

Post Office Dept
18 July 1828.

Hon. J. A. Williams,
Senate,

Measures were taken to make the change of mails at W^t Solus instead of Jackson, for Vicksburg & immediately after you first suggested the change. Orders have again been issued, in case the change is not already made, to have it made without delay.

P.P.

Hon. J. Maynard,
House,

18th

Since my letter to you of yesterday's date, the P.M. Genl. has decided to send the three extra mails between Penn Run & Geneva, immediately.

P.P.

Hon. J. O'Brien,
House,

18th

Mr. Chalomer's Contract does not end until the 31st of Dec^r next, when conformably to law, it must be advertised. The P.M. Genl. cannot renew the Contract with him, however meritorious he may be, without first pursuing that course. The mail routes in your State will be all advertised in the ensuing summer, when we hope to receive such proposals from Mr. Chalomer as will entitle him to the Contract. We have authorized Mr. Chalomer to convey the mail on the Turnpike & Bridge road, or not, as may best comport with the public interest.

P.P.

Hon. R. P. Letcher,
House,

18th

As we regret to learn by Apperson's letter which you submitted to the P.M. Genl's consideration that the citizens of Richmond complain of the mail arrangement as connected with that place. It was our intention to continue the mail arrangement of last year which we believe was acceptable to them, if not, we never have had a complaint before the ord now before me. Our object is to best serve the public & it is alike satisfactory to the Dept. to send the mail to & from Richmond on such days of the week as gives most satisfaction. As the mail is now conveyed to

Lexington every day, & that to remove all ground of dissatisfaction the P.M. of Richmond is clothed with authority to make suitable & satisfactory mail arrangements. The remedy you suggest will give the most satisfaction to add a third mail to the present ones & to carry the mail in stages. The P.M. is instructed to provide for under certain regulations this plan will place Richmond on as good a footing as Danville as to the number of weekly mails & if we succeed in getting suitable terms to convey the three mails by stage between Richmond & Lexington, the citizens will I trust be fully satisfied.

Mr. Apperson's letter is returned.

Hon. Geo. Wolf,
House,

19th

The change anticipated by the memorial which you submitted to the P.M. Genl's consideration, was made with a special view to effect a direct connection between the N. York mail, & the Maryland mail, as expedited under the current year's arrangement; and with the belief that the change would be beneficial to the citizens of Easton, and satisfactory to Mr. Thouse. As it appears not to give satisfaction, although it is obviously useful, in a public point of view, the alteration proposed to Mr. Thouse, will be abandoned.

P.P.

Hon. R. P. Letcher,
House,

19th

Perceiving no objection to the change proposed by Mr. Green, his plan has been agreed to. If hereafter more expedition is required, than is now exacted from him, he will be subject to make such reasonable increase of expedition as may be found necessary.

Mr. Green's letter is enclosed.

P.P.

Hon. T. W. Cobb,
Senate,

19th

The P.M. at St. Marys Pt. was specially directed on the 3^d of this month to pay Mr. Mickler \$100 for and on acc^t of this Dept, pursuant to the P.M. Genl's decision in his case. Mr. Mickler's letter to your address is herewith returned.

P.P.

Post Office Dept
19th Jan'y 1828.

✓ Hon. N. A. Claiborne,
House,

A second weekly mail has been established between Liberty & Rocky Mount, by extending the mail lately passing between Liberty & Taylor's Store, from the latter place to Rocky Mount. The mail is so arranged as to give to that point two mails a week, & will materially lessen the weight of the mail; & with a view to the extension of the 2^d mail from Rocky Mount, an enquiry is instituted, to ascertain the expense that will arise from the extension of the route to Henry C. A.

The letter from Mr. Finney to your address is herewith returned & also that of Mr. Davis.

P.P.

✓ Hon. J. C. Mitchell,
House,

19th

The P.M. at Clinton, reports the man as being drunk - he did not give his name, but was specially directed to require his immediate dismissal. He replied that the carriers farther had taken charge of the mail, & appeared to think the order unnecessary. He reported a failure of Dec. 20th & said the cause was high water - since then we have had no complaint - If the route becomes vacant, Mr. Washington Crozier will be a very acceptable substitute, as he appears to deserve your recommendation as stated in your letter of the 16th inst.

