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Post Office Department.

18. May 1818.

Moses Seymour Esq. Sir,
P.M. Litchfield Ct. } The letter signed by John Salmadge
William Lewis, George Thing Jr. Daniel H. John, Benjamin
Salmadge Esquires, and yourself, shews clearly that the present
mail arrangement, as relates to Cornwall is sufficient. The
Poughkeepsie mail carrier will continue the usual plan,
without reference to my late letter, your very obt.

R. J. Meigs

18th. May. 1818.

Mrs. Flinn. M.C. Sir,
St. Stephens Alabama } I wish you to visit the Post office at
Pleasant Level, or to cause your riders to do so, with the mail.

R. J. Meigs

H. D. Stone Esq. Sir,
P.M. Pleasant Level M. } I have requested Mr. Flinn to supply your
office with a mail.

May 18. 1818.

R. J. Meigs

Col. Silvanus Lazell Sir,
East Bridgewater M. } I have yours of the 11th. the Post route
to which you refer, will be soon advertised, when we hope
to see your proposal renewed.

May 18. 1818.

R. J. Meigs

John Byrnum Esq. Sir,
P.M. Chockesaw Agency M. } I have yours of Apr. 29th. I have not
seen any representation against you.

May 18. 1818.

R. J. Meigs

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Daniel Mansfield Sir,
Dudley M. } I have yours of the 9th inst. I do not propose
to change the Post route referred to, but you will on receipt of this letter
regularly supply the Post office at Grafton, one way with the mail,
for that additional service, shall be paid half a dollar a week,
you will begin on receipt of this letter.

R. J. Meigs

Micajah Seelye Sir,
Lindley Town N.Y. } I enclose your contract for the Post route Bath
& Avond, as the Postmaster in Bath had made a contract for
said route with a Mr. Raymond, in consequence of your delay in
executing the papers for said route.

May 18th. 1818.

R. J. Meigs

Mr. Thomas Lindsay Sir,
Chambersburg Pa. } It was distinctly stated to Messrs Harback and Seaman
more especially and repeatedly to Mr. Harback, that the mail stage could not be
removed from the old Somerset mail stage road to the Stoytown road, at any
until it was proved by actual demonstration that the public would by such a
measure be benefitted by an increase of material expedition in the transport
of the mail, and that point was to be settled by this Dept. we have not even
assurance of an increase of expedition at present by your company, nor is there
a prospect of expedition of the mails transport, if the stages were permitted to
be removed, that we can learn, as to sending a cross mail between Stoytown
and Somerset, in lieu of sending the mail through the county of Somerset
on the usually travelled stage road it is out of the question, that the
county by usage has a right to the mails continued through the
county, while that privilege shall not abridge the public good or
inconvenience; you will therefore have the stage line promptly restored
to the Somerset road, if a prompt compliance be made, you in that
case shall suffer no penalty for the acts now committed, if otherwise
I shall be compelled (with great reluctance) to rigidly proceed agreeably to the tenor
of my late letter to your company, I have but little doubt but that it may
comport with the public good to permit you the next winter to withdraw
a part of your lines of stages from the Pittsburg road, let me again
repeat that Mr. Harback could not have misunderstood our intentions
as to the change last Autumn —

May 19. 1818.

R. J. Meigs



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19th. May 1818.

Jacob Gist Esq. } Sir,
P. M. Milkboro Pa. } You will pay Mr. Arnett. for the extra services
he performed in transporting the Athens mails toward the close
of last year, and charge the amount to this office, in your ap.
current as a contingent expence.

R. J. Meigs }
May 20th. 1818.

John Fowler Esq. } Sir,
P. M. Lexington Ky. } I have yours of the 8th. inst. I have received the
report of Mr. Thomas Smith, he has discharged his duty to this
Department to my entire satisfaction. Enclosed you have a
blank bond and contract, which you will fill up and cause to be
executed by Mr. Bruce, when done you will please return them,
that a duplicate contract may be sent to Mr. Bruce -
My late letter to you and to Mr. Smith will show
the schedule that will be necessary to attach to Bruce's
contract, our arrangement for the great Southern or Orleans
mail from your Office will if carried into effect be I trust
satisfactory to your Citizens - The Key will be sent.

