

Honbl Aaron Hobart { Sir General Post Office
January 10th 1821

M. House, In reply to Mr. Ballamore's letter of the 1st to your address, I have the honor to state that if the mails regularity will be interrupted by visiting the P. Office in Pembroke in its passage from East Bridgewater to Hanover Mr. Ballamore must be instructed to omit that office - What ought to have been done was upon the 1st to agreeably to his proposal and to my acceptance thereof, he had instructions to carry that mail on the route agreeably to the plan that you suggested which in effect gives Hanover two mails a week -

Rpmeigs Jr

Honbl Marcus Morton, Sir 20th December 1820

M. House In reply to your letter of the 15th I have the honor to state that if Mr. Smith's expences be increased by passing a tall Bridge to visit offices not contemplated by him when he made his proposal the same shall be reimbursed. I have instructed him to continue the several mails under the present arrangement. I am sorry to state that the extreme pressure of business has delayed a more immediate reply -

Rpmeigs

Francis Barber Esq { Sir 18th December 1820
White Chinnies Va { I have yours of the 16th and exceedingly regret the delay of your newspapers the P. master at White Chinnies might with entire propriety have opened the small mail under these circumstances that you have noticed. I have directed more space locks to be sent to Fredericksburg - pray let you to apprised of my determination to correct the error complained of -

Rpmeigs Jr

Honbl John W. Taylor { Sir Speaker House Rep {

General Post Office
January 10th 1821

In accordance to the 9th section of Congress to regulate and fix the compensation of Clerks in the different Offices. Approved April 20th 1818. I have the honor to submit the following accompanying statement of the number of Clerks employed in this department during the year 1820 with their names and salaries - Note - one sent to the Honble John Gaillard Resident of the Senate Pro tem -

Respectfully yours
R. Meigs

A statement of the number of Clerks employed in the General Post Office Department during the year 1820, with their names and salaries by,

Andrew Coyle	Clerk	1700
Obadiah T. Brown		1400
Thomas T. Dyer		1,300
Joseph W. Hand		1,300
Soppan Webster		1,200
James M. Barnum		1,200
John H. Read		1,200
John H. Read		1,200
Andrew Tate		1000
Bernard H. Tomlinson		1000
Stephen M. Gray		1000
Chancery Boston		1000
David Shoemaker		1000
Wm G. Elliott		1000
Thomas Arbuckle		1000
Soseah S. Caldwell		1000
John R. Dyer		1000
John H. Read		800
Thomas S. Bradley		800
Alexander Dyer		800
Thomas Gilpin		800

all which is Respectfully submitted -

Rpmeigs Jr

General Post Office
Messrs Barney & Davis { Sirs January 2^d 1821
Washington City It is a matter of moment
to the mails certainty & safety that they all
arrive at and depart from the same Office or Offices
between this city & New York - and I would -
particularly recommend that you maintain
or establish such a connection at Baltimore it is
more especially necessary during the winter
& spring)

R. McE. J.

Messrs Smith & Fowler { Sirs January 13th 1821

I have received your
letters of the subject of monies missing from
the mails - I shall immediately start Mr. Chester
Bailey (an experienced and active detector of such
abuses) from Philadelphia to go on the route to your
country. I wish also that Mr. Smith would
proceed eastwardly and endeavor to detect
the plunderers - The above arrangement must
(obviously) be kept a secret, or its intent may
be defeated at the same time it might be confidentially
communicated to those Gentlemen who are most
nearly interested. Mr. Smith has a former &
formal authority to act as agent - those who detect
the villains shall be handsomely rewarded &
expenses paid -

R. McE. J.

General Post Office

Richard Bache Esq { Sirs January 13th 1821
P.M., Philadelphia Pa It appears that numerous
thefts have been committed on the mail from the West
since the 1st October last in relation to which we
have the following particulars -

