

Post Office Dept.

22 Feb'y 1828.

✓ Hon. H. Daniel,
House,

We had previously to the reception of your letter of the 20th inst., made provision to send a weekly mail between Millersburgh & Sharpsburgh, with a view to effect the object contemplated in your letter.

P.B.

22.^o✓ Hon. J. C. Wright,
House,

In your letter of the 20th inst. you omitted to enclose the letter of Mr. Lacey therein referred to. We cannot therefore anticipate the views of that gentleman. We have directed the Mount Vernon Mail to be extended from Dover to New Phil's, although another mail travels over the same ground, on a different day.

P.B.

22.^o✓ Hon. C. Whithroy,
House,

Since you submitted the letter of Iahey Gilbert & sundry documents in relation to a controversy between said Gilbert & J. W. Dupre of New Lisbon, to the consideration of the P.M. Gen'l. I remark, that after a careful examination of all the circumstances connected with the case, he has decided that Dupre shall be excluded from any part of the contract, & that Messrs Iahey Gilbert, John Hanperly & Geo. Dewart, are considered alone as responsible to the Dist' for the faithful performance thereof - Mr. Dupre is advised of this decision.

P.B.

23.^o✓ Hon. M. Bradley
House

In reply to Mr. Baker's letter & the petition which was enclosed therin, I observe that the new post road from Wheeling to Norwalk, Ohio, is so arranged as to pass through Ashland, between Woodstock & Norwalk, & the contractor has been specially instructed on the subject.

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✓ Hon. J. C. Carson

House.

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The P.M. Gen'l. has had yr application for additional pay to Benjamin Noland for running four hours instead of two in his stage between Lincoln N.C. and Newport T, under consideration. He considers yr estimate much too high, for the value of the extra service, and he proposes to allow Mr. Noland at the rate of \$600 a year, and at that ratio from the period he commenced running 4 hours, on any part of the route, and on that portion of the route that he now carries the mail in two hours stage will be raised at the above ratio from the time he applies 4 hours regularly to his mail stages. The allowance is noted on Mr. Noland's contract. - P.B.

✓ Hon. D. Turner

House.

23.^o

In reply to the memorial submitted by you to the P.M. G, having for its object the accommodation of Davis's Roads with the mail, I observe, that if it were a horse mail that required a change to effect the object, it would be forthwith directed - but to direct a mail stage to deviate from the straight road may be quite objectionable. We have however requested the stage contractors to grant the accommodation offered them a pro rata allowance for the increased travel. When we get their reply, you shall be informed of its import.

P.B.

23.^o

✓ Hon. G. E. Wales

House.

Since you submitted Mr. Skinner's letter to the consideration of the Postmaster Gen'l. in relation to allowing that gentleman an extra pay for extra service now performing between Walpole & Hanover N.H. as well as to the prospective view of increased mail accommodation on that route, beyond the present plan, I observe that the Postmaster Gen'l. has decided to grant an extra allowance for the extra service performed between Walpole & Hanover, at the rates paid under the contract for the route.

Before this credit can be given however, it will be necessary for Mr. Skinner to show the actual increase of service performed. It is not probable that the credit will be extended beyond the first of the present year, as we understand that Mr. Skinner's extra services complicated, with what was before done, a daily mail. If so, will not a daily mail subserve the public's purpose? By connecting certain points on one side of the river to the other, it is believed that two lines of stages could not get sufficient support from passengers, & it is certain that the net amount of postage collected on the route will not justify much increase of the current expenditures on the route. This subject will undergo a revision before we publish the contingent, next summer, for that section of country. - P.B.

Post Office Dept.

23 Feb 1828-

✓ Hon. J. Bulman,
House,

Since you submitted Mr. Gilman's letter to the P.M. Govt. for consideration, we have requested the contr^t to convey three mails between Belfast & Bangor, provided he will perform the service for £104 a year or £2 a week, which proposition, no doubt, will be accepted -

PMB

✓ Hon. R. Orr,
House,

23?

The day you were here, we made an arrangement in accordance with your wishes in regard to the office at Post Bank; & also informed the carrier that he might convey news papers to persons not residing immediately in the vicinity of a post office on the route -

PMB

✓ Hon. J. Garth,
House,

23?