P.P.

✓ Hon. J. Blair,
House,

21st

In reply to Mr. Kelly's letter which you submitted to the P.M. Genl, which is herewith enclosed, I remark, that his proposal appears to be too high for the service proposed to be performed. An enquiry is made to ascertain the expense that will attend such extension of his route, as he proposes, & also to see whether the accommodation cannot be substantially obtained in some other way, without incurring such expense - As soon as we get the information we will inform you.

P.P.

Post Office Dept
21 Jan'y 1828.

✓ Hon. S. Barlow,
House,

Since you submitted Mr. Andrews' letter to the P.M. Genl, we have taken measures to ascertain whether a deduction can be made, by letting one of the two mails mentioned by Mr. Andrews, stop at Brightstown, instead of proceeding to Meadville - I apprehend that little, if any saving will result from the proposition, as the carriers will have business to do at Meadville, equivalent to the extra travel - the other or Jamestown route has been attended to - The other subjects mentioned in Mr. Andrews' letter, will receive attention -

P.P.

✓ Hon. J. Maynard,
House,

21.

I would suggest whether a third or extra mail will not be more useful, if sent from Elmira to Ithaca, than if sent to Ovid - It appears to me that it would be more beneficial as it would be communicating more direct between Elmira & Albany also offering another direct mail between Elmira & Ithaca - Ithaca is already a considerable & important town; & from thence the mail goes thrice weekly to Ithaca, & daily to Geneva & Owego, besides sundry other routes connected with Geneva - May we have your reply -

P.P.

✓ Hon. J. Blair,
House,

21.

The P.M. Genl has had under consideration a petition from sundry citizens of Carter County, Tenn. praying the establishment of a post-road between Shavers Fork & Kingsport, &c. The law does not authorize the P.M. Genl to comply with their request - It is therefore returned to you, that you may make application to Congress to establish it, if you believe it advisable -

P.P.

Post Office Dept.
21 Jan'y 1828

✓ Hon. La Lyon,
House,

Agreeably to your request, we have directed the mail route established last Session of Congress, from Colchester to be extended to Madisonville Ky -
If any points in the route, are suitable for the establishment of Post Offices, they will be made on your recommendation -

PPB

✓ Hon. R. P. Letcher,
House,

22

We have agreeably to your recommendation, requested the P.M. of Irvine to arrange post routes No. 429, in such a manner as will best subserve the public interest - that mail is to be conveyed once in two weeks - He is also requested to arrange for the transportation of a weekly mail between his office & Manchester - both mails being under the direction of Mr. W. Woodland -

Will you be so good as to forward the enclosed proposal to Mr. Woodland, which has for its object, the establishment of a direct weekly mail between Irvine & Manchester; & the terms are full as high, as the average sum paid for similar services in Ky -

PPB

✓ Hon. Peter Little,
House,

22

Since the reception of your letter of the 17th inst. & the documents which accompanied it, we have directed the mail to be extended from Manchester to Westminster, as requested - Mr. Wise's letters to your address, are herewith returned -

PPB

Post Office Dept.
22 Jan'y 1828

✓ Hon. T. G. Allen,
House,

The P.M. at Warwick has been requested to provide for the better accommodation of Northfield with mails; and we trust he will be able to point out a course to satisfy the claims of that office, without ^{incurring} ~~incurring~~ much expense -

PPB

✓ Hon. J. Davenport,
House,

22

The letter of Mr. Law which you submitted to the Dept. has had full consideration; & perceiving no objection to an extension of time, we have allowed him three, instead of two days - Mr. Law's letter to your address is herewith returned -

PPB

✓ Hon. C. D. Barnard,
House,

22

The application made by your letter of the 19th inst. & the documents therein enclosed, to send a daily mail to Brackport, is reasonable & the accommodation is accordingly granted -

