

J. J. St. Peter Esq^r (Rth)
for Russellville Ky

Genl Post Office
4th March 1822

Sir

I wish you to state whether any contractor or mail carrier connected with your office has during the past winter neglected his duty, as to the mail? if so, who? and in what respect, and when? has any Postmaster neglected his duty, as to sending on mails? I wish explicit information upon these points - and you can make it under the assurance - that we shall not give your names as authority for our proceedings.

Yours obt^r St.
R. J. M^r

J. A. Le Clerc Esq^r
Postm^r Gallipolis Ohio

Genl Post Office Dr.
4th March 1822

Sir

I wish you to direct the mail carrier to Kenkama to call at every office on the road and if he does not do so you will inform him that I shall require his immediate dismissal - I have special view of an office near Judge Summers - I wish your reply.

Yours obt^r St.
R. J. M^r

J. B. Crockett Esq^r (Rth)
Frankfort Ky

Genl Post Office Dr.
4th March 1822

Sir

I wish you to state whether the mail between your office and Russellville has been faithfully carried the Past winter? and whether the whole mail has been carried? and if not when the failures took place - Your early reply is desired.

Yours obt^r St.
R. J. M^r

Hon. D. Barton -
M^r. Senate -
S^r Sir

March 3^d 1822 -

I have received yours of the 2^d and Mr. Clark's proposal therein closed - the proposal is too high - but I have written to Mr. Clark upon the subject - I have the honor to be

Yours obt^r
R. J. M^r

Hon. A. Stewart.
M^r. H^r Representatives.
Sir

I have the honor to state that the bond & contract for John Ingram to execute for the mail transport between Waynesburg and Goose Creek Flats - are sent to the Postmaster of Jefferson - to be executed - the Post office now called Goose Creek must be called Round bottom - Yours obt^r St.
R. J. M^r

Hon. George Duffie.
M^r. H^r Representatives.
Sir

Genl Post office Dr.
2^d March 1822

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I beg leave to observe that I have directed the Mail Contractor for the route Edgefield C. H. Willington &c and Andersonville to visit the Post Office established at Lexington. - Yours obt^r St.
R. J. M^r

Hon. Ernoch Lincoln.
M^r. H^r Representatives.
Sir

Genl. Post office Dr.
5th March 1822

I have yours of yesterday, enclosing a letter and petition relating to an alteration of the mail route, to Minot and I moved yesterday that the post master of Minot send agreeably to the wishes of the citizens of Minot across post to New Gloucester - the contractor shall in that case be released from visiting Minot by paying the Post master of Minot for carrying the Cross mail this arrangement substantially meets the views of the petitioners.

Yours obt^r
R. J. M^r

Hon. Francis Johnson -
M^r. H^r Representatives.
Sir

Genl Post office Dr.
4th March 1822

I reply to yours of the 1st I beg leave to remark that we have had no advice of delays in the mail from your State other than such as have arisen from the extraordinary bad state of roads the past winter - from your representation it seems that there is an evident want of attention on the part of Post masters as well as contractors - if I can ascertain who is delinquent, I shall deem it to be my duty to remove them whether they be Post Masters or Contractors. - Yours obt^r St.
R. J. M^r

Hon. A. Sterling.
Mr. H. Representatives

Genl Post Office St.
4th March 1822.

Sir

In reply to yours of the 2^d ult. I beg leave to state that the contract with Geo Skinner terminates with the current year, if his habits unfit him for the faithful & honest discharge of that duty, it will present a good ground for his removal.

Your obt^r st
R. Joll Jr.

Hon. A. Sterling.
Mr. H. Representatives

5 March - 1822

Sir

We pay two hundred & thirty three dollars annually for carrying the mail between New Haven & Canaan & the part from Litchfield to Canaan will amount to about eighty five dollars a year.

Your obt^r st
R. Joll Jr.