R. J. Meigs }
May 20th. 1818.

W. John Diver } Sir,
Deerfield Ohio. } I have yours of the 5th. if you will so arrange
your route so as to duly visit the postoffices, at Little Beaver Falls
town, Achor & Fairfield, once a week you shall for so doing be
paid one dollar a week over and above your current pay, you
will begin at once, the Pittsburg mail must punctually arrive
at Beaver town at the hour appointed. Your early reply is solicited.

R. J. Meigs.

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May 20th. 1818.

W. Geo. Parsons } Sir,
Warren Ohio. } Your mail should be punctually delivered at Beavertown
at the hour fixed by contract, it must be, to enable the
corresponding carrier to perform his contract.

R. J. Meigs }

Jacob Young Esq. } Sir,
P. M. Achor Ohio. } I have this day written again to Mr. Diver
on the subject of supplying your office with the mail.

May 20th. 1818.

R. J. Meigs }

Meigs Boyd & Kapp. } Sirs,
Hagerstown Md. } So much confusion has grown out of the confusion
to McConnellsburg, that an immediate correction is necessary, you
will transport the mail either direct from Hagerstown to McConnells-
burg, in time for the mail to travel Westward, or relinquish
that contract, and let the mail go by Green Castle to Chambers-
burg in your stage, one of these courses must be adopted at
once. May I have your immediate reply.

May 20. 1818.

R. J. Meigs }

John Crozier Esq. } Sir,
P. M. Fairfield Ohio. } I have yours of the 10th. and I have this
day written to Mr. Diver on the subject of supplying your
office with the mail.

May 20. 1818.

R. J. Meigs }

William Smith Esq. } Sir,
P. M. Harmonie Ind. } I have yours of the 11th. inst. I have taken
such measures as will in opinion secure a regular mail to Harmonie
once in two weeks from Corydon, Your principal dependence should
depend on the Henderson route.

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R. J. Meigs }



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20. May 1818.

Alexander Patterson Esq. Sir,
Concord N.H. } I have yours of the 14th. inst. and would suggest the following schedule vizt.

Leave Richmond Sunday, Tuesday and Friday - at 9 A.M.

Arrive at Lynchburg on Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday - by 6 P.M.

Leave same every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 A.M.

Arrive at Richmond Wednesday, Friday and Sunday by 6 P.M.

If this Schedule be satisfactory you will adopt it - if not you can suggest a substitute.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

Millard Crafts Esq. Sir, May 22. 1818.

P.M. Bridgewater N.H. } I have yours of the 2^d. instant, the Post Office at Richfield must be kept on the regular travelled Postroad, Congress having established a Postroad from Richfield to Skaneateles, it is made my duty, to send a mail on said road, untill that road be repealed by Congress, although it should appear to be useless.
Yours obedient -

R. J. Meigs Esq.

Joseph Hutcherson Esq. Sir, May 22. 1818.

S.M. Snowhill Md. } I am obliged by your letter of the 14th. I wish you to keep me advised of such failures or delays of the mail as come within your notice.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

Post Office Depart. 242

22. May 1818.

Hon. Zabdial Sampson Esq. Sir,
Plymouth Ms. } I have received yours of the 12th. inst. It would afford me pleasure to yield to your application by sending the mail on the lately established Postroad, between East Bridge-water & Plymouth, if the law did not make it my imperative duty to advertise the Postroute, before I contracted to transport the mail thereon, if a stage now runs on that road, and the proprietor will carry the gratis, untill the usual period of contracting, the act shall secure to him the preference of carrying the mail at the lowest and best bid that we may receive for said route.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

W. Jesse Sheffer Esq. Sir, May 22. 1818.

Easton Md. } Two failures have already occurred in the due delivery of the mail at Snow hill, strict punctuality is indispensably necessary -

R. J. Meigs Esq.

Erastus Granger Esq. Sir, May 23. 1818.

late S.M. Buffalo N.Y. } Has Elijah Blazdell resumed the regular transport of the mail between your office & Erie, and between your office and Lewistown, how long has these mails continued on account of this office by you, and what is the amount of expence incurred by you.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

Saron Herr Esq. Sir, May 23. 1818.

