

Post Office Dept.
13th Decr 1827.

✓ Hon. L. Condit,
House of Reps.

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst: I observe that I believe \$15.6, or \$2 a week may be considered a fair compensation for the three extra mails to New York City, to go either by Elizabethtown, or direct to the City, as the case may be - so arranged as to make six mails a week between Morristown & New York - three by Orange street in the other direction -

Mr. Burnett proposed to convey six mails a week at \$200; and it would have been sufficient to have sent three by Orange and six the other direction. If however you think the three extra mails worth of \$175 or \$180, the price will not be objected to, as it is worth more than half the sum to carry three; than it is, six mails -

You justly feel an interest in improving the communications from Morristown; and the Diff^r is solicitous to meet your views. If six mails pass weekly, I believe we had better have all the Morristown mails go direct by N^r. York, whence they will proceed direct. If you concur in the opinion, directions will be given accordingly -

✓ Hon. John McKea,
House,

13th

P.P.

The subject suggested by Mr. Lynde in his letter to your address of the 12th ult^r (and which is herewith returned) shall be investigated; and if the extra service he proposes, can be performed for a moderate price, it shall be done -

✓ Hon. S. C. Allen,
House,

13th

P.P.

In reply to the letter of Mr. Douglass, to your address of the 7th inst^r, (which is herewith returned) I observe that the proposal of Mr. Douglass was recd. in due time, & that it embraced the whole route as contemplated by the law - that he proposed also for the route, as advertised & was underbid \$75. It may be proper to remark, that the route was not extended through to Keene, because all the offices not provided for in the advertisement, were previously supplied by mails; but as you think it best to extend the routes as advertised, the P.M. Govt. has decided to do so. Mr. Putnam the successful bidder, will be written to on the subject of running a stage and of his terms and letter

than Mr. Douglass's he will be entitled to the contract -
Mr. Putnam's bid, as advertised is \$125, if extended to Keene \$250.
Mr. Douglass's bid as advertised was \$200, if extended to Keene \$500 -
so you will perceive that Mr. Douglass's bid, to extend to Keene is
\$250 more than Mr. Putnam's -

✓ Hon. R. M. Johnson,
Senate,

13th

A Contract was made & sent several weeks ago to Great Crooping R^r to be executed by Darwin Johnson, for post route "Frankfort & Pratto Knob or Bell". We can direct the P.M. at Great Croopings, if you wish it, to substitute "William" for "Darwin" -

✓ Hon. W^m Ramsey,
House,

13th

Since my late letter to you on the subject of Post route No. 127, the Contractor has consented to relinquish it, & Gal. Lamberton can now have a contract, from "Caribic to Millerton"; at the ratio of Mr. Barknold's bid, which was \$136 a year -

✓ Hon. J. Mitchell,
House of Reps.

14th

The note of John Rop for \$45 in favor of Mr. W^m Gilbreath which you deposited in my hands to collect for Mr. G. has been forwarded to Rop, in part pay^r for his services, and if the objects can be effected in that way, it will be done -

✓ Hon. W. Davis,
House,

14th

The P.M. Govt. has decided to extend the Post route, "from Chester C.H. to Blairsill" a distance of about 25 miles, agreeably to the petition you submitted to his consideration; and will establish such P.O's on the route, as you may believe expedient to the public convenience -

P.P.

Post Office Dept.
14 Dec^r 1827.

✓ Hon. S. C. Allen,
House,

I have the honor to inform you that provision
is made to have a weekly mail conveyed between Garrison & Lyden
from the 1st of the ensuing Month

✓ Hon. Lewis Williams,
House,

14th

Since the reception of your letter of the 12th inst
accompanied by the petition of sundry citizens of Stateville favorable
to the increase of pay on a portion of Mr. Mapes's route, the P.M.
Bmt has, in consequence of your representation united with others, conde
to allow Mr. Mapes, three dollars & a half per mile per annum on
100 miles of his post road, for conveying the mail in 4 horse stages
instead of two, which allowance will take effect from the 1st Dec^r next

✓ Hon. C. H. Wilson,
House,

14th

In reply to the letter of Messrs Carroll, Gallop
Williams, I have to observe, that on a reference to the advertisement
of post routes, published last summer, I find that provision is
made to supply the office at Kingston, with two mails each week;
which will be carried into effect on the 1st of next Month

✓ Hon. C. Lyon,
House,

14th

In reply to Mr. Dillard's letter to your address
of the 27th ulto, I remark, that I do not discover any objection to
the changes he proposes to make in the mail arrangement; and they
will be agreed to, until he receives further directions from the Dept^r

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
14 Dec^r 1827.

