

R. L. Gardner Esq. }  
 Jackson Co. Ga. } Sir,

General Post Office  
 19th May 1817.

I have received your several letters relative to the robbery of the mail by a post-ridee, without mentioning his name stating also that he had been arrested and bound over to trial in Sep. next. It is necessary that he should be tried by the United States court. And I wish you to make a deposition stating such facts, and confessions as have come to your knowledge & forward it to the district attorney of the United States, William Davis Esq. of Ga. Savannah. He will then take the necessary steps and advise what further is to be done. In your letter to Mr. Davis Esq. it will be necessary to mention the name of the rider & the names of the witnesses.

You will be entitled to a reward of two hundred dollars & the amount of necessary expenses for prosecuting him to conviction, when he is convicted. In the mean time the expenses already incurred, may be paid by you, sending on receipts for the several sums, the amount of which shall be forwarded to you, when the receipts &c. are forwarded here.

The public is indebted to you for your vigilance & care in this occasion

R. I. Meigs Jr.

W. Lindsay Crow }  
 Montgomery Co. Va. } Sir,

19th May 1817

I am sorry to be under the necessity of stating that it appears a well grounded complaint is made against you, for not furnishing sufficient or competent stages for the secure or safe transport of the mail.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Mr Geo. Cury } Sir,

19th May 1817.

By the court H. Va. } I have received and noticed the contents of your letter, of the 8th Instant.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

James Frasn Esq. P.M. } Sir,

19th May 1817

Augusta Ga. } As Mr. Starnes will not accept of less than one hundred dollars per annum, for altering both of his routes, he must have that sum, but if provender had been low in price. I would not have made him any allowance, but at once have discharged him

him from the service of mail carrying, for not making the respective alterations as required, will you say when he began the alterations that he may be credited properly.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Ben. May Esq. P.M. } Sir,

19th May 1817

New London Ct. } I am favoured by yours of the 13th with its enclosure. I am preparing to place the mail in efficient hands, on such part of the post-road between Newham, New London & Boston, as negligence is ascertained to have occurred on the part of carrier or contractor, I have this day requested Mr. Dutton to state the manner in which the contractors have divided their route, that we may more directly find the delinquent.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Mr. Asa Dutton } Sir,

19th May 1817

New London Ct. } Be good enough to state how the contractors, between Newham & Say Brook, Say Brook and New London, New London & Providence & Boston have divided the time for the mails transport on the above route, if not in the manner above proposed, how is it divided, and who are responsible for each division, your early reply is desired.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Mr. G. Lantigue M.C. } Sir,

19th May 1817

Augusta Ga. } It is represented that your driver was lately so intoxicated on the road as to be insensible to the mails value, and that he mail lay in the stable yard for the night, your attention to your time appears to be necessary and immediately.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Mr. M. King } Sir,

19th May 1817

Plymouth N.C. } I have yours of the 10th inst. Mr. Drant being on the spot can say what he thinks your extra compensation should be for the late alteration. I have written to him on that subject, who actually carried the mail, the last quarter of the year 1815, when proof of that fact we may more correctly determine whether Harris Smith shall have a credit for a part of said quarter

quarter as the account now stands, say two months to his credit, & one month to yours, or whether we may properly give you credit for the whole of that quarter if so you will in part obtain your object relative to the returned Draft.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Mr. Moses Burley Esq; Sir,

19 May 1817.

Palermo, Md. Your letter of the 1st. Ult. was in due course received, and had it not been mistak would have been promptly answered. Mr. Greely is appointed Postmaster at Four Corners at Palermo, it was not intended that his appointment should supersede the then and present Postmaster of Palermo, as a Postmaster.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Mr. J. Crawford & Winemiller, Gentlemen,

20th May 1817

Georgetown, Va. I have required that Messrs Haller & Leatherwood to deliver the Winchester mail at Fredericktown on Monday, Wednesday & Friday by noon so that you may bring the mail from Winchester to Washington the same days that it departs from Winchester.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

20th May 1817

Messrs Haller & Leatherwood Sir,

Fredericktown Md. You will from the receipt of this letter until Nov. 1st. now next carry the Fredericktown & Winchester mail as follows viz.