In reply to the memorial submitted by you to the consideration of the P.M. Govt., praying that three mails weekly may be sent between Jordan & Homer, Osborne, that we have taken measures to effect that object; but the contingency will not in the price demanded for the 3^r trip. Two mails are now carried & we trust that the 3^r will be carried on the terms offered -

PMB

✓ Hon. T. H. Blake,
House,

23?

In consequence of the representations contained in the letters of Messrs Jenkins & McJasson which you submitted to the P.M. Govt., supported by your statement, the P.M. Govt has decided to forfeit the contract of Mr. Stubbins, for route No 485, & placed it in the charge of Messrs Oliver and Bruce of Washington D^r, in whose energy & fidelity you express the fullest confidence - Mr. Stubbins came well recommended to the Dept^t but he has wholly disappointed us in regard to the performance of the route required tho-

PMB

Post Office Dept.

23. Feb 1828.

✓ Hon. W^m. M. Leavell,
House,

In reply to Mr. Leavell's letter which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Govt, I remark, that there is no reciproc^y for the mails leaving Port Wayne in the afternoon; and to better subserve the public interest in that respect (from the character you give Mr. Leavell) it appears that it will be proper to authorize him to make such changes in the arrival & departure of the mail as may appear expedient. You must if any changes are made, inform the Dept^t thereof, that they may be noticed on the Contract -

PMB

✓ Hon. B. Brugles,
Senate,

23?

In reply to Mr. Dunlap's letter, submitted by you to the P.M. Govt's consideration, I furnish you with the annexed statement of that gentleman's acc^t, as stated by the solicitor of the Dept^t. Drafts were made on him for the whole am^t of postage, except £11 4⁶/100 - but on the last draft, for £16, he paid only £3, leaving of course £13 to be added to the balance of £11 4⁶/100, & making the sum of £24 4⁶/100, which is now due - Only one draft was sent him on R. Osborne, which was for £50 - It was returned unpaid; & the am^t was paid in cash to David Blundin by whom the draft was endorsed -

Mr. Dunlap ought to pay the draft & get rid of the suit -

PMB

✓ Hon. W^m. L. Archer,
House,

23?

We had previousness to the reception of your letter addressed to the P.M. Govt, which enclosed Mr. Barker's letter to your address of Feb 16th no? the letter & paper referred to by that gentleman, & as the change he requested appeared to be reasonable, it was granted. I enclose Mr. Barker's letter -

PMB

Post Office Dept.
25 Feb'y 1828.

Hon. I. C. Wright,
House,

As it appears from the letter of Mr. Lacey
which you submitted to the P.M. Govt; that his expectation
were, to have his spare time at Bandy, & not at either
end of the route, he therefore has a claim - for some additional
pay & it is agreed to allow him \$30 a year to cover that
extra expense - being three fourths of his estimate.

P.B.

Hon. A. H. Shepherd,
House.

25,

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst
enclosing one from Mr. Barnett. I remark, that the reflection
of that gentleman in relation to the improvement of mail
routes in his section of Country, shall receive due consideration
If necessary, the P.M. Govt will avail himself of your offer for
such additional information as you may possess -
Mr. Barnett will be written to on the subject, as soon as
circumstances will permit of a full examination of his proposition

P.B.

Hon. J. Mecallum,
House.

25.

The P.M. Govt has agreed to carry your
wishes into effect, as it regards sending a mail from Sharpsburgh
to Ovingville, & has taken such measures as will, with our
previous engagements, cause a mail to be conveyed direct
between Millersburgh, Larkspur & Ovingville Ky -

P.B.

Hon. T. Bushman,
House.

25,

The proposition which you submitted to the
P.M. Govt, from sundry citizens of Industry, New Vineyard &c,
appears to offer advantages to the public, and it is agreed to. The
change will take effect from the 1st of Sept next

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
25 Feb'y 1828.

