

James Gamble Esq. Wilmington D.C. April 28. 1813

Sir Yours of Apl. 1813 is before me. -
Whenever an abusive anonymous letter is delivered from your office & afterwards returned I authorize you to restore the amount of the postage to the injured citizen & to credit yourself on the bill by making the amount as overcharged G G.

John Jordan Junr. Lexington Ky. April 27th. 1813

Sir The reasons assigned in your letter of the 18th for detaining the Nicholasville & Hazlepatch mail are perfectly satisfactory - and I have only to request that you will not detain that mail one moment longer than is actually necessary for you to assort and pack the mail for that route which come by the Eastern mail G G.

Messrs. Nourse & Westerfield Danville Ky. Apr 27. 1813

Gentlemen Since I wrote to you under date of the 22nd I find that your rider usually arrives at Lexington late in the evenings of Thursdays and as the great Eastern mail arrives there early the next morning it is proper for the postmaster to detain your rider until that mail is received & affixed on Friday mornings - your rider can then perform his ride with the greatest ease & without adding (as I can see) to your current expence Yours G G.

Duncan McKee Esq. Fayetteville D.C. April 27. 1813

Sir Yours need not keep an account of newspapers distributed at your office - except such as are for delivery from your office until you have further advice from this office G G.

Robert Hall Esq. Rogersville Pa. April 25 1813

Sir You will be debited for the several failures you have suffered to take place on your several routes & most certainly for every failure on the Hazlepatch route - for failures on that line have grown out of evident negligence on the part of your carriers G G.

J. Brown Esq. Shepherdstown Va. April 28th 1813

Sir I have received yours of 23 inst. If the postmaster to whom you have written do not comply with your request I shall direct them to do so, as soon as you apprise me of their neglect. Mr. Nourse can carry a third mail at your citizens expence the connection between your office and Shepherdstown will be established via Boonsboro. G G.

W. M. Beall Esq. Fredericktown Md. Apr 26. 1813

Sir I will thank you to send all mails for Shepherdstown Va. via Boonsboro and to mail for that office three times a week. G G.

John Weems Esq. Traceys Landing Md. April 28. 1813

Sir I will thank you to instruct the mail carrier to call at your office (where it is now situated) with the mail until he shall hear further from this office G G.

Thomas Munroe Esq. Washington City April 28. 1813

Sir I will thank you to make three mails weekly for Shepherdstown Va. and to send them via Fredericktown Md. G G.

Simon Perkins Warren Tumbull ^{Apr 25. 1813}
 Sir Yours of the 20th is before me I have not power to establish a mail Camfield to Warren unless it be carried for the products of the contemplated office at Acute. If any contractor offers to do this I will establish the office and appoint Theophilus Cotton
 G. G.

John B. W. Brown Conneaught Astabula P. O. April 29. 1813
 Sir I have received your letter of the 30th ult I cannot appoint you to office though well recommended without the resignation of D. King
 G. G.

W. Alpheus Childs Nantucket M^d Apr 29th 1813
 Sir Yours of the 20th is before me. It is reasonable to grant you something as insurance for the risk, because it could not have been contemplated when we contracted. For this reason I grant you an extra consideration of twelve dollars for each solar month, to commence on the first day of May. 1813 and to be allowed for each month from that ~~the time~~ ~~until~~ so long as the enemy shall be hovering in your waters.
 G. G.

Joshua G. Vail Esq. Montpelier Vt April 29 1813
 Sir I have yours of the 19th ult. The mail carriers have no right to convey unsealed letters free of postage I cannot allow a Gazetteer at publick expence. We have no spare maps & you must rely on the old one.
 G. G.

Jacob W. Brewster Northampton M^d April 29. 1813
 Sir It is impatant to have you arrive at Windsor by noon if practicable. you can do so with industry. but we will extend the period to 1 P.M. our object in establishing that hour is to forward the mails direct to Burlington & to avoid an unnecessary delay.
 G. G.

