

## General Post office

Peter W. Grayson Esq: &amp; Sir.

Feb. 3. 1818.

P.M. Bardstown Ky. } On the first of next month two mails are to be carried each week between Springfield & Louisville, to connect at the former place with the New Orleans mail, at the same time two mails are to pass between your office and Shawanoctown to leave your office every Sunday & Wednesday at 4 A.M. and to arrive on their return on Saturday & Tuesday by P.M. The Frankfort mail is shown to arrive on Tuesday by P.M. and depart the next morning by 7 A.M. The Shelbyville mail is to arrive at P.M. on Saturday and depart at 8 A.M. on Sunday, doubtless Joseph Edington's energy, I wish you to enquire about a faithfull & energetic contractor for either or all of his routes to be ready to take charge of either or all the routes as it shall prove necessary.

R. J. Meigs.

Honl. Nathaniel Pope Esq: &amp; Sir.

Feb. 3<sup>d</sup>. 1818.

M. H. Representative } I have the honour to observe in reply to Mr. Vaughn's letter of the 28<sup>th</sup>. of Decem. last, that I have made provision for the transport of two mails a week between Bardstown Ky. and his office, the additional mail is to begin on the first of next month, I have made enquiry of Mr. Vaughn (for) a faithfull and energetic carrier, a person that meets his approbation and who is reasonable in his demands may probably obtain a contract for the above route.

R. J. Meigs.

John Calhoun Esq: &amp; Sir.

3<sup>d</sup> Feb. 1818.

P.M. Springfield Ky. } Messrs Westfield & Nourse are on the first of next month to carry two mails a week between your office & Louisville, to leave your office on Monday & Wednesday by 10. A.M. or as soon as the Nashville mail arrives, & they are to return on Wednesday & Friday by 8 P.M.

R. J. Meigs.

Honl. Anthony New Esq: &amp; Sir

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1818.

M. A. Represent. } I have the honour to afftate in reply to Genl. Hopkins letter to your address under date of the 28<sup>th</sup>. Decem. last, that I have made provision for the due transport of two mails each week between Bardstown Ky. via, Henderson to Shawanoctown Ind. this arrangement is to begin on the first of the ensuing month.

R. J. Meigs.

## General Post office

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Mrs. Sibilla Husband &amp; Madam.

January 3<sup>d</sup>. 1818.

P.M. Henderson Ky. } I have received yours of the 18<sup>th</sup>. ult. I wish you to procure six mail portmanteaus to be made of sufficient size to hold the main mail, to pay the expence thereof and credit your account therewith, to support the credit a receipt must accompany the account, will you have the goodness to enquire whether a real good mail contractor can be found to take charge of the main mail which is to go twice a week, on the first of next month. Your attention to this subject is invited.

R. J. Meigs.

Solomon Southwick Esq: &amp; Sir.

3<sup>d</sup>. Feb. 1818.

P.M. Albany N. Y. } I have yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> ult. if additional pay be essential to the continuance of Mr. Backus as a contractor, it must be made, if we break him down by an unfortunate contract we shall then be obliged to hire another person at an increased price. I wish that you and Genl. Bailey would as correctly ascertain as may be.. how much additional annual pay will be necessary to keep him up. with that information, I can more properly decide, between him and the public.



R. J. Meigs Jr.

William L. Vaughn Esq: &amp; Sir.

3<sup>d</sup>. Feb. 1818.

P.M. Shawanoctown Ind. } The Bardstown mail on and after the first of next month is to arrive at your office every Wednesday and Saturday by 9 A.M. and the same mail is to depart on the same days by 3 P.M. each mail is then to be carried between your office and Bardstown within seven days, on what terms could those mails be transported by a faithfull and able citizen of your place twice each week, each mail to go and to return within seven days, I make this enquiry from a presumption that the present contractor wants energy.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

W. William Stevens Esq: &amp; Sir.

Feb. 4. 1818.

M.C. Annapolis Md. } You will on receipt of this letter go from Annapolis by West River, Richardsons, Tracey's landing, Friendship, Lower Marlboro, & Huntingdon, to St. Leonard and return the same route to Tracey's landing via Pig Point &c to Annapolis, a prompt compliance with this letter is indispensably necessary.

R. J. Meigs.

## General Post office

Joseph C. Sprague Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

4th. Feb. 1818.

P. M. Salem Ms. } I am much obliged by the information given  
to this office in your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. the Eastern stage should  
convey a mail to your office every day, why it has not been so is  
very singular, the failures that you have noticed, must proceed  
from inattention at the Post office in Boston.

R. I. Meigs Jr.  
4th. Feb. 1818.Aaron Hill Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

P. M. Boston Ms. } Is a mail daily closed at your office and  
forwarded every day to Salem Ms. by the eastern mail stage  
if not it ought to be.

