

Post Office Dept.
8 July 1828.

✓ Hon. P. Little,
House,

The enclosed letter from the P.M. at Winchester, is submitted for your perusal, which you will please to return again to the Dept. -

PB

✓ Hon. J. C. Mitchell,
House,

8th

I have the honor to inform you that the route, Hamilton C. H. & Poplarville, has been reestablished, & the mail will be sent thereon by the 1st of May next -

PB

✓ Hon. J. M. White,
House,

9th

Directions have been given to the Contract to convey the mail between Pensacola & Tallahassee, & between the latter place & St. Augustine, agreeably to the plan proposed by the Legislative Council of Florida - A mail now passes from Tallahassee to St. Marks, & an office is already established at Newton's -

PB

✓ Hon. P. P. Barbour,
House,

11th

In reply to Mr. Penney's letter, submitted by you for the consideration of the P.M. Genl, I remark, that the Cont. Mr. Merrill, is written to on the subject complained of, & required to give a full & fair statement of the manner of his conveying the mail - We can then see whether he acts in conformity with his contract or not, & we can then better decide what improvements may be made -

Mr. Penney's letter is herewith returned -

PB

Post Office Dept.
11th July 1828.

✓ Hon. G. Lyon,
House,

Your letter of the 8th inst. & the petition which accompanied it, have rec^d. the attention of the P.M. Genl. An arrangement has been made to send a mail from Hopkinsville by Rock's Ridge to Cadiz, and will agreeably to your request & that of the petitioners, be extended to Canton, making a direct line between Hopkinsville & Canton; disconnected or independent of the extended line to New Madrid.

PB

✓ Hon. R. C. Goff,
House,

11

In reply to Mr. Carll's which you submitted for the consideration of the P.M. Genl, I remark, that the Cont. is bound to visit all the P. Offices established on the route between Greensburg & Roseburg, and if he fails to do so, he is subject to a penalty & forfeiture of his contract - Mr. Carll's letter is herewith returned -

11th

PB

✓ Hon. R. Keese,
House,

We rec^d. a letter from Mr. Rawson, on the subject embraced in the one which you submitted for the P.M. Genl's consideration, & which is herewith returned & he has no doubt rec^d. the reply before this -

PB

✓ Hon. R. W. Dwight,
House,

11

In regard to Mr. Brown's letter which you submitted for the consideration of the P.M. Genl, I remark, that we had previous to its receipt, taken measures to re-establish the old Lake Road, between Cleveland & Sandusky Co. at the instance of the Hon. Mr. Whittier. If this measure is accomplished, it is not believed that a crop mail, as suggested by Mr. Brown, will be necessary - Mr. Brown's letter is herewith returned -

PB

Post Office Dept
11 July 1828.

Hon. A. N. Dwight,
House,

In regard to Mr. Demey's proposition for a more direct mail line between Williamstown, Essex Co. Pittsfield, I will assume, that the object he has in view may be accomplished by sending one of the two Northern mails on the direct road, & the other on the present one. This change will not be attended with any increase of expense, & will be made if you wish it.

P.B.

Hon. John Magee,
House,

11th

Since you submitted Mr. Maxwell's letter to the consideration of the P.M. Genl, we find that his office is on an established post road, & well of course, he supplied with a public mail; & agreeably to your suggestion we have instructed Mr. Nunkampen to extend his ride to Spring Mills -

Mr. Maxwell's letter is herewith returned -

P.B.

Hon. E. Whittlesey,
House,

11,

Since you submitted the letter of Mr. Warner, & the petitions of sundry persons to the consideration of the P.M. Genl, in reference to the extension of route No 381, from Canfield to Salem, he has decided to grant the application & Mr. Warner has been instructed to extend his route accordingly, at the annual compensation of \$50 -

P.B.

Hon. A. C. King,
House,

11,

In reply to the petition which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl, I observe, that the mail is now sent on the Post road established by law; & if it be necessary to send the mail more direct between Detroit & Gratiot, it will require the sanction of law -

The petition is herewith returned -

P.B.

