

## Genl. Post office.

Adanson Fletcher, Esq. of Gir. Jan. 19. 1818  
P. M. Cavenish, &c. I have yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> at what rate can you have a weekly mail transported between your office and the Post office in Plymouth? Until other provision is made you will open all mails addressed to Plymouth and deliver their contents to those persons addressee and account with this office for the postage.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

I. Duncan, Esq. of Gir.  
Clark's Ferry Pa. Yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> is received. Mr. Clark proposed to carry one mail a week to Huntingdon or Alexandria from Harrisburg, at \$600- or two mail at \$1000- he has still his option - he can carry it once a week at \$600- or twice at \$1000- it cannot be possible that Mr. Clark should have permitted the mail to stop on any part of the road - if he has so done, I wish you at once to send the mail by express to Alexandria for account of this office - until other provision is made - Will you inform me how he does carry the mail and how far.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Genl. Theodorus Bailey P. S. Jan. 19. 1818  
P. M. New York City I have yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> if Mr. Basus is subjected to any additional expense by any alteration that we may make, varying from our advertisement, or increasing the speed or expense - he will be fully reimbursed.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

George Cleveland, Esq. of Gir. Jan. 19. 1818  
P. M. Middlebury Vt. Will you be good enough to state the arrival at and departure from your office this month, or a part thereof, of the mails from Burlington, Rutland and Albany.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

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William Burke Esq. of Gir. Jan. 19. 1818  
P. M. Cincinnati O. Will you be good enough to state the days that each of the several mails arrive at and depart from your office, and hours since this month commenced, that we may see whether the contractors have acted agreeably to the contracts sent them - The contracts to be executed by Peter Williams and Mr. Linton have not been returned as executed. If any mail is from any cause detained - I wish you to despatch an express on such route with the mail for account of this office.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

## J. Woolfolk Esq. of Gir.

P. M. Port Royal I. Jan. 19. 1818  
For each mile that your ride has been increased by the establishment of Post Offices since you contracted, you shall be allowed six dollars, counting the distance one way - we cannot give you more.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Hugh Martin Esq. of Gir. Jan. 19. 1818  
P. M. Danbridge I. I am obliged by the information that you have given relative to Clinton

Mr. Cyrus Stockwell Jr. Jan. 19. 1818  
Mr. Contr. Northampton Mass. Yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. is received - I have written to the Post Master of Northampton and informed him that you were considered the contractor on the ground that you were to carry the mail in a sleigh or carriage - adapted to the conveyance of passengers.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

W. J. Walker, Esq. of Gir. Jan. 19. 1818  
Utica N.Y. I. Yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst. is received, the continuance of Post route qd. as it stands is desirable to a great many citizens - and as your route is arranged differently and more extended than your proposal contemplated - it will be proper to add fifty dollars per annum to your annual compensation.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.



Gent. Post office

Mr. Josiah Paine, Jr.,  
Portland Me. } Jan. 19. 1818  
I wish you to continue three mails  
weekly as usual through Gardiner - and to send a crop  
post once a week through Litchfield to Bowdoinham  
as Mr. Shaw of the latter place will, I am informed, car-  
ry the crop mail for \$90-a year. I invite your imme-  
diate attention to this subject. R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Mr. Josiah Paine, Jr.,  
Portland Me. } Jan. 19. 1818  
I have yours of the 8th we have no  
objection to your exchanging mails at Gullivans instead of  
Goldsboro - the only objection to doubling the mail to  
Goldsboro will be the expense.  
R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Mr. H. Fairist, Dear Sir,  
Fredericksburg, Va. } Jan. 19. 1818  
The Postmaster at Fowymans Store  
is anxious that your horse mail should pass by his  
office with the mail - I wish you would do so. Mr.  
Miner's rider can omit visiting that office  
R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Mr. Thomas Pitcher, Jr.,  
M. Comt. near Fredericksburg, Va. } Jan. 19. 1818  
If not actually expensive or specially  
inconvenient you will make your arrival at Urbanna  
on the days that you and the Post master agreed upon,  
if not you must be regular at some other hours - the  
public interest requires it.  
R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Col. James Johnson, Dear Sir,  
Georgetown H. } Jan. 19. 1818  
I have yours of the 25th ult. if  
the funds of this office will justify us in making the advance  
to your brother which you have solicited, they shall be made,  
several complaints have been made in the state of Ohio -  
(this side of Zanesville) about your mails irregularity - will  
you call the attention of your agents to the subject of regu-  
larity  
R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Gent. Post office

Jan. 19. 1818.

