

Post Office Dept
22 Novr 1825

Mr Wm H Beard
Somerset Ohio Sir

I wish you to observe the annexed schedule until further advised viz Leave Lancaster every monday wednesday & friday by 4 P.M. arrive at Cincinnati the next wednesday & Friday and mon day by 7 P.M. Leave Cincinnati every sunday tuesday & thursday at 3 A.M. and arrive at Lancaster the next tuesday thursday & saturday by 8 A.M. By this arrangement you will connect directly with the old mail line both ways instead of one way and the Chillicothe mail will connect with the new line both ways

J McLean

Nov. 23^d

Benj'n. Smost Esq. P.M.
Mobile Ala. Sir

In regard to the subject of your letter of the 25th Ultmo it is expected that you will make the best arrangements with the Masters of Steam Boats that are practicable and more cannot be expected

J McLean

Nov 23^d

J Brannon Esq. P.M.
Spartansburg S.C. Sir

Your northern mail, if sent to Yorkville is distributed at Salem, and if sent to Columbia at Fayetteville N.B. The request is repeated that you forward to order or deliver on application a small mail bags to the P. master at the "bow pens" which from the tenor of your letter of the 4th Ultmo you do not seem inclined to do

J McLean

Nov 23^d

J Frazer Esq. P.M.
Augusta Ga Sir

Thompson having sold the upper section of his line to Kirkpatrick including his right of transporting the mail, has neither the right nor the power to transfer it to another person. He has no right to control it in any way, & should he give an order to that effect as from your letter of the 15th Inst. you seem to apprehend, you will of course disregard it

J McLean

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L Hickerson Esq. P.M.
Rockford N.B. Sir

As suggested in your letter of the 12th Inst. Hullcamp is preferable for the n. termination of the route to which you refer, & your offer for that service is accepted

J McLean

Nov 24th

J Willys Esq. P.M.
Henderson Ky. Sir

In cases of inconvenience such as is described in your letter of the 7th Inst. the practice is to apply first to the contractor requiring him to fix an hour for his arrival & if he refuses, to appeal to the department. You are advised to adopt this course in respect to Mr. Collins who when an hour is fixed either by himself or the Dept. will be bound to conform to it. The contracts only stipulate the times of arrival and departure at the two extremities of the routes to which they refer

J McLean

Nov. 24th

W B Culver Esq. P.M.
Centerville Ky. Sir

The only way to ensure the continuance of your office and a supply of it with mails, will be for you to have the mail conveyed to it from the nearest regular post office, and pay for transportation out of the receipts for postage that may accrue at it

J McLean

Nov. 24th

B Smost Esq. P.M.
Mobile Ala. Sir

It is desirable if it be practicable to establish a mail communication by water between Mobile and New Orleans & you are requested to ascertain whether for the legal allowance of three cents a letter or on other reasonable terms a contract cannot be formed with some of the Masters of steam boats or other vessels regularly plying on lake Borgne & the bay of Mobile between those important points for the performance of that service. You will be pleased to attend to this business promptly & to report your proceedings without delay. Your success will be satisfactory to the Dpt. & highly beneficial to the public

J McLean

Post Office Dept.

24th Nov. 1825

J G Croghan Esq P.M.

New Orleans La. Sir

The existing irregularity in the intercourse between your office & that of Mobile referred to in our late correspondence tends to encroach upon the interest of the design which has been some time in contemplation of establishing a communication by water between those important points. It is conceivable that for the legal allowance of 3 cents a letter or on other reasonable terms steam boats or other vessels, plying regularly on lake Borgne & the bay of Mobile, would afford if required a ready and punctual mode of transportation, which would facilitate your intercourse with all Alabama except perhaps the N. Western district around & contiguous to the Big Spring & with all the Atlantic states and cities east of you. You are requested to apply yourself with your accustomed promptness & vigour to the formation of a contract for this purpose and on this basis, & to report your proceedings to this Dept.

