

Post Office Dept.
27th Apr 1827.

J. Stewart P.M.
Chingquepin Ridge, Lancaster Dis. Pa.

I have rec^d of your letter of the 13th inst. & observe in regard to a mail for y^r. O. that the carrier on the Camden & Yorkville route must supply you with one for which service he will be allowed a pro-rata compensation for the increased distance he travels. This letter, which you will present to him, is to be considered as authority for the performance of this duty.

M.C.

Carey S. Snoddy
Glasgow N.Y.

28th Apr.

I have y^r. of Apr 7th. I wish you to state how much y^r. duties are increased by the late change of sending the main mail from Bowling Green to Glasgow in a stage via Perits Knobbs, how much y^r. expenses are augmented by it, & what remuneration you consider equitable. I wish to do justice between you & the public.

M.C.

Abn Wm McLean
Piqua O.

28th Apr.

I have y^r. of the 7th. It does not appear to be expedient to send a 2^d weekly mail between Piqua & Dayton during the continuance of the present Cont^t, but I have decided to invite proposals for transporting the mail on that route twice a week, in the advertisement now preparing for contracts which begin with the coming year.

M.C.

S. Nicholls P.M.
Brysonville Ga.

28th Apr.

I wish you to inform me what mail route comes nearest to y^r. O. & how much the ride will be increased by the carriers visiting y^r. O. & what sum he will demand for the account.

M.C.

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28th Apr 1827.

J. Master
Liberty Va.

In route 87 of purchase use to the public? what is the weight of the mail? what P.O. will be injured by its discontinuance? y^r. reply is requested.

M.C.

James Eddington
Athens A.

28th Apr.

I have y^r. of - ult^o. I wish you to do arrange y^r. route as to connect invariably with the Mt. Minnville route at Huntersville with the Nashville mail & at Florence, & the Southern mail at Tusculumbia, & to inform me with y^r. usual accuracy, what y^r. plan is. I hope you will find y^r. expenses less than you apprehend, & less difficulty in performing y^r. cont^t. If you in fact incur extra expenses by any change, the expense will be reimbursed, when it is fully demonstrated.

M.C.

N. Gillett P.M.

28th Apr.

Middlebury O.

If you believe a 2^d or extra weekly mail between y^r. O. & Stow, expedient, you can have an extra mail carried at a rate not exceeding 50 cents a week. Pay the expenses, & charge it to this Dept. in y^r. contingent acct.

M.C.

Wm. Brooke P.M.

28th Apr.

Cincinnati O.

I wish to be informed whether the Steam Boat people between y^r. O. & Louisville, have contracted with you to convey letters at 3 cents each. If no contracts are in force, make some. If the Boat owners refuse to cont^t & their agents carry letters contrary to law, prosecute each offender for each offence. I sent you blank contracts last year.

M.C.

A. J. Gray P.M.

Louisville Ky. } Same

Post Office Dept.
28th Apr. 1827

J. Kinney P.M.
Baltimore N.J.

I wish you to distinctly state the necessity of sending a Direct or Special mail to Columbia Gap, & whether the regular mail does not necessarily afford all facilities for the real intercourse between you & that.

M.C.

H. Allen P.M.
Allens Store, Randolph C. M.

28th Apr.

I have y^r. letter of the 13th inst. & observe, that you can direct the carrier to supply you with a mail - this letter shown to him is to be considered as an order for the performance of the duty.

M.C.

E. P. Johnson
Great Brofains N.

28th Apr.

(Y^r. route having been shortened 30 miles on that part from Glasgow to Bowling Green, y^r. pay will accordingly have been diminished in a pro rata ratio from the 1st March last.

M.C.

J. Cooney P.M.
Paris T.

28th Apr.

I have y^r. letter of the 2nd inst. & observe, that you can, as it appears to be a change necessary to the accord. of the Citizens direct the carrier to deliver his mail at y^r. O. on Friday evenings, instead of Saturday mornings, as heretofore. This letter being shown to him is to be considered as his instructions for the performance of the duty. Please to advise the Dept. what will probably be the increased expenses attending the change in the carrier's resting place.

