

generally travel when on their way from Stockbridge to Hudson & what Villages are on the road.

J. M. L

✓ Mr. John Herrick,
Utica, N.Y.

Post Office Dept.

17 Augt. 1825.

I have rec'd. your letter of July. If you show by the certificate of the Post Master at Clinton that you commence the mails transport between Clinton & Manchester on the 30th. of March - your pay could take date on that day. I shall send you a contract for the old route not at one hundred & sixty dollars a year but at the old price of one hundred & twenty five dollars a year -

J. M. L

✓ R. Richards, P. M.
Kingston, Tenn.

17 Aug.

Your letter of August 4th is rec'd. The fine charged to Mr. Crozier for an alleged failure in May last is remitted.

J. M. L

✓ Mr. Eli Myer.
Cresaptown, Md.

17 Aug.

I have yours. You will specify the lowest sum in your proposal, That you will transport the mail once a week between Cumberland & Westernport - and if you are the lowest & best bidder you will get the contract - if your proposal is accompanied by a recommendation as to fitness. Your proposal must reach this Dpt. by or before the 15th of Octo: next.

J. M. L

✓ Mr. Wm Hopkins,
Abingdon, Va.

17 Aug.

I have your letter of the 8th. I regret that you did not see my advertisement for the Post route Salem N.C. Jonesboro: Tenn. See - it was advertised a number of weeks in the National Intelligencer & National Journal - proposals for that route closed on the 1st of the present Month.

J. M. L

✓ Thos. J. Sample, P. M.
Connersville, Ind.

Post Office Dept.

17 August 1825.

I have rec'd. yours of July 25th. The printer made a mistake in the route you refer to - it was advertised once a week. J. M. L

✓ J. S. Palmer, Esq.
P. M. Peterboro, N.Y.

17 Aug.

I have rec'd. your letter of August 4th. I shall send a contract to Mr. Peter Peter - for the purpose of establishing a Post route or mail, between your Office and Vernon N.Y. once a week will be sufficient to answer useful purposes I believe. If the business done on the route requires a second mail, it shall be sent when the fact is demonstrated by experiment.

J. M. L

✓ Honble Lewis Williams

17 Aug.

Panther Creek, N.C.

On examining the several bids made for the transportation of the mail in stages between Salem N.C. and Knoxville Tenn. - I find the proposal of Mr. Thomas Davis of Fayetteville to be the lowest - his terms are ten dollars a mile - the distance estimated one way. I regret that the bids of Mr. Garratt or Mr. Duvall had not been such as to have justified me in their acceptance - as I am satisfied from your representation that they are well qualified for the undertaking - I have specially recommended Mr. Davis to offer either or both of them an interest with him and trust he will do so. Mr. Davis has been employed by this Dpt. as contractor and he satisfactorily performed the duties that he stipulated to perform - and in the present instance he procured a full recommendation from the Post master at Fayetteville.

J. M. L

✓ Mr. Thomas Davis,
Fayetteville, N.C.

17 Aug.

I have concluded to accept your proposal to convey the mail from Salem N.C. to Knoxville Ten. a distance by computation of two hundred & sixty six miles - at ten dollars a mile (your bid) will make the yearly compensation amount to two thousand six hundred & sixty dollars a year. I shall expect you to procure comfortable two horse stages - and begin as you may elect either on the first of October or the first of November now next. The contract to end the 31st

December 1826. Mr. Isaac Jarrett of Huntington and Mr. A. S. Dusall of
Hampton N. C. were both bidders upon this route - and were highly
recommended by the Honble Mr. Williams of Panther Creek. I am
inclined to believe that your interest will be promoted if you associate
either or both of those gentlemen with you in your undertaking. They
are acquainted with the route and well adapted to the business - the bond
and Contract will be soon forwarded - and you will be required to
travel about 40 miles a day.

✓ Oliver Reese, P. M.

Reeseville, N.Y.

J. M. L.

th
17 Aug.

I have yours of the 7th. If Postmasters require
more letters to be placed on Post Bills, than are usual and the act
requires additional duty on the part of the printer he has a claim
to extra pay and from the person who requires the service or extra
duty to be performed.