1	Letter from Lexington Ky Nov 26 th 1820 Higgin & Richard	Philadelphia
2	Letter from Lexington Ky Nov 26 th 1820 Higgin & Richard to Mr. Henry brother 50	Philadelphia
3	J Wm Brown & Mr D Lewis	230
4	Nov 9 th George Trotter & Son -	500
5	Nov 14 th to Mr. Minter to a merchant in Baltimore 570	written in ink on callant
6	Charles Cummins 600	
7	Nov 30 th Higgin & Richard to J Wm Brown & Lewis 2	
8	St. Genevieve Mo Coopon & Miser ^{change} 1 note changed	
9	Madison Ind Oct 7 th W & King Benj Gilman halves of \$5000	
10	Oct 14 to Mr. Garman, Phila remaining halves 1	
11	Cincinnati O Dec 10 th Benj Hartly to several Vos & Lila ^{halves} 195	
12	to halves 1000 lost	
13	Shawnee O August 4 th to Noah Burn Phila note 100	
14	St. Louis Mo Oct 13 th Paul & Ingrams to bill exchange	
15	Louisville Ky Nov 27 th to Mr. Ward Phila notes	
16	Cincinnati O Nov 14 Wm & Rosette balance to 1000	
17	" John & D Hinddale " -	
18	Louisville Ky Oct 22 nd Bullet & Jones Nathan Shetter & Co	
	Philad. 185-	

Note The Postmaster at Baltimore notes on the letter
Decr 2nd that the western mail distributed at Washington
Ky comes here after especially this day in a very mitigation
state - The Penna state bundle & some for New York letter
mails came to day among the newspapers all of them
seemed to have been opened & tied up again -

The first question that arises is when it is probable
the thefts have been committed. It appears that money
has been lost in two instances coming from Cincinnati
& in the rest by Washington Ky. The two routes meet at Hagerstown
therefore it has probably been done this side of the latter office.
The fact mentioned by Mr Skinner may lead to a further
conclusion, the mail is overhauled at the distributing office,
of Hagerstown & Washington Pa if the Postmaster at Washington
Pa who changes the mail bags did his duty the letter
mails would not have got into the newspaper bag & so
if the P. office at Hagerstown lost if the theft had been
committed at the latter by some clerk he might well
make the mistake in the mails both left unopened

are overhauled at Fredericktown and without great carelessness at the latter it could not have taken place there. It appears that if you have leisure & can go on to Washington by way of Pittsburg you may learn at Washington whether the mail arrives there in good order and whether the letter mailed could pass his office in the newspaper postman because he is honest but not perhaps so particular in his notices as he should be. If your engines should lead to a suspicion further west it is wished that you pursue it. Otherwise you can return by way of Cumberland, Hagerstown, Fredericktown and on this route our suspicion rests - We propose that Mr Bailey should start at same time for this place and to meet you at Hagerstown Fredericktown. - If you attend to it I wish you to start immediately, if otherwise I wish you to hand this to Mr Bailey, and another person shall go to reconnoitre at the near places -

R^pleegs

It would be advisable to procure descriptions of the stolen notes as far as practicable -

R^pleegs

Mrs Holliday & Coker

Sir January 15th 1821

Birdville Ga } I wish you to take Lebanon in your route from Milledgeville to Saunderville the distance it is said is increased 4 miles by taking that Office in your route. For this alteration you pay shall be increased in proportion to the increase of distance. Will you inform me when you commence

R^pleegs

Archibald Jones R^pleegs

Sir 16th January 1821

P.M. Frankfort Ky } You must carry the mail from Gardner by Wriggates corner to Malta Post Office the substitution of a coop mail will not answer the last -

R^pleegs

J.A. Mc Nish m. boute

General Post Office

Salem N.Y 3 January 15th 1821

You are desired to extend the carriage of your mail from Fort Edward to Sandy Hill to Salem. you shall be compensated for such service -

R^pleegs

Mr Saban Hangrave

Sir January 15th 1821

Milledgeville Ga } The citizens of Lebanon complain that the mail fails very often in its arrival there and with the rider from Milledgeville to Saunderville may be required to pass that way, which I have agreed to it will not be necessary for you therefore to call there hereafter

R^pleegs

C. Josiah Paine Esq

Sir January 16th 1821

Portland No 3 In your proposal you write \$300 Portland to Salow you asked \$600 a year to go twice weekly Augusta to Anson but your proposal was accepted at \$850 to go once on that route. I now wish you to go twice a week on that route at \$600 & that you pass from Augusta by Brown's corner, Newallborough, Windlow, Waterville &c instead of Sidney as mentioned in your contract for this alteration you shall be allowed \$100 a year additional so as to make you pay \$100 \$1100 a year for that route - Mrs Gilman demand \$350 a year additional for the second trip &c passing on the east side of the River but the produce of the route will not authorize paying so much -