William Pierce Williamston N.C. April 29 1813
 Sir My advertisement inviting proposals for carrying the mails will be published in a few weeks we shall send a copy to Williamston
 G. G.

Ira Goodall Esq. Bath N. H. April 29th 1813
 Sir With a view of giving the citizens on the M^d River more speedy information I have requested him to leave Haverhill on the sabbath at 1 P.M. he will arrive there on Saturday evening. This arrangement will not meet your proposition of the 15th ult but without increasing our expence it will materially accommodate your citizens
 G. G.

William T. Kilbee Jacksonborough G^d April 29 1813
 Sir I have received yours of the 18th ult. in establishing your office I did not intend to ~~abolish~~ abolish the Post Office at Melhaven - that office was established on the recommendation of W. Isaac Jones. - the names of that office and yours are so different that no errors can arise in the address of letters and papers for your respective offices
 G. G.

Charles Turner Esq. Newburyport M^d April 29. 1813
 Sir I do not see any way in which we can aid W^d Theater in the recovery of his letter and money. it may have miscarried, in that event it will be returned to this office it shall be forwarded to him in Kingham N. H.
 G. G.

Nathanial Rice Haverhill N. H. April 29. 1813
 Sir The following schedule will be more satisfactory to the citizens generally who are accommodated by your mail than the schedule attached to your contract and I wish you to be governed by it untill you are further advised from this office. Leave Haverhill every Sunday by 1 P.M. arrive at Norfolk on Tuesday by 6 P.M. leave Norfolk every Wednesday at 6 A.M. and return to Haverhill on Saturday by 6 P.M.
 G. G.

Honorable John Armstrong Genl at War April 30th 1813

Sir I do myself the honor to inclose a letter from William Arundell Esq Postmaster at Kaskaskia under date of March 27. From which it appears necessary to have the mail guarded by the Military.

As to this the powers of this Office does not extend I have considered it my duty to submit that subject with the letter to your consideration G G.

Abner Dodd Elizabeth Town N.Y. April 29 1813

Sir I have received your letter of the 21st inst informing of the Removal of Stephen Dod Esq Postmaster at Elizabethtown. Being an entire stranger to me if you will forward to this Office the recommendation of Dr Condit or Coln Ward. I will appoint you postmaster at said place G G.

William Garges Newville Bucks Co Pa April 29 1813

I think it proper to discontinue the postoffice at Newville in Bucks Co Pa. On the receipt of this letter you will therefore discontinue the same, and hand over all the P. Office property in your possession to belonging to the Public to the nearest Office. you will also be pleased to state your accounts with this Office and forward the same. G G.

Thomas B Cook Catskill N.Y. April 29 1813

Sir I take the liberty to inclose you a set of Blanks for the appointment of Postmaster at Durham N.Y. in the place of Mr Hotchkiss moved away, which you will be pleased to do, of such person, as will in your opinion discharge the Duties of office with care industry & fidelity G G.

Miles Jordan Esq Lunenburg C.H. V April 29 1813

I have received your letter of 21st Instant. and have to inform you that your commission as postmaster at Lunenburg C.H. Va was forwarded from this Office 3 Inst. If the same has not reached your hands, by giving information a Duplicate will be immediately forwarded G G.

Butterfield, Bradley & Gibson Boston Wt April 29th 1813

I wish you to observe the following schedule instead of the one attached to your contract. Leave Boston every Wednesday & Friday at 3 A.M. Arrive at Windsor the next days by 11 A.M. Leave Windsor every Tuesday & Saturday by 2 P.M. & return to Boston the next days by 9 P.M. I have directed the Burlington mails to meet your mails on above days, and during good weather you can perform in the above period with the most profit ease G G.

