

General Post Office

Mr Elmer Hedges Esq (and others) Esqs  
Sheldon Vt  
I have yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> Ult  
Elisha Sheldon Esq was previous to its receipt appointed  
Postmaster of Sheldon with a view to do justice to the citizens  
of Sheldon the Postmaster has been requested to establish his  
Office at or near the place where the Post Office was kept  
by his Predecessor.

11<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
Yrs & R J M J

Mr Josiah Crow Esq Esq  
New China Crown S C  
I have yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant  
that my letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ult was by error addressed to  
you it was designed for the acting Postmaster of China  
Crown.

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1820  
Yrs & R J M J

Mr Rich<sup>d</sup> & Stockton Esq Esq  
Baltimore Md  
I have yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst  
Mr Mclelland we know Richard & Stockton and  
William Anderson only as mail contractors between  
Baltimore and Philadelphia we know nothing of their  
private arrangements for said route.

12<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
Yrs & R J M J

Mr Isaac Cooper Esq Esq  
Pitt Conowingo Md  
I have yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> as your  
Office is not situated on an established Post route we cannot  
pay for its accommodations by mail than its real neat  
product I therefore recommend that you agree with  
some person to transport your mail and stipulate to  
pay for said service the neat product of your Office

12<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
Yrs & R J M J

Mr John H Collins Esq Esq  
Henderson Ky  
I have yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ult we  
consider you as Joseph Edringtons substitute for the  
route Shelbyville and Hardensburg at six hundred  
and seventy five dollars a year I shall rely on you  
faithfully fulfilling your contract and regret that  
your negligence has already caused complaint.

12<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
Yrs & R J M J

\* we wish the Conroy mail to go no further than Lemon.

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Mr John Vester Esq Esq  
Pitt Vermont  
I have yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ult is the Conroy  
Contractor willing to relinquish that part of his route between your  
Office and Wilton we infer so \* from the tenor of your letter  
the Brookville mail is we suppose in operation as suggested in  
your letter the fact we want so as to give Mr Conroy proper  
credit who must go by Versailles may I have your early reply  
Mr Blankinships etc shall be settled.

12<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
Yrs & R J M J

Mr Jacob B Bryan Esq Esq  
Pitt Penfield N Y  
Every mail which arrives at your Office  
or part of a mail, which should be delivered from the Post Office  
at North Penfield must be sent to that Office and where proper  
you will credit yourself for letters so sent in the column of letters  
over charged or mispent.

11<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
Yrs & R J M J

Mr A C Coffey Esq Esq  
Pitt Newark Ohio  
I am favoured with yours of the  
5<sup>th</sup> instant the route between your Office and Mount  
Pleasant is so arranged as to form a direct route to Cleveland  
Ohio if Mr Glynn acts in accordance with his schedule.



Mr Stork & William Hendrick Esq Esq  
H Representatives  
In reply to Mr Whitelys  
proposal. I have the honour to remark that the mail  
which goes from Lexington by Madison & Union  
is believed to be sufficient to answer all useful  
purposes for sending a mail between the former  
Office

R J M

172 / Honble John Locke, Sir, General Post Office  
No 11 Representatives, 12th February 1820

I have the honour to observe  
in reply to the letter of Joseph Hamilton to your  
address that the mail stage way taken from  
the route which supplied Buckley Roads under  
the belief that more people would be benefitted  
by the route it now takes. than were accommodated  
under the former arrangements in the hurry of  
business the letter of Mr Hamilton was mis laid  
or it would have met a more prompt reply.  
R. S. M.

Honble Peter Pater, Sir 13th February 1820  
now at Weylington City. I will thank you on  
your return to Black Rock to request the stage  
proprietor for the route Buffalo & Niagara  
to carry a third weekly mail on that route  
if he will do so for one dollar a week. will  
you favour me with his reply on your return.  
R. S. M.

Honble Saml Kingold, Sir 12th February 1821  
A Representative. I have the honour to observe  
in reply to your application in behalf of Mr Leatherwood  
that I should be gratified in obiding you and  
Mr Leatherwood by increasing his pay if I could  
do so with a due regard to the public good. our mail  
arrangements as far as relates to routes connected with Mr  
Leatherwood are now precisely as they were when  
we entered into the late contract to relieve him  
I propose that he run a two instead of a four horse  
stage and let his pay remain as it is and I will  
agree to make any alteration that he may suggest  
in his route that does not go to reduce the number  
of mails that he has carried stipulated to carry weekly.  
R. S. M.