Hon. C. Van Horne,
House.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst I have to
remark, that the P.M. Govt has rec'd an application from Mr. Duffy to
increase his compensation, but he did not agree to do so, as it would
have been improper, & contrary to the uniform practice of the Dept.,
as it is always taken for granted, that Contractors make an estimate of
the cost, before they put in their proposals -

Mr. Duffy may, by giving timely notice, relinquish his contract,
& some one else will be employed in his place, but more pay cannot
be allowed him -

P.B.

Hon. R. C. Mallory,
House.

25,

The proposition of the Govt to convey six
mails weekly instead of three, between Albany & Burlington is rec'd & so
reasonable that the P.M. Govt has agreed to accept it. The mail will
therefore be conveyed six times a week between the above places -

P.B.

Hon. John Magee,
House.

25.

Since you submitted the letters of Messrs Chamberlain
& Bryan to the Dept, we have directed routes Nos 60 & 61 to be abridged, so
soon as the office at Covertis is in effective operation, & a pro rata
deduction of pay, in proportion to the reduction of the service, will
then take place - The errors arose from establishing the post roads by
different names, & our imperfect knowledge of that section of
Country, which is so rapidly improving - Longups were to a day, &
we followed their direction thus far, but have availed ourselves of the
right to correct the error, as soon as it was discovered -

P.B.

Hon. M. Alexander, House.

26

We can make the change proposed in Mr. Puryear's letter which you
submitted to the Dept.; but I fear that it will prove prejudicial to other connecting points, or
with other routes. An enquiry is made to test its effects, with the intention of making
the change if found to be useful

G. B.

D.P.

Post Office Dept.

Feb 26. 1828

✓ Hon. P. Sprague, House,

The views of the Petitioners, as expressed in the memorial submitted by you to the consideration of the P.M. Gent have been anticipated; an order has been given to send a daily mail between Hallowell & Bangor. —

P.B.

✓ Hon. W. Lumpkin, House,

26.

The mail to Coweta may go from Milliganville via Lawrenceville or M^cDough to Fayetteville; as it is probably not material which course it takes. The great difficulty is, that the mail goes but once in two weeks between Fayetteville, Coweta &c &c. As you represent that the growing importance of that section of Georgia, requires a weekly mail, the Post Master Gent has agreed to send one, from the 1st of April next.

P.B.

✓ Hon. A. Lee, House,

26.

Since you submitted the letter of the Postmaster at Knoxville to the Deptt, in regard to the route Knoxville & Tazewell, the Post master Gent decided that Mr Hill shall have a contract for said route, provided the contractor has not taken charge of it, before a letter to Mr Crozier of this date reaches him, and Mr. Hill will be allowed under the above circumstances \$200 a year. —

P.B.

✓ Hon. J. Davis, House.

26.

With a view to meet the wishes of the gentlemen whose petition you submitted to the Deptt, we have directed on enquiry to ascertain the expense, that the service proposed to be performed, will cost, with the intention of accepting it, if the terms are reasonable.

P.B.

✓ Hon. C. Lyon, House.

26.

In reply to your application for a second weekly mail between Hopkinsville & Nashville T., I have to observe that the current expenditure on that route is almost double the amount of postage collected on it, and that circumstance alone constitutes a strong objection to the application; but the P.M. Gent agrees to add \$300 a year to the present pay, provided the contractor will, for that sum, convey an extra weekly mail, between those places, for six months, during the business season of the year. The Postmaster at Hopkinsville is directed to make the offer to the contractor. —

P.B.

✓ Hon. S. Tucker

House.

Post Office Dept.

Feb 26. 1828

The P. M. at Union C. H. has been duly requested to make a tender of a route late in charge of Mr. Reed, between Buckland, Union C. H. & Columbia, to his legal representative according to the usage of the Deptt in such cases; and on no account whatever, to suffer the mail, to stop for the want of a carrier. —

P.B.

✓ Hon. J. Mancy, House

26.

As there is no regular established post road, between Glasgow & Pruitt's Knob via Savages, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of your making application to Congress for its establishment.

P.B.

✓ Hon. Adam King, House,

26.

We have requested the contractor to make the change contemplated in a letter of the 23^d inst, viz, to leave York every Saturday, and to return from Westminister to Manchester on Sunday, provided the change can be made without augmenting his expenses, which we apprehend will be considerably increased thereby. He now goes to York on Fridays, and returns on Saturdays. —

P.B.

