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Post Office Dept.
18 Apr. 1824.

J. P. Dana P.M.
Danville Va.

You can let McCaughey convey a 2^d weekly mail
between y^r. 0 & Littleton N.H. at \$80 a year. Let me know when
the 2^d mail began & the days he goes to Littleton & returns from
it also. An early reply is desired.

M.C.

P. Master

18 Apr.

Clarksburgh Va.

I wish you to inform me without delay, the days &
hours two each mail arrives at & departs from y^r. 0. The
Marietta mail must be changed to suit some of the other mails
which connect at that place.

M.C.

P. Master

19 Apr.

Easton Pa.

I wish you to state the size of the mail generally
conveyed to Newton N.J. by Mr. White, stops & whether the service
of the extra mails he carries on the line, is of real public
utility. the amt. of tolls p^d by him & the no. of trips actually
performed weekly by him. (An early reply is solicited.)

M.C.

Asst. Postm^r

18 Apr.

Concord Va.

y^r. of Apr. 11th is before me. The schedule proposed grants more
time than can be useful to you or the public, in fact it w^t occupy
as much time to go from Richmond to Salem, the more direct route
as to go from the former to the latter via Staunton. the more circumous
one. If the schedule proposed in my letter to you, is found to much
for short days in winter, it may then be changed to suit the Contingency.
If any advantage will result to you, from departing from Richmond
at 4 O'clock the days preceding their fixed for y^r. departure in my
late letter, I perceive no objection to the Change.

M.C.

Post Office Dept. 409.
18 Apr. 1824.

J. McRae P.M.
Fayetteville N.C.

The P.M. at Beatties Bridge says the Wil-
mington mail via his O. is not secured by a lock. I wish you to
examine the subject.

M.C.

P. Master

18 Apr.

Wilmington N.C.

The P.M. at Beatties Bridge says the mail the papers
by his office is not secured by a lock. Is not the fact? a dangerous
ones regard to the mail security, is highly necessary

M.C.

John D. Long

18 Apr.

Lexington N.C.

Have the honor to acknowledge the recd. of y^r. letter of
the 7th Inst & observe, that I cannot make a retrospective credit
for the route of 2^d to. The extra allowance agreed to be made to
the old Cont^r, provided the contemplated transfer of the Cont^r of
the new one took place, by which arrangement should be re-
-enacted was predicated on an increase of service to be perform-
ed. This allowance will however only commence on the 1st Inst. the
period in which Mr. Long entered on his duty, at which time the
public could only have been benefited by carrying into execu-
-tion the plan of last year. His pay will accordingly be esti-
-mated at \$400 per ann. from that day.

M.C.

J. T. Thornton

18 Apr.

Gordonsville Va.

I have y^r. of Apr. 16th. I shall not object to y^r. carrying the
mail in a Cart, if it is fully secured against the weather - but you will consider this authority
as temporary, reserving the right, when circumstances make it necessary, to put the mail
again in Boxes. It is highly probable the public will not be satisfied with this plan
of conveying the mail - if they are not, the stops must be resumed.

M.C.

H. B. Beatty P.M.

18 Apr.

Beatties Bridge N.C.

However. The mail for y^r. route, must be secured, as all other mails should
be, with a lock.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.
18 Apr. 1827.

J. H. Preston P. M.
Richmond Va.

Adviser has been rec'd from the Post at Jamestown
that the mail via that office to Fincastle, is not properly secured
at any time, but frequently the lock is tied on the bag with a
string, & on the 1st it arrived without any lock or seal. This is a
breach of the regulations of this Dept & goes against the
part of the person in whom you confide for the performance
of this duty. Discrepancies of this nature, however small in
their consequence, may, by a continuance terminate in
matters of serious import. They must be promptly corrected.

M.C.

✓ Wm. Godson

18 Apr.

Gholsonville Va.