S.M. Sparta Pa. } I have yours of the 6th. I regret that any cause should be found to detain letters unrepaired, as the now train direct to your office, the delay will not, I trust be continued,

R. J. Meigs Esq.

Post Office Depart.

23^d May 1818.

Geo. Oury Esq. & Sir,
Wyth ch. Va. } We expect that you to carry the mail precisely
in the manner and on the terms agreed upon when you
were here last winter, that is on the three different roads
between Sullivan and Knoxville, are you prepared to begin.

R. J. Meigs & Co.

Honl. W. G. Blount Esq. & Sir.
Knoxville Tenn. } May 23^d 1818.

I have yours of the 12th. Mr. Oury has no
authority to carry the mails in any way, different from the
plan agreed upon when he was here last winter, by that
agreement he must be governed.

R. J. Meigs & Co.

Simon Drum Esq. & Sir.
P. M. Greensburg Pa. } May 23^d May 1818.

I have yours of the 14th. The conduct of
Harbock and others associated with him in the stages, is not
only extraordinary but wholly inexcusable, they removed the
stages from the original mail stage road via Somerset,
to the Stopstown road, without the consent of this office, and
produced a serious and material derangement in the mails.

I trust that before this letter reaches you, that the stages
will be replaced on the road from whence they had been
incorrectly withdrawn, and that order is restored.

R. J. Meigs & Co.

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23^d May 1818.

William Kneep, Esq. & Sir,
P. M. Hagerstown Md. } The repeated delay of the return mail at the
Post office at London makes it necessary that the Western mail
be continued to McConnellstown, or that it be sent to Chambersburg,
one of these courses must be immediately adopted, on this subject
I wrote to Boyd and Kepp some days ago, may I hear from you on
this subject.

R. J. Meigs & Co.

23^d May 1818.

Robert H. Pryor Esq. & Sir,
Bedlars Mills Va. } I hope you will renew your proposal for trans-
porting the mail, after my advertisement is published.

R. J. Meigs & Co.



Hon. De Priest Esq. & Sir.
P. M. Columbia Tenn. } May 23^d 1818.

I have yours of the 7th. as the authorized agent
of this Department did annul the contract, made between this
Department and Messrs Polk & Walker, and those Gentlemen were
duly advised of the Agents act, all right in them ceased on the
first of this month to carry the mail, or to any further agency
with it, nor will they receive any pay for the mails transport,
after the first of this month, they unquestionably forfeited
their contract.

R. J. Meigs & Co.

B. Smith Esq. & Sir.
P. M. New Brunswick N. J. } May 23^d 1818.

I have yours of the 20th. enclosed you have a
bond and contract to be executed by Messrs Mann & Setson for trans-
porting the mail once a week, and between your office & Canton Pa. once a
week, the prospect of the route will not justify me in sending a second
weekly mail thereon, when the papers are executed you will have
the goodness to return them, a counter part of the contract executed
at this office will then be forwarded to the contractors.

R. J. Meigs & Co.

Post Office Department
23^d May 1818.

Messrs J. & Jacob Drake & Sons,
Chester N. J. } Messrs Mann and Seton are to
transport the mail between Eastern Pa. and New Brunswick
N. J. on and after the first of June next, your services on
that route will cease when they begin, and your pay, for said
route will be extended untill the 30th of June now next.