✓ Honble Samuel McLean

Burlington, P.D.

J. M. L.

th
17 Aug.

I have rec'd. yours of July 30th. I cannot
grant advances of a positive character under any circumstances
whatever as the law forbids it - but I grant conditional acceptance -
that is - I agree to pay if the service is performed according to stipu-
lation - then payment is made - and contractor with their conditional
acceptance - get them discounted in this city - I will if desired make
a conditional acceptance of a quarter in favour of Mr. Dodson.

✓ Mr. Gottlieb Steinman,

Lancaster, Ohio.

J. M. L.

th
17 Aug.

I am informed that you will convey the
mail three a week in stages, on Post route 227 instead of conveying it
on horseback, at the annual compensation of four hundred dollars,
instead of the sum now paid you. I agree to give you four hundred
dollars - the increased pay to begin as soon as you carry the mail
regularly in stages -

J. M. L.

✓ Mr. George Brown
Little Rest R. I.

Post Office Dept.

18th August 1825

Since I received your letter of August 2^d. I have
received letters from the Post Master of Little Rest and Wakefield R. I. and
Mystic & Stonington and they unite in opinion that the change required of you
last winter subjects you to an expense of one hundred and twenty five
dollars a year. I have therefore directed you to be credited with that
additional sum. The increased pay to take date with the day you began
the change.

J. M. L.

✓ J. Findley Agnew Esq.

near Sunbury
Armstrong County Pa

th
18 Aug.

Since I wrote to you in July, the petition referred
to has been found, it was laid away with other papers which had reference to
points, to be established as postroads, but were received too late to be acted
upon by the Committee on Postoffices and Postroads. If it will be an accommoda-
tion to have a private postroute established on the route designated in the
petition, I will grant a private contract and stipulate to pay for the mails
transport such sum or sums of money as shall be collected from offices to be
established on the route, to the contractor. I cannot stipulate to give more
than shall be collected at said offices.

J. M. L.

✓ Thomas Adams P.M.

Edwardsville Ohio

th
18 Aug.

✓

I have received your letter of August 4th. I think
under all the circumstances it is best to consider your office as situated on a
private postroute, and you can then employ a person to convey the mail once
a week between your office and Clarksville and you can stipulate to pay
the carrier the next postage that shall be collected at your office for
his services in conveying the mail. You can with this understanding com-
mence the duties of Postmaster at once, and by showing this letter to the
Postmaster at Lebanon obtain a Mail Portmanteau in which to carry
the mail.

J. M. L.

✓ Mess^r. P. Thomas & S. T. Kennard
Easton Maryland.

Post Office Dept.

18th August, 1825

I have your letter of August 14th it has been the uniform practice of the Dept to permit the legal representatives of a deceased Contractor to convey the Mail for the benefit of the estate of the deceased - And if such representatives do not carry the mail and the Sureties of the deceased do carry it or cause it to be carried the Dept then pay the Sureties for the service. It appears to me to be best for you to administer on the estate for your better security. I however may not be sufficiently informed upon this point and you will be governed by your own judgment in this case. I shall not make any payment for services performed on this route until I receive satisfactory evidence to show to whom payment is due. If you or other persons as the legal representatives of W^m Kemp transfer the contract for the Mails transport to W^m Lamborn and M^{ss} Gaskins they will be accepted as substitutes for the deceased. W^m Kemp was paid to June the 30th last and no more. I cannot with propriety release his Sureties from their liability to carry the contract into full effect.

J. M. L.

18 August.

✓ Mr. John Anderson,
Williamsburg, Ohio,

I have concluded to have the office at Edwardsville supplied by a crop mail. from Clarksville you can omit calling at said office as you have proposed to do in your letter of Aug^t 5th until you receive other directions upon the subject.

J. M. L.

18 Aug.

✓ Mr. Asa Gibbs,
Dublin, N. H.

I have rec^d your letter of Aug^t 12th and on the counterpart of your Contract I have substituted the figure 6th for 9th so that your contract will begin the 6th of February.

