

211 Mr John Muller

April 18. 1844

Leedsburg Va

I have in reply to your letter of the 14 inst that so long as the representatives of your deceased son Joseph Muller shall faithfully convey the mails entrusted to him in Sept last by this Office - that they will be permitted to convey the mails agreeably to the contract. that the deceased entered into with this Office for the unexpired term of said contract

R. J. M.

Honorable William Lattimore

April 18. 1844

M. H. Representatives

The conveyance of the mail between Pinebluffville and Pearl River in the Miss. Terr. was in Sep. last assigned to James Lyon - who has failed to comply with his proposal - Mr Wm S. Arick is the next lowest bidder to Mr Lyon, will you have the goodness to say whether Mr Arick is a suitable person to take charge of the mail -

R. J. M.

Miss Beach Esq

April 15. 1844

Saratoga Springs N.Y. The letter signed by yourself and ten other Gentlemen under date of the 11th Mar is received in which you observe that you can have an annual additional weekly mail conveyed between your Office and Ballston Spa and one other weekly mail carried on the same route during the months of July, August & September for \$60 per ann - I consider the proposal to be reasonable - and enclosed you have a bond and contract to be executed by the contractor, when done and the papers are returned to this Office a counterpart of the contract ^{duly} executed on my part will be forwarded to the contractor

R. J. M.

James Grover Esq

April 18. 1844

Scipio N.Y.

I have received your letter of Mar 7th if the case that you complain of rests with the contractor or his agents he shall be fined - that mail must be carried agreeably to the contract - Mr Bowen will not be permitted to employ unworthy carriers

R. J. M.

Philip J. Conwell Esq

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April 18. 1844

Lake P. N. at Carlisle N.H.

It appears by the books of this Office that Eliza Huntington Esq has been appointed P.M. at Carlisle in your place - Mr Huntington states in a letter dated the 7th inst that you refused to deliver over to him the articles of Post Office Property in your possession; Altho he has received his commission - I hope if not already done you will deliver it over immediately that you will not render it necessary for me to put you to the expense of a prosecution -

R. J. M.

Mr William Linton

April 18. 1844

near Chitticothe Ohio,

The Postmaster of Gallipolis complains of your mail carriers late arrival at his Office - you are bound by contract to make your arrival at that Office on Sundays by 6 P.M. if you do not punctually comply with your contract, we shall be compelled (however reluctantly) to exact every penalty that your rider has incurred or may incur by his negligence

R. J. M.

Joshua Hathaway Esq

April 18. 1844

Rome N.Y.

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst I observe that as Mr Lee has removed, and discontinued the conveyance of the mail between your Office and Utica - I wish you to continue Mr Tuttle, whom it appears you have employed - to carry the mail, provided he will transport said mail three times a week and at the rate of \$250 per ann - that was the sum paid to Mr Lee and it was considered to be a fair compensation, if he accepts of this proposal you will instruct him to carry the mail in the manner that it was carried by Mr Lee - may we hear from you on this subject -

R. J. M.

Mr Luther Bowen

April 18. 1844

Deruyter N.Y.

It is represented to this Office that the Albany mail frequently fails in its direct progress to Scipio - and the failure is attributed to your carriers - they are said to be in some instances too small for the service and in others as unworthy of employment - the mail ought never to be entrusted to boys or to men whose character is doubtful

R. J. M.

302 Francis S. Clergy Esq.
Gallipolis O. April 18/54
I have rec^d your letter of the 6th inst. Mr. Foster must
have the mail duly delivered at your Office on Sundays by 6 P.M. I have this
day written to him to that effect; I am willing to accommodate the carrier
of the Athens mail he can make his arrival at your Office on
Wednesdays by noon and depart the same day by 2 P.M. instead of
observing the schedule attached to his contract — R.J.M.

Mr. Alex^r McCalla April 18. 1854
Philadelphia Pa. I
I have received your letter of the 15th inst and
consent that the mail between Easton & Philadelphia every Monday, Wednesday
& Friday at 9 P.M. arrive at Easton on the next days by 5 P.M. Leave
Easton every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday at 7 P.M. arrive at
Philadelphia same days by 7 P.M. — this schedule is substituted
for the one attached to the contract by which the contractors are
bound to convey the mail twice a week on the above postroad R.J.M.