Hon. Lewis Condict
Mr. H. Representatives

3 March. 1822.

Sir

I have yours of yesterday & Mr. Mann's letter therein enclosed if any post route in your state shall be established the one therein noted will be probably as useful as any other and the expence attending its establishment will be inconsiderable. The postroute from Liberty Corner by Doughty Mills & New Providence to Springfield was discontinued by the same law which established a postroute from Liberty Corner to Somerville. The post route from New Brunswick to Castletown on Staten Island may with propriety be discontinued I should suppose, its expence is \$790. a year and its product very inconsiderable.

Your obt^r st
R. Joll Jr.

Hon. Lewis Condict
Mr. H. Representatives

Genl Post Office St.
March 5th 1822

Sir

In reply to Mr. Lindley's letter to your address under date of the 25th I would remark that if the mail is carried from Morristown by Orange to New York on Mondays and it returns on Tuesdays Mr. Burnet's contract cannot be annulled, if he does not so carry it or cause it to be carried he has forfeited it. I wish to receive proposals to transport the mail from Orange to New York three times weekly, as often as the stages run during the season to the mineral springs in Orange - the utility of such a measure was intimated last summer by a gentleman connected with this St.

Your obt^r st
R. Joll Jr.

General Post Office 127.

February 28th 1822.

Wm. H. Pendleton Esq. Sir

Sandwich May 3^d Wish you to carefully afford and send by the proper route, all mails destined for high route, as you shall send them on, by the immediate or preceding mail, two mails are to travel directly on the new or lower route to Chatham & and after the 1st next month the contractors have better upon this subject.

"
Yours &c Replying

Mr. Jacob Taylor Sir

Buffalo May 3^d you can have the enclosed contract executed by a suitable person, after filling upon the blanks, whereupon you will return it that a duplicate may be sent to the contractor.

We do not know who will be suitable for a Postmaster at Perryburg, we wish one to be recommended.

"
Yours &c Replying

Hon. Albert Tracy,
Mr. H. Representative

5th March. 1822.

Sir

In reply to yours of the 1st Inst and to Mr. Taylors transmission I beg leave to observe that I have made the appointments noticed by Mr. Taylor, and I have forwarded the private contract which was necessary to effect the object desired.

"
Your obt^r st
R. Joll Jr.

Hon. John Chandler.
Mr. Senate M. L.

5th March. 1822.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you in reply to your enquiry for Mr. Clark, that he owes a balance estimated at \$70.. A detailed statement of his ac^c has been forwarded to him - and he has been repeatedly called up on for payt. and notice has been given that a suit would be instituted unless the ac^c should be without delay settled. If as he suggests any monies have been remitted, for which no credit is given on the ac^c now in his hands, he has only to prove the fact in order to obtain credit.

"
Your obt^r st
R. Joll Jr.

128.

R. P. Clark Esq. (P.M.)
Boonsville (Md.)
Sir

Genl Post office St.
3rd March 1822

Is the mail not now carried between Boonsville and Franklin; if not, the Ferryman would I trust carry it willingly for half a dollar a trip - as the offices are represented to be but one mile apart.

Your obt St.
R. J. M. Jr.

✓ W^r H. W. James (P.M.)
Laurelton Md.
Sir

6th March - 1822.

I have yours of the 22nd Ult. as you will not close with my offer to give you half a dollar for carrying the mail, perhaps from your office to Salisbury. I shall accept your offer for the present and allow you one dollar a trip - you will proceed to Salisbury as soon as the mail reaches your office so as to give the people of Salisbury early information.

Your obt St.
R. J. M. Jr.

✓ John Read Esq.
Martinsville Va.
Sir

5th March. 1822.

You will sign and return the enclosed contract No more pay will be sent until it is rec'd. - Your obt
R. J. M. Jr.

✓ Hon Alfred Conkling
Mr. H. Representatives
Sir

March 6th 1822

I have yours of the 4th and the letter of Mr. Geo. Smith therinclosed. I consent that Mr. Luke terminate his route at Amsterdam instead of Schenectady under the circumstances mentioned by Mr. Smith; nor do I see an objection to its continuance - this letter is sufficient authority for Mr. Luke to make the change.