Saml. T. Butter, Esq., Jr.  
Harrarwich N. Y. } I have yours of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cooley has  
been advised that in consequence of Mr. Stockwell hav-  
ing stipulated to convey the mail in a carriage or  
sleigh adapted to the conveyance of passengers, that his  
contract would be considered of no effect - if he has  
incurred any expense on account of said mail - he  
may be entitled to a months pay agreeably to the  
14<sup>th</sup> section of our contracts - if he still carries a  
mail on said route let him see this letter if you please  
Has Mr. Stockwell got a covered sleigh.  
R. J. Meigs, Jr.

J. M. Oliver Phelps, Jr.

Jan. 19. 1818

Gullowville N. Y. } Yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. is received. I cannot  
believe it proper to send the mail to Mr. Miner's house un-  
der the circumstances that you have related - that we may  
adapt a schedule to your present plan - I wish you  
to particularly state how you transport the mail  
on your long post route as well as the short one -  
when so informed the contracts shall be sent to you.  
R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Elias Boudinott, Esq., Jr.

Jan. 19. 1818

Newark N. J. } I observe in reply to your letter  
of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. that if the mail can  


Hon. W. A. Burwell, Esq.,  
Mr. H. Representatives, Gent. Post Office

Jan. 21. 1818

I have the honor to observe in reply to the memorial and documents accompanying it from sundry citizens of Lynchburg Va. which you handed to me this morning, that on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. I appointed James St. Clair, Esq. Post master of Lynchburg. - I trust that the citizens of Lynchburg will experience the usual facilities through the Post office, that they have heretofore experienced, as soon as this gentleman begins his official duty. I have this day written to the new Post master in regard to his duties.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

J. D. Cole, Esq., Sir,

Jan. 22<sup>d</sup> 1818

P. M. Athens, Ga. I will thank you to make separate mails for the several Post offices in the state of Tennessee which are situated between your office and Nashville.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Ralph Crabb, Esq., Sir,

P. M. Winchester, Va. Yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> ultmo is rec'd. I have requested that separate mails be made for the several post offices in Tennessee (in Georgia) which are situated between Athens, Ga. and Nashville Tenn.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Hon. W. Sampson, Esq., Sir,

Jan. 20. 1818

Mr. H. Representatives, I have the honor to observe in reply to the letter of Messrs. Ellis & others of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. which you handed to me this morning, that the alteration therein mentioned is agreed to and it is noted on the contract of Mr. Ellis in this office.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Jonathan Law, Esq., Sir,

P. M. Hartford, Ct.

I pray you to send mails for the several offices on the Dedham, N. route by the mail which travels that road.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

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Jan. 20. 1818

W. David Hyde, Jr.

Canterbury, Ct.

You will on receipt of this letter instruct your rider to perform as follows: - Leave Pomfret every Thursday at 6 A.M. arrive at Chelsea same day by 1 P.M. Leave same every Thursday at 3 P.M. and arrive at Pomfret the next day by noon for this alteration you shall be allowed twenty six dollars a year. Your immediate attention to this subject is requested.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

W. Derek Stocking, Jr.

Jan. 21. 1818.

M. Contr. Middleletown, Yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult is received. I inclose the bond and contract corrected. I cannot, with propriety increase your annual pay. I hope that you will find the contract beneficial. You have long faithfully served this office and I wish you to continue in our service.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

W. Chester Bailey, Jr.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 19. 1818

Pray give your carriers a joy after reading the enclosed papers and which, when examined, please return them.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.



W. Cyl. Jackson, Jr.

Jan. 21. 1818

Georgetown, Ind. You have so fully established the fact that your route 176 instead of being 80 miles is 175 miles, one of your Senators, and your representative in Congress and members of your state Legislature, that I shall allow you for carrying the mail on that route one thousand and sixty dollars per annum to take date from the time that you have actually carried it with regularity, you observing this schedule, viz: leave Corydon every Monday at 3 A.M. arrive at Louisville same day by 11 A.M.; leave Louisville same day by 1 P.M. and return to Corydon by 9 P.M. Leave Corydon every Tuesday at 6 A.M. arrive at Harmony the next Friday by 10 A.M. Leave there at 2 P.M. and return the next Monday by 7 P.M. to Corydon.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Major Wm. Goldson, Esq.,  
Goldsonville, Va. I have to observe that a continuance  
of delay by the contractors south of Petersburg will cause me  
to send an agent forward at the contractors expense to  
ascertain the causes.

