

Post Office Department.

✓ Rich' Baché
P.M. Phil'a Pa. Sir,
8th Decr. 1823

I have yours of the 4th as
the way Bills are at your office from N.Y. &
appeals, it would be hardly practicable to close the
western mail ~~next~~ after the eastern one arriv'd if
it was closed at 7 A.M. and during the winter season
it will be hardly practicable for the New York
mail to reach your office by 7 A.M. if we
form a new opinion from past experience.

P.S. It appears that the mail of the 6th from N.Y.
arriv'd at Phil'a at 6th A.M.

J.M.C.

✓ Stewart Boyd
Germantown Pa. Sir, 9th Decr.

I have yours of Nov. 27th
you shall have the necessary time to perform your
postroute - and two days if necessary. J.M.C.

✓ Edmund Pace
P.M. Pittsfield Va. Sir, 9th Decr.
Such space Portmanteaus
as may be in your office should be immediately
forwarded to this Department. J.M.C.

✓ Geo. Cury Esq^r.
P.M. Wythe Ch. Va. Sir 9th Decr.
I wish you to
forward all space Portmanteaus immediately
on to this Deptt. J.M.C.

✓ Thos. Shore Esq^r.
P.M. Petersburg Va. Sir 9th Decr.
I wish distinctly to
know whether, you make use of
Way Portmanteaus as contemplated by my circular.
J.M.C.

Post Office Department.

✓ Augustus Dury
P.M. Abingdon Va.

9th Decr. 1823

I wish you to distinctly state
by the return mail whether there are not an uncep-
tive number of Portmanteaus at your office & I likewise
wish to know whether a Way mail conformable to
my circular - and which is independent of the main
mail is put in use upon the great eastern & western
line & by you or at your Office. J.M.C.

✓ W. F. Gray
P.M. Frederickburg. Va.

9th Decr.

I am favour'd with the
receipt of your letter of the 5th. Linen bags are by
no means suited to give security to the mail - it is
unaccountable - why it becomes necessary to resort to
that species of covering for enclosing mails - it seems
from the letter of Mr. Edington that there are no open
Portmanteaus at Staunton. If you find that
the Master of Petersburg is negligent - particularly as
regards the separation of the Way mail from the
main mail - I wish you to apprise him of the
error. J.M.C.

✓ Mr. P. Ridge Esq.
P.M. Shanes Crossings. O. Sir

9th Decr.

I have yours of Nov. 24th I
wish you to inform the mail carrier that he must fix
a time for arrival at your office, and that he must
observe the period so fixed upon - you can remit to
the Department the balance that is found due at
the end of the quarter. J.M.C.

✓ Mr. Dillard
Elkton Md. Sir

9th Decr.

I have yours of Nov. 18th you
can until further advised leave Port Royal at noon
or in one hour after you shall have delivered the
mail at that office. J.M.C.

Post Office Department
J. Watson, Esq.
Chillicothe O. J. J.
9th Oct. 1823.

I have yours of Nov. 2^d & it should
Mr. McLeague decline to execute the bond &
contract - your service would be quite ac-
ceptable - I however expect that he will accept
of the contract. J.M.

Burke
P.M. Cincinnati O. J. J.
9th Oct.
I understand that
there is a great irregularity in the mail arrival
at Chillicothe from your office from the different
Counties viz. Lebanon & Bainbridge, it appears
that a mail arrives at Chillicothe on both
counties on Wednesdays. best of different dates -
from your office can you account for the
circumstance. J.M.

James Black
near Sharpsburg Ill. J. J.
9th Oct.
I wish you to arrive
at Galconda on Tuesdays by noon and to
depart thence on Wednesday at 6 A.M.
J.M.

W. dad Randall
near Jackson Mo. J. J.
9th Oct.
You will until
advised leave Jackson every Monday at
4 A.M. arrive at Galconda on Tuesday by 8 P.M.
leave Galconda every Wednesday at 4 A.M. arrive
at Jackson on Thursday by 8 P.M. J.M.