Your obt St.
R. J. M. Jr.

✓ Hon. Thos Whipple -
Mr. H. Representatives
Sir

The enclosed is a copy of a letter to Elijah Blasdell and has reference to a draft mentioned by Mr. M. Whittier -

Yours obt St.

R. J. M. Jr.

March 6th 1822

Hon. James Noble
Mr. Senate.
Sir

I have yours of the 5th and the proposal of Messrs Hender & Fuller therinclosed - having a satisfactory bid for the route at \$197. I cannot give more than that sum to these gentlemen. I have taken the liberty to herinclose an acceptance for those gentlemen.

I have the honor to be

Your obt St.
R. J. M. Jr.



Genl. Post office St.
March 6th 1822.

✓ Hon. Andrew Stewart
Mr. H. Representatives
Sir

In reply to the petition from Connellsille and to the letter of Mr. G. H. Whitehill dated the 25th Ult. I beg leave to remark that the recent alteration of the mail was adopted because three mail weekly would then go direct from Harrisburg, Philadelphia 4th 4th to Uniontown and Brownsville from whence it was believed that the Post Office at Connellsille could be more frequently supplied with the mail than via Bedford, Somerset 4th and if faithfully carried into effect it would be decidedly a better arrangement than the former one - but as the citizens of Connellsille think differently, and as you are desirous that the former arrangement should be resumed I have directed it to be so done - no blame or intimation by Mr. Whitehill, can be attached to you about this transaction as you had no agency in effecting it. I have the honor

To be Your obt St
R. J. M. Jr.

✓ Jacob Deckhart Esq. (P.M.)
Chambersburg. Sir

6th March. 1822

As formerly I wish you to send mails for Connellsille via Bedford &c the change made was a beneficial one to Connellsille but as they prefer the former arrangement let them have it.

Your obt St
R. J. M. Jr.

Alexander Stewart.
M. & A. Representatives
Sir

Genl Post office do.
6th March 1822.

I beg leave to remark in reply to the letters of Mr. Alexander Johnston and Mr. Alexander Baldwin of the 26th ult. that this Dept. has not recommended a repeal of the law establishing a post route from White Horse &c to Grace Creek via The Post route from Bedford via Somerset to Connellsville is decidedly more advantageous as a post road than the road by the white horse - as it supplies a more dense population and accommodates the County Seat of Justice for Somerset - however the repeal or continuance of those routes rests wholly with Congress. -

Your obt St
R. J. M. Jr.

Stevon Hill Esq. (P.M.)
Boston Me

6th March 1822.

Sir

I have authorized Mr. Plummer to carry the mail between your office and Concord on the former days - or those which first governed him under this contract. -

Your obt St
R. J. M. Jr.

Mr. Alexander Wright
Northampton Me

6th March 1822.

Sir

I have yours of the 26th ult. I offered you one hundred sixty dollars for transporting a weekly mail between Hartford & Northampton, has that letter not reached you? a fortnight mail is but of little use in that section of our country. - I cannot give you on the contract at you bid - that mail must go weekly - I want an immediate answer. - P.S. The highest offer that I can make is one hundred eighty dollars for weekly mail

Your obt St
R. J. M. Jr.

Duff Green Esq.
(P.M.) Chariton Mo

6th March 1822

Sir

If your proposal for post route No. 75 is too high. I can not, I cannot give you more than four hundred sixty four dollars a year - if you will take that sum you can begin the 16th of May let me have an immediate reply

Your obt St
R. J. M. Jr.

Mr Robt. Walerton
Norwalk Ohio
Sir

You must supply the Post Office at Brown Helm with a mail either by a cross post or by your direct mail - unless the Post Master willingly removes his office to the road you choose we were disappointed as respect this office, you represented that it would cause no inconvenience to the Post Master - if you fail to comply with this order, I shall exact a penalty of five dollars a week from you. -

Genl Post office St. 131.
6. March 1822

Your obt St
R. J. M. Jr.