J. W. Williams Esq P.M.

Clarksburg Va. Sir

The question of right to a letter committed to the mail between the writer and the person addressee as is the case related in your letter post marked 4th Nov. must be determined by reference to the particular facts of the case. If A make a remittance to B through the mail, until or unless the money is received it is no payment, & A would consequently have a right to reclaim the letter & money at any time previous to its delivery. But if the remittance is made by the authority or order of B, its delivery into the post office is payment to B, and of course B and not A has a right to the letter & money in all the subsequent stages of their mail transportation. The P. office being adopted as the medium of communication between the parties becomes the agent of the person at whose risk the remittance is made, and of course gives him a right to control it. In respect to Van Bibber & Nimro you will have to ascertain at whose risk the money was remitted, and determine accordingly how to dispose of the letter containing it and the money itself. It may perhaps be necessary for you to see the letter & if so you must inform the parties, who will either terminate the controversy thus or permit you to open the letter that you may apply the principle above indicated and decide it for them.

J McLean

J McLean
Nov 24th

Post Office Dept.

24th Nov. 1825

L Turner Esq P.M.

Bontrouille Ga. Sir

It would not be proper to give you authority to close your office on Sunday. Publick duties are excepted from the operation of sacred ceremonial and pious observances. If however no inconvenience would arise, the citizens interested in the operation of your office would not object to its closure, and in that case no notice of the fact would come up to the Dept. But if any objection should be made you would be held accountable for neglect of duty and would be compelled instantly to open your office on the sabbath

J McLean

H B. Mumford P.S.

Newport R. I.

25th Nov.

J McLean

Letters transported in the mail of the U. S. are all subject to the rates of postage prescribed in the 13th Sec. of the P. O. Law, whether the post route on which they are conveyed, be a water course or a land route. And the mail of the U. S. includes all letters conveyed either in the stage, or a vessel, or on horseback, of course the letters conveyed in the packets, under the contracts which you have been instrumental in forming that fly on the water post route between N. York & Newport, are chargeable with the same postage that would be required for them if they were transported the same distance by land.

M.B

J Chamberlain P.S.

Pontiac Mich. Ter.

25th Nov.

It is represented that your mail is transported with culpable carelessness & dangerous & inconvenient irregularity - sometimes in an ox cart, sometimes in a horse cart, & always with great delay & uncertainty. A fine is reported just previous to the 28th Oct. of a fine of \$100 is entered against you.

M.L

Post Office Dept.
25 Nov. 1825

J. J. Whiteside
Clinton Ga.

The fines ref. to in yr. letter of the 14th. are remitted. No notice has yet been rec'd. from Mr. Buchanan of the transfer of his Cont. to you.

M.L.

J. J. M. Johnston
25th Nov.

Montgomery A.

On the P. Post. yr. mail from Montgomery failed at Mobile & a fine of \$30 is entered against you.

M.L.

J. G. Lyon P.M.
26th Nov.

S. Stephens A.

As it is contemplated to establish as quickly as practicable a main communication from N. Orleans to Mobile by water, in which event the Goodville route will lose its importance & probably be disused; it is not expedient that any alteration should now be made in the arrangements of the routes concentrating at yr. office, that would have the effect of disturbing the existing connections. You may therefore suspend, until further directions, any measure in relation to this subject. The present arrangement, if faithfully executed, will give a mail to N. Orleans & Mobile reciprocally every week. By water a more frequent as well as a more rapid intercourse will be effected.

M.L.

H. C. Pickett P.M.
26 Nov.

Crawford Ch. Ar. Ter.

Mr. Wetzel rec'd. pay from the 3rd March to the 3rd June 1824, on the route ref. to in yr. letter of the 10th Oct. This is all the pay he has rec'd. on that route.

M.L.

Post Office Dept.
25 Nov. 1825

W. Sampson P.M.
Clouterville La.

I have rec'd. yr. letter of the 26 Oct. relative to the new bond, which it is necessary for you to send on with as little delay as possible. With a view of enabling you to do so, I send with this letter a blank bond for you to file up & sign. Blank are likewise forwarded for the use of yr. office. As to yr. acct. for the last quarter, it must be sent in without delay. I pray you Sir not to neglect or postpone this matter, & I hope yr. health is re-established.

