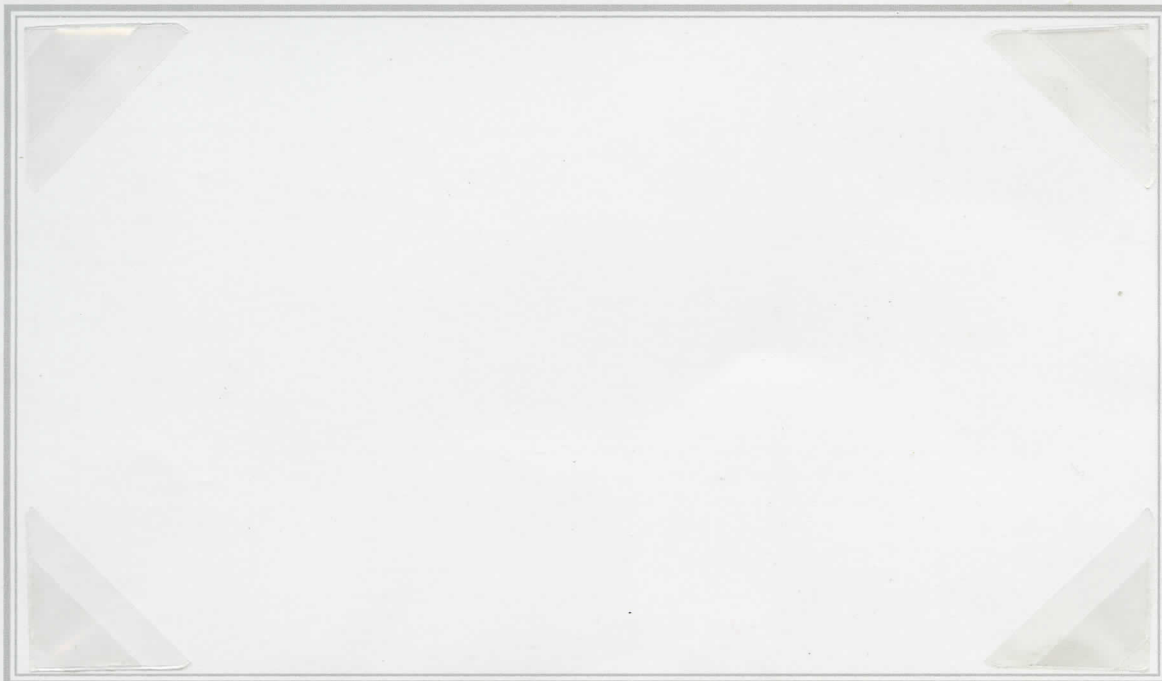


RICHMOND RAIL ROAD / DEC / 7

Folded letter dated "Richmond December 6th 1845" addressed to Bridgewater, Massachusetts and carried on Route 2422 to Aquia Creek and then Route 2401 to Washington. Rated for over 300 miles and struck with the Route Agents stamp (Towle 305-A-1).



G.W. Colton's map of 1873 with the course of the R. F. & P. R.R.



RICHMOND R.R. Va / NOV / 1

Wrapper put onto Route 2401 on November 1st circa 1853 addressed to Philadelphia and carried on Route 2401 to Washington for transfer to Philadelphia via Baltimore.

Franked 6 cents for over 1/2 ounce and cancelled by the Route Agents stamp (Towle 305-B-1).

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac R.R. Routes 2422 & 2401

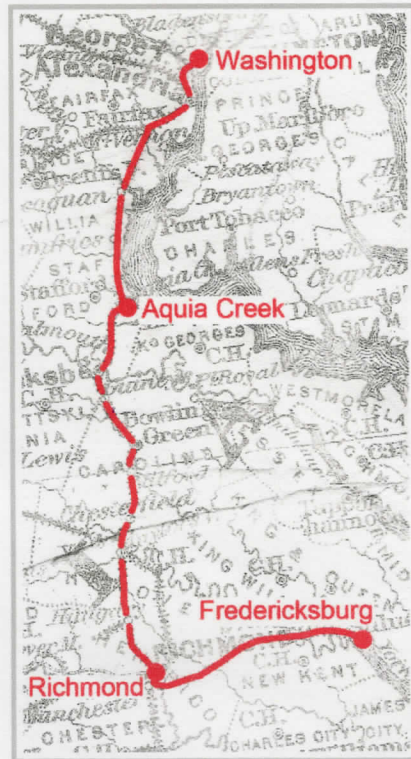
In July 1842 a contract was made with the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac R. R. for Route 2422 of 75 miles from Richmond to Game Point on Aquia Creek at \$19,500 a year for a daily trip. The mails were transferred on to Washington by steamboat on Route 2401.