Chase & Brackett Randolph Vt April 29 1813

I wish you to observe the annexed schedule from and after the receipt of this letter viz. Leave Windsor every Tuesday & Saturday by 2 P.M. arrive at Burlington the next days by 7 P.M. leave Burlington on Monday & Friday at 6 A.M. arrive at Windsor on Tuesday & Saturday by 10 A.M. the Boston mail is to meet you at Windsor on Tuesday & Saturday, and the Luffield mail. G G.

John Frankinson Esq Natchez Ms. April 30 1813

Yours of the 3rd is before me, you are to charge the letters which the New Orleans Steam boat delivers in your Office with 6 Cts postage.

Yours G G.

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Thomas Leverett Esq. Windsor Vt. April 29 1813
 To establish a better connection with the mails at your office I have requested the southern contractor to arrive at your office on Tuesdays & Saturdays by 1 P.M. and the Boston and Burlington contractors on the same days by 10 A.M. and they are to depart the same days by 2 P.M. unless you may think it advisable for the Boston mail to depart earlier: it is our intention to forward the mails from the Suffield route directly on the Burlington route &c.

Comfort Snygal Esq. Canfield Trumbull Co. Ohio April 30 1813
 Yours of the 20th is received. On the 16 of Feby. Genl. Wadsworth wrote me that your P. Master H. Canfield Esq. resided in Connecticut and there was amongst you a general wish for a new officer upon which considering the office vacant. I sent the appointment to him. Untill this day I knew ^{not} who acted as clerk, of any party divisions among you or any local discontents. &c.

John Caldwell Esq. Salisbury N.Y. April 29 1813
 I have yours of the 24th. I am content that the g driver goes your road till further order which will depend upon any application which may be made by the people of Little Britain to which place I shall be bound to pay attention for it is named in the contract and consequently I can give no order for the mail to avoid that place.
 The office at Little Britain I discontinued as an experiment in Feby. last on the advice of Mr. Fish. Hither to there has been no complaint. In my letter of the 13 I ought to have said the route (not the office) was not discontinued. &c.

William B. Rochester Esq. P.M. Danville N.Y. May 1st 1813
 I have before me yours of the 23rd. To us it appears that the service we require of the riders is not over severe. According to our estimate from your office to Peter's Camp is seventy three miles which makes each of their riders 219 miles in each week. they are not so much burdened by the mail as a common traveller is by his baggage, and each trip they have three fresh horses. —
 We have in our service riders who cover 90 miles without rest and have had those who did much more, and successfully. I fear the persons employed have not suitable spirit & energy. If not Mr. Varnum must dismiss them and employ others immediately. Should any one venture to sleep or drowse while entrusted with the mail he must be immediately discharged. This mail is highly important & must not be neglected for a moment. On the contrary every person employ'd in this department must be active in securing its regularity &c.

Saml. Jacob Esq. Laurel Del. April 30 1813
 I wish you to provide a postmanteau for ~~this~~ the route you have you mentioned take a receipt for the expence and credit your self therefor in your account current. &c.

Thermon Camp Esq. Trumansburg N.Y. April 30 1813
 I received yours of the eight instant I am sorry that the funds of this Office are too limited to permit of any further expenture on the route which accomodates your Office yours &c.

Irory Holland Esq. Richfield N.Y. May 1st 1813
 It is the duty of the mail carrier to duly deliver the mail at your office, he shall be fined for neglecting so to do. &c.

72 Wood, Barton & Parker Committee in behalf of the merchants
& citizens of Wiscasset Me May 1st 1813

Gentlemen Your memorial of the 19th ult is before me
the mail contractor who had charge of the mail on the
main line East of Portland offered to transport three
additional mails between Portland & Bath making in
all six mails per week, for the additional consideration
of one hundred & fifty Dollars per annum, reserving the
privilege of discontinuing the additional mails when
ever he thought it advisable. The proposition was so
reasonable that I accepted it. Wiscasset has superior
claims to Bath & I will grant to the mail contrac-
tor carrier who has charge of the mail between those
towns twenty five Dollars quarter yearly if he will car-
ry three additional mails weekly between those places
upon the conditions above recited will you have the good-
ness to mention this subject to the carrier if he accepts
of my offer he may begin immediately. I should not trou-
ble you with this proposition if we knew the subcontra-
ctors address
Y^r G^r