Post Office Dept
11 July 1828.

Hon. O. Brackett,
House,

Mr. Bishop was specially directed in D.D. last, to visit Wood's Store, or Hickory Flatts, with the mail. If he fails to do so he will be fined \$10 a week. You are referred to a letter written on the 2^d inst. to Messrs Bell, Manabell yourself for the objections of the P.M. Genl. to establishing a line of stages between Nashville & Memphis, viz that the amt now paid on that route, is double the amt rec^d from postages. Mr. Wood's letter to you is herewith returned.

P.B.

Hon. S. Butman,
House,

12,

In reply to Mr. Chandler's letter, & the petition which accompanied it, & which were submitted by you to the consideration of the P.M. Genl, I remark, after a critical examination, I cannot discover any law which will authorize the P.M. Genl, to send the mail between New Sharon & Kingfield, on the route pointed out, at the public expense. The route must be established as a post road by Congress, before the mail can be sent thereon -

Mr. Chandler's letter & the petition are herewith returned that you may, if you deem it expedient lay it before Congress -

P.B.

Hon. G. E. Haynes,
House,

12,

In your letter of the 7th inst, Harris C. H. was mentioned. The P.M. Genl will adopt the plan you propose for the transportation of the mail between the Falls of Chatahoochee or Columbus, Harris C. H. & Coneta C. H. to Grand C. H. with this difference - you propose to send the mail once a week & he once in two weeks, until the route is sufficiently productive to justify a weekly mail - A mail will also be sent to Morris weather C. H., Dalton C. H. Marion & Lee -

You will receive a separate letter in regard to the P. Office at Troop C. H.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
12 Feb'y 1828.

Hon. J. Floyd,
House,

Since you submitted the letter of Mr. Hayshurst & the petition which accompanied it to the consideration of the P.M. Genl, we have ascertained that the amount of postage collected at offices southward of Darien, does not half equal the amount expended for the mail transportation between Darien & S. Marys. The P.M. Genl therefore believes it inexpedient, at this time, to grant the increased accommodation. He will take pleasure in yielding to your request as regards this extra mail, as soon as circumstances will justify it. Mr. H's letter & petition are herewith returned.

P.B.

Hon. John Randolph,
House,

12,

Since you submitted the memorial of Messrs Matthews, M. Dearmond & others, to the consideration of the P.M. Genl, he has decided to send the mail from Buckingham C.H. by New Store via Walker's Church instead of Farmville to Boynton, so that the mail may be carried direct from New Store to Walker's Church and so further meet the wishes of the memorialists, the P.M. Genl has directed the mail from Prince Edward C.H. by Chilton's to visit the P. Offices at Walker's Church. Permit me to correct an error which I have noticed in the memorial. It is there stated, that the mail is sent by stage to Rained Tavern, for Farmville &c, where it is stopped to await the arrival of the Fredericksburgh stage. The fact is, that the mail is sent three times a week between Farmville & Rained Tavern to meet the Richmond Stage, under the direction of the P.M. at Farmville, so as to avoid all unnecessary delay, & to give to Farmville three mails a week direct from Richmond. The memorial of Matthews & M. Dearmond is returned -

P.B.

Hon. H. C. Martindale
House,

12th

As you apprehend that my letter of the 8th inst. was not sufficiently explicit, I beg leave to inform you that the contractors have been directed to convey three extra mails weekly, between Albany & Hitchell provided they will perform the service for \$400 a year additional.

P.B.

Hon. A. Ward

12 Feb'y 1828

House. In reply to Mr. Smith's letter of the 5th inst which you submitted to the consideration of the Postmaster Genl. I remark that we had on the application of Mr. Smith authorized him to employ Mr. Lockwood to convey a second weekly mail between his Office & Bedford, at \$15 a year. If the agent of the Contractor for the W. Pleasant route shall forfeit his contract, Mr. Smith will be authorized to contract for that service.

Mr. Smith's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

12.

