

General Post Office  
28<sup>th</sup> December 1820  
J. S. Skinner Esqr & Sir  
P.M. Baltimore Mass. Are the newspapers for  
offices in Baltimore put into the smaller way  
mail if not they should be. I invite your attention to  
this subject -

Rpmeigs

Honbl C. C. Gross Esqr 13<sup>th</sup> November  
M. H. Rep. Have the honor to observe  
in reply to your note of this day that D. T. McNeil  
Esqr was under bidden at least 40 per cent on the  
several routes for which he offered proposals -

Rpme

Honbl Messrs Vandlyke & Horsey Esqrs 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Members of Senate Have the honor  
to observe in reply to your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> and to Mr  
Wicks letter there enclosed that on the 20<sup>th</sup> Instucted  
the Postmaster at Wilmington to send the mail every day  
except Sunday between his Office and Newcastle  
at the rate of \$200 per annum.

Rpmeigs

Honbl Jacob P. Cook Esqr 16<sup>th</sup> December  
M. H. Rep. Have the honor to state  
in reply to your enquiry about the duties to be  
performed and the compensation received by the P.M.  
at Shawneetown that seven mails arrive and depart  
from that office each week and the compensation  
that the Postmaster of that place received the last yr  
which is the only full quarters return made by that  
postman was \$171.22 -

Rpmeigs

Honbl Robt. Philbin Esqr 16<sup>th</sup> December  
M. H. Rep. Have the honor to state  
in reply to the petition you presented to this Dept this morning  
that I have concluded to send two extra mails weekly  
between Somersett & Storystown during the sitting of  
congress and of your state legislature and one  
during the recess -

Rpme

General Post Office  
James Gruber Esqr Sir 29<sup>th</sup> December 1820  
P.M. Augusta Ga. I will thank you to require of Mr  
Dyer the mail stage coach between Augusta and  
Savannah to pass through Waycross with the mail  
with this order he must comply as the Post Office Law  
makes this measure imperative you will ascertain with  
all possible precision the actual expense if any that  
he shall incur by this alteration of his contract and  
report the statement to this Dept. your attention will in  
this case as in all previous instances I have no doubt  
be directed to this enquiry -

Rpmeigs

Elias Stanley Esqr P.M. Sir 31<sup>st</sup> December  
Greensboro N.C. Wish you to instruct  
the mail carrier to visit your Post Office with the  
mail at a rate not exceeding thirteen dollars a year -

Rpmeigs

Honbl Nathaniel Whittier Esqr 29<sup>th</sup> December  
Concord N.H. Have yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
your proposal for roads thus No 265 from Hopkinton  
to Cornish for \$215 per year Route 266 from Worcester  
to Springfield for \$150 per year Route 264 at the rate  
of \$190, route 270 from Portsmouth to Brattleboro  
for \$455, we of course have not mistaken you  
although you be under a mistake in your intention  
if you do not close with your offer Isaac Hill Esqr  
of Concord will take charge of the postroute 264 -

Rpmeigs Jr

Honbl Andrew Borden Esqr 16<sup>th</sup> December  
M. H. Rep. Have the honor to  
state in reply to your letter of this date that not  
having received a satisfactory proposal for the  
mails transport on the postroute referred to Mr  
Walter I have decided upon authorizing the Postmaster  
of Liverpool to make a contract for said route -

Rpme

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Honble James Parker & Sir  
Mr. H. Rep.

