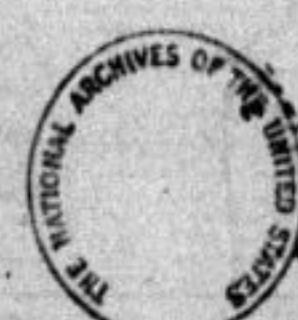


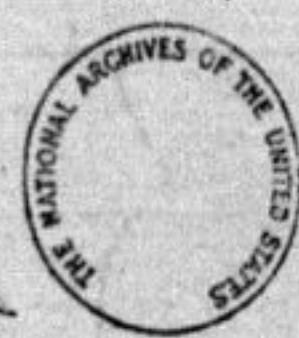
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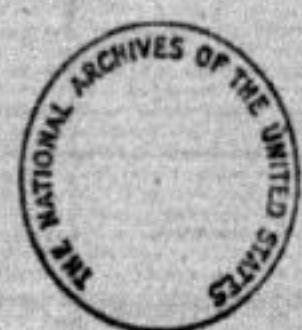


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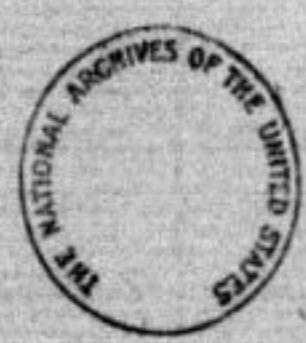


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John Mc Kenney Esq<sup>r</sup> Post Office Department  
P.M Bellair Md. Sir — 15<sup>th</sup> May 1819

I have yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>r</sup> your mail should unquestionably wait the arrival of the mail from Baltimore or a great object will be defeated in getting mails expeditiously, if your citizens will be better accommodated by closing the mails in the morning than at evening they should be induced provided that the alteration of closing the mails shall not increase the carriers expence, on what days are the mails now carried in the week & how long has the present carrier been employed? you will buy a postman wagon as of this Dept as a contingent expence

(R. D. M. Jr)

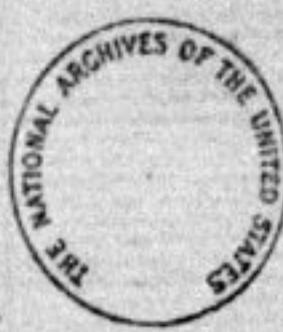
Wm Connelly Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir —

11 May —

P. M. Franklin Pa I have yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> May if the before mail is continued irregular in its delivery at your office in that event you can supersede the contractor by employing another carrier; to perform once in two weeks at a price not exceeding twenty five dolls a trip — the contractor to continue until the 31<sup>st</sup> of next Decr. you will promptly advise me — who you so employ & at what period. Mr Stewart, the present contractor has been repeatedly written to on the subject of failures without amending his contract

(R. D. M. Jr)

Joseph Hughes Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir



May 12<sup>th</sup> 1819 —

P.M. Commitsburg Md Yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> is at hand you are right in sending the mail to Fredericktown — the expence you will charge to this Department; if it be unnecessary to send a mail to Wayneburg — it will be improper to pay for that route if the service is not performed

(R. D. M. Jr)

Robert M. Morris Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir —

12<sup>th</sup> May. 1819 —

P.M. New Madrid Miss<sup>s</sup>. I have yours of March 28<sup>th</sup> how many failures have occurred on the St. Genevieve route since the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan last your prompt reply will enable this Department to adopt the necessary steps to prevent the future recurrence of the evil

(R. D. M. Jr)

Post Office Department

E A Elliott Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir 12<sup>th</sup> May. 1819  
Pds. St. Genereux Nippon I wish you to report to this Depart without delay the failures that have taken place on the post routes confined to Mr John McArthur & to be prepared to send special mails on either route whenever he shall fail to do so - for on a/c of this office our intention is to fine him for his delinquency & to enforce the due trans of the mails - you will please to show him this letter  
yourself is requested & with you to apprise me of any even act of his delinquency as they shall occur after the receipt of this letter -

R. J. McD.

J. M. Lyman Sir May 12<sup>th</sup> 1819  
Bore brought R. 63 I have yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst - when the new Post route between Danville, Miltroy & Suffolk being goes into operation it will not be necessary for you to visit the Post office at Miltroy - with the Warren & Salem mail your pay will be attended to if it has not been sent already

R. J. McD.

Sophrina Collins Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir 13<sup>th</sup> May - 1819  
P. M. Laurel Del I am obliged by your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst & trust that ere this you have obtained your whole mail

