

## General Post Office

March 11. 1818.

Copy? Thos. M. Wilson Esq. Sir.

M. H. Rep. { In reply to your letter of this days date, I have the honor to observe, that the late sickness & death of Robt. Wallace mail contractor produced some derangement in the mail routes confided to him, his successor for the Mecklenburg mails, has received this day special instruction to visit the Post Office at Oak Hill Mill Grove & Marshallville, which by contract he was before bound to do.

I have sir the honor to be  
your obt. Servt.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

March 11. 1818.

Belton A. Clegg Esq. Sir.

P. M. H. Mary Ga. { I have yours of the 24th ult. so that you make your mail arrangements to suit the Commanding Officer at Amelia Island, I am satisfied.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

March 11. 1818.

Rev. Messrs. J. Appleton &amp; Sir.

Sothern Brunswick Me. { I have yours of the 2d inst. I exceedingly regret that our mail arrangements are such as to be inconvenient to any of the citizens of Brunswick, and more especially that they should interfere with public worship, but our mails as now arranged in your section of the country are believed to be best adapted to the general interest, of those who have concerns with the mails.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

March 11. 1818.

Thomas Smith Esq. Sir.

Lexington Ky. { I have yours of the 16th ult. I regret that your business did not permit you to go on to Huntsville, with a view of examining into the causes of the mails delay on that postroute, and I shall be much pleased to have you travel that route, at any subsequent period, when the Postmaster of Lexington shall view such a measure necessary.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

March 11. 1818.

W. Tim. Gray Jr. Sir.

Dedham Mass. { I have yours of the 28th ult. if we cannot get the mail carried for less than \$2,000, we must give that price, but we view that sum to be unreasonable, when the mails travels slow, and we shall get it carried for a less price if possible.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

March 11. 1818.

Gov. William W. Bibb &amp; Sir,

St. Stephens Al. Iy. { Mr. Covel presented to me this day your Excellency's letter of the 28th ult. by which I am satisfied that Capt. Flinn cannot carry the mail, the unexpired term of the present year at the rate of twelve dollars a mile, will you have the goodness to assure that gentleman that if he in good faith shall duly transport a mail from St. Stephens to Creek Agency in a week, and convey a mail in the same time from the Agency to St. Stephens, making a regular weekly mail, that he shall be paid at the rate of sixteen dollars a mile per annum, counting the distance one way, the increased compensation to take date with the period that he began to convey the mail. Capt. Flinn is distinctly to understand, that the increase of Compensation is to depend solely on his punctuality.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

March 11. 1818.

Sam'l. Gray Esq. Sir.

Russellville Ky. { I am obliged by the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult.

R. J. Meigs Jr.



March 11. 1818.

Gab'l Allen Esq. Sir.

P. M. Providence R. I. { Your letter of December 31<sup>st</sup> has been accidentally mislaid, if Messrs. Fish & Aldrich are now prepared and willing to contract to transport a daily mail between your office & Boston at \$1,500 a year, they can have a contract and they can begin on the first of next month.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

March 11. 1818.

J. Law Esq. Dear Sir.

P. M. Hartford Ct. { At what hour of the day does the Providence mail arrive at your office, if convenient we wish the contractors for that mail route to give you such a schedule as will be most satisfactory to them.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

March 11. 1818.

Dan'l. F. W. M. W. Thompson Esq. Sir.

P. M. Frankfort Ky. { Will you be good enough to inform me whether Messrs. Suggot & Thompson (mail contractors) have been informed by their agent at Russellville, that their mail had not arrived in one instance at that place, in time for the pending mails up to the 8th ult. Your reply is requested.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

March 12th 1818.

Mr. Jefferson Sir,  
Easton Md. I have yours of the 2<sup>d</sup>. inst. we can give you \$1000 a year  
for transporting the mail from Easton by Cambridge, Vienna  
Quintico, Whitehaven Princeps Am. Pocomoke & Roads, Snowhill  
Princeps Am. Salisbury Vienna & Cambridge to Easton, You having  
permission to run your stage on the direct route from Easton to  
Snowhill and back, and providing for supplying such offices as  
are not contiguous to the stage road by extra posts on horse back, this  
proposal is for a weekly mail, when you have reflected on the subject  
you can give your answer, from Snowhill to Northampton W.  
Maples is to carry the mail in a stage.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Col. Silvanus Sayell Sir,

12th March 1818.

Cast Bridgewater Ms. I wish you to convey the mail to the Post office  
at Middleboro' four corners both in going to & in returning from New  
Bedford, for so doing I will give you one dollar extra a week, twice a  
week - if as I trust you will close with this offer, I will thank  
you for a prompt reply.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Danl. Annin Esq. &amp; Sir.