## General Post Office

30<sup>th</sup> December 1820

I have the honor to observe  
in reply to the letter of Mr. S. Lamb to your address  
under date of the 16<sup>th</sup> that Orchard Brook has had  
a credit of ten dollars a year for extending his  
route via Dresden from the 1<sup>st</sup> April last to the end  
of this year Return the letter -

R. M. J.

Honble Mr. Hunter & Sir

20<sup>th</sup> December

Mr. Senate & I have the honor to observe  
in reply to your letter of yesterday) and to the memorial  
here inclosed that the postroute to which the memorialists  
have referred has been contracted for by Isaac Fish  
of Providence, being satisfied that the publick interest  
will be promoted by the appointment of another  
Post, at Tower Hill appointed Silvester Robinson Esq.  
at that place

R. M. J.

Honble James Tread & Sir

30<sup>th</sup> December

M. H. Rep. Since the receipt of Mr  
Jeffries letter to your address under date of the 11<sup>th</sup>  
I have the honor to state that I have given the  
mail contractor instruction to visit that office  
both on his going & returning from Halifax C.H.  
from & after the ensuing month -

R. M. J.

Honble E. B. Jackson & Sir

12<sup>th</sup> December

M. House - Rep. I have the honor to state in  
reply to your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> that I have made  
provision for sending a weekly mail between between  
Clarksburg Va & Lewisburg Co. Preston -

R. M. J.

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## General Post Office

12<sup>th</sup> December 1820

Honble Mr. Strong & Sir

M. H. Representatives & In reply to Mr. Ballards  
letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> to your address and to the several  
documents therein closed, I have the honor to state in  
reply that believing it will concur with the publick  
interest to continue the mail in the hands of Zebulon  
Lamb I have concluded to give him a contract for the  
postroute on which he now transports the mail -

R. M. J.

Honble James Kendall & Sir

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1821

M. H. Representatives & I have the honor to observe  
in reply to Mr. Steams letter application for carrying  
a mail between Ashburnham & Worcester and that divide  
allocates at the rate of fifty two dollars a year for  
the weekly transport of the mail on that route for the  
current year -

R. M. J.

Honble J. W. Cobb & Sir

30<sup>th</sup> November

M. H. Representatives & I have the honor to state  
in reply to your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> that pursuant to your  
recommendation I established the postroute to which  
you refer and the other contractor on the postroute to  
Carmierville ought to go direct by Danielsville if he  
does not he shall do so immediately and I will make  
the appointment at Lemont's store which you recommend  
I am aware the two mails on different roads between  
Millederville and others are expensive if not  
unexpensive but these routes are established by law and  
I must send mails in them -

R. M. J.

Honble Samuel Lathrop & Sir

16<sup>th</sup> December

M. House - Rep. I have the honor to state  
in reply to the several petitions which you presented  
to this offt. for sending an extra weekly mail on the  
East side of Connecticut river between Hartford Ct  
and Walpole N.H. that I have informed the contl  
that divide gives \$300 for carrying in one regular extra  
weekly mail on said route and as much often as

General Post Office  
Sir January 3d 1821,  
Mr Taylor Esqr P.M.  
Blairstown Calawba Alab<sup>ma</sup> I wish you would cause to  
cause the enclosed advertisement in the Calawba  
newspaper for six successive weeks for and on  
the ac<sup>t</sup> of the 1st. you will pay the expence and  
charge the am<sup>t</sup> to this Dept. as a contingent expence  
R. M. McIeigh Jr

Mr Wm Garrison Sir 3d January  
Onondaga N.Y. I wish you to pass by  
Baldwinville instead of going by Three Rivers Point  
with the mail c  
R. M. McIeigh Jr

W. D. Long Sir 2nd January  
Harpers Ferry Va. Your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> was  
in due course received we had previous to its receipt  
made a conditional agreement with a Mr Board of  
your place for the mails transport which you refer-  
R. M. McIeigh Jr

J. G. Lyon Esqr P.M. Sir 2nd January  
St Stephens Alab<sup>ma</sup> Congress at their last  
session discontinued the postroute between St Stephens  
and Calawba and established a postroad between  
Calawba and Fort Clinch - I wish you upon  
receipt of this letter to cease conveying the mail on  
your present postroute and to convey the mail  
between Fort Clinch & Calawba until the new  
route shall go into operation which will be on the  
first day of May next your attention and reply is  
desired  
R. M. McIeigh Jr