Hon. P. Sprague,

House. Since you submitted Mr. Burley's letter to the consideration of the P.M. Genl he has directed a weekly mail to be extended to the P. Office at Piscataquis provided the service can be performed at a rate not exceeding \$4 a mail, which it is supposed is a fair price for it. Mr. Burley's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

12.

Hon. R. Coulter

House. On examining the subject referred to in Mr. McCre's letter which you submitted to the consideration of the Postmaster Genl, it is found that he demands for conveying the mail in two horse stages, between Ludwain & Greenburg more than three times the price paid at this time, for carrying the mail on horse back, and about twice as much as is collected at the offices on the route. Under these circumstances the P.M. Genl does not believe it expedient to accept his offer. Mr. McCre's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

12.

Hon. E. Van Horn

House. The Postmaster Genl. will, in accordance with the wishes expressed by Mr. McCre, and the petitioners whose papers you submitted to his consideration direct the mail to be carried by Mr. McMurry provided the route will not be increased thereby. We have no evidence of the fact, but what is represented by the papers which you presented, and which are retained on file in this office.

P.B.

Hon. L. Williams

12.

House. Since you submitted Mr. Martin's letter to the Dept. requesting that the mail stage, may pass by his office, and omit the present route, we have written to the contractor on the subject and directed him to make the change in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Martin, provided the road is as good, and the distance not greater by Grier Creek, than the present route. We will communicate his reply to you, as soon as we receive it.

P.B.

✓ Hon. J. Wauver
House

Post-Office Dept.

Feb 12 1828

We had previous to the reception of yr letter of the 11th inst. which enclosed one from Mr. Forsyth directed that Maumee should be the end of the Fort Wayne route, instead of Ferrysburgh.

Mr. Forsyth's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

12.

✓ Hon. J. Chilton

House.

In reply to the letter of Mr. Stubbins which you submitted to the Post Master Genl. about the Mayesville & Georgetown route, I remark that the P.M. Genl. had previously released him from his bid on said route.

The draft of Mr. Roy in favour of Mr. Stubbins will be retained with a view to paying its amount, if services are rendered to meet it.

P.B.

✓ Hon. D. Woodcock

House.

Since you made application to have two extra weekly mails sent between Ithaca & Elmira, we have ascertained that the sum now expended for the mails transportation between those places is \$175 per annum, and the amount of receipts but \$129 ²⁶/₁₀₀. Under this view of the subject, the P.M. Genl. doubts the propriety of guaranteeing the extra mails.

P.B.

✓ Hon. S. Holmes

House.

A memorandum made by the Post Master Genl. has this moment come under my observation which intimates, if not to have the Newbern mail depart from Fayetteville on Sundays. The paper has been mislaid, and as the P.M. Genl. cannot bring his recollection to the period it was made, this statement is given from the Department as an apology to you for the delay.

As the mail to Newbern is now arranged, it appears to suit the publication of newspapers printed both at Fayetteville and Newbern, to send the mail on Sunday would delay the delivery of the papers of both places. The change would therefore, we apprehend, be objectionable on that account.

P.B.

✓ Hon. J. H. Boyan

House.

In reply to Mr. Taylor's letter & acct. enclosed in yours of the 9th inst. I have to observe that his

application is an unusual one. Mr. Taylor had been directed to perform double service, and at the same time was assured that he should receive double pay, thereby dispensing equal justice to him and the public. If it were equitable to give him more, the P.M. Genl. has not the power, as you will perceive by a reference to the 43 section of the P. Office Law, which specially restricts him from allowing more than a pro-rata allowance for increased duties. Mr. Taylor's letter and memorial are herewith returned.

P.B.

✓ Hon. C. Willey

House.

In reply to yr letter of the 13th inst. I have to remark, that we do not contemplate making a change that will be prejudicial to the interests of the station. If the mail was conveyed on the Meriden Turnpike road, there would not be a saving in distance of more than from three to four miles.

P.B.

✓ Hon. J. Long

House.

The transfer proposed by Mr. Haralson of his mail contract to Mr. A. K. Ramsay, which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl. is agreed to, and Mr. Ramsay will be held responsible for the services stipulated to be performed by Mr. Haralson and receive payments therefor.