✓ Hon. J. Richardson,
House,

26.

At the time the office at South Scituate was established, directions were given to send a weekly mail to that point from Scituate on account of economy, but the extension to Horner's Corners, being though much more beneficial, it will be accordingly extended. — The P.M. Gent will if he finds the route will justify it, send the mail twice a week, but the experiment of a weekly mail will enable the Deptt to decide on the propriety of granting twice a week. —

P.B.

✓ Hon. R. P. Letcher,
House.28th

In reply to Mr. White's letter which you submitted to the Deptt, I observe, that he is correct in his opinion, the entry of Pike C. H. in his contract, was an error. The error however was duly corrected before the contract was made out, but escaped the notice of the clerk who made out the contract. — The error is now corrected in the contract executed by Mr. White, & also on the counterpart of it.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

28 Feb'y 1828

✓ Hon. D. McCalpin,
House,

The P.M. Genl. has rec'd your letter of the 25th inst^r enclosing one from Messrs. Fleming & others, bearing for its object the change of the main mail stage line between Maysville & Millersburg Ky., so far as to send three mails via Flemington & four on the main mail road. While he wishes to extend to each section of the country the greatest mail facilities, he finds in the present case, an objection to the change - from the actual & material increase of distance & a very great increase of expense - Experience has shown the Dept^t that it is almost as expensive to run 4 weekly mails, as six, over the same road; as it takes nearly as many horses for the one as for the other - The P.M. Genl. therefore under these circumstances, does not think it prudent to make the proposed change -

P.B.

P.B.

✓ Hon. M. Alexander,
House,

Mr. Rose has been offered \$24 a year additional to call at Christianville on his route to & from Boydton & to arrive at Boydton as early as he now does. He can easily accomplish this by starting one hour earlier than usual.

P.B.

✓ Hon. R. D. Ingersoll.
House,

28th

In reply to your note of the 25th inst^r I observe, that the Dept^t does not contemplate any change in the present mails connection with the office at Cobron C. & if an application be made to effect such a change, the Dept^t will apprise you of it, provided the reasons assigned in favor of it, are of such a character as to induce a belief that the change may be useful.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

28 Feb'y 1828.

✓ Hon. W. R. Davis,
House,

The letter of Dr. Symmes which you enclosed for the consideration of the P.M. Genl. in relation to the improvement of the mail arrangement between Carnifax & Pendleton C.H. (Ky.) &c. will meet with that consideration which is due to it. Our wish is to make the mails as useful as possible in each section of country, & on the most prudent & economical plan.

P.B.

✓ Hon. S. Wood,
House,

28.

In regard to your appl^r for a second mail to pass between Castleton & Richmond N.Y. I observe, that if that service has not already commenced, which we fear has not, from the remarks of Mr. Guyon, the second mail shall be added without delay.

P.B.

✓ Hon. Jas'l. Mancey,
House,

28th

Instructions have been given, to send the Mumfordsville mail from Glasgow via Savage, which will be carried into effect immediately after the receipt of the instructions. We regret very much, that the accommodations had not been earlier made, & which was owing to our mistaking your views on the subject -

P.B.

✓ Hon. John Mc Kee,
House,

28th

The changes in route No. 118, as suggested by Mr. Chapman, whose letter you submitted to the Dept^t have been adopted & the cont^r. has been directed to convey the mail agreeably to the plan proposed by that Gentleman -

P.B.

✓ Hon. D. Woodcock

29th

House. In reply to the petition which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl. on yesterday, I remark that as a third weekly mail has been lately directed to pass between Elmira & Avid, it appears to supersede the necessity of sending a second weekly mail between Elmira & Ithaca.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

Feb. 29th 1828.

✓ Hon. P. Lea

House. The Post Master Genl. having rec'd a letter from the Hon. Mr. White of the Senate, embracing substantially the views expressed in yr. letter to him, he has instructed me to send you a copy of that letter, which will shew you fully his opinion in regard to the matter. I trust you will be satisfied with his reasoning on the subject, and consider the letter to judge White, which is herewith enclosed, as his reply to you.