General Post Office  
January 3d 1821  
Honbl R. M. Johnson Sir  
Mr. Senate Your communication is received relative  
to the case of Edmund. Blawtee Esqr late P.M. at Versailles Ky  
Mr. Blawtee was P.M. at that time placed from Augt 1<sup>st</sup> 1811, to  
October 1<sup>st</sup> 1813. If he intrusted the Office in other hands before  
a successor was appointed, that was an arrangement of  
his own to which the Dept<sup>t</sup>, was not a party, and he  
was still the only person accountable to the Dept<sup>t</sup>  
on the first of October 1813. the balance due from him  
was \$184.37 of which no part has since been paid  
in April 1813 he was drawn upon for \$68 and the draft  
was returned unpaid, In October 1813 a statement of  
his ac<sup>t</sup> was sent him and he was drawn upon for \$88 and  
at the same time he was written to for his account  
which had not been rendered from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1812 to Octo-  
ber 1<sup>st</sup> 1813, that he might again be drawn upon for  
their balances, and he was informed that in case of  
non compliance, a suit would be directed. That draft  
was also returned protested, and the deficient ac<sup>t</sup> were  
withheld, Still hoping that he would forego the  
penalty by an amicable settlement, further steps  
were delayed till the legal course was the only obvious  
means of obtaining a settlement. His deficient accounts  
therefore amounting by estimate to \$296.45 were  
doubled according to law and that sum added to  
the balance otherwise due \$184.37 amounting together  
to \$774.27 and put in suit with his bond. He now  
for the first time claims a credit for carrying the  
mail from Versailles to Frankfort, I do not find that  
his name was ever upon our books as a contractor,  
though he was written to in January and February 1811  
and requested to carry that mail provided Mr Buck  
failed to do it at a rate not exceeding \$80 per Ann.  
but no vouchers appear to have been received, going  
to show that he actually performed, If he did and  
will show that tend the evidence of his carrying it and  
the time a credit will still be given him for it, though  
in that event he will still be considerably indebted  
to the Dept<sup>t</sup> - though his last acct transpired long before  
Scame into the Department from an examination of  
the records and documents of the office, the above  
appears to be a true statement of the facts, It is extremely  
painful to me to see individuals sustaining a loss

through their neglect in attending to their accounts but the law enforces the penalty and makes it my imperitive duty to enforce it, however disagreeable; nor does it rest in the P.M. Genl the power remitting the penalty after it has once passed from the Post to the Judiciary —

R. Phelps Jr

J. W. Paul Gallant Esq<sup>r</sup>

3<sup>d</sup> January

White Hall &c<sup>s</sup> I wish your rider upon the alternative of Statesville mail route to visit the Post Office at Millgrove with the mail or and after the receipt of this letter I wish you to procure certificates to share the incruste of your travel by the arrangement from the P. Masters of Alexandria & Millgrove —

R. Phelps Jr

J. W. Ezekiel Lovejoy Esq<sup>r</sup>

2<sup>d</sup> January

Stratford Ct<sup>s</sup> It is highly desirable that you arrive at New Haven throughout the current year as early as you did the past year in all cases where it is possible to do so on your vigilance we place great reliance —

R. Phelps Jr

A. Hull Esqr P.M. & others Esq<sup>r</sup>

3<sup>d</sup> January

Beckman Ry. The arrangement suggested in your petition of the 1<sup>st</sup> will not my approbation will you consult the carrier upon the subject and see how it will accord with his views —

R. Phelps Jr

Mr. D. Naples Esqr P.M. Esq<sup>r</sup>

3<sup>d</sup> January

Millsboro Dela<sup>s</sup> I have established a Post Office at Blossoms or Blossom's Tavern where I wish you to deliver the mail instead of Horntown —

R. Phelps Jr

J. B. Phelps Esqr P.M. Esq<sup>r</sup>

General Post Office

January 2<sup>d</sup> 1828

Pebble Bay { You can under the authority of this letter alter Mr. Crofts schedule agreeably to your suggestion of the 21<sup>st</sup> when done and executed you will please return the Board of Contract —