Honble Willough Hall, Sir, General Post Office Dept  
A Representative, 12th February 1820  
I'm reply to your letter of the 11th  
I have the honour to observe that three mails each week  
arrive at Georgetown from Wilmington and three  
depart for that place and one mail arrives  
at Georgetown from Northampton and one departs for  
that place each week. the several cross mails which  
formerly branched from Georgetown have at the  
instance of the contractor probably been removed to  
his office (Nellyboro).  
R. S. M.

Honble J W Campbell, Sir 12th February 1820  
A Representative. I have the honour to observe  
that the mail contractor for the route of Union & West  
Union has positive instruction to visit every office on  
his route or that is connected with it.  
R. S. M.

Honble A H Caspells, Sir 14th February 1820  
Catskill N.Y. I will thank you to detain the  
Cherry Valley mail until the southern mail arrives  
at your office on Thursday.  
R. S. M.

Honble Ezekiel Whitman, Sir 12th February  
A Representative. I have the honour to  
observe in reply to Mr Palmer letter of the 15th inst  
to your address that I wrote to Mr Paine some days  
ago in respect to the alteration he has made in his  
main mail stage route. he made this change  
without consulting this Dept. but he probably felt  
himself authorized to do so under former authority  
I have this day given him positive orders to resume  
the usual route via Kennebunk.  
R. S. M.

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Genl Post Office  
 February 14th 1820  
 Honble John Adams Esq  
 A Representative  
 I have the honour to state  
 that I have this day given positive instructions to  
 Mr Paine to resume his former mail arrangement  
 via Kennebunk and to continue the usual mail  
 mail arrangement by a cross post to Kennebunk Port.  
 R. M.

14th February 1820  
 Honble Pustiff Mellen Esq  
 A Representative  
 I have the honour to advise  
 that I have adopted measures to restore the mail  
 stage to Kennebunk agreeably to the usual  
 arrangement for that office.  
 R. M.

Feb 14th 1820  
 Adam Whann Esq Esq  
 Ellston Md  
 I have authorised Mr Whittington  
 who carries the mail between your office and Greensboro  
 Del to so arrange his route as to come no nearer your  
 office than Savington You will therefore after  
 this week send mails for that route via Wilmington.  
 Yrs &c R. J. M. J.

14th February 1820  
 Robert Halsey Esq Esq  
 Portland Me  
 I have found it to be indispens-  
 ably necessary to require of Mr Paine to supply the post  
 office at Kennebunk with six mails a week by stage  
 and to send as usual six mails per week by a cross  
 Post to Kennebunk Port his immediate compliance  
 is necessary. May I hear from you on the subject  
 Yrs &c R. J. M. J.

14th February 1820  
 Mr Josiah Paine Esq Esq  
 Portland Maine  
 I find it to be indispensably  
 necessary to restore the mail stage line to Kennebunk  
 I am therefore to request that you upon receipt of this  
 letter send the mail by stage to Kennebunk six days  
 each week as you have formerly done and to  
 supply Kennebunk Port by the usual cross Post  
 six times a week.  
 Yrs &c R. J. M. J.

General Post Office Dept  
 February 13th 1820

Mr P. Preble Esq Esq  
 Dist Attorney Portland Me  
 You will stay execution against  
 Burgen as surety for Oliver Shedd so far as related to imprisonment  
 untill further advised from this Department.  
 Yrs &c R. J. M. J.

14th February 1820  
 Mr J. H. Wares Esq  
 Milledgeville Ga  
 I have yours of the 2nd I do not  
 find that either Doct. S. S. Harnes or Downey and  
 Bruin charged with penalties postofficers although  
 we might have had abundant reason to have fined them.  
 R. M.

14th February 1820  
 Honble Stephenson Archer Esq  
 A Representative  
 I have the honour to advise  
 in reply to the letter of Messrs Parker & Roberts that  
 I agree to their proposition viz. that Mr Whittington  
 carry two mails weekly between the head of Chester  
 and Savinton and two mails a week between the head  
 of Chester & Churchhill (he supplying all intermediate  
 offices) and to carry the mail on the days suggested in  
 Mr Parker's letter. Mr Whittington can under the  
 authority of this letter convey the mail as above  
 stated untill he shall receive further advice from  
 this Dept.  
 R. M. J.