R. I. Meigs

W. Charles Broadwell Esq. Sir,
Plattsburg N. Y. } I have yours of the 8th. inst. we shall
publish an advertisement this summer which will embrace
many routes, we shall be glad to see your proposals for one
or more routes, we cannot make a proposal, but we
invite proposals from others, you will make your estimate
as to the cost of the route including every expence except
the cost of Postmen, and on that estimate you will
found your proposal.

R. I. Meigs

William Sugg Esq. Sir,
P. M. Grindstone Ford Miss. } We now pay \$200, per annum for
the transport of the Grindstone Ford and Walnut Hills mail,
that route with many others will soon be advertised.

R. I. Meigs

Daniel Lombard Esq. Sir,
P. M. Springfield Ms. } I am again obliged to you for
the further information contained in your letter of the 16th.

May

R. I. Meigs

Post Office Department
May 23^d 1818.

Messrs Peck & Babcock Sir,
New Haven Ct. } A gentleman who was accidentally at
Hartford Ct. last week and saw the mail brought on the foot
board to the Post Office, on the Boston line, he discovered a similar
error in the New Haven mail, it was rainy and the mail was
injured, he sent a specimen of the injury, I have instructed the
Post masters to report the times when the has been and is
so carried, with the determination to fine your company for
so doing, the penalty is one dollar a mile.

R. I. Meigs

Jonathan Law Esq. Sir,
P. M. Hartford Ct. } On receipt of this letter I wish you to
report as distinctly as may be to this Department how often
each or either mail which arrives at and which departs from
your office, has been carried on the foot board of the Stages,
within the last three months, you will likewise report
every successive time that the mail or mails is so brought
to your office or carried thence, that the contractors may
be fined.



R. I. Meigs

John Hendry Esq. Sir,
Springfield near Harmonie Ind. } I have yours of the 30th. ult. The mail Contractor
for the Harmonie route, was so faithless, that in justice to the public,
I was compelled to annul his Contract, that route is now I trust in
better hands. Your very oth.

R. I. Meigs

Henry G. Walker Esq. Sir,
P. M. Middlebury N. Y. } I have yours of the 11th. instant. Mr. Gleason some
time since requested to be released from his Contract, which I thought it advis-
able to grant, under the circumstances which he stated to exist, if he has
regained his Contract, and wishes to continue he can be employed.

R. I. Meigs

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25th. May 1818.

John L. Harris, Esq. } Sir,
P. M. Mount Horeb } I have yours of the 17th. inst. I trust that
Mr. Butler will on the receipt of my letter of this days date, instruct
his mail carrier to call at your office with the mail.

R. J. Meigs }
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Robert C. Butler, Esq. } Sir,
Lorington Va. } The Postmaster at Mount Horeb says
that the Post office is now situated within 3/4 of a mile of the
former Post office, kept at and called Mount Horeb, your rider
can, and ought of course to call at that office with the mail,
where it is now situated, and I trust that you will give him
orders to do so, on the receipt of this letter, for your extra travel
you shall be paid.

R. J. Meigs }
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W. R. Coleman Esq. } Sir,
Dublin Ga. } I have yours of the 21st. inst. the mail
for Selma Ck. need not depart until the morning following the
arrival of the Milledgeville mail at your office.

R. J. Meigs }
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Joseph Edrington } Sir,
Frankfort Ky. } If the Postmasters at Shelbyville & Bardstown
or at Frankfort, & Bardstown shall certify that you employ
a bell horse to transport the mail on ap. of the weight of
the mail - you in that case shall receive 33 1/2 per cent in
addition to your present pay for either or for both routes,
for such period as you shall so carry the mail or mails.

