

Post Office Dept.  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 1828.

Hon. J. H. Williams,  
Senate.

Will you have the goodness to read the enclosed  
letter from Mr. Johnson, & return it with such remarks as you deem  
relevant to the subject?

23.

P.P.

Hon. C. Bateman,  
Senate.

In reply to your letter of this day's date, I remark, that  
I was fully satisfied by your personal explanation, to day, that the old  
arrangement, taking all things into view, for Bridgetown &c &c was  
the best, & the Contractors are directed to resume the old arrangement without  
delay.

P.P.

Hon. V. Barker,  
House.

24.

In reply to your letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> inst to the P.M. Gmt  
I observe, that all post routes after their establishment, must be advertised  
twelve successive weeks; and it is not usual, nor is it the practice,  
to give notice to any mail route, until all which are established at  
the same time, shall go into operation; and that measure cannot be  
accomplished, until we collect the necessary facts on which to found  
our advertisement. We shall want no information, however, as regards  
this route, as our local knowledge extends to that section of Country -

P.P.

Hon. C. Whittlesey,  
House.

24.

In reply to your note addressed to the P.M. Gmt on yesterday  
I observe, that the Deptt has arranged to send the mail in two days from  
Pittsburgh to Cleveland, & vice versa with Sabey Gilbert. He is to pass  
& re-pass through Hudson, but is exempt from passing through Franklin  
& How.

A proposition has been made to send three extra mails each week between  
Canton & Hudson, to connect with the Cleveland line at that place, to  
which I apprehend will be carried into effect -

P.P.

Post Office Dept.  
May 24, 1828.

Hon. Messrs D. L. Barringer  
& T. P. Carson, House.

In reply to your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst  
to the P.M. Gmt & also to Mr. Evans letter which was enclosed therein, I observe,  
that the change suggested by Mr. Evans, will receive due consideration which it  
merits. It will if adopted, involve numerous changes, which must all be duly  
considered before a final - the expediency of sending the mail per stage via  
Nashville &c is at least questionable at present.

P.P.

Hon. V. Barker,  
House.

24.

In reply to the letter of Mr. Cleveland & the resolution  
therin enclosed, which you submitted to the P.M. I observe, that the citizens of  
Weston had anticipated the proposed change, and before any definite decision is  
made, they must be apprised of the project, & allowed time to express their ob-  
jections -

P.P.

Hon. W. D. Martin,  
House.

24.

In reply to your inquiry respecting the mail stage ac-  
commodation at Oorangburgh T. C. I observe, that no attention has been made  
in regard to that office the present session -  
The proposition submitted through the Hon. Mr. Hayes, has not been acted  
on -

P.P.

Hon. T. H. Blatch,  
House.

24.

In reply to Mr. A. L. Miller's letter & enclosures enclosed,  
which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Gmt, I remark, that if  
the route remains as it was advertised, the Contract is made pursuant to the  
advertisements & proposals, a difficulty is found in giving the relief Mr. Mills  
asked for. Persons making proposals, are required by the advertisement to  
inform themselves as to distances, as our estimates are made on information  
recd. from others. The subject will however, be more fully investigated when we  
can get more leisure; & if Mr. Mills can throw more light on the subject  
than he has done, it will be better for him to do so.

P.P.

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## Post Office Dept.

May 26, 1828.

Hon. W<sup>m</sup> Armstrong,  
House,

In reply to your letter to the P.M. Gmt. of the 26<sup>th</sup>. I observe, that the application made by the contractor to be released from transporting the mail in stages between Fredericktown & Winchester, via Harper's Ferry &c is not granted, & he is directed to resume the mails transportation on the route, agreeably to his contract -

P.B.

Hon. H. W. Lawrence.

26.

House,

The P.M. Gmt. is particularly solicitous for you to understand, that he wishes to give the earliest encouragement he can, towards the establishment of a line of stages between Lincoln & Spartaburgh from whence to Greenville, the mail is now carried per stage; and the Deptt. will avail itself of the earliest opportunity, to give you information on the subject -

P.B.

Hon. W. Ramsay.

26.