M.C.

B. D. Coe
Buffalo N.Y.

28th Apr.

I have y^r. of Apr. 19th. The large mail should go by the most expeditious route to Erie, & be ret. in the same channel

M.C.

Post Office Dept.
28th Apr. 1827

J. P. Erwin P.M.
Nashville T.

Change letters of the 4th inst. & y^r. reports have been noted. I wish you to admonish the carriers of the mail, to be diligent, & inform them, that the Com^{rs}. will be fine for their negligence, & that they will, for breach of duty, be dismissed. I wish you to send some spare bags to Bowling Green N.Y. so that the mail may not, for the want of these articles, be again delayed.

M.C.

A. Hill P.M.
Boston M.

28th Apr.

Y^r. of the 22nd inst. is before me. I had given the Southern Com^{rs}. reason to believe that they should depart at 1 P.M. regularly, & if you perceive no special objection to that period I wish the departures to take place at that hour. About the change on the Windsor route I wish to be more fully informed, & as soon as you are satisfied fully in regard to the change, let me know.

M.C.

P. Master
Duplin Ch. M.

28th Apr.

I have y^r. of Apr. 20th. I wish you firstly to inform the Fayetteville carrier that he must fix a period for arrival at y^r. O. & abide by it, or I will establish one to govern him. Let me know where he lodges on his way from Fayetteville, how near to y^r. O.

M.C.

W. Harken P.M.
Gainesville Ga.

28th Apr.

I have y^r. of Apr. 14th. Direct Mr. Gray, under the authority of this letter, to visit the P.O. at Chestnut Hill, at the rate of \$40 a year, & let me know when he begins, that I may give him proper credit.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.
28th Apr. 1827

Sam^r Nudand
Morgantown W^{va}

From the reception of this letter you will
leave Limestone every other Monday at 5 A.M. arrive at
Yorkville on Tuesday by 7 P.M. leave there every other Wednesday at
6 A.M. & arrive at Limestone on Thursday by 6 P.M.
Do you regularly visit "Cropper Furnace" office, as there no
complaint I trust you do.

M^W

Wm Murray P.M.
Limestone, Bencombe C. W^{va}

28th Apr

I have directed the Yorkville mail
to arrive at y. o. on Thursday evening by 7 P.M. & depart on
Monday mornings at 6 o'clk

M^W

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

28th Apr

I wish the new Court^{rs} who ever they are, to
understand that neither Bolan nor his partner Street, shall have
any connection with the mail again direct or indirect & I wish
you to communicate this information to Mr Selley.

M^W

D. W. Haley
Jackson M^o

28th Apr

I have y^r of the 1st inst. The penalty for the failure
is remitted. Kingdon has for a n^o of weeks, been considered as a
private officer, & you have been released from visiting the office.

M^W

J. P. Ormond, Gray & others
Fincumbria A.

28th Apr

(Y^r memorial under date of the 9th inst. has been
rec^d. I observe, in regard to its purport, that the principal grounds
on which the charge complained of was made, were the present
& increasing importance of Florence, & from the great inter-
course between Huntsville & that place, it was considered as
an act embracing important considerations as regards the
public, to establish a stage between these places, so as to form
a connection with the Steam Boats, that arrive & depart at

the latter place. Besides, the school established at Florence
was urged as an add^l reason why a stage should pass on the
route for the accom^d. of travellers, to & from this place, con-
sequently, rendered important from the circumstances de-
tailed. In regard to the accom^d. on the route connected with
Fincumbria, I w^d also remark, that it was supposed that the
two mails w^d answer all the possible demands of its trade,
or intercourse, which, in relation to the advantages proposed
by other sections, equally entitled to notice, it was hoped, could
not in any case, become a subject of complaint. In
comparison to that of Florence, its neat revenue gives
a decided preference to that place, as it produces \$1200
per an. while Fincumbria yields only \$800

In arranging distant routes, we have necessarily to rely
on representations, derived from sources entitled to credit.
If in carrying them into effect, the claims of any section
to facilities should be impaired, on the fact being made
out, from a comparison of all the circumstances, the earliest
opportunity is resorted to for reinstating them, but in doing
so, it becomes the imperative duty of this Dept^t, to consult
it means as well, to note any disparity between the expenditures
& receipts on a route. I regret that in this instance, cause
of complaint should have been given, especially so, as the change
was made under different views. If however, on further trial,
the change you now ask should be still found desirable,
I will give to the subject a renewed consideration.