R. I. Meigs Jr.  
4 Feb. 1818.W. Nathan Peck 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

Newhaven Ct. } An intelligent Gentleman travelled between  
Boston and Newhaven last month, roads good eight hours from  
Boston to Worcester, from Middletown Ct. to Newhaven about four  
miles an hour with good roads, he observes that delays, <sup>are</sup> produced from  
want of speed want of readiness by corresponding drivers, and to  
frequent changes of stages and by running horses too far with  
very heavy loads, professed of these facts we cannot admit of any  
of these excuse for failures or even delays.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

J. Hedges Lovejoy & Goodwin 3<sup>rd</sup> Sirs.

4th. Feb. 1818.

Stratford Ct. } From a well informed traveller we learn  
that you over load your stages, taken in, within his own observation  
12 passengers at a time, that you drive your horses too great distance  
and too slow, and produce a most unreasonable delay in want  
of readiness on the part of your corresponding drivers, your pay  
is ample, your contract is inviting, to the most able and efficient  
men, and to them it will be given unless you fulfill your  
contract most scrupulously.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

William H. Redell Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

4th. Feb. 1818.

P. M. Glasgow Ky. } Yours of the 18<sup>th</sup>. is received, every facility that  
can be properly given, to the mail carriers should be given to prevent  
delays at other points from casualty, when to deliver is discontinued  
with you.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

## General Post office

Honl. John L. Herbert 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

4th. Feb. 1818.

M. H. Representative } I have the honour to observe in reply to your  
letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, and to the petition therein closed, that with  
a view of meeting the object of the petitioners, without the alteration  
of the Post office law, I have directed the mail to be transported  
from Annapolis by West river, Richardsons, Tracey's Landing, Friendship  
Lower Marlboro' and Huntingdon to St. Leonards, and from thence by  
the same route, (including Pig Point) to Tracey's Landing &c. to Annapolis.

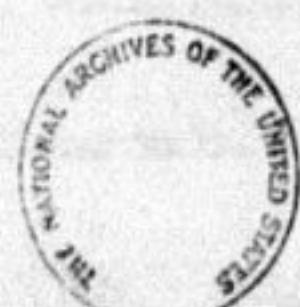
R. I. Meigs Jr.

John Reily Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

4th. Feb. 1818.

P. M. Hamilton Ohio } Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup>. is received. Luther Hinman of Brookville,  
Ind. proposed in Sept. last, to transport the mail as follows, from Hamilton  
by Brookville, Brownsville, Waterloo, Centerville, Salisbury, Dunlapville,  
Fairfield & Brookville to Hamilton once a week at \$400. we accepted his propos-  
al, he stated that he had made a mistake, and that he intended to demand  
\$400. at that price he was entitled to the contract, and he was assured that  
he should have that sum. he was well recommended, if he shall not  
have began the route when this letter reaches you, I wish you to employ  
a person to carry said mail, at a rate not exceeding \$400. a year,  
may we hear soon from you on this subject.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Samuel Hoyt Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

Feb. 4. 1818.

Marietta Ohio } Set this Schedule given Capt. Buell viz.  
Leave Marietta every Sunday at 5 A.M. arrive at Wheeling the next  
Tuesday by 9 A.M. Leave Wheeling same day by 10 A.M. arrive at Marietta  
on Thursday by 6 P.M. You will require Mr. Gales to deliver his mail  
without fail by 4 P.M. on Sunday.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

D. Sutherland Esq. D. P. M. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

Feb. 4. 1818.

B. N. A. Duebeck Law } I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt  
of your account for the last quarter & bills of exchange on London for  
\$100. Sterling which is to your credit at par. As soon as converted into  
cash the difference shall be placed to your credit. The unsealing of  
your letter bag must occurred at some post office on the route,  
my directions to the postmaster at New York shall be renewed  
and I will endeavour to ascertain where this regulation is contravened  
& have it remedied.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

## Genl. Post office

4th Feb. 1818.

W. D. Smith Esq. Sir.

P. M. Rutland At. I wish you to contract for the weekly transport of a mail between your office and Windsor at a rate not exceeding two hundred dollars a year, as per bond and contract enclosed. This route was not advertised, when you have closed the contract have the goodness to return it, a duplicate will then be sent to the contractor.

R. J. Meigs

4th. Feb. 1818.

Geo. R. C. Sullivan Esq. Sir.

P. M. Vincennes Ind. I, Bell Jordan and Mr. Adams of Palmyra stipulated to carry the mail between your office and Shawanostown, on post route 180. do they carry said mail, if not I wish you to engage a person to carry said mail once a week at 600. a year let him begin immediately, and let me know his name &c, a contract will then be forwarded for him to execute. John Jackson stipulated to carry the mail on post route 198. once a week has he done so. Matthew Lyon was to carry the mail on post route 199. if a failure happens on either route, I pray you promptly to dispatch an express on the delinquent route, with your mail & for the lost mail at the expense of this office, at the same time you will advise us of the act. that we may charge the delinquent contractor with the expense will you favour me with a reply

R. J. Meigs

4th. Feb. 1818.

Danl. Clark Esq. Sir.

P. M. Plymouth At. The transport of the mail between Rutland & your office At. will be resumed in a few days.

R. J. Meigs

4th Feb. 1818.

