

Post Office Dept.  
21 Dec. 1826

✓ W. Sherwood P.M.  
Mile River Ct.

I have yr<sup>r</sup> of Dec. 16<sup>r</sup>. The mail must be regularly delivered as yr<sup>r</sup>. I have written to the Com<sup>t</sup> on the subject.

M.Y.

✓ Rich<sup>r</sup>. Burgess  
Geo Town Ct.

21 Dec.

I have yr<sup>r</sup> of the 16<sup>r</sup>. The extra mail was carried safe & dry last winter between this city & Annapolis, & the carrier appears to me shall be carried in like manner, the present season. As his price entitles him to the Com<sup>t</sup>, I have awarded it to him. The object is too unimportant to go to trouble or expense in placing this temporary mail in a carriage of any description.

M.Y.

✓ Th. Davis  
Fayetteville N.C.

21 Dec.

I have yr<sup>r</sup> of Dec. 11<sup>r</sup>. It de<sup>r</sup>serves much more suitable provision for all offices not supplied by you & at a just fair price. I return yr<sup>r</sup> letter of Dec. 9<sup>r</sup> agreeably to yr<sup>r</sup> request.

M.Y.

✓ W. Dickson P.M. & others  
Greenville T.

21 Dec.

I have yr<sup>r</sup> of Dec. 4<sup>r</sup>. I wish you to ascertain & inform me how much the expenses will be increased, by extending the Mont-ville route, as you propose it.

M.Y.

✓ Th. Sawyer  
Andersons Store N.C.

21 Dec.

(P. of Dec. 2<sup>r</sup> is rec'd.) If you are not competent to carry the mail as you proposed to do, I must employ another person. I have written to the P.M. of Hillsboro on the subject.

M.Y.

✓ T. E. Peter P.M.  
 Petersburg Va.

21 Dec.

This authorizes you to require the mail carrier from Richmond to visit yr<sup>r</sup> regularly with the mail.

M.Y.

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22 Dec. 1826.

✓ Rich<sup>r</sup>. C. Stockton  
Batt<sup>r</sup>. M.

I wish you to employ two efficient men who will fairly & support the mail which is yr<sup>r</sup> charge, in its due & regular transport between Batt<sup>r</sup> & Elkhorn. You will arm them as heretofore, so as to enable them to make a successful defence if attacked. You will allow each of them \$45 a month for their services & board & no more.

M.Y.

✓ Horatio G. Street  
Charleston S.C.

22 Dec.

I have carefully ex<sup>r</sup>g<sup>r</sup> - p<sup>r</sup>ofition, & also the case to which it refers, with attention, but I cannot find any probable cause on which to found an increase of pay - the proposal is very fully made out to state. It is in the first place written "five thousand five hundred dollars" & to guard against any misapprehension, the figures of \$5,500 are placed on the margin of the proposal. With these facts before me, it appears almost incredible that the sum proposed should have escaped the notice of the bidders, yet I am not disposed to express an opinion that Mr. Street does not believe what he says - if, however, I were to admit such statements to be made, & to allow bidders to withdraw their bids, under the circumstances in which this case stands, I could place no confidence in any bid that I receive - for in this case there appears to be a peculiar precaution taken to secure the contract, by twice specifying the consideration; & it appears probable that if a bid near that sum had been rec'd. from one of the bidders on the route, that the application w<sup>r</sup> not have been made. When bidders submit proposals, it is understood that they reflect well on the subject they propose for & that they deliberately count the expense they are to incur. With this view of yr<sup>r</sup> case, I have decided that it is the duty of the bidders to carry their proposal into effect, & if they fail to do so, they must be held responsible for the difference between their bid & the sum I am compelled by their failure to allow.

M.Y.

✓ R. Bassett P.M.  
Phil<sup>r</sup>. P.

22 Dec.

I have rec'd. letters about the carriages at Kingston. These errors cannot be tolerated. I have written to the Contractors & P.M. on the subject.

M.Y.

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✓ R. S. Rice P.M.

W. Clemens Mich. 7.

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22<sup>d</sup> Dec. 1826.

In July last, I directed the P.M. of W. Clemens to send the mail once in two weeks between y<sup>r</sup>. O & "Fox Gratiss", & to supply several intermediate offices. The service was to have been performed at a rate not exceeding \$3 a mile. the distance estimated one way. To that letter I am without a reply. I wish you upon the receipt of this letter to send the mail on the above route & within the limit before stated, & to apprise me who carries this mail. his name & the day he begins, I will then send a cont<sup>t</sup> to be executed by him, but I shall expect you to carry this order immediately into effect, & to acknowledge the recpt. of this letter. the cont<sup>t</sup> will end  
Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1827.