M^W

H. P. Jones P.M.
Birdsville G^a

30th Apr. 1827

These y^r letter of the 5th inst. You will please
to strike out of the Cont^t sent for the "Holliday" route 256.
& for the consideration of \$212.50 per quarter, erase the name
of Abner Holliday, have it carried by the other & transmit
it to this Dept^t.

M^W

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Post Office Dept.
30. Apr. 1827.

A. Whann P.M.
Eckton N.H.

Yours of the 26. inst. & representations have been considered & you are hereby authorized to direct the carrier to arrive at N. O. with the Eastern mail by half past 5. O'Clock, so that you may be able to dispatch it in time for the Steam Boat.

M.C.

✓ Carl J. Bailey
West Charlboro' Chester C. P.

30. Apr.

Have recd. your letter of the 23. You will upon the next hereof resume the late arrangement of travel on your route, as the present appears to prove unsatisfactory.

M.C.

✓ J. T. Gray P.M.
Louisville K.

30. Apr.

I have your letter of the 13. inst. You will inform Mr. Johnson that his mail must arrive at N. O. regularly by 7 P.M. The keys you ask for have been ordered. Please to instruct the P.M. to whom they are sent, that they should be more careful & that they should endeavour to recover the keys they have lost. This is an act of great negligence on their part & may lead to very serious consequences should they have fallen into improper hands. Report promptly.

M.C.

✓ P. Master
Fullon Rays C. N.Y.

30. Apr.

I perceive that Mr. Goodspeed, expects \$75 a year for the mail transportation on the route late in charge of Rodolphus Body - Body recd. but \$58. & from the tenor of the letter enclosed it appears the service can be done for less. I wish the service performed on the best terms & if you employ other than Mr. G. pay him at the rates you agreed to allow, to the time the mail changes hands. Let me know of your proceedings, that I may do justice in the matter.

M.C.

Post Office Dept. 455
30. Apr. 1827.

✓ John Rogers & others.
Exeter N.H.

I have recd. your memorial under date of the 13. inst. but postmarked 21. & regret to find, that the change lately made in the mail arrangement of your town, should have proven otherwise than satisfactory as it was intended & believed to be conducive to your accommodation & it appears that some defect must have arisen in its execution. I shall investigate the matter, if the defect is on the part of the carrier, it shall be corrected - if in consequence of the arrangement, it shall be restored to its former arrangement. Audition.

M.C.

✓ J. Burley P.M.
Exeter N.H.

30. Apr.

Have recd. your letter postmarked the 21. inst. in which was enclosed the memorial of the Selectmen of Exeter & others. You will please to hand the enclosed answer to them.

M.C.

✓ P. Master
New Orleans La.

30. Apr.

In your letter of the 6. you recommended eastern mails to be sent thro' Mobile. Will you & citizens prefer two mails weekly in that way, to three, the other, on the channel. I wish you to consult the carriers or Captains of the Steam & the P.M. of Mobile as to a regular communication between the land & water mails at Mobile, whether they can distinctly & regularly connect. I wish you to consult your merchants on the subject of the proposed change.

M.C.

✓ P. Master
Plaquemine La.

30. Apr.

I wish you to employ a person to convey a weekly mail between N. O. & Manchac so a rate not higher than \$1 a trip. Let me have your reply on this subject.

M.C.

456

Post Office Dept.
Apr. 30. 1827.

M. Matthews & others
near Columbus O.

Your memorial of the 7th Inst. is before me. I regret the present plan of carrying the mail between Columbus & Piqua, is unsatisfactory. If the P.M. at those places, will suggest a substitute, more beneficial to the public than the present one, I shall have no hesitation in adopting it. I prefer this course on acct. of the difficulty of giving satisfaction in the case, as the present plan was made at the instance of people much interested in this mail, if the carrier will get the written opinion of those officers, & transmit it to me, it shall have immediate attention.