Genl. Post Office  
Jan. 20. 1818

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Gilbert Hitcham, Esq., Jr.

Jan. 20. 1818.

Poughkeepsie N. Y. S. I have yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant  
if the carrier does not carry the mail to Westmiford  
he ought to be forthwith discharged - whether the intermediate  
be or be not in operation

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Paul D. Targent, Esq., Jr.

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. 1818

P. M. Garrison, Me. Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst is recd. - Mr. Josiah Paine has contracted to transport the mail on the line  
that you have referred to.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Charles Fainter, Esq., Jr.

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. 1818

P. M. Windham, Esq., Jr. I see no objection to Mr. Hayes adopting  
the plan proposed in your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. addressed  
to John Fainter, Esq.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Hon. Solomon Strong, Jr.

Jan. 20. 1818.

N. H. Representatives) I have the honor to observe in reply to your  
letter of yesterday, that the proposal of Alcen Cooley was received  
and accepted for transporting the mail between Northampton  
and Worcester, Mass. after the acceptance of his proposal to Cyrus  
Stockwell, the then carrier of the mail on said route proposed  
to transport said mail in a sleigh or carriage adapted to the  
conveyance of passengers. This proposal was accepted agreeably  
to the long established usage of this office - and in conformity  
to the 14<sup>th</sup> section of our contracts. of this circumstance  
Mr. Cooley was apprised by a letter from this office

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Genl. Post Office

Jan. 20. 1818

W. H. Jones, Esq., Jr.

P. M. Westhaven, Esq., Jr.

I have yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> to meet your  
views Enclose you two letters - viz: for Asa Dutton & Isaac Fish

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Jan. 20. 1818.

Mr. Asa Dutton, Jr.

New London, Ct.

You will observe the following arrangement,  
viz: Leave Newhaven every Tuesday Thursday & Saturday at 12 at night.  
arrive at Chelsea same days by 2<sup>o</sup> M. in 14 hours. Leave Chelsea  
every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, at 10. m. arrive at Newhaven  
same day by 3 P.M. in 14 hours.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Jan. 20. 1818.

Mr. Isaac Fish, Jr.

Providence R. I.

You will observe the following schedule  
Leave Chelsea every Tuesday Thursday & Saturday at 2<sup>o</sup> P.M. arrive  
at Providence same days by 11<sup>th</sup> P.M. Leave Providence every  
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 4 P.M. arrive at Chelsea  
every Wednesday, Friday & Monday by 1 A.M.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Jan. 21. 1818

A. Brandon, Esq., Jr.

P. M. Corydon Ind. I have yours of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> I have approved of the  
plan that you have adopted, enclosed you have a bond and contract  
for sending the mail between Corydon & Louisville at \$160 a year you  
can enter your name if you wish to do so in the bond & contract  
or employ some person as a contractor, in whom you can confide  
you will, when the papers are executed, return them to this office  
I have requested Mr. Jackson to send a mail from your office  
to Louisville on Monday so that you may have two mails  
a week - he is to leave your office for Harmony on Tuesday  
and return on the succeeding Monday.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Jan. 22<sup>d</sup>. 1818.

Hon. E. Gage, Jr.

Saylour N. Y. I observe in reply to yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> that  
Mr. Gelston has engaged to transport the mail on the  
post route alluded to the current and two succeeding  
years.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.



## Genl. Post office.

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 1818

James St. Clair, Esq; Jr;

P.M. Lynchburg, Va. I pray your special attention to the receipt and delivery of the mails. The prompt delivery of mails after their arrival is of the utmost importance. Your assistants must always be sworn before they attempt to do any official duty.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

Col. John Taylor, Whiting  
W. H. Parish Fredericksburg, Va.

(Circular) Sir,

The delay in the transmission of the  
Mails Woolfolk & Allen, Bowling Green, Ky.  
Mfrs. Gregory & Powell, near Richmond  
mail between this city Richmond and  
Petersburg must be attended to by the contractors or an agent  
will make enquiry at the delinquent's expense A.B.J.

Jan. 20. 1818.

Hon. Jas. H. Bryan, Jr.

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1818

M. H. Representatives. I have the honor to observe in reply to Mr. David Clark's letter, which was enclosed in yours of yesterday, that effectual measures shall be immediately taken to correct the errors in the two mails that that gentleman has noticed. It is a subject of great regret that our agents in your section of the state of North Carolina have proved so faithless the last year.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

James Johnston, Esq; Jr.

