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moderation of the mail & at a considerable expense. It will be therefore necessary to change the departure of the mail to 11 A.M. - so that the mail may be carried without extra expense. I have requested Mr. Garrison to call on you upon this subject. I prefer the necessity of making the change, & I should not make it, were the funds of the Postl. in a situation to justify me in paying Mr. Garrison a fair compensation for his increased expense consequent upon the first change.

J. M. Lean

v Marcus R. Winchester

P.M. Memphis Tn. Sir, 16th March

I have yours of Feb 25th. I would gladly send a weekly mail to your office if I ~~had~~ had the means to do so, but the receipts of the Postl. are not at this time equal to its expenditures. J. M. Lean

v Henry Freeman
P.M. Camerelle Ga.Sir, 16th March

I am favour'd with yours of the 17th of Feb. Mr. Daniel must carry this mail agreeably to his contract, if he does not so carry the mail he shall shall be suspended. J. M. Lean

v C. Daniel

Pademont S.C. Sir, Mar. 16th

I invite your immediate & special attention, to your postroute to Gainesville & to Camerelle! The mail between Augusta & Camerelle is not carried in a manner satisfactory to the citizens of Camerelle, nor as I am inform'd agreeably to contract. J. M. Lean

March 18

v Mr. Burke
P.M. Cincinnati Ofc

I perceive no objection to the mails departing from your Office on the morning of May 1st for Newark & it will oblige the carriers & Shippers serve the publick too. J. M. Lean

Post Office Dept
March 18-24.

v James Abbott
P.M. Detroit Mich. Ofc

I have yours of Feb 25th. Mr. Austin shall be superseded if he does not immediately make a satisfactory explanation, it is my determination to have the mail punctually & faithfully carried. J. M. Lean

March 18

v John Morris
Raleigh N.C. Ofc

I have yours of the 2nd Mr. Long was authorized to inform you that your second mail between Raleigh & Salem would be continued the current year. J. M. Lean

March 18

v Mr. Pigman
Bostonton & Ofc

I wish you from and after the 1st next month to transport the mail between Bostonton & Vernon supplying all offices on the route at your bid of \$100 per Am. J. M. Lean

March 18

v Abijah Pack
Greensboro & Ofc

You are fined for a failure at Centerville the last week in Jan'y. J. M. Lean

March 18

v C. J. Lawrence

P.M. Frenchtown Mich. Ofc

I have yours of the 26th I shall supersede the cont'l (Mr. Austin) if I do not in a few days receive a full & satisfactory explanation in regard to the failure of the mail. J. M. Lean

March 18

v Mr. Palmer Letter

P.M. Janesville, Wis. Ofc

You can let the Lanton mail arrive at and depart from your Office as proposed in your letter of March 6th. J. M. Lean

Sam H New
Mr Buckland Jr

Post Office Sept
March 18-24

I have yours of March 10th in care of object
to visiting your office ~~but~~ because it takes him too
much trouble he made the experiment to ascertain the
distance, it appears that you had no mail for him, nor
had he any thing for your office in the meantime
J. McLean

March 18

A. G. Bryant
near Pittsford N.Y. Jr

It is represented that the post route
between Genesee & Pittsford now in your charge can be
dispensed with without injury to the public. will you give
up the contract the first of May if you get \$100 to the tune
of your early reply is desired
J. McLean

March 18

B. Bennett
Mr Springfield Jr

Since I received your letter of the 3^d
have paid the cont.

J. McLean

March 18

A. S. Mills
near Mendota Ile Jr

Failures have occurred on your routes
and mails are carried without an oil cloth or bear skin
for all failures you must be free, as well as for permitting
mails to get wet. unless each instance of failure as well
as permitting the mail to get wet, is at the time fully explained.
J. McLean

March 18

P. G. Rule
Mr Newport mo Jr

I have yours of the 10th. the p. route
from Geneva to Newport at present suspended at the
request of the Mr of Geneva. your communications will go
to that place once a week via Flory. until further advised.
J. McLean

March 18

And wife
Mr Harrodsburg Ile Jr

Saw you. the cont (Rule) has been instructed
to leave Geneva, buy a mule & team as the mule has arrived
in the neighborhood

Post Office Sept
March 18-24

Geo W. Adams
Georgetown D.Y. Jr

for you mail failing in to due arrival
at Harrodsburg the last day of Feb. you are fined \$25.
J. McLean