Henry Freeman Esq. (P.M.)
Carnesville Ga

3rd March 1822

Sir

Having no satisfactory proposal for post route No. 95
B. C. Carnesville & Rabun Co. - you can give at the rate of \$160 a
year the mail to go once in two weeks - No. 97 you can give \$140
the mail to go once in two weeks each route to begin June
1st May I have your early reply

Your obt St
R. J. M. Jr.

Peter Clingham Esq. (P.M.)
Huntsville Al

3 March, 1822

Sir

I wish you to contract with a suitable person to carry the mail between your office and Salisbury at a rate not exceeding one hundred fourteen dollars a year - the mail to go once in two weeks - this is a full price for such service the route to begin the 1st of May - your early attention and reply is desired.

Your obt St
R. J. M. Jr.

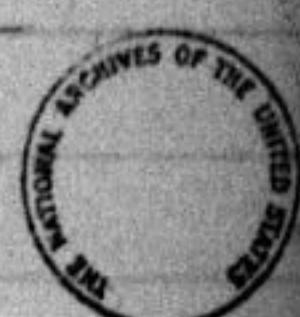
Young St. Cresham Esq. (P.M.)
Greensboro Ga

3 March 1822

Sir

I have not had a satisfactory proposal to carry a mail between your office and Madison. I wish you to find a contractor for that route at a rate not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars a year - the mail to go weekly and to go to Madison & return in a day - your early attention and reply is desired

Your obt St
R. J. M. Jr.



Hon. W^m. B. Rochester
H. of Representatives
Gent Post office at
March 7th 1822
Sir

The letter sought for by the enclosed is not at present in hand in this office. It would be returned, if at all, as a dead letter to this office, with the a/c. ending Decr. 31st last. Many of those are not yet rec'd., and many of the letters on hand for that quarter are not yet opened.

Should it be found, it will be forwarded to Mr. Bogart agreeably to his directions. In order to assist Mr. Bogart as far as practicable in tracing his letter, I have enclosed, on copies of the Post Bills of the 11th & 14th of August 1821, from Cherry Valley to Albany, by which he may be enabled (possibly) to determine whether his letter was duly mailed at Cherry Valley. There having been no mail on the 10. of August, the 11th was the day on which the letter ought to have gone, and if it was rated, as it ought to have been, a double letter, there is no evidence on the face of the Post Office Bills of its having been sent from Cherry Valley on that day.

I return you the letter of Mr. Bogart as requested. The Post Master Genl. has not heard from Mr. Spencer respecting the Office at Dresden Mills N. C.

Your obt^r st
Andrew Coyle

John Piper Esq^r P.M.
Springfield Va
Sir

I wish you to contract for the weekly transport of a mail to pass between your office and Romney at a rate not exceeding sixty dollars a year to begin May 16th. next - Your reply and attention is specially invited to the subject above. Your obt^r st
A. J. M. Jr.

Phil^e Noble Esq^r P.M.
New Milford Ct
Sir

I wish you to contract for the transport of a weekly mail between your office & Bridgeport to begin May 16th at a rate not exceeding one hundred sixty dollars a year let me have your reply. Your obt^r st
P. J. M. Jr.

Hon Lewis Williams
H. of Representatives
Gent Post office at
March 7th March - 1822
Sir

John Carmichael was appointed Post Master at Hamptonville N.C., March 25. and gave bond Apr. 15th 1811. He resigned and a successor was appointed who gave bond and rec'd. the office from Mr. Carmichael Apr. 5th 1815 - Mr. Carmichael's a/c. is dated June 17, 1811, and is signed by him - which is an acknowledgement that he is accountable for it. His balance is \$8.11. His last a/c is dated Augst, 8th 1815 - and for the period from Augst 8th to Apr. 5-1815 - he never rendered any a/c.

The amount of balance on his accounts rendered is \$91.84. A simple estimate of the deficient period is ----- 7-16.