March 12. 1818.

P. M. Battletown D<sup>r</sup> I am obliged by your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Sam'l. Briggs Esq. &amp; Sir.

March 12. 1818.

P. M. Middleboro' Ms. All letters & newspapers which are received  
at your office addressed to Middleboro', and which are designed for  
persons residing near Middleboro' four corners, or which can be  
delivered from that office more conveniently than from yours, must  
be entered in your accts. of letters overcharged or mispent and sent to  
that office for delivery, the same course must be taken with  
newspapers. — I am your obt.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Gad Bulkley Esq. &amp; Sir.

12th March 1818.

P. M. Canterbury Ct<sup>r</sup> Yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> ult. is received, you can correct  
our error and allow Mr. Hyde \$450. instead of \$350. on Postwater 114.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

## General P. Office

March 12. 1818.

Mr. William P. Packett &amp; Sir.

Salem H<sup>r</sup> Your rider must deliver the mail at  
Brownsville, or you will be fined for his neglect ten dollars a week.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

William Burke Esq. &amp; Sir,

March 12. 1818.

P. M. Cincinnati Ohio To accommodate Gentlemen of Business  
in your town, I have desired (through Gen. Harrison) that they  
should furnish such Schedule of the arrival & departure of the mails  
to Kentucky, as may be best adopted, their interests, when such sche-  
dule is formed, you will please to inform the Postmaster at Georgetown  
Lexington &c. thereof, also notify the contractor & this Department.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Mr. Peter Williams &amp; Sir.

March 12. 1818.

Cincinnati Ohio Will you suspend your mails departure from Lebanon  
for Chillicothe on Wednesday until your Hamilton mail shall have  
arrived at that office, the latter mail must be in time for the  
former at all events.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Gabb. Allen Esq. &amp; Sir.

March 12. 1818.

P. M. Providence R. I. I have yours of the 7<sup>th</sup>. you can suspend the  
delivery of letters & newspapers, half an hour, when you are in the  
act of closing the mails.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Chas C. Humphreys Esq. &amp; Sir.

12th March 1818.

P. M. Kaskaskia Ill. T<sup>r</sup> I observe in reply to yours of that the  
mail carrier has positive orders to call at your office with the mail

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Geo. Haunsberger Esq. &amp; Sir.

March 12. 1818.

P. M. Lebanon Ohio I am obliged by your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup>. inst.  
I have instructed Williams (the mail contractor) to effect a meeting  
of the Hamilton & Chillicothe mails at Lebanon, if he does not I  
will thank you to do so -

R. S. Meigs Jr.



## General Post office

Honl. W. Quarters<sup>3</sup> Sir,  
H. of Reps. { I have the honor to observe, that the sum we  
now pay for the weekly transport of the mail on horse back between  
Beens Station Tenn. & Lexington Ky. is \$1,300. to that sum we can add  
the customary advance, for transporting the mail in Stages, in preference  
to carrying the mail on horse back 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per cent. which will make the  
annual compensation of \$1,744 for transporting the mail in stages  
on the above route. the principal reliance for the support of stages  
must depend on passengers. I cannot enter into a contract for a  
part of the above postroute between Beens Station Tenn. to Haglepatch Ky.  
for a longer period than the 31st. of December next, the period  
that the contract for that route expires, it may be advisable for  
the Gentlemen who desire to establish the line of stages to defer  
contracting, until my advertisement is issued, which will be in  
two or three months, the presumption is that they can get a better  
price then, than they can now, as we must be regulated at this  
time by the current sum given. - I am anxious to see that line  
established, for when it is done, we can send the mail by stage  
to the capital of your state in two different directions from  
the seat of Government.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

13th. March 1818.

Mrs. J. Richardson & others<sup>3</sup> Sirs  
New Lisbon Ohio. { I have yours of the inst. for the  
present the mail is to be transported between Steubenville and  
New Lisbon on the direct road.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

March 13. 1818.

Mrs A. & D. O. Patterson<sup>3</sup> Sirs  
Concord. At<sup>3</sup> I some time since established a post office  
at Eldridge near Buckingham C. H. where your driver I am told  
refuses to deliver the mail, a penalty of ten dollars a week must  
be enforced against you, for his pertinacious obstinacy.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

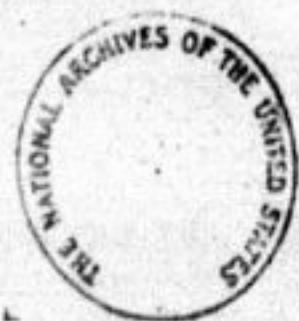
## General P. office

13th. March 1818.