March 18

John Sloan Sothes
Williamsport Pa Jr

The receipt of the cont are due as to
failing any additional expenditures being made at present
on the p. route North of Williamsport.
J. McLean

March 18

John Howard
Harrodsburg D.Y. Jr

A failure of your mail from Lexington
it appears occurred Feb 27th for which you are fined \$25
J. McLean

March 17th

Isaac D. Jones D.Y.
~~W. Campbell~~

Mr Clinton Ile Jr

I am obliged by your letter of Feb 25th if
postmasters do not discharge their duty, they ought to retire
from office.
J. McLean

March 17th

Hagan Hunter Esq

Mr Stephen Black Mo Jr

Are the mails on their arrival at your
Office regularly examined by you or your assistant, it is said
the duty is sometimes omitted. your early reply is desired.
J. McLean

March 17

Walt Wheatley
Mr New Washington Ind Jr

This letter authorizes you to require
the carrier to call at your Office with the mail once a week.
J. McLean

March 18

Isaac Mather
Mr Hartfarke D.Y. Jr

I have yours. the cont (Reno) has been instructed
to leave Geneva, buy a mule & team as the mule has arrived
in the neighborhood
J. McLean

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Lewis Ross
Greenville N.Y. Sir

Jenville

Post Office Dept.

March 16. 24

Leave Haderburg on Tuesday as soon as the 8th mail arrives
drive at Stephenville to west Friday noon
Leave the same day by 2 PM
drive at Haderburg on Tuesday by 4 PM.

J. W. Clean

March 16th

Mr. C. Steene

May 1st for

I have your letter of Feb'y 16. to effect the
object you have suggested, a change of the P.O. law will be
necessary. I am however obliged for the improvements you have
suggested.

J. W. Clean

March 16

Nathaniel Dutton Esq.

Mr. Blairbone A for

Says Pease faithfully carry the mail
concerned to him, and the other carriers faithful. Your early
reply is desired.

J. W. Clean

March 16

A. marble

Mr. marble's miss Is to go

You can require the carrier of the
mail from Indianapolis to Geneva & to call regularly
at your office with the mail. for his travel he shall
receive a fair compensation.

J. W. Clean

March 16

Benj - J. S.

Mr. S. A for

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

J. W. Clean

March 16

Eda C. Cox

Mr. C. C. A for

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

J. W. Clean

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Post Office Dept.

March 16th

Mr. McCleary

120 N. Palmyra N.Y. for

I have your of Feb'y 16. of said Allen Lampert
the mail himself or by his assignee or carrier. I cannot release
his contract, although he is a bankrupt.

If he fails or is assigned
I shall not at once discharge him from the duties of a const.

J. W. Clean

March 16

Aaron Hill

Mr. Boston and Co for

I have your of Feb'y 23^d if the Nantucket mail
(and the other mails in that direction) arrive at your office generally by
5 P.M. you may close the mails for that line at 3 P.M.

J. W. Clean

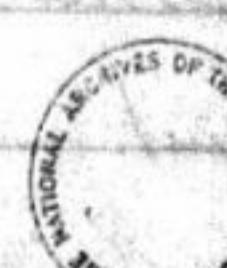
16th March 1824

William Johnson Esq.

P. M. Sabanor N.J. Sir, I have your letter of March 6th the complaint
against you come from a Post Master.

The following persons bid for the transportation of the mail between
New Brunswick N.J. and Easton Pa. Mr. Red. Miller, Mr. Blackoff, Rob.
Baudinet Jr. J. F. L. Gresham, Abel Everett, ~~that~~ Willm. White, R. Smitham, J. Drake &
and William Johnson

J. W. Clean

16th March 1824

W. Robert Stewart

Greensburg Pa. Sir, I have your letter of the 23^d. it was not under-
stood when you were here - that any sanction would be given to any change
you might make at variance with your schedule - if so, the period of arrival
would have been noted on your contract, and the changes you seem to think was
sanctioned, were certainly known to lead to an improper delay in the
prompt and due transport of the mail to Washington & C. C.

J. W. Clean

Sam'l. Henderson Esq.