Abel Gilson Esq. Sir.

P. M. Reading At. I have yours of the 21<sup>st</sup>. ult. the transport of the mail between Rutland & Windsor will be resumed in a few days.

R. J. Meigs

## General Post office

4th. Feb. 1818.

Honl. Nathaniel Pope Esq. Sir.

M. H. Representatives, I have the honour to reply to Mr. Radcliff's letter, that Jordan who he mentions, in connection with one Adams, agreed to transport the mail between Vincennes and Shawanostown, at too small a sum, as we suppose, we however agreed to give all they asked, they have abandoned the route we suppose, if so the Post master of Vincennes, has special charge to employ a person to transport a mail on that route, immediately for and on account of this office.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

4th. Feb. 1818.

Messrs Tuttle &amp; others Gentlemen,

Wilksbarre Pa. I observe in reply to your memorial of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. that I should much regret to learn, that owing to the inadequacy of compensation, for the mails transport, that the contractor between Wilksbarre and Easton, should fail in the fulfillment of his contract, and in the continuance of an arrangement of so much public importance, I there consider it to be proper to pay the present contractor Miller Horton \$1000. a year, being the same amount that was paid for transporting said mail the two last years, under an arrangement less useful than the present one.

R. J. Meigs

4. Feb. 1818.

Miller Horton Esq. Sir.

Wilksbarre Pa. A memorial from a number of highly respectable gentlemen, of and about Wilksbarre, has so strongly represented your situation, relative to your Easton Postroute, as relates to your merits, your preparation and the inadequacy of your pay, that I have decided to pay you the same sum that was paid for transporting said mail the last year viz, \$1000. when the mail was carried much slower, this extra allowance will depend upon the fidelity with which you shall execute said contract, I trust that your interest will induce you to sell a part of the line to some faithfull and energetic person, to better warrant the continuance of the present arrangement.

R. J. Meigs

Feb. 4. 1818.

W. Charles Bell special Sir.

Agent Washington City. You will start to morrow for Raleigh N.C. with the express view of ascertaining, the causes that lead, and that have produced a number of failures, in the due transport of the mail between that place and this, within these few weeks, you will distinctly where the fault lies, and minutely examine the curriels stages and horses used in the transport of the mail, as to their strength security, and ability, you will particularly enquire and note down the character of the drivers, you (over)

You will likewise enquire who of a suitable character will wish to take charge of the mail which plies between Petersburg &c. and Raleigh N.C. their terms, and ability to transport the mail in carriages or stages, you will shew this letter to the Post masters and to the subcontractors of Mr. Gholson, who neither notices our remonstrances nor discharges his duty, on your return from Raleigh, you will shew him this letter also, you will look up all stray portmanteaus and have them returned to this office, and notice all errors that come within your view.

R. I. Meiggs Jr.

5th. Feb. 1818.

J. R. C. Curry Esq. & Sir.

P.M. Nashville Tenn. { The mail entrusted to the management of Col. Joslin is most shamefully conducted, that mail is so irregular in arriving at Natchez, that there seems to be no calculation, when it will arrive, two, three, and five mails are occasionally due, and a cart was deliberately proceeding with the accumulated mails in the last month to Natchez, whether Polk and Walker do better than he does we know not but report is against them, I pray you to make a special enquiry into the causes and number of failures on that road, and to enquire for energetic successors to the present mail carriers. I will thank you to shew this letter to Col. Joslin and to the agents of Messrs. Walker and Polk— your early reply is requested—

R. I. Meiggs Jr.

John Hankinson Esq. & Sir

5th. Feb. 1818.

P.M. Natchez Miss. { I am much obliged by your two reports of the 9th & 13th ult. I will thank you to inform me whether, the waters have been so high as to interrupt travellers from pursuing their route between your office and Huntsville, for the three past months, if the waters have been impassable, to what extent at any one time, what do travellers report as the causes of the mails delay, is it high water or negligent riders & bad horses, we want in fact all the information that we can obtain, that we may do justice between the delinquent contractors and the public, if the fault is in bad horses or faithless riders, our remedy is to be found in employing new agents or contractors, have you faithfull and energetic men who will engage in the business, I wish you to report every failure that happens with either mail.

R. I. Meiggs Jr.

5th. Feb. 1818.

Thomas McCoy Esq. P.M. & Sir.

Chickasaw Agency Miss. { On receipt of this letter, have the goodmen to promptly report the number of failures that have taken place in the Natchez mail, and in the Nashville mail, within the present, and the three preceding months, as well as the reputed, as well as real causes, are the carriers energetic and trusty men, are they well paid, have they good horses, have you a disposition yourself or have you any acquaintance adapted to the transport of the mail, who would wish to take charge of the mail, and if so, the terms for either quote.

R. I. Meiggs Jr.

5th. Feb. 1818.

Col. Benjamin Joslin & Sir.

Nashville Tenn. { You are fined three hundred dollars for three failures in the just and due delivery of the mail in Natchez— between the 1st and 13th of last month, per report of the Postmaster of Natchez Miss.