PPB

✓ Hon. R. R. Wilde,
House,

22

Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing that of Mr. Dill, is rec^d. - There is at present no law authorizing the mail to be transported as proposed by Mr. Dill - How far it may be advisable to establish it as a post road, we are not prepared to say - That matter rests with yourself - Mr. Dill's letter is herewith enclosed -

PPB

✓ Hon. P. Lea,
House,

22

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing that of Mr. Hill, is rec^d. - We have had no intimation from the Court, or from any P.M. that the route referred to, is vacant. If it appears that the Court does not comply with his proposal & contract, Mr. Hill may probably obtain it - Mr. Hill's letter is herewith enclosed -

PPB

Post Office Dept.
22^d July 1828-

✓ Hon. R. M. Atton,
House,

Mr. Gaines complains of sundry errors having been introduced in his contract for route N^o 450, which extends his travel unnecessarily. The objectionable points were marked off in the advertisement while Mr. Gaines was here; & the clerk in making out the contract in the hurry of business, did not notice the corrections. The errors are now corrected, & his objections will, of course, be removed by executing the bond & contract. Mr. Gaines is to visit Burlington, which is off the regular road, and that office only.

PP

W. D. Barber, Esq.

✓ Hon. J. M. White,
House,

23^d

In reply to your letter & its enclosures, on the subject of sending the mail by Quincy, I have to observe, that as the mail is now transported in stages between Millsboro & Tallahassee, it is a matter of moment to ascertain whether the change proposed by Mr. Robinson will not interfere with the plan pursued by the Contractor & prove inconvenient to him. He is written for on the subject, and requested to visit Quincy, if he can do so, without material inconvenience.

Gov^r Gural's & Mr. Robinson's letters are herewith enclosed.

PP

✓ Hon. O. Merwin,
House,

23^d

If the Cont^r prefers carrying his mail as suggested by Mr. Kellogg, whose letter you submitted for the consideration of the Dept., no objection is perceived to it, & he is authorized to make it.

Mr. Kellogg's letter to your address, is herewith returned.

PP

Post Office Dept.
23 July 1828-

✓ Hon. J. C. Ingalls,
House,

In reply to Mr. Matlock's letter which you submitted to the Dept., I remark, that the P. M. Genl has not decided to send the mail per stage, between Courtland & Tuscaloosa; nor have we evidence that the road will yet admit of a stage passing on it safely & expeditiously. We will however be glad to receive proposals for so carrying it, provided the proposer is certain, from actual observation, that the service can be performed regularly, and will undertake it at a moderate price. We have extended the period asked for by Mr. Matlock, & have noted it on the counterpart of the Contract which we have, & the contract sent for him to execute, will be made to correspond with it, when rec^d. Mr. M's letter is herewith returned.

PP

✓ Hon. J. P. Moore,
House,

23^d

We regret to find from Mr. Child's letter of the 1st enclosed in yours of the 16th inst, that he is doubting whether Standford or Lancaster was his starting point with his stages to Barrenville. When here, he was informed that he might go from Danville by Standford on the old route, or the other, as he thought proper. The P. M. Genl so informed him, as well as myself. To relieve him from his apparent doubt, he is specially written to now, on the subject. We have made both the changes he requests in the letter you submitted to the P. M. Genl & which is herewith returned.

PP

✓ Hon. J. Whitton,
House,

23^d

To effect the object embraced in Mr. Pollard's letter which you submitted to the consideration of the P. M. Genl, it will be necessary to establish a post road to Rockport. As Congress alone possess the power to establish it, his proposition, which is herewith enclosed, may if you deem it expedient, be submitted to that body.