Making together ----- 99-00

On which he paid in 1814. ----- 50-00
Leaving a balance of ----- 49-00
After writing to him two or three times to send his deficient a/c. it was estimated as above. a full statement of his a/c sent to him, and a draft made on him for the balance \$49. The draft was returned protested. The estimate a/c was doubled according to law, and sent, with his bond to the Dist. Atty. for suit more than a year and a half ago, and it was supposed judgement had long since been rendered. It is not necessary to add what every person knows, that this Dept. has no authority to relinquish the claim, and to order the process to be suspended, would be manifestly incorrect.

Your obt^r st
R. J. M. Jr.

Hon. William S. Archer
H. of Representatives
Sir

7th March. 1822

I wrote you on the 5th inst relating to the a/c of Mr. Anderson Esq^r. Yours of the same date is now rec'd. with dead letters to the amount of \$31.86 - As he was charged with the postage of these letters and allowed commissions 300th Cts. on their amount he is now entitled to credit for the remainder after the deducting the 30 per cent. - Recd. \$22.30 - I inform you that the paymt. of \$263. would liquidate the balance. The \$22.30 now to be deducted reduces the balance to \$240.70

Your obt^r st
R. J. M. Jr.

134. Ambrose Parks - Esqr (P.M.) Genl Post office at
J. Jeffersonton (Ash Co.) N.C. 7th March. 1822

I wish you to refund to Mr. Thos' Callaway all postage that you rec'd of him as deputy or assistant to the Marshall, for the State of N.C., over and above the usual rate of pamphlet postage, as all papers relative to the census were considered as chargeable with pamphlet postage only. You can credit our a/c with this correction by an entry in the column of letters over charged or mispent.

Your obt St
R. Jell Jr.

" Same. Gale - Esqr (P.M.)
J. Troy N.Y.
Gir

7 March. 1822.

I will thank you to state who carried the Steam Boat mail to and from your office during the last summer - not only the carriers name, but under whos authority he carried it. Your early reply is desired.

Your obt St
R. Jell Jr.

" Mr. Hiram Plumer
Haverhill N.H.
Gir

7 March. 1822.

You can resume your former mail arrangement between Boston, Haverhill & Concord as well as between Newbury Port & Haverhill - Your obt St
R. Jell Jr.

" Mr. H. Smith (P.M.)
White C.H. or Sparta Tenn.
Gir

3rd March - 1822.

No satisfactory proposal is received for the post route Sparta & Tompkinsville Ky. - I wish you to obtain a contractor for that route at a rate not exceeding \$186 - a year to begin June the 1st. next - advise me who will contract as to name residence &c. Your obt St
R. Jell Jr.

✓ Henry A. Sherwood Esqr (P.M.) Genl Post Office St. 135.
Watertown N.Y. 6th March 1822

I wish you to make a contract for the weekly transport of a mail between your office and Watertown at a rate not exceeding one hundred four dollars a year to begin May 16th let me have your reply - Your obt St
R. Jell Jr.

✓ Hon. Jeremiah Nelson
Mr. H. Representatives
Gir

7. March 1822

I have agreeably to your request - authorized Mr. Hiram Plumer to resume the arrangement originally pursued by him in carrying the mail between Boston, Haverhill Ms & Concord N.C. and between Newbury Port & Haverhill

R. Jell Jr.

" Hon. John W. Taylor
Mr. H. Representatives
Gir

7 March - 1822.

In reply to your letter of the 4th and to the documents therinclosed I beg leave to remark that as Cole was bound to carry the Steam Boat mail as specially noted on the Schedule of his contract, that before I decide upon Mr. Morris's claim - I wish to make further enquiry - to the end that justice be done to the public - to Mr. Morris & to Mr. Cole

R. Jell Jr.

✓ Hon. Lewis Williams.
Mr. H. Representatives
Gir

7 March - 1822.

I have yours of the 4th and the documents therinclosed As the Post Master of Jeffersonton made an erroneous charge upon the papers relative to the Census - I have this day instructed him to refund all the amount of postage to Mr. Thos' Callaway over and above the rate of regular pamphlet postage -

R. Jell Jr.

" Hon. Henry W. Dwight.
Mr. H. Representatives
Gir

7 March - 1822.

That Malverton may not mistake his duty as it respects the Post office at Brownhelm Ohio - I have informed him that I should rigidly exact a penalty of \$5 - a week for every week that he shall fail to visit that office.