Leave Fredericktown every Sunday Tuesday and Wednesday at 11 A.M. arrive at Winchester the same days by 10 P.M. Leave Winchester every Monday Wednesday & Friday at 12 1/2 A.M. arrive at Fredericktown same days by noon, you can if preferred leave that town the evenings preceeding the days above mentioned, the other points must be complied with, so that the mail may reach Baltimore & Washington City the same days, all penalties will be enforced

R. I. Meigs Jr.

21st May 1817

Mr. Daniel Wardwell Esq; Sir,

Manassas, near Ellsburg, Md. I have yours of the 13th. I have given positive orders to Mr. St. Hall to have the mail delivered at your office. I will thank you to say whether he has or has not complied with that order.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

21st May 1817

Mr. Richard C. Stockton Sir,

Baltimore Md. I am informed that you run three stages a week between Baltimore and Carlisle via York Springs, it is desirable to supply the Post Office at the latter place with mails as often as stages run, for the period of General resort to the Springs, on what terms will you so supply that place, with at least three weekly mails, and as much oftener as your stages travel, your early answer is desired.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

21st May 1817

Mr. Robert H. Lowry Esq; Sir,

Proprietor of York or Sulphur Springs Baltimore Md. I have requested Mr. Stockton to state the terms, for which he will supply the Post Office at York Springs with three weekly mails, and more than that number if his stages pass oftener, than three times a week.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

21st May 1817

Messrs Lashell & Lindsay Gentlemen,

Gettysburg Pa. I wish you to suspend your mails departure west, from McConnellstown until the Hagerstown mail shall arrive on Mondays, such expense if any as grows out of this alteration shall be paid you.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

21st May 1817

Messrs Boyd & Kapp Sir,

Hagerstown Md. I am to request that you cause your Mondays mail to be delivered at McConnellstown by 9 A.M. at farthest.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office.

21<sup>st</sup>. May 1817

J. Love Esq. P.M. & Sir,  
Manchester Ky. } Will you obtain from the mail carrier his terms for making the change proposed in your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. and let this office know the result.

P.S. If necessary you can purchase a post maulou and charge its expense to this office.

R. I. Meigs Jr

22<sup>d</sup> May 1817

Mr. Randolph Walker & Sir,  
Tappahannock Va. } I have yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. did I believe it necessary to prolong your period of arrival at Tappahannock, I would oblige by so doing, but being certain that, without any inconvenience a tolerable horse can travel from Fredy to Tappahannock in the time allowed, I must insist that you carry the mail as before prescribed or that you withdraw from the service, your late failures at Tappahannock show a deficiency in power of your horses or the want of energy of their riders, and the want of attention of you as Contractor, I am sorry to be under the necessity of fining you, & I hope that I shall not be compelled to annul your contract.

R. I. Meigs Jr

22<sup>d</sup>. May 1817

Robert Weir Esq. P.M. & Sir,  
Tappahannock Va. } I regret to learn that Walker arrives so late at your Office, he is informed that he must either comply with his contract or withdraw from the service, in the latter event, what successor can we find and whom and at what price.

R. I. Meigs Jr

22<sup>d</sup>. May 1817

Mr. Peter Williams & Sir,  
Cincinnati Ohio. } I have your two letters of the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. if Bennett does abandon his route, I wish Mr. Graves to so extend his route as to embrace all Post Offices which are not otherwise accommodated by mail, for so doing he shall be paid at the rate of six dollars a mile per annum counting the distance one way, our advertisement is now in the publishers hands, whether we can amend it as you propose we know not.

R. I. Meigs Jr

## General Post Office.

22<sup>d</sup>. May 1817

Messrs Suggat & Thompson & Sir,  
Great brooping Ky. } I have yours of the 13<sup>th</sup>. we have been lately informed that the cause of delay, before alluded to are so from the inefficiency of Postman teams or Saddlebags.