✓ Hon. T. A. Benton,
Senate,

Your letter of the 11th inst^r approving the plan of
Mr. Caldwell, to unite the Kentucky & Lewisburgh mail, with the great
Western mail, by stages, at Hincastle, is rec'd, & is entitled to great consideration.
Several propositions similar to that of Mr. Caldwell's have been submitted to
the Dept^r and some of them will be acceded to. Most probably the next summer.
The experiment made last summer has tested its usefulness, especially during
the resort of the Watering Places in that section of Country

✓ Hon. Sam'l Burman,
House,

15th

We have had no intimation of a wish to send
the great Eastern mail that I recollect of, from Portland via Bangor
instead of Bucksport, except in a few instances from individuals, who
might have interested motives in the change. A revision of the Contracts
in Maine, will take place next summer, when the subject will be fully
considered.

We have required of Mr. Jones nothing more than from others, in regard
to expeditions. If he carries a third mail on the short road by Union
he shall be paid for it. We ask no additional service, without
expecting to pay for it. If the plan prevails to which he alludes,
about 6 mails a week to & from Belfast & Wiscasset, the public
will be satisfied hope, although the expeditioins is not as great as is desired.
The Contracts of Mr. Eaton are satisfactory

✓ Hon. James Buchanan,
House,

15th

As intimated in my letter to you, of the 8th, the
change desired by Mr. Lescure, has again been examined, & Mr. Lescure
has been authorized to go from Chester to West Chester, and return the
same day - allowing the same time to be at Chester

P.B.

P. O. Off^r

15 Dec 1827.

Hon. L. Maxwell,
House,

To that part of Mr. Wilmuth's letter to you
addressed of the 3^d. Inst. having reference to the supply of the Officers at
Giby Creek, Hupperville, I reply that we have this day requested Mr.
Wilmuth to state "where upon which he will give these officers a fortnight
or a weekly mail -"

The route to which he refers, as being superfluous, was accidentally
advertised, or rather was established last session of Congress, on a road then
provided for - the names being different caused the error, & which, in fact
originated with Congress - Mr. Wilmuth's letter is herewith returned -

Hon. J. B. Moore,

House,

15th.

An acceptance has been sent on to Mr. Peters,
for the Germantown route, & for the other routes North of Phil^a, with which
he is connected -

No no advertisement was made for Manayunk, and which office is
considered a part of route No. 135, no acceptance can be given him
for it - in fact, from a close inspection of Mr. Peters bid for
route 135, he does not embrace in it, the offices on the route; & he
has relinquished the right, if he had any to it. The route will
be assigned to Styer.

Mr. Peters' letter to your address, is herewith returned -

Hon. A. Williams,
House,

15th

In my letter of yesterday, which I had the honor to
address you, on the subject of Mr. Mapes's extra allowance, I did not
specify the different routes, & the number of miles on each route for which
the allowance was granted: which is as follows, viz on the route "Wilksboro &
Shaws + Roads" 55 miles, and on the "Wilksboro & Charlotte" route (in part)
45 miles, making together 100 miles, for which he is to receive \$3 22¹² per
mile per annum, for substituting for horse stages instead of two -

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

15 Dec 1827.

Hon. S. McLean,
House,

Mr. Bell will be authorized to convey the mail on
route N^o. 189, weekly, instead of once in two weeks, and be paid \$500 instead
of \$250 a year, as first agreed to - He can extend his Wilksburgh mail
from Wilksburgh to Warren, in Bradford Co. for which he will be allowed
\$65 a year. As he relinquished route N^o. 197, which was not duly noticed, he
will be allowed for that route of \$65 instead of \$50, which he had erroneously
offered - His contract will now stand for route "Warren &c and Wilksbur-
gh to Wilksboro" \$150. & Wilksboro to Warren C. H. \$500 -

P.B.