The contemplated route is as follows:

P. B.

From Knoxville by Maryville, Tellico, Athens,
Washington, Pickens, Jasper and Belle Fonte }
to Huntsville. } 3

✓ Hon. J. Chandler

29th

Sent to you. — The application for a third weekly mail between Portland and Augusta, agreeably to the terms expressed in the petition which you enclosed to the Post master Genl. is considered reasonable, and the extra mail is directed to go into operation on the 1st of April next.

P. B.

✓ Hon. C. P. Van Nopf

29.

at Post Van Nopf's

Washington City — The Post master Genl. has on your application decided to send the mail by the Steam Boat owned by the "Lake Champlain S. B. Company," between Whitehall N.Y. and Burlington Vt. on Lake C the ensuing summer; and the Post masters at Whitehall & Burlington are instructed accordingly.

P. B.

29.

✓ Hon. J. W. Taylor

House. The Post master Genl. has agreed to accept Mr. Loomis as the substitute of Mr. Cobb, and to allow him \$200 a year for conveying the extra mails between Ball's Spa & Waterford, during the watering season.

P. B.

✓ Hon. J. Wilson

29.

House. The Post master at Gettysburg has been directed to suspend the departure of the Green Castle mail, until the mail from Chambersburg has arrived and been sorted, agreeably to yr. wishes on the subject.

P. B.
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✓ Hon. C. P. Van Nopf

Washington City.

Post Office Dept.

Feb. 29. 1828

In relation to the proposals of M^r. Follett and Forsaith which you submitted to the Dept. I remark that the proposal of Mr. Follett for the conveyance of the mail between Burlington & Port Kent is considered too high. He has however, been written to on the subject, and offered at the rate of \$120 a year, which it is presumed he will accept, as the service will commence on the 1st of April. — Mr. Forsaith's proposal to convey the mail between Keeseville & Port Kent at \$45 a year has been accepted, the service to commence as above.

P. B.

29.

✓ Hon. B. Swift

House. I have the honor to inform you that the mail is now, or will be in a day or two, conveyed daily, (except Sundays) between Albany & Burlington Vt. and also that an enquiry is made to ascertain the expense of extending the extra mails to Oneonta or Highgate N.Y. —

P. B.

29.

✓ Hon. J. H. Bryan

House. In reply to the letter of Mr. Bell which you submitted to the Dept. I remark, that Mr. Bell was clearly and distinctly informed of the duties required of him, as will more fully appear by a letter addressed to him on the 8th of Oct. last, a copy of which I have taken the liberty to enclose for your inspection. We cannot depart from the regulation prescribed in that letter, and maintain a just and uninterrupted connection with the Norfolk line of stages at Tarboro' and which is indispensably necessary. — It is certain that Mr. Bell cannot, with convenience, perform the Thursdays & Fridays service himself — that duty should be assigned by him to some citizen of Washington N.C. and he can then perform the other part with advantage. The plan altho' apparently inconvenient, is the best one the case will admit of.

P. B.

29.

✓ Hon. Geo. C. Washington.

29.

House. In reply to yr. letter of the 25th last. I remark, that the Post master Genl. can establish a post office at Water Mills; but in regard to the other, we cannot give you a satisfactory reply, as we are ignorant of the situation of Forney Town or x Roads. If you will inform the Dept. where this place is situated, we will then decide whether an office can be established at it.

P. B.

✓ Hon. G. Wood
House.

Post Office Dept.

March 11. 1828.

I have to inform you that the Dept. does not contemplate making any change in the mail arrangements on Long Island; if however any improvements may suggest themselves to you, by notifying the Post master Genl thereof, they will be adopted when we enter into new contracts for your section of the country.

P.B.

✓ Hon. W. P. Davis

1st

House. In reply to Mr. Bruce's letter which you submitted to the Dept. I remark, that the Post master is very responsible for using an incorrect postman, and the evil shall be remedied.

P.B.

✓ Hon. J. D. Barnard

1st

House. Since you submitted Mr. Behan's letter to the Dept., we have directed the contractors on the route from Harrisburgh to Sunbury, to sound a horn regularly & distinctly, when within hearing distance of a Post office.