Y^r of Apr. 14th is before me. Before you left the City in the beginning
of this month, I addressed a letter to the Com^t. requesting them to pass from Lawrence-
ville via R. Fluvia, as soon as the Bridge was erected, & tendered them the sum
agreed to be p. r. for the carriage, as an inducement for them to accept
my offer. To that letter I am without reply. When Mr. Tankers return, I shall
recommend him to make the charge & I trust he will find it his interest to do so.

M.C.

✓ J. Brown P. M.

18th Apr.

Tuscaroria A.

Y^r of March 30th is before me. The stages, which are directed to carry
the mail from Nashville to Florence, must be necessarily retarded to y^r. O. A two-
horse stage is all that is expected, unless the Com^t. find that it will be
his interest to take 4 horses on account of passengers.

M.C.

✓ John Donby

18th Apr.

Tuscaroria A.

It will be necessary to retard y^r. Nashville stage line
from Florence to Tuscaroria. This measure is as obvious, that I
suppose it is hardly necessary to mention it. Y^r. pay will be
consequently increased, agreeably to the ratio of y^r. proposed

M.C.

Post Office Dept.
19th Apr. 1827.

✓ J. H. Hale P. M.
West Point N.

Y^r of the 1st. I had previously directed the Shawan-
town mail to be exchanged at y^r. O. instead of Louisville. The postman there
which brings the mail from Shawantown, you will of course send on to
Louisville, & the P. M. of that place will make up the mails for
that route & forward them in the Shawantown bags, so that y^r.
duty will be but considerably increased by the change
of route. The stage must reach y^r. O. in time for the regular
departure of the Western mail. I wish you to state the day
hours, the mails arrive & depart from y^r. O.

M.C.

✓ J. T. Gray P. M.

19th Apr.

Louisville Ky.

I wish you to pack the mails for Shawantown
separately in bags, as usual, distinctly labelled, so as to avoid
error & detention. Also at West Point where the mails are
separated from the Southern mail, all being conveyed by stage.

M.C.

✓ P. Thornton P. M.

19th Apr.

Cumberland A. Ga.

I have rec'd. of letter of the 11th inst. detailing irregularities
in the transmission of the mail on the route from Charleston. I have
in consequence, directed the Com^t. to dismiss the calliable drivers
& admonish the residue to an observance of duty. I wish you to give
like instruction to the drivers connected with y^r. O. & to guard against
the errors you have noticed, it is requisite that y^r. postman should
be labelled in bags "Cumberland & Charleston".

M.C.

✓ J. Green P. M.

Same.

Columbia S. C.

19th Apr.

✓ R. Jordan P. M.

Goose Pond G.

Y^r of the 1st. to observe, that Danby being a private
office the P. M. can take his mail from y^r. O. or that of Lexington, as
may best suit his convenience.

M.C.

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Post Office Dept.

19th Apr. 1827Geo Graham.
Post L. Office.

Agreeably to the request contained in yr. note of the 16th. I submit to the student of distance as travelled by the mail of the U.S. between the places designated. Viz.

From Jackson Mⁱ to P^t. Stephens A^m. 200 miles
" " No. Notchey 256.

M.L.

✓ J. Drew

19th Apr.

Batesville Ark T.

Advice has been rec'd at this Dept. that yr. mail from Washington A^m to Natchitoches L^a is very irregular & that it passed Illinois Settlement on the 26th Jan^r. & did not return until the 26th Feb. For this breach of duty I have directed you to be fined \$30. & shall apply the like corrective for each transgression.

M.L.

✓ John McLean

19th Apr.Columbia S^ca

Advice has been rec'd of frequent irregularities on the part of yr. driver who conveys the mail on the route from Charleston to Cumberland. On the 8th the regular mail was sent to Columbia & thence for Columbia to Cumber. this act of negligence appears to have originated at the point where the lines intersect. The culpable driver should be dismissed & the others admiss'd as such negligence cannot be tolerated.

M.L.

✓ John Oden

19th Apr.