14th February 1820  
 Honble Wm Wilson Esq Esq  
 Williamsport Pa  
 I am favoured with yours  
 of the in behalf of the representatives of Wash-  
 ington I pray you to assure the representatives of  
 the late Mr Cummings that if they in good faith  
 fulfill the contract made by Mr Cummings that  
 they shall receive from this Dept the respective  
 sums stipulated to be paid.  
 R. M.

General Post Office  
14th February 1820

Mr John Phelps, Sir  
Greenfield MS  
I have yours of the 3rd inst  
and will give two hundred dollars a year for extending  
your mail route from Williams to Albany  
you may begin upon the receipt of this letter  
and continue until the 31st of next December may  
I have your reply  
R J M

Mr Jay Hopkins, Sir  
Georgetown Del  
I have yours of the 9th  
the sum you ask for accommodating Georgetown  
is much more than we can afford to give  
R J M

Mr D Hutcheson, Sir  
Huntsville Ala  
I have yours of the 20th ult  
and exceedingly regret that you did not on the  
authority of my former letters and a special arrangement  
to Fayetteville for the mails which have improperly accommodated  
there  
R J M

James W Brown, Sir  
Athens Ala  
I have yours of the 21st ult  
Mr Walker has positive instructions to visit your  
office with the mails  
R J M

Mr James Walker, Sir  
Columbia Tenn  
I am to request that  
you visit the Post Office at Athens Ala with team  
R J M

Mr James Gaskins, Sir  
Georgetown Del  
I have yours of the 9th the  
sum you ask for accommodating Georgetown is  
much more than we can afford to give  
R J M

General Post Office  
14th February 1820

Mr A Bowen, Sir  
Henderson Ky  
I have yours of the 13th ult  
your suggestions on New Orleans mail must go via  
Morganfield - a crop mail from that place and  
from Hardensburg were believed to be as many as it was  
prudent to continue towards New Orleans at the  
present period. the extent alone is the objection  
to a second weekly mail on your mail line. Collins  
states that he has executed his bonds and contracts  
but they are not yet received  
R J M

Mr Scrubb & Rogers, Sir  
Representatives  
I have the honour to inform  
that I have divided the route Lancaster, Exton & Milford  
as follows agreeably to your former intimation viz Lancaster  
and Exton, Exton & Milford. I have sent a copy bond &  
contract to John Nicholas this day for the latter route  
R J M

John Hyde Esq, Sir  
Norwich Ct  
I will thank you to state whether  
the Hartford mail is brought to your office on horseback  
in a stage or in one or two horse waggon your choice is desired  
R J M

Peter Schaeffer Esq, Sir  
German town Ohio  
I have yours of the 20th ult  
we pay the contractor for visiting your office if he  
does not in future he shall be kind please to inform me  
R J M

Wells Woodbridge Esq, Sir  
Plymouth Ct  
I have yours of the 10th  
instant the charge you propose will meet with a fair  
consideration and be decided as soon as we obtain the  
necessary information  
R J M



General Post Office Dept  
 16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 Thomas Chalfant Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir  
 No. Augusta St<sup>y</sup> I will thank you to engage  
 a person to transport a mail between your office  
 and Washington once a week at two dollars a trip  
 he can go to Washington and return the same day  
 let me know who you employ and when he begins.  
 Yrs & R. J. M. J.

16<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1820  
 John Johnson Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir  
 No. Harford St<sup>y</sup> I wish you to furnish a Post  
 man to carry the mail to lower + roads for and on account of this  
 Dept without delay.  
 Yrs & R. J. M. J.

16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 W. King Mail Contractor Washington D.C. Sir  
 I am sorry to have occasion again to  
 call your attention to the faithful discharge of your duty as a  
 mail contractor and shall more regret to be reduced to the  
 necessity of superseding you for want of punctuality yet I  
 have abundant cause to do so for your failures have been fre-  
 quent within a few weeks past.  
 Yrs & R. J. M. J.

16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 J. Gallagher Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir  
 No. Washington St<sup>y</sup> I am very much obliged by your  
 letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> should Mr King fail as we may anticipate  
 from his general bad management I trust that you will  
 employ some faithful person continue the mails for account  
 of this Department of your proceedings I shall rely upon  
 being advised as well as to any misconduct on the part of King  
 Yrs & R. J. M. J.