Cole & Washburn Richfield N.Y. May 1 1813
The postmaster at Richfield alleges that you have
failed to deliver the mail at his office in two in-
stances within the last month for those failures
you are subject to a penalty of ten Dollars. Y^r G^r

Benjⁿ Bradford Esq^r Livermore Me May 1st 1813
If Mr Morse is willing to carry the mail on
Saturday instead of Friday he can do so.
Y^r G^r

C. B. House Esq^r Magalloway N.Y. May 1st 1813
I have received yours of the 8th ult as you have retained the
balance collected at your office during the last quarter to
compensate you for conveying the mail between your office and
Chautaugue - it will be proper for you to send a receipt to
this office expressing the transaction. you can continue to car-
ry the mail for the emoluments of your office until other pro-
-vision shall be made to accommodate your office Y^r G^r

P. B. Mumford Newport A.I. May 3rd 1813
I wish you to furnish a postmanteau for the Sandwich mail
& for such other lines as you may at any time consider neces-
-sary for and at the expense of this office. you can credit your-
-self with such expenses in your account current as contin-
-gents expenses those charges should be accompanied with re-
-ceipts
Y^r G^r

Mr John Beck near Charleston S.C. May 3rd 1813.
I have received yours of the 25th ult. it is not necessary for any
person who wishes to obtain a contract to attend at this of-
-fice in person - if he does attend his proposal must be made
and delivered in writing - whether he sends in his proposal
a deliver it, is immaterial, his success must depend on the
sum he demands & the character he bears for punctuality and
integrity - we hope to see your proposal in a few weeks. Y^r G^r

John Winemiller Clarksburg Me May 3rd 1813
I will thank you to direct your driver to call regularly
at the Postoffice established in Fayette's Town with the
Mail.
Yours &c. Y^r G^r

William Hotchkiss Esq. Clinton N.Y. May 3rd 1813
 I have received yours of the 27th. I consent to make an additional allowance for transporting the mail in a stage to Clinton, of twelve dollars per annum. the carrier may convey the mail direct from Utica if he wishes to do so.
 Yours. G. G.

Charles Burrall Esq. Baltimore May 11th 1813

Dear Sir at this morning I received your express bringing news of the destruction of Harve de Grace. — I sent my servant instantly to the Secretary at War with General Smith's letter. — and Campsall to Davis to get a map. I have ordered Davis to furnish an express horse as soon as governmental dispatches are ready. Dr Bradley lives in the country — Do not fail to get some efficient man who will carry the letters through to Lancaster without a break in the line, for the public feeling must be very great to the Eastward. — I hope to get Doctor Bradley of in ~~time~~ the morning stage but may not in season. — Surely they cannot tarry long at Harve. You will of course send the papers by Lancaster for the present. — Great care must be used to prevent the mail falling into the hands of the Enemy, and great energy displayed to get the orders & letters of Government thro' to Philadelphia.

I enclose a circular to all Postmasters.

Your Friend G. G.

Circular. To all Postmasters from Baltimore by York & Lancaster to Philadelphia, inclusive.

The enemy having taken possession of Harve de Grace & thereby stopped the main route of the mail of the United States I have deemed it my duty to run an express Daily mail from Baltimore by York & Lancaster to Philadelphia and I charge you, at the expence of this office, by furnishing horses & Riders instantly to give every possible expedition to those expresses, where of you will not fail.

Done at the Genl. P. Office
 this 4 May. — 1813

Circular. G. P. Office May 11th 1813

Let the Bearer Mr Campsall an express, have a fresh horse at the expence & Hazard of this office, to pass to Baltimore.
 G. G.