Prince Edward Ch. Va

I have yr. of Apr. 18th. If the P.M. of Edward Ch. concurs with yr. propositions, you can depart from his office on Fridays by noon, yr. mails having previously arrived, arrive at Concord next day by noon. Leave there at 1 P.M. return to Melton Springs same day & arrive at Prince Edw^d Ch. next Friday by 11 A.M. You will show him this letter & be guided by his decision upon the case.

M.L.

Post Office Dept.

19th Apr. 1827✓ H. Bonneville P.M.
Batesville Ark T.

Letter of March 19th is before me. A contract was forwarded last year to be executed for the mail transportation between yr. P. L. & Izard ch. Not being rec'd. payt. has been withheld. The cont. was to take effect Aug^r. It is stated in yr. letter. I have directed a duplicate to be sent & payt. to be transmitted to Mr. Bennett up to 31st March last.

M.L.

✓ G. Brooks P.M.

19th Apr.Orleans Ind^a

Y^r of Apr 3rd is before me. It is true that Hiram Kilgore agreed to convey the mail between Bedford, Orleans & Delta. He was to have begun this service last year. He had done so & I should not have had occasion to have written you on the subject nor w^t the Hon. Mr. Bonn have been troubled about it. A cont. was forwarded for him to execute, but it has not been rec'd. as executed to this day. As he did not begin until Henry Brooks had actually commenced its transportation, he has no claim to it. the Consideration to be paid in either case, is about the same. It is a very small matter & I wish you after P.M. to settle it fairly, & I will agree to such decision as you & he shall make in regard to the person who shall carry it.

M.L.

✓ P. Master

19th Apr.Bedford Ind^a

It may be recollect'd a correspondence passed last summer between you & this Dept. in regard to the mail passing from yr. P. L. to Paoli via Orleans. Hiram Kilgore bid was accepted a cont. forwarded to yr. P. L. for him to execute. he neither carrying the mail nor executing the cont. after a lapse of several months I requested the P. M. of Orleans to contract for the route not supplied by Kilgore. when the cont. employed by this P. M. it appears had carried the mail 3 trips, Mr. Kilgore began to now probably carries it. The master is a sensible man & I hope you & Mr. Brooks P.M. of Orleans, will adjust it to the satisfaction of both Mr. Kilgore & Mr. Brooks. the difference of price is but a dollar a year.

M.L.

Post Office Dept.

19th Apr. 1827.

✓ Ephraim Cox

Hanson N.Y.

I have of letter of Apr. 15. & the petition thereinclosed.
I am not authorized by law to act as your mail line to Seaford
Harbour. I therefore cannot comply with yr. & the petitioners
Request.

M.C.

✓ P. Master

19th Apr.

Rock Island T.

When yr. 20 was established it was not understood
as changing the regular travelled road by the mail, but under
the belief that yr. 6. was on the regular mail road, it appears
that I was not correctly informed in this respect, & that
the mail is actually carried off the usually travelled mail stage
road. Under these circumstances it appears to me to be proper
to direct the mail stage to pursue the usual mail stage
road, & you will on the reception of this letter, direct the stage
to pursue that road, & consider yr. 6. as established on a
private post route.

M.C.

✓ Wm. Smith P.M.

20th Apr.

Charlotte N.C.

It appears from yr. letter of March 26th, that Thomas
Boyd conveys the mail on the route to Fullwood Stow &c while W.
Thompson represents that he conveys the mail. To which of these
persons should I send the contract. I wish to know & await yr.
reply before I send the pay. I also wish to know when he, Mr. Boyd,
starts the stages.

M.C.

✓ J. Roberts P.M.

20th Apr.

Winchester Va.

The Boonsboro mail is to depart from yr. 6.
further advised at 5 A.M. on Tuesdays, Thursday, & Saturday, & arrive
at yr. 6. on Wednesdays, Wednesday & Friday by 7 P.M.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.

20. Apr. 1827.

✓ J. Shaw P.M.

Boonsboro. M.D.