P. M. Indianapolis Ind. Sir, If no satisfactory excuse has been shown
to you for the failures in the Springfield (Ohio) mail as mentioned in your
letter of Feb'y. 16th the contractor must be fined, is that mail and the others
connected with your office now faithfully carried - I expect you to report
every failure on its occurrence. Inform the carriers, that for every
failure, through negligence, a fine will be imposed, and a second
failure, the contract will be forfeited, and taken from the Contractor

J. W. Clean

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Post office Department 17th March 1824Mr. James Beddoe, M. Contractor
Near Montgomery Habi. Soc.

You are fined fifty dollars for a failure early in January last, at Fort Mitchell - and for carrying but a part of other mails, I regret the necessity, to this resort, as the public are not benefited, and you are a loser by the fine, but I must exact all penalties for failure. A strict compliance is necessary in future to your holding the contract.

In W. McClean

John Marshall Esq'

P.M. Shawneetown Illin

18th March 1824

Sir. I wish you to state whether any failure has occurred on any of the Post routes connected with your office, and if so, when they occurred and whether full and satisfactory reasons have been assigned as the ground of failure. If you will turn to my circular you will find a positive instruction to every Post Master to report each and every failure of the mail on its occurrence

In W. McClean

18th March 1824Mess^rs Saml Hepburn & others

Northumberland Pa. Sir, I should be gratified if I could send a third weekly mail between Harrisburg Northumberland &c &c with a due regard to the public interest, but the situation of the Department is such as to forbid making any additional expenditure upon the route referred to at present.

In W. McClean

18th March 1824

David M' Neill Esq'

P.M. Phelps N.Y. Sir, I am favoured by the receipt of your letter of March 8th. You have satisfactorily shown that the Post Master between Geneva and Pittsford can be dispensed with without prejudice to the public interest, of discontinuing the route referred to, if we decline doing so. I shall the ensuing summer profit by the information you have made, in making the mail arrangements in the State of New York

In W. McClean

18th March 1824

James Goodhue Esq'

P.M. Lexington Ind. Sir, I have yours of February 29th. you can direct the mail carrier to perform been your office and Salem agreeable to the plan suggested as to the day, as a mail is to go direct between Charleston & Salem the extension of the route as proposed by you will not be necessary.

I have written to the Post Masters of all offices upon the subject so justly noticed by you, in regard to actual negligence on his part

In W. McClean

Post Office Department 18th March 1824

John Seering Esq'

P.M. Madison Ind. Sir, I am informed that it frequently happens that mails are permitted to pass an office, which are addressed distinctly to it, and to other offices upon the postroute that branch from your office, your prompt and immediate attention to the error notice in this letter is desired.

In W. McClean

18th March 1824

William Burke Esq'

P.M. Cincinnati Ohio. Sir. I wish to ascertain how much the ride of W. White will be increased in visiting the Post office at Milford, he says that it will cause him to employ another horse if he is required to go through Milford, can that office be supplied in any other way less expensive than by W. White

In W. McClean

18th March 1824

Sam'l Gibson Esq'

P.M. Denmark Me. Soc

I wish you to inform the contractor that if he fails to regularly arrive at your office on Saturdays that he or his employer shall be fined ten dollars a week, if he fails you will inform me, if it be the fault of the carrier that the failures transpire, I shall require his discharge. I wish therefore to know the carriers name and his employers.

In W. McClean

W. A. Johnson

Coshocton Ohio. Sir



In consequence of your refusing to visit the Post Office at Simmons Mills &c. I find it necessary to place the mail between Coshocton and W. Vernon in other hands, you will continue that route till the 16th of next month and no longer, and your pay will be reduced from that day from three hundred to one hundred and Ninety dollars per annum

In W. McClean

18th March 1824

W. Barnes Dugan

Nevay Ind. Sir

I have received your letters of last month, I wish you to leave Lawrenceburg on the mornings of Thursday for Rising sun &c As the mail will have arrived at that office from Cincinnati the preceding evening those offices will then get mail by you as soon as they would by Duges carrier, as you do not seem disposed to deduct any thing the mails may continue on their respective routes as arranged

In W. McClean

Post Office Department 16th March 1824

James T. Dufour Esq.
P.M. Venay Inv. Sir

I have yours of February 20th as you as you believe the regularity of the mail will be interrupted by the carriers pursuing the river road between your office and Lawrenceburg, you did right in suspending my instructions upon that point; under the belief that the mail would be interrupted occasionally by high water upon the river road, a change was made by my predecessor, and the present mail arrangement was adopted by him. It was however objected too by some of your citizens who ought to know, as being an unnecessary precaution and my instructions to you, ignorant of that representation an objection. The affair can rest for the present - Mr. Dufour must proceed with the mail from Lawrenceburg as soon as the eastern mail arrives - I have requested the Post Master of Cincinnati to let Mr. Dales carrier depart in the mornings of Wednesday - until further instructed.