P.B.

✓ Hon. John Reed

House.

In reply to yr letter of the 11th inst. as well as that of Mr. Haskell, which was enclosed, I have to remark that we have, as it appears, made two errors in regard to the lately established route. The first error originated by the contracts being irregularly made, or made out of the usual manner; and the second, in not recollecting that Aparanmet was changed to West Middleboro. Altho the errors have been productive of no loss, yet it has caused some disappointment, for which we are very sorry.

P.B.

✓ Hon. Bob P. Letcher

House of Reps.

Sir, In reply to Mr. Combs's letter submitted by you to the Post Master General, I remark, that the Post route to which his letter refers has been contracted for, and is in regular operation. If the route was vacated, his services would be very acceptable, as we have proof of his fidelity. The Post Master, at Richmond, can let Mr. Combs depart one day earlier than his Contract authorities, on route No. 427, if desirable. Mr. Combs's letter is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
P. Bradley.

Hon. J. Vanu
House of Reps.

Post Office Depart
14. Feb. 1828

Sir

I see you submitted sundry papers to the consideration of the Post M. Genl., having reference to a change of the Post route confided to the charge of Alexander Long, Sr. & Co., that the change in regard to his contract have been agreed to, as they must the approval of the Post Master, on the route, and will as you justly remark, relieve Mr. Long.

The Post Master at Belle Fontaine can contract for a Sunday mail to Jamesville, weekly, unless the stages go through Belle Fontaine.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Yr. Obedt. Servant

14th Feb.

Hon. W. Lumpkin

House of Reps. Sir, In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. I observe that we do not find any law which authorizes the Post M. Genl. to send the mail between Madison & Georgetown, and it appears singular that a route so apparently useful, has not been provided for by law.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Yr. Obedt. Servant

Hon. J. H. Blake

14

House of Reps. Sir, In reply to the letter which you addressed to the Post M. Genl. on the 13th inst. I observe, that the Mail arrangement, on a part of the route which yr letter refers to, underwent a partial change in consequence of a stage concern, and has produced some confusion, we however, received assurances from the Post M. at Terrehaute, that the mail would be regularly kept up. The Post M. at Terrehaute, not being satisfied with the proposed arrangement, was directed to make such changes in the schedule as would best subserve the public interest; but as you so favorably represent the growing importance of Terrehaute, the subject will undergo a revision, and such changes will be made immediately, as the case shall be found to require.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Yr. Obedt. Servant

Hon. W. B. Conner

14

House of Reps. Sir, In reply to yr proposal of Messrs. Reynolds and M. Bee, which you submitted to the consideration of the Post M. Genl. and also to the petition having for its object, the extension of the Mail Stage line from Lincolnton N. C. to Greenville, S. C., I observe, the proposal does not appear to be unreasonable, and the route is a very natural one for travellers to take who go to the western part of S. C. or Georgia, but a part

of the road, from or near Caruths to Spartanburgh, is not established as a post road, and until Congress does establish it as such, the P. M. Genl. cannot send the mail thence at the public expense. It might be advisable to refer the subject to the Committee on Post Offices & Post Roads?

The papers on the subject are herewith returned

I have the honor to be, Sir, Yr. Obedt. Servant

Hon. C. A. Wickliffe,
House,

In reply to the letter of Mr. Eaves which you submitted to the P. M. Genl. I observe, that in consequence of the Contractor's failure to execute his contract, for the route referred to by Mr. Eaves, it was assigned to that gentleman, some days ago.

Hon. Messrs. Noble & Smith,
Senate,

15

In reply to Mr. Coffin's letter, enclosed in yours of the 14th inst. I remark, that the Contractor has been specially directed to convey the mail to Milton, and we have incorporated that office in the counterpart of his contract so as to avoid all future collision on the subject.

Hon. P. Sprague,
House,

15

The application of Mr. Burley, whose letter you submitted to the P. M. Genl. appears to be reasonable, and he has been vested with power to make the changes he proposed.