R. Phelps Jr

Asher Miner Esqr P.M. Esq<sup>r</sup>

3<sup>d</sup> January

Doylestown Pa<sup>s</sup> I have yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> the mail arrangement which you have proposed will be quite acceptable to this Dept<sup>t</sup> and trust will be satisfactory to the good people of Durham —

R. Phelps Jr

John Debolt Esqr P.M. Esq<sup>r</sup>

3<sup>d</sup> January

Westpoint N.Y. { I have yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> the price that you have agreed upon to give Cornelius Nelson is too high for the service required but if it cannot be done by some other faithful person at a less price he must continue till the spring opens —

R. Phelps Jr

Joseph Hawley Esqr Esq<sup>r</sup>

3<sup>d</sup> January

P.M. Salem Ry. { I have yours of the 55<sup>th</sup> a note or attachment or execution, should be rated with letter postage and if they consist of two distinct pieces of paper they should be doubly rated with postage —

R. Phelps Jr

Honbl. Thomas J. Rogers Esq<sup>r</sup>

20<sup>th</sup> December

Mr. H's. Representatives { I have the honor to observe in reply to Mr. White's letter to your address that I have no right to require the Market Lane contractor to go through Easton with his mail line of stages he is bound to convey the mail safely between Easton & Market Lane and in a carriage only, I regret that Messrs White & Co do not meet a more adequate support but travel by stage has greatly diminished in all sections of the Country —

R. Phelps Jr

General Post Office

Honbl Mark Alexander { Sir December 14<sup>th</sup> 1820  
M. H. Representatives In reply to your letter  
of the 13<sup>th</sup> I have the honor to observe that about the 20<sup>th</sup>  
October accepted the proposal of John Reeke to transport  
the mail between Clarksville & Williamson N.C.  
but I have not since heard from him nor can we ascertain  
his residence I shall suspend any further act relative  
to that route for two weeks

R. M. Peleg Jr.

Honbl Robert Allen { Sir 5<sup>th</sup> December  
M. H. Representatives I have the honor to observe in  
reply to your letter of yesterday and to Mr. Williams  
letter which was therinclosed that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
I accepted Mr. Willard Fish's bid to transport the mail  
between Castalia & Monroe at \$300, I have accepted the  
proposal of Dr. Alexander whose acceptance states the  
liberty of enclosing you for his use

R. M. Peleg Jr.

Honbl Joseph Bloodfield { Sir 31<sup>st</sup> November  
M. H. Representatives I have the honor to state in  
in reply to the letter of Messrs Dayton & Wall which  
you submitted to me yesterday that I shall employ the  
person they have recommended Michael Hackett of  
Salem N.H. to transport the mail between Philadelphia  
and Salem on and after the first January next at the  
rate paid Lander Slack -

R. M. Peleg Jr.

Honbl E. Whitman { Sir December 4<sup>th</sup>  
M. House - I have the honor to observe in  
in reply to your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> and to the members therin referred  
that I have established a Post Office in Pembroke  
township N.H. and appointed Nelson Whitman Post  
Officer. This office will have the advantage of the new  
coast mail from Hanover to East Bridgewater as well  
as of the principal mail which passes between Boston  
& Plymouth -

R. M. Peleg Jr.

General Post Office

Mr. James Pemberton { Sir December 15<sup>th</sup> 1820  
Mr. Contractor Wheeling Va. It is indispensably necessary  
for the mail to arrive at Wheeling from the East by 2<sup>nd</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
as the turnpike is now finished it can be easily accomplished  
you can leave Brownsville at 9 P.M. the evenings before your  
regular departure if you wish to do so to meet this  
alteration and your departure will be at 9 A.M. from  
Wheeling this arrangement will take effect upon the 1<sup>st</sup>  
next month without fail.