M.L.

J. D. Monroe P.M.
28 Nov.

Wash. City

The accompanying itinerary division of the P.O. in Alab. will enable you to regulate with perfect precision the distribution & despatch of mails destined for that state.

M.L.

W. D. Gray P.M.
Fredericksburg Va.

Agreeably to an intention heretofore expressed to you, I have had an itinerary division of the P.O. in Alabama prepared. A copy of it is herewith forwarded for yr. office, & will be found useful in regulating yr. despatch of mails to the Southern & Northern divisions of that state - the former proceeding by Milliganville Ga. & the latter on the route by Abingdon Va. The entire Al. mail is to go by the Abingdon route.

M.L.

D. W. Haley
Natchez Miss.
28 Nov.

On the 29th ult. yr. mail failed at N. Orleans & a fine of \$50 is entered against you.

M.L.

J. Rains P.M.
Newbern N.Y.

Post Office Dept
28 Nov. 1825

On the 17th Inst. the mail from yr. office arrived at Giles Ch. without a lock. It is presumed this defect had its cause previous to the arrival of the mail at Giles Ch., & it is supposed, as there is no intermediate P.O. that you can acc't for it. It is also affirmed by the P.M. at Giles Ch. that he forced a letter to Wythe Ch. on the 10th Inst. & that it was rec'd. to his office

M.M.Z

A. Saunders.

28th Nov.

Giles Ch. N.Y.

Yr. mail is represented to be without a bearskin or oil cloth cover to protect it from the weather, & it is thought proper to advise you that for every case of a wet mail, in consequence of the want of cover, a fine of \$20 will be imposed on you.

M.M.Z

Wm Bayard

28th Nov.

Part of the Chamber of Commerce N.Y.C.

The Post at N.Y.C. having transmitted to this Dept. a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of this City, which appears to have been adopted on the 8th Sept. last, I have complied with the suggestion it contains, & have this day directed that a box be located in the upper part of the City, as appertaining to the P.O. for the reception of letters for the U.S. Mail, & that the distribution & delivery of letters be continued at the P.O. as at present.

M.M.Z

J.A. Stewart P.M.
Giles Ch. N.Y.

28th Nov.

The Cont'd. of the P.M. at Newbern are both written to on the subject of yr. letter of the 17th Inst.

M.M.Z

N. Bailey P.M.
N.Y.C.

Post Office Dept
28th Nov. 1825

It is considered expedient, after a mature examination of the subject ref'd. to in yr. letter of the 11th Inst. to direct you to have a suitable box for the reception of letters destined for consignments in the U.S. mail fixed at a place in the upper part of the City to be designated by the Chamber of Commerce, & at any other place in any quarter of the City which shall appear likely to promote public convenience. This box is of course to be locked & the key is to be kept by the letter carrier, who is to be compelled to call forth letters & to deliver them in yr. office, always in time for transmission by the succeeding mail. In a matter of so much importance as the rapid & diffusive circulation of commercial intelligence in the great Emporium of the nation, the wishes & convenience of the letter carriers must not be weighed against the general good. And it is therefore expected that if any of the carriers connected with yr. office, shall fail in duty or sedition in relation to the accommodation of the public, that you will immediately discharge him from services. You will confer with the Pres't. or other proper Officer of the Chamber of Commerce on the subject of this letter, & lose no time in carrying it order into execution.

M.M.Z

J. Henckle P.M.
New Market, Shenandoah C' N.Y.

28th Nov.

The papers ref'd. to in yr. letter of the 10th Inst. are to be charged with the legal postage. Viz. the one sent here must be charged as a pamphlet, & then described as being placed between pamphlets, as letters. If they are not taken out, they must be treated as other dead pamphlets or letters.

M.M.Z

Post Office Dept.

28th Nov. 1825.