J. M. L.

19 Aug.

✓ Mr. Benj^a Hale
Newbury Port, Mass.

Post route 273 was first assigned to you and then relinquished by you, and assigned to the old contractor Ephraim Barliff. No payment has been made for conveying said mail nor has Mr. Barliff returned the bond & contract long since sent for him to execute. Can you inform me who carries the mail

said route and in what way or under what arrangement.

J. M. L.

✓ S. G. Fletcher, P. M.

Bingham, Me.

Post Office Dept.

19 August 1825.

I have yours of August 8th. I do not know that I can much improve the mail accommodation to your office and it is probable the present arrangement will be continued to make proper credits. I wish to know the day and month that the mail first called at your office - the expense of transporting and who is to be credited for the service, whether the Mail Contractors or the actual carrier and if he receives the pay I want his name.

J. M. L.

✓ M. Mayhew, P. M.

Chilmark, Mass.

19 Aug.

I have received your letter of the 9th and its inclosure. The clerk of the Post Master of Albany wrote a reply to your letter - he probably wrote in a hurry and not as explicitly as he should have done - I am confident that he did not mean to give you offence. The bill should have informed him whether the letter referred to had or had not been distributed - but the letter referred to would have been perhaps more clear and have better established the fact.

J. M. L.

✓ John Huey, P. M.

Armagh, P.^o

19 Aug.

I have your letter of August 11th - A letter sent from your office to be forwarded to Europe by a Packet or Vessel from Philadelphia should be charged with the usual postage, but the postage in all such cases must be paid in advance and at the Post Office from whence they start?

J. M. L.

✓ A. R. Chase, P. M.

Bonneau, Ohio.

19 Aug.

I have rec^d your letter of August 6th - No exertion shall be spared on my part to detect the person who took your letter of July 6th - to aid me in the investigation I wish to know whether you have reason to attach suspicion to any Post Master, a postman Post master or mail carrier, if so state the name of the suspected person, his residence and the grounds of suspicion, as you have not had replies from the Post Master of Buffalo or from your correspondent, to your

letter

letter of July 22nd. The presumption is that the robbery took place eastward of Buffalo or between your office and that place.

J. M. L.

✓ Robt. Kinon, Esq.

P. M. Erie, Pa.

Post Office Dept.

19 August 1825.

The Post Master at Conneaut, Ohio states that on the 6th of last month he sent a letter in which twenty-five dollars was enclosed to J. Stocking of Buffalo - he has had no reply to said letter, nor to one of a subsequent date. The presumption is therefore strong that his letter was plundered from the mail - have you any knowledge of any error in the transmission of mails to Buffalo - has any circumstance transpired which gives ^{cause} to suspect any Post Office or person of doing wrong - I wish a prompt reply - If there is a thief on the route he must be found out.

J. M. L.

Julius Guiteau, P. M.

Buffalo, N. Y.

19 Aug.

On the 6th of last month the Post Master at Conneaut states that he forwarded twenty-five dollars in a letter to Mr. J. Stocking of your place - he wrote to you and Mr. Stocking likewise on the 22nd ult: and had not obtained replies on the 6th of this month. Have you any knowledge of said letter - has any mail addressed to your office on that route been plundered of a part of its contents - does ground exist to suspect any person on that route or Post office - if so, state the ground of suspicion and the person or persons suspected - Your early reply is requested.

J. M. L.

✓ Nathl. Kelly, P. M.

Burnt Cabins, Pa.

19 Aug.

I have yours of the 15th of August. You have done right in taking out mails for Shirleyburg and in giving them a suitable direction by the proper route from your office.

J. M. L.

J. M. L.

Mount Vernon, Ohio,

19th August 1825.

I wish you to inform me the day & hour that each mail arrives at and departs from your office, and whether any useful improvement can be made in the Lancaster post route; an early reply is desired.

J. M. L.

✓ Messrs C. & H. Wheelock,
Rutland, Vt.