Honl. Tho. H. Hall<sup>3</sup> Sir,

M. H. Reps. { I have the honour to observe in reply to genl.  
Jones letter of the 4th. Inst. enclosed in yours of yesterdays date, that there  
is an established postroad from Raleigh by Tarboro. Scotland Neck  
Williamston to Plymouth or Edenton C. H. N.C. that line will embrace  
a part of four postroutes, all of which will expire on the 31st. of next  
Decemr. and a mail contract could not be entered into at this time  
beyond that period. Should any Gentleman deem it advisable to start  
a weekly stage on that route, we could give them a sum not exceeding  
nine dollars a mile per ann. counting the distance one way, should  
a line of stages be established on said route. the Contractor should  
run his stages direct between Raleigh & Tarboro and supply the  
offices attached from the main road by cross posts. while I view  
it to be good policy on the part of Government, to encourage the  
establishment of stages on postroutes generally. Yet the principal  
reliance for the support of stages must rest on passengers.

R. J. Meigs Jr.



16th. March. 1818.

Honl. G. M. Troup<sup>3</sup> Sir.

M. Senate. { I have the honor to observe in reply to your letter  
of the 14th. as well as to the petition therein closed, that Congress in  
the year 1816. discontinued the postroute then established between  
Montgomery C. H. & Darien Ga. and established a postroute between  
Montgomery C. H. and Riceboro. I would recommend that Congress  
should discontinue the present postroute, and establish the former one,  
I could then comply with your wishes, and the public would be  
benefitted by the measure.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

March 16. 1818.

Mr. Erastus Young<sup>3</sup> Sir.

Bennington At<sup>3</sup> That justice may be done to Mr. John Phelps  
who has lately established a stage to run between Athol M<sup>s</sup> and  
Williamston M<sup>s</sup>. I wish you to run a stage between the latter  
place and Hosack N. Y. without loss of time. Mr. Phelps commenced  
his line under the promise of a connecting stage on that route, your  
immediate reply is requested.

R. J. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

16th. March 1818.

Ambron Ames Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

P. M. Greenfield Mr. Be good enough to inform Mr. Phelps that, Peaster Young of Bennington Vt. is instructed to transport the mail in Stages, between Williamston Vt. & Hoosick Vt. y.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

William Woody Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

March 16. 1818.

P. M. Leesburg At<sup>d</sup> Two of the Villains who Robbed the mail on the evening of the 4th Inst. by name of Hane, they say that they are Brothers, and that a brother resides in your Town who we believe to be a Tailor or so they represent him to be. the third accomplice of these wretches, it is represented is their brother, if so he may be lurking about your place. \$500. Reward will be paid for the conviction of the offender, does a man by the name of Hane reside in your Town or near it.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

W. Henry Peck 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

March 17. 1818.

Albany N. Y. A memorial has been presented to this office signed by Meps, Tarnham, Goodrich, Hawley, Turbell & Chapin praying that the memorialists may have the privilege of transporting the mail recently confided to you, in support of the memorial it is proved that the memorialists, are proprietors of the line of Stage that run on the post road between Albany, Stockbridge & Springfield, that they lately carried the mail thereon, to the satisfaction of the public with fidelity & dispatch. The memorialists have transmitted a copy of paper signed by Henry Peck and Edmund Clark under date of June 23. 1815: and witnessed by Saml. Jones and Geo. Whitney in that paper it is specifically stated that for an acknowledged consideration that we will not hereafter be concerned or interested directly or indirectly in running encouraging or supporting a stage or carrying the mail between Boston and Albany on said Springfield line; but this agreement is not to be construed in such manner as to prevent or interfere with our running a stage or carrying the mail on the Northampton line. As this paper bears your signature, and is believed to be genuine, my surprise is excited, at your tendering a proposal to this office for the purpose of carrying the mail on that line, when you were bound in honor & in justice not to do so. had this paper been earlier exhibited to this office, I should not have signed the contract to you, nor am I satisfied that you hold it under the present circumstances. And I specially recommend that you compromise this affair.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

16 March 1818

Hon. Elijah Mills 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

M. H. Rep<sup>t</sup>. Northampton At<sup>d</sup> I have the honour to observe that after maturely reflecting on the petition, that you enclosed to this office some weeks ago, and carefully examining the documents which accompanied it, I am satisfied that the petitioners have been very unjustly treated by Henry Peck, and had I been advised that an article had been executed by Peck of the tenor of the copy of the one, which was endorsed by the petitioners, I should not on any consideration have signed the contract to Peck, having no precedent of the kind I have doubt whether, I can consistently with my publick duty annul Peck's contract, inasmuch as he has not yet violated any of its articles, although on equitable principles, I might believe it just to do so, I have this day written fully to Peck on the subject, I have expressed my surprize at the transaction, and I have urged him to make a compromise at once with the petitioners, which I hope & trust he will do.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Danl. Kelley Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

March 17. 1818.