Hon. John Maynard

16

House. The Post Master Genl. has again examined the subject in reference to sending a third weekly mail, between Elmira & Ovid, and he has decided to send it by the 1st of April next, and Mr. Davis, who has the charge of the two other mails is directed to take charge of this. I make you this communication in consequence of the correspondence that has already taken place about this mail.

Hon. J. Wilson

16

House. The subject in reference to the mail arrangement at Landisburgh has again been reviewed by the Post Master Genl. & he has decided to restore the plan first adopted, & to let a mail pass direct between Landisburgh & Carlisle, instead of continuing in connection with the line to Millstown, as this measure alone will, it appears, give satisfaction.

✓ Hon. W. R. King
Senate.

Post Office Dept.
Feb 16. 1828.

The Department has ascertained the expense of sending the mail between Montgomery and Tuscaloosa in two horse stages. It will cost \$2,200 a year, which is \$1,300 more than the current expenditure on that route. That circumstance alone presents a strong objection to the measure, and an additional objection is found in the disproportion of the receipts to the actual expenditure on said road, - but \$465³⁰/₁₀₀ are received. Under these circumstances, the P.M.G. considers it improper to incur the expense of sending the mail in a stage, at present. As the Postages increase, & the roads improve, the objections to this accommodation will be greatly lessened.

P.B.

✓ Hon. S. Barlow

16.

House. Since you submitted Mr. Tanner's letter to the Department, we have examined the subject & find that the net annual receipts of the Post Office at Warren C. H. amounts to \$105.53, and the present expense of supplying Franklin & Warren C. H. with the mail per stage, cannot be estimated at less than \$300, besides other mails which visit Warren C. H. The Post Master Genl. therefore believes it best to suspend making further mail accommodation to that office until postages increase, & the roads shall be improved, when another mail may probably be granted. Mr. Tanner's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

✓ Hon. S. McKean

16.

House. The P.M. Genl. having again reviewed the subject of sending a third weekly mail between Elmira & Ovid, since you submitted to his consideration the petition signed by Messrs Tuttle & others of Elmira, he has come to the conclusion to grant the third mail; and Mr. John Davis has been instructed to commence the service by the 1st of April next. If the citizens of Elmira had been satisfied, the two mails now conveyed by Mr. Davis, and the mail carried to Ovid per stage, would have served all essential purposes, as they are connected with the new line to Williamsport.

P.B.

✓ Hon. P. Sprague

16th

House. In reply to Mr. Quayle's letter, & the petition which you submitted to the P.M. Genl. in your letter of the 11th inst. upon the subject of sending a daily mail between Hallsville & Berger, I observe that as the daily line is in the road, & it is important to send the mail as often as the stages run, the P.M. Genl. will therefore give Mr. Quayle \$200 in addition to his present pay for carrying the mail daily from the 1st of last last. All greater

sum can be allowed.

I have the honor to be &c.

P.B.

✓ Hon. John Magee,
House,

16th

In reply to Mr. Hall's letter of the 8th inst. I observe that if the Contractors can come to a satisfactory conclusion, from experience that they can come from Williamsport at any given period of the day, earlier than they have stipulated for, the Dept. will make a change in their plan of expedition; but until they have come to a determination to be regulated in the expedition, the plan had better remain. Mr. Hall's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

✓ Hon. G. W. Owens,
House,

16.

In reply to that part of your letter of the 15th inst. having reference to expediting the mail to Mobile, so much so, as to let the Montgomery mail reach there the one night instead of Blakey, I observe that as Mr. Johnson conveys the mail in stages, before the Dept. shall order the expedition, it appears to be prudent to consult him, to prevent our incurring any expense for the change that he might claim, if he was not first advised with on the subject. We hope to receive a favorable reply, which shall be communicated to you.

P.B.

✓ Hon. S. Barlow,
House,

16.

In reply to the petition & letter of Mr. Tanner, which you submitted for the consideration of the P.M. Genl. in favor of extending the Mayville mail, from Irvine to Warren C. H. I observe that he has directed the accommodation to be granted, & it will go into effect on the 1st of Apr. next.