House,

In reply to your letter of the 22<sup>d</sup>. it also to Mr. Clark's letter which was enclosed, I observe, that as is referred to the pay book of the Deptt. it appears that John Blair, or John Blair the sec<sup>d</sup>. had yearly sum of \$500 for expediting the mails between Huntington & Pittsburgh, for the years 1821, 22 & 33, & that route alone has the credit for said sum. To this fact, a certificate may be given, if necessary. Mr. Clark's letter is herewith returned -

P.B.

Hon. J. Davis.

28.

Worcester, Mass.

In reply to the memorial which you submitted to the Deptt. I observe, that the P.M. at Boston is instructed to give the accommodations requested by the memorialists -

P.B.

Hon. J. Lawrence.

28.

Washington, D.C. In reply to Mr. Brown's letter which you submitted to the Deptt. I remark, that the P.M. at Jefferson, unequivocally declares that Mr. Wills is not his Apt. P.M. nor in any way connected with his office -

P.B.

## Post Office Dept.

May 28, 1828.

Hon. James Noble,  
Inc.

In reply to your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> as well as to the letter of Mr. Scott enclosed to the P.M. Gmt., I observe, that a contract was made out for execution by Mr. Scott, early in this month and I trust is now executed, and we expect it will soon be returned -

P.B.

Hon. Daal G. Faraday,

N.Y.

28.

In reply to your letter, I have the honor to remark, that it is difficult to give you as satisfactory a reply as we wish to do - the annexed list gives the best exhibit that circumstances have permitted the Deptt. to give -

N <sup>o</sup> . 51	From Lockport to Brightonville	not useful
" 62	Taylerville to Jamestown - Otis Page	\$90 per m <sup>a</sup> n. 4 miles
" 60	Jamestown to Little Valley - W. Thorpe	70 " 28 "
" 61	Cold Spring to Warren Pa. - P. Adams	250 " 54 "
" 52	Maysville to Waterford - T. Tracey	140 " 36 "
" 57	Jamestown to Erie Pa. - Wm. Matteson	175 " 48 "
" 58	Maysville to Sugr Grove Pa. - J. Sherman	140 "
	Dunkirk by Stockton to Lake road M. Winchester	90
" 59	Westfield to Waterford Pa. -	23 "
" 33	Hamburg to Lodi - L. Street	90 - 22 "
" 34	Fredonia to Jamestown - G. Hoandy	125 -
" 51	Willink to Holland - C. H. Lee	39 - 10 "
" 55	Hartland to Remsenville - C. Leman	73 - 17 "
" 58	Lockport to Lewisburg - J. Hitchcock	161 - 24 "

You will be particularly obliging if you will suggest to me such plan to govern the mail operations in your section of Country preparatory to opening the annual advertisement and which must be done early in July - Your local knowledge will enable you to give me much aid - and I hope your time will enable you to grant the favor -

P.B.

Hon. T. H. Blake.

29.

Torrehaule, Inc. In reply to the memorials from Knob & Sullivan counties which you submitted to the Deptt. in regard to the establishment of a second weekly mail between Cranville & Torrehaule &c. I regret to have to inform you, that it is not in the power of the Deptt. to grant their request at present.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

May 20. 1828.

✓ Hon. John Bell,  
Nashville, Tenn.

In reply to the petition submitted by you to the P.M. Genl, in reference to the establishment of a line of stages between Natchez & Memphis, via Jackson's C. H. & Sand also the establishment of a line of stages between Memphis & Tuscar比亚, I observe, as it regards the first proposition, that measures have been taken to ascertain the terms for which the service can be performed, and satisfactory replies obtained as far as Jackson, that we are daily in expectation of receiving further information. In regard to the other proposition, an enquiry will be instituted to ascertain the expence of granting that accommodation.

P.B.

✓ Hon. Wm. Starkey,  
Newark, O.

30,

In reply to the petition, supposed to have been submitted by you to the Deptt in relation to the establishment of a mail between Sandusky & Roads & Washington & Roads, I remark, that an enquiry has been instituted to ascertain the practicability of the service & also to know what places on the route would be suitable to establish P. Offices at.

P.B.

✓ Hon. Wm. Hendricks,  
now in Wash<sup>n</sup> City.