R. J. Meigs }
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May 26. 1818.

James Monroe Esq. } Sir,
President of the U. States. } Near two years ago Felix McNamee was convicted of
Robbing the mail in the state of Virginia, and sentenced to two years
imprisonment in the Goal of Washington County, before his trial he
was assured by this Department, that if he would satisfactorily state
the facts relating to the transaction, his accomplices &c. that he
should be recommended to the Clemency of the Court, the agent who
was employed by this Department to make this enquiry, was fully
satisfied that McNamee had made a full and candid statement,
and evidenced strong symptoms of Contrition, the agent made this
representation to the District Attorney, whether it was presented
to the Court I am not informed, but the fact is that McNamee
is still in prison, I beg leave to state that in my opinion he is
a fit object of clemency, and that his release may probably
have a salutary effect upon him, and conduce to his still
being a useful member of society, he is believed to be less than
30 years of age, and had until this unfortunate transaction
sustained a fair moral character -

R. J. Meigs }
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W. Chester Bailey } Sir,
Philadelphia Pa. } There is no objection, to your detaining the New York
and Philadelphia Way Bills for the purpose you have mentioned.
I will the youngest son of Mr. Deane will probably engage as Engineer R. J. Meigs }
I shall have to remove any expenses incurred by you - this ap. is to be chiefly
reimbursed - shall you go to be Dr. Ammitt

May 26th. 1818.

W. Geo. Manypenny } Sir,
Union Town Pa. } I have yours of the 17th. inst. the representation
that you have had, as relates to the deterration of Sparta, is, I am
persuaded erroneous, your rider has abundant time to go there, and
had must go to Sparta the Post office is kept by Mr. Kerr, he
will have to ride a little longer in the day, I shall expect an
immediate compliance, the rider can get certificates from the
Postmasters at Washington, Sparta and Amity as to actual or
reputed distances, justice shall be done as to increased service,
when it is distinctly ascertained.

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R. J. Meigs }
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26th. May 1818.

William E. Young Esq. } Sir.

P. M. Bedford Ky. } You will request the mail carrier for the route New Castle &c. and Madison to call at your office with the mail. This letter is your authority for the act.

R. J. Meigs

Geo. Harnberger Esq. } Sir.

May 26. 1818.

P. M. Lebanon Ohio. } I have received yours of the 12th. inst. and enclosed you have a blank bond and contract, for transporting the mail on the Hamilton & Urbanna route, to be used if the rider will not meet the Cincinnati and Chillicothe mail at your office, and call at Ridgerville Post office, if that plan should occasion the rider expense he must be reimbursed, but if he will not discharge his duty he ought to be and must be superseded. I have this day written to Williams on the subject of this letter.

R. J. Meigs

Mr. Peter Williams } Sir.

May 27. 1818.

Cincinnati Ohio. } Your mail carrier for the route Hamilton & Urbanna is unwilling to meet the mail at Lebanon which is of great importance, or to call at Ridgerville, if he will not comply and do his duty, the P. M. at Lebanon has authority to place the mail in other hands, for you well know that for every alteration that we make which subjects the contractor to expense that that expense is always reimbursed.

R. J. Meigs

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28th. May 1818.

Mr. C. Lambertson } Sir.

Carlisle Pa. } I have yours of the 23. You will please to send a Mail direct any day of the week that the Postmaster shall advise, to Mechanicsburg, and I will pay therefor one dollar & 75c. a trip, let me hear the period of beginning, that you may obtain proper credits.

R. J. Meigs

Mr. John M. Breeden } Sir.

May 28. 1818.

W. V. Natchez Miss. } I have given Mr. Hankinson positive instructions to supersede you, as a mail contractor, if he is satisfied that your failures are attributable to yours or your carriers inattention.

R. J. Meigs

John Hankinson Esq. } Sir.

May 28. 1818.

P. M. Natchez Miss. } Has Mr. Breeden through inattention or negligence suffered failures to take place, in the due transport of the mail entrusted to his charge - if I wish to supersede him at once, so that you are satisfied with the fact of his negligence it is sufficient, your immediate reply is invited.

R. J. Meigs



Thomas M. Bacot Esq. } Sir.

May 28. 1818.