Wm Brown
P.M. Marionville Va. J. J.
9th Oct.
I have yours of the
1st inst. ass. the postmaster at Fieldmill,
or of that place, reside at Marionville - I am
inclined to think so from your letter.
If you will send to Mr. Shore he will
send you a Portmanteau by the mail stage
of a suitable size. J.M.

Post Office Department
Ebenezer Backus
Agent, Albany N.Y. J. J.
9th Oct. 1823.

I have received yours of
Nov. 29th & Decem. 4th. On the course you pursued in regard
to placing the mail in the hands of Messrs. Shrophly
Powell - from the views you had then of the subject
was a correct one, but although the contract may
be taken out of the hands of Mr. Sanford on account
of the failure of Cole as they appear at this Dept.
to have a joint concern in the mail transport
between the cities of New York & Albany, but I
do not wish to supersede Mr. Sanford while he
satisfactorily discharges his duty. I intend to send
him a contract that his duties may be definite.
J.M.

Gent. Thos. Bailey
P.M. New York City J. J.
9th Oct.

I am favour'd with yours
of the 3^d ulto: an agreement has been entered into between
Messrs. Sanford, Baker, & Cole as to a division of the
postroute - New York City & Albany, yet as the contract
stands - a failure of either Cole or Sanford to perform
their trip - authorizes the PostMaster General to super-
cede their contract - either the whole or a part
of the contract - and the failure of Cole therefore for-
feited the contract - tho under the circumstances I
am willing that Cole should be exculded, & I am
willing to enter into a contract with Mr. Sanford.
I would suggest whether the publick would not be
benefitted, if this gentleman should unite with
Messrs. Powell & Shrophly - for the whole route.
J.M.

J. Watson, Esq.
P.M. Newbern N.C. J. J.
9th Oct.
I have yours of the 2^d of
Mr. Bell will be punctual in his arrival at Wash-
ington by 7 A.M. I shall be satisfied.
J.M.

Post Office Department
9th Oct. 1823.

v P.W. Jackson Mr. Sir

I wish you to contract for the weekly transport of the mail between your office & Greenville to enable you to do so with convenience I enclose you a Bond Contract to be executed by the contractor & forwarded to this Dept. & a contract to be executed by him which is to be sent to the Treasury.

Joseph Hall made a bid for this route to carry the mail once a fortnight at \$240 per m^o. for double that sum he will no doubt, if qualified, carry a weekly mail, as soon as you establish the mail, & the contracts & bonds are duly executed, you will return them to this Dept. a contract will be then forwarded to the contractor.

P.S. it may be proper to remark to whom J.M.C. this route was assigned - declin'd executing the contract (altho' he was well recommended.)

v Wm H Beard
Greenville This. Sir 10th

I have shown your letter of Nov. 27th to the P.M.G. he regrets that your preparation will not enable you to begin the stage arrangement on the Cincinnati route, as soon as was contemplated - he will not consent to any specific time for delay, but if you carry the mail well secured on horse backs, a short time while your stages are finishing - he shall not object but the shorter the delay the better - The schedule you propose will be satisfactory, so that you reach Lancaster in time for departing eastward on Saturday as the good people at Cincinnati will be then much gratified in speedy intelligence

C. Bradley.

Post Office Department.
10th Oct. 1823.

v Thos³ Bailey
P.M. New York City Sir

In reply to your letter of the 3rd I observe, that from the face of the contract now on file in this Dept. it appears, that if either of the contracting parties fail'd viz. Baker, Sanford or Cole that the whole were jointly responsible or rather the latter ones were for the act of either - as Baker has had no connection with the mail, for a considerable time he cannot be consider'd as a contractor, from this view of the subject I am satisfied that I have a full right to annul the whole or a part of the contract - for any failure that occurs, on the route, from causes, within the control of man. As I do not wish to exclude Mr. Sanford from the duties of a mail contractor, I propose that he shall carry the mail between your office & Saugerties every day during the suspension of the Steam Boats - three times a week to the amount of part of the year - I propose to allow Mr. Sanford at the same rate that he is now paid between New York & Hudson per mile, & an additional compensation of five hundred dollars for carrying the extra or Steam Boat mail during the suspension of the Boats.