R. M. Peleg Jr.

Honbl Marcus Morton { Sir 7<sup>th</sup> December  
M. H. Representatives In reply to your appli-  
cation in behalf of Jesse Smith for the transport of the  
mail between New Bedford and Newport I have the  
honor to observe that I have engaged that post route  
to Peleg Fish who if he carries the mail in a stage as  
he has stipulated to do has a right to the contract. I  
regret that Mr. Smith did not make the same offer  
when he was here he has submitted through you and I  
could then have properly closed with his ac-

R. M. Peleg Jr.

Honbl Thomas J. Rogers { Sir December 9<sup>th</sup>  
M. H. Representatives In reply to the petition that  
you presented to this Deptt this day in behalf of Mr. Wolfe  
and to your personal application in its support I  
have the honor to observe that I am satisfied it will  
be just to increase the compensation of Mr. Wolfe at  
the rate of \$150 per ann from the first of the ensuing March  
to cover his increase of expense in sending three mails  
weekly in stages between Bethlehem & Nazareth in addition  
to his increase of expeditio on his main route -

R. M. Peleg Jr.

## General Post Office

House &amp; Senate

December 18<sup>th</sup> 1820

M. H. Representatives &c I have the honor to state in reply to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> and to Mr. Perry's letter here enclosed that I think the establishment of stages at the time between Shawneetown and St. Louis is premature the roads must be improved and the streams bridged before stages travel it. Mr. Perry himself proposed to transport the mail in stages but 8 months in a year which evidently shows that the stage cannot run the whole year with certainty before stages can obtain support on that road a line of stages from Frankfort in Ky to Shawneetown the moment that the state of the roads will justify such an establishment shall be disposed to give every reasonable encouragement to the under taking —

R. Meigs Jr

House George Tucker, Sir

12<sup>th</sup> December

M. H. Representatives &c In reply to your letter of Mr Rawlings enclosed enclosed in your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup>. I have the honor to observe in reply that a mail is now regularly carried from Danville to Milton and thence to Salem the mail carrier on the latter route will from Milton to Salem can supply the points designated in the Post Office law viz William Rawlings & Troublesome Iron Works as soon as suitable persons are recommended for Postmasters at those places — Mr Rawlings letter enclosed —

R. Meigs Jr

House R. M. Johnson, Sir

12<sup>th</sup> December

M. Senate I have the honor to observe in reply to your application in behalf of Mr. Wilmet that it is very gratifying to my feelings to <sup>offer</sup> to your request but I doubt the propriety of appointing a resident of Kentucky to the office of Postmaster at the seat of government in Indiana while competent persons can be found therefor the office

R. Meigs

## General Post Office

27<sup>th</sup> November 1820

House James Overstreet, Sir

M. H. Representatives &c I have the honor to state in reply to your note of the 24<sup>th</sup> that we paid \$100 for transporting the mail (the last contract) between Coosa Hatchee and Augusta and we pay \$100 for the mails transport between Pocotago & Augusta it may be proper to say that when the present contract was made horse feed was unusually high the office at Hickory Hill produced about \$24 per year —

R. Meigs Jr

House George Tucker, Sir

3<sup>rd</sup> January 1821

M. House In reply to your letter of today and the petition here enclosed I have the honor to observe that I am satisfied from the representations made that the publick will be benefitted by the establishment of a P. Office at Jefferson I have appointed a Postmaster there and have appointed James Johnson P. M. if it shall be hereafter necessary a cross mail can be sent from V. B. Laramie to Horn Town

R. Meigs

House Jacob Lincoln, Sir

January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1821

M. House — In reply to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> and to the petition enclosed I have the honor to state that Abner Cooper has entered into a contract with the mail for the mail transport between Worcester Mass and Providence R. I. this arrangement can be amended and shall be if necessary for the publick interest —

R. Meigs

House Wm. Davidson, Sir

January 3<sup>d</sup> 1821

M. House I have the honor to observe that I have this day instructed Daniel Gallant mail carrier to visit Mill Grove with the mail —

R. Meigs

General Post Office  
November 30<sup>th</sup> 1820

Honble Mr P. McLay, Sir

M. House Rep. I have the honor to remark in reply to your letter of yesterday and to Mr Blair's letter there enclosed that I wish that line continued. And I would recommend that the company expedite their travel they may go through with certainty in much less time than they do and we could increase the compensation in some measure provided they increased their speed and thereby add to the receipts of this dept.