R. J. McD.

J. Kelley Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir May 12 - 1819  
P. M. Cleveland & Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> is received whenever the roads are such as to render the whole mail uncertain. when sent the usual way you can send newspapers & packets by rebels to Detroit

R. J. McD.

Thomas C. Huntington Sir May 12 - 1819  
P. M. Black Marion Falls Matam I have yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> ultimo the contract for the Pleasant Level route failed although well recommended - we have made provision for the route through another channel

R. J. McD.

John McLeod  
Postmaster at Danville Va 3<sup>rd</sup> Girs May 12 - 1819  
Miltroy. R. 63 3<sup>rd</sup> Girs  
Others on the new 3<sup>rd</sup> City has contracted with this Department to Post route to Suffolk & 3<sup>rd</sup> transport the mail between Danville Va. Miltroy R. 63 & Suffolk 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr McLeod has long resided in this city & sustains a good character. he has energy & decision & will I am persuaded discharge his duty faithfully. he has taught a school for years. with great success & you will I trust find him a good & mail contractor

R. J. McD.

William White & others Sir May 12 -  
Ruckerville near I will establish a Post office at Books Law Office Ga Ruckerville provided that you can obtain the agent of the contractor to deviate from his usual route without additional expence to this Depart

R. J. McD.

Joseph Mc Kinney His Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir May 13 -  
Rogersville Tennessee 3<sup>rd</sup> I have this day received your enclosed letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ulto. The contractor has had no authority from this Department to remove the line of stages from the mail stage road which passes through Murfreesboro' & he has positive instruction to replace the mail stages on the Murfreesboro' road with the least possible delay -

I exceedingly regret that any agent of this Department should have so far forgotten his duty, as to have adopted an act so injurious & improper as has been done in this case -

R. J. McD.

W. G. Bradford Sir May 13 - 1819  
Nashville Sir I am to request that you place one line of stages immediately on the Murfreesboro' road agreeably to your contract. Murfreesboro' being the seat of Government of our State has specially claims to at least one line of stages daily on y<sup>r</sup> own prompt compliance, & I will thank you for a reply

R. J. McD.

## Post Office Depart.

S. C. Crow Sir

May 13 - 1819

Montgomery Ch. Sirs your agent most inexplicably left the mail at Big Lick Post Office on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst for so doing my duty compels me to fine you two hundred Dollars agreeably to the 3d & 7<sup>th</sup> Sections of your contract it is believed to have been done at the instance of Mr. Bassus -

R. J. M. Jr

J. Wait Esq<sup>r</sup> Dear Sirs -May 13<sup>th</sup> 1819

Agent S. C. D. Port Gibson Mississippi I have yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst we authorized \$500 per annum to be paid for the mail transport between St. Francisville & St. Helena the schedule was unfavorable & the offer not accepted - Enclose you a bond & contract for said route at \$520 per annum if not that sum must be increased the route must be furnished with a mail. the period of beginning is left blank. When the contract is made you will please return it to this Department. A. counterparts will be then forwarded.

R. J. M. Jr

Geo. Hull Esq<sup>r</sup>. Sirs

May 13 - 1819

Mr. Sandifield Mass. I have yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst the new post route is to be carried for the net proceeds of P. O. now or very lately established on said route

R. J. M. Jr

Edmund Pale Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir

May 13 - 1819

P. M. Big Lick N. C. I have yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> I have requested the P. M. at Salons to distribute the mails which branch from your office & to put mails for your office in the mail Postmanteaus destined for Lynchburg which alone you will examine you will put mails in the other Postmanteaus when necessary. Mr. Crow as mail contractor for permitting (through his agent) the stage to proceed without taking the mail his agents conduct is highly reprehensible

R. J. M. Jr

John McFarland Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir

May 14 - 1819

P. M. Burnet N. C. The post route that you refer to must be addressed before we contract to transport the mail thereon

R. J. M. Jr

## Post Office Depart.

Parker Campbell Esq<sup>r</sup> SirMay 15<sup>th</sup> - 1819

P. M. Salem Postm'

From the receipt of this letter I am to request that you afford & put into the respective Postmanteaus the several mails which branch from Big Lick to Staunton & to Lynchburg & such mails as you discover destined for Big Lick you will put into the Lynchburg mail bags -

R. J. M. Jr

John McFarland Esq<sup>r</sup> SirMay 13<sup>th</sup> 1819

late Mr. C. & Stephens Esq<sup>r</sup>. In a letter just received from John McFarland he objects after having a statement of his accts for upwards of three years / to two items of charge amounting to \$1100 & says they belong to you, the 1<sup>st</sup> a draft of Feb'y 2<sup>d</sup> 1816 on John Lord for \$600 and the other a draft of May 1<sup>st</sup> 1816 on the same for \$500.