Robert Patton Esq. Philad^a. May 11th 1813

As the British have cut off the course of the mail route I have ordered expresses to run from Baltimore to York & Lancaster to your office, and you will make every effort to get them through in season, that the lines may not be broken. — Mean while for the accomodation of Belmar & Elkton it is necessary that the express riders keep up the daily intercourse with your office as far as the places last mentioned — I pray you to give orders accordingly & to extend your order so far as to provide for what is possible, the destruction of Elkton, in which case or if supposed insecure you will order the mail stopped at Christien.

G. G.

Elijah Boardman Esq

May 3 1813

I have received yours of the 24th relative to the post office in Newtown, with the memorial of sixteen citizens for the removal of that officer. This subject has lately been before me & I have returned an answer, the copy of which I now transmit to you.

An office as extensive as this must be governed by fixed laws & rules. My rules are.

- 1st That the office shall be ably & faithfully conducted.
- 2^d That the officer shall be left free to vote & to reason according to the dictates of their understanding & conscience.
- 3^d That no officer shall be permitted to libel or to slander the President the Administration or Congress.
- 4th That no officer shall be permitted to give countenance & currency to libels by keeping them for sale or purchasing & circulating them.
- 5th That no officer shall use the influence of the office to annoy Government or its friends.

Whatever case comes within the 1.2.3.4.5th rule or either of them I proceed to act.

It seems that Mr Thomas Boardman has received two letters, the seals of which had been broken between Ohio & your office. I see nothing in this that points at ~~me~~ Newtown. The officer there has nothing to do with your packages. The officers at Chambersburg Philadelphia, New York, and Stamford remailed & consequently handled them & they alone.

I think this too loose to support a charge so serious.

The memorial charges generally that he, the P. M. at Newtown "bears down with malice and vile aspirations all the measures of Government."

Now I ask for a statement of the words he uses or of the substance of them, and for the facts & declarations which prove his malice. I want facts to draw inferences from. — they give me only their inferences. I want those not because I doubt the integrity of those gentlemen, but as a basis for my justification — in after times & times not unlikely to happen. I am responsible to my country as well as my conscience & tho' I may now be satisfied I want forever to keep by me the evidence which shall prove to that Country that my administration of this department has been with a single eye to the public good.

When I am furnished with proof of a ^{violation} of my rules I shall be found firm & prompt in action.

East Windsor has also presented another case, and correctly. From an enclosed copy of my letter to Aaron Bissell Esq you will clearly perceive my course of action. G. G.

Dear Samuel Shaw now at Albany N.Y. May 14th 1813

I have been favoured with yours of the 22nd ult from Sackets Harbour and this day appointed Elijah Field Jun^r Postmaster at that place. It was perfectly correct in you to stop the mail from going to Ogdensburg.

Yesterday the enemy bombarded took & destroyed Fort Mifflin de Grace. I have been up most of the night giving orders for a new arrangement so as to keep up the line of intelligence. There is reason to fear the British have purchased the Florida of the Cortez. G. G.

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James Abbot Esq Agent for Genl P Office
At the Rapids of Miami or where ever may be
the Head quarters of the N. West Army. May 4 1813

Sir I have just received yours of the 27th 28th ult.
and forwarded to you four locks & two keys.

I will establish an office at Upper Sandusky when
you will name a suitable person for Postmaster.

I believe nothing conclusive has been done in relation
to your exchange. Th^o I am convinced the Secretary will
effect it as soon as possible. I have made your case &
Parsons the subject of two notes.

Whenever you wish to visit your family: you
will confer with Genl Harrison & if he thinks you can
be spared without injury to the Public Service you have
my consent. On the last of April the Enemy burnt
Frenchtown & yesterday Harve de Grace. G. G.