Mr. Gadsby Apr 18
Baltimore Md. I
I am told that your stages run thrice
a week between Baltimore & Annapolis & the Citizens of the
latter place are desirous that you should carry the mail
so often. — If you are disposed to carry the mail three times
a week for one hundred dollars a year in addition to
your present pay. I wish you to commence immediately
R.J.M.

Geo. Smith P.M. Apr 20
Hiawassa Tc. I
It is found impracticable to send
the great mail by way of your office so that it may
arrive at Nashville in season. It is therefore pro-
posed to release the contractor from the requisition of
calling at Hiawassa. & that the mail should be car-
ried from your office to Washington by a special
contract.

I will therefore thank you to employ a person for that
purpose who shall receive from this office such pay as
you shall designate presuming it will not be ne-
cessary to exceed fifty two Dollars per year. Please to
write me on the subject R.J.M.

Mary Taylor Apr 25
Executrix of Edm^d Taylor Newport Ky
To facilitate the correspondence between Cincinnati Ohio &
Lexington Ky I will thank you to instruct your mail
carrier to conform to the annexed schedule viz leave Cin-
cinnati every Tuesday at 9 A.M. arrive at Georgetown
on Thursday by 8 A.M. leave Georgetown every Friday
by 4 P.M. arrive at Cincinnati on Sunday by 2 P.M.
To compensate for the detention of your mail carrier
at Georgetown I shall allow you at the rate of \$100. — per
from the 15 of next mo. until the 31 of Decm. following
we shall request your mail carrier to begin to convey
the mail agreeably to the above schedule, by the 15 of
May R.J.M.

Thomas Watson P.M. April 26. 1854
Newbern N.C. I
We received your letter of the
15 inst instead of the schedule that you have proposed
I wish you to be governed by the following viz leave
Smithville every Saturday at 8 A.M. arrive at
Wilmington same day by 6 P.M. Leave Wilming-
ton every Sunday by 6 P.M. & arrive at Smithville
the same day by 5 P.M. you can arrive at & depart
from Wilmington with the Newbern line on the
same days & at same hours that your

305. schedule required you to conform to at Smithville.
The mail register which was received at this office yesterday from Wilmington acknowledges the receipt of your Smithville mail but twice during the months of Jan^y Feb^y & March viz on the 9 Feb^y & 19 Mar. I trust that that there is some error in the return for it can hardly be possible that you should fail eleven times out of thirteen, I expect you will make an early & satisfactory explanation on this subject. R. J. M.

✓ In: McFarland
Camden S.C. April 26
I observe in reply to your letter of the 27 In: that I should be much pleas'd to have the mail transported between Columbia & Charleston in a stage & I will give you an advance of 33 1/3 per cent for so doing; on the sum now paid for carrying said mail on horseback, we now pay \$15.00 per ann. for conveying the mail on that road twice a week - & with the advance I propose to allow, your annual compensation for carrying that mail twice a week in stage I will two thousand dollars a number of offers have been made to carry the mail on that line in a stage at the rate of \$2,000. per ann. R. J. M.

✓ William Claggett
Portsmouth N.H. April 26
I observe in reply to your letter of March 30. that Mr. Josiah Paine has stipulated to convey the mail from Boston to Portsmouth, three times a week by Exeter N.H. R. J. M.

Josiah Paine
Portland N.H. April 26. 14
A gentleman in Portsmouth N.H. complains of the want of a connection by mail between Portsmouth & Exeter - do you carry the mail three times a week thro' Exeter if so the accommodation is sufficient - may we hear from you on this subject. R. J. M.

In: Lord Esq.
Wilmington N.C. April 26.
From the late mail register that has been received from your office from Smithville in the first quarter of the present year, it does not appear that any mails were received at your office during that period except on the 9 Feb^y & 19 March. - were those the only mails or was there an error in the returns? I will thank you to send the mail by a special messenger to Smithville, in every instance that the contractor shall fail to do so. - you will send the mail on Sunday & let the carrier return on Monday; you will allow the carrier for each trip a sum not exceeding six dollars - when performed I will thank you to inform this office of every instance of a failure in the mail. R. J. M.