J.W. McClean

Isaac Dennison Esq.
P.M. Sandy Bay M^o. Sir

16th March 1824

You can send a mail three times a week between your office and the office at Gloucester, provided that you can do so, for the next emoluments of your office - as your office is not situated on a public mail road, the mail cannot correctly be carried at the expense of the Depart. but the route must be considered as a private route and its expenses defrayed by the receipt from the route

J.W. McClean

A. F. Gray Esq.
P.M. Louisville Ky. Sir

16th March 1824

Have you ascertained why your mails were detained from the Southward since you wrote to me Feb 11th it is desirable to find out where errors were committed and by whom - that the proper corrections might be applied. are all the mails regular which connect directly with your office, report each failure without fail on its occurrence -

Has Collins extended his mail as directed from Hardinburg to your Office.

J.W. McClean

Aaron Matson Esq. at Milford - 18th March 1824
P.M. Clermont Co. Ohio, Sir

Mr. White states if he is compelled to visit your office, the charge will make it necessary for him to employ another horse how much will his ride be in fact increased, can your office be otherwise supplied than through the medium of Mr. White

J.W. McClean

Post Office Department 16th March 1824

Mr. Joseph Coover
Warren Ohio, Sir

I have your letter of the 17th February as you or your brother had executed one of the contracts sent for Lovelot to execute, and had returned the contract, and assumed the convey of the mail, from the first of January, I thought you considered the thing as settled, had I not so considered it, I should have accepted another and late bid.

J.W. McClean

John Falconer Esq.
P.M. Montgomery Alab. Sir

16th March 1824

I wish you to state whether failures have occurred on either of the Post routes immediately connected with your office, it is reported that there has been failures - but I am not so officially informed, as report of every failure ought in every instance to be made to the Department on its occurrence, it is a part of a Post Masters duty.

J.W. McClean

Proctor Bourne Esq.

P.M. Marshfield M^o. Sir

16th March 1824

Have yours of February 17th I have no objection to your sending letters &c to different points for delivery than your own office, if the measure is not attended with any expense to the Department. The carrier of the mail must convey the package and deliver to your assistant.

What additional charge will the carrier if he brings you a second weekly mail?

All contracts on your route terminate with the year.

J.W. McClean

Genl. John Hughes
Monroe Washita Louis. Sir

16th March 1824

I address you at this instance of the General Mr. Bent, and I wish you to cause the mail, the ~~route~~ between Catochee C.H. and Monroe or Washita to be carried once a week at a rate not exceeding, two hundred and twenty dollars per annum in addition to the present price paid for the fortnight mail which will make in all six hundred dollars a year, for the weekly mail, I am not informed what sum you have found it will cost to send the additional mail, as I have not received a reply to any letter to you upon this subject dated on November last, I shall be obliged if you early reply

J.W. McClean

Post Office Department 18th March 1824v Mr. G. W. Adams
Mr. Contractor Georgetown Ky. Sir

At the request of the Honble R. M. Johnson and of the Post Master at Frankfort and Lexington Ky. I have consented to let you carry the mail as follows until you receive other instructions from the Department. The change gives you more time for performance, and I shall therefore expect that you will invariably comply with the schedule, and permit a failure occur upon any account whatever, you must at all times meet the mail from Lexington at Harrodsburg and you must arrive within specified hours at Glasgow and at Bowling Green.

Int. McClean

Schedule. Leave Frankfort every Tues. Thurs. and Saturday at 3 A.M.
Arrive at Harrasburg same day by noon

Arrive at Glasgow

Arrive at Bowling Green on Thurs. Sunday and Tues. by
Arrive at Russellville on Friday. Mond, and Wednes. by 10 A.M.
Leave same every Tues. Thurs. and Satur. at 11 A.M.

Arrive at Bowling Green same day by 8 P.M.

Arrive Harrisburg on Fri. Mon. and Wednesday by 10 A.M.

Arrive at Frankfort same day by 7 P.M.