19 Aug.

I some weeks ago endorsed upon your contract which is now before me. That you were from the 28th of May 1825 to be paid at the annual rate of three hundred dollars for conveying three mails weekly between Rutland & White Hall N. Y. instead of the sum proposed to be paid for said route.

J. M. L.

19 Aug.

✓ Aaron Hill, Esqr

P. M. Boston, Mass.

Are newspapers which are addressed to residents or visitors at Saratoga Springs N. Y. at all times securely wrapped up and forwarded to that place by the most expeditious route from your office or do your assistants neglect an important duty - Complaint of irregularity in the arrival of newspapers at that place is made & apparently well founded - Your special attention is invited to this subject.

J. M. L.

✓ Genl. Theo. Bailey, P. M.

New York City.

19th Aug.

Strong & apparently well founded complaints are made at Saratoga about the extreme irregularity of newspapers sent to that place. I fear that some of the errors are attributable to the Post Office. I trust that all ground of complaint will be promptly removed - Newspapers should be separated with great care & they should be promptly & securely forwarded to their place of destination - Such complaints are very prejudicial to the Dept.

J. M. L.

Genl. Sol. Van Rensselaer, P.M.
Albany, N.Y.

Post Office Dept

19 August 1825.

An article under the editorial head has appeared in the Saratoga Sentinel which represents the most gross negligence on the part of some of the agents of this Dept. in the transmission of newspapers to residents at Saratoga Spa. I fear that your assistants have not at all times exercised their accustomed vigilance in separating & forwarding newspapers to that place - but I am confident that no further ground of complaint will be given - for I have great reliance on your vigilance in the discharge of your official duties. Such complaints are very prejudicial to the Dept.

J. M. L

Miles Beach, P.M.

19 Aug.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

A friend has transmitted to me an article taken out of the Saratoga Sentinel of the 9th inst. - which details an extreme & unprecedented irregularity of the mails at Saratoga, it is a matter of real astonishment to learn through the medium of a newspaper the first notice of any sort of irregularity in the mails in your section of the country the present season - If irregularities in the mail exist it is the imperious duty of Post Masters to promptly apprise the Dept. of them, that prompt & efficient measures may be applied to remedy the evil - Yet no intimation has been made to the Dept. from any quarter in regard to those alleged irregularities on your fidelity to report abuses of the kind noticed by the editor of the Sentinel - I placed full reliance - I have adopted the necessary measures to ensure regularity hereafter and I trust that I shall not again have occasion to call in question your vigilance in the discharge of your official duty -

J. M. L

Mr. Nathaniel Bird,
Westfield, N.Y.

20 Aug.

I have rec'd your letter of July 8th but postmarked at Buffalo on the 11th of August. If Mr. Goodrich has assigned his interest in the mail contract for Post route 94 he has done so without the authority of the Dept. and before such transaction could be valid it must have the sanction of the Dept. Mr. Abel of Fredonia per letter of June 27th informed the Dept. that

he had purchased the 1/6 of the mail contract of Bird & Goodrich, in that letter he requested that the pay should be forwarded to you. I have noted on the contract for Post Route 94 that the quarterly payments are to be forwarded to you until further directions. I do not perceive any necessity for you to wish to abrogate the contract. You and Mr. Abel have the largest interests in it - and I apprehend its continuance - I shall not sanction any transfer that Mr. Goodrich has made or shall make without giving you an opportunity to show cause if you have any why a transfer shall not be made -

J. M. L

C. Price, P.M.

20 Aug.

Lyons, N.Y.

I have yours of the 12th inst. where letters are evidently written with a view of imposition upon the person to whom they were addressed - it is the practice of the Dept. to consent that postage so charged shall be remitted and you can remit the postage in the case you have mentioned.

J. M. L

Mr. Peter Cook,

Thornville, Ohio.

20 Aug.

I have rec'd yours of the 10th inst. before I decide upon the subject you have mentioned, I must know from the Post Master of Mt. Vernon the specific period of the arrival and departure of each mail that visits that place - as soon as I get the necessary information I shall decide to make such arrangements as appear to be useful -

J. M. L

Mrs^r Porter & Allen,
Richmond, Va.