R. Jell Jr.

136.

W^m Anderson Esq^r
of Chester Pa.
Sir

Genl Post office Et.
7 March 1822.

It is a measure of very considerable importance to have the mail carried between Philadelphia and Baltimore in well constructed four horse coaches.

When so carried there would almost uniformly be a passenger or passengers which would operate as a guard and render a recurrence to that source of great expence unnecessary - for if we were to employ guards on the whole time, it probably would at least double our expences. - Such a plan of transporting the mail is desired by members of Congress - and specially so by all that class of people who transmit money by mail - merchants - brokers and others who contribute to this Dept^t its principal support. As we have stipulation made in the contract to which you are a party - for carrying the mail we hold a right under the 14th Section of that contract to vacate it, for the purpose of better securing the mail but we wish to avoid such resort, and trust that you will in accordance with our wishes put the mail in four horse coaches provided that your partners come into that measure. I feel the more solicitous upon this subject from the circumstance that an offer is made to this Dept^t to transport the mail the whole route referred to without any increase of expence what ever - but before deciding upon that proposal which is from a substantial and efficient company, I have deemed it to be my duty to apprise you of the fact - and I invite your early reply.

R. J. M. Jr.

Hon. John Reed
in the House of Representatives.
Sir

8 March 1822.

I have yours of the 6th and Mr. Dinnicks letter of the 26th ult. to your address therein closed. - I am satisfied as to the expediency of sending a second mail between Falmouth, Holmes Hole & Edgartown - and as we cannot get the additional service performed at a less rate than is offered by Mr. Dinnick I have authorised him to convey the second weekly mail, and to begin the first of next month -

R. J. M. Jr.

Hon Littleton W. Tazewell Esq^r
of Washington City - D. C.
Sir

Genl Post Office Et.
8 March 1822.

I have yours of the 6th the contracts for the mails transport between Georgetown Del. Northampton Va and Norfolk - expire on the 31st of Dec^r. next - and if the contractors faithfully carry the mail - they have a right to continue till their contracts terminate.

As the contractor for the post route Georgetown Del. and Northampton C^t & Va^a forwarded his proposals for that route with several others - we cannot distinctly say what he receives for this route - but we suppose about fourteen hundred dollars and we pay two hundred dollars a year for carrying the mail between Northampton & Norfolk these routes will be advertised soon and after the present Congress closes its session, when we shall be glad to see proposals from the gentlemen you allude to -

R. J. M. Jr.

Broad dock, Dinnicks Esq^r
P.M. Falmouth N.H.
Sir

8 March 1822.

I wish you to convey a second weekly mail between Falmouth & Edgartown via Holmes Hole on and after the first of next month - for and at the rate of ninety dollars a year.

R. J. M. Jr.

B. H. Whitman Esq^r P.M.
Hamburg - C^t &
Sir

11th March 1822.

I have yours of the 22nd this letter is by our authority for requiring the Mail Stage carriers to call at your office - with the mail - if they do not comply - a penalty of ten dollars for each trip shall be exacted.

R. J. M. Jr.

J. C. DuBois Esq^r
Darlington C^t &
Sir

11 March 1822.

I am obliged by your letter of the 1st Mr. Evans is fined thirteen dollars for the failure; and he is required to send lads or carriers at least 14th years old

R. J. M. Jr.

138. Mr. Thos. Evans.
Major C.H. (L.C.)
Sir

Genl Post Office to
11th March - 1822

Our mail for the Lumsdenville route failed
the last week in Feb - the lad who carried or attempted
to carry it - is said to be but 10 or 12 years old - you are
fined 30 dollars for this failure and if you employ carriers
less than 14 years - you will not be continued as contractor
for.