M. L.

Geo. Buckley
New York.

30. Apr.

I understand from your Agent at New Orleans, as well as from the P.M. of that City, that your Boat cannot perform the contract as stipulated between you & this Dept. & that no more than two weekly trips can be relied on, varying the service one third. Unless you can make arrangements to convey 3 mails weekly between Mobile & New Orleans, I cannot in justice pay you higher than the rate that the service bears to the contract. The Citizens of N. Orleans are anxious to receive & dispatch their eastern mails thro' Mobile, Georgia, &c. but have not been able to meet their wishes, from want of certainty on your Agents part in conveying the mail on the specified route. Can you convey 3 mails in any other manner, & if so, -fuldly so?

M. L.

J. Bellows P.M.

30. Apr.

Walpole N. H.

I am pleased to find by your late Comm^r. that you send a mail six times weekly to Hanover N. H. I hope the plan will continue, as the public will be benefited by it.

M. L.

Post Office Dept.
30. Apr. 1827.

H. Alexander P.M.
Baton Rouge La.

I have just rec^d. your letter of March 30th & I have directed the P.M. at Plaquemine to send a cross mail between his office & Manchac.

M. L.

G. Wheeler P.M.

30. Apr.

Hanover N. H.

I am pleased to find by your late Comm^r. that six mails pass weekly between your O. & Walpole. I hope the plan will continue, which is so beneficial to the public.

M. L.

J. H. Whitaker P.M.
Courtland A.

30. Apr.

I have rec^d. your letter of the 9th Inst. & observe that I had rec^d. & answered a Memorial from the Citizens in your vicinity on the subject to which you advert. The charge complained of was made under representations that could not be questioned (tho' they may have been in some degree founded in mistaken views) & was considered as calculated to enhance equally public & private facilities. The most important considerations that led to the adoption of a stage direct between Huntsville & Florence, on the North side of the river, was the increasing Commercial connection & the consequent intercourse between those places, by the establishment of an Academy & resort of Steam Boats, at the latter. It is always an object with this Dept. to afford the best possible accom^d. on the principal connecting routes, in the respective states, & generally to the local points, according to their claims - founded alike, on actual wants & the relation which their Revenue bear to expediture in supplying them. In regard to the comparative importance of the two routes as respects their Revenue, you have fallen into error, for instead of Tusculum being the most productive it in fact, realizes one third less than that of Florence.

It is hoped these arrangements will on further trial & inspection prove satisfactory. If, however, it should be found otherwise, I shall on consulting your Representatives (should they desire it) give the matter due consideration. I admonish the

156 carriers to prompt observance of their duty. if they fail, report & they shall be fined. M.C.

Hon J. C. Mitchell
Jasper T.
30. Apr. 1827.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Inst. with that of Messrs. Rawlings & Haslerig enclosed for consideration. I observe, in regard to the route to Winchester there is - must according to law, the regulations of this Dept. be published, before a contract can be made for it, & then awarded to the lowest good bid. When this contract shall have been published, I shall be glad to receive the bid of them gentlemen, & am sorry that their error should, in this matter, have involved them in any trouble or expense. The transfer of Amets Cont. has been recognized & the pay sent to them. I reciprocate, most cordially, of very friendly consideration. M.C.

Genl. Thos. Bailey Esq.
New York City
Post Office Dept.
May 1st 1827
For
On the 9th ult. I directed your attention to the necessity of sending a regular daily mail to Boston every day at 10 o'clock A.M. and three other extra mails by the Steam Boat line to be composed of course of all letters and newspapers deposited in your office after the land mail had gone and of such mails as you were particularly requested to send by the Steam Boat conveyance. To my great mortification I have this day rec^d a memorial from sundry citizens of Boston urging me to adopt the plan specially referred to in my letter of the 9th. I wish you to explain the affair without delay.
Respectfully
J.M.C.