R^pleegs

Elijah Moseley R^pleegs

Sir January 16th 1821

P.M. Whitehouse N.Y 3 I trust that you have continued the Saturday's mail between your Office & Utica upon the usual terms fifty two dollars a month if not I wish you to resume that service at once -

R^pleegs

General Post Office

Honble Henry N. Stevens & Sir General Post Office
January 15th 1821

M. House I have the honor to
state in reply to your letter of the 4th and to Mr. Moseley's
letter therinclosed that Mr Parker was desired to request
Mr Moseley to continue the Saturday's mail between
Whitesboro & Utica as usual I have written to
Mr Moseley this day upon the subject -

R. Meigs Jr

Honble Robert Howell & Sir

M. House January 16th 1821

I have the honor to observe
in reply to your letter of the 4th and to the petition
therinclosed that the reasons that ^{you} and the petitioners
have assigned in favour of sending a second
weekly mail between Sherburne & Utica NY
have satisfied me of the propriety of the measure
and I shall immediately provide for the transport
of the second weekly mail on that road - whether it
will be sent upon a horse or in a sleigh or wagon
must depend upon the price demanded for the
service -

R. Meigs Jr

John Ward Esq & Sir

January 17th 1821

P. M. Danville At. I have yours of the 25th on
what terms can the mail be transported on the postroute
which was agreed to with W. F. Prescott who offer a
very frivolous excuse for their proposing to do what
they did not intend to perform because they could not
be ignorant of the length of the postroad - for which they bid

R. Meigs

Mr Thomas Davis Jr & Sir

17th January 1821

Fayetteville NC. I do not wish to establish
a line of stages on the postroute or road to which
your letter of the 29th has reference nor do I think a line
of stages could obtain a support on that road -
at this period -

R. Meigs

General Post Office

January 17th 1821

Elias Rector Esq & Sir General Post Office
P. M. St Louis Missou & I have your letter of the 1st
four dollars a mile out for a fortnight mail it
appears to me as a liberal and ample allowance and
a contractor who is prudent will at that price make money
by an engagement of that price -

R. Meigs Jr

General Theodore Bailey & Sir January 18th 1821

New York City The distance between New York
and Albany has been ascertained to be a little less
than 85 miles single letters should therefore be noted
at 8 12/3 cents hereafter -

R. Meigs Jr
Also a letter to W. Southwick of the same -

R. Meigs

W. M. Johnson Esq & Sir

18th January 1821

M. Senate Capt Howler P. M. at that place
Lexington who procures the printing of blanks for the post
is fully authorized to purchase of Mr Henderson all the
paper necessary for that purpose, provided the payment
shall be made in Kentucky, and the paper delivered in
Lexington shall not exceed the prices given in his place
which are as follows viz.

Super Royal writing paper for blanks & person	
Cop 10/2 for post bills	\$3 per ream
Cop 10 3 for post bills	\$2.75 per ream

Concerning the supply of wrapping paper there is no
difficulty which Mr Henderson does not seem to
have anticipated, but which which if he can
obviate will not constitute a barrier to his proposition.
It is never allowed to send wrapping paper by the mail
which is sufficiently burdened with blanks but would
be completely overcharged in some places, if permitted
to carry wrapping paper a Postmaster therefore purchases
wrapping paper in their own neighborhood, and
charge it as a contingent expense in their office after
the principal offices in Kentucky which use any
considerable quantity of wrapping paper are Lexington
Washington & Louisville, if Mr Henderson will deliver
at these offices such quantity of wrapping paper

as they severally shall want for the use of those proper Offices without sending it by mail and without charge to the Deptt of post carriage it will be paid for in the same manner as the printing paper provided the price shall not exceed that which is given in this place viz for super royal wrapping paper sufficiently sized to take with it per ream, and in that case the Postmasters in those places will be instructed to receive it. There will be no other objection to his supplying any other Offices in the same way where he may find it convenient to deliver it, but wrapping paper must always be delivered at the Office where it is to be used -

R. P. M'Levy Jr

Honble R. M. Johnson Sir

January 18th 1821

U. S. Senate In answer to your Application in behalf of Mr. Ficklin, for printing. I can only inform you that Capt. Fowler the Post at Lexington has long been in the habit of attending to that business and he is fully authorised to procure it to be done by Mr. Ficklin if it meets his views of propriety so to do provided it shall be done at as low a rate as it is done in this place or as that which Mr. Fowler has heretofore been authorised to allow & provided also that it shall be paid for in Kentucky as Capt. Fowler has attended to this for some years past & to the satisfaction of the Post there is no good reason for altering the arrangement -