J.M.L.

✓ Col. Stewart

22<sup>d</sup> Dec.near Hamptead V.<sup>a</sup>

I propose to allow you of 9 a mile for conveying two mails each week between Hamptead & King George the distance estimated one way. the cont<sup>t</sup> to begin with the coming year. If you accept my offer, I wish yr. reply to be made without delay

J.M.L.

P.M.

22<sup>d</sup> Dec.

Hillsboro N.J.

Thos. Sawyer proposed to convey the mail on route by  
He says he is unable to comply with his bid. You will therefore  
provide for the route at a rate not exceeding \$5 a year per mile.  
Let me hear from you on this subject.

J.M.L.

✓ Bailey, Lyon &amp; Ward

22<sup>d</sup> Dec.

Newark N.J.

If mails reach Phil<sup>a</sup> too late - a greater diligence must be paid to yr. line. It is alleged that a team goes from N. Brunswick to Kingston & back, if so, the plan is a bad one & calculated to abridge expeditio<sup>n</sup> - yr. mails are in part, it is said, often left at Kingston. If drivers must be careful, or you must try new ones. I invite yr. particular attention to this subject. -

J.M.L.

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22<sup>d</sup> Dec. 1826.✓ John Stearns  
Columbus O.

I have yr. of the yrs. As stages run to Dayton through Springfield, it appears to me that the publick interest does not call for a stage on the line you refer to, & the expenditures are so considerable in that sec<sup>t</sup> of Ohio on acc<sup>t</sup> of stages that it is not prudent to increase them.

J.M.L.

✓ E. &amp; J. Hoover

22<sup>d</sup> Dec.

Warren O.

The P.M. at Trumbull says that prior to Nov 30<sup>th</sup> he had had no mail for 4 weeks. If you do not satisfactorily explain the cause of these failures, yr. cont<sup>t</sup> must pass into other hands.

J.M.L.

✓ John Thompson  
Wooster O.22<sup>d</sup> Dec.

I have concluded to cont<sup>t</sup> with you to convey the mail twice a week between W. Vernon, Wooster, & Tallmadge. And if necessary you will extend the mail to Middlebury. If you go to Middlebury, you are to receive \$700 a year or at that ratio. If you can connect with another stage line short of that place, you are to be paid in proportion to distance. I wish you to begin as soon as practicable. and I shall expect you to run a stage that signs the mail well, and carries passengers comfortably. I wish you to state <sup>concerning</sup> that is to govern you through the line, and at what point you connect with another line, so that I may regulate your contract accordingly. Your early reply is requested -

J.M.L.

✓ Aaron Hill, P.M.

22<sup>d</sup>

Boston, Mass.

I wish you to put up all mails for Nantucket in a sound linen bag, and label it "Boston & Nantucket". Apply a seal to the tie so as to secure it from being opened. Three bags may be necessary or even four. Let the plan begin with the coming year -

J.M.L.

Post Office Dept.

22<sup>d</sup> Decr 1826.✓ Mr. Richard Tuthill,  
Mechold, N.Y.

I wish you to pursue the old schedule to leave Mechold on Thursday, arrive at Duckerton on Friday, leave there on Saturday and return on Sunday - You will begin the charge on Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> -

J. M. L.

✓ Geo. S. Kennedy, P.M.,  
Knoxville, Ga.22<sup>d</sup>

I am without your reply to my letter on the subject of sending a mail to Dekalb - I shall expect you to continue that mail at a rate not exceeding seven dollars a mile, if it cannot be done for less - Employ a faithful and energetic character -

J. M. L.

✓ Mess<sup>r</sup> L. Paris.22<sup>d</sup>

I trust there will be no difficulty in Mr. Thornton buying such part of your stage property as is now on the route between Staunton & Charlottesville, as he may want - By the conditions on which his bid was accepted he is bound to do this, & if he refuses the contract will not be given him - Mr. Thornton has a right to use on the road, all the stage property, including stages & horses that he owned on the 12<sup>th</sup> Oct last - the balance of the property necessary to cover the route, he is bound to purchase from you, provided you have as much engaged as is suitable for the service - Should Mr. Thornton refuse to comply with the conditions, you will continue to convey the mail, until the controversy shall be settled between you, or the order of the Dept<sup>r</sup> may be given -

J. M. L.

✓ Mr. Jas<sup>r</sup> Vandburgh,  
Paoli, Inv.22<sup>d</sup>

I have your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst - The penalty charged for the penalty referred to is remitted in

J. M. L.

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23<sup>d</sup> Decr 1826.✓ William Wilson, P.M.,  
Livingston, N.Y.