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Messrs Josiah Bradlee B. & others
Boston Mass.
Post Office Dept.
1st May 1827
For

Your letter of the 26th ult. is before me. - I gave the Post-Master of New York special directions on the 9th ult. to send a daily land mail to Boston, and to send three other mails weekly by Steam Boat to be composed of mails deposited for Boston &c after the departure of the land mails and of such packages or mails as he was requested to send in that way and am astonished to learn that he had not obeyed my instruction. I pray you to be assured that you need not anticipate further difficulties in that way.
Respectfully
J.M.C.

Mr. Benjamin Hall
Newbury Port Ms.
Post Office Dept.
2nd May 1827.
For
I will thank you to state what effect the recent arrangement made with you has had in regard to the Post Office in Exeter, let me know when you arrive there, and when you depart thence, and in what respect your present plan varies from the plan of last year. -
Respectfully
J.M.C.

James Burley Esq. J.M.
Exeter N.H.
Post Office Dept.
2nd May 1827.
For
I wish you to inform me of the arrival and departure of each mail, as directly connected with your office, before the late change, and as the mails are now arranged.
Respectfully
J.M.C.

J. C. Hubbard Esq. P.M.
Columbus Ind.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827

Sir

Asa Crane has lately executed a contract for the
Mails transport. Fishers Mills and Columbus, the mail to be carried by him once
in two weeks, he ought long since to have begun the service, but, I believe he has
not carried it much; can you say how long he has carried it; it is possible you
may contract with him on advantageous terms, and let him go through to Brownstown
and travel weekly; you will perceive that if he carries it once a fortnight,
more than half the distance you will not have occasion to contract to send
it but once in two weeks, between your office, & Fishers Mills, and thence
weekly to Brownstown.

Respectfully &
I.M.L.

James Somewell Esq. P.M.
Warrenton N.C.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827

Sir

I wish you to inform me the days of the arrival
at departure from your office, of the Northern & Southern mails, also of
the Milton mail, an early reply is requested—

Respectfully &
I.M.L.

Flatt Benedict Esq. P.M.
Nowalk Ohio

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827

Sir

I have rec^d yours of April 6th and the petition therein
enclosed. I cannot enter into a contract for the transportation of the mail, on
the post route alluded to until it is advertised, it will be advertised in a
short time with the various other post routes in your state, and offices will be
established. I am pleased to learn that the road is now opened, and in good
order for the mail. I wish you to apprise the petitioners of my determination
to accommodate them as soon as circumstances will permit. I must be governed
by the law in this case as well as others.

Respectfully &
I.M.L.

Mr Joseph Bell
Newbern N.C.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827

Sir

I have directed you to be fined twenty Dollars for
a failure on the 21st ult^o at Newbern, and I shall fine you for all succeeding
failures. —

Respectfully &
I.M.L.

Thomas Watson Esq. P.M.
Newbern N.C.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827

Sir

I have rec^d yours of April 22^o and fined Mr
Bell for the failure Twenty Dollars. —

Respectfully &
I.M.L.

Hugh Quin Esq. P.M.
Edwardsville N.C.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827

Sir

I have yours of the 5th April, I wish you and the
Contractor to agree as to the time of calling at your office with the mail,
if you cannot agree I will fix the hour to govern him, but with this apprehension
of my wishes I apprehend you will find no difficulty. —

Respectfully &
I.M.L.

Major (Army) Saltmarke & Tomkins
Petersburg Va.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827

Sirs

I wish you to inform me how much you will
ask for conveying a third mail each week between Enfield & Tarboro; let me
have your reply. —

Respectfully &
I.M.L.

J. R. Lloyd Esq. J. M.
Barbours. N.C.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827.

For

I wish to know directly the days and hour the Fayetteville & Norfolk mails arrive at and depart from you under the present arrangement. —

Respectfully
J. M. L.

Mr. A. Bulkley
Granville N.Y.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827.