Michael Leib Esq.
Philadelphia April 28.
In reply to your letter of the 24 In: I observe that if your citizens are satisfied that the Eastern mails shall close at 3 P.M. you can close the mail for that route at that hour - until you are further advised from this office. but I must at the same time remark, that all packages received at your office for the purpose of going by mail one hour previous to the actual departure of the mail, must be forwarded at the mail for

307. James Brown P.M. ap. 26.
Shepherdstown Va. I have received your letter of the
22 Inst. it is probable that Mr. Lane's letter has been mis-
sent & that it will be forwarded to this office as a dead
letter, in that event, it will be sent to Mr. Lane from this
office. The course proposed by the postmaster at Charleston
was correct & conformable to the 2nd & 8th article of the P.M.'s
instructions to postmasters if you refer the gentleman to those
instructions I trust that he will be satisfied that the P.M.
of Charleston did right in forwarding his letter, & in
rating it with additional postage. R.S.M.

Cornelius Vandevener ap. 28
Frenton N.Y. The P.M. of Erwinna Pa. says that
your rider has been frequently absent for three weeks at a
time - your contract must be carried into full effect & you
will be withheld from your current yrs. pay to cover the pen-
alties incurred by your riders neglect. R.S.M.

N. P. Tyler ap. 28
Blenheim N.Y. I have received your letter of the 8 Inst.
The P.M.'s has not the power to release sureties of P.Masters
from their bonds after the postmaster has become insolvent
but it has special duty to collect all balances due to the Gen.
P. Office, & when the principal is insolvent - the balances
must be exacted from the sureties. Mr. Herrick ought to have
paid the balance due from him five years ago. I do not
think it will be compatible with my official duty to
extend any further indulgence in this case. R.S.M.

John Moore April 29. 14
Salem N.C. I observe in reply to your letter of the 16 Inst.
that to compensate you for extraordinary detention of the bond
& contract which were transmitted from this office to you
& for your additional duty in calling at Baras Forge
this office proposed to allow you the additional sum of \$96.
per ann. in the month of Jan'y last. - from the representa-
tion you have made it will in my opinion be equitable
to extend the allowance at the rate of sixty dollars per ann.
a note to that purport is made on your contract now in
this office - you are excused from going thro' Bethania
with the mail & you can continue the present accommodation
to the P. Office at Hamptonville. - I will further remark
that if on experiment it appears that you have a claim
to a further allowance of \$60. - per ann. (the sum you
demanded) it will be probably allow'd, provided that you
faithfully fulfill the covenants of your contract. I will
thank you to return the bond & contract duly executed.
R.S.M.

Hugh McDonald ap. 28
Augusta Ga. We have no objection to your trans-
ferring your Lewisville mail contract to another person
provided that he is qualified to carry the contract into
full effect. R.S.M.

J. W. Devereux ap. 29
Milledgeville Ga. I submit to your decision - whether to
employ the son of the deceased Mr. Iverson to transport
the Traicere mail or the gentleman mentioned in
your note of the 8 Inst. you can make use of the paper
which were sent from this office to be executed by Mr.
Iverson you will erase his name & insert the name
of the person you contract with. R.S.M.

309 Hugh Erwin
Erwinna Pa. The conduct of Mr Vandewer is very reprehensible - I pray you to accept my thanks for giving this office notice of his failures R.S.M. apt 28.

William Woody Esq
Leesburg Va The P.M. of Bradens Store states that the receipts of his office are diminished by the public very much incommodated by your not carrying the mail direct from Waterford to his office agreeably to your contract R.S.M. april 28

William Beemer
New Market Ohio a post office is established at Newbys & Rd. on your route Fred. & Winchester where you will call with the mail. If it is out of your way you shall be allowed for the increased distance in proportion to your pay for the distance on your contract route. R.S.M. April 20, 1814

Wm. J. Bledsoe
Mayssville Ky Your favour of the 12 is before me it appears that the additional mail between Nashville & New Orleans was established in consequence of the interruption of the mail between Milledgeville & New Orleans & was continued only until the latter could be resumed. The war still continues with the lower Creek & I have not yet considered whether it will be expedient to discontinue the 2 weekly mail from Nashville when the second route from Milledgeville can be resumed I have however directed a second mail from Frankfort to Nashville to continue as long as the second mail

to New Orleans. After the close of this year the mail will be sent from Lexington to Danville. - - -

Directions I understand were given to make up special mails for Mayssville so that no inconvenience should be sustained in consequence of having the distributing office at Washington. When the members return to Congress in the fall, we shall have an opportunity of considering further on the subject of making Mayssville the distributing office. R.S.M.