PP

Post Office Dept
22^d July 1828

✓ Hon. R. M. Hatton,
House,

Mr. Gaines complains of sundry errors having been introduced in his contract for route N^o 450, which extends his travel unnecessarily - The objectionable points were marked off in the advertisement while Mr. Gaines was here; & the clerk in making out the contract in the hurry of business, did not notice the corrections - The errors are now corrected, & his objections will, of course, be removed for executing the bond & contract - Mr. Gaines is to visit Burlington, which is off the regular road, and that office only -

MB

✓ Hon. J. M. White,
House,

23^d

In reply to your letter & its enclosures, on the subject of sending the mail by Quincy, I have to observe, that as the mail is now transported in stages between Middleville & Tullahoma, it is a matter of moment to ascertain whether the change proposed by Mr. Robinson will not interfere with the plan pursued by the Contractor & prove inconvenient to him. He is written for on the subject, and requested to visit Quincy, if he can do so, without material inconvenience - Gov. Gurali & Mr. Robinson's letters are herewith enclosed -

MB

✓ Hon. O. Merwin,
House,

23^d

If the Cont^r prefers carrying his mail as suggested by Mr. Kellogg, whose letter you submitted for the consideration of the Dept^y, no objection is perceived to it, & he is authorized to make it - Mr. Kellogg's letter to your address, is herewith returned -

MB

Post Office Dept
23 July 1828

✓ Hon. J. S. Isaacks,
House,

In reply to Mr. Matlock's letter which you submitted to the Dept^y, I remark, that the P. M. Genl has not decided to send the mail per stage, between Courtland & Tuscaloosa; nor have we evidence that the road will yet admit of a stage passing on it safely & expeditiously - We will however be glad to receive proposals for so carrying it, provided the proposer is certain, from actual observation, that the service can be performed regularly, and will undertake it at a moderate price. We have extended the period asked for by Mr. Matlock, & have noted it on the counterpart of the contract which we have, & the contract sent for him to execute, will be made to correspond with it, when rec^d. Mr. M's letter is herewith returned -

MB

✓ Hon. T. P. Moore,
House,

23^d

We regret to find from Mr. Child's letter of the 1st enclosed in yours of the 16th inst, that he is doubting whether Stanford or Lancaster was his starting point with his stages to Barrenville - When here, he was informed that he might go from Danville by Stanford on the old route, or the other, as he thought proper the P. M. Genl so informed him, as well as myself - To relieve him from his apparent doubt, he is specially written to now, on the subject - We have made both the changes he requests in the letter you submitted to the P. M. Genl & which is herewith returned -

MB

✓ Hon. T. Whitton,
House,

23^d

To effect the object embraced in Mr. Pollard's letter which you submitted to the consideration of the P. M. Genl, it will be necessary to establish a post road to Rockport. As Congress alone possess the power to establish it, his proposition, which is herewith enclosed, may if you deem it expedient, be submitted to that body -

MB

Post Office Dept

23 Jan'y 1828

Hon. J. Blair,
House,

Before you submitted the letter of Mr Howard to the consideration of the P.M. Genl, the P.M. at Jonesboro had been written to on the subject to which a part of Mr Howard's remarks apply. The subject will be reviewed with a view to profit by his suggestions; and we shall write to him on the subject.

P.B.

Hon. A. W. Coaner,
House,

23^d

I have to inform you, that as the Dept now pays more than double the amt rec^d on the route from Camden to Charlotte, from postage, for the conveyance of the mail, it would seem, that a second trip could not be authorized, with a just reference to additional accommodation claimed from other & more productive routes. But, as the Dept is desirous to meet the wishes of every respectable portion of the citizens, in every part of the Country, the Cont^r is written to, to ascertain what the second trip in the stage will cost, & a final decision will be made when his answer is rec^d.

P.B.

Hon. W. C. Rivers,
House,

23^d

The P.M. Genl has agreed to send two mails a week between Livingston & Tye River Mills, agreeably to the proposition contained in Mr Mapie's letter, which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl. Mr John Jenkins, who Mr Mapie recommends, is written to on the subject.

Mr Mapie's letters are herewith returned.

P.B.