I will thank you for information as to the state of this business and also as to the accts between yourself and him & whether you ever had a settlement embracing the points of difference between your accts here - , you were both years since furnished with statements with that view -

Please let me hear from you speedily

R. J. M. Jr

Sales &amp; Seaton

Gentlemen

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1819

Present - After perusing the enclosed letter to John McFarland Esq<sup>r</sup> which is in answer to his of the 5<sup>th</sup> last address'd to you, you will be pleased to forward it as directed -

John McFarland Sir

May 13 -

now at Lumberton N. C. Your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst addressed to Messrs Gads. & Seaton is now before me -

In that letter you object to three items charged to you in the accts current sent you from this Depart.

1<sup>st</sup> A draft of Feb'y 2<sup>d</sup> 1816 on John Lord for \$600  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Two drafts of April 1. 1816 - one on J. W. Thompson for \$75 & another on R. Barlow for \$200. Both of these two last mentioned drafts have long since been transferred to the account of John McFarland & in consequence of letters rec'd advising that they belong to him  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Acct of May 1<sup>st</sup> 1816 on John Lord for \$512 1/2



R. J. M. Jr

The first & last of these drafts amts to \$1100. consequently from your only ground of objecting to your accts as stated by us. Many difficulties have arisen between your accts & that of John McFarland Jr. as the & for some time belonged to you & we never could ascertain satisfactorily when you accts. it & the other assumed it. Many transfers of charges from one to the other according to information received from time to time. now stand on the face of our books.

Several letters have pass'd on the subject and find amongst them one from you bearing date Decr 21<sup>st</sup> 1816 on the subject of your accts and of the Statement of the same return'd by you. you say "there are several items charg'd in my accts that do not belong & others omitted".

I now with a copy of his (John McFarland Jr.) accts forwarded to me without delay I will then forward a correct statement of my accts so that you may have his corrected & mine also.

In answer to this there was forwarded to you on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 1817 a statement of his accts & no objections having been received from you to that statement we have taken it for granted that if any difference did exist you had settled it between you & determined to let the accts stand as stated; in this conclusion we are strongly warranted from the lapse of time, & the knowledge of the fact that an accts did exist between you.

By the whole we cannot agree to the payment of any part of your present claim until we can hear from John McFarland Jr to whom I have this day written at Fort St Stephens Md.

R. J. M. Jr.

James Whittington Sir

19<sup>th</sup> May

Georgetown Roads Md. For what cause is the mails irregularity owing which is confined to you. regularity is indispensable your penalties must be enforced

R. J. M. Jr.

Post office Department 5

Genl J. Mo. Forman Sir

13 May, 1819

near Lexington Md. The derangement of the mail noted in your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst has arisen from the error or misconduct of the mail carrier he has been written to on the subject his error shall be promptly corrected

R. J. M. Jr.

Jonathan Law Esqrs Sir

13<sup>th</sup> May,

P. W. Hartford C. Your Several letters addressed to my agent Mr E. Bachus have by that gentleman been transmitted to this Department I am pleased with your enquiry & shall be obliged by suggestions which will in any way tend to abridge the expences or improve the mail arrangements of this Department Post routes 99 & 123 were advertised as you suggest - but we were compelled to add to the Providence line the road from Ashford to Hartford 106 & 126 were advertised differently from their present arrangement. The importance of Hartford to most of the mail carriers who take mails to & from that city from various sources of commission business is such as rather to reduce the price of mail carrying rather than increase it by lengthening their ride a few miles -

R. J. M. Jr.



Sullivan, Reynolds & others Gentry

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1819

New-Lisbon N.Y. Your petition in behalf of Samuel Smith under date of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst is before me. Cypenus Hobk contracted for the route referred his offer was \$140 & was accepted the length of road was well known to him & to Mr. Smith the expenses of the route they no doubt estimated & since their estimate was made money has become more valuable as it buys more provisions than it did two years ago

R. J. M. Jr.

Henry Oaks Sir

May 14 - 1819

Barnet VT The new post route referred to must be ascertained before we contract for the mails transport. -

R. J. M. Jr.

John Leland Esqrs Sir

May 14 - 1819

P. W. Georgetown & Roads Md Can you inform me the cause of the irregularity of the mail between your office & Elton at Fairmont it is much complained of

R. J. M. Jr.