I wish the Winchester mail to depart from yr.
office on Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 5 A.M. & return the suc-
ceeding days by 7 P.M. Will you give directions to effect
the arrangement.

M.C.

✓ W. Murray P.M.

20. Apr.

Orangeburg S.C.

Yr. of the 22nd ult. is before me. P.M. cannot
become mail contractors under the present law: a circumstance
I trust you did not advert to. I shall send you a blank
cont. you can insert such name as you prefer, & so is
to be returned as soon as practicable.

M.C.

✓ J. B. Leonard

Owego N.Y.

20. Apr.

The P.M. at Reading N.Y. says the mail has
been delivered at his office in sundry instances by a Coloured man
a penalty of \$100 is the sum imposed by law for entrusting a
Coloured man with the mail. A prompt explanation is necessary
Failures have also occurred. The mail from Catherineton L.
to Burton will be conveyed in stages in a short time.

M.C.

✓ R. P. Scott P.M.

20. Apr.

Dumfries Va.

In future you will close the Dumfries & Alex. mail
at 1 P.M. on Sundays.

M.C.

✓ W. P. Ireland P.M.

20. Apr.

Reading N.Y.

I have yr. qd. ult. The cont. is informed of his carriage
negligence, & their to entrust the mail with a Coloured man is a violation
of the law, & a heavy penalty is incurred. The mail will
change hands soon, & be conveyed in stages.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.
20 Apr 1827.

Miles Benham
Penn Yan N.Y.

I have endorsed on the contract of Cornwell & Benham that the former has transferred his interest to the latter, of course the payments are to be made to you, hereafter. I have noted on the same Cont. that you are to carry the mails on S^t. route at \$160 a year, from the day you start the 2^d mail on it. I have made out a contract to be executed by you, for the route to Catherine's Landing at \$200 a year, which will be forwarded in a day or two. You may begin on the reception of this letter.

M.C.

N. G. Williamson P.M. 21 Apr.

Hilmington D.C.

I have yr. of Apr 18. Mr Bailey must resume the former arrangement at once.

M.C.

P. Master 21 Apr.

Utica N.Y.

I wish to know who carries the mails confided to Oliver Phelps (who it is said has removed to Canada) between yr. & Auburn &c. I also wish to know whether their mails are carried in stages & how often the mail is carried on the routes. An immediate reply is solicited.

M.C.

B. Smith P.M. 21 Apr.

The Square, Cayuga Co N.Y.

Before I can correctly answer yr. letter of Apr. 6. the petition thereto enclosed, I must be informed whether the mails confided to Oliver Phelps for the routes Utica, Auburn &c. are conveyed in stages & by whom they are carried. Phelps is bound to carry S^t. mails in stages & if he does so or carries the mail to be so carried I cannot abrogate the Cont. I will thank you to specify each office & their relative position to each other on the routes contemplated, & thro' which Mr. Sherwood stages pass.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.
21 Apr 1827.

Shubael Lawrence
Coosawhatchie N.Y.

This days mail brought me yr. letter of Apr. 12th. I have ref^d the subject of making a Cont. for the mail transportation between Charleston D.C. & Savannah Ga to Mr Bacot P.M. of Charleston to whom I much refer you. You can exhibit testimonials to him as to yr. fitness for a Cont. without distrusting yr. character or fitness, I may remark that you are to this Dept. an entire stranger, not having been record^d to us by any person that we recollect.

M.C.

Wm. Bancroft

Winchester Va.

21 Apr.

I have yr. of Apr. 17. My pay shall be made out & forwarded with no delay. Bond was here this week & complained of the Cont. on this side of the River & who says he is ready. I have written to Bond. Is not the Boonabond route a useful one to you - that is a far better road than Bond, & but little further.

M.C.

Geo W. Bond

Harpers Ferry W.

21 Apr.

I wish yr. stages started. Stockton &c. are prepared.

M.C.

W. Bacot P.M.

Charleston S.C.