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1818

P.M. Halifax, NC. I have this day instructed Smith Burroughs to leave your office every Wednesday at 6. A.M. arrive at Scuppernong on the next Friday by 6 P.M. Leave there on Saturday at 6 A.M. and arrive at your office the next Tuesday by 7 P.M. if he does not fully comply with this order by 2<sup>o</sup> Wednesday in next month. I wish you to employ another carrier at a rate not exceeding \$600 a year, has this man in due faith carried this mail - are his horses and riders equal to the duty - all mails for his route, then in your office should be sent by his Wednesday mail - all mails subsequently received for Scotland Neck should be sent to Tarboro by the Saturday mail.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

## J. W. J. W. Bates Esq; Sir

Northampton M<sub>rs</sub>. Sir,

## General Post office

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1818.

Mails of the 16<sup>th</sup>. is received. Mr. Stockwell proposes to transport the mail in a Sleigh or carriage adapted to the conveyance of passengers, his proposition was on that account thought to be more advantageous than Mr. Cooley, and agreeably to the usage of this office was accepted, we immediately apprized Mr. Cooley of the circumstance that no inconvenience might result to him, if he did not receive any, better a reasonable allowance will be made to him for any expence that he may have incurred on this account.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

## Mfrs. Suggitt &amp; Thompson Esq; Sir

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 1818.

Frankfort, Ky. If you now continue to send the mails intrusted to you from Frankfort, instead of Lexington I wish you to continue to do so, the word Lexington can be erased and Frankfort substituted for it, in the Bond and Contract.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.

## John Fowler Esq; P.M. Sir.

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1818.

Lexington, Ky. I wish to know how the Mail is transported, between your office & Cincinnati, on the stage line as to days & hours I wish Mr. Bruce to carry the mail between your office & Harrodsburg and Hazlepatch as follows, instead of carrying two mails a week between Frankfort & Hazlepatch, and at the quarterly sum stipulated to be paid him, provided that he is not now carrying the mail on the last mentioned route, Schedule. Leave Lexington every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, at 2 P.M. arrive at Harrodsburg same days by 8 P.M. Leave Harrodsburg every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9 A.M. arrive at Lexington on the next days by 10 A.M. Leave Danville every Monday at 8 A.M. arrive at Hazlepatch the next day by 10 A.M. Leave there every Tuesday at 2 P.M. arrive at Danville the next day by 4 P.M. your immediate reply is particularly requested.

P.S. Mfrs. Suggitt & Thompsons contract and Mr. Bruce's ought to be executed and returned. R. J. M.

## Mfrs. Westfield &amp; Young Sirs.

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1818.

Danville, Ky. On receipt of this letter you will perform post no. 158. as follows. Leave Danville every Friday at 6 A.M. arrive at Lexington the next day by noon. Leave there at 2 P.M. and return the next day by 6 P.M.

R. J. Meigs, Jr.



## General Post Office

Jan. 23<sup>d</sup>. 1818.Hon. A. M. Johnson 3<sup>d</sup> Sir.

M. H. Representat<sup>t</sup>. I have the honour to observe, that I have pursuant to your request, authorized Messrs Suggatt & Thompson to go from Frankfort instead of Lexington with the Southern mail, the great pressure of official business has prevented an earlier reply to your application on this subject.

R. J. Meiggs.

J. Johnston Esq. 3<sup>d</sup> Sir.

Jan. 22. 1818.

P.M. Halifax N.C. I have this day instructed Smith Burroughs to leave your office every Wednesday at 6 A.M. arrive at Scuppernong on the next Friday by 6 P.M. leave there on Saturday by 11 A.M. and arrive at your office on the next Tuesday by 7 P.M. if he does not fully comply with this order, by 2<sup>d</sup> Wednesday in next month, I wish you to employ another carrier, at a rate not exceeding six hundred dollars a year, has this man in due faith carried this mail, are his horses & rider equal to the duty, all mails for his route than in your office should be sent by his Wednesday mail, all mails subsequently received for Scotland Neck should be sent to Tarboro, by the Saturday's mail.

R. J. Meiggs

Jas. Smith Esq. P.M. 3<sup>d</sup> Sir.22<sup>d</sup>. Jan. 1818.

Scotland Neck. N.C. On receipt of this letter, I wish you to send a mail, once a week between your office and Tarboro' at a rate not exceeding one hundred & Thirty dollars a year, as follows - Leave your office every Saturday noon, arrive at Tarboro' same day by 7 P.M. leave Tarboro' every Sunday at 6 A.M. arrive at Scotland Neck same day by noon, in this way a direct correspondence is effected between Scotland Neck & Raleigh and Petersburg. Your attention and early reply is requested.