R. Phillips

Honble George Tucker, Sir 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Mr. H. Representative. In reply to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> I have the honor to observe that we had concluded that the horse mail which travels the Post-road between Milton & Salem could by an extension of his travel of about twenty miles a trip by coach accommodate the offices to now supplied and the places designated in the late laws but on further reflection I think the publick will be better served the mail is sent immediately from Danville Va on the new postroad to Dobson's Road from that place to Salem the mail is now carried twice a week I hope under the conveyance of this mail to Mr Rawlings at a fair price.

R. Phillips Jr

Honble John Crowell, Sir  
Mr. House, Rep.

I have the honor to state that I have advertised the postroute between Cahawba & Tuscaloosa and I have instructed the Mr. Court who transports the mail between S. Stephens & Cahawba & Fort Claiborne instead of Fort Claiborne instead of pursuing his present route until the new postroute between Cahawba & Fort Claiborne goes into operation. I will thank you to designate suitable persons for P. Masters on the new postroute -

R. Phillips Jr

General Post Office

December 14<sup>th</sup> 1820,

Honble Robert Allen, Sir

M. House I reply to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> I have the honor to state that when I gave you encouragement for the reestablishment of the mail stage on the Cartago route - the last winter that we had no reason to doubt the ability of the Mr. Contractor Bradford - simultaneously with my letter to you I addressed a letter to Bradford and stated to him the indispensable necessity of his return with the mail stage to the Cartago route - he made no objection to the measure and we entertained no doubt of his compliance until his inability was but too manifest. He states and perhaps that with justice that if his line had been consolidated at first that no failure would have occurred as the separation of his lines subjected him to a great increase of expense beyond what would have been necessary to support a consolidated line - We found that we could not separate the lines as we originally proposed to do as Bradford agreed to without incurring an additional expense of more than \$3000 annually unless we consolidate his line the plan of consolidation is not adopted for the purpose of benefitting the Court or giving an undue preference to Murfreesboro but it was adopted as the only mean we had left to continue the line of stages to Nashville upon reasonable terms - I hope and trust that in our next arrangement of mails for your state that we shall find it to be the interest of the publick to send the mail in stages from Sparta via Cartago to Nashville -

R. Phillips

Honble Samuel Lathrop, Sir

21<sup>st</sup> November

M. House

In reply to Mr. Lombards letter to you under date of the 8<sup>th</sup>. I have the honor to observe that having determined not to give a greater compensation to you in any case than we had before done for the same service - I declined accepting the proposal of Mr. Goodrich, and tendered to him the current annual pay amounting to a removal or continuance of his contract on the current terms the Court need not stipulate to go three weekly unless it is his interest to do so -

R. Phillips

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Honble Thomas Settle (Sir)

General Post Office.  
27<sup>th</sup> December 1820

M. House. Rep. I have the honor to state in reply to your letter of yesterday) that the mail for Halifax to & N. C. closes at Petersburg on the morning of Friday) and that the Fulton mail departs on the morning of Saturday from Warrenton. The Postmaster of this City is instructed to send special mails for Mutton & Leesburg on Mondays which will take the stage route direct from Fredericksburg to those places.