It is the special understanding that the Houston and Lincoln mails are to arrive at, and depart from your office at the same time they now do - until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March next - Mr. West will continue the line from Staunton to your office until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1827.

J. M. L.

✓ Mr. Wm Morris,

23<sup>d</sup>

Dekalb C. H., Ga.

I have rec'd your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>r</sup> - If you show the grounds you have for additional credits & when they began, I will direct the balance due on that account to be paid you -

J. M. L.

✓ James G. Lyon, P.M. J<sup>r</sup>. Stephens,  
Washington D. C. H.23<sup>d</sup>

I wish to direct Mr. Cummings the mail contractor, to convey a second mail each week between your office and Blairbone at the ratio paid him for the other line - Let me know when he begins and the days prescribed for his government in carrying said extra mail, that I may give him suitable credits -

J. M. L.

✓ Thos. Macy, P.M.  
Nantucket, Mass.23<sup>d</sup>

I have directed the P. M. of Boston to put your mails in sound linen bags, and to label it "Nantucket & Boston" - You are to apply a seal to the tie to secure the mail from being improperly opened - You will forward your mail to Boston in the bag, as you return it, secured in the same way -

J. M. L.

✓ Mr. William H. Dolany,

23<sup>d</sup>

Waynes C. H., N.Y.

I have rec'd yours upon the subject of stages - I have before informed you that the new contractors were to buy all your stage property which was fit for & adapted to the safe & speedy transport of the mail, provided they were not possessed of such property Oct'r 12<sup>th</sup> - Your property is represented to be miserably bad - A member of Congress says he was carried in one of your stages, without having a curtain to protect him

against the weather - If you had actually bought stages and good ones, just at the close of your contract it would have been to say the least injurious - As you had no particular right to expect a renewal of your contract, or that a successor would wish the property - I rely on Mr. Reeder's character to do you justice in the premises - After using the property which has been so much complained of by travellers, if you have within a few weeks placed new stages on the route, being <sup>near</sup> the close of the your contract, the new contractor will not be required to purchase them -

J.M.L.

✓ James Drayton, P.M.  
Augusta, Ga.

I wish to send a mail from your office by four mile Branch, Lower Three runs, Matthews Bluff, & Robertsville to Cross Hatchie once a week - The distance is about 100 Miles. The service is worth from six to seven dollars a mile - I wish you to contract without exceeding the latter sum with a suitable person - Let him begin with the coming year and perform the route in five days - When you let me know the name of the contractor, the arrangement prescribed for his government, & the day he began, I will forward a contract to you, to be executed by the contractor - This mail as well as others which branch from your office must be kept up - No failure must occur on either route on any account -

J.M.L.

✓ John Patton, P.M.  
Wadsworth, Ohio.

Since I wrote to you last I have decided to accept Mr. Kemperly's proposal to convey the mail twice a week between Mt. Vernon &c and Belmont or Middlebury & I have so informed Mr. Kemperly - He is to convey the mail in a good comfortable stage - You will place the mail in his charge as soon as he is ready to receive it, and let me know the day of the delivery that I may contract with him.

You will apprise Mr. Blackley of this order - he will be paid up to the day the mail is confined to Mr. Kemperly - and one month thereafter, on account of disconfining his contract - had he carried the mail in a stage designed for the accommodation & comfort of passengers he would have been compensated.

J.M.L.

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23<sup>d</sup> Dec. 1825.

✓ Stockton & Co.  
Baltimore Md.

The good people of Baltimore wish the mail earlier, & I wish you to say what price you will ask for delivering a Baltimore mail avg. 100 miles, during the session of Congress. A 50 mile stage can with entire convenience reach Balt. by 11 A.M. & without adding to your expense at all, besides the travellers will be gratified in finding your movements more expeditious. I wish an early reply.

J.M.L.

✓ Wm. Smith  
Culpepper Ch. Va.