21 Apr.

I have yr. of the 13th. The Savannah mail ought to be delivered at yr. O. by 5 P.M. & I hope that you & Mr. Solley may adopt a plan beneficial to the public & at the same time cause the mail to be delivered by that hour.

M.C.

R. Archur P.M.

Old Point Comfort Va.

21 Apr.

I am satisfied with the plan you have mentioned in yr. letter of Apr. 16th.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.
21st Apr. 1824.

✓ W. Wilson P.M.
Lexington R.D. No.

I have yr. of Apr. 4th. I have no objection to Mr. Williams conveying such part of the mail as Mr. Cloudis may assign to him & to his arriving so early as on the morng. of Sunday.

M.C.

✓ P. Master

21st Apr.

Ft. Gaines Ga.

I have yr. The Comt. has been directed to visit yr. O. & I thought he had complied with my orders in that respect. I have renewed my instructions upon that subject.

M.C.

✓ P. Grinnell P.M.

21st Apr.

Monticello Ga.

I have yr. of the 9th Inst. before yr. letter it appears all offices between yr. O. & Covington are supplied by route 249. Route 254 need not be called beyond Covington. You as a matter of course forward all mail for Route 254 on route 149 as far as Covington. Your explanation is full & satisfactory.

M.C.

✓ P. Master

21st Apr.

Pindartown Ga.

I wish you to inform me whether the mail carrier does not visit the P.O. at Ft. Gaines. he has been directed to do so & assured that he should be paid for rate for doing so. Does the Tallahasse & Milliganville Rail Connect at yr. O. as we are so obvious & important that I trust they do, if not the public are greatly injured. I have called yr. attention to both of these subjects before, but I am still without a reply. I trust I shall have yr. answer.

M.C.

✓ W. Bent P.M.

21st Apr.

Baldwin Town N.Y.

I have no objection to the plan you propose to govern Mr. Sanford in regard to the P.O. at Belford.

M.C.

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Dale & Collins

Carmesville Ga.

I wish you on the reception of this letter to visit the P.O. established at Madison Springs, & you shall be paid pro rata for the extension of yr. ride. A certificate from a P.M. stating the period of beginning & distance also, will be necessary to establish yr. credit. I wish a reply.

M.C.

✓ P. N. Garrison P.M.

21st Apr.

Madison Springs Ga.

I have yr. of Apr. 1st & have directed the mail carriers Dale & Collins, to visit yr. O. I wish you to state the distance their ride will be increased & when they begin.

M.C.

✓ Wm H. Hunt P.M.

21st Apr.

Pensacola Fl.

I have yr. of the 31st ult. If Mr. Deems has received payment, no yr. instance, for the benefit of this Dept. it is proper for you to pay him, & to charge the same to this Dept. as a contingent acct. If the route becomes vacant Mr. Deems will be considered as a fit person to contract with.

M.C.

✓ A. Hill P.M.

21st Apr.

Boston M.

I wish to know whether the Eastern mail is promptly despatched from yr. O. or whether it is withheld to aid yr. Clerks. It should not be detained a moment beyond what is necessary to make the exchange of mails. To this subject I invite yr. special attention.

M.C.

✓ Benj. Hale

Newburyport M.

21st Apr.

I have written to the P.M. of Boston, to despatch yr. mail as soon as the exchange can be made, & not to delay the mail a moment.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.

21 Apr. 1827

✓ R. Holley P.M.
Portland Me.

I have y^r. & extremely regret that you mislaid
a Southern mail thro' the negligence of the P.O. at Boston. I trust
you will not experience a like occurrance, as I have
written to D. Hill on the subject.

M.C.

✓ D. W. Hollister P.M.

21 Apr.

Geddes N.Y.

I have y^r letter of the 12 Inst. & have written to the
Court on the subject of y^r report. You will in all cases of
negligence on the part of carriers admonish them, tho' without
amendment they will be fined or dismissed.

M.C.

✓ Jason Parker P.M.