R. Phillips

Honble Alvey McLean (Sir)

27<sup>th</sup> December

M. House. Rep. I have the honor to observe in reply to your letter of yesterday) that the present period is extremely unfavorable to the establishment of stages. I shall however be glad to see the proposals of the gentlemen that you allude to if the proposals are such as can be accepted consistently with any publick duty. I shall enter into a contract with the proposers but I suspect they will not offer acceptable terms —

R. Phillips

Honble Walter Lowrie (Sir)

23<sup>rd</sup> December

M. Senate I have the honor to state that I have this day instructed the Postmaster at Petersburg to suspend the mails departure from his office until the eastern mail shall have arrived at his Office on Friday) and that he carry this order into effect the next Friday —

R. Phillips

Honble Robert Clark (Sir)

28<sup>th</sup> December

M. House. Rep. I have the honor to enclose a bond & contract to be executed by Sylvester Stewart of Delhi N.Y. for the mails transport between Stamford & Oxford N.Y. which I will thank you to forward him —

R. Phillips

General Post Office<sup>41</sup>

31<sup>st</sup> November 1820

Honble James Noble (Sir)

M. Senate

I have the honor to state in reply to your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> that duplicated papers shall be sent to Napoleon, we took the usual course months ago to send a mail from Jackson through to Winchester but our wishes were frustrated by our Postmaster that route having at length organized. Stage has been fully adopted. I am obliged by your intimation of errors and I shall be gratified to see such improvements as may suggest themselves to you in relation to the better arrangement of the mails from Lexington to Brookville. —

R. Phillips

Honble Whitman H. Jr. (Sir)

3<sup>rd</sup> January 1821

M. Pembroke Md. I have yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> will you be good enough to request the mail carrier of the East Brigata route to visit your Office I do not see that he could object to it —

R. Phillips

Honble R. M. Johnson (Sir)

November 14<sup>th</sup>

M. Senate I have the honor to observe in reply to a part of Col Smith's letter to you under date of the 22<sup>nd</sup> that the postroute from Lexington to Hazelpatch has been assigned to D. C. M. Payne Esq. should he decline taking the contract for that route we shall tender that route to Mr Joseph Turner at \$504 a year. we shall tender the other route amended to Mr Turner —

R. Phillips

Honble H. G. Burton (Sir)

December 23<sup>d</sup>

M. House I have the honor to state in reply to Mr Garritto letter to your address of the 15<sup>th</sup> that \$1650 is the sum proposed to give for the mail transport between Petersburg & Tarboro presuming it to be the intention of that gentleman to carry it in a Hack or a two horse stage if he carries the mail in a four horse stage I shall make an additional allowance of 33 1/3 per cent — to the above sum —

R. Phillips

## General Post Office

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Wm Chester Bailey Esq { Sir 28<sup>th</sup> December 1820  
A.G.P.O.D., Philadelphia Pa } I wish you to go to New York and request Judge Livingston to issue an order for the removal of Smith the mail robber to Charleston S.C. for trial. You will take some efficient & trusty person with you, and Smith to Charleston by some vessel or Steam Boat we cannot spare you the time that would be necessary to perform such a journey.

R. P. M'Leigh Jr

Honble Joel Abbot { Sir 26<sup>th</sup> December  
Mr. House } I have the honor to observe in reply to your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> and to Mr. Adams inclosed that I have given a reply to that gentleman's letter -

R. P. M'Leigh Jr

Mr. Ephraim Cox { Sir January 6<sup>th</sup> 1821  
Hanover N.H. } You will take the mail at East Bridgewater on Wednesday as soon as the Boston mail arrives and deliver it at Hanover by 3 p.m., leave Hanover every Saturday as soon as the Boston mail arrives and arrive at East Bridgewater the same day within 8 hours -

R. P. M'Leigh Jr

Isaac Ellsworth Esq { Sir 3<sup>d</sup> January 1821  
P.M. Gloucester N.H. } I trust that the new mail route to Ipswich is now in operation -

R. P. M'Leigh Jr

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January 8<sup>th</sup> 1821:

David Mandell Esq { Sir  
Postmaster freedman Team } It seems that the route from Newfane to Shelbyville has not been contracted for & I wish you to engage as soon as practicable a proper person to carry the mail on that route once a week for a sum not exceeding \$150 dollars a year, you can fix the most convenient times for its arrival & departure & advise me with whom you contract for making the contract you will be allowed ~~the~~ dollars to be charged in your account as a contingent expence

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Mr John Williams { Sir 26<sup>th</sup> December 1820

Mr. Senate : In reply to your letter of the 23<sup>a</sup>, I have the honor to observe that Mr. Bailey had no authority whatever from this Dept to enter into any contract with the Messrs Parks for the Nashville route, and from a careful perusal of all the papers that have relation to that affair I cannot discover that he entered into a contract with those gentlemen it is true he submitted a proposition but the Messrs Parks did not then accept the proposition nor do we learn that they gave him any assurance that they would do so with a view to present the case more fully to your view, I submit the enclosed analysis of the case as well as a copy of my instructions to Mr. Bailey at the time he took his journey to Knoxville at the same time it may be proper to remark that we have not authorized any agent to enter into any contract - whatever only under the special & specific instruction of this Dept delegating to him no power further than to faithfully act a creditably to his instruction his other duties are to report all defects that he discovers in any agent or agents of this Dept - and of such things as will affect the Dept in any respect whatever, But presuming that the Messrs Parks have incurred an expence, under the belief that they should contract with this Dept - through the medium of one of its agents I have concluded to purchase the two stages and four sets of harness which they alleged to have

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to have bought under the contemplated contract to be made with Mr Bailey provided that such stages are found substantial and adapted to the safe transport of mails between Knoxville & Nashville and to give them fair valuation -

R Phillips

Honble Halleck & Barker { Sirs January 12<sup>th</sup> 1821  
Birdsville Mass } Will you inform me what the increase of distance will be if you pass from Milledgeville by way of Lebanon to Saunderville and for what additional pay you will be willing to take that route -

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Honble Aaron Habart { Sir  
M. House Rep I have the honor to observe in reply to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> that Genl Hazell as agent of Robert Burnham made a proposal for Mr Burnham to transport the mail between Boston & North Yarmouth Plymouth the contract for that route was agreeably to the request of Genl Hazell sent to him for Mr Burnham to execute the other route from East Bridgewater to Plymouth was assigned to Mr Burnham but the contract had not been forwarded for reasons that I will here after explain to you but General Hazell took with him my acceptance of Mr Burnham's proposal for said route which authorizes him to take charge of said mail on the 1<sup>st</sup> and assume him for part of his service -

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Honble Jonathan Roberts { Sir December 26<sup>th</sup> 1820  
U. Senate I have the honor to enclose a copy of a bond & contract executed by Immor Kimber for the mail's transport between Philadelphia and Kimberton -

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Honble Elihu Phelps { Sir General Post Office January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1821  
Chairman of the Committee } I have the honor to observe of investigation in reply to your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> that we have already began to make out a statement required by the Committee. But to facilitate the further objects required by the Committee - the original books of entries of proposals now in possession of the Committee will be necessary as we have no copies of those books of proposals to which we can refer and to which we have daily occasion to in our ordinary business and which are essential to our correct proceedings. If desired by the Committee a copy of those books of proposals shall be made out from those books and sent to the Committee with all convenient dispatch we were compelled to send the original Books of entry of proposals from our inability to make out a fair and correct transcript of them within the period first required by the Committee - your letter was received on the Sabbath and no days following are the causes of the delay in answering -

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J. P. Neale Esq P.M. { Sir December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Huntsville Alab. I presume know that any mail or if you suspect that you suspect that any mail is delayed at Office between between your office & Stephens or McMinnville or Mooreville - I wish you to proceed on the route and ascertain the fact - and to promptly forward all mails so delayed to their point of destination at the expence of this Office - you will report such facts as report themselves to your view to this Dept. - and at once that efficient measures be taken to correct the error to cover your expence for time horse hire & you can charge ten dollars per day that you are actually engaged in this enquiry -

R Phillips