R. J. M. Jr.

✓ Hon. Lewis Bigelow.
Mr. H. Representatives
Sir

March 9th 1822.

In reply to the letter of Mr. Josiah Stock
well to your address - I beg leave to remark - that Mr.
Stockwell has had the various credits to which he is
entitled and if he gave Mr. Brewster a larger sum to act
as his agent in obtaining a contract - it was a very unnece-
ssary expeditioe as he desired no sort of benefit from any
exertions of Mr. Brewster with this dept. in his behalf.

R. J. M. Jr.

✓ Hon. D. W. Walker
Mr. Senate
Sir

11. March 1822

In reply to the Memorial of sundry citizens of
Huntsville Ad. I beg leave to observe that the Post Master
genl - cannot during the continuance of the current contract
take one mail from Nashville and add another to Huntsville
while the mail is faithfully carried - It is my wish to make
this Dept generally - extensively & equally useful to the many
interested in the mails transport - taking into view the various
circumstances - which must necessarily govern the decisions of
the Post Master genl. As all the contracts in and south & west-
ward of Va terminates with the current year - we shall endeavor
in revising our mail arrangements to make them more acceptable
to the citizens of Huntsville. And to better serve the citizens of Hunts-
& Nashville - I have directed the mail to proceed direct from Fayette-
ville to Huntsville instead of waiting at the former place for
the return of the mail from the latter place.

R. J. M. Jr.

✓ Hon. Levers S. Parker.
Mr. Eastville Va
Sir

Genl. Post office No. 139.
11. March 1822

I have yours of the 26th ult. the Post route between Georgetown Del. and Norfolk & a ville he advertised the ensuing summer
when we hope to receive an acceptable proposal from Mr. Floyd
the gentleman recommended by you - R. J. M. Jr.

✓ Hon. Thos. H. Hubbard
Mr. H. Representatives
Sir

11. March. 1822.

I observe in reply to Mr. Vanderlyns letter to your address
that the proposed conversion of Mails he suggests would be a useful
one - if it could be adopted without interfering with the mail arrangement
existing between Albany - Cooperstown - Sherburne &c &c
and Orford - with a view of meeting the proposed arrangement
I have addressed the mail contractor for the latter route
return Mr. Vanderlyns letter. R. J. M. Jr.

✓ Hon. Mark L. Hill
Mr. H. Representatives
Sir

11. March 1822

In reply to your letter of the 9th Inst. I beg leave to remark
that I much regret to some of the citizens of Phippsburg had not
bid for the mails transport between Phippsburg & Bath. I have
directed the present mail to be carried from Phippsburg to Bath &
thence to Phippsburg on Monday - the carrier must then reside
at Phippsburg - whose citizens will be there much better accommodated - and as you justly observe, they have therefore had
three mails a week, it appears that that number shall be continued - I have therefore requested the post master of Phippsburg to
send two additional weekly mails at a rate not exceeding twenty four
dollars a year from and after the first of April next - R. J. M. Jr.

✓ Jonathan Law, Esq. Pitt,
Hartford Ct.

11. March 1822

The Mail carried between your office and Northampton by Alexander
Wright must be carried weekly - it was so intended to be carried else
we should not have offered the sum we did - he is now offered as
the extent one hundred eighty dollars a year for a weekly mail - if he
does not accede to that offer - you will send the mail weekly by
a special messenger until you have further from this Dept. who
is not liable for that mail to be carried on your early reply and attention
is desired. R. J. M. Jr.

David Wrenall Esq^r Pk^r)
Jno Marfreeborough Tenn

11 March 1822

I wish the mail from Nashville to Fayetteville to proceed to Huntsville - for this extension of the route Mr. Parish shall be reasonably and fairly paid.