William Arundel Esq P. M. Kaskaskias Ill. Ter. May 6. 1813
Yours of the 3rd ult. is before me I send you \$400 to
support the line of express. To which you will pay every
attention. The orders for guards to accompany the mail
must come from the War Office. accordingly as soon as
soon as Mr Brian sent your letter to this office. I sent
it to the Secretary at War, with a letter representing
the necessity of the measure. I hope your Gov^{mt} will
will continue the guards to the mail untill he hears
from the proper department. I have ordered the money
due to Mr Morrison to be forwarded to him.

The situation of your territory is truly deplorable and
I trust the Executive are making every effort for your
relief & will do justice to your citizens for all their
sufferings

I speak this as an individual, having no agency in
Government other than the faithful Administration of
this office. Last Friday the enemy burnt Frenchtown
on Elk River & yesterday Harve de Grace at the head of
this bay. Yours. G. G.
Put in P. Office May 5. 1813 D.S.

Dr Phineas Bradley, Baltimore May 4th 1813

It may be well for you to have a written authority under which
to act. I then give direct & authorize you to employ express
to carry through the mail by the way of Lancaster to Philad^a
untill the enemy are removed from Harve de Grace. It is not
possible to let the Government to let them remain there ma-
ny days. it will probably therefore be most cour^{se} to employ
individual express riders by the trip, possibly in Sulkeys.

Get them to go through in the time limited on the other
route if practicable, if not, order the mail delayed at
Philad^a till the connecting mails comes up. and then to
quicken their speed. Hold back also the mail at N. York
as much as may be necessary, and so at each point untill
untill you reach Portland. Give also a corresponding return-
ing mail so that the North & South may connect here.

Those orders are given under a supposition that a large force
may have landed which may not have yet been removed in
a few weeks. otherwise it will not be prudent to ex-
tend arrangements beyond N. York. It is possible you may
find a point west of Harve de Grace without making this
great bend where you may pass the mail in safety
probably at Peachbottom. Peachbottom & where the
present lines may be kept up by employing ^{some} extra
Riders. If so — do that — even the stages & heavy
mail

mail may pass so & the line of travel preserved —
 Do the best you can to get along the heavy mail —
 If the British seize one of the mails apply to one of the
 officers at Baltimore for a flag and in the name of
 this office endeavour to procure it. There can be no reason
 why they should detain the mail correspondence of our citi-
 zens & I believe it against the usage of civilized warfare
 you will draw on this office for as much money as
 you want, and keep it informed of all interesting events
 Yours G. G. P.

Edward Lowd Esq. P.M. Watertown N.Y. May 5. 1813
 I am surprised with information just received that
 your accounts are in arrear from June 30. 1805
 I have to inform you that if your returns are not
 made & your payments forwarded in sixty days your
 bonds will be sued & your continuance in office
 become impossible. G. G. P.

Letters similar to this, were sent to each of the
 following Postmasters viz.

- Joseph H. Windle, Sinking Springs T. owes from July 1 1808 to Dec 1, 1809. July 1 1810 owes for many years
- Abner Foster Riceboro Ga
- Hugh Dunlop Dunlopville T. from May 27. 1810
- Samuel Coates New Lancaster O. Oct 1. 1808
- Daniel Broadhead Kingston N.Y. Oct 1. 1810
- Joseph Hollison Boundbrook N.J. Jan 1. 1810
- William Anderson Amelia Ch Va Oct 1 to Dec 31 1808 June 15 1808
- Ichabod Fuller Esq. Duaneburg N.Y. May 9 to July 9, 1809 July 20 1810
- William Larwill Fawcettstown Ohio Oct 1. 1808
- John Hunter Duplin Ch N.C. July 1 1809
- John Jackson Buckhaman Va. Oct 1 1805 to Dec 1, 1809

Heart Massey Esq. P.M. Sacketts Harbour. Jeff. Co. N.Y. May 11
 I am informed that you have moved twelve miles
 from Sacketts Harbour in N.Y. It therefore becomes neces-
 sary to appoint a new P. Master at said place I have ac-
 cordingly appointed Mr. Elijah Tuley Postmaster there
 to whom you will be pleased on the receipt of this let-
 ter to deliver all the Post office property in your pos-
 session taking a receipt therefor if you think it neces-
 sary. You will also be pleased to state your account
 with this office & forward the same G. G. P.