R. I. Meigs Jr

24<sup>th</sup> May 1817

William H. Jones Esq. & Sir,  
P.M. Newhaver Ct. } I have received yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. in which you fully exculpate Mr. Nichols as being the delinquent carrier, it is difficult to find out the one actually in fault, if that mails regularity is not restored, we must make an entire new contract, will you ascertain from Mr. Nichols, how the Providence mail route is divided, by to length of Road period of performance, and who has charge of the several divisions of the road, an early answer will oblige, Yours &c.

R. I. Meigs Jr

24<sup>th</sup> May 1817

Humphrey Pratt Jr Esq. & Sir,  
P.M. Saybrook Ct. } At what hour is the mail from New London on the respective mail days generally delivered at your office, at what hour is the mail from Newhaver generally delivered at your office, which of those mails is most ~~regular~~ usually irregular, your reply will oblige, Yours &c.

R. I. Meigs Jr

24<sup>th</sup> May 1817

Mr. Nitchey Esq. P.M. & Sir,  
Davidson or Lawrence Ct. Messrs Terry. } I have yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> ult. to better accommodate Arkansas with the mail, I some time since authorized the departure of the mail from Minou Burton instead of St. Louis, I cannot send that mail from St. Genevieve without the authority of Congress. We have no spare maps of the United States in the office.

R. I. Meigs Jr

26<sup>th</sup> May 1817

Robert Gardiner Esq. & Sir,  
Georgetown D.C. } Your letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> is before me it would me pleasure to oblige you, but we at present have no need of an agent abroad, nor does the business of this office at this time acquire addition aid.

R. I. Meigs Jr

W. John Davis  
Washington City

Georgetown Post Office  
24th May 1817

Sir,  
Your letter explaining the reasons which induced you to return the Bond and contract for the mails transport between Georgetown and Baltimore remaining unanswered, I regret that any circumstances should have transpired to induce the return of these papers, you say that Mr. Crawford's death has changed your stage concerns and that the present company will not consent to execute the papers, and that they are not willing to accept a less sum than your original written proposal of two thousand dollars a year. I cannot enforce the execution of the papers, it is true nor am I obliged to accept of your late proposal, although the service may be thought worth it, if we judge from the circumstance, that that sum has for a number of years been regularly paid for that service, but as we are circumstanced, I now propose to give your company sixteen hundred dollars a year, instead of two thousand dollars as is demanded, and no more, unless it be found necessary to expedite the mail both at Baltimore and Washington, in that event, and if to fully to effect the object of expedition you are compelled to employ curricles, and if you do actually do carry the mail with punctuality as well as speed, I may be induced to make you a reasonable additional allowance, to cover such expense as you incur from the use of the curricles, if on those terms you are disposed to contract, you can do so if not we must take other measures to effect the transport of the Baltimore mail, the manner in which the mail between Baltimore and Washington City has carried the past winter was highly satisfactory to this office and the publick, and has been an inducement with me to make this offer, an early reply requested.

R. J. Meigs

General Post Office  
26th May 1817

Mr. William Sawin

Portland Me. } Yours of the 14th is received. The rise of horse feed has been general as well as unexpected, the present year the last year it was low, the ensuing year it is hoped will be less, although yours with many others may be a hard case, yet I do not see any way in which I can add to the compensation stipulated to be given to you on account of the extra price of horsefeed.

R. J. Meigs  
27th May 1817

Abner Wellborn Esq. P.M.

Wellborns Store near Columbia Ga. } I have made provision for supplying your office with a mail, on the mails return from Washington to Augusta.

R. J. Meigs  
27th May 1817

James Frazer Esq. P.M.

Rt. Augusta Ga. } A post office sometime since established at Wellborns Store in Wilkes County, which must be supplied with a mail, to do so you will instruct Mr. E. Starnes, to go to Athens by Wrightsboro and return by Wellborns Store, if his ride be thereby increased, he shall be paid at the rate of four dollars a mile counting the distance one way per annum, as Mr. Starnes has before declined a compliance with the instruction of this office he may venture to do so in his case, if so I wish you to ascertain the best terms that can be made for transporting the mail to Athens with a man, who will fulfill his contract and act agreeably to the instruction to this office.