Mr. Sanford will leave your office as soon as the mail is afforted say by 10 A.M. & arrive at Saugerties the next morning by two or three o'clock - from thence the mail will be transported by Mess^y Powell & Thorp in Post Coaches to Albany - I wish to have this arrangement adopted immediately. J.M.C.

v Powell & Thorp
Albany N.Y. Sirs,



10th Oct.

I have your letter of the 26th ult. I cannot accept of the proposal that you have made but I will make one to you, which will be I trust, satisfactory to you as well as beneficial to the public. I wish you to carry the mail in Post Coaches between Saugerties & Albany every day during the suspension of the Steam Boats three times a week to the remaining time you to leave Saugerties by 4 A.M. & arrive at Albany by 8 A.M. the same day, you will convey the mail from Albany to Saugerties, within the

above period, for this service I propose to pay you the annual compensation of two thousand five hundred dollars, & in addition to that sum I propose to allow you five hundred dollars for the transport of the four extra or Steam Boat mails - I wish this arrangement to go into immediate operation, as soon as I have notice that you accept my proposal I shall forward a contract blank to Govt. Dan Ransdier for you to execute, which will bear date from the day that you take charge of the mail & continue until the 31st of Decr 1834.

J.M.C.

✓ S. Estill
Abingdon Va. Sir 10th Oct.
I would suggest whether it is not probable that your letter was robbed by the Postmaster of Nelson, Va. who was lately detected, or rather apprehended for robbing the mail, it is represented that he had a considerable sum of money in possession. J.M.C.

✓ James Hixley
Wilkesboro N.C. Sir 10th Dec.
I wish you to have the office established at Lanes, & Mountain Brooks supplied with a mail. J.M.C.

✓ Dan'l Gallant
White Hall N.C. Sir 11th Oct.
Does your rider supply the post office established at Stoes with the mail. J.M.C.

✓ P.M. Charlotte N.C. Sir, Oct 3rd
Mr Dan'l Gallant &c carries the mail by a different route between your office & Lumberton N.C. from what he carried it last year. Will you give me a list of the offices on the route as it was carried last year & as it is now carried with the reported distance from office to office. just as I. M. C.

Post Office Dept. 11th
Mathews Co. Va. Sir,
11 Decr. 1833.

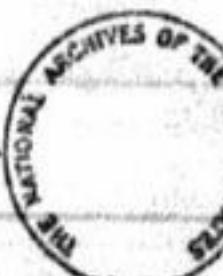
I have yours of Nov. you can stipulate to give Capt. Miles King three cents for every letter which he carries from your office to New-folk & the same for every letter that he brings to your office, which sum you can pay him & charge the amt. to this Dept. as a contingent expense. J.M.C.

✓ Wm Burke Esq.
Cincinnati Ohio, Sir,

11 Decr.

I have yours of Nov. 25th. a mail carrier should have an irreproachable character sufficient since 8 years to put on & take off his mail with ease, it is not essential that he should have attained 21 years, every mail carrier should be under oath before he takes charge of the mail. J.M.C.

✓ William Taylor Esq.
P.M. Calhoun, A. Sir,



11 Decr.

I wish you to direct the mail carrier to visit the Post office establish'd at Lawyer Beach Tree. J.M.C.

✓ Henry W Conway
P.M. Little Rock Arkansas Sir,

11 Decr.

I wish you to ascertain from Post to this Dept. for what price you can procure the mail, to be transported from Little Rock by Clarke C. H. Hamptead & Co. & Long Prairie to Hatchet bushes once a week - at the rate of about 40 miles a day, the contractor must profess character for energy & integrity. I wish to get this information with the least practicable delay. J.M.C.