R. I. Meiggs Jr.

5th. Feb. 1818.

Stockley D. Hutchings & Sir.

P.M. Huntsville Miss. { Will you inform me in what manner or regularity the Natchez, and the Nashville mail, has been carried within the three preceding months, are the carriers faithfull sober men, are the horses good, what is the reputed cause of the irregularity of the Natchez mail as reported by travellers, your early reply is requested.

R. I. Meiggs Jr.

5th. Feb. 1818.

Messrs. Polk & Walker & Sirs.

M.C. Columbia Tenn. { The mail through the Indian country between Huntsville and Natchez, has for several months past been carried beyond all former precedent, I am making enquiries into the causes of the failures as well as to the number of failures, with the determination of enforcing every penalty incurred, and that may be incurred, by the contractors.

R. I. Meiggs Jr.

## General Post office

5th. Feb. 1818.

J. W. Benj'n Jacob Esq; Sir,  
Hopkinsville Ky. Your letter of January 19th. is received, you can  
untill further advised to perform your route as follows &c.  
Leave Russellville every Monday at 2 P.M. Arrive at Hopkinsville  
the next day by Arrive at Smithland the next Thursday  
by 4 P.M. Leave there the same day in two hours. Arrive at  
Russellville the next Monday by 9 A.M. Your annual pay  
including Princeton is now \$600. if your original route,  
(excluding Princeton) is more than 815 miles, by means of any  
kind, we can make you an extra allowance, as you grounded  
your calculations on that distance.

P.S. What additional sum will you demand for carrying an  
extra weekly mail between Russellville & Hopkinsville.  
Your early answer is solicited.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

5th. Feb. 1818.

William Gordon Esq; Sir.

P.M. Smithland Ky. The Russellville mail in future is to  
arrive at your office on Thursdays by 4 P.M. and to depart in  
two hours, the Cape Giradot mail can depart from your  
office on Friday instead of Saturday mornings.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

5th. Feb. 1818.

Samuel Gray Esq; Sir

Russellville Ky. I have authorised Mr. Jacob to make his  
arrival at your office on Mondays at 9 A.M. and to depart  
same day by 2 P.M.

R. J. Meigs

5th. Feb. 1818.

John Bryon Esq; Sir.

P. M. Hopkinsville Ky. I have yours of the 17th ult. that we may more  
correctly decide about sending a second weekly mail between Russellville  
and Hopkinsville, we wish you to ascertain the expence, or rather  
to enquire on what terms a second weekly mail can be carried per  
annum, between those places, when you give us the resultt. of your  
enquiry we can decide on the proposition.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

5th. Feb. 1818.

J. C. Foster Esq; Sir.

Marysburgh Pa. The route referred to in your letter of the 2d will  
probably be adopted the ensuing summer, in the national intelligence  
when we shall be glad to see your proposal.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

5th. Feb. 1818.

David Russell Esq; Sir.

near Morgantown Tenn. I have yours of the 22d ult. Mr. Crozier has been  
authorised to give \$900. for transporting the mail between Morgantown  
& Cannonsville, and if Cannonsville does not take that sum, you can have  
the contract at that rate, a week is allowed to transport the mail  
between Morgantown, and in that time it may be done.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

5th. Feb. 1818.

J. Crozier Esq; Sir.

P.M. Knoxville Tenn. If. Cannonsville does not accept my offer of carrying  
the mail between Morgantown and Cannonsville Ga. at \$900. I wish you  
to request Mr. David Russell to take charge of said mail at that price  
and to perform the trip in a week. will you favour me with a reply.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

5th. Feb. 1818.

William Creighton Sen; Esq; Sir.

P.M. Chillicothe Ohio. I am favoured with your two letters of the 29th ult.  
the Williamsburg mail should arrive at your office on Tuesdays & Saturdays  
by 1 P.M. and depart every Sunday & Wednesday at 10 A.M. The Lebanon Mail  
should arrive on Thursday at 10 A.M. and depart on Friday by 10 A.M. this arrange-  
ment was made under a belief that the Wheeling mail arrived at your office  
on Sunday as it should do. I have again written to Col. Johnson on that subject  
a delay is produced by his inattention in their transmission of the Marietta  
mail which arrives at your office on Saturdays, both for Cincinnati and  
Kentucky; until he changes, let the Cincinnati arrangement stand, the  
others are right save the Portsmouth mail which you have corrected.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

6 Feb. 1818.

William Burke Esq; Sir.

P.M. Cincinnati O. By a letter from the Postmaster of Cincinnati  
I fear that Peter Williams, will arrive at Chillicothe on Thursdays  
too late for the corresponding mails, the hour fixed for his arrival  
by contract is 10 A.M. to that hour does he conform.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

6 Feb. 1818.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

Hon. Mr. Gaillard<sup>3</sup> Sir  
President of the Senate<sup>3</sup>

## General Post office

I have the honour to enclose for the 9th Feb 1818  
the Senate, my report of the clerks employed in this office and the amount  
of salaries paid to them for the year 1817.