J. W. Bayard, Post of the C. of Commerce
N. York.

I have ref^d. the subject of y^r letter of the 9th Inst.
for decision to the P.M. at N. York. This course is conformable
to custom, & appears to be agreeable to reason. His local
situation, & his intimate acquaintance with the community &
frequent, & with the business & interest, concentrating at his
office, qualify him in a peculiar manner for ascertaining
the state of public sentiment in regard to the Site of the
P.O. & enable him to determine with superior accuracy
to what I could hope to arrive at, the position which
will be productive of the greatest degree of satisfaction
& utility.

JML

J. Dunn P.M.

29th Nov.

Laurenceburg Jr.

Arrangements having been recently made for es-
tablishing two add^d. mails between Cincinnati & Geo. Town, & add^d. delivery
being given to the preexisting one on that route, a rapid, spacious &
regular Comm^r is opened between the office at Cincinnati &
its numerous dependencies with the great route from Wheeling
to Louisville, & instead of 3 weekly mails convey the correspondence
between Cincinnati & Louisville. Its bulk on each trip will of
course be diminished, & the inconvenience of which y^r letter of the
10th Inst complains, will be removed. In addition however, the P.M. at
Cincinnati is directed to put the mails for Louisville in separate linen
bags, seal'd & deposited in the ordinary mail bag, & not to be found
at any intermediate office.

JML

J. M. Cadwallader
New York.

29th Nov.

The conduct of the A.P.M. at LeRayville, as represented in the
y^r letter of the 26th Inst. is improper & unauthorized; & instructions corrective
of it are this day addressed to him. The return of the postage is of
course approved.

JML

Post Office Dept.

29 Nov. 1825.

J. A. LeRay P.M.
LeRayville N.Y.

A letter of the 26th Inst. has been just rec'd. from a Mr.
M. Cadwallader of N. York, who represents himself to be th^e Ed^r of a Jour-
nal in that City, & attaches to his letter a Certified Copy of a most con-
trary Com^r from P.M. Stewart y^r Aps^t. From this it appears,
that a copy of Mr. G.'s paper, having been sent to yo^r office by some other
person, to be forw^d. to a Mr. Jason Clark, designated in the description
as P.M. was taken out by y^r Aps^t. & torn in two parts; that one part
was forw^d. to a Mr. G. C. Morgan, & the other under a heavy charge of
postage sent to the Editor with a very uncivil & unmerciful letter,
which besides other improprieties seems to have contained this unfor-
tunate - that this conduct was enjoined by the Genl. P.O. The paper
is called by the Aps^t. Mr. Stewart, a lottery paper, & the probability is
that it contained a large portion of lottery advertisements. When
lottery tickets are sent to a P.M., in order to evade the postage, it is
proper to return them to the person by whom they are sent, but in
this case it appears the paper was a regular N. paper, & it was not
sent to yo^r office by the Editor, to whom it was ad^d. Mr. Aps^t. probably
acted with good intentions, but if the case is fairly represented he erred
in judgment. As you are responsible to the Dept^r for his conduct as a
public officer, it is expected that you will guard against the recurrence
of the irregularity herein related to you, & make such explanations
of the affair, as truth & justice may require.

JML

J. Bailey P.M.

29 Nov.

New York.

It is expected & absolutely required that no A.P.M. shall em-
ploy more clerks than are really necessary to transact the business of his
Office. Relying on y^r faithful observance of this rule of public justice,
I feel no difficulty in consenting that the salary of Mr. Mower
should be increased to \$1100 from the beginning of the current
year, as proposed in y^r letter of the 19th Inst.