P. M. Cleveland At<sup>d</sup> Who now transports, and has transported the mail between your office & Erie, and between your office & Fort Meigs since the first of January last, an early answer is requested, as Amaz Harmon has executed a contract by which he is found to carry the mail on said routes.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

W. William Haddaway 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir,

March 18. 1818.

near Easton Maryland. Mr. Jeppe Sheffer has proposed to transport the mail in Stages between Easton & Snowhill, on and after the 15th. of next month, so that part of your route will cease to have effect, from that day, but agreeably to the 14th. section of your contract, your full pay will continue till May 15. after that period a deduction of \$1,000 per ann. will be made from your pay.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Hon. W. Clarborne 3<sup>rd</sup> Sir.

18th. March 1818.

M. H. Representative I have the honour to enclose for your perusal a copy of my letter of Feb. 27th. to Meps Stewart, Armstrong & others of Nashville Tenn. permit me to add that my Agent was instructed to employ W. Donley, if it became necessary to supersede the contractor.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

March 18, 1818.

Hon. Walter Taylor Esq. 3 Sir,

M. Senate, I have the honour to observe in reply to your enquiry relative to the mails irregularity, between Corydon, Charleston & Vincennes that I am in daily expectation of receiving such information as will enable me to give you a satisfactory reply.

R. J. Meiggs Jr.

William Setree Esq. 3 Sir,

March 18, 1818.

Georgetown Ky. I have yours of the 18th ult. so much difficulty has arisen relative to the mails transport between Lexington, Georgetown & Cincinnati, that we want more distinct information in order to do justice. What period was the mail carried by yourself & W. Theobald before you formed an interest with Gaines, what period did you jointly carry the mail. our object is to get such information only as may put us in the way of doing strict justice.

R. J. Meiggs Jr.

W. John Diver 3 Sir.

March 18, 1818.

Deerfield Ohio, I have specially to request that you visit the Post office at Achor Ohio. may I have your immediate reply.

R. J. Meiggs Jr.

J. M. Bainbridge Esq. 3 Sir.

March 18, 1818.

P. M. Springfield Ky. I have yours of the 4th instant, and wish you to send the mails to Louisville on Monday & Thursday as you propose, we shall send you a lock.

R. J. Meiggs Jr.

Hon. Peter Hitchcock 3 Sir,

March 18, 1818

M. H. Representative, In reply to your letter of the 16th Inst. I have the honour to observe, that on the 13th. of last month, we requested W. Young the Postmaster of Achor to request the mail carrier to deliver the mail at Achor, since the receipt of your letter I have addressed a letter to the mail contractor on the subject -

R. J. Meiggs Jr.

## General Post Office

18th. March 1818

Hon. M. Brown 3 Dear Sir.

M. H. Representative, Mr. David Russell has executed a contract to transport a weekly mail between Morganton Tenn. & Cannaville Ga. he was to begin on the 4th. current, a mail will pass from Knoxville to Cannaville in five days, and return in the same period.

R. J. Meiggs Jr.

March 18, 1818.

Meps Westfield 3 Sirs,

Danville Ky. Yours of the 25th ult. is received, you can leave Springfield every Monday & Thursday at 6 A.M. arrive at Louisville the next day, by noon, leave Louisville every Tuesday & Friday by 3 P.M. arrived at Springfield on Wednesday & Saturday by 6 P.M. this arrangement will suit you I trust, as well as the public.

R. J. Meiggs Jr.

March 18, 1818.

Hon. William Hendricks 3 Sir,

M. H. Representative, I have the honor to observe in reply to the letter of Meps Harland, Brown; Burrows & Burke to your address, that the postroute (direct) between Vincennes & St. Louis was long since discontinued, whenever that route is reestablished the intercourse between Cincinnati & St. Louis will be more immediate, the present postroute between Kentucky and St. Louis is to be doubled on the first of May next, or rather two mails a week will then pass instead of one which will improve the intercourse by mail very materially.

R. J. Meiggs Jr.



March 18, 1818.