16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 M. Reep Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir  
 Connaught St<sup>y</sup> I have yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> you can  
 send two mails weekly between your office and Palestine at a  
 rate not exceeding five dollars quarter yearly and charge that  
 expense to this Department until further advised.  
 Yrs & R. J. M. J.

General Post Office  
 16<sup>th</sup> February 1820

Henry Wells Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir  
 Edenton N.C. I have yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> I trust that  
 you have caused the mail to be transported as usual to Plymouth on  
 account of this Department if the Contractors have not credit or funds  
 to have the business done on their own account the mails must  
 not stop if the Steam Boat is paid for carrying two mails a  
 week they are bound to carry all mails which go at the same time  
 without regard to weight or number of letters are brought by the  
 Steam Boat they must be paid as other letters are which come  
 as way letters. Will you be good enough to state whether the  
 mails via Plymouth are regular and what arrangements you have  
 made  
 Yrs & R. J. M. J.

16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 W. Cornel Vandeweyer Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir  
 Trenton N.J. On receipt of this letter I am especially to  
 request that you will visit the Post Office at Jobstown with the mail  
 You will procure a certificate from some Postmaster on the route  
 as to your increased distance by this arrangement that we may  
 make you the proper credit.  
 Yrs & R. J. M. J.



16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 John Tracy Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir  
 No. Oxford St<sup>y</sup> I wish to have a second weekly mail pass  
 between your office and Chenango Point at as early a day as practicable  
 so arranged as to continue the two mails from Albany direct to that  
 place via Oxford for the unexpired term of the current year  
 I wish you to employ some proper person to do that service  
 at a rate not exceeding two hundred & eight dollars a year  
 the present carrier may probably engage I will thank you for  
 an early reply about the person engaged and the schedule  
 adopted.  
 Yrs & R. J. M. J.

16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 Barnard Palmer Esq<sup>r</sup> Sir  
 No. Kennebunk St<sup>y</sup> I have yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> as the only  
 effectual remedy I have directed Mr Paine to resume the former  
 arrangement via Kennebunk.  
 Yrs & R. J. M. J.

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General Post Office  
15th February 1820  
Sleigh Hunt and others Sir  
and many to  
I shall direct upon your application as soon as  
I obtain the necessary information.  
R J M

15th February 1820  
Mr Peter Williams Sir  
near Cincinnati Ohio  
In the 22nd ult your exp  
mail Burlington & Lawrenceburg had not moved  
and to that period your carrier for the route  
Louisville and Burlington was omitting established  
offices on the route - a new contractor might  
find some excuse, but an old one can offer no  
satisfactory excuse for such palpable neglect no  
work no pay of course  
R J M

15th February 1820  
Enoch Blanchard Esq Sir  
Paoli Ind  
Ult if Mr Hazlewood does not accept of my  
late offer to carry the mail between your office  
and Louisville by I wish you to employ someone  
to do so on the best possible terms until you can  
obtain further advice from the Dept. and if Mr  
Wilson will not carry the mail to Percator. I wish  
you to employ some person to do so at a rate not  
exceeding five hundred dollars a year. probably  
Wm Hoggatt may wish to take one or both routes  
I am surprised Mr Hazlewood should state that he  
would continue the mail until further advised  
and then stop without giving notice.  
R J M

16th Feb 1820  
Mr Charles Higgins Sir  
Sunbury Pa  
I have yours of the 10th your rider  
can leave Blair Gap on Tuesday mornings instead of Friday  
mornings.  
R J M

R J M

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General Post Office  
15th February 1820  
John Quincy Esq Sir  
P.M. Burlington N.J.  
I am favoured with yours of the  
22nd I wish you to employ Mr Chamley to carry the mail  
to Lawrenceburg provided that route is not provided for  
by some other carrier. Mr Chamley is to have one  
hundred dollars a year if he is employed.  
R J M

15th February 1820  
Philip H Matter Esq Sir  
Postmaster Easton  
Mr Matter has had to carry  
news papers out of the mail for his private amusement  
it will injure the publick very little. if other mail  
contractors do so that start from your office.  
R J M

15th February 1820  
John F Dufour Esq Sir  
P.M. beyond Ind  
Mr Tyle may leave Louisville  
as soon as he shall receive the box door mail on  
Saturday or in 15 minutes after that mail arrives  
Greenville is stricken out of his contract his account  
shall be forwarded and I shall insist upon his  
discharging his duty as mail contractor faithfully.  
R J M