P.B.

✓ Hon. W. S. Archer

1st

House. In reply to yr letter of yesterday, and that of Mr. Overton which accompanies it, I remark that we are very much surprised to learn that the mail carrier has failed to call at Williamsville; and we regret that Mr. Overton did not more promptly report the failure to the Dept. the error shall however be immediately corrected.

P.B.

✓ Hon. M. Bartley

1st

House. The contract for the route Steubenville, Ken. Ohio to Wooster, Ohio. has been assigned to Mr. Marcell, and unless he forfeits it, the P.M.G. cannot contract with Mr. P. Foutz however meritorious he may be. If a forfeiture of Mr. Marcell's contract, is made, Mr. P. Foutz's application shall receive full & special consideration.

Mr. (Patrick) Kettleton's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

✓ Hon. H. Seymour,
House.

1st

In reply to Mr. Smith's letter which you submitted to the Dept. I remark, that there is no route in Vermont now vacant.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
March 3? 1828.

✓ Hon. P. Sprague,
House.

In reply to the petition letter which you enclosed in yours of the 28th ulto, I observe, that no legislative provision is necessary to carry the proposed objects into effect; and with a wish to meet the views of the petitioners, we have directed an inquiry to ascertain the expense that the proposed improvement will cost.

The letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

✓ Hon. A. Stevenson,

3^d

Speaker of the House of Reps.

The petition which you submitted to the P.M. Genl, from sundry citizens of Greenboro has been examined & in reply thereto, I observe that the change they propose has often been considered, and was, at one time temporarily carried into operation, but the plan met with so strong an opposition, & from a respectable portion of the community, that the P.M. Genl thought it unseemly to pursue it, which is now objected to by the petitioners. They probably believe that some legislative provision is necessary to attain this object. The petition is herewith returned.

✓ Hon. John Randolph,
House of Reps.

3^d

The P.M. Genl has, to day, note of this day on the subject of delays & irregularities of the mail at Newfane C.H. He feels a deep regret to find that delays have occurred under any circumstances, & is surprised that the Post masters have not made him acquainted with the fact, that a remedy might have been promptly applied. We have however, this day taken measures to have the mails carried in strict conformity with the contract, and hope that your agents will not experience any further inconvenience from the mails irregularities.

The P.M. Genl has directed a change in the closing of the mail for Winchester, agreeably to your verbal suggestion.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

3 March 1828.

✓ Hon. J. Chandler,
Senate,

I have the honor to inform you, that the subject of the proposed change of the main mail from its present route between Portland & East Port to the road via Augusta &c, will receive the particular attention of the P.M. Govt. As the present route is, in fact provided for until the 30th Dec^r next, & is believed to be as good a road in summer as the other, no immediate necessity exists to make it-

P.B.

✓ Hon. W^m Armstrong,
House,

4th

The cont. Mr. Hill has been written to, & requested to state the terms upon which he will convey a second weekly mail between Leesburg & Shepherdstown via Harpers Ferry to which when rec'd. the Dept. will be able to decide upon the propriety of granting the accommodation recommended by you.-

P.B.

✓ Hon. J. M. Kee,
House,

4th

The Dept. has just been informed that the mail is carried on the Coosa Valley road, & also between Montevallo & Selma via Pitt C. H. Be agreeably to your recommendation-

P.B.

✓ Hon. T. W. Cobb,
Senate,

4th

We have rec'd. a letter from Mr. Ballou on the subject of carrying a third weekly mail to Madison. The P.M. Govt. offered him \$240, the demands \$350 for the transportation of the mail on horseback, & \$430 per stage. His demand appears altogether too high for the service proposed-

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

4th March 1828.

✓ Mr. John Thompson,
Alexandria. D.C.

The P.M. Govt. has fixed your departure from this place at 6th A.M. instead of 4 P.M. when will regulate accordingly -

P.B.

✓ Hon. J. Brown,
House,

4th

Whereas I enclose to you a letter from Horace Plummer, in the subject of making a change in regard to the P. Office in Bedford N. H. You will have the goodness to return it when you have read it.