P.S. You can leave Russellville at 11 A.M. instead of 10 A.M. and
arrive at Russellville at 10 instead of 11 A.M. but you cannot vary your
departure from Nashville without the Post Masters approbation

v Mr. William Wright
New London & Roads Pa. Sir.19th March 1824

I wish you to extend your route to
Lancaster from and after the 1st of the ensuing month for which duty
you shall receive the yearly compensation of fifty dollars

Int. McClean

v Thomas Fletcher Esq.
P. M. Jefferson Pa. Sir.20th March 1824

I instructed Mr. Ingram in February. to
visit the Post office at Carmichael's Lisbon 1C and Newbern, he
was to diverge from your office to effect this object when on his return
to Carmichael's. If he has not as I trust he has made the change, I wish
you to direct him to do so. forthwith, if the change increases his travel,
he shall be paid for the service may I have your reply.

Int. McClean

Post Office Department 20th March 1824v Mr. R. H. Dickson
P.M. Rosemount N.C. Sir

I have your letter of the 19th instant Mr.
Thompson has been instructed to visit your office with the mail, and your
office is incorporated in his contract

Int. McClean

v C. Washburn Esq.
P.M. Dwight Ark. Sir.20th March 1824

I have your letter of February 9th you can
require the mail carrier to visit your office, and you may assure him
that he shall be fined ten dollars for each time he performs a trip without
visiting your office he come on it the rout by Ellits and pursue the
one pointed out by you

Int. McClean

v Samuel Haines Esq.
P.M. Blakely - Alab. Sir21st March 1824

It is represented that failures have
occurred between your office and Claiborne, how does it happen that
you have not reported the failures on their occurrence. your immediate
reply is desired

Int. McClean

v Mr. R. S. Clark
Milton Ohio Sir,20th March 1824

I have yours of the 6th for the reasons you
have assigned, you will continue your route you can on it Ellsworth
if the Post Master of that place agrees to the measure. the charge was
made at the instance of John Diver.

Int. McClean

v Mr. James Peeler, M
Mail Contractor, Montgomery (Alab.) Sir21st March 1824

Your negligence has been such
as to justify me in giving authority to Mr. Smart Post Master at Mobile
to supersede you at once if another failure occurs upon that rout. you cannot
expect any payment to be made you until you satisfactorily account
for the failures that have taken place on your several routes since the
beginning of the present year

Int. McClean

Post Office Department 20th March 1824

Proctor Bourne Esq^r

P.M. Marshfield MA Sir,

I wish you to state how often Jedediah Little transports the mail from your office and Boston each week and the days that his mail arrives at, and departs from your office, your immediate reply is desired

In^r W. McClean

Benjamin S. Root

P.M. Mobile Alab. Sir,

I am extremely mortified to find that the mail contractor has given cause to the citizens of Mobile to remonstrate against him as a mail carrier, nor am I a little surprised to find that no representation has been forwarded to the Department, by Post Masters, whose duty it is, to report every failure or its occurrence. Before the receipt of the memorial, I had been indirectly informed of negligence on the part of the contractor, and I directed the proper enquiries to be made to ascertain the facts, that I might take suitable measures to correct the evil and restore the regularity of the mail. I pray you to assure the memorialists that the contractor shall be fined for his failures and superseded if that measure be necessary.

We now pay Bedds for the Mail transport twice a week between Bladorne and Blakely as the route of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, if he fails again without full and satisfactory excuse you can supersede him, and employ a substitute upon the terms given to Bedds. If you take such a step I wish you to give me immediate advise of the transaction when a contract shall be forwarded to the person you contract with and Bedds account for that route will be closed.

In^r W. McClean

Aaron Belknap Esq^r

P.M. Newburg N.Y. Sir,

21st March 1824

I have yours of March 16th the contractor is fined one hundred dollars for the failures you have noticed.