R. J. Meiggs

J. Burroughs 3<sup>d</sup> Sir.

Williamston N.C. On the receipt of this letter you will instruct your mail carrier to leave Halifax N.C every Wednesday at 6 A.M. arrive at Williamston the next day arrive at Scuppernong on Friday by 6 P.M. leave Scuppernong every Saturday at 6 A.M. arrive at Halifax the next Tuesday by 6 P.M. a strict punctuality in future will alone secure your continuance as a contractor.

R. J. Meiggs

## General Post office

Jan. 23<sup>d</sup>. 1818.J. W. R. T. Stockton 3<sup>d</sup> Sir.

Baltimore Md. To some cause we must attribute the singular arrival of the Baltimore mail at this office, every other day there is a variation of nearly an hour, travellers say that the fault lies east of the Whitehouse, and that the post master or manager by the representatives of Mr. McCoy, should bear the blame principally, I am now to request that you take immediate charge of that route, and must insist on Mr. Davis's taken entire charge of the line himself, but I have implicit reliance on your energy & disposition to carry into effect all objects that you undertake.

R. J. Meiggs.

Jan. 23<sup>d</sup>. 1818.Hon. W. Blount 3<sup>d</sup> Sir.

M. H. Representat<sup>t</sup>. I have the honour to observe in reply to your request of this morning, that I have directed the mail to be transported from Beans Station to Dandridge on the same day that the eastern mail arrives at Beans station so that all delay will be corrected.

R. J. Meiggs.

Jan. 23<sup>d</sup>. 1818.Hon. Elias Earle 3<sup>d</sup> Sir.

M. H. Representat<sup>t</sup>. I have the honour to observe in reply to W. G. Earle's letter of the 11<sup>th</sup>. so far as relates to one object, that I have this day instructed James Hanna (mail contractor) to convey the mail direct from Cambridge to Greenville C.H. and to return direct by the same route, the other subjects mentioned will also meet due attention.

R. J. Meiggs.

Jan. 23. 1818.

J. H. James Hanna 3<sup>d</sup> Sir.

Huntington Lawrence Co. N.Y. You will on the receipt of this letter convey the mail on Post route 208 as follows, from Cambridge by Sufferton Craytons & Golden Grove to Greenville C.H. and return thence by the same route to Cambridge once a week, leave Cambridge every Wednesday at 6 A.M. arrive at Greenville the next day by 6 P.M. leave Greenville every Saturday at 6 A.M. arrive at Cambridge the next Tuesday by 6 P.M. your immediate reply is requested.

R. J. Meiggs.

General Post Office

Ethel. Williams Esq. 3 Sir.

Jan. 23. 1818.

P.M. Beaufortian Ton. I will thank you to instruct Mr. Thos. Whiteside to start with the mail to Dandridge, within one hour after the last mail of the week shall have arrived, at your office from the eastward, and he must deliver said mail at Dandridge the same day by 9 P.M., and return from thence the next morning by 8 A.M. arrive at your office by 6 P.M. this arrangement must begin immediately, will you favour me with a reply, and state the day that he goes to Dandridge, if extra expence is hereby actually incurred pray say how much.

R. J. Meigs.

Senton Hill Esq. 3 Sir.

Jan. 22. 1818.

P.M. Boston Ms. Your favor of the 18th, is before me, Messrs Smith & Storrs proposal was accepted at \$200. a year, for transporting two mails a week between your office Scituate &c. & Plymouth Ms. a bond and contract for execution was sent to them, which was not executed, notwithstanding thought that they would transport the mail as they proposed to do. I wish you to send a mail on the whole line, once a week on the best terms possible, temporary until a contract can be made, Mr. J. Little has been found to be a unfull carrier on that route, we have his proposal, which is too high. Please to ascertain the best terms on which that mail can be carried, you answer, and inform this office the results of your enquiries.

R. J. Meigs.

Hon. Lewis Williams 3 Sir.

Jan. 23. 1818.

M. H. Representatives I have the honour to observe in reply to your letter of yesterday, that I have made provision for the regular delivery of a mail at Mount Pisgah N.C.

R. J. Meigs.

General Post Office

Jan. 24. 1818.

William Murphy Esq. 3 Sir.