Mr Haas & Lamb
Lynchburg Va previous to the receipt of your letter of April 23 we had instructed the Pittsylvania mail contractor to depart from Lynchburg on Thursday mornings with a view to the better accommodation of the printers of newspapers at Lynchburg & to establish a more direct connection between that place & Danville. R.S.M. May 2

David Price
Terry ch. Va I have received your letter of April 14 I wish you to leave Norfolk every Sunday instead of Monday - during the summer schedule if you will make your arrival at Petersburg on Sundays instead of Mondays during the same period. R.S.M. May 2 1814

William B Miller
Fayetteville N.C I have received your letter of Apt 2 this office has already entered into a contract for transporting the mail in a stage between Fayetteville & Wilmington N.C. R.S.M. May 2

311 Michael Harvey
Randolph Co. N.C. I wish you to regularly deliver
the mail at the post office established at Beards-
Mill N.C. R.S.M.

Gabriel Nourse
Sharpsburg Md. I reply to your letter of the 17th of
- sewing) that as the late alterations in your two routes have
rendered it necessary for you to be out two nights in a week
more than you were under your former schedule, it is but
reasonable to make you an additional allowance of
\$60. - per ann to cover that expence R.S.M.

Smith Blair
Beards Mill N.C. I have requested the mail contractor
to call regularly at your office with the mail R.S.M.

Thos. Wallon Esq.
New Egypt N.Y. I have received yours of April; I will
thank you to inform Mr. Potts that he will be fined 5¢
for each time that he fails to call at your office with
the mail. R.S.M.

Alexander McCalla
Philadelphia The schedule that you propo-
- sed for transporting the mail between Phil^a & Easton
& to which we agreed as will appear by my letter to you
of April 18 past, proves to be inconvenient to the Citizens
of Luzerne - I therefore request that you cause the
mail to be transported in the following manner until
you are further advised by this office.

Leave Phil^a every Sunday, Wednesday & Friday at 2 A.M.
arrive at Easton same days at 8 P.M. Leave Easton
Easton every Monday, Thursday & Saturday at 2 A.M.
& arrive at Phil^a the same evenings preceding the pe-
- riod of your departure from that City. R.S.M.

William Gregory
Elizabeth City N.C. your letter of the 3rd is before me in
which you propose to contract for carrying the mail between
Norfolk, Elizabeth & Edenton, this cannot be done until
the route has been duly advertised. Contracts will be made
for that & other routes on the 1 Oct next. The route from
Norfolk by way of Indian town has not been discon-
- tinued. R.S.M.

Amos Webb
St. Francisville Or. you can charge at the rate of fif-
- ty per cent on the first hundred dollars collected in each
gp. so long as the mail arrives between 9 P.M. & 4 A.M. certify-
- ing on each account the actual average time of arrival. R.S.M.

Alexander Barr
Newville Pa. I have received your letter of the 28th of
April. The post office at Newville is on a private post road
& this office allows to the carrier of the mail between
Bartons & Newville the nett emoluments of the letter
office for his services - as you are carrier & postmas-
- ter you can credit yourself in your account current
for carrying the mail, with the balance that would
appear to be due from you on the adjustment of
your account. R.S.M.

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Jason Parker Esq.
Utica N.Y.
May 7.
It is necessary for you to extend
your mail line to Lewistown N.Y. without delay R.J.M.

Mr. Hankinson
Hatchers Mill Pa.
May 7.
I have received your letter of
April 19 if the representatives of Moses Davis do not
continue the transportation of the mail lately con-
fided to said Davis. I wish you to have the mail
carried on account of this office, at a ratio not ex-
ceeding six thousand dollars per ann. I will thank you to
inform me what measures are taken in relation to said
mail. R.J.M.

Robert Wallace
Percival Va.
April 30
I wish you to carry the mail hereafter
as follows viz from Harrisville by Fields Mill, Quarles
Pritchetts Stone McFarlands Lunenburg ch Mattsboro
Greensboro Christiansville, ^{Sunday 4th} Spanish Grove, Marshalls
ville & Fair Hill to Mecklenburg ch once a week 106 miles
& return on the same route. And from Percival
by Lewinville, Oak Grove, Vineyard, South Hill, & Lombar-
dy Grove, ^{on Saturdays} to St. Pammans, ^{Sunday 4th} once a week 60 miles.
Leave Harrisville every Tuesday at noon & arrive at
Mecklenburg ch on Thursday by 6 P.M. Leave Meck-
lenburg ch Friday at 6 A.M. & arrive at Harrisville
on Sunday by 2 P.M. Leave Percival every Tuesday
& arrive at St. Pammans on Wednesday by 6 P.M.
Leave St. Pammans every Thursday at 6 A.M. and
arrive at Percival on Friday by noon. For this ser-
vice you shall be allowed at the rate of \$5.50 per mile.

which amounts to nine hundred & twelve dollars a year sup-
posing the distance to be 106 miles R.J.M.