In^r W. McClean

Silas Comfort Esq^r

P.M. Lanesville Pa Sir,

22nd March 1824

I have yours - I wish you to inform the mail carrier that he must be fined ten dollars for each trip he performs without visiting the Post Office at Lanesville

In^r W. McClean

Post Office Department 21st March 1824 461

Genl. Lt. Van Rensselaer

P.M. Albany N.Y. Sir

I have yours of March 15th and Mr. Lewis's letter thereincloud if you are satisfied that the public will be benefited by the change suggested by Mr. Lewis he can adopt it, you may get information from some of your State Representatives upon the subject

In^r W. McClean

W. A. W. McClean

P.M. Palmyra N.Y. Sir,

23rd March 1824

Your letter of March 8th does not specify whether failures have or have not occurred, if you will specify the cases where failures occurs, the contractors shall be fined or if they are irregular they shall be corrected, but the distinct facts are necessary for me to proceed correctly with the default, you do not offer an satisfactory reason for refusing to pay the draft referred to

In^r W. McClean

Col. Abram DeFrance

Jackson Mississ. Sir,

27th March 1824

I wish to send a mail once in two weeks between Jackson and "Yazoo" will you transport said mail at a rate not exceeding one hundred dollars if so I wish you to begin the first of May ensuing, the wish is to have the mail depart on Saturday - Your early reply will oblige me.

In^r W. McClean

J. Guitteau Esq^r

P.M. Buffalo N.Y. Sir

28th March 1824

I have yours of March 6th and oppose the course you have adopted as regards the making up additional mails for Lewistown &c &c

In^r W. McClean

James Russell Esq^r

P.M. Occupyon N.Y. Sir,

29th March 1824

I have yours of the 17th I will give the next process of your office, if you will transport the mail more than once a week for that consideration, if so I wish to be informed, so that I may direct Mr. Williams to suspending you a mail to your Office.

In^r W. McClean

Mr. Oliver Phelps

Ithica N.Y. Sir

30th March 1824

You are fine one hundred dollars for the failure by one of your drivers the present month at Newburgh N.Y. if further of the same nature your contract will be cancelled

In^r W. McClean

Post office Department 22nd March 1824

Mr. Postmaster Sir:

P.M. Paterville Ark. Sir

I have your letter of Jan. 28th you will have received, trust before this day my letter to you of Feb. 16th in which I assured you, the mail carriers should be reasonably compensated for the services they had and should perform. I wrote to the Post Master of Greenville to find a contractor for the route 107 and I am in daily expectation of his reply. Mr. Mitchell who contracted for 108 I have not heard from as regards that route but trust I shall very shortly. Wish you to keep up those mails, upon fair terms; till Contractors appear to take charge of the mails.

In W. McClean

E. J. Lewis Esq:

P.M. Arkansas Ark. Sir

24th March 1824

I have yours of the 20th. February, I am not advised that Mr. Mitchell has declined the mails on the route referred to, except by your letter, your price is much higher than several other bidders, I wish you still to continue the mail, and to specify the lowest terms that you will accept.

In W. McClean

Mr. Moses Purley

Potomac Md. Sir.

22nd March 1824

Will it suit you to convey the mail as follows from Vicksburg (or Hallowell) by Gitchell's corner China Leonia or Fairfax Shirley Dismont and Hampdon to Bangor - and the same route to Vicksburg Hallowell. And from Winslow by Clinton Leonia and back, if this arrangement suits you, you can put it into operation at once. Let me have your reply.

In W. McClean

Mr. William Bancutt

Near Washington City Sir,

23rd March 1824

I have this day informed Mr. Bond that your papers to vary your departure from Winchester from your present hour of 4 A.M. till 10 or 11 A.M. provided that he will agree to punctually arrive at Winchester by 10 A.M. and on your return from Staunton you will arrive at 2 P.M. instead of 7 P.M. so that he may the same day proceed to Harper's Ferry with the mail, if that arrangement goes into full operation travellers can go from Baltimore to Staunton in three days and return in the same time.

In W. McClean

Mr. Geo W. Bond

Harper's Ferry Va. Sir

23rd March 1824

Bancutt has agreed that you will duly arrive at Winchester by 10 A.M. that in that case he will suspend his departure

for your arrival, and in return, he will deliver you the mail at 2 P.M. you could then depart as soon he arrives and the mail be deposited, if you and he agree directly to the arrangement (or if you do) as he has agreed to it the arrangement was to go into operation at an early day the next month as you and Mr. Bancutt ride on the first of May. Direct your early to this letter that I may give the necessary direction in regard to the change.

In W. McClean

23rd March 1824

William Frighoffer Esq:

P.M. Germanton Pa. Sir

Is the mail necessary which passes between your office and Philadelphia or will the other mails routes give you the necessary accommodation.