Hon. Peter Gilman<sup>3</sup> Sir.

Norridgewock Me.<sup>3</sup> I wish you to continue the weekly transport of a  
second weekly mail between Augusta and Anson until the 31st of  
December 1820 - at the rate of twenty six dollars quarter yearly for  
said service, or \$104 per annum. to take date from the first of last  
month.

R. I. Meigs  
Feb. 7. 1818.

Hon. Henry Clay<sup>3</sup> Sir.

Speaker of the H. Rep.<sup>3</sup> I have the honour to enclose for the consideration  
of the House of Representatives, my report of the clerks employed  
in this office, and the amount of salaries paid to them for the  
year 1817.

9th Feb. 1818.  
R. I. Meigs  
7th. Feb. 1818.

Hon. Joshua L. Gage<sup>3</sup> Sir.

M. H. Representatives<sup>3</sup> I have the honour to observe in reply to Mr.  
Gilman's letter to you under date of the 21st. ult. that I have this  
day requested that Gentlemen to continue an additional weekly  
mail between Augusta and Anson until the 31st. of December 1820 -  
the petition was accidentally mislaid in the great pressure of official business  
or it would have been promptly acknowledged, and Mr. Gilman would have  
received instruction to send the second mail by the first of Jan'y. past.  
but as he has carried the second mail from that period the  
public have sustained no injury.

R. I. Meigs

Hon. John Scott<sup>3</sup> Sir.

7th. Feb. 1818.

M. H. Report.<sup>3</sup> I have the honour to observe in reply to your letter  
of the 5th instant. that appreciating the growing importance of the  
Territory of Illinois, and of the territory which you represent, that  
I have made arrangements for transporting two weekly mails to  
St Louis in Missouri. the additional mail will take place about  
the first of May next.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

## General Post office

5th. Feb. 1818.

H. P. Dering Esq.<sup>3</sup> Sir.

P. M. Sag Harbor N.Y.<sup>3</sup> I have yours of the 2d. I have noted on the  
counter part of Mr. Geltons contract the additional sum of \$200 a year  
for visiting the Post office of Drown Meadow, as that office incurred  
his travel and was not included in my advertisement, you can make a  
similar note on the contract which is in your possession, Mr. Gelton must  
make his arrival at your office on Friday by 7. P.M.

R. I. Meigs Jr.  
7th. Feb. 1818.

Hon. Josiah Paine<sup>3</sup> Sir.

Portland Me.<sup>3</sup> I have to request that you will on the receipt of this  
letter deliver the mail via Brunswick at Hallowell and Augusta on  
the same days the present<sup>year</sup> as you did the past year, as we have not  
been favoured with the bond and contract as executed by you we know not  
the manner in which you carry the mails.

R. I. Meigs  
5th. Feb. 1818.

Hon. Mr. Orr<sup>3</sup> Sir.

M. H. Report.<sup>3</sup> I have the honour to observe that pursuant to your  
application, I have this day requested the mail contractor Josiah Paine  
to supply the Post offices at Hallowell & Augusta Me. with the Brunswick  
mail on the same days that he did the last year.

R. I. Meigs

Hon. Mr. Blount<sup>3</sup> Sir.

M. H. Report.<sup>3</sup> I have the honour to observe in reply to Mr. David Russell's  
letter to you under date of the 23<sup>d</sup>. ult. that we tender to Mr. Russell the  
transport of the mail between Morganton & Cullowhee Ga. at \$900 -  
per annum. the trip to be performed in a week, we view that offer as better,  
for Mr. Russell, than if we give him \$1,200, to go from Knoxville instead of  
Morganton, if however we err, we will correct the error when it is pointed  
out, we are very desirous, that this mail should go on, and we wish Mr.  
Russell whom you so highly recommend to proceed with the mail  
immediately, if Cullowhee is not carrying it, Mr. Boggs has  
neglected to give us any information on the subject, consequently we  
know not whether Cullowhee does or does not carry it.

5th. Feb. 1818.

R. I. Meigs Jr.



Hon. Sant C. Allen Esq. 3 Sir

General Post office

9th. Feb. 1818.

M. H. Repre<sup>t</sup>. I have the honor to observe that pursuant to your request, I have this day forwarded a bond and contract to be executed by John Phelps of Greenfield Ms. for the transport of a weekly mail between Athol and Williamston Ms. via Greenfield &c.

R. S. Meiggs Jr.

Hon. Jeremiah Nellon 3 Sir.

9th. Feb. 1818.

M. H. Repre<sup>t</sup>. I have the honor to observe in reply to the letter of Messrs Varnum, White & others, that the act of sending the mail between Boston and Concord N. H. by the Londonderry Turnpike, was not authorized by this office, Isaac Hill of Concord N. H. proposed to transport the mail between those places, his proposal was accepted, but he very lately, refused to comply with his proposal, that postroute is now unprovided for, and I have this day forwarded a blank bond and contract to the Postmaster of Haverhill Ms. for the purpose of entering into a contract with proper and efficient persons for the due transport of the mail between Ms. and Concord N. H. through the same Towns and on the same days as the mail was transported the last year, and on the same terms, I pray you to express to your correspondence my regret at this unexpected occurrence.