15th February 1820  
Honble C Hooks Esq Sir  
H Representatives  
In reply to your note of this day  
I observed that the contract for the post route between  
Newbern and Wilmington will expire the 31st Dec 1820  
R J M

16th February 1820  
John Brown Esq Sir  
P.M. Palestine Ind  
Should <sup>any</sup> failures happen  
than those noted in your letter of the 12th ult  
I will thank you to mention them.  
R J M

General Post Office Department  
 February 16<sup>th</sup> 1820

Mr Hon<sup>ble</sup> William Davidson }  
 House Representatives }  
 Archibald Treu Esq was superseded  
 in the Post Office at Charlotte N.C. in consequence of his failing to  
 pay the drafts of this Department upon him; at which time the  
 balance against him was \$568.43. Hoping that he would  
 settle amicably I did not direct a suit to be instituted against  
 him; but on the first of July made a draft on him for  
 \$100. and another on the first of October for \$70. with the  
 intention, if they should be duly honoured, to continue that  
 to draw gradually from his hands the amount due; but  
 if not honoured, to resort to the painful duty of prosecution.  
 Neither of those drafts appears yet to have been returned nor  
 receipts received for their payment. The result which will  
 soon be known must determine the course to be pursued  
 in his case.

R J M

Mr Saml Leatherwoods }  
 Fredericton N.B. }  
 Sir 16<sup>th</sup> February  
 It is indispensably  
 necessary that you establish regular days & hours of  
 departure from Winchester, as your present irregularity  
 is destructive of the object intended which is regular  
 facilities of letters by mail. I wish you to advise  
 with the Postmaster of Winchester upon this subject  
 and settle upon the schedule without delay.

R J M

Richard Hook }  
 Hillsboro NC }  
 Sir 16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 If Mr Wards will not carry  
 the mails to Halifax & A. Va. for account of  
 Sampson W Glenn, and Mr Glenn does not  
 provide a successor to Mr Wards you can in  
 that case employ Mr Wards on account of this  
 Dept may I have your reply.

R J M

Stephen Crockett Esq }  
 P.M. Patterson N.C. }  
 General Post Office Dept  
 16<sup>th</sup> February 1820

I have yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> do does  
 not a mail independent of the Danbury mail visit  
 your office - such is our impression.

R J M

Charles Atwater Esq }  
 P.M. Bereleville }  
 Sir 16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 I have to request that you cause  
 all mails to be forwarded to Williamsport N.C.  
 which are designed to be delivered therefrom.  
 I trust you can do so.

R J M

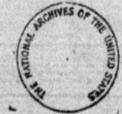
John Wilson Esq }  
 P.M. Williamsport }  
 Sir 16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 I have requested the Postmaster  
 of Bereleville to forward to your Office all letters  
 designed to be delivered therefrom.

R J M

Charles Hook }  
 Representative }  
 Sir 16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 In reply to your note of  
 this day. I observe,

Mr Davidson Esq }  
 P.M. Winchester }  
 Sir 16<sup>th</sup> February 1820  
 I have instructed Mr  
 Leatherwoods to fit on the schedule that he wishes  
 the mails to go three times a week. his departure from  
 and arrival at your office must be uniform. he is  
 instructed to consult with you upon this subject.

R J M



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Honble Robert Monells } General Post Office  
 At Representatives } 16th February 1820  
 I have the honour to  
 observe in reply to your letter of this day that we  
 have for some time contemplated sending a second  
 weekly mail between Offords and Chenango Point  
 for the reasons that you have assigned. I have now  
 made provision for sending a second weekly mail  
 on that route - to take effect as early a period as  
 practicable.

R J M Jr

Honble Joshua Bushman } Sir 16 February 1820  
 At Representatives }  
 I have the honour to  
 observe in reply to your letter of yesterday and  
 to its several enclosures that Josiah Paine has  
 contracted to transport the mails between  
 Augusta & Farmington. Nathan Backus is  
 not known to this Dept but is we suppose the  
 mail carrier of Mr Paine. I have instructed  
 Mr Paine to dismiss him and to employ a faithful  
 substitute. I would recommend G B Bailey  
 to apply to Mr Paine for the mail and to offer  
 a proposal for the route to this Dept when it  
 is advertised the ensuing summer. I would send  
 a second weekly mail on the route if the product  
 of the route warranted the measure.