R. P. M'Levy Jr

Honble Saml. C. Crafts Sir

January 18th 1821

Mr. House It appears that neither the duplicate or triplicate of the draft on David Benmon in favour of Thos Brigham & said by him to be returned have ever been received which is the reason he has not had credit or been paid that amount. I have this day given him credit and will forward the sum to him immediately -

R. P. M'Levy Jr

General Post Office

Sir January 18th 1821

M'Levy's Hand

Mr. Govt near East Hampton N.Y. I am specially requested that you instruct your mail carrier to visit the Post Office at Brack Meadow with the mail. If you examine the second section of your Contract you will find that you are bound to call at all established Post Offices on your route whether they be named or not -

R. P. M'Levy Jr

Honble R. M. Johnson Sir

January 18th 1821

U. S. Senate I have received your application on behalf of Mr. Beatty desiring his App't as Post at the contemplated seat of Govt. on White River in Ind. Any app't there would be premature. I know of no objections to him and would give high credit to your recommendation - the Application will be filed among others and when the time shall come for establishing an office there all applications will be duly considered but a positive decision at this time would be improper for reasons too obvious to need recital -

R. P. M'Levy Jr

Col R. M. Johnson Sir

18th January

U. S. Senate In answer to your proposition relative to the change of the mail route from New Haven to go by Eddyville &c I can only assure you that the subject shall be more fully investigated and the reasons assigned in favor of the alteration duly considered but it would be improper to give a definite answer immediately, or to decide hastily, on a subject of such interest to a different neighbourhood. After mature deliberation upon the subject taking all circumstances into view. I will communicate to you the result in the mean time, any additional information or intimation from you, tending to shed light upon the subject will be duly regarded -

R. P. M'Levy Jr

General Post Office
January 19th 1821
Mr. N. C. Stockton Sir
Baltimore Md. The people of Carlisle are much dissatisfied with the discontinuance of the stage on that route & state that none has been run to that place during the past two years. A proposal has been made to carry it in a two horse stage carriage sufficient for the transportation of three passengers which I have agreed to accept on condition that you have not run a stage on the route. Please to advise me on this subject —

R. M. Leigh Jr.

Genl Sheldon's Bailey P.M., L. I. January 19th 1821
New York City Enclosed you have a statement of your a/c to Sept. 30th balance in favour of this office \$12,274.08
Balance of ac 18-500-80
ending Oct. 1st 30-784-88

Payment for Steam Boat mails 580 44-50
Oct & Decr 3rd

deposits Oct 24 th	—	—	4000-
27 th	—	—	4000
Nov 13 th	—	—	2000
15	—	—	1200
Decr 15	—	—	4982-16
			<u>28-986-66</u>
			<u>8,798-22</u>

our books are not fully posted to the 31st dec but I presume the above is correct —

R. M. Leigh Jr.

Wm. H. Sloane Sir January 18th 1821
House Rep. I find that there was remitted to William Holson, Mansfield O. \$150. on the 1st Decr last in lieu of the former remittance owing to have reached him near the date of his letter and Slope he received it ere this. I have notified him of this last remittance —

R. M. Leigh Jr.

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General Post Office
January 19th 1821
Mr. Samuel Garlick Sir Your letter of Oct. 28th covering one hundred thirty the 1st pay. on a/c of Hamilton & Rynd late Postmaster at Maynesboro Ga. has been received & credited this with the payment notified yesterday makes \$200 on that ac — \$150 —

R. M. Leigh Jr.

Robert W. Bond Esq^r Sir January 18th 1820
Postmaster Mansfield O. On the 4th of December last I remitted to Mr. Holson at Mansfield O. \$150 and find by a letter from him dated the 18th he had not received it. An remittance in January preceding of the amt. seems also to have remained. Will you inform me whether either have yet reached your office —

R. M. Leigh Jr.

John Kincaid Esq^r Sir January 19th 1821
Postmaster Green Valley Ga. It seems that the route from Lexington by Millboro to Green Valley established at the last session of Congress was not advertised supposing it to be only an alteration of an old road your representative Mr. May Jr. has called and explained the circumstances I must therefore request you to endeavour to make a contract for this route for a sum not exceeding 100 dollars a year and have it commenced as soon as practicable. The rider should start from your Office soon after the arrival of the mail from the West proceed to Lexington & return in season for his mails to and post office to be sent by the rider as he proceeds westward — I have enclosed a blank contract which I wish you to fill up with the name of the person who contracts & alter the schedule if it does not suit when signed please to return it to this Office and a duplicate shall be sent to the contractor —