M. William Trigg 3 Sir.

Brook Hill Tenn. I have yours of the 24th ult. as you "promise no reformation". I shall deem it to be my duty to enforce the penalties that you incur, and if necessary I shall have your bond sued before the Federal court, these alternatives can be avoided if you in good faith carry the mail as you have contracted to do.

R. J. Meiggs Jr.

## General P. Office

18th. March 1818.

S. Hart Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> dir.  
 Pitt. Manitta O. } The pressure of business has prevented a reply to your  
 letter of the 14th ult. Glazier has no claim to additional allowance  
 he must be satisfied with what he now gets, and we shall be  
 satisfied if he does his duty as well as he has generally done.  
 I dispatched a special agent to Clarksburg ~~etc.~~ about delayed  
 mails, he reports that the Eastern rider (Harrington I believe)  
 has the character of prolixity, and of being negligent.  
 His inattention has produced failures, Mr. Wells will know  
 how to correct his procedure.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Dr. Spring Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> dir.

March 18. 1818.

T. M. Brownsb<sup>g</sup> At<sup>t</sup>. Yours of last is received, you ought not  
 to deliver a mail for Fairfield to any person who is not sworn  
 nor should the mail be transmitted, unless secured by a  
 postman team.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Jacob Barron Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> dir.

March 18. 1818.

P. M. Milledgeville Ga. Will you be good enough to request the Dublin  
 mail carrier to return to your office by Lebanon instead of  
 Tournion.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Jlt. Joseph Edington 3<sup>rd</sup> dir.

March 18. 1818.

Frankfort Ky. } Your letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> is received, the weight of  
 the mail is sufficiently great to justify the use of a lead horse, &  
 I shall allow you the use of a lead horse on said route. I am  
 much mortified to hear so many complaints against your  
 agents on the Shawanoctown route, I shall exceedingly regret  
 to be under the necessity of suspending you on that route,  
 but I shall be obliged to do so if your carriers are not more  
~~useful~~ faithfull.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

## General Post office

March 18. 1818.

Watson Lewis Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> dir.

T. M. Pitch Landing N. B. } I have just received your letter of the 10th inst.  
 wherein you acknowledge the receipt of the balance due from the  
 estate of Danl. Van Pelt Esq. late P. M. Please to enclose the amount  
 carefully in a letter, and send it by mail to this office, writing in  
 the letter the amount enclosed, and on whose account it is sent.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Josiah Paine 3<sup>rd</sup> dir.

March 19. 1818.

Portland Me. } I have in due course been favoured with your several  
 letters. I think it inexpedient at this time to send the second mail to  
 Calais, altho I cannot disapprove of your terms for that service, I  
 propose to give you \$200 per ann. for sending the extra & direct  
 mail from Brunswick by Litchfield to Augusta, your schedules  
 for the Calais & Lubec mails were corrected being satisfactory  
 as you stated them. the extreme pressure of business has prevented  
 our giving you a more immediate reply, and your health has lately  
 induced us first to write Mr. Miles, it did not proceed from a want  
 of confidence in you, which has never been in the least impaired.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Hon. Hezekiel Whitman 3<sup>rd</sup> dir.

March 19. 1818.

M. H. Representatives } I have the honor to observe in reply to Mr.  
 Paines letter to your address under date of the 7th inst. that we have  
 received a proposal from Mr. Paine, for carrying a second weekly mail  
 from Bucktown to Calais Me. the sum demanded is not unreasonable,  
 but I have deferred making a decision thereon at present.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Hon. Walter Folger 3<sup>rd</sup> dir.

March 19. 1818.

M. H. Representa- } I have the honor to observe in reply to Mr.  
 Miles letter of to your address that the mail contractor are bound  
 to supply his office regularly with a weekly mail both ways.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

## General Post office

Hon. Walter Folger Esq; Sir,  
March 19. 1818.  
Mr. H. Representt<sup>t</sup>, I have the honour to observe in reply to Mr. Lewis's letter to your address of the 10th ult. that I some time since established at the instance of the Hon<sup>d</sup> Mr. Reed, a Post office at North Falmouth, and appointed David Nye Postmaster, the then mail contractors made many complaints about supplying that office with the mail, at length Mr. Nye proposed to transport the mail himself via his office for \$900. but at the same time stated that if the mail stage proprietors would furnish his office with one regular weekly mail, he was willing to withdraw his bid in their favour, the proposition was fair & honorable, and accepted by the present mail stage proprietors.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Joshua Hathaway Esq; Sir.

March 20. 1818.