Post Office Dept

23 Jan'y 1828

Hon. H. Daniel,
House,

The P.M. Genl has decided that Mr Norris shall be continued as Contractor on the routes referred to in his letter to your address of the 3^d inst, provided that the Contractors, Mr. H. Catlett & Mr. Pingo shall not previous to the receipt of a letter this day written to Mr Norris, have assumed the charge of said mails. This letter being dated Jan'y 3^d leaves ground to presume that the Contractors might still have gone forward & taken charge of the mails.

P.B.

Hon. J. H. Eaton,
Senate,

23^d

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to remark that Mr Donly appears to have wholly misunderstood the Conditions of the Contract made by himself & Mr Haley for the transportation of the mail. To show you his error, I herewith subjoin the condition entered on the book of proposals in Sept^r 1826, while they were here, by the P.M. Genl. "I accept the bid of Donly & Haley at \$23,000 with the conditions proposed, to wit, that they are to carry the mail in Sulkies well covered & protected from the weather - & that they shall place boats on all waters which are occasionally not fordable, and over which ferries are not established - and with the further condition, that they shall convey the mail in stages as proposed for \$27,000, provided the Dept shall require it."

P.B.

Hon. A. R. Parris,
Senate,

23^d

We have taken such measures as will enable us to carry the wishes of the Citizens of Thomaston into effect, as expressed in a memorial submitted to the P.M. Genl, in your letter of the 21st inst in a few weeks.

P.B.

Post Office Dept
23rd Jan'y 1825

Hon. J. Hunt,
House,

The P. M. Genl has again, more fully examined the letter of Mr. John P. March, which you submitted to his consideration, having for its object the establishment of a public post road between Townsend & Bellows Falls, N. H. via Athens - The route is now supplied with a mail, on a private post road, & must, if continued, be so supplied, until it is established by law, a post road - Its utility is so apparent, that Congress will not hesitate, I should apprehend, a moment in regard to the propriety of its establishment - Mr. March's letter is herewith returned -

P.P.

23rd

Hon. J. Woods,
House,

The route referred to by Mr. Spivey has been assigned to Messrs Remy & Dimman previous to the reception of his letter, which you submitted to the P. M. Genl's consideration. Should those gentlemen fail, Mr. Spivey will be employed in the conveyance of the mail on said route -

P.P.

24th

Hon. John Reed,
House,

We regret that the P. M. at Rochester had not been requested to ask proposals from West Middlebury by Rochester to be to Marchmont. We trust he will do so at once, as he is this day written to on the subject. Mr. Holmes's letter to your address is herewith returned -

P.P.

24th

Hon. J. Stone,
House,

Mr. Yarnall will be allowed five days to perform his trip, until the public interest requires more expedition - Mr. Wilson's letter to your address is herewith returned -

P.P.

Post Office Dept
24 Jan'y 1825

Hon. J. Danvers,
House,

To elucidate more fully the subject of Mr. Law's Contract, I have the honor to inform you, that, by Contract he was to perform his trip in two days - distance out, 45 miles - a third day was added, which makes a travel of but 30 miles a day. We can give a fourth if desired; & the Cont^r is so informed -

P.P.

24th

Hon. Thos. Chilton,
House,

The Cont^r has been written to & requested to state the terms, for which he will give the accommodation asked for in your letter of the 21st inst. As soon as his reply is rec^d, a decision will be made on the subject, & you informed thereof -

P.P.

24th

Hon. J. Duncan,
House,

The proposition of Mr. Morrison which you submitted to the Dept^t shall receive full consideration, if any of the contractors fail -

P.P.

24th

Hon. Wm. Armstrong,
House,

If application be made for conveyance the mail in stages between Winchester & Romney, Mr. Dimman will be advised thereof, and a preference given to him, as he is at present Cont^r for the route -

Mr. Dimman's letter to your address is herewith returned -

P.P.

24th

Hon. Saml. Chase,
House,

The post road referred to in Mr. Munford's letter which you submitted to the Dept^t, & which is herewith enclosed, will be extended, so as to make it meet more fully, the public expectation -

P.P.

Post Office Dept.
24 Jan'y 1828.

Hon. J. K. Polk,
House.