Thomas W Barber Esq.
Arnolds & Rd. Va.
May 9 1814
In reply to the note attach'd to your
late official return, I observe that this office now pays twen-
ty four dollars per annum for the special purpose of accommo-
dating your office with the mail on its way to Paris. —
We should be compelled to double that sum if the mail was
to pass by your office on its return an expence that the pro-
duct of your office would not justify. R.J.M.

Ebenzer Foster
Providence R.I.
May 10.
In reply to your letter of the 4 Inst. I
observe that a postroad is established between Providence
R.I. and Ashford Ct. — but it is necessary to ad-
vertise all postroads before we enter into contracts for car-
rying the mails for at least six weeks — that road with
many others will be soon advertised when I shall be glad
to receive your proposals R.J.M.

Cornelius Vandeventer
Trenton N.J.
May 11. 1814
I have received yours of the 5 inst.
when your rider shall forward evidence to this office
shewing his fidelity as a mail contractor carrier. I can
then better determine whether to ultimately retain the
penalty of fifty dollars or not. R.J.M.

William Stevens
Annapolis Md.
May 10.
I observe in reply to yours of the
6 Inst that you are bound to call at every post office
on your route wether the office is or is not inserted
in your contract R.J.M.

315 Joshua Hathaway

May 10.

Rome N.Y. I have received yours of the 2^d Inst. I wish Mr Tibbits to continue to transport the mail between your office & Utica on the conditions mentioned in my letter to you under date of April 18. we cannot allow him a greater compensation than is therein proposed. I wish him to continue the conveyance of the mail until the 31 December next. previous to that time the route will be advertised when we shall be glad to receive proposals from Mr Tibbits. R. J. M.

Zebe Millikan

May 10

Washington Fay Ohio I am favoured with your letter of April 21. I will thank you to ascertain who had charge of the mail in Sept. last at the time that the robbery appears to have been committed & to procure evidence of the robbery, if possible, that the offender may be prosecuted. I pray you to accept my thanks for the interest you have already manifested in the investigation of this business. R. J. M.

J. J. Cosens

May 11

Conneaut Ohio I have received your letter of the 4th Inst. as your route has been extended from Buffalo to Williamsville in consequence of the late disasters on the north western frontier. your pay will be increased, in proportion to the increase of your expenses & to the extension of your route as the mail is now travelling Buffalo you will travel no further east than that place. The

The season is so far advanced that you will have no difficulty in performing your route via Austinville R. J. M.

Alex. Doutremont

May 10

Angelica N.Y. I will thank you to see the enclosed bond contract & oak properly executed by Alexander Doutremont & when returned to this office a counterpart of the Contract properly executed will be forwarded to the Contractor. R. J. M.

Messrs. Neatman & Barber

May 12

Fredericksburg Virg. Gentlemen I will thank you to call at the P-office established at Millville King George Co. regularly with the mail. R. J. M.

John McFarland

May 12

Camden S.C. In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. I observe that we cannot give you a greater sum for transporting the mail on a stage between Columbia & Charleston than offered to you in my letter of April 26. R. J. M.

William Smith Esq.

May 12

Millville King George Co. Va. I have received yours of the 8th Inst. & I have instructed the contractors to call at your office regularly with the mail they have no claim to additional compensation as their ride is not increased. R. J. M.

Colonel Churchill A.S. Genl

May 14

Plattsburgh N.Y. I have received your letter of the 29th ult. covering one to the postmaster at Burlington. I have written to the

317. Plattsburg to make special mails for the eastward
while the direct mail to Burlington continues, which I
hope will correct the evil of which you complain -
The direct route from Burlington to Plattsburg can only
be continued while the two places are important as military
stations or while the war continues. Indeed if the route was
established by law the necessity of making Burlington
a distributing office is not very apparent. R. J. M.

Ebenezer Foster May 13
Providence R.I. We shall include the post route
mentioned in your letter of the 4 Inst. in the advertise-
ment that we are about publishing - when the route
is advertised I shall be glad to see your proposal. R. J. M.