23<sup>d</sup> Dec.

I agree to allow you \$1172 a year, you to carry two mails each week between Fairfax Ch. & Warrenton Va. & one mail each week between the latter office & Orange Ch., all in good two hours stages. You to begin with the coming year.

J.M.L.

✓ L. F. Caldwell  
Lewisburgh Va.

23<sup>d</sup> Dec.

I have rec'd. yr. of Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. As you have already offered to convey the mail in a two hour stage between Charleston & Gallipolis for \$9 a mile for an. It would be unreasonable to suppose that I would give you a greater sum. I trust you did not advert to this fact when you wrote this letter before me. If you start a stage, let me know when you will begin on that part of yr. line.

J.M.L.

✓ Wm. L. Gray P.M.  
Monroe T.

23<sup>d</sup> Dec.

I have yr. of Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> & I wish the court to continue his route until the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1825 & I have so written him.

J.M.L.

✓ A. Hill P.M.  
Boston M.

23<sup>d</sup> Dec.

The Hon Mr Locke, fears that his letters are not forwarded as they ought to be, from yr. O. by the 1<sup>st</sup> or pending mail. I hope there is no delay, if there is, let the error be at once corrected.

J.M.L.

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23 Dec. 1826

✓ D H Buell Pk<sup>le</sup>  
Marietta O.

It is estimated that the Stage from Wheeling might advantageously travel on the N<sup>o</sup>. side of the River. I wish yr. opinion on this subject.

J.M.L.

✓ To Lebereq Pk<sup>le</sup>  
Gallipolis O.  
23 Dec.

I wish Mr. Miles to go to Burlington on the other side of the river & return the other side.

J.M.L.

✓ J. P. Sampson O.H.  
Everettville V.  
23 Dec.

I have yr. of the 17<sup>th</sup>. The mail to Marietta must be kept up, as all events. Let me know the best terms you can obtain, but in the interim, keep the mail going.

J.M.L.

✓ E Williams  
Millboro' V.  
23 Dec.

I have yr. of Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. I write to you all the justice in the case ref<sup>d</sup> to I can. I wish you to keep up the mail to Lynchburg provided the new Court<sup>t</sup>. does not begin, as I trust he will.

J.M.L.

✓ D Mack Jr Pk<sup>le</sup>  
Middlefield W.  
23 Dec.

I rec'd yr. of Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> thro' the medium of the Hon. Mr. Dwight & I wish you to direct the mail carrier to return by yr. O. or to minimize on his return. This letter is yr. authority to require this duty of the carrier. Let me have yr. reply.

J.M.L.

✓ Asst. Postmaster  
Concord V.  
23 Dec.

I have yr. of Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. I agree that you carry the mail between Richmond & Salem V. agreeably to the plan suggested in yr. letter, until further instructed.

J.M.L.

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23 Dec. 1826.

Benj<sup>t</sup>. Kelley  
Blountsville T.

I have yr. of Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. I agree that yr. schedule be changed, under the direction of yr. Pk<sup>le</sup>. So far as you must form a connection with the M<sup>g</sup> mail at Johnsboro'. The plan for the Paducah route is satisfactory. On what hours will you extend yr. stage line to Greenville? I wish an early answer to this inquiry.

J.M.L.

✓ Pk<sup>le</sup>.  
M. Elking, Greenbrier C<sup>o</sup>. W.  
23 Dec.

I wish you to send a mail once in two weeks between yr. O & Meadow Dale, to contain all mails for that place, at a date not exceeding 1/3 a mile (distance one way) from am. You will go a small mail bag for the purpose, on acc<sup>d</sup> of this Dept.

J.M.L.

✓ Geo. Barnes  
Brown's Turnpike V.  
26 Dec.

I have found it useful & advantageous to the public, to contract for the mail transportation in stages between Fairfax Ch. & Warrenton, so will therefore be necessary for you to begin yr. mail at Warrenton instead of Fairfax Ch. & yr. pay will of course be reduced proportionately of the reduction of service.

P.D.

J.M.L.

It may be well to add that I have been compelled in a degree to adopt this course, in consequence of the Hon. Mr. Barbours having made a cont<sup>t</sup>. with Mr. Smith, to return a 2<sup>d</sup> mail in stages from Fairfax Ch. to Culpepper Ch. & as I believed, under my authority to premise correctly, but the circumstance had escaped my recollection when you were here. I have however, given you a part of this line, viz from Warrenton to Culpepper Ch. & so far abridge<sup>d</sup> Mr. Smith's second mail.