P.B.

✓ Hon. John Magruder

4th

House. Since you submitted Mr. Bridges letter to the P.M. Govt. the Post master at Pittsburgh has been authorized to direct the carrier of the mail to go to New Haven to return in one day, and to go to Bath and return in another day, so as to give two mails a week to Pittsburgh, if he believes the measure advisable.

Mr. Bridges letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

✓ Hon. R. DeSoto

4th

House. Since my letter to you in reference to sending the Kentucky mail via Gallatin T. on its way to Nashville, we have been informed by the contractor that the distance will be increased 12 miles, that the road is decidedly worse than the former one, and that if he is required to pursue it, it will destroy the advantages to be derived from passengers. Under these circumstances the P.M. Govt. cannot comply with your request on the subject.

P.B.

✓ Hon. Jn^r Mitchell of Ga

4th

House. Since you submitted the letters to the P.M. Govt. in reference to a change in the Departure of the mail from Lexington on route N. 216, viz. to depart from that place on the evening of Thursday, after the mail has arrived, or on the mornings of Friday, instead of the hour now fixed, the contractor has been directed to make the change.

P.B.

Hon. E. Van Horne.
House.

Post Office Deptt

Mar. 4th 1828

In reply to Mr. McMains letter which you submitted to the Deptt, I observe, that the Postmaster at Jersey Shore thinks the proposed change will cost a considerable sum, as the roads that way are decidedly worse than the present one, and the difficulties in passing rivers &c. are much greater. If the road should be improved, the objections will then be substantially removed.

P.B.
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Hon. H. R. Storrs

4th

House. Agreeably to the request of Messrs. Drayton & Hamilton, whose letters you submitted to the Deptt, an order has been given to send an extra weekly mail between Utica & Rome. —

P.B.

Hon. R. Allen.

4th

House. Since you submitted Mr. Burnell's letter to the consideration of the P.M. Genl., he has decided to grant the accommodation requested by that gentleman, and instructions are given to carry the plan into effect, by the 1st of next month.

P.B.

Hon. L. Bates

4th

House. I observe in reply to Mr. Lucas's letter which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl., that that gentleman has been directed to in regard to the office at Cote sans depein.

P.B.

Hon. L. Bates

4th

House. I have the honor to state in reply to Mr. Smith's letter which you submitted to the Deptt, that a positive order has been given to supply the office at Paducah, with the mail.

P.B.

Hon. S. Barlow

4th

House. Before you submitted Mr. Green's letter to the P.M. Genl., we had granted liberty to Mr. Kennard Hamilton to take three days to perform his trip in, if necessary, and the change was noted on the counterpart of his contract. Mr. Green's letter is herewith ret'd.

P.B.

Hon. J.C. Mitchell
House

Post Office Deptt

March 4, 1828

Since you submitted Mr. Starett's letter to the Deptt, we find that he was duly rec'd from James Coffey at \$75 - James Mackay \$99 $\frac{1}{2}$ - F. Loftis \$75 and Nathan Melton at \$74, but Isaac Wellington was lower than either, and obtained the contract. — Mr. Starett's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.
in

Hon. J. Read

House. I have the honor to inform you, that agreeably to your wishes, we have given orders to send three mails each week, between Boston, Plymouth, Sandwich, Barnstable & Hyannis and Nantucket, from the 1st of next month, the mail to go to Hyannis on Monday, Wednesday & Friday, and return the succeeding day. —

P.B.

Hon. S. P. Carson

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House. The Deptt has rec'd a very extravagant proposal from Mr. Newland, in regard to sending the mail by four instead of two hour stages. The advantages to the public, between a four and two hour stage, are, as you must be aware, of little consequence, but to the contractor and traveller greatly so. — Had you not specially interposed in behalf of this gentleman, no extra sum would probably have been agreed to be given him, and if he does not wish to change from two to four hour stages, he need not, nor will he be held bound to do so, by your wish to serve him. the acceptance of the \$600 therefore, rests entirely with him.

P.B.