20 Aug.

Your mail due at this City Post office on the 18th at 6 A. M. was not rec'd until 7th A. M and as a cause of delay it is alleged that the Steam Boat waited two and an half hours at the Potowmack on the evening of the 17th inst. for the Southern mail - for the delay you must be fined -

J. M. L

Mr. Caliphæt, Austin,
Austinburg, Ohio

Post Office Dept

20 August 1825.

I have rec'd. your letter of Augt. 8th.

I very much regret that I was reduced to the necessity of changing the contractor on Post route N. 67 but I have rec'd. no evidence since my letter of July 19 was written to you to change my determination in regard to the transportation of the mail on said route, by the person designated by the Post Master of Meadville, Pa.

J. M. L.

Mr. Jas. Caldwell,
Warrenton, Va

20 Aug.

The Post master of Fairfax says your rider is a drunkard and when sober, he is not fit to carry the mail - his name he omitted to mention but he is the same person that he has written to you about - and you will forthwith dismiss him from all connection with the mail. I am informed that you employ carriers by the trip and have not had one engaged for any considerable length of time. This is improper - A steady carrier shd be found who should be sworn and who should continue in the employ -

J. M. L.

H. Carver, P. M.

Fairfax Co., (Va.)

20 Aug.

I have directed Mr. Caldwell to dismiss the person referred to, in your letter of Augt. 18th from all connection with the mail -

J. M. L.

Mr. Levi Street,
Moscow, N.Y.

20 Aug.

The documents enclosed in your letter of August 11th are satisfactory in regard to the complaint from Sheldon. If the Post Master at Hamburg & Campbellburg are satisfied that you should go to Buffalo instead of Campbellburg, I do not perceive any objection to the change and you can until otherwise directed carry the mail in that way provided the Postmasters last referred to are satisfied.

J. M. L.

Jas. P. Preston, P. M.

Richmond, Va

Post Office Dept

20 August 1825.

A check on The United States Bank at Richmond, Va was forwarded July 25th 1825 for \$ 217.50 to Uriel Terrell of Chestnut Hill, Va. - which check he transferred to a Mr. Garland Ball and from whom it is represented to have been stolen, will you call at the Banks & ascertain whether it has been presented for payment - if not, payment should be suspended - the check was signed by Abram Bradley A. P. M. G. If possible the thief should be arrested out - Your reply will oblige -

P. Bradley

George Howard, P. M.

20 Aug.

Mount Upton, N.Y.

If I do not receive a reply to my letter addressed to you under date of Augt. 2nd as to compensation for the extension of the Post route from Mt. Upton, to Bainbridge, I must have a reply as to the days of performing the service before I give a definite reply to the application of Mr. Andrews -

J. M. L.

Lawrence J. Van Rieck, P. M.

20 Aug.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

I have rec'd. your letter of Augt. 16th. The course you pursued in regard to the lock was prudent and judicious one - if it becomes necessary to send an extra mail to the S. Bacot Landing it will be proper for you to pay the carrier for such special duties as you may require of him. I have informed the contractor that if their agents are not hereafter faithful, that the mail must go into other hands - The Captains of the Steam Boats must be faithful and diligent in the discharge of their duties.

J. M. L.

John Reily, P. M.

20 Aug.

Hamilton, Ohio,

I have rec'd. your letter of Augt. 8th. Wish the Post office at Dicks Mills to be supplied by Williams mail carrier on Post route 367. and I am willing to allow fifty cents a week for that object being the sum you agreed to pay - or you can pay that sum and charge it to the Dept. in your acct. current as a contingent expense until other provision is made for its accommodation. I wrote to the Post Master of Cincinnati some days ago in regard to supplying the Post office of

Sharon and Reading with the mail and to him, I must refer Mr. Vianedgo.

J. M. L

Robt L. Livingston, Esq.

Mail Contractor, N.Y. City,

Post Office Dept.