For

Your application for the mail money due for the mails transportation between Bennington Vt. and Sandy Hill N.Y. payment has been suspended because ~~no~~ contract for the route is executed; the papers sent to be executed by Mr. Wells was not completed. I have directed a new set sent to the Post Master of Granville, who will be instructed to insert the proprietors name or the company's agents name - when executed & returned the payment will be immediately forwarded. —

Respectfully
J. M. L.

Mr. S. Languish
Buffalo N.Y.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827

For

I have rec^d yours of April 23, the petition that accompanied it, and Mr. Bartons relinquishment of the contract, I consent to the transfer, and have noted the transfer on Mr. Bartons contract, and agree to give you \$200. a year for conveying the mail thrice weekly, on said route in summer, and twice in winter. I cannot give more, the extra credit will be given when you show that you have begun the service by a post masters certificate, and state the plan to govern you. —

Respectfully
J. M. L.

Mr. Nath. Blake
Boston M.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827.

For

I am informed by Mr. Levi Pearce that your stage drivers convey newspapers out of the mail for their private benefit, the privilege to do so not being a part of our contract, the practice must cease forthwith, as papers sent by mail contribute to its support.

Respectfully
J. M. L.

Levi Pearce Esq.
P. M. Middleborough M.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827.

For

From your letter of April 14th it may fairly be inferred that subscribers to newspapers may without inconvenience be supplied through the medium of the Post Office, and I have required Mr. Blake to desist from the practice of delivering them forthwith. —

Respectfully
J. M. L.

Mr. Thomas Reeves
Bridgetown N.J.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827.

For

I have rec^d your letter of the 27th ult. The various post routes in New Jersey will be advertised the coming summer, when I shall be glad to receive proposals from you, I cannot enter into a contract to transport the mail on any routes at the public expense until they are duly advertised. —

Respectfully
J. M. L.

Mr. Peter Cool
Thornville O.

Post Office Dept
2^o May 1827.

For

I have your letter of the 21st. On investigating the accounts of the Post Offices on your route, excluding the offices at New Market & Vernon & Lancaster, which offices are generally supplied by other routes, I find that we pay you about three times as much as we receive, I therefore cannot accede to your proposition.

Respectfully
J. M. L.

Mr. Pardon Pearce
Newport N.Y.

Post Office Dept.
2^o May 1827.

Sir
I regret to find you unwilling to carry my intention into effect so far as regards supplying the Post Office at Ruspia with the Mail, the very inconsiderable difference as to the length of roads, even admitting the Ruspia road most hilly, ought not to constitute an objection, I have before assured you that you should be paid fully for increased travel, at the ratio stipulated between us, whether you have too much or too little it is clear that it was a contract of your seeking, if snow-drifts shall interrupt you on that road, take the valley road, and in such cases you will be excused from fines, my directions must be complied with.

Respectfully to
M.L.

Mr. David Hyde
Canterbury Co.

Post Office Dept.
2^o May 1827

Sir
From the representation made in your letter of the 23^o corroborated by Mr. White's explanation, I am satisfied that it will be wrong to exact the penalties from you in the case referred to, and the other fines now referred to by Mr. White, will be remitted if it is not done, as it was on a former occasion on a full explanation.

Respectfully to
M.L.

Mr. Robt Mitchell
Gamboro Fen.

Post Office Dept.
2^o May 1827

Sir
I have accepted your offer to convey the Mail on route 32, which had been assigned to Mr. Sampson Williams, The Contract is made out for you to execute, and will be forwarded to Gamboro.

Respectfully to
M.L.

Mr. Campbell Jr. Esq.
Milton N.C.

Post Office Dept.
May 2^o 1827.

Sir
I have rec^d your letter of the 24th inst and observe, that I have directed an enquiry in regard to the conveyance of the Mails from Milton, Galesburg, & Raleigh - so that if the error complained of, lies at Warrinton, it may be promptly corrected. If otherwise, the cause must be ascertained, and a remedy applied.

Respectfully to
M.L.

Joshua Cox Esq.
P.M. Gouland al.

Post Office Dept.
May 2^o 1827

Sir
I have rec^d your letter of the 9th inst and have, in consequence of the information contained therein, directed James Edington the Contractor, to be fined \$40., for the shameful disregard of duty on the part of his carriers. Please to admonish them, generally, and inform them, that, without they observe a strict regard to their instructions, they will be dismissed.