✓ A. Wilson Pk<sup>le</sup>  
Chamberlain O.  
26 Dec.

I wish to know whether Mess<sup>t</sup>. Bartholomew Williams, conveys the mail between Warren & Fairport, if so, when they began.

J.M.L.

Post Office Sept.  
26. Dec. 1826.

Wm. H. Bailey  
Books Capt. W.

I have y<sup>r</sup> of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> & agree that you convey the mail on  
the plan now pursued by the carrier on the route Harrington & Franklin  
& spare time to do so the former place.

J.M.L.

W. H. Kidderick Post. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Kensville N.C.

Before y<sup>r</sup> letter of Dec 15<sup>th</sup> reached me, I had sent a  
contract to S. L. Kelley for the route you refer to. This route must be  
kept up - do not let the mail stop.

J.M.L.

J. Shore Post. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Petersburg Va.

Will it increase y<sup>r</sup> duties materially if the mails reach  
y<sup>r</sup> o. on Sunday, for Sunday branch mail routes in y<sup>r</sup> State, are put  
into one pack & addressed "Southern" for you to distribute. Do you  
see an objection to this measure.

J.M.L.

Bailey Ward & Lyon 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Newark N.J.

The Turnpike Co. say that they have decided to stop  
the mail stages, if the tolls are not paid. The stop will be an extraordinary  
one, but it causes more so. Why they should have occasion to such  
resort, is a matter of astonishment. If a failure or failures arise  
from such a cause, the fines shall be rigidly exacted.

J.M.L.

Wm. Hoggatt Post. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Pauli Ind.

Let the mail depart from y<sup>r</sup> o. for Elizabethan Ry. at the  
time noted in y<sup>r</sup> letter of Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

J.M.L.

Wm. Talliaferro 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Richmond Va.

Y<sup>r</sup> route has been contracted for by  
Jos. Nancy.

J.M.L.

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Aaron Beach  
Newark N.J.

In reply to y<sup>r</sup> letter of Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. I remark, that  
I have no controul over the contractors pay, that is I cannot pay  
any part of their quarterly compensation to any person or persons  
without their authority. I have written to the Contractors on the  
subject & expressed my surprise that they should permit such  
a call to be made. & they are distinctly told that if a failure  
happens on acc<sup>t</sup> of a detention of their horses or stages, that I will  
rigidly enforce the penalty - but it may be proper to add, that a  
detention of the mail, will subject the person who detains it, to  
a penalty of \$100. I trust however that the Contractors will  
pay their tolls hereafter, as they get their pay every quarter.

J.M.L.

26 Dec.

P.S. Halifax Ch. N.Y.

Provision must be made to supply the office  
Blackwalnut with the mail, if the Danville carrier cannot perform  
that service & include it in his route, you will employ Mr. Tucker  
to do so. Let me have y<sup>r</sup> reply.

J.M.L.

James Kirkpatrick  
Augusta Ga.

26 Dec.

You no doubt understand that you are to convey the Mil-  
lederville mail in stages, & buy the property fit for & adapted to the mail  
transportation, which is in use on the road. I trust there no difficulty  
will arise on this acc<sup>t</sup> - there is certainly no ground for difficulty, as is well  
fully explained when you were here.

J.M.L.

B. Dunham  
Greenville S.C.

26 Dec.

You can occupy as much time in carrying the  
mail on route N. 220, as the Post of Greenville seems to be requisite  
provided the ratio of travel is not less than 40 miles a day.

J.M.L.

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20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1826.J. Murray Pitt  
Washington D.C.

Mr. Stockton & Co. are to convey an extra mail to Balt<sup>o</sup> until the 4<sup>th</sup> March next. The mail is to be delivered to them at 5 A.M. & will comprise all mails for Balt<sup>o</sup> & for routes which will branch from that office, which shall be deposited in y<sup>r</sup>s before 12 M<sup>l</sup>. The extra mail is to begin on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst.

M.L.

Stockton & Stokes  
Balt<sup>o</sup>. Md.