21st Apr.

Utica N.Y.

Advice has been rec'd from the P.M. at Geddes
that y^r carrier passed his office on the 11th without delivering a mail,
which he alleged had been left at Syracuse. Such gross negligence
cannot be tolerated & must be corrected. It is y^r duty to observe
the conduct of the carriers, & when unworthy of trust, otherwise
you will be fined for their default.

M.C.

✓ M. Greenleaf P.M.

21st Apr.

Williamsburg N.Y.

I have y^r letter of the 10 Inst. in which you recom-
mend Mr. Davis as a suitable person for conveying the mail on the
route as lately ~~abandoned~~ from Bangor to Brownville. I have to observe
for the information of that gentleman, that it is requisite that all
new routes should be published & awarded to the lowest bid
this will take place the ensuing summer, when I invite his attention

M.C.

✓ R. Holley P.M.

21 Apr.

Portland Me.

I wish you to direct the Agent of Hiram Plummer
to visit the P.O. established at Boston Centre with the mail, where
F. B. Lewis is P.M.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.

21 Apr. 1827

✓ J. Schley P.M.
Savannah Ga.

I wish you & Mr. Bacot to agree to such
a plan as will be mutually agreeable to y^r selves & beneficial
to my fellow citizens, in regard to y^r main & direct mail route
which passes between y^r offices.

M.C.

✓ F. Hurlbert P.M.

21 Apr.

Honesburg Va.

I have rec'd the letter of the 12 Inst. signed by
y^r self & other gentlemen, in which you recommend Mr. Meach as Comr^d
for the new route from Charlotte to Huntington. I have to observe
for the information of those Gentlemen, that it is requisite that
all new routes should be published & awarded to the lowest
good bid. As soon as they are arranged, this will be done, when
I invite his attention.

M.C.

✓ J. McRae P.M.

21 Apr.

Fayetteville N.C.

I wish to be informed whether Mr. Davis has
gone to Tammepaw or not. The mail consigned to Davis in Tam-
mepaw must pass into other hands, unless he puts it in complete order
immediately. He lately informed me that he had engaged for
tions of his cont. to individuals, but to what extent, as to compensation,
he failed to mention. A prompt reply is requested.

M.C.

✓ John T. Bickley

21 Apr.

Montgomery N.Y.

I cannot find the petition alluded to in y^r letter
of Apr. & I believe it has not reached this office. If you will
send a duplicate of the petition, it shall have due considera-

M.C.

✓ A. Hill P.M.

21 Apr.

Boston Mass.

Y^r attention is requested to the enclosed slip taken from Portland re-
garding the late failure of the mail is attributed to y^r O. Delays have been complained
by the court for some time past & it was hoped thro' the ground of complaint a^w had been
removed long since.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.

23rd Apr. 1827.

Wm Burke P.M.
Cincinnati O.

A stage Company propose to start from y.p.o. about
the 10th of next month, for Sandusky City via Lebanon, Xenia, Zanes-
field &c., & I wish you to make up & deliver them Company a
mail for the offices embraced in the route they propose to run
their stages on, & to send a mail thereon as often as they run
their stages.

M.C.

23rd Apr.

P. Master
Orange Co. Va.

I wish you to give the Agent for the Fredericksburg
& Charlottesville mail directions to be at y.p.o. by 1 P.M. & they
must not leave y.p.o. at any time before that hour, as it is
essential that the Culpepper & Fredericksburg mail should meet
at y.p.o. regularly, else a delay ensues on one or the other
route, to the public prejudice.

M.C.

23rd Apr.

P. Master
Sandusky City O.

A new line of stages is about to start from
y.p.o. via Zanesfield Xenia Lebanon &c. to Cincinnati O.
I wish you to send mails by the line to each office, as are
situated on or near it.

M.C.

23rd Apr.

Wm T. Rose
Oldtown O.