R. J. Meigs  
27th May 1817

Mr. Joseph Asbury

Kenhama Co. Va. } Your letter of the 13th is received, as relates to your nonperformance I observe, that we confidently believe that your failures are to be attributed to a want of energy and determination to do your duty, two complaints are now before me, you have now your choice to do your duty faithfully or withdraw from the service of this office.

R. J. Meigs

General Post Office

27th May 1817

Abraham Westcott Esq. R.M. Sir,

Hackensack N.Y. { The postroute referred to in yours of the 17th will be advertised in a few days, a copy will be sent to you.

R. I. Meigs Jr

27th May 1817

William Houque Esq. R.M. Sir,

Hankawa Ch. N.C. { I have yours of the 13th instant, Asbury must carry the mail punctually or withdraw, where can we see find a man to succeed him who will do his duty, at a fair price;

R. I. Meigs Jr

27th May 1817

John S. Skinner Esq. Sir,

B.M. Baltimore Md. { The mails for Winchester should during the summer season should be sent from your office via. Fredr at present mails can go from Baltimore to Winchester in a day, while this arrangement lasts, that channel is the proper one to send the mails.

R. I. Meigs Jr

27th May 1817

Messrs Crawford & Winemiller Sirs,

Georgetown D.C. { Messrs Haller & Leatherwood assure me that if you punctually deliver your mail at Fredericktown by 10 1/2 am that they will deliver you the Winchester mail by noon.

R. I. Meigs Jr

27 May 1817

William Lorman Esq. Sir,

Baltimore Md. { I particularly request that you cause the mail to be delivered at Fredericktown by 10 1/2 am so that the mail and passengers may go thence to Winchester the same day.

R. I. Meigs Jr

27 May 1817

W. Richard C. Stockton Sir,

Baltimore Md. { I have yours of the 23rd you shall be paid two hundred twelve dollars for the regular delivery of two additional weekly mails to the York Springs from July 1st. to September now next.

R. I. Meigs Jr

General Post Office

27th May 1817

James Hannah Esq. R.M. Sir,

Huntington S.C. { My advertisements embracing the new postroads is in the hands of the printer, when published we intend to send one to your Office.

R. I. Meigs Jr

27 May 1817

Wm James Mitchell Sir,

Mythe C.H. Va. { The Postmaster of Jefferson N.C. states in his letter of the 17th Inst. that he has received but one mail from Grayson Ch. since the last week in March and that three failures had occurred previous to that period as he believes, your contract will cease to have effect as relates to that route from this date, and your credits will not extend to March 31st. I shall enquire into the fidelity of your other agents.

R. I. Meigs Jr

27th May 1817

A. Barker Esq. R.M. Sir,

Jefferson N.C. { I have received yours of the 27th Inst and I have annulled the Contract for the postroute Grayson Ch. and Jefferson made with James Mitchell I wish to contract for the weekly transport of that mail at a rate not exceeding three hundred dollars a year. from the receipt of this letter, let me know the Contractors name and period of beginning, that I may forward a Bond and contract for execution.

R. I. Meigs Jr

27 May 1817

Col. John Redd Sir,

Henry C.H. Va. { Post offices were sometime since established at Cornes store and Bakersville and your carrier should have returned by those offices on his way from Patrick to Henry Ch., will you give positive orders to do so.

R. I. Meigs Jr

27th May 1817

Messrs Staples, Baker & Horn Sirs,

near Patrick C.H. Va. { I have received yours of the 1st Inst. papers necessary to the establishment of post offices at Cornes store and Bakersville were sometime since sent to Henry Ch. and arrangements made to supply them with the mail, the contractor for that route has no positive instructions on that subject.

R. I. Meigs Jr

## General Post Office

S. M. Daniel White Esq. Sir,

27 May 1817

Spartanburg S.C. { We do not see how your additional credits have amounted to \$187.75 Quarterly, as mentioned in your letter of the 18th ult., will you inform me.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

27th May 1817.