JML

J. Franklin P.M.
Lexington K.

Post Office Dept.
29 Nov. 1825

As rewards for the arrest of Culprits are never paid except upon Conviction, the question respecting the one claimed in the case of Stewart, cannot yet be decided on. And as it is believed to be the invariable practice to pay up to the person thru whom Agency the original arrest is made, the probability is that in the Case alluded to in yr. letter of the 10th. Inst. Mr. claim, however disinterested & liberal yr. intention may be in preferring it, will be intercepted by a previous one. It was the duty of the Marshall of the U.S. for the Dist. of A. to advertise a reward for a P. arrest of Stewart, upon his escape, the presumption is that such a reward was offered & will be paid by the Treasury. For this yr. claim would probably be unceas-

M.L

J. T. Gray P.M.
Louisville K.

29 Nov.

In forwarding yr. mails hereafter to Cincinnati it will be well to place all letters destined for delivery or distribution at that town, in a separate sealed linen bag, which is to be deposited in the ordinary mail bag or Postmanteau & not to be opened until its arrival at Cincinnati. Similar directions are given to that office

M.L

W. Burke P.M.

29 Nov.

Cincinnati O.

In forwarding mails from yr. Office to Louisville on the route by Lawrenceburg & Vevay, as well as on the other routes, it will be well in future to place all the letters destined for Louisville & beyond it, in a sealed linen bag, which should be put in the mail bag, & not be opened between these two important offices.

M.L

A. Crane P.M.
Tallahassee Fl

Post Office Dept.
29 Nov. 1825

The rule of the Dept. in relation to the payt. of mail
com't. is to pay in drafts on the P.M. on their respective Routes, when
that cannot be done, to check in their favor on Banks in the principal
towns, of their Routes. Such is the fiscal importance of this rule that
it is rarely departed from. In the case of Mr. McComb however,
if the peculiar circumstances of hardship which have made him
a cont. & the fact of yr. having drawn in his favor, render it probable
that payt. for his post Dr. will be made here, it is very certain that
in all future payments to him, the regular course above ref'd. will
be observed, therefore it will not be prudent for his Drafts to be
repeated. Yr. letter of the 18th. ulto. containing sundry enclosures has
been rec'd. Its explanations are satisfactory & the record. of Mr.
Drane will be attended to. It is supposed that you will soon be able
to determine finally the question whether Pinbarton or Early Ch.
is the more eligible point for a permanent connection of the Tallah.
with the Montgomery mail route, & it is expected that if superior fa-
cilities are presented by the latter, that it will become the interest
& be made the duty of the Com't. to adopt it, but not without
the Com't. of McComb, like all the Southern Com'ts must terminate
on the 31st Dec'r 1826 & so it is altered. 2 locks & blanks are sent you

M.L

Wm. Faircliff
Percivallo Va.

29 Nov.

Yr. post horses are represented as being too poor to enable you to transport the mail with proper expedition & regularity. It is hoped you will procure better Cavalry, & not only perform yr. cont. but produce a confidence in the public, that yr. means are suitable to the accomplishment of that important end. If yr. Steeds have any skin on their backs, & more than a few patches on their sides, they are sadly staledred.

M.L

Post Office Dept.
29th Nov. 1825

J. N. L. Leunelle P.M.
George Town H.

The Post at Orangeburg M. in the case alluded to in yr. letter of the 15th Inst. probably committed an error in the direction or transcription of the letter to which you refer. An accident of this sort can hardly be made a fair subject for censure, or a rational one for Correction. For the Correspondence of Ky. with N. & S. C., the route by this City, tho' not the most direct, is considered in many instances the most expeditious one.

The New mail must be detained at yr. Office on Saturday until the arrival of the mail from Cynthiana.

M.L.

H. Ogle
Neway Jr.

Yr. mail carrier must be instructed to wait at Geo. Town every Saturday until the Cynthiana mail arrives. which is usually about 9 A.M. The P.M. at Geo. Town is directed to detain him, & you are requested to give him orders to the same effect.

M.L.

J. W. Baer P.M.
Charleston S.C.

29th Nov.

A complaint has been rec'd. from Columbia, which alleges that you close the mail for that place at 5 P.M. altho' the Columbia mail arrives at yr. Office 2 hours later - by which means it is affirmed letters to Charlesto. are not answered by return of mail - as they should undoubtedly be.

M.L.

J. S. Sibley P.M.
Savannah Ga.

29th Nov.