By July 1852 the road had reached Washington and the 130 mile Route 2401 was contracted at \$39,000 a year for a twice daily service.



**RICHMOND Rail Road
OCT / 16**

Folded letter dated "Richmond Oct. 15. 1845" to Baltimore and carried onn Route 2422 to Aquia Creek. Rated at 5 cents for under 300 miles and struck by the Route Agent's date stamp (Towle 305-A-1).



G.W. Colton's map of 1873 with the course of Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Rail Road.



RICHMOND R.R. / NOV / 1

Wrapper put onto Route 2401 on November 1st circa 1853 franked 6 cents for double rate cancelled by the Route Agent's date stamp (Towle 05-B-1). Addressed to Philadelphia and route via Washington and Baltimore.

Chesapeake & Ohio Rail Road Routes 445 & 11005

The Virginia Central Rail Road was absorbed into the Chesapeake & Ohio in 1867 taking over the existing contract for Route 4405 Richmond to White Springs. Payment for the 227 mile route was \$15,308 a year for a daily service.

In 1873 the Chesapeake & Ohio were contracted for the 421 mile Route 11005 between Richmond and Huntington, West Virginia at \$35,249 a year for a twice daily service excluding Sundays.



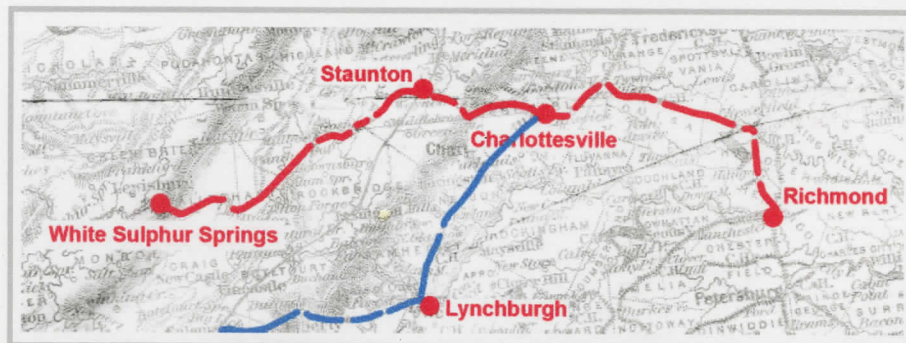
CHESP. & O. R.R.
JUN / 22

Nesbitt die 26 envelope addressed to Shadwell, Virginia located on Route 4405 5 miles west of Charlottesville. Received the Route Agent's date stamp (Towle 303-E-1) on June 22nd circa 1867.

CHESA. & OHIO R.R.
MAY / 20

Postal card dated "Staunton May 20/75" addressed to Cowan's Mill, Virginia and endorsed "Via Lynchburg". Put onto Route 11005 for the 39 miles east to Charlottesville for transfer to Route 11013 on the Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio Rail Road to Blcksburg for Cowan's Mills.

The Route Agent applied his date stamp (Towle 303-D-3).



G.W. Colton's map of 1873 with the course of Routes 11005 (in red) and 11013 (in blue).

Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio Rail Road Routes 4412, 4413 & 4414

In 1870 the Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio was created from the merger of the Norfolk & Petersburg, the South Side and the Virginia & Tennessee Rail Roads to provide a 409½ mile route between Norfolk and Bristol. In July 1871 the company was contracted for three contracts covering the full route at a combined value of \$56,350 a year.

Service on the sections between Petersburg and Lynchburgh were on a daily basis excluding Sundays. That between Lynchburgh and Bristol was twice daily including Sundays.