✓ James Barrett Jr.
New Market Ohio, Sir,

11 Decr.

I have yours of upon the subject of altering your schedule I do not perceive any objection to the continuance of the current arrangement on paying 240 the route you have contracted for - you carry the mail as it is now carried until further instructions. J.M.C.

Post Office Dept.

v Sam'l. D. Barnum. "Decr. 1823.
Am. Alley N.Y. Sir,

I have yours of the 5th.
The contract executed by Mr. Sleight is to terminate
the 3^d Decr. 1824. he has stipulated to carry
the mail on regular days & once a week, if he
violate his contract it must be placed in
other hands. J.M.C.

v Elizenger Backus Esq. of
Albany N.Y. Sir, "Decr.

I have no^t your letter
of Nov. 27th Decr. 3rd & I have tendered the
conveyance of the mail between Albany & Poughkeepsie
to Messrs. Thorp & Powell which I trust they
will accept without hesitation & from Pough-
keepsie to New York City. I have concluded to
offer to Mr. Sanford the present carrier—
the mail from Albany to Poughkeepsie is
to be carried in Post Coaches. J.M.C.

v Cyrus Stockwell
Worcester Mass. Sir, "Decr."

I am requested to establish
a post office at Pelham Mt. have you any ob-
jection to conveying one of your mails thro'
that Town. If so, I wish to specify the grounds
of objection, without delay. J.M.C.

v Clipallet Wickes,
Am. Jamaica N.Y. Sir, "Decr."

Great complaint is made
about the manner in which the mail between
Jamaica & Oysterbay is carried, day Mr.
Sleight caused that mail to be carried regularly
& agreeably to his contract. Your answer
is desired. J.M.C.

Post Office Dept.

"Decr. 1823.

v Hardy Coyal,
Am. Coyal's N.Y. Sir

This letter authorizes you to
require the mail carrier to call at your office with
the mail. J.M.C.

v Am. Harton

Am. Meridianville N.Y. Sir,

This letter authorizes you
to require the carrier to call at your office with the
mail. J.M.C.

v Cradet Dailey

Whitehall N.Y. Sir, "Decr."

I wish you to state the time, for
which you will transpost a second weekly mail between
Troy & Whitehall, the second mail to begin the first of
every next & continue until your contract ends,
will you give me an early reply. J.M.C.

v Charles De Has

Washington Co. Sir

12th Decr.

I consider it to be my duty
to decline entering into a contract with you for the
transportation of the mail on postroute No. 76. in
consequence of the want of confidence in you,
by many persons interested in that postoffice. J.M.C.

v J.S. Skinner

Am. Baltimore Sir, "Decr."

13th Decr.

I have yours of the 9th. it
often happens that the Baltimore mail is not delivered
from this city for a full half hour after it is due,
I therefore have directed the contractor to deliver the
mail at your office by half past one o'clock. J.M.C.

Post Office Dept.
12th Oct. 1823.

Wm. Anderson
Chester Pa. Sir,

I am sorry to have occasion
to call your attention to your small concern, - but
your late arrival at Phil^a is a subject of
well founded complaint, as the mail can
be delivered with certainty at that office
before 1 P.M. this season of the year.
J.W.

Post Office Dept.
12 Oct. 1823.

The Watson
T.M. Newbern N.C. Sir,

Since I wrote to you
yesterday I have no^o news of the F. inst. The
contract between Raleigh & Newbern was made for
four years - and I cannot discontinue one of the two
mails upon that route if it were not desirable to do
so - without the consent of the contracts. J.M.

Post Office Dept.
12 Oct. 1823.

Thos. Booth
Oxford N.C. Sir,

I have yours of the 11th.
There was but one proposal made for the
postroute on which your office is situated
The bidder has just informed the Dpt.
that he shall not comply with his agree-
ment, I will therefore propose to give
you one hundred & sixty dollars to transport
the mail once a week between Phil^a &
Yellow Springs & as much often as the
stages run if you accept those
terms. I shall forward a contract to you.
J.M.