20 August 1825.

I am extremely mortified to learn that your agents commit so many mistakes in the due delivery & due transportation of the mail - in fact they appear to consider it a secondary object altogether - Of the more recent complaints I mention, that the principal part of the Poughkeepsie mails from the southward were carried past Poughkeepsie on last Saturday and brought back the succeeding day - A similar occurrence happened at the same place on the evening of the 15th inst. - how much other offices have suffered in the same time I am not informed - If you do not employ Agents who will discharge their duty and faithfully too you will reduce me to the necessity of confiding the transportation of the mail to other hands -

J. M. L

J. L. Sherwood, P.M.

New Port, N.Y.

20 Aug.

Your letter of August 12th is before me. Congress in 1821 established a Post route to go from "Little Falls by Eaton, Bush, Middleville, Newport, Nahem Daniels & Russias Post Office to Trenton - In 1825 they directed that the mail shall be sent from Nahem Daniels in Russias up West Canada creek road by John Graves to Trenton" - so it appears that all ~~that~~ ~~all~~ that was intended by the last law was to give the mail a particular direction from Russias by Nahem Daniels &c to Trenton - and that object can be effected by giving the present mail ~~mail~~ contractor a direction to that effect - if the route shall be sufficiently productive to justify me in sending two mails a week between Newport and Trenton it shall be done - but at present the profits of the route will not justify an additional expenditure for another mail - If a stage proprietor is willing to convey the mail on the whole or a part of Mr. Carpenters postroute he can have a contract at the ratios paid Carpenter unless Carpenter himself will carry the mail in a stage.

J. M. L

John S. Rhea, A. P.M.
Courtland, Alab.

Post Office Dept

22nd August 1825.

I have rec'd your letter of August 3rd in regard to Nathan Fullers claim for services alleged to be rendered to this Dept. - I have this day written to Mr. Carlton on the subject - and until I get his reply payment must be suspended.

J. M. L

W. P. Hunt, P.M.

St. Louis, Missouri.

22nd August 1825.

I have rec'd yours of July 26th. As the editor of the independent Patriot prefers that mails for Jackson should be sent via Kashashia, I wish you to send mails for Jackson, Cape Girardeau &c that way. I wish you to inform me of the arrangement that governs the contractors on the several Post routes that connect with your office, both as to their arrival, and of their departure, as to days and hours at & from your office. Your early reply is requested -

J. M. L

Mr. Aaron Goodwin,

Mail Contractor,

near Hamilton, Ohio.

22nd August, 1825.

You will from the receipt of this letter observe the schedule annexed until further informed - Leave Hamilton every Friday at noon or as soon as the mail arrives from Cincinnati arrive the next Sunday at Bellefontaine by 8 P.M., leave Bellefontaine every Monday at 4 A.M., arrive at Lebanon on Tuesday by 7 P.M. and at Hamilton Wednesday by noon. I have noted this schedule on your contract.

J. M. L

Mr. Joseph Gordon,

Bellefontaine,
Ohio.

22nd Aug.

I have directed the Hamilton mail to be delivered at Bellefontaine on the evenings of the Sabbath - As soon as that change is made you will be governed by the schedule as follows - Leave Bellefontaine every other Monday at 6 A.M. arrive at Perryburg the next Wednesday by 7 P.M. leave Perryburg every other Thursday at 6 A.M. and return to Bellefontaine on Saturday by 7 P.M.

J. M. L

John Reily, P.M.
Hamilton, Ohio,

Post Office Dept.

22nd August 1825

I have instructed Mr. Goodwin to leave your office on Friday as soon as the Cincinnati Mail has arrived and has been apportioned - say 1 P.M. arrive at Bellefontaine on Sunday by 8 P.M. Leave there at 4 A.M. on Monday, and arrive at Lebanon on Tuesday by 6 P.M. and at your office on Wednesday by noon - Mr. Williams is to leave your office on Wednesdays at 1 P.M. arrive at Brookville the next day and at Richmond on Thursday by 6 P.M. Leave there at 8 P.M. and return to your office on Saturday by noon - The eastern Mails will as now arranged proceed without delay from Lebanon to your office and to offices in Indiana - And the Cincinnati mail will proceed to Bellefontaine & direct - Mr. Goodwin's and Mr. Williams' carriers should take my letters with them as authority for the changes made in their respective routes.