Hon. C. Lynde,
House,

15th

Mr. Dillard has been informed that he can convey the
mail weekly between Princeton & Eddyville in stages & from Salem to Golconda
on Horse back, instead of performing the service, as was agreed upon, & for
which he is to receive \$25 additional - He is also to go from Salem to
Golconda, & return in one day, & the rest at the latter place two hours. His
rest days, on route N^o. 405, is to be at Franklin -

Mr. Dillard has been requested to inform the Dept^r his terms for the
transportation of two additional mails each week, between Eddyville and
Princeton in stages -

Hon. L. Condit,
House,

15th

The P. M^r. Galt will not I am sure consent to such a change
as appears to be in agitation, respecting the charge referred to in your letter of the
14th Inst. Should he granting a most decided advantage to the Mess^rs Draken
& to the injury of the public - they must perform as they have proposed -

It is unnecessary for an immediate decision to be made in regard to
the proposition of Mr. Burnet. You can consult him on the subject
& still have sufficient time - Mr. Burnet need not go by Eighthtown
except when he avails himself of the Steam boat navigation to convey his
mails -

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
17th Decr - 1827.

Hon. J. Southard,
Secty of the Navy.

The letters of Mess^{rs} Marsh & Shepp
which you submitted for the consideration of the P.M. Int^r, (and which are
hereunto returned) have been examined. As remarked by those gentlemen,
the mail was well, and satisfactorily carried by Mr Chamberlain; and
had his bid entitl^d him to a continuance of the contract, he would
unquestionably have obtained it. He was underbid about 60 per cent -
Should he decide to send the mail more frequently on the route, than
the advertisement specifies, we ~~must~~ give a preference to the contr^r, who
has charge of the mail, in conformity to the uniform practice
of the Dept^r.

The successors of Mr C must convey the mail satisfactorily to the
public & to the Dept^r, if they wish to be continued.

Hon. J. P. More,
House,

17th

P.B

In answer to your letter of the 15th inst^r I have
the honor to inform you, that arrangements are made to send a
weekly mail, on and after the 16th of next month, ^{between} Stamford & Somers^t R^t,
the mail is to leave Stamford on Sundays & return on Mondays -
A critical examination will be made, to ascertain whether any routes
in the section of Country to which you allude, can be abridged, &
the expenses kept consistent with the public interest -

Hon. M. Bartley,
House,

17th

P.B

As Mr Wm Clarke appears to be entitled to your
approbation, on account of his fitness for the duties of contr^r, we
shall be gratified, to find it the interest of the Dept^r to employ him -
He was underbid on the routes he proposed for. Should any route here-
after become vacant, he will be considered an applicant, & as entitled to
the confidence of the Dept^r -

P.B

Post Office Dept.
18th Decr - 1827.

Hon. C. C. Hayes,
House,

In reply to the letter of Mr Collier to your address, of
the 4th inst^r (and which is herewith returned) I have to remark, that the reasons
assigned by him, do not appear sufficient to justify a preference to Poneton
over the densely populated country near Rivers Mills, which has hitherto had
but a weekly mail -

P.B

Hon. J. Leconte,
House,

18th

I have the honor to inform you that "Le Grand" will be
supplied with a mail; and which can be effected without any change of the
law -

P.B

Hon. C. Whittlesey,
House,

18th

Our effort to blend two routes in one, & diminish ex-
penses, cannot succeed agreeably to our expectations, if the diagnosis of Mr
Warren, submitted by you, be correct, and there appears no doubt but that it is
substantially so. We therefore for the present, will send the mail between
New Lisbon, Scrogginsville, Centerville, New Hagerstown & Lewisville, and make
other provision for the other offices, embraced in the proposal of Mr Warren,
& allow him of 3⁵⁰/100 per mile - the distance estimated one way - As our prin-
cipal road so widely in his publication, we may properly allow the correction.
We had estimated the route to be 42 miles, which appears to fall short of Mr
Warren's estimate - We have written to Mr Warren to day particularly on
the subject - He will be required to travel about 40 miles a day; and when the
roads are bad, he will be indulged with more time on the Brookfield route -

P.B

Hon. Wm D. Martin,
House,

18th

On the 23rd ult^r Mr McLean was requested to state
specifically, how near he ran his stages to Brownville C.H., and the terms for which
he would carry a horse mail to that office, from Williamson's Bridge, or near that place.
As he has failed to reply, I fear he may not carry the mail, as he verbally agreed to do.
If you will recommend it, we will direct, either the P.M. at Columbus, or at Burnell C.H. to
supply the route. Mr McLean's former punctuality, scarcely leaves room to doubt but
that he may yet comply, but again his avocations may be such as to prevent it.

P.B

Post Office Dept.
19th Decr 1827.