P.B.

✓ Hon. D. G. Garrison,
House,

16.

In reply to Mr. Clark's letter having reference to the post road between Holland & Frankville, I observe that that route through Mistake, did not go into operation so soon as it should have done. By the 1st of next month it will be in successful operation, & will I hope prove beneficial to that section of Country. Mr. Clark's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
16th July 1828.

Hon. S. Bell,
Senate,

The P.M. Genl. has decided that the changes proposed in the letter of Mr. Smith & sundry papers which accompanied it, which were submitted by you to his consideration, cannot be made without legal provision is made to meet the improvements contemplated. The papers are therefore returned, that you may make such disposition of them, as the case requires.

P.B.

Hon. Messrs Thomas & Kane,
Senate M. C.

16,

In reply to your letter in favor of Elijah Leavitt being continued as mail contractor on the route "Shenandoah & Kishwaukee", I observe, that your approval of his character & his tried fidelity, will be fully appreciated by the P.M. Genl. when he decides upon the route again. It was assigned to Mr. Adams, who has not, we presume, taken charge of it. The manner in which he supplies the P. Office at Brownsville, from Pukewille is satisfactory - he had been authorized to omit Addison, on his direct route, & permitted to supply it by a cross post - If it is discontinued, he will then be released from that duty.

P.B.

Hon. W. A. Buckner,
House,

16,

In reply to the memorial which you submitted to-day to the P.M. Genl. in regard to extending a second mail from Somerset to Monticello, I observe, that he believes the accommodation will be useful, & proposes to carry the object into effect. It is the uniform practice of the Dept. to offer to the present contractor the privilege of all new mail improvements made on their routes, & we have accordingly to that practice written to the contractor on the subject. If he declines the offer, we will apprise you of the fact, as soon as it is communicated to the Dept. The bid of Mr. Gurd, is decidedly too high.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
18th July 1828.

Hon. T. W. Cobb,
Senate,

Pursuant to the P.M. Genl's decision, I requested Mr. Bentham the P.M. at S. Marys, per letter of July 3rd, to pay Mr. Michler \$100 in full, for conveying the mail to S. Augustine. By a letter from Mr. Bentham of July 28th it appears that Mr. Michler will not receive that sum & receipt for it in full, & says that he will apply to Congress on the subject. The consideration offered appears to me to be liberal, & I am surprised to learn that he refused to take it.

P.B.

Hon. D. Barton,
Senate,

18,

Since you submitted Mr. Stephenson's letter to the consideration of the P.M. Genl. the contractor has been specially instructed to visit the Post offices at Durden & Nailors Store. It is regretted that the contractor from any misconceived opinion, neglected his duty in not visiting those offices. Mr. Stephenson's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

Hon. R. McIntire,
House,

18th

Instructions have been given, to have the mail conveyed from North Shapleigh to Newfield: from thence thence the mail passes through Parsonfield to Porter &c. This change will substantially meet the views of the several persons who signed the memorial which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl.

P.B.

Hon. C. H. Smith,
House,

18,

The P.M. Genl. has, since you submitted to his consideration the papers from sundry citizens of the Counties of Shelby & Decatur, established a post office at Flat Rock, & directed it to be supplied with a mail by the carrier, from Vernon to Newcastle - It appears to be difficult to do in any other way, without accommodating other offices.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
19 Feb. 1828

Hon. Wm. Armstrong,
House,

Since you were here this morning we have ordered the mails to be so arranged, as to go direct from this city to Romney, & to return direct from Romney via Winchester to this place - to take effect from the 1st of next month -

Corresponding changes have been made on the route "Romney to Lakesburgh"

Hon. J. Noble,
Senate,

19,

Your letter enclosing one from Mr. Scott has been rec^d. by the P.M. Genl., & in reply, I observe, that we are gratified to find that Mr. Scott so fully deserves your esteem. His account has been suspended for want of certainty, as to the performance of his Contract; but it will now be reexamined, & such payt. made him, as the account will justify. - The post route referred to by him, is not vacant.