Charles Burrell Esq. Baltimore May 7th 1813
 I have this moment received yours of the 6th — It is prudent
 to establish an express line by Bell Air & Bald Friar im-
 mediately. I wish Mr. Braintree to go immediately and have
 it effected. You will please advance him \$500 five hun-
 dred dollars on account of this office & take his receipt
 Pray make me informed of all interesting events. G. G.
 N.B. I return your chart of the road G. G. P.

James Abbot Esq. Philicotte O May 7 1813
 Yours of the 1st of May are received. I have appointed Mr.
 Belland at upper Sandusky. I am content that you station
 yourself in Delaware & that Mr. Hall act as postmaster
 under your direction. My last gave you permission to visit your
 family with the approbation of the Genl. If you mean by
 Canadian Refugees from Michigan, American citizens, of high
 fidelity & approved energy, you may employ them. But I
 pray you to be very carefull to employ the best & most
 faithful of men. yesterday I made a new effort for your
 exchange G. G. P.

Robert Patton Esq. Philad^a May 7 1813

I have received yours of the 5th & 3th. I have written to Gulick in a manner calculated to remove the evil. —

This moment I have determined to run the great Eastern letter mail by express & have given orders for it to pass by Belle Air & Bald Triars and to come in at Elkton
G. G.

Calvin Pease Warren Trumbull Esq. Ohio May 8 1813
Your express from Huron reached here this morning at 10 o'clock. The news is distressing. I sent your letter on to the President immediately. I pray heaven for a victory to our arms. This Office will do justice to their Agents & their compensation will pass in review. Keep up your express — make every effort in your power — Accomplish your business — be careful of public money — but more careful to accomplish the Service — The enemy have burnt on the Waters of the Chesapeake bay Havre de Grace, Frenchtown, Georgetown & Frederick Town in Cecil Co. Md.
G. G.

William Lambert Esq. Nanjemoy Md May 8. 1813

I have been duly favoured with yours of the 2^d. I had frequently mentioned the importance of a vessel cruising in the river to examine carefully every water craft passing up or down, and finding those employ'd to make discovery I forthwith applied to the Secretary of State & suggested the measure, he approved of it and assured me he would take measures to have it effected immediately. The enemy have burnt Georgetown & Frederick^{town} on the Sapsapas. Md an express has just arrived from Sandusky — on the 29th

the enemy has burnt Harrison in Ft. Meigs & the attack continues till the express came from Huron May 3 — Issue unknown
G. G.

Robert Patton Esq. Philad^a May 8 1813

I have yours of the 7th 6th. I pray you to send expresses Eastward whenever there is a reasonable hope that the connection may be kept up by the highest effort — and invariably when the mails bear letters to our commanding Officers, from the Executive or War Depart^{ment} or Navy. Always push the mail this way by expresses, whether it can overtake the departed mail or not — Our efforts cannot be too great. — Harrison's Army was attacked 29th ult. in the Fort — A steady onset continued till noon May 3 when our express left the Huron — issue unknown — It reach'd here this morning 4 1/2 days — rider did not sleep. G. G.

Theodore Beall Esq. P. M. Berlin, Md. May 7th 1813

I think it proper to discontinue the Postoffice at Berlin Md, and to establish one in lieu thereof at Petersville in Frederick Co. Md. five & one fourth miles from Trapp and to appoint Mr Grafton Duvall postmaster there, to whom you will be pleased on the receipt of this letter to deliver all the postoffice property in your possession — you will also state your accounts with this office & forward the same. G. G.