S. M. Rome N.Y. I will thank you to instruct the Oswego mail carrier to arrive at Cato four corners on Thursday by noon, he can leave thence same day by 2 P.M., he must go by Oswego to the four corners from Rome if necessary, he can leave your office on Mondays to enable him to perform this service, may I have your early reply.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Geo. B. Throop Esq; Sir.

March 20. 1818.

S. M. Auburn N.Y. I have received yours of the 26th ult. & the documents therein closed. The letters were forwarded to you last week, I shall as requested by yourself & Mr. Crowell appoint Mr. Fenn Postmaster instead of Mr. Crowell, the enclosed letter to Mr. Fitch will best explain the alterations made in his Schedule and the extention of his route, by this arrangement he will meet the mail carrier from Rome.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

W. Giles Fitch Esq; Sir.

March 20. 1818.

Melrose N.Y. or Auburn N.Y. On receipt of this letter I wish you to leave Auburn every Thursday at 6 A.M. arrive at Cato four corners same day by 10 A.M. arrive at Sodus on Friday noon. leave Sodus every Friday by 2 P.M. & return to Auburn on Wednesday by 6 P.M. You will under this direction go and by Cato four corners from the first of next month, for so going your pay will be increased twenty six dollars a year.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

## General Post office

Mr. William Moore Esq; Sir,  
20th March 1818.  
Mr. C. New York City. I reply to your petition of the 10th Inst. I observe that your zeal, fidelity and success in the transport of the mail are so clearly demonstrated, and your pay not being fully proportioned to your services, I propose to allow you from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y. last, at the rate of six hundred dollars a year.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Gen. Turner Esq; Sir.

March 20. 1818

East Greenwich R.R. I have yours of the 3<sup>d</sup>. I pray you to afford the petitioners that it will afford me pleasure to grant them an additional weekly mail as soon as the receipts of the route and the funds of this Office will justify the measure.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Hon. Thos. Rice Esq; Sir.

March 20. 1818.

Mr. H. Representt. I have the honour to observe in reply to your letter of that I have taken measures to correct the error which exists in the transport of the mail between Livermore and Norridgewock.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Aaron Hill Esq; Sir.

March 20. 1818.

O. M. Boston Esq; Sir. You will please to pay immediately into the United States Bank (or Office of discount & Deposit, to the credit of this office) the balance, if any, remaining due from you on the last quarter ending Decemb<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>. And in future on the first day after the end of each quarter at least two thirds of the quarterly balance & in thirty days thereafter the remaining part of the balance. This is in pursuance of an executive regulation & must be punctually complied with.

Letters of the above nature written to the following  
Gentlemen — 46

Theo. Bailey N.Y.  
John S. Skinner R.Baltimore  
William Newsum Norfolk Va.  
William Fowles Richmond Va.  
L. Deacon Hill - Boston — Ruth Backe Phila - bopy<sup>r</sup> May.

Copy sent to J. Skinner Apr. 3. 1818.

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## General Post office

March 20. 1818.

Mrs Patterson Esq<sup>r</sup> Sirs  
Concord ~~Ms~~ <sup>Ms</sup> With a view of fining you for violating your contract by carrying the mail on the foot Board, instead of carrying the mail in the body of your stages. I have instituted such an enquiry as will enable me to do justice between you and the Public.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Aaron Hill Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir.

March 20. 1818.

To Mr. Boston Mr. Will you have the goodness to inform Leonard & Stone, that the manner in which they carry the new mail is not usefull to the public, nor will they be paid, for that route, it was distinctly understood when their agent was here that they were to carry the mail, as formerly carried by Jed. Little viz: from Boston by Dorchester Hingham, to Harvard Scituate, Marshfield, Danbury & Kingston.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Mr. Thos Peacock Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir.

March 20. 1818.

Head of Chester Ms. I have yours of the 15th. instant, you can leave Wilmington Monday, Wednesday & Friday, and return the exceeding days, which will reverse your summer schedule.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

David Morse Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir.

March 20. 1818.

Sir my dear Mr. Your bond and contract are not returned nor are we distinctly informed how you carry the mail. You are desired to go to Norridgewock on Tuesday, and to return on Wednesday. It is further wished that you perform the other part of your route on Monday, may I have your immediate reply —

R. S. Meigs Jr.

William Wilkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir,

20 March. 1818

Dear Sirs ~~Ms~~ If you do not carry the mail or cause it to be carried to Oakhill, Millgrove and Marshallville, where the Post office is now kept. I shall fine you fifteen dollars a week for such neglect, and if necessary, annul your contract. I hope that the complaints we have had do not apply to you, but to your predecessor, and that my informant is in error.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

## General Post office

March 20. 1818.

John Reily Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir.