From the information contained in yr. letter of the 18th Inst. no hesitation is felt as to the expediency of maintaining the arrangement of mails at present existing between the Offices at Charleston & Savannah, which justice to Mr. Hard seems likewise to recommend.

M.L.

Post Office Dept.

30th Nov. 1825.

J. Randolph
Charleston S.C.

As you & I necessarily contemplate the subject of yr. letter of the 14th Inst. from my different point of view, it is hard to be surprised that our impressions respecting it should coincide. It has appeared to me always that Mr. Bacot's report respecting the operations under Mr. Randolph cont. proceed entirely from an honorable & discreet sense of duty, & if the imputed association in a rival interest were now to be established as an undeniable fact, I should be inclined to believe that it had produced the very opposite effect, to th. one you seem inclined to ascribe to it, that it had quickened the delancy of Mr. Bacot in regard to Mr. Hard, & had communicated even to his most unfavorable report, a tone of forbearance & lenity, for which they are all actually remarkable. I am convinced that a perfect acquaintance with Mr. Bacot's official conduct, would increase yr. respect for his personal character, & satisfy you yet more fully, that the high estimation in which he is held, is not more than he fairly deserves. At the same time from the tenor of yr. letter I have no doubt that yr. sensibility, in relation to the subject of some of his reports, results from feeling, entirely disposed to do him justice, & in every respect the reverse of malice or ill-will.

M.L.

J. W. Murphy P.M.
Mayoville H.

30th Nov.

Mails of the 11th & 12th Inst. destined from Louisville to Phil. are reported under date of the 28th Inst. to be missing at the latter place, while those of the 13th & 14th have come to hand. It is add'd that in the missing mails was a letter containing a large remittance in notes, & it is also affirmed that about 2 weeks previous to th. 28th Inst. - mails from the same place were missing, but had arrived safely after the lapse of a week.

M.L.

R. McElveen P.M.
Wheeling Va. Same as the above.

Post Office Dept.
J. A. P. Maury, Esq. Nashville, Tenn.

30. Nov. 1825.

It appears from yr. paper of the 12th. last, that you have reason to complain of irregularity & delay in yr. interchange of st. papers with certain Editors in Ga. As it is impracticable to correct errors, by the intervention of Agents, in a branch of service, so exten^ssive & diversified as that which is conducted by this Dept., without being in possession of every pertinent fact, it is to be regretted that you did not in yr. publication mention the names of the Editors & designate the titles of the papers to which you refer & the places of their publication. This you are now requested to do, in reply to this letter, when you ^{may} feel assured that every means of giving proper certainty & despatch to the correspondence between Nashville & Ga. at the disposal of this Dept. shall be employed. At the same time it is to be borne in mind that the mail intercourses between different points in the Union is not frequent & rapid in inverse proportion to their distances, as from yr. paragraph yr. Readers might perhaps be led to infer. There are certain commanding interests that require of this Dept. the conquest of time & space. On the great Atlantic lines from Boston to Washington - from N York to Charleston this conquest is to some extent achieved. But in various other directions, distances that separate adjacent districts, or coterminous states are not reduced to any greater practicability than a weekly horn mail can establish. The intercourse between the various quarters of the Union is therefore regulated not by their proximity, but by the state of their respective demands for intercourse. And it therefore follows that yr. mails from Ga. may be slow, without being irregular. Yr. intercourse with Phil. is no doubt more expeditious & frequent, than with Athens in Ga. & yet the distance is much greater to the former place, & it is presumed in this case you would not desire the connectⁿ. to be in inverse proportion to the distance. The means that sustain this important connection which is so advantageous to the Western country, would soon be withdrawn from its present useful employment, if the Dept. were to determine on establishing daily or semi-weekly mails in a direct line, by all the divisions of the Union that are related to each other like Ga. & Tenn. The people of T. it is therefore probable, will be satisfied with a rare & tardy intercourse with Ga., as long as