In y.p. letter of March 23rd you prove when y. mail
was first extended to Bloomingdale & Greys Point, but you
do not show the increased distance. This is a sufficient point
for you to establish. If you can satisfy the P.M. of Dayton that
an arrival of two or even three hours later, will suit the public,
I shall consent to the change.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.

23rd Apr. 1827.

C. J. Vanderwerf
Trenton N.J.

You will from the reception of this letter, visit
the P.O. established at Argentville with the mail.

M.C.

Dickson Given
Salem N.Y.

23rd Apr.

Advice has been rec'd. at this Dept. that a
mail from Salem N.Y. due at Cape Girardeau Mo. on the 8th
of March, had failed. For this breach of duty, I have directed
that you be fined \$40, & shall apply the same remedy, in like
cases of negligence.

M.C.

H. Sanford Jr.
Edenton N.C.

23rd Apr.

I have y. letter of the 12th & observe that you may
in future omit y. visits to Belford.

M.C.

J. Dickinson
Steubenville O.

23rd Apr.

I have rec'd. y. proposition, under date of the 15th &
observe that the revenue arising from the route designated, will
not justify an increase of expenditure thereon, otherwise I shall
be glad to avail myself of y. services. I am equally desirous
of promoting the public account & affording encouragement to
the useful undertakings of enterprising citizens, & hope to
have an opportunity of convincing their disposition towards y.
self on some proper occasion.

M.C.

Hon. J. C. Wright
Steubenville O.

23rd Apr.

Have the honor to remark, in regard to the pro-
position of Mr. Dickinson, to which you had appended a note of re-
confin. that while the route designated produces to you all a
revenue (\$250 per m.) it would not comport with a strict regard to
the increased claims on this Dept., to apply \$800 to its second.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.
23rd Apr. 1827

Wm. Young & others
Middlebrook Va.

The several memorials from the Citizens on the Middlebrook route between Staunton & Lexington under date of the 14th Inst have been rec'd as has been others from the two routes, which rec'd prompt attention. The charge complained of had been apportioned to by this Dept. under the impression that it was? have been productive of mutual account & general satisfaction to the inhabitants on the respective routes. The route via Greenville was represented as best adapted to stage transportation of the mail in the summer & the via Middlebrook in the winter. & consequently, that the stage should pass six months alternately on each route, giving to the other, at the same time, a horse mail. The proportion seemed so reasonable, that no objection presented itself at the time to its adoption, and right exceedingly, that an act predicated on the notion of affording the best possible facilities under an increased account, should have been productive of unpleasant acc-
cident. To guard against which & for the enhancement of the public account, the unwearied attention of this Dept. is directed to this object. It is hoped the cause of their complaints will have been removed before the receipt of this reply, as I had on the 4th directed Messrs. Stoeber & Stiles to resume the arrangements of last year & have subsequently advised the Post & Memorialists on the respective routes to that effect.

N. W. Stoeber Pds.

23rd Apr.

Middlebrook Va.

You will please to present the enclosed letter to some one of the gentlemen to whom it is addressed, & communicate to the Citizens generally, in yr. vicinity, the circumstance of the stages having resumed the former course of travel on the respective routes - as it is presumed they are now in motion under orders of the 4th Inst.

M.W.Y

Post Office Dept.
23rd Apr. 1827.

Hn Lewis Williams
Panther Creek Va.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yr. letter of the 8th Inst. In regard to the Count of Davis, I observe that he has given assurance of having provided a horse stage for the route to Staunton - he has been advised that nothing short of a faithful performance of his duty, will save him from disrepute, & I have accordingly taken care that the route shall have been provided for in that event.

The Clerk having charge of appointments had not sent the Commission to Mr. Sharp, in consequence of the want of some information for which a letter had been addressed to you - it will be simultaneously transmitted to your addys.

M.W.Y

D. Th. Patterson
Hagerstown Md.

23rd Apr.