Richard Lemmon Esq. Sir,

P.M. Salisbury Md. { Yours of the 19th instant is received you can continue to transport the mail between your office and Quantico, at eighteen dollars per Quarter, you have a credit for that service from Jan<sup>y</sup> now last.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

G. Allen Esq. P.M. Sir,

28th May 1817

Providence R.I. { I will thank you to peruse seal and hand the enclosed letter to McComber, Fish &c. and if they do not prep the mail forward as is their duty to do, you will in that case cause the mail to be carried by express by persons who will do their duty. I trust that you will advise me of the ~~course~~ you take.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

28th May 1817

A. Messrs McComber, Fish &amp; Alden, Eaton &amp; Dutton

Providence R.I. { Sirs, I have to my regret and astonishment ascertained that you have in direct contradiction to your contract, adopted a course for transporting the mail immediately in your charge between New London & Boston, that must invariably produce a failure in the due delivery of the mail at New Haven, in time for its regular and due departure by the pending mail southward, every penalty by you incurred will be rigidly exacted, and if the mail is not delivered in New London in time for its prompt and certain delivery at New Haven in time for departure by the New York mail, your Contract will annulled, the same course will be pursued if you fail in the due delivery of the mail at Boston.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

28th May 1817

Wm. H. Jones Esq. P.M. Sir,

New Haven Ct. { Since my letter of the 21st my agent has reported the mail appears to be <sup>duly</sup> carried between New Haven & New London, but thence to Boston as well as from Boston to New London the Contracting regardless of their contract, consult their private views in the transport passengers, I have taken measures that will effectually restore the mails regularity. I believe, if regularity continues, I hope to be apprised of it.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

## General Post Office

Gabriel Allen Esq. P.M. Sir,

28th May 1817

Providence R.I. { I have received yours of the 19th inst the report of Mr. Billings appears to clear and impartial, and irresistibly shews that the shameful and unprecedented failures of the main southern mail from Boston via Providence to New Haven &c are owing to the misconduct of Messrs Fish, McComber, Aldrich, Eaton & Dutton, who are charged with the transport of the mail between New London Ct. and Boston Ms. it is not a little surprising that these Gentlemen should knowingly violate their Contract in such repeated instances, to the prejudice not only to the public generally but to many of their personal friends and supporters who are engaged in commerce and other important business, it is proper that the Gentlemen of your Town who very justly remonstrated against the irregularity of the mail in question, should know who have been in fault, and I am particularly to request that you will make the contents of this letter known to them; the evil would not have extended to this period had we obtained correct intelligence relative to the delinquents, the evil should be immediately corrected.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

28th May 1817

David Logan Esq. P.M. Sir,

St. Francis Mission Tn. { Yours of the 22<sup>d</sup> is received, I will thank you to tell the Arkansa mail carrier, that if he does not call at all established offices on his route whether they are or are not inserted in his contract, that I shall require his despatch.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

28th May 1817

Chas. W. May Esq. P.M. Sir,

New London Ct. { Since my late letter to you it is well ascertained that the recent failures of the main southern mail from Boston, Providence, New London &c are justly attributed to Messrs Dutton, Eaton, Fish, Aldrich & McComber, who regardless of their contract relative to the mail, have made arrangements to suit the Steam Boat passengers.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

## General Post Office

28th May 1817

William Beck Esq. P.M. Sir,

Raleigh N.C. } Is the mail carried in due faith by Barr or his agents between your Office and Salem, and to the several intermediate Offices, is a want of energy or means to carry the contract into effect manifested, your early reply is requested.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

28th May 1817

Thomas Scott Esq. P.M. Sir,

Haw River N.C. } Has Barr failed in having the mail duly delivered at your Office the present or past month, when it is was practicable for him to have so, if so when, does he or his agents want means or energy to carry his contract into full effect, your early reply is requested.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

28th May 1817

G. Shober Esq. P.M. Sir,

Salem N.C. } Does Barr carry the mail agreeably to contract between your office and Raleigh and to the several intermediate offices, does he or his agents lack means or energy to carry the mails properly, your early answer is desired.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

28th May 1817

Messrs Isaac Randolph &amp; J. Kimball Sir,

Edgefield C.H. S.C. } Your letter of the 19th inst enclosing a copy of your contract with Mr. Brewen of the firm of Downer & Brewen is received Mr. Brewen had notified this Office that he had transferred the contract from Salem via S.C. and Augusta Ge. to you, and requested all payments falling due for that route to be made to you from the 1st of April last, from that period, you will be paid and considered as mail contractors, your quarterly pay for said route is seven hundred & fifty dollars, all penalties (if any) by you incurred will be placed to your account.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