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proper celerity & repetition are maintained in more useful directions. At present the route of Mr. Danby from Nashville to Athens in Ga. is almost a mathematical straight line, & affords a direct communication into the heart of Ga., once a fort-night. The routes by Ashville & Atlanta are more frequent & the less direct are equally expeditious. From the state of the country intervening, & the comparative absence of wealth, population & trade in that quarter, it necessarily happens that in the mail intercourse between Nashville & Athens, as you diminish the distance you do not increase the expedition. I cannot therefore promise you all the celerity that may be desirable or possible, in the correspondence on this line, but I can promise to ensure to yr. Com^r all the expedition, which the state of transportation on the routes you may have occasion to direct it upon, is calculated to supply. For this purpose you are again requested to furnish the circumstantial information, above indicated.

J.M.Y.

Chas. G. Mahoney P.M.
Brownsville N.C.

30. Nov. 1825.

The P.M. at Mt. Gilad N.C. under date of the 25th last, has forwarded the enclosed post bill from yr. office, to this Dept., in a letter which states that it was picked up in the road some weeks ago by his abt. not far from his office, & in company with several Gentlemen who saw it picked up. You are requested to give all the information you can supply respecting it, & if possible to acc^t. for the manner in which the mail connected with it has been disposed of. To what office was the letter noted on it, directed?

M.M.Y.

W. Hamlet

30. Nov.

Gee's Store, Halifax Co. N.C.

The proposals for the routes ref^d. to in yr. letter of the 21st. were too high & were all rejected. No contract has been in consequence formed on the routes.

M.M.Y.

Post Office Dept

30th Nov. 1825J. T. Gray P.M.
Louisville Ky.

The P.M. at Phil-a- under date of the 28th Nov. report that 2 mails from yr. offce. of the 11th & 12th. Inst. are missing, & that one of them contains a large remittance in notes. He adds that the mail of the 13th 14th had come to hand, & that about 3 weeks previous to the date of his letter, mails from yr. office were missing, but came to hand after the lapse of a week. Thus, if it enhances the probability of the ultimate safety of the money & the mails, augment the evidence of incorrigible neglect & obstinate irregularity on that important route. You will please exert yourself to ascertain the case of this derangement, & to effect for the future a more regular & certain transportation of the mails, & of course you will endeavor to have the lost money & mails recovered.

M.L.

W. R. Minor P.M.
Windsor N.J.30th Nov.

On the 23rd Sept. last, I forwd^d a proposal from Mr. Knapp & urged you to effectuate my instatations of the 21st Aug., by contracting with the lowest bidder for the route forfeited by Mr. Patillo; & at the same time the hope was entertained that the break would soon be completed. Surprise has since been felt at yr. long silence & inactivity. My letter of the 23rd Inst. being rec'd a Cont. for Mr. Chapman is herewith forwd^d to you & you are requested to considerate the transaction without delay. The proposals rec'd for the new route, from Windsor to Mifflinton were considered exorbitant & therefore no cont. has yet been formed. A weekly mail however is already in operation on it, & if further accord. is desirable it is presumed the delegation from N.Y. will communicate on the subject. Should a new cont. be formed the times of arrival & departure will be adjusted, so as to form the most advantageous connections.

M.L.

Post Office Dept

30th Nov. 1825R. Bach P.M.
Phil-a. P.

Proper measures are at once adopted for the recovery of the loss, & the correction of the irregularity reported in yr. letter of the 28th Inst. You will please communicate the earliest intelligence you may gain of the money or the mails

M.L.

G. Stovall
Columbia M.L.

30 Nov.

Up^p mail which arrived at Winchester M.L. on the 2^d Inst. was without th. protection of oil cloth or bear skin. Negligence of this kind has been before reported of you, & in all cases of wet mails in consequence of it, the penalty of \$20 will be exacted.

M.L.