20 Oct.

I have y<sup>r</sup> of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. I agree to allow you \$500 a week for the transport of an extra mail from this City to Balt<sup>o</sup> provided you deliver s<sup>r</sup> mail in Balt<sup>o</sup> by 11 A.M. - this account to continue as long as Congress remains in session. I shall send a mail tomorrow. I shall allow you a reasonable comp't. for the guard's service & board, & I will make you a reasonable allowance for y<sup>r</sup> trouble in carrying them. It appears to me that two guards are sufficient to perform the duty required. One guard out of York performs more duty than either of the above will be required to do.

M.L.

J. J. Skinner Pitt  
Balt<sup>o</sup>. Md.

26 Oct.

During the present Congressional session an extra mail is to be delivered at y<sup>r</sup> 0 from this City by 11 A.M. every Day. It will contain all mails for y<sup>r</sup> immediate delivery, as well as mails for the routes which branch from Balt<sup>o</sup>. This arrangement will enable you to despatch the eastern mail as soon as the southern mail shall arrive.

M.L.

J. F. Caldwell  
Lewisburg Va.

26 Oct.

You will, until Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, in connection with Mr. Wm<sup>r</sup>, convey the mails on routes 70 & 72, as they are carried by Mr. Wm<sup>r</sup> & Mr. Withrow. From Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> you will be governed by a different schedule.

M.L.

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26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1826.John Wm<sup>r</sup>  
Staunton Va.

Until the 1<sup>st</sup> Ap<sup>r</sup>. next you will perform in conjunction with Mr. Caldwell the twice trips between Staunton & Loretta, the same way that you & Withrow do now. You will consult with Mr. Caldwell to obviate all delay. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Ap<sup>r</sup>. a different arrangement will be made.

M.L.

J. Crozier Pitt  
Knoxville T.

26 Oct.

I wish to know whether N<sup>o</sup> 19 is especially necessary or not. you will of course provide for it under my late circular, till you report to me y<sup>r</sup> opinion on the subject as well as all other routes connected with y<sup>r</sup> O. The lowest bids on N<sup>o</sup> 19 were M<sup>r</sup> Cowen of 210 & Addison Church at \$149. If an immediate reply is desired to this letter.

M.L.

Chas. Gates  
Charleston Va.

26 Oct.

Having contracted with Mr. Hall to convey the mail by stage between Charlestown & Shepherdstown. y<sup>r</sup> services will not be necessary on route N<sup>o</sup> 6.

M.L.

E. H. Spaight Pitt  
Hickory Hill Md.

27 Oct.

If y<sup>r</sup> C. is not supplied with a regular public mail, after this year closes, I wish you to supply it by a cross mail to & from Cross Hatchee at a rate not exceeding \$10 a year. Let me know y<sup>r</sup> proceedings in this matter without delay.

M.L.

Wm<sup>r</sup> F. Gray Pitt  
Staunton Va.

27 Oct.

You can let the mails for the Hilmarswick route & Yorktown route, arrive at & depart from y<sup>r</sup> O. every Wednesday & Saturday, instead of Wednesday & Friday.

M.L.

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B.C. Dugan  
Jamesville N.Y.

I have y<sup>r</sup>. of Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> before me. I wish you to put two horses in addition to y<sup>r</sup> two horse stages, on all such parts of your mail route, as have been really rendered worse by the forming & breaking the road. I wish you to do so, with a view to a certain prompt delivery of the mail at each end of y<sup>r</sup> line, & to relieve you from anxiety on that acc't. I shall calculate to make a reasonable but just allowance for the cost & support of the extra horses, & to enable me to give you a just credit, I shall wish a special statement made as soon as the roads are good next spring, as to the actual expense incurred by you under the authority of this letter, so as to give you suitable credit for it.

M.C.

J. Clark Post  
Watervliet N.Y.

27 Dec.

It is represented that the mail often passes by y<sup>r</sup> without depositing a mail with you. Whose fault is it? does it rest with you or the Const<sup>r</sup>? As you have not reported the failure, I suppose the fault may rest with y<sup>r</sup> Ap<sup>t</sup> in not wishing the trouble of the mail so often.

M.C.

H. M. Waugh  
Salem N.C.

27 Dec.

I have y<sup>r</sup>. of Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. The route 165 must be supplied with the mail as it now is. Mr. Long, the present carrier, will be told to continue the mail on s<sup>r</sup> route.

M.C.

Wm. Barker Post  
Orville N.Y.

27 Dec.

I have y<sup>r</sup>. of Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. The mail should not proceed unlocked, but if you put on a lock of a peculiar kind & retain the key, the bag cannot be unlocked at the proper office, but the lock must be broken, or the mail will fail in its due course.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.  
27 Dec. 1826.