R. M. Leigh Jr.

General Post Office

The Honble W. Taylor *Sir* January 22nd 1821
 Speaker of Representatives In obedience to a resolution
 of the H. Representatives passed on the 30th November last
 I have the honor to hand you herewith a list of the
 names of those persons who were indebted to this Dept
 on the 3rd day of December 1816 and the amt then due
 from each person - also a similar list of the
 names of those who since that time have become and
 were indebted to this Dept on the 30th day September
 last & the amt then due from each person -

R. M'Leigh Jr.

Benjamin S. Chambers Esq *Sir* January 22nd 1821
 Boston, Georgetown Ky. Representations are made
 to this Dept. from the most reputable authorities
 of frequent failures of the mail from Frankfort
 to Russellville to the great disappointment and injury
 of the Merchants and others in Kentucky & Tennessee
 particularly in Russellville & Nashville from which
 places petitions are received signed by a great
 number of the most reputable citizens & merchants
 praying that the present contractor may be removed
 & another employed. You must be sensible of the injury
 which the dept sustains from such occurrences the mail
 must be transported with promptness and a carriage
 without expense must not be employed. If penalty
 were be enforced for past failures and on the first
 recurrence of them the contract will be abrogated and
 the Contractors bond will be put in Dent -

R. M'Leigh Jr.

R. Bache Esq *Sir* January 22nd 1821
 Philadelpia Pa. I have this moment rec'd
 yours. Wish you tell Bailey to commence operations
 to detect the mail plunderers, you may take
 with you the Gentlemen mentioned in yrs. use
 every effort to continue to effect yr object - I pray
 you may be successful -

R. M'Leigh Jr.

General Post Office

January 19th 1821

Archibald Jones Esq *Sir*
 Post Master Frankfort Ky. The inhabitants of Albion
 are desirous to have a post office established in that town
 & I wish you to take that place in your route here after
 this will increase the route of your ride nearly 12 miles
 per week & for this service you shall be allowed \$36 a year
 in addition to your current pay -

R. M'Leigh Jr.

W. John Donly *Sir* January 19th 1821

Nashville Tenn. Our agent Mr. Holt states under
 date of this letter of the 4th that he finds that the distance
 from Nashville to Natchez will not be all increased
 by travel on the military road as far as Columbus
 and thence by toll roads the Pidgeon Root and the old
 to Natchez. That if you meet at Columbus it will
 shorten your ride 5 miles & will increase that of Messrs
 Haley & Harris to that amt. I have concluded that you
 meet at Columbus after the 10th February next upon pay
 should be diminished fifty dollars per quarter for the
 five miles -

R. M'Leigh Jr.

Messrs Haley & Harris *Sir* January 19th 1821

Choctaw agency Miss *Sir* I am informed by
 Mr. Holt that it will increase your ride only five
 miles if you meet Mr. Donly at Columbus and I
 wish you to do so after the 10th February next for this
 additional service you will be allowed 50 dollars per
 quarter additional for this service -

R. M'Leigh Jr.

Henry Walter Jr. *Sir*January 19th 1821

the Liverpool Pa. Your letter of the 11th advising
 me of the your having contracted for the mails tamper
 on Postroute No. 3 received \$275, is too much for the
 service required \$225 was the sum that I had allotted
 for that route & more than that cannot be given -

R. M'Leigh Jr.

General Post Office

Mrss. Ebenezer & J. Morell & Sons January 17th 1821

Danville Vt. I have concluded to let you continue the extra weekly mail between Haverhill N.H. & Danville Vt at \$200 a year for the current year. This mail is to be carried in the body of a stage or carriage, or a sleigh well covered, the Honble Mr Palmer your Senator in Congress has just before advised to continue this mail as we gave him assurance that it should be done.

R. P. Meigs

Mr John Stockdale & Son January 17th 1821

Carlisle Pa Under present circumstances we cannot accept of your offer for the mail stamp between Carlisle & Baltimore Md.

R. P. Meigs

P.M.