Respectfully to
M.L.

Messrs Sherwood & Co.
Auburn N.Y.

Post Office Dept.
May 2^o 1827

Gentlemen
In consequence of Mr. Phelps having exhibited satisfactory evidence to this department, that he continues to convey the Mail in conformity to his Contract. I have to remark, that I cannot abrogate it, for the purpose (alone) of availing myself of your proposition, he having stipulated to convey it in Steam Boats and Covered Carriages.

Respectfully to
M.L.

L Vanderlip Esq
✓ Mr. Fenn Jan NY

Post Office Dept
May 2 1827

For I have rec^d your letter of the 24th inst, in which is reported the highly culpable conduct of the sub Contractor. Mr Leonard will have been, I trust suspended before this time, and its hoped, future cause of complaint will not again happen. —
Respectfully &c
W. M. L.

✓ Mr. Ezekiel Loring
Sturford Ct.

Post Office Dept
May 2 1827

For I have rec^d your letter of the 25th inst, advising of a failure in your Mail at New Haven, on the preceding evening. If your driver was not impeded by insuperable obstacles, I shall be under the necessity of finding you, as ~~no~~ obstructions, that can can be possibly overcome, will be rec^d in excuse for a loss of mail, — No time should be lost by day light, — there, generally rests, the cause of failures — You should inspect and admonish your driver — if they are negligent, dismiss them promptly, it will insure punctuality, and prove generally, a good example. —
Respectfully &c
W. M. L.

✓ Geo Kress Esq
Ties Kers Mills Ind
(or Jackson)

Post Office Dept
May 2 1827

For I have rec^d your letter of the 4th inst, and observe, in regard to Mr Crane, and his engagements with this department. Had in consequence of a suspension, and failure on his part, directed the post Master at Columbus, to provide for the transportation of this Mail, by Contract. —
I wish you to inform me how long Mr Crane (actually) carried the Mail previous to his stopping. Specifying the time he commenced and the period of his discontinuance, and if any what pay, in that account, you consider him intitled to receive. I must have your reply, before I can decide, in regard to the merits ~~value~~ of his claim, if he has one, —
You can refer Mr. Crane to the postmaster at Columbus, respecting a locally Mail. — his, was once in two weeks. —
Respectfully &c
W. M. L.

Thomas Livingston Esq
New Woodstock NY

Post Office Dept
May 2 1827

For I have rec^d your proposition, for conveying the Mail, in covered carriages, on the route from Chittinango Village, to that of Woodstock, now under contract, to Mr Carey. I have not heretofore rec^d any advice of negligence or departure from the terms of his Contract. The certificate of the post Master, in relation thereto, shows, at least, some indifference on their part, in regard to his defaultations in duty, It however ~~now~~ appears manifest, and I have written to him on the subject, — if he fails, in his engagements thereafter, I shall abrogate his Contract, and transfer it accordingly. — If the post Master had been particular in regard to the facts, and the time, fines would have been imposed.
Very respectfully &c
W. M. L.

✓ Mr Elisha Carey
Utica NY

Post Office Dept
2 May 1827

For Advice has been rec^d at this dept: that you have failed, to carry your Mail on the route from Chittinango Village, to that of New Woodstock, according to the conditions of your Contract. — forgetting your duty to the public, in not providing a cover to secure it from the weather; beside, conveying it sometimes on horse back, and at others in an open buggen. — and that beside this negligence, it had been permitted, to remain for days without any conveyance whatever. I shall further investigate this matter, and shall fine you — and, if the terms of your Contract is not promptly executed, it will be abrogated. —
Respectfully &c
W. M. L.

✓ Lory Bacon Esq
P. M. Newt Well
Keenebee Me

Post Office Dept
May 2 1827

For I have rec^d your letter of the 31st March and have instructed the P. M. at Keenebee to forward regularly, all letters intended for your Office. You can add another Mail on condition, that it does not become a matter of charge to this department, for which purpose, however, you