✓ Hon. S. P. Carson,
House,

In reply for the letter of Messrs G. & B. Newland to your address, (& which is herewith returned) I have to observe that Mr. Newland's schedule will be examined, & if he has not a fair proportion of time, the error will be corrected. He is not bound to visit either Chees Store, or Chucky Bend, Tenn. his Deemed Contract cannot be extended, without advertising the route.

Mr. Newland is instructed to convey the mail, once a week between Parkville S. C. & Murrayville N.C. instead of once in two weeks, & a fair compensation will be allowed him for the extra service. We cannot contract with Mr. N. to extend his line to Charlotte until we, agreeably to the practice of the Dept., consult Mr. Reinhardt, the present Contractor, to know whether he will run a stage or not. Mr. Newland's claim for extra allowances on the route "Lincolnton & Asheville" will have due consideration, & an allowance if he is entitled to it.

P.B.

✓ Hon. G. W. Owen,
House,

19.

The errors pointed out in the Paragraphs which you enclosed, from the Mobile Register, of the 14th & 17th, have been corrected. I have rec'd letters from the P.M.s. of Blakely & Mobile, dated the 25th Oct^d. in which they remark, that the mails were then regular, & on the old footing. The moment we were apprized of the change made by Mr. Johnson, which was unauthorized, he was directed to resume his former plan. The mistake originated with him, from a belief, that the counterpart of his contract, which had been sent on to him, authorized the change, & which was not designed to have been sent on, at the time it was - He however ought not to have made the change without a special direction from the Dept.

P.B.

✓ Hon. S. Jackson,
House,

19.

The changes suggested in the memorial presented by you to the P.M. Genl, on post route No. 215, will be carried into effect, some time next month.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
19th Decr 1827.

✓ Hon. John Reed,
House,

I have the honor to inform you, that North Palmetto will be provided with three mails a week from early in next month.

= Mr. Stoy's letter to your address is returned -

✓ Hon. D. W. Cott,
Senate,

19.

I have the honor to inform you, that the three mails anticipated by Mr. Collier (whose letter to your address, is herewith returned) have been ordered on the route "Augusta & Milledgeville"; but the P. M. Genl, under a belief that the public would be benefited, directed the extra mails to go by Shrimps Mills, which section of Country had, previously, but one mail a week.

P.B.

✓ Hon. David Barker Jr.
House,

19.

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., I have to inform you, that measures have been taken, with a hope, to carry your wishes into effect, as it regards the transportation of a second mail each week between Dover & Sandwich - If Mr. Clark's terms are reasonable, which I trust they will be, the extra accommodation will be granted early in next month.

P.B.

✓ Hon. Richard Head.
House,

19.

I have the honor to inform you that the carrier has been instructed to wait one hour at Bowers Point, for replies to be made after the mail is aperted. Mr. Morris' letter to your address, is herewith returned.

P.B.

✓ Hon. J. C. Mitchell,
House,

19.

Since you submitted the letter of Mr. Preston Starke to the Consideration of the P.M. Genl, which is herewith returned, he has decided to pay that gentleman \$175 a year, for extending his route from Tellier Plains to Morgantown. The extra pay will be sent to Mr. Starke, with the pay of the current quarter.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
19th Decr 1827.

Hon. J. Anderson,
House.

In reply to the letter of Messrs Hale & Fletcher submitted by you, & which is herewith returned, I observe that they have not given occasion for complaint, for some weeks past. If they will make a fair proposal, to convey a third mail to Somersworth, all difficulty from that quarter will, I apprehend, cease. Those gentlemen were written to a few days ago, on the subject, & a reply is expected -

P.B.

Hon. G. Holmes,
House.

20th

An enquiry has been instituted, to ascertain whether an alteration in the arrival & departure of the mail, from Wilmington to Fayetteville, can be advantageously made & which I trust will be the case -

P.B.

Hon. B. Bassett,
House.

20th

I have the honor to inform you, that provision will be made, to have a weekly mail conveyed between Hanover & New-Hampshire C.H. from the 1st of next month.

P.B.

Hon. J. S. Barbour,
House.

20th

In reply to the letter of Mr. Walker to your address, and which is herewith returned, I have the honor to inform you, that the mail will be sent between Colb, March & Jefferson, as requested by Mr. Walker.

P.B.

Hon. Moses J. Noble, Senate.

20th

& O. A. Smith, House of Reps.