J. Bowles P.M.
Hampshire M.L.30th Nov.

On the 16th Inst. the P.M. at Wilkesboro was directed to provide for a mail over a week between his office & Jonesville via Bremen & on the 23rd Inst. a proposal for a weekly mail from Rockford to Scull camp was accepted, which had been transmitted to the Dept. by the P.M. at Rockford in conformity with previous instructions, & is designed to connect with a mail lately established from Huntsville to Rockford. When these arrangements go into regular operation, they will answer the object of yr. letter of the 15th & if delay unnecessarily occurs in the downward progress of the mail at Huntsville the times of arrival & departure will be so regulated as to obviate it as far as practicable.

M.L.

P. Saunders P.M.
Leesburg N.C.30th Nov.

By referring to th. 3^d article of the 15th instruction, annexed to the P.O. Law, all doubt is removed as to the question proposed in yr. letter of the 28th Inst. The letters & pamphlets you mention are to be rec'd by Mr. Mercer free of postage.

M.L.

Post Office Dept.

1st Decr. 1825.

J. D. B. McComb

Tallahassee Fla.

A more frequent intercourse being desirable between Tallahassee & the Hartford & Montgomery line, it is now determined to authorize another mail on y^r. route, so as to render it a weekly transportation. If therefore you will make a bid for that add^d. service on reasonable terms it will be accepted. It may be proper to observe to you that the pay on mail routes is not usually increased at the same rate that the number of trips are increased, or that it would be wrong to infer that by doubling y^r. trips you would exactly double y^r. compensation

M.Y.

W. Wadell Jr.

1st Decr.

Hixtowill N.Y.

On the 30th May last a P.O. was established at Martin's Store Montgomery Co. N.Y. & you were instructed to embrace it in y^r. route & to supply it regularly with mails. The P.M. under date of the 10th ult^r. report that he had not rec'd more than 2 or 3 mails regularly, & that consequently his office was of little benefit. He adds that his representations to you had been unnoticed. A fine of \$20 is entered against you - which will be repeated for all similar failures.

M.Y.

H. Harris P.M.

1st Decr.

Martin's Store Montgomery Co. N.Y.

The Court is fined in consequence of the failures reported in y^r. letter of the 10th ult^r. & is instructed to supply y^r. office regularly with mails. You will continue to repeat his irregularities.

M.Y.

H. Hoff P.M.

1st Decr.

Hofferville N.Y.

In reply to y^r. letter of the 19th ult^r. it is sufficient to say that the P.O. at Billsboro^r has been re-established

M.Y.

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Post Office Dept.

1st Decr. 1825.

B. H. Bargin
Morgantown N.Y.

The route ref^r to in y^r. letter of the 19th Nov. having already provided with a Cont. which will not expire until the 31st Dec. 1826

M.Y.

A. Dury P.M.

2nd Decr.

Abingdon Va.

The Eastern mail due at N. Orleans on the 30th Oct. suffered considerable detention somewhere on its route, & from the endorsement which it rec'd at Huntsville, it must have happened East of that place. You are requested to recur with critical attention to the subject, & to report the result of y^r. investigation to this Dept.

M.Y.

Wm. Burke P.M.

2nd Decr.

Cincinnati O.

If you are satisfied that perfect safety & convenience will be the consequence of letting Mr. Gaines have the mail th^e overnight, as suggested in y^r. letter of the 21st ult^r. You are at liberty in the exercise of a sound discretion to do so. Great reluctance is felt by the Dept. to permit in any case the mail to be kept overnight by Cont^r, or in custody of any one but a P.M. as in some instances losses have been occasioned by it. It would be well therefore to direct, in case the mail crosses th^e Ferry overnight, to have it placed in the P.O. at Cobington from which it could be procured by Mr. Gaines at any hour he might choose to proceed.

M.Y.

Duff Green

2nd Decr.

St. Louis Mo.

Y^r. mail is reported to have rec'd. to St. Louis from St. Charles on the 1st ult^r without having call^r at St. Louis, in consequence of y^r. own personal direction. A fine of 20 dollars is entered against you.

M.Y.

W. P. Hunt P.M.

2nd Decr.

St. Louis Mo.

Six locks were sent long ago to y^r. office.

M.Y.