Post Office Dept.
12 Oct. 1823.

The Watson, Esq.
T.M. Newbern N.C. Sir,

The Hon. Mr. Speight, is
desirous to have to have a second mail pass between
your office & Washington, before I decide upon his
application I wish you to ascertain the lowest
terms for which the additional mail can be trans-
ported once a week, the space time to be at
Newbern; your early attention to this subject
is desired.
J.M.

Post Office Dept.
12 Oct. 1823.

Archd. McLean
Archville N.Y. Sir,

I have yours of Oct. 1st
you continue the current arrangement instead
of the schedule affixed to yr. contract.
J.M.

Post Office Dept.
12 Oct. 1823.

John C. Hopper
Hartford Conn. Sir,

I have yours of Oct. 1st
you continue the current arrangement instead
of the schedule affixed to yr. contract.
J.M.

Post Office Dept.
12 Oct. 1823.

Post Office Dept.

11 Dec. 1823.

v S. W. Maley,
near Natchez Miss. Sir

Your letter addressed to the Hon. Mr. Rankin on Nov. 11th. is before me; when the change of the road is made will your distance be greater from the Yellow Land to Natchez, where you propose to exchange mails instead of Oaks Land, than the distance now is between Oaks Land & Natchez which you now travel? is there no suitable place to exchange mail south of Yellow Land if so at what distance will it be from Columbus & from Natchez.
J.M.C.

v M. S. Winchester
Memphis Sc. Sir, 12 Dec.

I am favoured with yours of the 17th ult. I wish that the funds of the Dept. would authorize me to send a weekly mail between Nashville your office & &c and Little Rock - but it cannot be done at present.
J. M.C.

v G. W. Barron
P.M. New Market Ohio Sir, 12 Dec.

I have yours of the first inst. I had previously authorized Mr. Barron to adopt the arrangement that you have suggested.
J. M.C.

v John Goatman
Westmoreland Co. Va. Sir, 12 Dec.

For permitting your mail to get wet before it was delivered at Vappahannock the first weeks in this month you are fined twenty dollars.
J. M.C.

Post Office Department

12 Dec. 1823.

v Robt. Weir Esq.
P.M. Sappahannock Va. Sir,

I am favoured with yours of the 8th. Goatman is fined twenty dollars for permitting the mail to get wet before it was delivered to you.
J.M.C.

v Gabl. Nurse, Esq.

P.M. Sharpeburg Md. Sir,

I have yours of the 4th you make your return from Carlisle to Fredericktown on Sundays by noon instead of Saturdays at 8 P.M.
J.M.C.

v P.M. C. Conner
Alexandria R.J. Sir,

12 Dec.

I have yours, you can have Paris & Cincinnati on Monday & Friday at 4 AM arrive from both places the same days at Baltimore by 4 P.M. & return to Paris & Cincinnati on Tuesday & Saturday by 4 P.M. another & more expeditious arrangement will be probably required the next summer. The law of Congress prohibits advances being made by the offices of Government.
J.M.C.

v John Steeth
P.M. Weston Va. Sir

12 Dec.

I wish to send the mail from yr. office by Heathsville & Lowerville and to Jacksonville Co. once in two weeks at a rate not exceeding three dollars a mile the distance to be estimated one way. I therefore wish you to state, generally, the length of the route, as well as the several offices on the route, & their relative distance from your office, as well as from each other. I wish the arrangement to begin the 1st of next month if in the above terms you can obtain a faithful contractor.
As soon as you furnish me with the name of the contractor & give me the information as to distance, I shall forward you a contract to be executed by the contractor, may I have your early reply.
J.M.C.

Post Office Dept.

12 Dec. 1823.

v Hon Duffield
Mr. Mc Connellsburg Pa
Sir,

I have yours of the 6th all mail which are to be delivered at your office, or that branch from it, should be enclos'd in Way Postmantown - if you so inform the Postmaster at Pittsburgh - You will have no cause to detain the mail more than from 7 to 10 minutes.