P. M. Charleston S. C. } What cause has produced three failures of the New York & Boston mails at your office preceeding the 22. inst. have the contractors between your office and Fayetteville been negligent in their duty will you favor me with a reply.

R. J. Meigs

Duncan M. Rae Esq. } Sir.

May 28. 1818.

P. M. Fayetteville N. C. } Has three mails been due at any one time for Charleston, or South Carolina State, at your office for Distribution, has the mail been interrupted between your office and Charleston lately, your reply is requested.

R. J. Meigs

May 28. 1818.

Mr. Robert Stewart } Sir,
 Greensburg Pa. } I have yours of the 21st. our impression from the beginning has been that Mr. Harback, was the principal cause of the recent difficulty; how would it suit your views to run those mails from your house on the new postroute to Somerset, and to continue those via Greensburg, the line in that case would divide at your house instead of Greensburg, I think such an arrangement might be advantageous.

R. J. Meigs }

James Eddington } Sir,
 Knoxville Ten. } I have received your several letters relating to your agency, from Nashville, Chickasaw and Katchez, so far as I can correctly judge from the facts we possess, your proceedings appear to be correct and judicious, we wish to see your report as soon as possible.

May 28. 1818.

R. J. Meigs }

Mr. Nathaniel Whittier } Sir,
 Canaan N. H. } Yours of the 21st. instant is received if Mr. Brown has actually carried or caused to be carried, the mail between Windsor and Cavendish, for that service he or you shall be paid, to ascertain the fact I have this day written to the Post master of Windsor N. H.

May 28. 1818.

R. J. Meigs }

No clerk employed in the General Post Office shall as Agent or Attorney perform any service for individuals relating to claims against or Settlement with any of the public offices nor shall any other business be transacted in ^{the} Office, except what concerns the Department R. J. Meigs }

Genl Washburn Esq. } Sir,
 P. M. China, near Brownstown Va. } I have your letter of the 12th. instant, and this day forwarded a duplicate bond to you, as Post master, and we agree to give you the neat proceeds of the Post office in China for carrying the mail, between that office and any Post office that you may elect, once each week.

May 28. 1818.

R. J. Meigs }



Thomas Bryan Esq. } Sir,
 P. M. South Branch A. S. } I have yours of the 25th. inst. will you have the goodness to consult the mail carrier and obtain the best terms that he can give for supplying the Post office at which you are Post master with the mail.

May 28th. 1818.

R. J. Meigs }

Ch. Shober Esq. } Sir,
 P. M. Salem N. C. } I am obliged by the information given in your letter of the 19th. inst.

May 28. 1818.

R. J. Meigs }

J. Mullin Esq. } Sir,
 P. M. Moorfields N. C. } I have yours of the 21st. inst. we cannot incur the expense that you ask for supplying the Post office at South Branch, it must be done at less expense.

May 28. 1818.

R. J. Meigs }

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William H. Smedell Esq. & Sir,
 W. C. Glasgow Ky. } I am urged to annul your contract on the
 ground that you do not carry the mail agreeably to its stipulations.
 I shall await your explanation if it be promptly given.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

D. M. Jones Esq. & Sir,
 Duttonville or Allen Co. Ky. } I have received yours of the 13th inst. and
 and Mr. Smedell must either do his duty or either withdraw from the
 mails transport.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

Thomas Severitt Esq. & Sir,
 S. M. Windsor A. S. } Who has or has caused to be carried the
 mail between your office and Cavendish since the first of Jan'y.
 last - your early reply is requested.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

Hon. James Pleasant Esq. & Sir,
 Goochland Co. Va. } I have the honor to acknowledge the
 receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. we shall send a weekly mail on
 the Arsenal route, a weekly mail on the three notched road,
 and one mail a week via Columbia, and two if the product
 of that route will justify the measure.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

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John Ford Esq. & Sir,
 S. M. Ford of Pearl River La. } I wish you to return all dead letters of every
 description, which shall not have been called for in legal time to
 this Department, this letter is written in consequence of an intimation
 from Mr. Herndon, that you had letters for persons in Hancock Co. Va.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