P.M. Washington Ky. I have yours of the 14th. Peter Williams who lives near Cincinnati contracted to carry the mail on Post route No. 152. and in the following manner viz. From Washington by Smalleyville, Augusta, Frostown O. Newellsville, and Boatmen to Boone C. H. thence by Columbia, Newtown, Bethell, Augusta & Smalleyville to Washington once a week at \$529 dollars a year. he was to leave your office on Thursday by 9 A.M. arrive at Boone C. H. the next Sunday by 11 A.M. leave there at 10 P.M. and return to your office the next Wednesday by 7 P.M. now if Williams has not appeared by himself or carrier to take said mail. I wish you at once to do so, if that consideration is inadequate it may probably be increased to \$600. may I hear from you on this subject

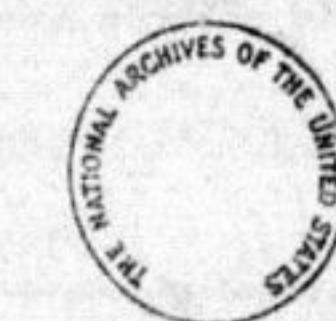
R. J. Meigs.

Jan. 23. 1818.

J. Arch. B. Campbell Esq. 3 Sir.

Post Master Mount Pisgah N.C. As the mail carrier neglects your office, I will thank you to employ a carrier to transport a mail once a week between your office and Salem or Salisbury at a rate of one dollar and a half a trip, the balance of this year, will you say when the agreement took effect and with whom it was made.

R. J. Meigs.



A. Daly Esq. 3 Sir.

Jan. 24th. 1818.

P.M. Sandy Hill N.Y. I have yours of the 15th. I will thank you to State the day that Carpenter was advised that the stage or sleigh was prepared to take his mail, to that period he is entitled to pay, and to a months extra pray besides.

R. J. Meigs.

Genl. T. M. Forman & others 3 Sirs.

Jan. 24. 1818.

Savinton Md. I have no objection of W. Whittington's transporting the mail, in the manner pointed out in your letter of the 7th Inst.

R. J. Meigs.

## Genl. Post office

Jan. 24. 1818.

Hon. W. Blairmore Esq. sir.

M. H. Representatives } I have the honour to observe in reply to your  
letter of yesterday, that it appears to me that the establishment  
of a post route, from Huntsville Miss. to St. Stephens in Alabama,  
may be usefull to the publick on or near the route pointed out  
by Mr. Curry, in his letter to you under date of the 5th inst.

If this route should be established, the post road leading from  
Chickasaw to St Stephens might be repealed.

P.S. Enclose Mr. Currys letter.

R. S. Meigs.

Hon. S. Hale Esq. sir.

Jan. 24. 1818.

M. H. Reps. } I have the honour to observe that previous to  
the receipt of your letter of this day's date, I had authorised  
Mr. Hutchinson to carry the mail, agreeably to the arrangement  
suggested in your letter.

R. S. Meigs.

Gilbert Hitcham Esq. sir.

Jan. 20. 1818.

Poughkeepsie N. Y. } I have yours of the 14th instant, if the  
carrier does not carry the mail, to New Milford he ought forth-  
with discharged, whether the intermediate bear or be not in operation.

R. S. Meigs

Paul D. Sargent Esq. sir.

Jan. 20. 1818.

P. M. Sullivan Mr. } Yours of the 8th instant is received.  
Mr. Josiah Paine has contracted to transport the mail  
on the line that you refer to.

R. S. Meigs

Charles Tainter Esq. sir.

Jan. 20. the 1818.

P. M. Windham Esq. } I see no objection to Mr. Hydes adopt-  
ing the Plan proposed in your letter of the 26. ult.

addressed to John Tainter Esq.

R. S. Meigs

Moses Seymour Jr. Esq. sir.

Jan. 24. 1818.

P. M. Litchfield Esq. } I have yours of the 20. this letter is  
authority for Mr. Parkes departure from Hartford on  
Wednesday by 11 A.M. instead of Thursdays by 9. A.M.

R. S. Meigs.

## General Post office

Jan. 24. 1818.

Daniel Wright Esq. Esq. sir.

P. M. Northampton Mr. } Yours of the 15th and 19 was in due course recd.  
no sort of unfavourable information has been made against you  
relative to the late fire. the statement made by the Hon. Wm.  
Mills and Judge Lyman completely exculpates you from blame.

R. S. Meigs

Hon. James Tallmadge Esq. sir.