On reference to our letter books, we find a positive order given to the P.M. of McMinnville in Dec^r to direct the carrier of the mail to Shelbyville, to pursue the route, then pointed out, by yourself, as it appears & again referred to by you this day. The office at St. Louis & York was specially noticed - We regret that you were not apprised at the time, that the order was given.

P.P.

Hon. D. Barker Jr
House

24,

I have the honor to inform you that we have made permanent arrangements for supplying Sandwich with a second mail, in accordance with your wishes -

P.P.

Hon. R. P. Barbour,
House;

25,

We have written to the Contr. at Barboursville & requested him to state, without delay, his terms for the transportation of one additional mail, in stages, between Richmond & Harrisonburg, so as to make two weekly mails between those places. When his reply is rec^d, it will enable us to inform you, whether the accommodation you wish, can be granted -

P.P.

Hon. L. Maxwell,
House,

25,

We have made a contract agreeably to your wishes, for the transportation of the mail on the route from Beverly by Leadville &c to Clarksburg -

P.P.

Hon. J. M. White,
House,

25

The enclosed letter is submitted to you by the request of the P.M. at Pensacola, which you will please to return after you have read it.

P.P.

Post Office Dept.
25 Jan'y 1828.

Hon. J. C. Mitchell,
House,

A fortnight mail is of little comparative value, with more frequent mails, & it is always our wish & policy to increase mail facilities, but in doing so, we must have regard to the productiveness of routes, as being a strong test of their usefulness. Since you submitted the letter of Mr. Brongate, which is herewith returned we have examined the route referred to by that gentleman, "Clinton Town Bushkill, N.Y." & find our annual expense for it \$320, & the receipts from the route but \$4⁰⁰/100. Under these circumstances it does not appear advisable to double the expense on said route - We will send a weekly mail from Kingston to Morgan C. H. as requested, & orders are given to effect it -

P.P.

Hon. B. Swift,
House,

26,th

The accommodation solicited by the petition which you submitted, from the citizens of Franklin & Whittenden Counties, is granted, & orders have been issued to carry it into effect, at an early day.

P.P.

Hon. Messrs. Hendricks & Noble,
Senate,

26,

Directions have been given to the Contractor to include Greendale in his route, agreeably to the plan proposed by Mr. Galbraith, whose letter is herewith returned to you -

P.P.

Hon. J. McKean,
House,

26,

In reply to Mr. Alford's letter which you submitted for the consideration of the Dept., I observe, that we shall adopt the change he proposes, & let it be pursued until the regular road is opened between Kirtland & Clear - Mr. Alford's letter is herewith returned -

P.P.

Post Office Dept

26 Jan'y 1828

Hon. S. McKean,
House,

We have made the alterations desired by Mr. Horn, in his contract for route No. 200, & the changes are noted on the counterpart of his contract. When the original contract is returned, it will be made to correspond with the counterpart. This letter which you submitted to the Dept is herewith returned.

P.P.

Hon. G. N. Owen,
House,

26,

The P. M. Genl has, since your interview with him at the Dept concluded to extend the accommodation of mails between Tuscaloosa & Mobile. He is particularly induced to adopt this course, from your representations of its great importance & usefulness. But he is of opinion, that an extra mail, during the business season, will subserve all public purposes, & be more economical to the Dept, as it would expend less on the road; and he wishes you to say whether, if the extra mail is sent all the year, except the months of July & August & Sept, it will not be satisfactory for that portion of the community more directly interested in the accommodation. The extra mail will be put in operation as soon as Mr. Cummings returns, which will be about the 1st of March next. With the proposed mail, we will unite the Claiborne mail at or near Washington C. H. so as to give to Claiborne the advantages of a more direct connection by mail, with Tuscaloosa.

P.P.

Hon. John Mitchell,
House,

26,

The enclosed letter which is submitted for your perusal you will please to return when done with it.

P.P.

Post Office Dept

26 Jan'y 1828

Hon. S. Swan,
House,

In reply to Mr. Bartwell's letter which you submitted to the Dept complaining of the present arrangements of the mail, I have to inform you that the Contr is directed to resume the usual plan. Mr. Bartwell's letter is herewith returned.