29th May 1817

Messrs Powell, Parkes &amp; Co Sir,

Mail Contractors, Schenectady N.Y. } Mr Joseph Branch says that you have stipulated with him to transport the mail between Albany, Cooperstown &c and Manlius, is he correct in his statement, for a Mr. Swan some weeks ago, stated that he had transported said mail as well as the mail from Cooperstown to Oxford for account of Branch, but that he would do so no longer unless he was assured of payment from this Office, we hope to have an early letter from you on this subject, that we may set the matter right.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

29th May 1817

Mr Joseph Branch Sir,

Cambridge or Jackson N.Y. } In reply to your letter of the 15th instant I observe that we have no advice of your having transferred any part of your lines to Messrs Powell & Co, if we had we should have called on those gentlemen for the performance of their contract made with you, Mr. Swan claimed to have transported your mails on the West side of the Hudson and refuse to do so longer, without assurance of pay from this Office, he has had a provisional assurance of that kind, but if you make it appear that we have been erroneously informed, you shall be restored to your contract.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

29th May 1817

Mr Nicholas Swyer Sir,

Harrisburg Pa. } It would be useful to the public to have stages pass between Harrisburg or Middletown and York Pa. but it is out of question for this Office to give one thousand dollars a year for transporting a small mail on that route, if a citizen of Harrisburg or Middletown would carry the mail to the ferry opposite York haven, and a carrier would carry the mail from York to York haven, and in this way save the expence of ferrying the stage and horses, a line with the aid of the mail would probably obtain support, this route will soon be advertised.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

29th May 1817

Mr William Mainer Sir,

Milledgeville Ga. } I have yours of the 19th such expences as you incur by detention at Madison of Mr Browns arrival shall be repaid to you, I have with the view of preventing expence and delay, directed that Brown shall arrive at the time pointed out.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

General Post Office

May 28th 1817

Messrs Hopburn & Prince & Sir,  
New York.

On the receipt of your letter of the 17th enquiries were made at the Bank of Pa. It appears that one of the notes ~~was~~ deposited by Mr Heath letter agent for Messrs Waites Lottery Brokers of New York. Our correspondent had not been able to see Mr. Heath, the other was deposited by the Mechanics Bank of Phila. but the clerk had neglected to require the person who deposited it to enclose his name on it. & they they could not tell from whom it was received. The enquiry is pursuing, & I have written to Messrs Waites of New York.

R. J. Meigs Jr

26 May 1817

Messrs Waites Lottery & Sir,  
Brokers New York

The mails from Fayetteville and some other Southern Offices were plundered about the 1st of April & the persons who did the mischief are yet undiscovered. Among other letters stolen was one to Messrs Hempden and Price of New York containing two post notes of the Bank of Pa. for \$1000 each No 784-785. A in favour of Mr. R. Pickett one of these note was deposited in the Bank of Penna by your agent Mr. Heath, our correspondent who called sundry times had not been able to see him. Some other notes stolen were forwarded to a merchant in Phila with directions to forward a few articles & the balance in bank notes, This has lead to a belief that this note was ~~forwarded~~ sent by post to you with similar directions, if so you will much oblige me by sending the original letter, as the hand writing &c may enable us to discover the culprit. Any information you can give on the subject will confer a favour.

R. J. Meigs Jr

29th May 1817

Hon. Joseph Desha & Sir,

May's Lick Ky. I observe in reply to your letter of the 19th that we thought Carlisle would be satisfied with a crosspost which could be supported at less expense than sending the main mails out of its ordinary course with a view to accommodate you as well as the citizens of that place with the pre-vidance of the main mail, I have this day requested Col. Johnson to direct the mail to pass that way provided that he can do so without incurring a considerable expense.