J. Biggs Esq. & Sir,
 Williamston N. C. } I have yours of the 21st inst. and am gratified to
 learn that uncontrollable causes had prevented the due transmission of
 the mail confided to Mr. Pierce, and that the failures did not proceed
 from negligence on his or on his riders part, if the representatives
 actually do all that can be done on account of the contract confided
 to Smith Burroughs, more cannot be expected, but if he carries on
 either route could perform their tour by extending their ride a few
 miles to avoid water courses it is unquestionably their duty to do so.
 if either rider let me hear from you.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

A. Brandon Esq. & Sir,
 S. M. Gordon Ind. } I am to request that Mr. Boone to leave your office
 every Sunday noon, and arrive at Louisville same day by 7 P. M. (instead
 of Monday morning), he will depart from Louisville on Monday agreeably to
 schedule, and return to your office ~~agreedly~~ on Monday evening, this
 arrangement will be better than the present one for your office, it
 it will subject Mr. Boone to a little additional expence, which shall be
 paid, when it is ascertained how much, it cannot exceed a dollar a
 week, he will begin on the receipt of this letter.

R. J. Meigs Esq.

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30th. May 1818.

J. B. Goodrich Esq. } Sir,

Blacksburg near Newry C.W.A. } I have yours of the 22nd inst. the post route to which you have referred, will go into operation probably in October or November at the same period, that all other new roads, it will be soon advertised, we have taken a memorandum of Mr. Armit for Postmaster at Blacksburg.

R. J. Meigs.

Honl. Elias Carter } Sir,

30th. May 1818.

Centerville S.C. } I have yours of the 15th inst. Mr. Waddle is instructed to convey the mail via Watsonsford, will you have the goodness to consult Mr. Liddle, and ascertain the terms for which he will carry the mail via Houstonville, and let me know the results of your enquiry. The new post route will go into operation in Autumn, about the 16th of November, with the several other new post routes, I will thank you to designate a Postmaster for Houstonville.

R. J. Meigs.

May 30. 1818.

Samuel Gooch Esq. } Sir,

Durham near North Yarmouth Me. } The post route referred to in your letter of the 23rd inst. will be advertised in a few weeks, when we shall like to see the proposal of Mr. Merrill.

R. J. Meigs.

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2nd June 1818

General Tho. Bailey } Sir

P.M. New York City } The Postmaster at Troy is about to provide for a mail connection between his office and the Steam Boats at Albany, as often as the Boats shall arrive and depart at Albany. You will therefore be governed accordingly.

R. J. Meigs.

Samuel Gale Esq. } Sir,

June 2nd 1818.

P.M. Troy N.Y. } I observe in reply to your letter of the 26th ult. and to the petition therein closed, that I am satisfied that the growing wealth and population of your City, is entitled to the benefit of the additional mails, by the Steam Boats, via New York & Albany, I am therefore to request that you agree with some faithful Stage owner to transport three additional mails a week between Troy & Albany, in such a manner as to correspond with the arrival and departure of the Steam Boats at Albany. Provided that this accommodation can be effected at a rate not exceeding two dollars each week, the agreement to continue as long as the Boats shall run in 1818. will you advise me of your success, & with whom you contract, when the contractor begins & the schedule by which he is to be governed; you will at the same time be obliging in making my answer known to the petitioner. P.S. The other mails will continue as usual.



R. J. Meigs.

Solomon Southwick Esq. } Sir,

June 2nd 1818.

P.M. Albany N.Y. } I have authorized the Postmaster of Troy to cause three additional mails a week, to pass between his office and yours, so arranged as to correspond with the departure and arrival of the Hudson Steam Boats at Albany, you will of course send three additional mails to Troy on the evenings of the arrival of the Boats, each week, in addition to the present mails for that City, when Mr. Gale is prepared.

R. J. Meigs.