R. S. Meiggs Jr.

Joseph Law Esq. 3 Sir

9th. Feb. 1818.

P. O. Concord N. H. I have yours of the 31<sup>st</sup>. ult. we cannot send the mail between Boston Ms. and Concord N. H. on the Londonderry Turnpike without an alteration of the Post office law, I have this day forwarded a bond & Contract to the Postmaster of Haverhill Ms. for the purpose of making a contract for the due transport of the mail on the old route.

R. S. Meiggs Jr.

Mr. Josiah Stockwell 3 Sir.

Feb. 9. 1818.

Philipsburg or Gorp. Ms. W. John Phelps having contracted to transport the mail from Athol to Greenfield in stages, that part of your contract will be agreeably to the 14<sup>th</sup> section of your contract will be annulled, your full pay will be continued one month after you receive this notice, and after that period your pay will be reduced annually \$200 -

R. S. Meiggs

General Post office

Feb. 9. 1818.

Ambrose Ames Esq. 3 Sir

P. O. Greenfield Ms. I will thank you to see the enclosed bond contract and both properly executed by John Phelps, and when returned to this office, a counter part of the contract, executed at this office, will be forwarded to the contractor. N. B. When Phelps has executed the contract will you be good enough to seal and forward the enclosed letters to Mr. Crosby & T. W. Stockwell.

R. S. Meiggs Jr.

9th. Feb. 1818.

Mr. Judah Crosby 3 Sir.

Hawley Ms. W. John Phelps of Greenfield having contracted to transport the mail in stages between Greenfield and Williamston, your contract for that route has a great<sup>y</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. section stand, but your pay will accordingly to that section be continued one month after you receive this notice.

R. S. Meiggs Jr.

Feb. 10. 1818.

Bob. James Johnson 3 Dear Sir,

Great boopings Hg. Do you carry the mail according to the schedule attached hereto, if not, in what respects do you vary, the connection at Chillicothe on Sunday, going Westward, instead of Monday, is indispensable, will you favour me with an immediate reply, as we have many mails connected on that branch from your mail.



R. S. Meiggs Jr.

10th. Feb. 1818.

Hon. James Burnell p. 3 Sir.

M. of the Senate I have the honor to observe that I have made arrangements to send six mail a week between Providence R. I. & Newhaven Ct. three mails via Hartford and three by New London Ct. if the contractors on the southern line had acted in conformity to their contracts, the citizens of Providence would have received six mails as they will now from the southard on six different days of the week from the first of Jan'y last.

R. S. Meiggs Jr.

Feb. 10th. 1818.

W. H. Jones Esq. 3 Sir.

P. O. New Haven Ct. To give the citizens of Providence six Southern and direct Mails, we designed that three mails should leave your office by 11<sup>th</sup> at night or as much earlier as was practicable vid Hartford on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday those mails would arrive at Providence the same days by 8 A.M. The three other mails were by contract to depart at midnight on the nights of Monday, Wednesday, & Friday or as near that time as is practicable, on the morning of Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, by 11<sup>th</sup> P.M. our arrangements will in this case give Providence a southern mail every day except Sunday, I wish you to send the mails as above proposed, and to suspend the delivery of the mails to Dutton or any other than those days, first give him time to come to your office, and make the necessary alterations.

R. S. Meiggs Jr.

## General Post Office

10th. Feb. 1818.

Asa Dutton Esq; Sir.

New London St. Your first schedule stands in this manner, leave New Haven every Monday Wednesday & Friday at midnight, arrive at Chelsea the next days Tuesday Thursday & Saturday by 2 P.M. leave Chelsea every Tuesday Thursday & Saturday at 1 A.M. arrive at New Haven same days by 3 P.M. in 14 hours, Mr. Fish alleges that you did not conform to your contract, but that you arrived at Chelsea on the days previous to those above mentioned, and that while he acted agreeably to contract, & that you carried your mail erroneously and caused the break, certain it is that your original schedule above referred to, was then and now is the one by which you should be governed, in that case, the citizens of Providence would receive six direct Southern mails viz: every day except Sunday, if Mr. Fish is correct in representation it is proper that his contract be restored to him at once. The mail on your road must be delivered at Providence every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, and leave there every Monday, Wednesday & Friday by 4 P.M. that it may be delivered the succeeding days at New Haven in time for the Southern mail, your attention and early reply is requested.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Feb. 10. 1818.

Isaac Fish Esq; Sir.

Providence R.I. Yours of the 5th. inst. is recd. to shew you that we did not act on light ground, in superseding you as a contractor between Chelsea and Providence, we recd. the following information confirmed by three persons, that you left the mail 15 hours at Chelsea on its way to Providence and that you made the mail carrier subserve your stage interest, "if as you alledge, you have been ready and you have carried the mail as you should do according to contract, your contract shall be restored, for in that event Mr. Dutton must have erroneously carried his mail, and the blame will attach to him and not to you."