**AT/ MISS & OHIO R.R.
FEB / 11**

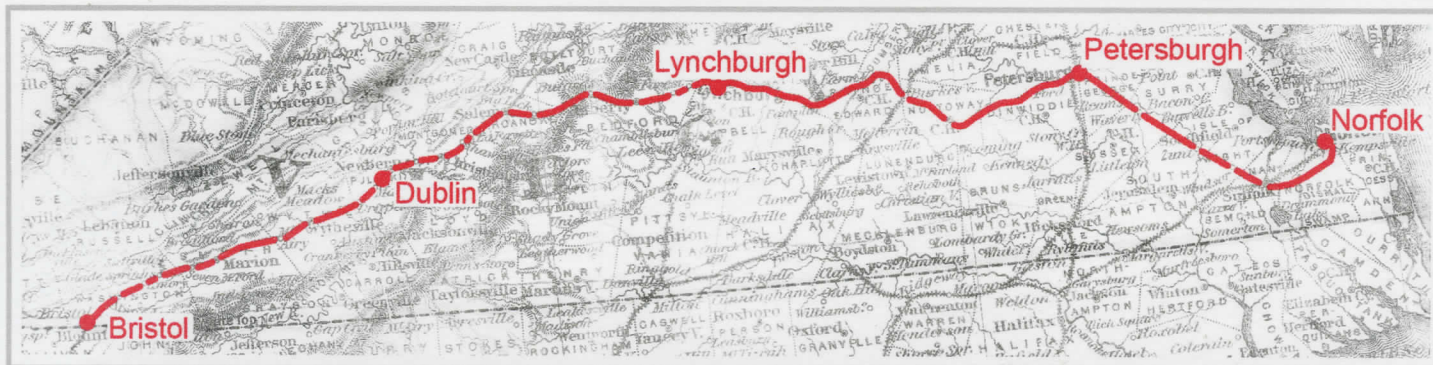
Envelope put onto the through route and addressed to Lynchburgh from an unknown origin between Norfolk and Bristol on February 11th circa 1874.

The Route Agent's date stamp was applied and the 3 cent franking cancelled with his single ring obliterator.

LYNCH. & BRIS. R.P.O. / SEP / 6

Postal card dated "Bristol Ten. Sept. 6/73" addressed to Dublin located 99 miles east of Bristol on Route 4414.

The Railway Post Office date stamp (day slug missing) was applied by a clerk on the car and a worn bar obliterator cancelled the card.



G.W. Colton's map of 1873 with the course of Routes 4412, 4413 and 4414 together with the location of Dublin.

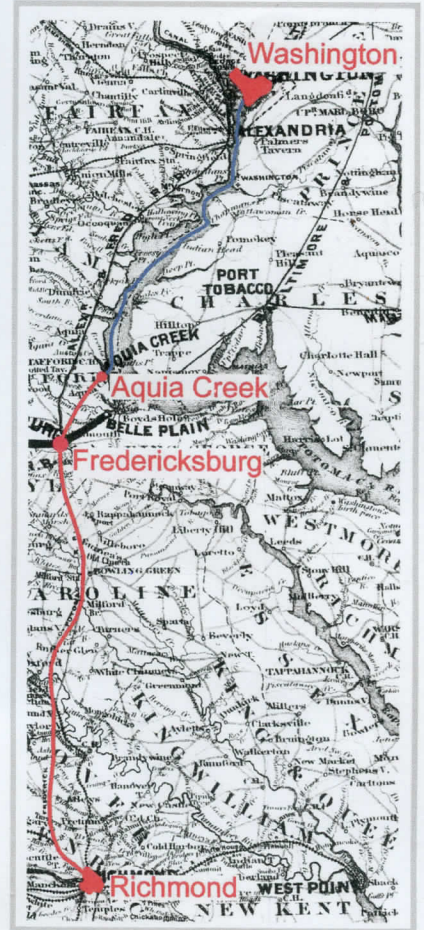
Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Route Agent's CDS

Richmond, Frederick & Potomac Railroad. Route 2422 of 75 miles once daily. Contract value \$19,500 a year.
Richmond, Frederick & Potomac Railroad. Route 4402 of 131 miles twice daily. Contract value \$19,650 a year.