G. Taylor P.M.  
Pottsville Pa.

y<sup>r</sup>. of Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> is no<sup>t</sup>. I understand that the Mr. J. C. Coleman supply y<sup>r</sup> o by a crop mail. Is it so, or do you receive a mail by his stage. If he sends a crop mail to y<sup>r</sup> o. it will not cost much. I apprehend, to send a 2<sup>d</sup> crop mail so as to supply y<sup>r</sup> o. Will you ascertain & inform me, & give me a reply to the above questions.

M.C.

J. Prentiss P.M.  
Amherst N.H.

27 Dec.

I have y<sup>r</sup>. of - in<sup>t</sup>. I wish you to say to the mail carrier, that if he is not punctual as to the day & as near as may be to the hour in delivering y<sup>r</sup> mail, that I shall require his dismission. Let him fix upon a reasonable time & be governed wholly by it.

M.C.

Eli Ensign  
Sheffield N.H.

27 Dec.

It is alleged that y<sup>r</sup> irregular & uncertain arrivals at New Milford, is a source of vexation & disappointment to Sherman and neighboring offices. You must be sensible that it is necessary for you to adopt & pursue one plan, & that you have no right to depart from the schedule without the sanction of this Dept. I invite y<sup>r</sup> attention to the subject complained of. The P.M. at New Milford will inform y<sup>r</sup> carriers how to remedy the evil.

M.C.

A. M. Shepherd  
Sherman Co.

27 Dec.

Since the reception of y<sup>r</sup> letter of Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. I have written to the Const<sup>r</sup>. on the subject of his irregularities. I trust he will hereafter be punctual as to the plan which governs his mail arrangements.

M.C.

P.M.  
La Grange Frank Co. A.

27 Dec.

I wish you to state what office you run y<sup>r</sup> mail to & from, whether Tuscararia or Florence

M.C.

Post Office Dept.  
27 Dec. 1826.

✓ W. H. Angel  
French Creek N.Y.

It is alleged that a youth of 12 or 14 years old carries the mail in yr. charge. 14 years is young enough for a mail carrier. Your attention is invited to this subject.

M.C.

✓ P.M. 27 Dec.

New Milford Ct.

The Bridgeport mail should be so arranged as to correspond with one of its mails with the Poughkeepsie route to guard against delay at yr. o. The citizens of Sherman complain.

M.C.

✓ J. Pickett Jr. 27 Dec.

Elizabeth City N.Y.

Yr. of Dec. 16. is yr. I have no objection to receiving James Williams as yr. substitute for route 136. His name may be struck out of the papers sent for you to execute & his inserted in place of yr.

M.C.

✓ J. Wright P.M. 27 Dec.

Scipio N.Y.

I wish you to inform me who the delinquent carrier is, that failed to call at yr. o. with the mail & who employed him, as he ought to be dismissed.

M.C.

✓ Wm. Dillard 27 Dec.

Elkton Md.

I have yr. of Dec. 1. T. line must be unsafe, meet the other line at Russellville, & I shall not require you to travel over 40 miles a day at present, to travel less w<sup>t</sup> be wasting time. Show me the distance you travel from stage to stage or office to office, & the days that will best suit you & the public also.

M.C.

✓ Asa Gibbs 27 Dec.

Dublin N.H.

I am told yr. carrier is exceedingly irregular in his arrival at Amherst N.H. He must be regular as to day & hour, or be dismissed.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.  
27 Dec. 1826.

✓ Wm. Hawkins P.M.  
Mt. Pleasant O.

I have yr. of Oct. 19. Mr. Brown's contract does not end until the 31<sup>st</sup>. Dec. 1827.

M.C.

✓ Reily P.M. 27 Dec.

Hamilton O.

Mr. Crane wishes the mail to go from Eaton by Winchester, Jacksonburg, Trenton & Rossville to Hamilton & then by Rossville, Trenton, Jacksonburg & Williams Stow to Eaton. Will you instruct Mr. Hawkins to adopt that arrangement, at least provisionally. Let me have yr. reply.

M.C.

✓ A. P. Nosburgh P.M. 27 Dec.

Penn Yan N.Y.

I have yr. of Dec. 18. I apprehend that the brother of Mr. Leonard was duly authorized by the Postt. to act for him & in his behalf, if so, his order was a good one.

M.C.

✓ D. Currier P.M. 27 Dec.