In reply to yr. q. of - m.s. - having reference to postage charged on yr. package rec'd from Hn M. Baldwin of Count. Granville, that while I highly approve the course pursued by yr. Pds. in regard to charging it with the proper postage I am still willing to let him abate all postage charged thereon beyond the value of the articles. I adopt this course on acct. of the error committed by the Pds. of Hindman in permitting the package to come free. He ought to have informed Mr. Baldwin of the error & who would in that case have sent a package within his privilege of franking.

M.W.Y

Joh. Dayton
East Hampton N.Y.

23rd Apr.

I have yr. of the 14th Inst. I wish you to obtain an expression of the opinion of the several Pds. on yr. routes in regard to the advantages or importance of yr. 2nd weekly mail. When obtained, transmit the paper to me for consideration.

M.W.Y

Post Office Dept.
23rd Apr. 1827.

Mr. H. Miller P.M.
Reynoldsburgh T.

Before I rec'd. y^r letter I had decided the
case it respects, in favor of Mr Ingram.

Geo Graham

23rd Aprt.

M.W.

Gen'l. L. Office.

I have rec'd. y^r several notes of the 18th & observe
that the error in the reply to y^r of the 16th arises from the
circumstance you noticed.
The distance between the respective places designated
on the routes as travelled by the U.S. mail, are derived from
the best data in possession of this Dept. The routes generally
being very circuitous, have no relation to geographical
position. Answers to the inquiries contained in those notes,
are submitted in the same order, in which they are made,
respectively.

From Jackson Mi. to Natchez 110 miles.

"	to	St. Stephens A.	230.
"	Marietta Ohio.	Chillicothe O.	190.
"	do	Cincinnati	199.
"	Zanesville	do	161.
"	do	Chillicothe	90.
"	do	Steubenville	94
"	Batesville Ark.	Louisville Ky.	478.
"	do via Washita F.	New Orleans La.	617.
"	do	Washington City	1102.
"	Little Rock Ark.	Louisville Ky.	582.
"	do via Washita	New Orleans La.	513.
"	do	Washington City	1206.
"	Delaware O.	to Columbus	25.
"	do	Cincinnati	156.
"	Tallahassee F.	to Mobile A.	438.

M.W.

Wm Otis Esq
Gen'l. L. Office.

In regard to the note you addressed the P.M. G.
and me date of the 18th it being the third enclosing the

same subject, the object of enquiring being only transposed I have
only to refer you to the answer given to that of the 2nd in
which the matter of enquiry contained in the 2nd series, is
reversed, you will find the answer now solicited.

J.S.

Mr. Turner P.M.

24th Apr. 1827.

Bainbridge O.

From a communication rec'd. from the P.M. of
Cincinnati it appears you erroneously report contrabellini-
quencies to him instead of this Dept. This proceeds I trust from
error & a presumption on y^r part that Mr Barker is charged
with an Agency, which does not appear. In future, let me
promptly know whenever a mail is lost, is unusually delayed
or is carried in other than a stage conveyance. If the conduct
of the Driver is exceptional report it, & in fact report
every thing that you believe will prove useful to this Dept.

M.W.

P. Master

24th Apr.

Sinking Spring O.

I am informed the mail is often carried
incorrectly on the main mail line instead of being carried in
4 horse stages, as agreed to for several years past, & that the
mail has been consequently injured. I agree that you have
omitted so important a duty as to fail to give notice of
such acts of negligence, as come within y^r personal knowledge,
& I shall expect prompt & full report hereafter.

M.W.

P. Master

24th Apr.

Geneva NY.

I have directed the P.M. at Albany to enclose all y^r
mail as well as for routes branching from y^r o. in a linen bag
labelled distinctly "Albany & Geneva" You will return mails
from the respective routes as well as from y^r o. in the bags to
Albany. The P.M. at Utica will send a w^oy postman bag labelled
"Utica & Geneva" in which will be deposited all mail for offices
between y^r respective offices & for post routes separating from the
main mail line. You will send y^r mails as usual under
the big lock both East & West.

M.W.