24 Jan. 1818.

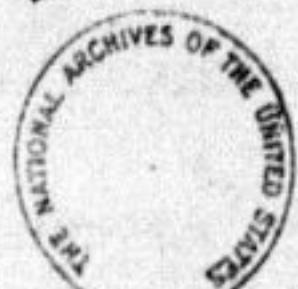
M. H. Representatives } I have the honour to obser in reply  
to Mr. Hydes letter to you under date of the 12th instant, that if such  
names can be adopted for a post office to be kept where this is, and  
where Mr. Akins wishes one to be established, as will fully distinguish  
the two places, that the offices, or the additional one shall  
be immediately established, the same answer will apply to  
the letter of Mr. Akins which you handed to me to day. —

R. S. Meigs

Genl. Thos. Bailey P. M. Dear Sir.

Jan. 24th. 1818.

New York City. } In reply to your letter about Mr. Bucknells expedition. I  
would suggest the expediency of your advancing him a quarters pay taken  
his draft for that amount on this office, the advance may enable him  
to give more certainty to his engagement, as relates to closing your mails  
I at present confide intirely in your discretion, if your plan proves unsa-  
tisfactory, it must be changed, if the objections appear to be well founded.



R. S. Meigs.

Jan. 26. 1818.

J. Hoyt Esq. Esq. sir.

P. M. Marietta O. } Pray tell wells that he must wait at Smars  
untill 9 Am. when necessary, had he done so several trips would  
have been saved.

R. S. Meigs.

26th. Jan. 1818.

William Davidson Esq. Esq. sir.

P. M. Winchester O. } Birch's mails must be delivered early  
or it will not be practicable for him to reach Smars by  
8 P.M. or rather 7 P.M. pray let him start as soon as is  
practicable.

R. S. Meigs.

## General Post office

John Brown Esq. P.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir,

Jan. 26. 1818.

Chambersburg Pa. { All mails for Post offices between your office and Pittsburg should be put in Postmanteans distinctly marked, all other mails for offices west and south of Pittsburg should be put into another Postmantean distinctly marked, with a brass or copper plate, your attention to this subject is particularly desired.

R. I. Meigs

Mr. Bernard Franklin<sup>3</sup> Sir.

Jan. 26. 1818.

Scull Camp N.C. { I have yours of the 17th. when you show wherein your expence are increased by early arrival at Jonesboro'. I can better determine how much to pay you.

R. I. Meigs

D. Gallant P.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

Jan. 26. 1818.

White Hall N.C. { It is conjectured that one of your post boys of about twelve years of age has robbed the mail near Alexandria. the mischief was done it appears in Nov. do you employ lads of that age to transport the mails confided to you, of such an age as not to be able to bear competent testimony in courts of law.

R. I. Meigs

W. H. Parish 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

Jan. 26. 1818.

Fredericksburg Va. { I would prefer that you would send a cross post from the Orange Springs or a nearer office to Turmans Store, detached from your main line, to the discontinuance or the change of the inconsiderable Post office at Danville. The post master at the Springs may probably contract to carry the short mail. the expense must be defrayed by this office.

R. I. Meigs

Garland Dickerson<sup>3</sup> Sir.

Jan. 26. 1818.

Asherfordton N.C. { I wish you to visit the Post office at Milford with the mail.

R. I. Meigs

## General Post office

Jan. 26th 1818.

John McMillan<sup>3</sup> Sir

Steubenville Oho. { You will on receipt of this letter visit the Post office in Smithfield with the mail, what additional expence shall you demand for transporting the mail from Steubenville by Warrington, & Mount Pleasant, to St. Clairsville. returning through Harrisville, Mount Pleasant and Smithfield to Steubenville, and in addition to perform the other part of your route, your early reply is solicited.

R. I. Meigs

J. Schell Esq.<sup>3</sup> Sir

Jan. 26. 1818.

Pitts. Bedford Pa. { I have received yours of the 19. Inst. and I have requested the Post master at Chambersburg to send his mails for offices between his office in a separate and labelled Postmantean, and to send all other mails in another labelled Postmantean, the labels to be brass or copper.

R. I. Meigs

G. M. Earle Esq.<sup>3</sup> Sir.

Jan. 26. 1818.

Pitts. Greenville Ch. S.C. { As advised in your letter of the 11th. Inst. I have permitted Mr. Wright to omit visiting your office, and I have directed Mr. Dickerson to call at Milford with the mail.

R. I. Meigs

A. Frew Esq.<sup>3</sup> Sir.

26. Jan. 1818.

Charlotte N.C. { Yours of the 7th ult. owing to accident has just been received, if any facts can be proved against the Post boy he ought at once to be brought before a court of justice, has any thing transpired against the boy since the date of your letter.