P.P.

Hon. T. W. Cobb,
Senate,

26,

The Contr Mr. Collier has been offered of 240 additional for the consequence of a third mail between Powellton & Madison, & if he accepts the offer, it will go into operation by the 1st of March next. As soon as we receive the reply of Mr. Collier you shall be informed.

P.P.

Hon. J. Reed,
House,

26,

The enclosed letter which is submitted for your perusal, you will please to return when done with it.

P.P.

Hon. S. McKean,
House,

26,

The copy of a letter, which is herewith enclosed, to Col. Whiting, will show that we have made an arrangement which will, I am sure, satisfy Mr. Ryan, as it will give a mail to Deerfield in three days from Harrisburg, & in one day from Bath, & will enable the citizens of Deerfield, to obtain to be sent mails to Harrisburg in the same time. Mr. Ryan's letter is herewith returned.

P.P.

Post Office Dept
28 July 1828.

Hon. R. Little,
House,

In reply to your application, forming the views of sundry Memorialists, for the establishment of a mail route between Wisbech & Hanover via Middletown & Joppam, I observe that the Memorialists represent the distance to be 25 miles, and it is unlike the other applications in this respect - that application prayed for the extension of a recently established post road, - a short distance, to Manchester, which gave the new road an advantageous connection & support. The present application proposes a new road altogether. As you believe a respectable portion of citizens will derive an advantage from this route, & it will take some time to establish it - I would suggest whether some individual will not take it, as a private route & convey the mail on it, for the emoluments of the office to be established on the route, if not, whether we may not supply an office to be established at Middletown or Merion, by a change of some other route. With a hope to meet your wishes in one of these ways, we have, this day, directed enquiries, & as soon as we receive replies, we will communicate them to you -

The petition submitted by you, is herewith returned -

P.P.

Hon. R. Croft
House,

28th

In reply to the letter of Mr. Geo. L. Reed which you submitted to the Dept., I have to remark that that gentleman's proposal was rec^d & accepted for route No. 93, in Oct. last. A contract is now sent him for said route. How the acceptance failed reaching him, is very singular - Mr. Reed's letter is herewith returned to you -

P.P.

Hon. D. G. Garrison,
House,

28,

Your reasons in favor of a second mail between Lodi & Buffalo, are so satisfactory, that an order is this day issued for effect that object -

P.P.

Post Office Dept
28 July 1828.

Hon. G. Holmes,
House,

In reply to your enquiry of the 25th inst. I have to inform you, that no recent change has been made from Fayetteville to Wilmington or Newbern; nor has any change been directed since the present Session of Congress -

P.P.

Hon. D. G. Garrison,
House,

28th

The post route referred to in your letter of this Day's date, viz from North China by West China to Sardinia, was, apparently no law, advertised, & a contract awarded to Mr. Colegrove. It was subsequently represented to be useless, & made off as such. If Mr. Colegrove is carrying the mail now, he will be paid for such service as he has performed, & until the 15th of next month, when the service will cease, being altogether unnecessary.

P.P.

Hon. R. Croft
House,

29th

In reply to a part of Mr. McCullough's letter which you submitted to the P.M. Genl., I remark, that the Post route "Lawrenceville & Crossburg" was assigned to Mr. J. L. Reed, and it failed in going into effect, in consequence of the letter of acceptance, which was sent him in Oct. last, having failed to reach him -

John Andrews obtained an acceptance for the route "Lawrenceville and Sheppensville," but being reported as intemperate, the contract is suspended. I return you Mr. McCullough's letter, as it refers to the establishment of a new route -

P.P.

Hon. S. P. Vinton,
House,

29,

In reply to Mr. Harper's letter, which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl., I have to observe, that such steps have been taken as will ensure a weekly mail to Wilkesville hereafter. We regret that the citizens of that place have sustained any inconvenience. Mr. Harper's letter is herewith returned -

P.P.