Your letter in favor of Mr. Hale, & intimating his willingness to take \$300, if his proposal did not entitle him to the contract, has been recd. We have not been able to discover a bidder of his name, except for post route No. 504, & which is very remote from the section, to which you refer; I apprehend therefore, that his proposal did not reach the Dept^t, until the period of receiving proposals had expired -

Post Office Dept.
20th Decr 1827.

Hon. J. C. Mitchell,
House.

We have taken measures to ascertain the expense of sending a mail between Rutherford & Knoxville in four horse stages, as suggested by you. We propose to start the mail from Knoxville, as being the least expensive, & affording the most utility to the public, considering all circumstances -

P.B.

Hon. J. Gray Jr
House.

20th

In reply to the letter of Mr. Hulter to your address, & which is herewith returned, I have to observe, that it will be an improvement to send the mail as proposed by Mr. Hulter; & we have offered him \$52 per year to grant the accommodation -

P.B.

Hon. J. C. Jackson
House.

20,

We did, as you remark, inadvertently omit to advertise the route reported to us by yourself, Mr. Gray, & Mr. Godbar, whose letters to you, on the subject, are herewith returned - The route had previously been associated with the Danvers route, in our advertisement, & when the K.Y. routes were advertised, it entirely escaped our recollection - We have requested Mr. Godbar to continue the route, & if he accepts the offer, it will be continued until the routes in Danvers expire & it will then be renewed -

P.B.

Hon. John Reed,
House.

21st

Since the reception of your letter of the 18th, the P.M. has decided to send three other mails each week, between Rutherford & the Main land & which will pursue the route recommended by you viz Sandwich & Ryans to Rutherford - The arrangement will be carried into operation, as soon as circumstances will permit, which will be about the 1st of Feb'y -

P.B.

Post Office Dept
21 Decr 1827.

✓ Hon. C. Dorsey,
House,

In reply to the letter of Mr Bond to your address, & which is herewith returned, I have to remark, that on reference to our book of proposals, we do not find the name of Mr Bond. The presumption therefore is, that his proposal did not reach the Dept until the period fixed for receiving proposals, had expired, if at all, otherwise he would have obtained the contract -

✓ Hon. A. H. Shoffert
House,

21st

PB

The plan suggested in your letter of the 19th will, no doubt prove beneficial to the route referred to; & we have requested Mr Adams, the Commr, to carry it into effect.

✓ Hon. John Magee,
House,

21st

The proposition contained in your letter of the 19th, to send the mail on the most direct road between Bath, Genesee & Rochester, appears so reasonable, that we have instructed the Commr to make the change accordingly - he will convey the mail in the stage line, by South Sparta, & send a loose mail on the route between Hornellville & South Sparta, once a week -

✓ Hon. J. Hunt,
House,

22nd

PB

Since you submitted the letters of Messrs Green, Ditch, & Hampton, having reference to the private post route, in charge of Mr Adams, to the consideration of the P.M. Comr; measures have been taken to restore harmony, & prevent further errors in the transmission of that mail -

PB

Hon. R. H. Gurley,
House,

Post Office Dept
24 Decr 1827.

I have the honor to inform you, that provision has been made for the establishment of a P.O. at Mt Pleasant, in the parish of St Helena.

✓ Hon. Robert Orr Jr
House,

24th

PB

Conformably to the views expressed in the memorial, which you submitted, from sundry citizens of Westmoreland County; and to the request of yourself & the Hon Messrs Hanson & Cutler, the P.M. Comr has directed the Mt Pleasant mail to be extended from Blainsville to Prospect. The accommodation will begin early in the next month -

✓ Hon. Robert Orr Jr
House,

24th

PB

I have the honor to inform you, that route No. 92 has been changed agreeably to the wishes of the petitioners on the subject -

✓ Hon. R. H. Gurley,
House,

24th

PB

The penalties charged the Adm^r Road for sundry failures of the mail, have been remitted, from a belief that they were unavoidable -

✓ Hon. L. M. Keam,
House,

24th

PB

The following is an answer to the letter of Mr Thross to your address of the 21st m^r & which is herewith returned.