J. M.L

Ira Carlton, P.M.
Courtland, Ala

22nd Aug.

In December 1824 you informed me that in consequence of the death of the mail contractor (Tilford) you had conditionally employed Nathan Gregg to carry the mail contracted for by Fuller - and a short time afterwards Nathan Fuller stated that he was carrying said mail by an assignment of Tilford - in consequence of your representation payment has been made to Gregg - while Fuller claims to have performed the service of Fuller has in fact performed the duties - Gregg must forthwith pay him such sum as he has rec'd. from this Dept. viz sixty five dollars - I wish you to state the facts in this case that justice may be done -

Wm P. Hanna, P.M.
Goleconda, Ill.,

22nd Aug.

I wish you to inform me on what days the mails from Shawneetown and Jackson arrive at and depart from your office and the hours also.

J. M.L

Saml. Smith, P.M.

Kaskaskia, Ill.

Post Office Dept.

22nd Aug. 1825

I wish you to inform me the days and hours that each of the several Mails arrive at and depart from your office with as little delay as possible -

J. M.L

Mr. Peter Williams,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

22nd Aug.

You will from the receipt of this letter convey the mail as follows - Leave Hamilton every Wednesdays at 10 P.M. or as soon as the mail from Lebanon arrives & is apportioned at that office - arrive at Richmond the next day by 6 P.M. - Leave there at 8 P.M. and arrive at Hamilton on Saturday by noon - I have noted this arrangement on your contract -

J. M.L

Mr. David Thomas,
Granville, Ohio.

22nd Aug.

Before I rec'd. your letter of August 9th I had accepted of the proposal of James Gloyd to convey the additional mail between Granville & Urbanna.

J. M.L

John Marshall, P.M.,
Shawneetown, Ill.

22nd Aug.

A paper printed at Jackson Missouri states that their Eastern Mails come to Jackson via Kaskaskia - as the more natural course is by Golconda - I think the editor is mistaken and I trust you send the mail on the more direct route by Golconda -

J. M.L

Mr. Spencer Wright,
Granville, Ohio,

22nd Aug.

I had accepted James Gloyd's proposal to convey the additional mail between Granville & Urbanna before your proposal of August 9th was rec'd. -

J. M.L

Zachariah Poulson, Esq.
Phil. Pa.

Post Office Dept.
22nd Aug 1825

I have rec'd your letter of the 17th inst. with your account duly received against the Dept. and which account for the reasons assigned below I enclose to you - On a more recent examination of receipts than had been made when I wrote to you before, I find that Capt. John Davidson on the 2^d July 1824 received ninety nine dollars on your account - This receipt by accident was not handed over to me until this day although the money was in fact paid on the day above expressed to Capt. Davidson whose receipt is now before me - I exceedingly regret the error that I committed in holding out the hope of payt to you - for the sum that had unknown to me been paid to that gentleman on your account - I enclose as before noted the account that you may destroy it and enclose you a check for \$13.50 due you since the payment made to Capt. Davidson on your account -

P. S. Will you favor me with a receipt for 3 J. M. L.
The \$13.50 as my voucher to the Treasury 3

Leonard T. Phelps
Dwgs N.Y.

23rd Aug

I remark in reply to yr. enquiry whether any complaint has been made against you as Postmaster or whether any application has been made to take the route confided to you or any part of them. I remark in the first place that no complaint whatever has been made against either the Postmaster or any of their Agents, to this Dept. - but the manner in which you have fulfil'd yr. Contr. has been such as to entitle you to the fullest approbation, for you have not only done well what was stipulated, but you have done more, as you have in fact carried the mail oftener & with more expedition than is required by yr. Contr. To the 2^d point, I observe that no application has been made to the Dept. for any part of either route. If application had been made, the applicant would have been distinctly informed that the Dept. had no controul over the Posts while the Comr^s discharged their duty faithfully, nor can any payt be made except to yr. or yr. order. As Mr. Phelps appears to possess no

interest in the line th^e payt will go thro' the hands of the efficient organ of the concern. One remark as to the connection - a scrupulous regard to the mail from Newburg & from N York must be observed in their union or meeting at New Milford & I shall expect that you will guard against any contingency of delay at that point.