J.M.

v E. J. Merrill
Danville Va. Sir, 12 Dec.

Failure occurs on your route Danville to Johnsbury &c. it is said from the insufficiency of your riders every penalty will be rigidly exacted.

J.M.

v Charles Davis
Mr. Waterford Pa. Sir, 12 Dec.

I have yours of Nov. 22nd. I wish you to report every failure of the mail, & the contractor shall be fined in every instance.

J.M.

v Joseph Goodbar
Near Sparta Penn. Sir, 12 Dec.

If your mail is unnecessarily delayed in its transport you shall be fined, & the penalties will be rigidly exacted.

J.M.

v Moses Fiske
Gilmanton N.H. Sir, 12 Dec.

I have yours of the 19th Nov. Mr. Goodbar must discharge his duty as a carrier, or he shall be superseded.

J.M.

Post Office Dept.

12 Dec. 1823.

v Saml. Neibith Esq.

P.M. Post Deposit Mass. Sir,

I have yours of the 8th inst. the mail carrier can perform his route on Monday & Thursday until further advise.

J.M.

v John Woody
Leesburg Va. Sir,

12 Dec.

I have yours of the 11th the Postmaster of Leesburg returned the contract & bond, which had been forward'd to him to be executed, & represented that R. J. Woody was in Baltimore, & consequently sent the contract to the next bidder.

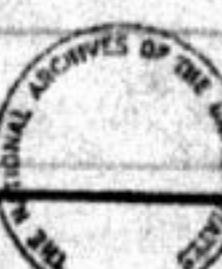
J.M.

v Merritt Dillard

Raleigh N.C. Sir,

12 Dec.

You are fined twenty dollars for suffering the mail to get wet which was delivered at Newbern the 15th of this month.



J.M.

v Thos. Watson

P.M. Newbern N.C. Sir,

12 Dec.

Mr. Dillard has been fined dollars for permitting the mail to get wet, which you noticed in your letter of Decr 5th 8th

J.M.

v Captain Wheeler Esq.

P.M. Murfreesboro' N.C. Sir,

12 Dec.

I have yours of Dec. 5th. I wish you to report every inequality of the mail the contractor shall be fined for every instance of neglect on the part of their carriers. I wish you to inform the carriers. How does Mr. Portillo perform his route between your office & Warrenton in what way does he carry the mail. your reply is desired.

John McLean

Post Office Dept.

12 Dec. 1823.

v Harvey Bradish
Upton Mt. Lin.

I have yours of the 6th
inst it would be unusual act if not an
incorrect one to establish a private office
in the town of Upton & grant the proceeds
of said office to an individual, when at the
same time a mail is transported twice
a week to thro' said town, & which
calls at an establish'd office. J.M.

v Benj^r Thompson
Norfolk Co. Sir

12 Dec.

The proposal which
you submitted to the P. O. for the mail transport
between Norfolk & Baltimore was considered to be
much too high for acceptance.

I will now offer you one thousand dollars
if you'll carry said mail once a week
at least & as much often as your Steam Boats
~~pass~~ between those cities. Allowing you
time against accident or casualties from
wind & other causes, that is not meaning to
exact rigorous penalties. Your answer
is desired.

J. M. Sean
Postmaster General

v P.M. Senor M. Sir

12 Dec.

I have yours of the
6th the present extra mail must be continued
the ensuing year that passes between Stockbridge
Senor & Pittsfield Me & the postroute that
you have noticed will be revised the ensuing
year. J.M.

v Mr. P. Weston
P.M. Princeton N.J. Sir

12 Dec.

I have yours of the
6th the mail from Morristown N.J. as arranged
is to arrive at your office on fridays by 11 A.M.
& depart by 1 P.M.

J.M.

Post Office Department.