RICHMOND Rail Road

Folded letter date lined "Richmond Oct. 15. 1845" and carried on Route 2422 to Aquia Creek. Transferred to the steamboat route to Washington for Baltimore.



Map by Colton of 1869

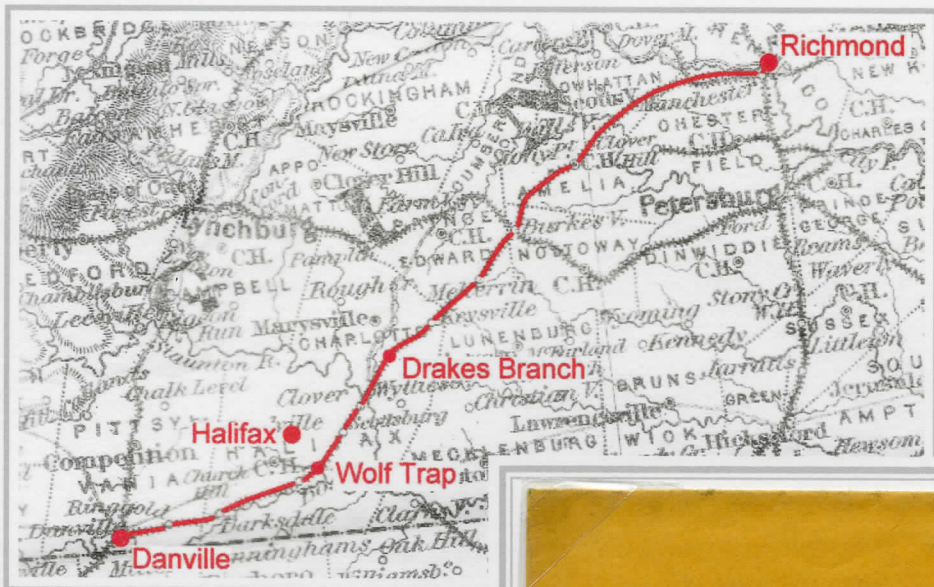
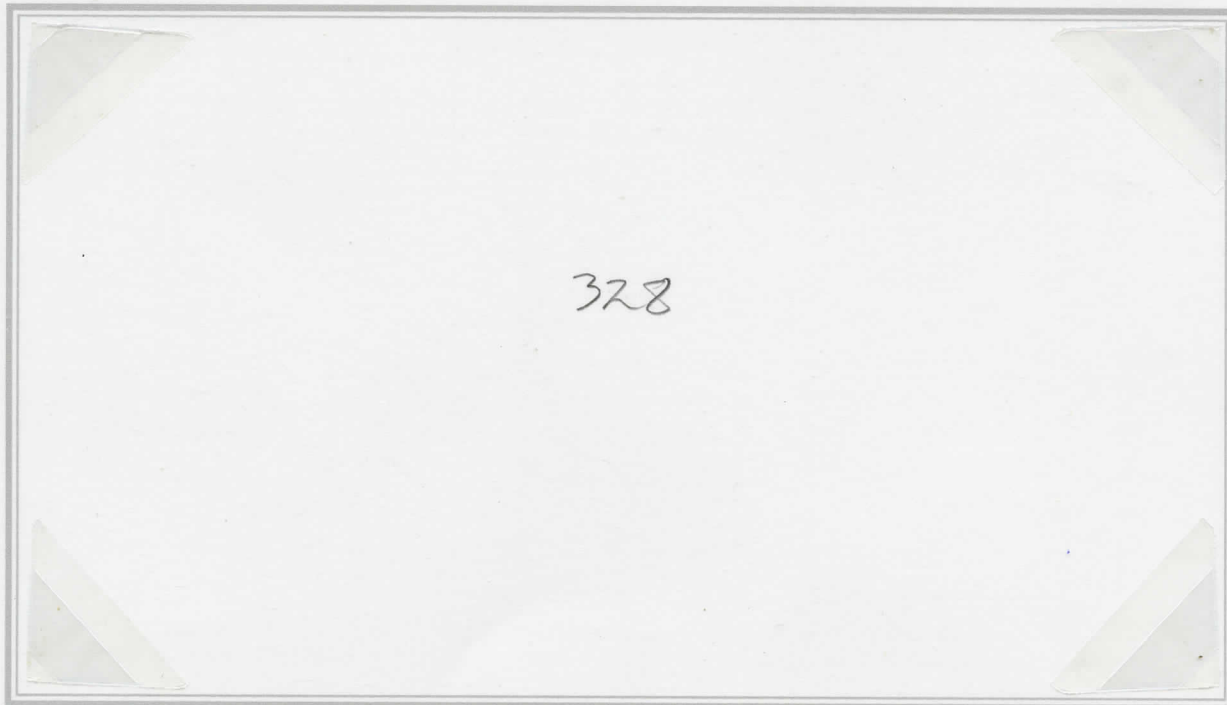