Hamilton Ohio I have yours of the 5<sup>th</sup>. with the contract ther enclosed. Peter Williams mail contractor has positive instruction to cause the Hamilton mail to arrive at Lebanon in time for the departing mail for Chillicothe.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

John D<sup>r</sup> Daniel Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir.

March 20. 1818.

T. M. Carpenter Esq<sup>r</sup> I am obliged by your letter of the 17th. inst. and I will thank you to inform me how many miles and how often the mail has been carried by the agents of the Pattersons on the foot board, the object of the enquiry is to ascertain the penalties incurred by the contractors.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Major John Nelson Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir.

20th. March 1818.

Perry Hill ~~Ms~~ Please to inform the mail carrier that he must call at the Post offices established at Oak Hill, Millgrove & Marshallville where the Post office is now kept, if he does not, the contractor shall be fined, and the contract annulled, your reply is requested.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Hon. J. M. Nelson Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir.

March 20. 1818.

U. S. Representatives I have the honour to observe, that I have this day requested Major John Nelson of Perry Hill ~~Ms~~, to inform the mail carrier that the contract for that route shall be annulled unless the mail is duly carried to the Post office where it is now kept at Marshallville, and to the Post office at Oak hill and Millgrove, and I have directed addressed a letter to Wilkinson the mail contractor, of similar import.

I have the honour to be,

Your obt. Servt.  
R. S. Meigs Jr.

March 20. 1818.

Elias A. Elliott Esq<sup>r</sup> John.

J. M. St. Genesius Ms<sup>r</sup> Will you be good enough to inform me who carries the mail between your office & New Madrid, the route was assigned to John McArthur, who has not that we can learn executed the contract & bond for said route, and it is well ascertained, that if the route is carried by him, it is badly done indeed. I wish you to employ a carrier for said route if such a measure be necessary, may I have your immediate reply.

R. S. Meigs Jr.



Isaac Smith Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr.

General Post office

P. M. Camden &c. I have yours of the 14th inst. I agree to the schedule therein ~~opposed~~ viz. Leave Camden every Sunday & Wednesday at A.M. arrive at Charleston the next Wednesday & Friday by 10. A.M. leave Charleston every Wednesday & Friday at 2 P.M. and return to Camden the next Saturday & Monday by 10. A.M. and I agree to give Mr. Perkins at the rate of \$140 a year for visiting the Post Office at Pine Hill, to begin the 1st. of next month.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Joshua League Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr.

21. March 1818.

P. M. Drury Edward C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr. I am obliged by yours of the 12th. inst. the mail carrier is equally bound to carry the mail to the Post offices at Rains Tavern, Ballsville & Felinville, as though they were inserted in his contract. he must call with the mail at every office on the route, whether inserted or not under the penalty of ten dollars for each office each week, will you inform the carrier.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Walter Jones Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr.

21 March 1818.

Milledgeville Ga. I have yours of the 11th. inst. and we understand that Mr. Hatchell has agreed to transport the mail in stages between Milledgeville and Savannah.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Hon. Asch. Austin 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr.

March 21. 1818.

M. H. Represent. I have the honor to observe in reply to your letter of yesterday, that the mail contractors have had positive instructions to call at the Post office established at Eldridge with the mail.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

Hon. R. M. Johnson 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr.

March 21. 1818.

M. H. Represent. In reply to the letter of Messrs. Suggell & Thompson to your address, under date of the 9th inst. I have the honor to observe, that from the representation, those gentlemen have made, and which are confirmed by your Brother Col. James Johnson, I propose to remit the several penalties, that they have now incurred, provided that they shall hereafter in due faith carry their contract into full effect.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

General Post office

Messrs. Suggell & Thompson Gentlemen  
Frankfort Ky.

Your letter of the 8th inst. has been presented to me this day by Col. Johnson, I have conditionally agreed to remit the penalties now incurred in the 9<sup>th</sup> act. of your contract, it is specially stipulated that you shall secure the mail with an oilcloth or Beaverskin, it is indispensably necessary that your mail connects with the corresponding or Nashville mail, at Russellville, as well as with the Lexington mail at Harrodsburg, so that you effect this object, as well as the former one, I am willing that you depart earlier from Frankfort than the hour stipulated.

P. S. I have written to the P. M. at Frankfort about extending your time for carrying the mail.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

John Fowler Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr.

March 21. 1818.

P. M. Lexington Ky. Am I to understand that Mr. Bond, has to employ a led horse between your office & Harrodsburg, in the transport of the mail, how many horses does he actually use in the mail transport between your office, Harrodsburg, Rice & Hazelpatch, and how many carriers, we want this information to enable us to decide fairly on the propriety of increasing his compensation, your early attention to this subject is desired.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

March 21. 1818.