12 Dec. 1823.

v C. W. Throston
P.M. Fort Washington Ma. Sir

I have yours of the
6th during the period that the Steam Boat is suspen-
ded by ice you can send a mail three times a
week between your office & New York at an expense
not exceeding the next proceeds of your office
J.M.

v Mrm Anderson
Chester Pa. Sir

12 Dec.

I have yours of the 6th inst.
the arrangement that I ~~would~~ entered into with
Mr. Stockton for postroute No. 2. is no farther pursued
than, that, the Steam Boat Company, contract with
the Dept. directly instead of carrying the mail under
Mr. Stockton.

J. M.

v J. S. Dugan

Lancaster, Ohio, Sir

12th Dec.

I have agreed you, as I think a liberal compen-
sation for the service required, under the circumstances
in which you stand, & I have made you the greatest
allowance that I can do consistently with my public
duty, my which has been to do strict justice between
you & the publick.

You can make your arrival at
Lancaster by 10 P.M. until the first of May & you
can depart from Lancaster at 3 A.M. & arrive at
Wheeling by 1 P.M. these amendments have been made
upon the counterpart of your contract.

J.M.

v Joe Roberts Esq.

P.M. Winchester Va. Sir

12 Dec.

I am favoured with
yours of the P. O. if a failure happens from a
cause within the control of man, I shall in
all cases rigidly exact the penalty.

J.M.

Post Office Dept.
13th Dec. 1823.

Wm. Waddle

Fayetteville N.C. Sir,

I wish you to visit the Post office established sometime ago at Chisholm's store & Morgan's store, it will increase your travel about 12 miles, for which I shall add to your annual compensation forty eight dollars. you will begin the first of Janst next.

J.M.C.

Wm. Pelham Esq.

P.M. Hanover Ohio. Sir, 13th Dec.

I have yours of the 2nd I believe that it will be necessary to extend the period for the mails arrival as carried by Mr. Dugan & Mr. Beard until 10 P.M. till May next, you will then charge 50 per cent if their general arrival is after nine o'clock. J.M.C.

Geo. Lippincott

Mount Pleasant Pa.

12 Dec.

Sir,

I have yours of the 4th inst. in the extreme hurry of business, your proposal might have been considered the lowest - but the fact was otherwise - for while yr. proposal stands at \$160. Another bid stood at \$121 - and which was consequently accepted. J.M.C.

A. Brandon

Caydon M. Sir,

12 Dec.

I wish the mail to go from yr. office thro' Greenville to Salem & to return from Salem thro' Fredericktown to Caydon, will you give the requisite instruction to the carrier.

I shall rely upon yr. vigilance to keep up every mail connected with yr. office in case of failure on any route from any cause & to promptly apprise me of such act.

J.M.C.

C. O. Department.

13 Dec. 1823.

✓ S. Randall

G.M. Warren R.I. - Sir,

If the mail carriers convey letters contrary to the Post office law - I wish you to prosecute them as it is the only effectual remedy that can be adopt'd. J.M.C.

✓ Mr. James Eddington

Bearns Henry A. Sir,

13 Dec.

You are fined twenty dollars for permitting the mails to be wet before their delivery at Tuscaralia on the 25th. ult.

J.M.C.

✓ Jacob Newman

G.M. near Knobley - Newman's Etj. Sir,

13 Dec.

This letter authorises

you to require the mail carrier to visit your office. J.M.C.

✓ Geo. H. Prescott

New Sharon Me. Sir,

13 Dec.

I am informed that you often omit to supply the Post office at New Sharon with the mail for each omission, you incur a fine of five dollars. J.M.C.

✓ Jas. Smith

Bellefonte Pa. Sir,

12 Dec.

I have yours, as the schedule sent you is arranged - the spare time can be at Bellefonte. J.M.C.

✓ Aaron Hills

G.M. Boston Mass. Sir,

12 Dec.

I am favor'd with yours of the 8th. The suggestions therein contained deserve consideration, if a failure at any time occurs from an over load of passengers. I rigidly exact the penalty incurred. J.M.C.