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Feb. 10. 1818.

Hon. T. H. Hubbard Esq; Sir.

M. H. Representatives I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and to shew you that we have taken the necessary measures to effect your object as relates to the Utica mail. I have taken the liberty to herein close my last letter to Israel Holmes, mail contractor, I have this day written to Mr. Southwick on the subject of mailing for Hamilton on the proper days, I am surprised that he has not already done so, as he assured me by letter early last month he would do so. & in conformity to my positive instructions to him on that subject.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

10th. Feb. 1818.

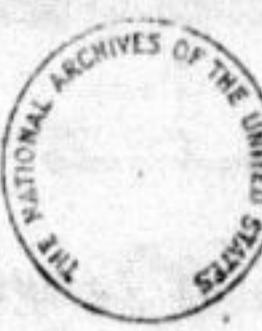
Gabriel Allen Esq; &amp; Son.

P.M. Providence R.I. I am favoured with yours of the 3<sup>d</sup>. inst. in which you state that the Hartford mail arrives at your office every Monday Wednesday & Friday evenings, as we arranged the route via New London you would have received a southern mail by that route on Tuesday Thursday & Saturday by 11<sup>th</sup> P.M. the contractors have mistaken their contract, three gentlemen stated to this office that Mr. Fish allowed a detention of the mail 15 hours on its way to Providence, to suit his stages, these gentlemen (who are discreet & intelligent) must be mistaken, if Mr. Fish is not for he contends that he wished and was ready to transport the mail to Providence as he should do on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, if Mr. Fish has done his duty he should be restored to his contract immediately. The New Haven mail is to arrive at your office via New London on the evenings of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by 11<sup>th</sup> P.M. and depart on Monday Wednesday & Friday by 4 P.M. the Boston mail having previously arrived.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

11th Feb. 1818.

Solomon Southwick Esq; Sir.



P.M. Albany N.Y. I invite your attention to my letter of the 16<sup>th</sup>. of Decemr. last on the subject of mailing for Hamilton N.Y. the object was to send to that office two mails a week one via Cherry Valley and one via Utica, the mails for Hamilton leaves Utica on Wednesday mornings.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

11 Feb. 1818.

Orchard Cook Esq; Sir.

P. M. Wipperfurth Mr. I wish you to visit the Post offices at Palermo & Freedom for so doing, I will allow you the additional sum of fifty two dollars a year and the amount of Bridgeton, if caused by this extention of your route.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

10th. Feb. 1818.

Hon. James Wilson Esq; Sir.

M. Senate I have the honour to observe that I have instructed the mail carrier to call at Still Valley with the mail.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

11 Feb. 1818.

W. Cornelius Vanderveer Esq; Sir.

M. C. Trenton N.J. On the receipt of this letter you will instruct your mail carrier to call at the post office in Still Valley with the mail.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

11th. Feb. 1818.

Mr. Jonah Paine &amp; Sri.

Portland Mr. I will thank you to send a direct mail from Brunswick via Litchfield to Augusta Mr. instead of sending a crop post to Litchfield and Bowdoinham. I pray you to attend to this request without delay, may I have your reply, as well as this as to my former letters.

R. J. Meigs -

11. Feb. 1818.

Hon. Joshua Gage &amp; Sri.

M. H. Repn. I have the honour to observe in reply to Mr. Robinson's letter to you under date of the 29th ult. that I some days ago requested Mr. Paine the mail contractor to adopt the same arrangement of the mails for Hallowell & Augusta the present year as was observed the last year.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

Feb. 10. 1818.

M. H. Reprnts. I have the honour to observe in reply to the letter of the Postmaster and Selectmen of the Town of Litchfield Mr. to your address under date of the 26th ult. and I have this day instructed Mr. Paine to send a mail direct from Brunswick through Litchfield to Augusta.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

11th. Feb. 1818.

W. Cleaver Wheelock &amp; Sri.

Burton At. I am to request that you direct your carrier to visit the post office at Shoreham, which is now removed to the center of that Town, I am assured that your ride will be thereby diminished.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

11th. Feb. 1818.

W. John Jackson &amp; Sri.

Georgetown Ind. I am to call your immediate attention to your post route viz. Vincennes & Charleston Ind. If you do form a connection agreeably to contract with C. Jackson at Charleston the mail will proceed direct between Louisville Ky. and Vincennes if your carrier has failed in fulfillment of your contract the Post master at Charleston must provide for that route.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

11th. Feb. 1818.

Benjamin Ferguson &amp; Sri

Charleston Ind. John Jackson stipulates to take the mails for Vincennes &c on Monday at 11 A.M. or as soon as they arrived at your office from Louisville Ky. he was to deliver said mail at Vincennes the next Thursday by noon m. Same there in three hours and return to your office on Sunday in time to meet the mail for Louisville, has he acted in conformity with this arrangement, has he faithfully carried said mail, if he does not do so I wish you to employ some other person to that route so as to preserve the the connection, every week, your expence for so doing will be paid by the office, I will thank you for an immediate reply.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

Feb. 11th. 1818.