R. J. M. Jr.

Mr. Seth Williams
Cummington Mass.
Jno

9th March 1822

I have yours of the 26th Ult. our contract for the Post route Troy & Schenectady actually has terminated - and that route being entirely useless - it is not believed advisable to restore it - it is to be regretted that Mr. Barber shone so mistaken his contract.

R. J. M. Jr.

Mr. Jonath. Burch
Romney Va.
Jno

March 9th 1822.

Your rider must await the arrival of the Springfield mail at Pughtown the connection of your route and th must be maintained.

R. J. M. Jr.

Messrs. Pain & Rice.
Kittery - Me.
Jno

11th March 1822-

The mail between Bath & Phippsburg must be carried as follows - as much better subserving the public interest than the present one - it gives you the same time for performance as you now have - & if it produces any inconvenience to you - you can relinquish the route - Leave Phippsburg every Monday at noon - arrive at Bath Tuesday - Leave same day as soon as the eastern mail arrives & arrive at Phippsburg with in one and a half hours.

R. J. M. Jr.

Mr. William Mattack
Sparta Tenn.

Jan 29th 1822

In your letter to the Hon^r Jones appears to give the intimation that we have had relative to the mail between Fayetteville & no we perceive its use or importance - no authority which authorises the transport of paid Mail. I will thank you to give me as early a reply as convenient relative to this affair.

R. J. M. Jr.

Circular

Sir

General Post Office

May 26. 1822

The public interest requires that postage should be collected at all the large offices, & paid over to the credit of this office immediately after the close of each month. The amount for instance arising in July should be collected & paid by the 5th of Feb — that in February by the 5th of March & so on so that the whole balance should be paid in five days after the close of the quarter.

As it is now arranged the payments are not made from two to three months after the collections are brought to be made. This is disadvantageous both to the public & individual & I must therefore upon the making of arrangements for making payments as above propose as soon as practicable

I am sir
your obedient Servt

A. Steele Jr.



Aaron Hill, Boston
Wardens Bailey, New York
John G. Skinner, Baltimore
Hon. W. Bassett, Charleston S.C.
Hon. B. Swan, New Orleans
W. Faushee, Richmond Va.
Elazer Early, Savannah Ga.

John McAulay Esq^r
P.M. Kingston Upper Canada

Genl Post Office No. 146.
March 11th 1822

Sir &
Blanks for keeping accts and post bills, with the forms & instructions for Post Masters are forwarded for you herewith. A table of Post Offices is in preparation & will be forwarded when finished. Directions have been given to the Post Masters at New York, Albany, Hackets Harbor, Cape Vincent & Carlton Island to address mails directly to your Office. You mention the adoption of new forms in the British Post Office. The regulations & policy of the British post office are wholly unknown at this Office; if you can procure and furnish me with a set of the regulations & forms, I shall be glad to pay you the expences. They would probably suggest improvements in our system. Previous to the revolution the British Post office was extended to this Country. But I cannot learn that any traces of the former post office remained and the hasty establishment adopted during the revolution was without System & abolished on the organization of the present form of government. My predecessor wrote to his correspondent in London on the subject in 1804 but he obtained only a pamphlet in relation to a dispute between Mr. Palmer & the post office published in 1797.—

R. J. M. Jr.

Benj. Wood, Esq^r P.M.
Litchfield N.Y.

11th March. 1822

All mails which you receive that are designed for persons in the vicinity of Underwood's Post office must be sent to that office for delivery, although addressed to your office—

R. J. M. Jr.

Weder, Green Esq^r P.M.
Archfield N.Y.

12. March 1822

All mails for Hamilton and other offices west of yours must invariably be sent by the next or pending mail—

R. J. M. Jr.

Wm. Thos. H. Hubbard
N.Y. Representative

12 March 1822

I have directed the post master of Litchfield to forward all mails which he receives designed for delivery at Underwood's to that office if practicable. I shall adopt the schedule suggested by Mr. Stover the Post Master of Richfield has positive instructions to send all mails for his office by the first or pending mail—

R. J. M. Jr.

P. S. I return all my correspondence