M.C.

Ira Gage P.O.
Caddaga N.Y.

23rd Aug. 1825

It is stated that the mail carrier by diverging one mile from his usual route can supply yr. Office with a mail if so I wish you to direct the carrier under the authority of this letter, to visit yr. Office, & assure him he shall be p. for rate for his increased duty. Is yr. Office most nearly connected with Blodget's route N^o. 100, of my late advertisement, if not, what route comes nearest to yr. Office.

J.M.L.

Gholson & Fox

23rd A

Petersburg N.Y.

Yr. mail on the 14th Inst. was delivered at the P.O. at Petersburg in a box - state for which you are fined twenty dollars.

M.C.

E. Porter
Richmond N.Y. Same as above.

W. H. Coffin P.M.
Hudson N.Y.

23rd Aug

I have rec'd of the 16th I apprehend that yr. post going a mail from New York on the 10th was owing to an error committed at that office.

M.C.

Eli Faibell
Smithville Flats N.Y.

23rd Aug.

You can carry the mail as set forth in yr. letter of Aug 8. 1825.

M.C.

Mr. John Kemp
Chesertown M.

Post Office Dept.
23rd Aug 1825

M. Kemp one of the trustees of his late husband estate, that it will be impracticable for him to continue his suretyship, or convey the mail, as he considered it was so informed by the P.M. at Easton before he signed the bond, that he would not be liable after the Cont. deceas, should that event take place before the Cont. terminated. I understand that an adm't has been app't upon yr' husband's estate, he can of course continue the mail for the benefit of the estate, & I hope that he will do so, if not I wish to have immediate notice that I may provide for the mail's transport on favorable terms. The Cont. estate is bound to convey the mail, if it is sufficient, which I am led to believe is not the case. I wish an immediate reply from you, or the Adm't.

M.L

J.P. Smith P.M.
Easton N.Y.

23rd Aug

I wish you to ascertain & inform me the lowest terms for which the mail can be carried on the route Cont'd for by John Kemp, the Cont. to begin on the 1st of Oct. not later than this time the Adm't. of Kemp's estate is to carry it, & who will receive such balance as may be due from this Dpt. at this period.

M.L

Jel. Horton
Goshen N.Y.

23rd Aug

It is represented by the P.M. at Hope N.Y. that yr' stage driver Owen Main, is intemperate & dissobliging, & the representation is such as to show that he ought not to be continued, if the fact is clear that he is intemperate.

M.L

Horatio Reed
Mt. Morris N.Y.

23rd Aug

I wish you to call at Moscow, both in going & returning from Genesee for doing so you shall be p^d at the rate of \$10. a year.

M.L

Jel. Dewitt P.M.
Hope N.Y.

Post Office Dept.
23rd Aug 1825.

I have rec'd. of the 16th. If the fact is clear that the Stage Driver Owen Main, is intemperate, he ought to be dismissed & must be. I have addressed the Cont. on the subject.

M.L

Edw^d. Clark
Albany N.Y.

23rd Aug

I have rec'd. of the 15th. as the error committed by yr' Driver was thro' ignorance, I shall remit the penalty, if you in good faith here after carry the mail.

M.L

J.T. G. Williamson P.M.
Wilmington D.

23rd Aug

3 same as to P.M. Easton, opposite page.

J.F. Tracy P.M.
Moscow N.Y.

23rd Aug

I have of. the 13th. I have instructed Mr. Reed to visit yr' office with the mail regularly in going & returning from Genesee, & I have instructed Dr. Street to visit Pavilion, & have authorized him to omit Middlebury, which is otherwise supplied with the mail.

M.L

Levi Street
Moscow N.Y.

23rd Aug

I wish you to seize the Post Office established at Pavilion, and to enable you to do so advantageously, you can omit to call at Middlebury, as the Office is otherwise accommodated with the mail.

M.L

B