Route N ^o 186 accepted to B. R. Hallat at # 136	
" 181 " " J. P. Ball	175
" 203 " " Edwin Right	104
" 198 " " J. Dodson	50
" 184 " " Jacob Walker	65
" 167 Not decided	
" 905 Timo Hause	180

PB

Post Office Dept

24 Decr 1827.

Hon. J. Jennings,
House,

The P.M. Genl has consented to accept David
Craig, as the substitute of John Patterson for route No. 485-

PB

Hon. R. H. Gurley,
House,

24th

The P.M. Genl, after a full examination on the
subject of Mrs. Goff's letter to your addres., regrets that he has
not the power to give the desired accommodation, until a mail route
be established, unless the service can be done for the net receipts of
postage on the routes. If on this condition, the arrangement is desirable
it shall be made.

Mrs. Goff's letter to you, will be filed in this office, & should
you wish to refer to it, you can have it at any time.

PB

Hon. A. Ward,
House,

26th

The proposal of Mr. Bloomer, has been rec'd. &
accepted, to convey the mail as proposed by Mr. Stark, whose letter on
the subject to your addres., is herewith returned. The spare time will
be at Carmel, the place of Mr. Bloomer's residence; who must
commence the transportation of the mail, on the 1st of next month,
whether he receives the contract before that time or not.

PB

Hon. L. Bowditch,
House,

26,

I have sent a bond & contract, to be executed
by Mr. Barnet, to the P.M. of Morristown, who is charged to
arrange the schedule, so as to give three mails by Orange, &
three on the other route, making six direct mails, as you wish,
between Morristown & N. York, unconnected with the other routes
passing through Morristown.

PB

Post Office Dept

26 Decr 1827.

Hon. A. Ward,
House,

The only proposal rec'd. for the Post route
"Poundridge & Mt Pleasant" was from Messrs. Wyllys & Backus. If
other bids were offered they did not reach the Dept. before the time
of receiving bids had expired, or they would have been rejected.

PB

Hon. A. B. Pines,
House,

27th

A change has been directed, & which will go into operation
immediately, for the mail to pass between Livingston & Wilmington in
three days, & for the Tuesday's mail to diverge from Tappanville, & go by
Balling's Creek, Laurel Spring & Manette Shop to Livingston.

PB

Hon. R. P. Fletcher,
House,

27th

The Post Master at Richmond Ky has this day been
instructed to invite proposals (in the "Farmer's Chronicle") for the trans-
portation of the mail, once in two weeks from Irvin by Miller's Creek,
Swift's Creek, Still Water, & Head of Red River to Pittsburgh, agreeable
to your wishes.

PB

Hon. J. Hunt,
House,

27th

We have taken measures to send the mail by Stage between
Brattleboro, Vt & City Williams N.Y., which we hope will go into effect, by the
1st of July next. The letters of Messrs. Green, Goodhue & Blake are
herewith returned.

PB

Hon. S. Barlow,
House,

27th

Since the reception of Mr. Vincent's letter to your addres.,
& which is herewith returned, we have made a provisional arrangement with
Mr. Tracy, to super his expenses. If not satisfactory, it must hereafter
be revised.

PB

Post Office Dept
27 Decr 1827

✓ Hon. S. Barlow,
House,

We have made provision for sending the
mails a week between Mt. Vernon & Franklin, from the 1st of Feb.
next, as suggested by Mr. Evans, whose letter to your Address
is herewith returned -

P.B.

✓ Hon. C. Phelps,
House,

28th

Since you left the Deptt. to day, I have written
to Messrs Pack & Babcock upon the subject of carrying the main
mail, between New Haven & Hartford C^{ty}, & I hope to receive a favorable
reply, as a change will probably save an hour's travel -

P.B.

✓ Hon. T. McLean,
House,

29th

We have rec'd no reply from Mr. Watson
as yet, but are in daily expectation of one -

P.B.

✓ Hon. Messrs Wilson & Ramsey
House of Reps.,

28th

The P.M. Genl. wishes the
enclosed papers, submitted to your Consideration; and he will be
obliged after you have read them, to return them to the Deptt. ac-
companied by such remarks as you may consider necessary -

P.B.

✓ Hon. T. Metcalfe
House

29 Decr 1827

for

In reply to that part of Mr. Evans's
letter, which relates to his proposal for the transportation of the
mail on the route "Cattlettsburgh & Paris"; remark that his
proposal was distinctly written in figures \$300 at which price it
was accepted, and a contract was made and sent to him according
to his having stated that it was his intention to have made it
\$500 and not doubting his statement, he has been released
from the bid, and the contract is now given to another person
Mr. Evans's letter to you is herewith returned.