Silas Packard Esq & Son January 17th 1821

North Bridgewater Vt. I have yours of the 28th and Mr Whitman of the 29th you can erase or have erased Mr Burns name from the bond & contract sent forward for your joint execution, then execute & return the papers when a duplicate of the contract will be sent to you executed at this office.

R. P. Meigs Jr

Mr. D. Jones & Son January 17th 1821

Liberty Slippis I have yours of the 19th your mail contact does not expire until the 31st December 1822 agreeably to an understanding of it.

R. P. Meigs

Mr. H. S. Stiles & Son January 17th 1821

Post Depositors I have yours of the 20th. Until the mail carried twice a week during the sitting of Congress between Post deposit & Chesapeake cities you propose with \$95 per annum once a week during the recess will be sufficient.

R. P. Meigs Jr

General Post Office

January 22nd 1821

Honble. Mr. Johnston & Son

At. Senate

Agreeably to your request I have caused a more thorough investigation to be made into the case of Mr. McBride Vt. late Post Master at Haverhill Vt. After I had entered upon the duties of this Dept. I found a charge against Westerfield for drafts on McBride on ac't of transportation which could not be admitted to the credit of the Dept. in the Treasury because receipts for their payments were wanting, Westerfield was therefore written to for the receipts but in answer to the call he informed the Dept. that he had never received payment from Mr. McBride. It was but reasonable to believe this assertion, in as much as Mr. McBride ought himself to have sent the receipts if the drafts had been paid. Mr. McBride was then written to informing him that the drafts must be paid immediately, or a suit would be brought against him, and at the same time, — Westerfield was directed to present them again for payment — Westerfield sometime after returned the drafts with information that Mr. McBride refused payment. But no answer was received from Mr. McBride not even alleging that he had paid the drafts though he had before been written to requesting him to forward the receipt provided he had paid them. In Sept. 1816 his bond & ac't were sent to the Dist. Atty. for suits. after the suit was instituted in January 1817. Samuel McKey, then a Representative in Congress, presented to the Dept. a letter from Mr. McBride to him. Stating that he had an ac't, against Westerfield for the sum of the drafts and desiring the suit to be withdrawn & the balance settled in that way. He moreover stated that the drafts had thus settled before, but for a dispute which had arisen between Westerfield & himself on the price of a horse which constituted one item in his ac't against Westerfield. Mr. McBride was immediately informed through Mr. McKey a copy of which letter is enclosed dated January 10th 1807 that if he would send on to the Dept. his ac't against Westerfield regularly proven it would be admitted although this course has not according to the common form of doing business, but without the evidence of his past to Westerfield. He left could have no credit for it but was held accountable to the Treasury. This proposition was entirely disregarded by Mr. McBride for 7 months. The first communication received from him after the was dated Aug 1st 1817

in which he sent an affidavit of John Haggard, but he refused to send an ap^c against Westerfield as requested, nor was the affidavit sufficient to substantiate any definite claim - The afft. was therefore returned to him & as he did never send to this Dept^t his ap^c against Westerfield it was presumed that he would if he could prove to the court that he had paid Westerfield having been duly authorized so to do by the Dept^t - This he failed to do but whether his failure was owing to his own neglect in not employing Council or to the fault of the Clerk in not giving him correct information the misfortune is his own, and this Dept^t had no agency in producing it - From the whole statement of facts it appears that no evidence existed with the Dept^t not even the allegation of McBride that the drafts had been paid where the suit was ordered - That when McBride alleged after the suit had been instituted that he had an ap^c against Westerfield to balance the am^t of the drafts he was promised credit for that am^t if he would send his said ap^c ^{legally certified} more any other evidence of the party that he never furnished the Dept^t with said ap^c nor any other evidence of the pay^t of the dft^s, whereby the Dept^t could have obtained the credit at the Treasury. That when McBride had the opportunity of substantiating his ap^c in the court, he failed to do it -

Under these circumstances which I am fully satisfied from your representation of the uprightness of the character of McBride for how honest & integrity & while sincerely lament the misfortune which he appears to have sustained I cannot see any way in which the Dept^t would be legally authorized to afford him any relief in the case -

R. P. Meigs Jr

M^r Thomas Davi^{rs} Jr. January 17th 1821
Hartfordville N.C. I do not wish to establish a line of stages on the postroute or road to which your letter of Decth has reference and I think that a line of stages could obtain a support on that road at this period -