In W. McClean

23rd March 1824

A. E. Ballard Esq:

P. M. Flemington N.J. Sir

I have yours of March. the contractor has been written to upon the subject of the carriers negligence.

In W. McClean

23rd March 1824

Mr. John Blair

Blair's Gap Pa. Sir

I am offering another Contractor to take charge of one of the two mails which have been assigned to you to transport between Alexandria and Pittsburgh - the proposer will take one of the mails at half of the sum offered you - this business must be immediately settled and payment will be made to you until it is.

In W. McClean

23rd March 1824

Mr. Saml. Johnson

West Chester Pa. Sir

I have yours of the 16th the Post Master at West Chester can make the alterations in your contract that you wish viz - from West Chester by - Tilsons, Cockranville, Hopewell, Nottingham, Mt Pleasant to McCall's ferry, and return from Mt Pleasant by Odentown, Cockranville and Gum Tree to West Chester when the amendments are made I trust the bond and Contract will be executed and returned to the Department.

In W. McClean

23rd March 1824

Thomas Ray Esq:

P.M. Lebanon Illin. Sir. I have yours of Feb. 15th I hope the Contractor will find it to be his interest to see you through Lebanon with the Shawnee mail, and I trust he can do so, without adding to his expenses.

In W. McClean

Post Office Department No. 2 March 1824

✓ Joseph T. Super Esq'r
P.M. Ryeville Ky. Sir.

The Northern mail is to arrive at your office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 A.M. and it is to depart at 11 A.M. for Nashville - it will return from Nashville on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday by 10 A.M. and proceed northward same days by 11 A.M.

J.W. McClean

✓ Joseph Franklin Esq'r
P.M. Lexington Ky. Sir.

22nd March 1824

The Nashville mail is to arrive at your office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday by 7 P.M. and it is to depart from your office Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3 A.M.

J.W. McClean

✓ James W. Hawkins Esq'r
P.M. Frankfort Ky. Sir.

22nd March 1824

The Nashville mail is to arrive at your office Monday, Wednesday and Friday by 7 P.M. and it is to depart ^{on Tuesday & Wednesday} Saturday at 3 A.M.

J.W. McClean

✓ Asa Pierrep Esq'r
P.M. Hanover N.Y. Sir.

22nd March 1824

I have your letter of March 2nd as Fredonia is a part of the established post road, it is better to let the route stand as it now is for the present.

J.W. McClean

✓ A. Kyle Esq'r
P.M. Harrisburg Ky. Sir.

22nd March 1824

Sir - The mails from Frankfort and Lexington are to arrive at your office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays by 1 P.M. and the mails for those places are to depart at 10 A.M. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

J.W. McClean

✓ W. John Yeatman
Richmond C.H.C. (Va.) Sir

22nd March 1824

I have yours of March 1st the Post Office at Roanoke were established at the instance of the Honble W. Ball, if it in fact does increase your ride six miles to visit that office it cannot occasion you an extra night's expense - if your carrier is diligent in the performance of his duty you omit the office in such cases as from high water you have a fair right to conclude, the attempt to supply it, will cause you to fail in the performance of your route

J.W. McClean

Post Office Department No. 2 March 1824 465

✓ Mr. J. Caldwell
Warrenton Va. Sir,

I have your letter of the 18th the receipt of the Department, being in fact less than the expenditures makes it advisable to suspend the expenses attending the extra mails confined to you between Farfay C.H.C and Culpeper C.H.C after the first of next month

J.W. McClean

✓ Mr. Tho. Henderson M. Contractor
Georgetown Ky. Sir

22nd March 1824

Your carrier on the route Washington Flemingsburg etc must either uniformly deliver the mail at each post office on the route or be dismissed from the service of carrying mails.

J.W. McClean

✓ Mr. John Hanna

Harrisburg Ky. Sir.

22nd March 1824

I have your letter of Feb. 29th I believe the cause of the failures, that you refer to have been satisfactorily explained by the Post Masters agrees with the facts. Whenever a failure occurs its cause ought to be immediately and distinctly stated that I may decide whether the penalty should be or should not be exacted.

I wish you to arrange with Mr. Adams, so that you should meet him at Harrisburg with the Lexington mail and that you depart thence for Lexington as soon as he arrives.