Stone & Moore

House of Reps:

for

Post office Dept

Office of M. C 29 Decr

I enclose a copy of your letter of the 26th. I have
to state that the increased distance of the mail route via Evans
between Huntington & Athens, presents insuperable objections to
change the mail stage line to meet the views of those interested.
The effect would be, to send the whole great southern mail about
44 miles out of its proper & natural direction; but to meet your
wishes as well as those interested in the transportation of the mail
on that route, measures are now taken to increase this mail
accommodation. Whether one additional mail, or two, will be
granted, must depend on the terms demanded for the service

P.B.

✓ Hon. R. Fletcher
House

29 Decr 1827

for

Mr. Hibbard is correct in representing
that we erred in regard to his proposal. It should have been
route No 127 and not 152. Mr. Hibbard did not specify the
number of the route when he made his proposal, and there were
several propositions for carrying the mail on the several routes
leading from Lexington to Barboursville, which produced the error.
I should regret exceedingly, if our Hibbards experiences any inconvenience
from the error. Mr. Hibbard's letter is enclosed

P.B.

✓ Hon W^m Marks
House of Reps

29 Decr 1827

for

Mr. McCrea having bid for route No 12, with
a knowledge of its length, as we presume, we accepted his bid, and as
he was disengaged, we afford him another day to perform the
service in. The proposition which he has submitted though you
cannot be acceded to, as it would give him a decided advantage
over other bidders - allowing him in fact to bid twice; before the
proposition was submitted we had authorized Mr. Thompson, the
lowest bidder, to take charge of the mail, and the P.M. Genl. now releases
him Mr. McCrea from all liability on account of his bid

Post Office Dept.
31 Decr 1827.

Hon. R. P. Letcher,
House,

Shall we give Benj^m Gushard \$370 or \$400
What was your understanding on the subject, the other day, when
you were here--?

PPB

Hon D. D. Barnard,
House,

31st

Since the reception of your letter of the 27th
and the petition which accompanied it, the P.M. Govt has decided to
grant the additional three mails, if the service can be performed
for \$400 a year -

PPB

Hon. J. S. Johnson,
Senate,

1st Jan'y 1828

You may recollect that in Oct. last, you
advised the propriety of accelerating the mail from N. Orleans
to Alexandria &c, in the State of Louisiana. The contractors
were requested to say whether the expedition proposed, could be given,
and if not, to state their objections. The enclosed letter, was
rec'd yesterday, from Mr. Dupree, who conveys the mail between
Blackshardville & Opelousas; We have not rec'd the other replies.

PPB

Hon. J. J. Wood,
House,

1st

Since you left the Dept^t this morning, I
discover that we revised the Halkersack route, as it regards its arrival
at Blackshard, so as to arrive at that place on Fridays. The
change was made at the instance of the P.M. at Blackshard -

PPB

Hon. J. H. Bryan
House,

1st

In compliance with the prayer of the petition
of C. C. & Co., & your wishes on the subject, a second mail is
ordered to be conveyed between Beaufort & Newbern -

PPB

Post Office Dept.
1 Jan'y 1828.

Hon. J. C. Wright
House,

The Contractor Mr. Dickinson did not object to
the expedition proposed, nor has any objection been raised by the
citizens of Steubenville, against the proposed mail arrangement - at least
I have not seen any. As you wish the matter referred to the P.M.
of Steubenville, to arrange, & change the plan, it has accordingly
been done -

PPB

Hon. J. T. Wingate,
House,

1st Jan'y

On that part of your letter, having reference
to the 7th mail for Wipscapet, I reply, that Mr. Hilton's terms being reasonable
are accepted. He is directed to begin the 7th mail, without delay, agreeably to
your wishes & the wishes of the citizens of Wipscapet -

PPB

Hon. D. G. Burney,
House,

1st

In reply to Mr. Van Duzer's letter, submitted by
you to the consideration of the Dept^t; and which is herewith returned,
I observe, that it does not appear to be expedient to designate the road
to be pursued by the mail stage between Buffalo & Erie, until next
spring, or early in the summer, in time to advertise it. We shall
then be particularly gratified if you will inform us the most eligible
road to pursue -

PPB

Hon. John M. Kee,
House,

1st

After carefully examining the laws establishing post
roads, we cannot discover any authority for sending a mail between
Monteville & Selma, as proposed by Mr. Deaton, in the enclosed letter.
(The P.M. Govt cannot therefore establish it as a post road, & have
the mail conveyed thereon, at the public expense -

PPB