West Chester N.H.

Yr. of Dec. 15. is before me. Does any line of stages pass yr. o. besides the stage which supplies yr. o. with the mail? Can you run add. miles without the Dept. incurring add. expences? I want the information to enable me to act understandingly on the subject, & further yr. views.

M.C.

✓ R. H. Cocker 27 Dec.

Bacon Castle Va.

Mr. Fontaine has withdrawn his bid from inability, I suppose, to comply with it. I therefore propose to give you \$4.00 for the yearly transportation of yr. mail. I cannot give you more. T. bid is too high for the service required.

M.C.

✓ W. A. Howard P.M. 27 Dec.

Wilderness Va.

I have yr. - I wish to let Dr. Terrell depose for Culpers ch. on one two day of the week, as will best suit public convenience.

M.C.

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27 Dec. 1826.

✓ J. Bradley P.M.  
Wolcottsville Ct.

Y<sup>r</sup>. letter of Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> satisfactorily accounts for the delay made provisionally in the transportation of the mail from y<sup>r</sup>. O. You are entirely mistaken as to the source of complaint - it came from Cornwall, & from a person unconnected with the mails transportation.

J.M.C.

✓ H. T. Rodney P.M.  
Lewiston Me.

27 Dec.

Y<sup>r</sup>. of Dec. 21 is rec'd. The present P.O. law forbids that a P.M. shall become a Const. Your request cannot therefore be complied with.

J.M.C.

✓ F. Shore P.M.  
Petersburg Va.

27 Dec.

The P.M. of City Point wishes the mail to pass between his office & y<sup>r</sup>. on Wednesdays & Saturdays. If the carriers agreed I wish the change to be made.

J.M.C.

✓ Peck & Babcock  
Newhaven Ct.

27 Dec.

I regret to find that y<sup>r</sup>. arrivals to Boston are extremely late & very inconveniently so. I had expected more punctuality from you. A resort to fines is a humble one, but I must insist on charging you, & exacting also all penalties you incur.

J.M.C.

✓ J. H. Peterson P.M.  
City Point Va.

27 Dec.

I have y<sup>r</sup>. If the Const. agrees to y<sup>r</sup>. proposed change, let it be adopted.

J.M.C.

✓ J. H. Jenkins P.M.  
Sparta T.

28 Dec.

I have y<sup>r</sup>. of Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. I some weeks ago directed the Const. to continue his mail between Sparta & Monticello H.

J.M.C.

## Post Office Dept.

28 Dec. 1826.

✓ A. Hill P.M.  
Boston Mass.

I have y<sup>r</sup>. of Dec. 19. I have addressed a letter upon the subject of the mails irregularity. I trust they will henceforth be punctual. The eastern mail must at all times be suspended in its departure when the measure is necessary by a delay of the western mail, as the mails must be kept in regular operation.

J.M.C.

✓ S. McColl P.M.  
Clarendon St.

28 Dec.

I have y<sup>r</sup>. of Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. I shall send you a const. to be executed by D. Bowler upon the terms you have agreed upon. Mr. J. M. Johnson is to carry two mail weekly between y<sup>r</sup>. & Barnet Conn.

J.M.C.

✓ C. Burgett  
Paris O.

28 Dec.

I have y<sup>r</sup>. of Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Y<sup>r</sup>. plan is a good one, if carried into effect will induce travellers to pass on y<sup>r</sup>. route - you cannot get much aid from the Dept., as two mails a week appear to answer public purposes, but 2 or 3 stages cannot unite with advantage, a delay will be felt & complained of also. If the mail is not as contracted for carried in stages between N. Lisbon & Beaver, another contract for that route may be made. You can say what sum you will expect, if a 3<sup>d</sup>. mail be carried on y<sup>r</sup>. route.

J.M.C.

✓ D. Beggs P.M.  
New Lisbon O.

28.

Is the mail carried in stages between y<sup>r</sup>. & Beaver, or in a wagon? If the latter, the contract can be forfeited at any time by this Dept. A third line will be of some public use & of great use to the Const. Will he send it at a very moderate price? Y<sup>r</sup>. answer is requested.

J.M.C.

✓ J. G. Harper P.M.  
Harrington Co. Vt.

28 Dec.

The Mail must reach y<sup>r</sup>. by 12 before 6 P.M. This order is imperative, & I wish you to inform the driver that it must be attended to.

J.M.C.