Garrison Mallory Esq. Doctor of Gentlemen

Wilkesbarre Penn. Your petition for sending a second weekly mail between Wilkesbarre & Athens Pa. is before me, I do not think that the proceeds of that route will at present justify me in sending a second weekly mail thereon.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

March 21. 1818.

W. Dan. Vanuxem 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr.

New Market Ohio It appears that you seldom visit the Post office at Delfs Fork, you must either duly deliver the mail at that office, or you will be fined ten dollars a week.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

March 21. 1818.

Jeh. Gregory Esq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr.

Post M. Duff's Fork O. The rider or mail carrier forfeits ten dollars each week for omitting to visit your office, from causes other than those of an unavoidable kind.

R. I. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

21st. March 1818.

J. D. Crockett Esq. Sir,  
P. M. Frankfort Ky. I have yours of the 10th. you can let the subscriber  
mail depart from and arrive at your office at the hours you have  
mentioned.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

William Murphy Esq. Sir.

21st. March 21. 1818.

P. M. Washington Ky. I have received yours of the 12th. Williams  
the contractor is fined twenty dollars for a failure on the 25th February  
at Augusta. You can make the proposed changes in your route.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Peter Williams Sir.

21st. March 1818.

Cincinnati Ohio. Your rider as appears by Sunday Certificates  
transmitted to this Office did on the 25th. of last month, refuse  
to cross the Ferry opposite Augusta with the mail, while persons  
crossed on said day on private business. for this offence you  
are charged twenty, dollars.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Hon. William Wilson Esq. Sir

23<sup>d</sup>. March 1818

M. H. Representatives, I have the honour to observe in reply to your  
letter of the 21st. Inst. which enclosed two letters from J. Ralston Esq.  
that I have made a reply to that Gentleman, as relates to the  
Caston & Berlin mail.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

W. James Cummings Esq. Sir.

March 23<sup>d</sup>. 1818.

Williamsport Pa. I have yours of the 14th. Inst. you will observe  
that the mail to Clear is to travel but once in two weeks, and the  
sum that we proposed to give, was for a fortnight mail, we have  
in no instance ~~intentionally~~ paid more than four dollars a  
mile counting the distance one way, which according to your  
computation is (120 miles) & would amount to \$480, it is evident that  
little or no revenue will arise from that road, I must therefore  
endeavour to have it done on terms that are fair, & equitable, I  
should be pleased to employ you, if your terms were admissible.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

## General Post Office

March 23. 1818.

J. Ralston Esq. Sir,  
Bath near Caston Ky. I observed in reply to your letter of the 14th. ult. addressed to the Hon. W. Ingham, that the proposal of Messrs. Vagle  
& Kern, (if received) has been mislaid. I wish that those Gentlemen  
would renew their proposal, specify the offices that they wish to  
supply with the mail, & particularly mention the days and hours they  
wish to be governed, when possessed of this information, I shall promptly  
decide upon their proposal.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Hon. William P. Mabray Esq. Sir.

March 24th. 1818.

M. H. Representatives, I have the honour to observe in reply to part of  
M. Wallers letter to you under date of the 17th. ult. that we agree to his propos-  
alition viz. Leave Lewistown every Monday at 6 A.M. arrive at Hunting-  
don same day by 4 P.M. leave there next morning at 6 A.M. and  
return to Lewistown the next day, by 6 P.M.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Messrs. Robert Clark &amp;c. Sirs.

March 24th. 1818.

Clarks Ferry Pa. What deduction will you make provided that you  
we consent, that you carry the second weekly mail no farther than Lewistown  
we are to pay you \$400 per ann. for carrying said mail from Harrisburg  
to Huntington, what is your estimate for the proportion for each part.  
is not Lewistown about half way. Your answer is requested.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

Stephen Moody Esq. Sir.

March 24. 1818.

P. M. Gilmanton N.H. I have yours of the 14th. By our mail arrangements a direct  
route should go from Concord via Gilmanton &c to Troying and return  
the same route, will you have the goodness to say whether you have  
such a mail in operation, that route was contracted for by Isaac Hill  
but he refused to comply with his proposal, and the route is or should be  
supplied by the Postmaster of Concord, if this route be in operation, the  
one proposed in your letter can be dispensed with.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

David Kelley Esq. Sir.

March 24. 1818

P. M. Cleveland O. With what punctuality has Diver carried  
the mail the current year, your immediate reply is solicited.

R. S. Meigs Jr.