Sunday, 21.<sup>st</sup>

In reply to the letters of Majrs Leavenworth & Pennington, which you submitted to the P.M. Genl, I observe, that the P.M. Genl is of opinion that the proper time has not arrived to establish a line of stages between Leavenworth & Indianapolis. The roads are not believed to be sufficiently improved, nor the streams sufficiently bridged to admit stages to travel regularly on the road; even if these objections were removed, the inconsiderable receipts of postage collected on the route, would not justify the Deptt in extending the necessary expenditure to meet the wishes of those gentlemen, as well as your own. Many sections of Country whose claims are at least equal to those of the Citizens on this route, have been refused the accommodations they solicited. We hope that circumstances will be such as to enable the Deptt to meet your wishes in this respect, & at no distant day. To obviate the difficulties growing out of the failure to connect this line with the corresponding one from Princeton, on account of high water

on that route, the carrier on the Leavenworth route, is directed to proceed to Indianapolis with the mail, when the P.M. at Bedford, shall be of the opinion that such measure is necessary to establish the weekly correspondence between Leavenworth & Indianapolis.

If any occurrence should happen that will enable the Deptt to employ Mr. Pennington, his claim & merits will be duly considered.

P.B.

✓ Hon. G. Moore,  
Ala.

Sunday,

In reply to your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ulto, I remark, that Majrs King & McKinley called at the Deptt since you left here, & the Conclusion was, that until full information could be obtained, as to the most eligible route, it would be as well to defer the establishment of stages on this line. The information may be obtained during the summer, when a decision will be made by the P.M. Genl.

P.B.

✓ Hon. Geo. Robertson,  
Lancaster City,

July

In reply to your letter, postmarked the 24<sup>th</sup> ulto, I observe, that an advertisement was published, inviting proposals to convey the mail in stages between Lexington & Richmond, & among other bidders were Mr. Grisham, the contractor & John S. Chiles. The bid of Mr. Chiles was considered to be the most favorable, & was accepted, & he executed a contract to convey the mail in stages, on said route, & to begin the service on the 1<sup>st</sup> of last month. It appears from your communication, that Mr. Chiles did not begin the stage transportation, as he had stipulated to do, but began the service on horseback. The moment the Deptt was possessed of this information, the Postmasters at Lexington & Richmond, were advised that Mr. Chiles had no right to convey the mail in that way, that Mr. Grisham should be preferred until the stage transportation commenced. Mr. Chiles has stated, as an apology for not beginning the stage service as stipulated in his contract, that it was owing to a disappointment in regard to the reception of the stages. Mr. Grisham was fully apprised of the P.M. Genl's intention, by his bidding for the stage transportation, the therefore cannot complain of the want of regular notice, when he had actually availed himself of it, by his bid. So, by contract, was entitled to full pay, until the service ended, & then to one month's extra pay. Mr. Chiles is required to give a full & satisfactory explanation in regard to the already extraordinary & unexpected delay; and he is assured, that until the explanation is full and ample, the contract shall be postponed, & all may suspended, for such service as he has rendered.

P.B.

## Post Office Dept.

June 10. 1828.

Hon. John Bailey,  
now in Washington,

In reply to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>d</sup> I remark  
that the Dft. has directed inquiries to ascertain whether the mail can  
be so changed as to connect the offices of Canton & Atleboro Mrs.  
without incurring any material expense. When answers are rec'd, we  
hope to be able to extend the accommodation which you recommend.

P.P.B.

11<sup>th</sup>

Hon. R. J. Ingersoll,

New Haven, C.

In reply to your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>d</sup>. I  
have the honor to remark, that the application to make the change in  
regard to Hebron, C. & its vicinity, did not reach the Dft. until after  
you had left the city, or you would have been notified of it; and to  
enable the citizens of Hebron to state their objections, they were apprised  
of the proposed change. It has now been decided to suspend making  
the change for the present, if at all - in fact, the inconsiderable saving  
of distance, is more than counterbalanced by the extra accommodation  
on the present road, to a densely populated Country.

P.P.B.

12<sup>th</sup>

Hon. C. Whittelsey,

Campbell, O.

In reply to your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>d</sup> to the  
P.M. Genl, as well as to Mr. Barnes's which was enclosed, I remark, that  
the object proposed does not present so strong claims, as we are  
compelled to reject from other sections of Country. It is believed under  
present circumstances, not to be expedient to augment our current  
expenditures, in any case whatever, where it is not absolutely and  
indispensably necessary -

P.P.B.