R J M Jr

Honble James Wilson } Sir 16th February 1820  
 At Senate }  
 In reply to your letter  
 of yesterday and to Mr Newbolds there enclosed  
 I have the honour to observe that I have instruc-  
 ted the mail contractor for the post route  
 Trenton & And Cooper ferry to visit Jobstown  
 with the mail.

R J M Jr

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Honble P. Mellen } Sir General Post Office  
 At Senate } 17th February 1820  
 In reply to your letter of  
 the 16th I have the honour to observe that a  
 post roads were established from Waldoboro by  
 Union Hope, Dearmont and Belmont to Belfast  
 it might shorten the mail route and the receipt of  
 offices on the route may probably cover the expense of  
 carrying a mail thereon.

R M

Honble Henry Baldwin } Sir 18th February 1820  
 At Representatives }  
 In reply to your letter of  
 the 16th I have the honour to observe to state in reply  
 that I have directed all mails for Pittsburg to be sent  
 via Baltimore & Hagerstown to Chambersburg mails  
 ought to go from this city in less than six days.

R J M

Mr Robert B Currey Esq } Sir  
 Post Master Nashville Tenn } February 16th 1820  
 Your letter of the 1st is before me  
 mentioning that Mr Bradford had notified you that is he did not  
 receive money before the next Tuesday he would be under the necessity  
 of stopping his stages. I hope that event has not taken place & that  
 he will continue to carry it. To enable him to keep it up he can  
 draw a draft on that office for 600\$ at the beginning of each month  
 to be endorsed by "will be paid R B Currey". Now such drafts  
 he can probably receive money in hand. If he should stop  
 notwithstanding it will be necessary for you to hire proper persons  
 to carry it on horseback by the month on the best terms that you  
 can until a permanent contract can be made. You can raise the money for  
 supporting by drawing upon this office for the monthly pay. It will require  
 a lead horse on the principal route if not on the others & for relief horses  
 to be stationed on the road. There are probably many farmers in your  
 neighbourhood who can carry it on without being under the necessity of  
 purchasing horses for the purpose & who can afford to do it far much  
 less than persons residing out. If necessary to be done I hope it may  
 be accomplished on reasonable terms. There are too few papers  
 to think of supporting a line of stages.

Mr R J M Jr

General Post Office Dept  
17th January 1820

W. J. G. Bradford Esq  
Nashville Tenn }  
I regret to find that you are so much  
embarrassed that there is danger you may be under the necessity  
of stopping the conveyance of the mail. Mr Currey has been  
requested to guarantee the payment of your drafts for Gas bills  
at the commencement of each month, this will it is hoped keep your  
lines up, that is on condition that they have not been stopped.  
By our accounts you have received \$2315.48, on account of the  
present quarters pay. If you draw for \$600 this month & continue  
it you will be constantly nearly one quarter in advance.  
Yrs &c R. J. M. J.

Thomas Smith Esq Esq }  
19th January 1820  
Lexington Ky }  
I am favoured with your letter  
of the 21st ult. the want of a direct communication  
by mail between Lexington and Harrodsburg is one  
ground of complaint to obviate that inconvenience. I wish  
to agree with J. H. Davis to carry the mails from  
Nicholasville to Harrodsburg - instead of Danville and  
to meet the Frankfort mail at that place if he fails  
to do so. he will proceed and overtake the Frankfort  
mail at Danville you will guarantee him a reasonable  
addition to his pay if he is compelled to go to Danville  
should any defect in our mail carrier on any route  
in your state make a formal examination necessary  
I shall feel particularly obliged to you to make the  
examination and report the error you can make the  
enquiry under your former authority - and you shall  
be paid for your services at the rates formerly  
paid you may have your reply.  
R. J. M. J.

Abm Kropf Esq Esq }  
17th February 1820  
Hagerstown Md }  
I will thank you to  
send all mails for Pitts Ferry & via C. Lambertburg  
to me I have your reply.  
R. J. M. J.

Mr Josiah Pain Esq }  
Providence R.I. } Dear Sir  
General Post Office Dept  
17th February 1820

I am sorry to be under  
the necessity of requiring you to dismiss Nathan Backus  
from the duty of mail carrier. In arriving from 7 to 10 at  
night in Farmington he is charged with excessive drinking  
and lacks integrity it is said. His shameful delay is  
is supported by respectable testimony.  
R. J. M. J.