I have written to Mr. Kyle upon the subject

J.W. McClean

✓ John Keay Esq'r

P.M. Salisbury P.A. Sir

22nd March 1824

I have your letter of the 15th the present mail arrangement as regards your office, is I believe as good as the one that were averted, and perhaps better.

J.W. McClean

✓ John Patten Esq'r

P.M. Wooster Ohio. Sir

22nd March 1824

I have yours of March 9th from your representation it appears that a post road would be useful on the route you have mentioned, but the pecuniary resources of the Department are such as to forbid recommendation of the establishment of any post road whatever at this period.

J.W. McClean



Post Office Department 23rd March 1824W. Isaac Fish
Provided R. J. Sir.

It is alleged that a special line of express
pass in carriages between Providence and Boston, which carries many
letters to the prejudice of the Post Office Revenue, it is further stated
that this line is in part owned by you and by your associates, my object
in writing, is to apprise you of the charge you of the charge, that you
may make such statement in defence as the facts will justify you
in doing. I wish your early attention to the subject complained of.

Jno W. McClean

W. C. Wilberton
Near Eldridge, Ohio. Sir23rd March 1824

It appears that to Feby. 18th you had
failed three trips at Norton, I shall fine you for the failures, and
I am undecided whether to discontinue the contract or not - it is but
of very little use, and you appear to have but little claim to the
contract if any.

John W. McClean

Phineas Atwater Esq^r
Norfolk N.Y. Sir23rd March 1824

If the citizens of Lewisville wish an office
established in a central situation of the Town, a private post road can
be established to accomodate them a Post Office established but it is not advisable
to establish an office where it is not central in the Town

Jno W. McClean

A. Merhead Esq^r
P.M. Bowling Green Ky. Sir23rd March 1824

I have required the rider or mail carrier
you alluded to, to be dismissed although you omitted his name and
the reasons why, he ought not to be continued

Jno W. McClean

W. G. W. Adams M.C.
Georgetown Ky. Sir23rd March 1824

It is represented to me that the mail carrier,
in your employ February 29th for a part of your route between Bowling
Green & Russellville, ought not to be employed his name is not specified
nor his disqualifications yet I am satisfied he ought not be continued

Jno W. McClean

Post Office Department 23rd March 1824 267W. F. Reside & Moore
Cumberland Md. Sirs

For a failure in the mail at Washington
about the 10th of this month you are fined fifty dollars. The failure as
I am informed was attended with extraordinary circumstances. gentlemen
who were passengers from Wheeling, say, that they safely arrived at Wash-
ington where the Eastern mail had not arrived, Mr. Moore whose unques-
tionable duty it was, to forward the mail and passengers on extra stages,
declined doing so, and made it a matter of favor to send them on with
the mail at noon after detention of about 10 hours had he discharged,
the mail for the eastward would not have been lost nor the reasonable
expectations of the passengers disappointed - to the credit of the company on
this side of Mr. Moore much praise is given, as they were but two hours
out of time at Fredericktown, notwithstanding the extraordinary detention
of Mr. Moore. A similar occurrence cannot pass off without a different
effect.

Jno W. McClean

Thomas W. Newton Esq^r
P.M. Little Rock A. Sir23rd March 1824

I have your letter of Feby. 20th you
have some right in sending the mails upon the post routes connected
with your office which were not supplied with the mail by the regular
contractors. the agents you employ shall receive a just compensation, I wish
you to ascertain the best terms that can be obtained for transporting the
mail between your office and Arkansas, and between your Office and
Crawford C.H. - as well as to Batesville, per annum and the arrangements
that best suit your Office, the mail to Crawford C.H. can go as you have
stated - that mail must visit "Dwight"

I wish you to make me a weekly report as to the mails to be con-
nected with your office, and to mention the persons you employ, and
when they began, and what price they expect for services they have performed

Jno W. McClean

Sam'l H. Smith Esq^r
P.M. Gainesboro. Tenn. Sir23rd March 1824

I have yours of March the 3^d as soon
as circumstances permit I shall send a weekly mail between Sparta
Tenn. and Tompkinsville Ky. but I cannot until the receipt of the Depart-
equal its current expenditures increase the mail expenses upon the route
referred to.

Jno W. McClean

Geo. Williams Esq^r23rd March 1824

P.M. Sumpter N.C. Sir. Who is to supply the Post office, Agua N.C. with the
mail this summer. I wish you to, if no other provision is made.

Jno W. McClean