Hon. J. Varnum,
House,

19,

In reply to the petition from sundry citizens of Bradford Ms. which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl., I observe, that we have given directions to the mail cont^r. to call at Bradford, on his way to & from Salem & Haverhill, & we trust that the order will be promptly complied with, although the distance is a little increased.

Hon. J. Noble,
Senate,

19th

In reply to the application of Mr. Woodman for a contract, which you submitted to the P.M. Genl., I observe, that he is prevented from accepting Mr. W's proposal in consequence of the route being already provided for. Mr. W's letter is herewith returned -

Post Office Dept.
19 Feb. 1828.

Hon. J. Noble,
Senate,

In reply to your letter, in reference to the mail arrangement for Brookville, I observe, that the mail plans for the accommodation of that place shall be reexamined with a view of rendering them more useful & satisfactory -

Hon. Wm. Hendricks,
Senate,

20,

You will find herewith a letter for the P.M. at Greenburgh containing the contract of Henry N. Talbot for conveying the mail on route N^o 490 at \$325 per annum -

Hon. S. Chase,
House,

20,

In reply to Mr. Cook's letter which you submitted to the Dept., I have to remark, that a contract has been made for the new route "Cooperstown & Post Plain", & that it is now in operation. Mr. Cook's letter is herewith returned -

Hon. D. A. Bush,
House,

20,

Since your letter of the 19th inst. was rec^d. on the subject of sending a third mail each week, between Montpelier Vt. and Hanover N. H., the P.M. Genl. has decided to grant the accommodation, & the cont^r. is directed to convey the mail on said route three a week from the 1st of Apt. next -

Hon. H. C. Martindale,
House,

20,

We had rec^d. a previous communication from Mr. Rawson, in reference to the same object as expressed in his letter to you, & which you submitted to the P.M. Genl. in your letter of the 18th inst., & a reply had been made thereto - Mr. Rawson's letter is herewith returned -

Post Office Dept.
21st Feb 1828.

Hon. D. A. Buck,
House,

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst enclosing several communications, in reference to the establishment of a second weekly mail between Poynton & Newbury via Chelsea &c. I remark that the proposition will be agreed to, provided Mr. Smith will convey the E. mail for the sum stipulated to be paid Genl Clarke, which is £128 a year. The P.M. at Poynton is written to on the subject.

P.B.

Hon. Messrs Sprague
& Butman,
House,

21,

The P.M. Genl has since your application in favor of Moses Burley, reexamined his case, & has decided to allow him double pay from the 1st of Jan^y last, for the consequence of a daily mail between Hallowell & Bangor - Mr. Burley has been notified of the P.M. Genl's decision.

P.B.

Hon. D. Brown,
House,

21,

I understand from the P.M. Genl that you are without a reply to a letter from Mr. Piddle &c which you submitted to the Dept. The enclosed will show that you were answered on the 1st inst & how the letter could have miscarried, is a mystery.

P.B.

Hon. J. Duncan,
House,

21,

In reply to Mr. Marshall's letter to your address of the 31st ult^o which was submitted by you, to the consideration of the P.M. Genl, I observe, that on the 23^d of Jan^y Mr. Mills, the Cont^r, was specially directed to adopt such plans as Mr. Marshall should prescribe for his government on route No 526; Mr. Marshall was also written to on the subject the same day. As that gentleman, however, believes it expedient to have a mail pass direct between his office & Vandalia, in one entire route - The Cont^r is directed to so convey said mail, although our object in saving, as we supposed an unnecessary

trance of 30 miles each week, is defeated. We confide more in the judgement of Mr. Marshall, than in our imperfect knowledge of that section of Country - the difference of expense, will not be considerable. We have written to Mr. Marshall on the other subjects contained in his letter.

P.B.

Hon. D. Crockett,
House,

21,

In reply to Mr. Croft's letter which you submitted to the Dept, I remark, that the route referred to by him, has not become vacant, at least if it has, we have not been informed of the fact. If, as Mr. Croft says, the Cont^r refuses to execute his agreement for this route, the P.M. Genl says he shall forfeit all others. Mr. Croft stands very fair with the Dept & will be employed, if it can be done with a due regard to the rights of others.