W. Bransom Rowland & Newsom May 13
Fayetteville N.C. The manner in which you
have managed that part of your line south of Lumber-
ton has caused considerable complaint, in fact for sev-
-eral days together your arrival was so late at Fayette-
ville that the Postmaster could not distribute the mails
without encroaching on the rights of the northern Con-
tractors. - your mail must be carried agreeably to your
contract. R. J. M.

Mr. H. Bransom May 13
Fayetteville N.C. If Messrs. Rowland & Newsom
do not punctually carry the mail between Lumberton &
Portferry & thereby enable you to reach Fayetteville
in time, we shall be compelled to place the whole line
under your agency. R. J. M.

John Lynds May 14
Plattsburg N.Y. While the mail is continued between Bu-
-rington & Plattsburg you will make direct mails for
Burlington & other offices in Vt. which would otherwise
be delayed. I presume this is in fact done but a commu-
-nication has been received from the Postmaster at Burlin-
-gton which mentions delays that might have arisen from that
cause and I now write merely on that acct. R. J. M.

Thomas Watson May 13
Newbern N.C. I have received your letter of the 5 Inst. -
The schedule that we lately proposed for the Smithfield
mail, was made with a view to establish a more direct
correspondence between Fayetteville & Smithville - that
object will be as well answered by the annexed schedule - &
will I trust be very satisfactory to you - and by which you
will be governed until you are further advised from this office
- you leave Newbern every Friday by 2 P.M. arrive at Wilming-
-ton on Monday by 3 P.M. leave Wilmington the next morn-
-ing by 6 A.M. and arrive at Newbern the following Fri-
-day by 10 A.M. Leave Wilmington every Tuesday at 6 A.M.
arrive at Smithville the same day by 2 P.M. leave Smith-
-ville every Monday at 6 A.M. & arrive at Wilmington
same day by 2 P.M. R. J. M.

Alexander D. Kelly May 13
Springhill (T.C.) I have received yours of the 9 Inst.
I will thank you to inform Mr. Hill that he will be
fined five dollars - for each time that he fails to deliver
the mail at your office. R. J. M.

219. George Parsons
Warren Ohio
May 13 1814
We shall allow you one dollar a week for extending your route from Jefferson to Austinburg as it appears from your letter of the 3rd inst that the distance between those towns is eight miles and the roads are unusually bad you will extend your mail to Austinburg. — as early as practicable
R. J. M.

Leonard Baker
Albany N. Y.
May 16 1814
You have stipulated with this office to deliver the mail at Troy N. Y. at 8 a.m. in the winter and at 7 a.m. in the summer, your contract must be complied with; the citizens of Troy have cause of complaint.
R. J. M.

William W Collins
Madisonville Louis^a
May 17
I have received yours of April 12 whenever you perform an extra trip or trips with the mail between Madisonville and New Orleans City by the advice of the Postmaster at either of those places, & they shall certify to the performance of such trip or trips you shall receive an additional credit for the service in proportion to the annual compensation allow'd you for carrying said mail. Will you be good enough to return your bond & contract we shall then send you a counterpart of your contract.
R. J. M.

Charles Miller
Statesburg S. C.
May 17 1814
The P. O. established at Bradleysville must be accommodated by your rider with the mail. — you will receive an adequate compensation for every extra
travel

travel occasioned by the establishment of that office when you show how much (if any) your ride is increased. — The P. M. at Columbia will supply your route with a suitable Post mantle and
R. J. M.

Luther Fitch
Saccarappa N. Y.
May 17 1814
you have hereby authorized to open the Gorham Mail
R. J. M.

John W Jeanette
China Grove S. C.
May 17
I oblige in reply to your letter of the 5th inst. — that the P. O. law points out the compensation for P. Masters. — as the duties of your office are light I hope you will continue to act as P. Master — it is necessary that there a P. O. should be kept near you on account of the cross or Columbia mail
R. J. M.

E. B. Benson
Spartanburg S. C.
May 16 1814
your letter of the 5 is before me, you shall be allowed for the attenuations which you mention in your contract if you will inform me at what time you commenced your contract &c. at the rate of \$64. — supposing your travel to be increased at the rate of 25 miles each week
R. J. M.

Robertson Garlop
Marlboro Ch. S. C.
May 17 1814
When the mail regularly arrives at your office between the hours of 9 at night & 5 in the morning you can charge a commission of 50 per cent on the first \$100. — of letter postage — we cannot make you any allowance for candles without making you an exception to a general rule.
R. J. M.