R. P. Meigs Jr

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General Post Office
January 17th 1821
M^r James Penberth^{ys} Jr
Wheeling Pa.
I have yours of the 25th tax fully satisfied that you & your associates can transport the mail with certainty between this city & Washington Pa in three days & greatly to the advantage of the concern as expedition is a strong inducement to the traveller to put up his horses & take the stage it is my present intention to exact this alteration when the spring opens it is essential that when your mail from Pittsburgh should reach Washington in time to proceed to Wheeling with your other mail - but if it cannot be done the same day it must reach Washington the preceding evenings it can connect with your return mail from Wheeling by taking a small part of the night.
R. P. Meigs Jr

M^r Messrs Maragh & Finley Jr
Wilkesborough Febrd 3rd 1821
I have yours of the 16th. I cannot say that your demand is too high for the services you propose to perform viz the transport of the mail in four horse stages between Salem N.C. & Jonesboro Tenn at twenty dollars a mile because we cannot form any estimate of the Am^t that you would probably receive from travellers which ought to and must necessarily constitute the principal mean of support to the stages - this line should like to see established as it would give a direct communication by stages between the seats of Government of North Carolina and Tennessee - but I could not give so much as half the sum demanded at present and I would recommend you to defer this object until the times are more favourable to such an undertaking -
R. P. Meigs Jr

M^r Henry Wells Jr Esq^{rs} Jan^{ry} 17th 1821
P. O. Smithland Ky^{rs} The eastern & western mails unite at your office if the western mail carrier does not do his duty he must & shall be fined I will upon you to apprise the both^s carriers of this determination and to have you report each failure to this Dept^t as they occur -
R. P. Meigs Jr

General Post Office
C. Dudley Esq^r Sir January 17th 1821
Post Master Wilmington Dela^r I send the M^r Court from Marion
6th now faithfully transport the mail to your
Office. how many failures have occurred since
your letter of October 6th.
R. Meigs Jr.

Noah Rely Esq^r Sir January 17th 1821
Post Master New Berlin N.Y. Until the P^office in
Romney is established on the present postroad
you will open all mails destined for that
place & deliver their contents to the persons addressed
charging yourself therefor in the columns of letters
under charge or mispent -
R. Meigs Jr.

John Thoron Esq^r Sir January 17th 1821
Post Master Palestine Ind^r I am obliged for the
information given in your letter of the 11th relative
to failures I shall rely upon your faithfulness
reporting all subsequent failures -
R. Meigs Jr.

C. Daniel Esq^r Sir January 17th 1821
Pendleton C.H. S.C. For 29 days preceding
the 6th Oct last your mail carrier did not visit
Wilmington making at least two entire failures -
R. Meigs Jr.

Mr John Randolph Esq^r Sir January 17th 1821
Augusta Ga^r Mr Isaac Randolph having
undertaken to transport the mail late in your charge
in stage coaches, your contract will agreeably to
the 14th section cease to have effect you will have
a months pay in conformity to that section -
R. Meigs Jr.

General Post Office
Robert Lamberton Esq^r Sir January 17th 1821
Post Master Carlisle Pa^r I will thank you to inform
the petitioners of Carlisle, who wish the mail between
that place & Baltimore carried either in a coach or
a carriage that I have written to the M^r Court for that
route relative to their application -
R. Meigs Jr.

J. W. Alderman Esq^r Sir January 17th 1821
Post Master Pittston N.C. I have yours of the 15th regret
that you did not as you ought to have done delivered
the mail to Mr Bulger, if he has not a postman before
you will furnish one for a p^t of the left receive his
mails & deliver to him such mails as are destined for
his route, to the other subject noted in your letter I shall
pay early attention -
R. Meigs Jr.

John P. Richardson Esq^r Sir January 17th 1821
Fairfax C.H. Va^r I am to invite your special
attention to the due & prompt apportionment of mails -
and to their being all respectively placed w^t their
proper postmen - this intimation is given under
belief that a want of attention to these subjects
has been too often manifested by your deputies -
R. Meigs Jr.

John D. Harrell Esq^r Sir January 22nd 1821
Hayesville N.C. I have yours of the 18th
I wish you to continue the mail transport between
Hayesville & Louisburg at the ratio of \$6 a mile a
year distance to be accounted one way you pay to
begin from that period that you assumed that mail
transport, if you will state the period as well as the distance
that Oxford is from Hayesville & the period when you
receive & deliver the mail at Louisburg I will send
you a contract for that route -
R. Meigs Jr.