Henry Hughey Esq Esq }  
17th February 1820  
P. M. Williamsport Pa }  
If no person has contracted  
with you for the due transport of the mails to Painted Post  
I will thank you to forward the enclosed letter William  
Kinsley, whose proposal I have additionally accepted I  
wish the letter either to be forwarded by the first mail  
to Mr Kinsley or returned as the case may be to this Dept.  
R. J. M. J.

Mr A. B. Lindsley Esq }  
17th February 1820  
Arling P. O. Dept }  
I wish you to repair to Henderson  
or Shawneetown in person and remain in that  
vicinity when your agency permits until the sickly  
season shall prevail your family can remain  
in business. it is thought to be a more healthy situation  
the numerous complaints from the neighbourhood of  
Shawneetown makes this measure indispensably necessary.  
R. J. M. J.

Mr Wm Lindsley Esq }  
17th February 1820  
Lindsley Town N.Y. }  
I cannot accept your  
proposal for 500. for transporting the mails  
between Williamsport and P. Post N.Y. but will  
give you \$475. you to have the short time at  
P. Post and take immediate charge of the mail.  
R. J. M. J.

Peter Hack Esq Esq }  
February 15th 1820  
P. M. Pungsteung N.Y. }  
A Postmaster who is a proprietor of a newspaper  
cannot without contravening the spirit of the law frank the newspapers which  
he sends to his regular subscribers, nor any package which weighs more than  
half an ounce. Will you inform me what Postmaster franks his  
newspapers in that manner.  
Yrs &c R. J. M. J.

General Post Office Dept  
February 14<sup>th</sup> 1820

John Gray Esq } Sir  
Wm Louisville Ky } I have received your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup>  
I regret that you should have the balance on hand in notes of Banks which do not pay specie. The law contemplates as legal money specie and notes of the bank of the United States contractors have a right to receive their pay in that manner or in notes of banks that are equivalent to it. If specie or U.S. bank notes are at a large advance beyond Kentucky bank notes it would be doing the contractor injustice to pay only the nominal amount in the Kentucky notes. All I can do therefore is to give you time to convert your uncurrent notes into specie or its equivalent without loss. This I hope may be accomplished before April. The direction to deposit was in conformity to an order from the executive and cannot be withdrawn.

Yrs &c R. M. J.  
February 15<sup>th</sup> 1820

George Rich Esq } Sir  
P.M. Rapids La } Mr A. J. Davis appears by our books to be still postmaster at Davis's Store, or Magnolia & has a right to frank. But no accounts have been received from his office for more than a year, altho they have written for. The office would have been placed in other hands for this neglect if we had been acquainted with the name of a proper person to keep the office. Will you inform whether the office is useful & who is a proper person to fill it in that case?  
Yrs &c R. M. J.

John Ford Esq } Sir  
John Ford Nipis } I should agree to send a mail once in two weeks from the receipt of this letter to Shields Cove at a rate not exceeding 24 a mile distance one way, mas, I hear from you and the arrangement you adopt.  
R. M. J.

Mr James Mc Caban } Sir  
Contractor Indiana } Much dissatisfaction exists as relates to your report contra it. in what manner do you carry that mail.  
R. M. J.

John Rawten Esq } Sir  
Bernona Ind } General Post Office Dept  
18<sup>th</sup> February 1820

I have established a post office at Geneva. to supply that office with the mail. I wish, however to go by Geneva & Napoleon to Brookville and to return by Versailles to your office. The subject solicits your particular attention may I have your reply. I wish you to perform the route as soon as this letter reaches you.

Honble James Noble } Sir  
No Senate } I have the honour to state that I have established a post office at Geneva and another at Napoleon agreeable to your suggestion and I have appointed the postmaster which you recommended for those offices.  
18<sup>th</sup> February 1820

Honble James Noble } Sir  
No Senate } Since I had the honour of conversing with you upon the subject of employing Mr Morris to transport the mail between Brookville & Wilkeson I find the provision had been made for supplying that post roads with a mail as a circumstance that was not known to me at the time I wrote to you upon the subject. I regret the error and hope that Mr Morris will not sustain any inconvenience.  
R. M. J.

Honble Benjamin Kuggly } Sir  
No Senate } I have the honour to state in reply to Mr Wilson, to you of the 26<sup>th</sup> that on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst. I wrote informed the postmaster at Centerville, that the contractor should be fined ten dollars weekly or supply his office with the mail. I trust the error is by this time corrected.  
R. M. J.