Hon. C. Lyon

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House. In reply to Mr. Gray's letter which you submitted to the Deptt, I observe that Messrs. Pitt & Henry can better and more satisfactorily convey the mail between Bowling Green and Nashville, via Russellville, than any other person, and at much less expence. These objections have before been fully considered by the P.M. Genl. & were not believed to be sufficient.

The office at ~~Carney's~~ is stricken out of Mr. Gray's contract, and he is authorized to leave Hopkinsville on Tuesdays, hereafter instead of Sundays. A regular second weekly mail does not appear to be wanted on that route, — from its amount of postage or pecuniary situation, such has been expressed very lately as the opinion of the P.M. Genl., as reported to you in my letter of the 26. ult.

P.B.
in

Hon. J. Bartlett

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House. In reply to Mr. Eastman's letter which was enclosed in yours of the 4th ult, I observe that the Deptt does not contemplate making any change which will be prejudicial to the public interest, or of that of individuals in the section of country referred to. —

P.B.
in

Post Office Dept
5 March 1828.

Hon. J. Butman,
House,

Since you submitted Mr. Jones's letter to the Dept., instructions have been given to have Mr. Jones's a/c settled, as it regards his claim to the proceeds of the Post Offices at Orono & Oldtown. He will be informed when the matter is adjusted —

P.B.

Hon. R. Deakins,
House,

5th.

We regret to inform you, that the only proposition which we have rec'd for conveying the mail between Sparta & Nashville, is of such a magnitude as to preclude the possibility of accepting, viz \$75 a mile for twice a week - this is nearly three times as much as we pay for similar services in that section of Country -

P.B.

Hon. D. Barker Jr.

6th

House. In reply to the letters of Messrs. Abbot and Cutler which you submitted to the Dept., I observe that we have not rec'd an application on the subject referred to, that we have any recollection of. If it should be received, the subject will be fully considered; and the interest of the public, and that of individuals will be duly weighed. — In our revision of routes in that section of country, all improvements which may be offered, will receive due consideration. The present appears to be a good arrangement.

P.B.

Hon. Thos R. Mitchell

6th

House. I have the honor to enclose for your examination the copy of a letter which was written to Mr. Jeanneret on the 13th ult. It was our intention to have made you acquainted with the contents of that letter, at the time it was written, but from some inexplicable cause it was not done. —

P.B.

Hon. J. C. Wright

16th

House. In reply to Mr. Blackendarf's letter which you submitted to the Dept, I remark, that the Postmaster at Zanes has been authorized to require the carrier of the Zanesville M'nton mail, to stop at his office.

P.B.

Hon. D. Woodruff
House.

Post Office Dept
March 6 1828.

In pursuance to your application, the Post master general has directed two additional mails to be carried each week, between Ithaca & Elmira, provided the service can be performed for \$275 in addition to the present pay. I apprehend that if this contractor should refuse the offer, his carrier will accept it.

P.B.
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Hon. B. Swift,
House,

7.

Your letter of the 4th inst in reference to sending three extra mails each week between Burlington & Swanton Vt has been rec'd, & in reply I observe, that upon further examination it appears reasonable to grant the accommodation you have requested, & accordingly the Com'tee has been requested to commence the service forthwith & a pro rata allowance will be made him therefor —

P.B.

Hon. L. Maxwell;
House,

7.

In accordance with your wishes, the P.M. Gen't has directed the mail in charge of Mr. Wilcox to be conveyed weekly between Moorefield & Leotailla from Moorefield to Armstrong, to begin on the 1st of next Month, & a pro rata allowance will be made to Mr. Wilcox for the extra service —

P.B.

Hon. T. R. Mitchell,
House,

7.

In reply to Mr. Dodge's letter which you submitted to the Dept., I remark, that the P.M. Gen't considers the claim for extra compensation for conveying the mail between China Grove & Georgetown, as destitute of foundation, as the mail, in fact, passes every day between those places, & it is the duty of the P.M. at China Grove to put the mail into the charge of the Com'tee, & it is equally the duty of the Com'tee to carry the bags or Statebags mail thence from Georgetown —

P.B.

The writer of the letter which is herewith returned, is the Com'tee, & the P.M. at China Grove is as soon as we believe —

P.B.