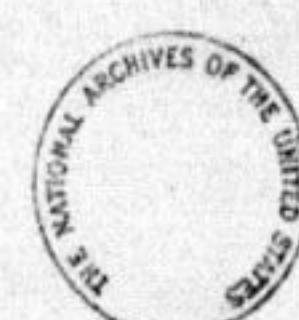
R. I. Meigs

James Judkins Esq. Father's<sup>3</sup> Agent.

Jan. 26. 1818.

Pitts. Mount Pleasant O. { I have since the receipt of your letter of the - requested the mail carrier to state his terms for carrying the mail in the manner that you have pointed out.

R. I. Meigs



## General Post office

Jan. 26. 1818.

Nicholas Schuyler & Deardorff,  
Harrisburg Pa. Your proposal was too high for acceptance,  
The Messrs Tysons of Baltimore carry the mail on the route  
proposed by you.

R. S. Meigs.

W. — Wright &amp; Sir.

M. C. near Columbia D. C. To save you unnecessary travel, you have permission  
to perform your route without calling at Greenville Ch.

Jan. 26. 1818.

R. S. Meigs.

Honl. W. Southard &amp; Sir,

Jan. 26. 1818.

M. H. Representative I have the honour to observe that I have this day  
requested the Post master of this city to make up a daily mail, and address it  
to Trenton N. J. which is to include all letters and newspapers for  
Trenton, Baskingridge, Monroe, Patterson, Middletown and Suckasunny.  
I think that this arrangement will prevent all delay in the mail  
for those offices.

R. S. Meigs.

See above letter written to the 17<sup>th</sup>Honl. Mr. Bennett —  
M. H. Representative,

Charles Rice Esq. &amp; Sir.

Jan. 26th. 1818.

P. M. Trenton N. J. I have instructed the Post master of this city to  
address a daily mail to Trenton N. J. during the Session of Congress,  
comprising mails for Trenton, Patterson, Middletown, Baskingridge,  
Suckasunny and Monroe, which I wish you to distribute and  
forward by the proper mail routes.

R. S. Meigs.

Thos. B. Johnson Esq. &amp; Sir.

Jan. 27. 1818.

P. M. New Orleans City. I am much obliged by your letter of the 27th ult.  
and for your judicious proceedings relative to reported lost mail, and  
of so promptly and justly showing that it had been destroyed in a  
great measure by wet or bad weather, and afterwards exposed in a  
great measure by rubbing, we could not send a daily mail to your  
city at this time without the aid of the Treasury.

R. S. Meigs.

## General Post office

Jan. 27th. 1818.

William Gordon Esq. &amp; Sir.

P. M. Smithland Ky. Yours of the 21st ult. is received, as Mr. Lyon will not  
carry the mail from your office via. Johnson Ch. to Cape Girardeau  
for less than was paid for said route the last year, we must give it.  
the route Vincennes & Shawanoetown (to the present exclusion of  
Bozey Ch.) must be performed.

R. S. Meigs.

Aaron Hill Esq. &amp; Sir.

Jan. 27. 1818.

P. M. Boston Mr. Will you have the goodness to enquire of the Brattleboro  
mail carrier, why Warwick is not as usual supplied with the mail, and  
lett me know the resultt of your enquiries.

R. S. Meigs.

W. Jacob Mann &amp; Sir.

Jan. 27. 1818.

Morristown N. J. Yours of the 12th instant is received, as Liberty corner  
actually increases your travel and expense, for calling them with the mail.  
I will allow you seven dollars quarterly in addition to your present, to  
cover said extra expense.

R. S. Meigs.

Francis de Clercq Esq. &amp; Sir.

Jan. 27. 1818.

P. M. Gallipolis Ohio. I will thank you to furnish Portmanteaus for  
either of the Post routes which connect with your office, whenever you  
think them necessary.

R. S. Meigs.

Erastus Young &amp; Sir.

Jan. 27. 1818.

Bennington Ct. The best plan that can be adopted for supplying  
the Post office at Castleton, will be to send a cross mail from the  
Turnpike to the Post office, the Post master can furnish a small  
Portmanteau at the expence of this office, to enclose the mail.

R. S. Meigs.

Lawrence Musse Esq. &amp; Sir.

Jan. 27. 1818.

Richmond Va. I have received yours of the 20th, and I have  
made the enquiry to ascertain the extra expence that the contractor  
would incur by spending his extra time in Richmond, so that the  
correspondence might be more direct.

R. S. Meigs.