R. J. Meigs Jr

General Post Office

29th May 1817

Adam White Esq. & Sir,

Brooklyn Ct. Yours of the 21st. Instant is before me, if the mail carriers, carry letters and deliver them they ought to be prosecuted for doing so according to the Post Office Law, you can instruct the carriers to make their arrival at your office by 10 A.M. -

R. J. Meigs Jr

29th May 1817

Col. James Johnson & Sir,

Great brooding Ky. You will oblige this Office Genl. Desha and the citizens of Carlisle, the seat of justice in Nicholas county, by sending the mails through Carlisle, may I hear from you on this subject.

R. J. Meigs Jr

30th May 1817

Hon. Almy McLean & Dear Sir,

Greenville Ky. I am favoured with yours of the 11th inst. the new postroad to which you have alluded is now with many other postroads with the printer and will be soon advertised, all post roads must be advertised at least six weeks in a newspaper printed at the seat at the seat of the National Government, and the same period in the state Government before they go into operation, we hope to receive proposals from some of your friends for the transport of this mail.

R. J. Meigs Jr

May 30th 1817

Hon. John Savage & Sir,

Salem N. Y. The post road alluded to in your letter of the 21st will be soon advertised when we shall be glad to receive proposals for the transport of the mail from any of your friends, the Law makes it necessary for this office to advertise all post routes before they go into operation.

R. J. Meigs Jr

30th May 1817

Richard Backe Esq. & Sir,

Philadelphia Pa. All letters deposited in your Office for Wilmington and other intermediate Offices between your Office and Baltimore on Saturdays should be forwarded by the next morning's mail.

R. J. Meigs Jr

General Post office

30th May 1817

Mr Thomas Shidmore Esq. Sir,  
Washington D.C. } I observe in reply to your letter of the 25th that letters deposited in the Post office at Philadelphia on Saturdays ought to be forwarded to Washington by the mail on the Sabbath. I have so informed the Post master of Philadelphia.

R. J. Meigs Jr

30th May 1817

Mr Thomas Robinson Esq. Sir,  
Elizabeth Town Ky. } The mail for three successive trips failed to arrive at Greenville for Ruffselle prior to the 18th ~~18th~~ for those failures you are fined thirty six dollars.

R. J. Meigs Jr

30th May 1817

James Weir Esq. Sir,  
Greenville Ky. } Mr Robinson is fined \$36 for the failures mentioned in your letter of the 18th ~~18th~~.

R. J. Meigs Jr

30th May 1817

Mr Joseph Robertson Esq. Sir,  
Madisonville Ky. } If the mail confided to Mr McGray is not carried in conformity to the contract and to instructions given to that gentleman, the sums stipulated to be paid him, will as they fall due be paid, we hope to see your proposal, when our advertisement is published, which is now in the printers hands.

R. J. Meigs Jr

~~Meigs Jr~~

~~James Jackson Esq.~~  
Guests Claspings R.D.  
Sir

27 May 1817

James Wilson Esq. Sir,  
Pittsburg Pa. } your letter of the 6th is received it appears by our books that your account as Postmaster at Presque Isle P. are balanced, and I do not find that any suit has been ordered against you. It appears to me that Mr David M. Nair is mistaken he may be sued as surety for some other Postmaster, but the names of sureties not being entered on our books it is not easy for us to ascertain the fact unless he points out the Postmaster for whom he was responsible.

R. J. Meigs Jr

General Post Office.

2<sup>d</sup> June 1817

Richard Backe Esq. R.M. Sir,  
Philadelphia Pa. } Complaint is made that you close the Western mail at 4 P.M. although that mail does not actually leave Philadelphia before 6 to 7 A.M. by this arrangement the citizens of Philadelphia are prevented making a reply to their correspondents an unreasonable time. I will thank you to suspend closing the western mail untill 7 P.M. at least, by looking to the 9th section of the Post Office law you will discover that all mails are to be forwarded by the pending mail if they shall have been deposited in the Post office half an hour before the regular departure of the mail.

R. J. Meigs Jr

2<sup>d</sup> June 1817

Mathew Carey Esq. Sir,  
Philadelphia Pa. } I observe in reply to yours of the 27th ~~27th~~ that Postmasters have often been instructed to stamp letters clear and distinctly some among the number, are still inattentive to that branch of their duty, the Postmaster of Philadelphia is instructed to suspend closing the mail for the westward untill 7 P.M.