Hon. H. Taylor &amp; Sri.

M. Senate. I have the honour to observe in reply to the extracts of letters that you have enclosed to this office from Messrs Stouts & others Owing, that Congress in the year 1814. discontinued the then travelled postroad between Jeffersonville Corydon and Vincennes, & in lieu thereof established the present postroute from Charleston to Vincennes, as that route is now arranged by this office, the mail goes from Louisville Ky to Vincennes, & returns in a week, at Jeffersonville, it receives and delivers the mail, at two mails paper every week between Jeffersonville and Corydon, the correspondence between Vincennes & Corydon cannot be protracted materially, if the carriers are as they must be faithful

R. J. Meigs -

Feb. 11. 1818.

W. Elihu Stout &amp; Sri.

Vincennes Ind. I have your letter of the 15th ult. Congress in the year 1814. discontinued the travelled Postroad between Jeffersonville, Corydon and Vincennes, and established a postroad from Charleston to Vincennes, if our arrangements are carried into effect, the mail will be carried from Louisville Ky. to Vincennes, and return to Louisville within seven days.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

12th. Feb. 1818.

W. Eliab Whitman &amp; Sri.

Bridgewater Mr. Yours of the 3<sup>d</sup> instant is received, you do not show that the late alteration is prejudicial to W. Packard, nor can I perceive how it can be, in as much as that the time for performance is not thereby abridged, nor the expence enhanced.

R. J. Meigs.



General Post office  
W. Joseph Trotter Esq. Sir.  
Babekia Ill. { I have yours of the 10th inst. as you state that you began to transport the mail, on the 10th. of Nov. last it is much to be regretted, that you had not earlier apprised this office of the fact before payment for said service had been paid for, to John McArthur, if the Post master will attest to the fact of your carrying it, in consequence of the contractors neglecting to provide for the mails transport, if we can with propriety, we will pay you for said service, you can be indulged with three hours more time for arriving at Babekia from Kaskaskia, what is the actual annual expence for your two ferrages, if you did not actually take that expence into view in your calculation it may be just to allow you therefor if you in good faith carry the mail according to contract.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

Aaron Hill Esq. 3 Sir.

12 Feb. 1818.

P. L. Boston Mr. { Yours of the 4th is rec'd. to the report of Mr. Sprague we are much indebted, and I trust that the public will find a profit, from his information, the alteration solicited by the southern contractors is as we apprehend a plan to sell dinners, the mail for Concord N. H. must be carried via Haverhill untill the post office law is altered.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

William Lamb Esq. 3 Sir.

12. Feb. 1818.

Grafton near Worcester Mass. { Yours of the 28th ult. is received, the contractor demands seventy five dollars for visiting the Post office at Grafton with the mail, a sum much more than the office will produce.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

Mr. Blodget, Torlach 3 Sir.

12. Feb. 1818.

Simplicius N. Y. { You can convey the mail agreeable to your first proposition, and distribute newspapers for your private emolument on the route, such as are not included in the mail.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

Leffes S. & G. Miller 3 Sirs.

12. Feb. 1818.

Middletown N. Y. { You can agreeably to your request go down to Bettisburg on the East branch and return by the West Branch of the Delaware, and whenever the East branch is impassable, you will go and return by the West Branch.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

Feb. 12. 1818.

Geo. Bush Esq. P. L. 3 Sir.  
Lower Smithfield Pa. { I pray you to tell the mail carrier that for each time that he fails to call at your office with the mail that I shall fine him five dollars, or his employer.

12th. Feb. 1818.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

12th. Feb. 1818.

J. Percival Esq. 3 Sir  
P. L. Percivals Atto. { I pray you to employ some person to carry the mails on the two Western routes lately contracted for by Robert Wallace on the best possible terms by the trip untill some distinct annual proposal is made, on what terms will you or your neighbours carry either or both of those routes per annum.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

12th. Feb. 1818.

Augustus Clapp Esq. 3 Sir

P. L. Situate Mass. { I have yours of the 30th ult. of what use is your cross post, when the main route is supplied with mails by Leonard and Stone.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

12th. Feb. 1818.

Gov. Jonathan Jennings 3 Sir

Brydon Ind. { I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 19th. ult. in favour of Jacob Horner, justice shall be done that gentleman, I regret that he has not supplied Greenville with the mail.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

12th. Feb. 1818.

Mark Russell Esq. 3 Sir.

P. L. Guyandotte Va. { This letter is your authority for requiring the mail carrier from Gallipolis to Burlington O. to call at your office with the mail.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

12th. Feb. 1818.

Mr. Ira Portis 3 Sir

Ransom Bridge N. C. { I have yours of the 6th. instant. I have requested the Postmaster of Warrenton to allow you to go out with the mail for Edenton although your mail carrier shall not have previously arrived, it is very much to be regretted that you had not kept more faithfull riders so as to have entitled you to the additional pay, I very much fear that I shall be compelled to place that mail in other hands.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

12. Feb. 1818.