P.B.

Hon. B. Bassett,
House,

21,

The mail stage Cont^r, who shall convey the mail between Lewisburgh & Fincastrle, next summer, will be instructed to convey the mail to the Salt Sulphur Springs, as set forth in Mr. Croft's letter to your address, which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl on yesterday. From your personal observations, it appears that you have seen the necessity, or special convenience of this accommodation.

P.B.

Hon. John Magee,
House,

21,

The P.M. Genl has decided to release Mr. Shaw from the necessity of calling at Red Bank; as it appears from his representations to be out of his power to supply that office, without incurring a very extraordinary expense. He is therefore released from going to Red Bank.

P.B.

Post Office Dept
21st July 1828.

Hon. M. Bartley,
House,

Since your submitting Mr. Hubbard's letter for the consideration of the P.M. Genl, in reference to sending the mail through La Grange, he has directed the carrier of the mail, from Mansfield to Clypso to make the accommodation requested.

Mr. Hubbard's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

Hon. J. Duncanson,
House,

21st

The letter from Mr. Manning which you submitted to the P.M. Genl, in regard to the extension of the mail route "Forestburg & Washington C.M." or some other improvement equally beneficial to the citizens of Brownville, shall receive a full & fair consideration; & we shall endeavor to continue for that office, at least, its usual mail facilities -

P.B.

Hon. J. Buchanan,
House,

21st

In reply to your appⁿ to ascertain what sum may be obtained for conveying a weekly mail per stage between West Chester Pa & Baltimore, via New London & Roads, Deposit Bridge, Belle Meade &c to Baltimore, I observed, that the current receipts of the road are less than \$400 per annum & our expenditures upon it, are nearly equal to the receipts. The P.M. Genl therefore, is not willing to make any offer for the mails transportation in stages, but he will be glad to receive proposals for that purpose. It is but just however to remark, that from the receipts, it will be perceived that he cannot expend any considerable sum to attain the object. If proposals are rec^d, that prove acceptable, then, agreeably to the uniform practice of the Dept, we must offer to the present contractors the choice of conveying the mail in stages, or relinquishing their contracts. We leave it entirely to the option of the contractors - it does not appear probable, that at least one of the present contractors will avail himself of the alternative, as he appears, or so appears not to be adapted for that service, although a good mail carrier.

P.B.

Post Office Dept
21st July 1828.

Hon. S. McKean,
House,

In reply to Mr. Fleming's letter in relation to Mr. Duffy's contract, which you submitted to the Dept, I remark, that the P.M. Genl cannot encroach at his discretion, the compensation of contractors; but where a bid has been made & been made through mistake, it may be withdrawn. If Mr. Duffy wishes to withdraw, he can be indulged in so doing, & the P.M. Genl will then make the best practicable provision for the route, that he can. But if Mr. Duffy resorts to this alternative, he must give timely notice thereof so as to prevent any delay in the mails regular transmission.

P.B.

Hon. W. Hendricks,
Senate,

21st

In reply to the letter of Mr. Leavenworth, which you submitted for the consideration of the P.M. Genl, I observed, that from your representation, as well as that gentleman's, it is apparent that a decided change must be made in the mail between Indianapolis and Leavenworth; & the plan you suggest may be the best, viz, to extend the line to Indianapolis, & make it independent of any other. You may be assured that your wishes in this particular will be respected; & if changes happen that will enable the Dept to employ Mr. Pennington again, we shall take pleasure in doing so, as he has been tried & found faithful.

P.B.

Hon. S. Chase,
House,

22^d

In reply to Mr. Phinney's letter of the 12th inst which you submitted to the Dept I remark, that we have already made a contract for the transportation of the mail, between Utica & Cooperstown, three a week, & we trust that it is so carried -

The mail to Fort Plain is carried on the direct route - as advertised - Mr. Phinney's letter is herewith returned -

P.B.