POTOMAC POSTAL CAR

Nesbitt Die 26 corner card envelope of the Dover Coal & Iron Company, Richmond put onto Route 4402 and carried by the combined railroad and steamboat route for Washington. Routed via Baltimore and Philadelphia to New York.

Richmond & Danville Rail Road Route 4854 & 4406

The Richmond & Danville Rail Road completed the 140 mile track in April 1856, Route 4854 was contracted for the route at \$19,550 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays. From July 1st 1871 Route 4406 was contracted for 190 miles between Richmond and Greensborough, North Carolina at \$32,229 a year for 16 trips a week.



G.W. & C.B. Colton's map of 1873 with the course of the Richmond & Danville R.R.

R & D. R.R. WOLF TRAP FEB / 1 / 1875

Envelope with letter sheet dated "Halifax Feb 1 / 75" and carried privately to Wolf Trap station to be put onto Route 4406. Addressed to Danville and taken 35 miles to receive the Station Agent's date stamp (Towle 310-S-1a).

RICHMOND & DANVILLE R.R. JUN / 1

Corner Card envelope put onto Route 4854 and carried 81 miles from Richmond to Drakes Branch. Received the Route Agent's date stamp (Towle 310-A-1) for June 1st 1856.



Richmond & York River Rail Road Route 11007

The Richmond & York River Rail Road completed the 38 mile line in 1859 and were contracted to carry the mails between Richmond and Norfolk on a combined rail road and steamboast route. After the Civil War the steamboast portion was not renewed and the route ran Richmond to West point. From July 1875 the Route was 11007 of 40 miles at \$1,992 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.

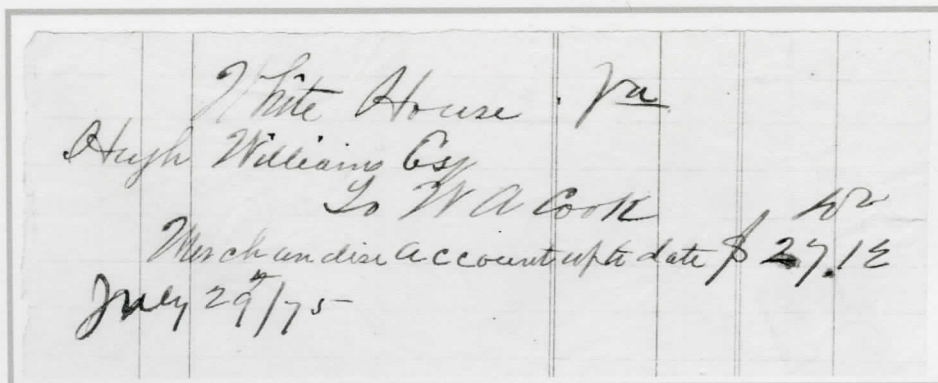


RICH. & YORK RIV. R.R. / JUL / 29

Envelope and content dated "White House July 29/75" ordering bricks for a new church. The writer put the letter onto the car for Richmond where it was taken on the post road to New Kent Court House. Received the Route Agent's date stamp (Towle 306-A-1)



G.W. & C.B. Colton's map of 1869 with the course of the Richmond & York River Rail Road.



Docketing slip accompanying letter.