R. J. Meigs Jr

2<sup>d</sup> June 1817

Richard Backe Esq. R.M. Sir,  
Lansingburg N.Y. } Your letter of the 26th ~~26th~~ is received, the error relating to commissions on postage collected by you as Postmaster at Lansingburg, is credited to you then next account, if on the face of your account you had stated that the mails arrived at or departed from your ~~contract~~ office between nine at night and five in the morning, the correction would not have been made.

R. J. Meigs Jr

2<sup>d</sup> June 1817

Thos Watson Esq. Sir,  
R.M. Newbern N.C. } Yours of the 16th ~~16th~~ is received, the alteration proposed by you will not be beneficial to the publick.

R. J. Meigs Jr

General Post Office

2<sup>d</sup> June 1817

J. John Bluff Esq. P.M. 3<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
White Hall N.Y. } Yours of the 23<sup>d</sup> ult. is received, at the mail contracts between Albany, Burlington & Highgate are in operation and will continue to untill the 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec. next it does not seem advisable to change the plan of intercourse between the United States & the Province of Canada.

R. I. Meigs Jr

James F. Huston Esq. 3<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
P.M. Fredenchtown N.Y. } I have requested Messrs Crawford & Winemiller to suspend their departure from your office untill 1 P.M. when the Winchester mail shall not have previously arrived, and they must arrive by or before 11 am, from this City. I submitted the proposition of Messrs Hallers & Leathenwood, (which appeared to be reasonable) to Messrs Winemiller & Crawford.

R. I. Meigs Jr

June 2<sup>d</sup> 1817

Aug. Cury Esq. P.M. 3<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
W. the C.H. N.Y. } Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. is received. I have not decided to supersede Capt. Newell, if I do I may probably accept your offer.

R. I. Meigs Jr

2 June 1817

J. Findley Esq. P.M. 3<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
Findleyville N.C. } I have written to the mail contractor on the subject of calling at your office with the mail.

R. I. Meigs Jr

James A. <sup>Avant</sup> Esq. P.M. 3<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
Washington N.C. } The alteration of the mail proposed by you in your letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> ult. may be convenient to post masters but it will not be usefull to the publick.

R. I. Meigs Jr

P.S. The rider shall be restricted to a particular hour, by this office, if he is not regular voluntarily. R.I.M.

General Post Office

2 June 1817

Daniel Gallent Esq. P.M. 3<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
White Hall N.C. } Your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> ult. enclosing sundry certificates shewing that your ride has been increased twenty six miles by visiting Hught Nixons store, Johnstons store, Sawsons store &c. to compensate you for that additional travel I will allow you four dollars a mile per annum, making you a yearly additional allowance of one hundred and four dollars, to take date from March 20<sup>th</sup>. your route can be performed, if you exercise diligence to alter it will derange the mails, is Findleysville supplied with the mail.

R. I. Meigs Jr

2 June 1817

Samuel Greene Esq. 3<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
P.M. Columbia S.C. } The measure that you adopted in relation to the Charleston mail is a correct one, I trust that you have apprised Mr. Grimball of the course that you have adopted.

R. I. Meigs Jr

4<sup>th</sup> June 1817

Mr. Richard Porter 3<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
Chancellor Pa. } Mr. Kirk's appointment as Post master at Peach Bottom and his contract for transporting the mail between Belair and Peach Bottom, took place previous to your contract, and entitle Mr. Kirk to the next proceeds of his office, by your contract you are entitled to the next proceeds of all Post offices established under your contract, and to no other.

R. I. Meigs Jr

4<sup>th</sup> June 1817

Col. James Johnson 3<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
Great Crooping Ky. } I have yours of the 24<sup>th</sup>. I have directed some Manufellers to be prepared and forwarded to you, the errors discovered in your advertisement will be corrected.

R. I. Meigs Jr

4 June 1817

George B. Throop Esq. P.M. 3<sup>d</sup> Sir,  
Aurelius N.Y. } The stage drivers are alike liable by law for carrying letters unsealed or sealed, & they ought to be prosecuted if they continue to carry letters of any description out of the mail.

R. I. Meigs Jr