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Hon. Peter Little,

Baltimore, Md.

In reply to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>d</sup> to the  
P.M. Genl, I have the honor to remark, that some days ago, I addressed a letter  
to Mr. Lorman Esq., who it is understood is chairman of the "Chamber  
of Commerce," on the subject of the late change made in the transportation  
of the mail between Baltimore & Wheeling, & the P.M. Genl. wrote to Mr.  
Burney about the same time, on the same subject. The mail it is true

arrives every day, & may probably be too late for delivery over night, in many  
instances, but if so, the mails from & to the West, travel in either way, as fast  
as they did before, as the mail in fact, comes from Wheeling to Baltimore now,  
within three days, & it goes from the latter to the former, in the same time; and  
before the change was made, seven days were consumed for the same service -  
that if replies are not made on the morning following the reception of the  
mail, but are replied to on the following day, still the mail travels as fast  
as before. The P.M. Genl. regrets to find the change is an unsatisfactory one,  
but feels confident that it will be found but little objectionable, when  
the arrangement becomes understood, & gets into successful operation -

P.P.B.

18.

Hon. W<sup>m</sup> Armstrong,

Romey, V.<sup>s</sup>

On reference to our books, I find that John  
Mullin was P.M. at Monongahela, until the 23<sup>d</sup> April 1828, & on that day  
John C. B. Mullin commenced the official duties of P.M. at Monongahela.

P.P.B.

Hon. John Reed,

Garmouth, N.H.

19.

In reply to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>d</sup> I remark, that  
the P.M. at Rochester has mistaken the views of the Dft., in supposing it was  
the intention of the Dft. to deprive the P. office at Rochester of any of its  
mail privileges - The P.M. at Sippican was, with your advice, authorized to  
employ a carrier to convey the mail between Mattapoisett, Sippican & Wareham,  
but no indication was made of a wish to send the mail that now supplies  
Rochester, via. Sippican to Wareham, to the prejudice of Rochester.

P.P.B.

Hon. R. P. Letcher,

Lancaster, Ky.

20.

In reply to your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst<sup>d</sup> I remark,  
that Mr. Chiles has stipulated to put the stages in operation by the 1<sup>st</sup> of next  
month, & has also apologized for not being in readiness before that period.  
Should he fail however, Mr. Grisham will be acceptable to the Dft. as  
his successor -

P.P.B.

## Post Office Dept.

June 21, 1828-

✓ Hon. R. M. Johnson,  
Great Gropings, 16<sup>th</sup>,

The P.M. Genl. has read your letter  
appended to that of Messrs Johnson & Hovey of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, &  
for the reasons assigned by those gentlemen, which are confirmed by you,  
he has agreed that the Frankfort rocks shall end at Bowling Green instead  
of Bell's on condition that the contractors will make the change for \$400 a  
year - at a pro rata allowance, the excess of pay, would be \$640 a year,  
but the proposition is to divide the loss or gain as the case may be. Believing  
therefore that the contractors will accept the proposition of \$400, it has  
been voted on their Contract, to begin at any time before the 1<sup>st</sup> of August  
next. You will please to inform the P.M. Genl. without delay, whether the  
offer is accepted, that other measures depending on this, may be adopted.

P.M.

✓ Hon. Wm. Ramsay  
near Carlisle, Pa.

24.

By reference to the Telegraph you will perceive  
that proposals are invited by the P.M. Genl. for building a post office  
in this city. Should your friend wish to bid, he cannot be too soon.

P.M.

✓ Hon. Sam'l. Bell,  
Caster, N. H.

25.

In reply to your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst addressed  
to the P.M. Genl. I remark, that the papers having reference to the establishment  
of a line of mail stages between Caster & Keene N. H. are mislaid. I cannot  
therefore be as definite as is desirable, but we wish the gentlemen to com-  
mence the service, by conveying three mails each week, in conformity with  
their proposal, which you have referred to. The price, if rightly recollect'd,  
was \$1,300 per annum. A bond & contract will be made out though  
not complete. (& we much<sup>d</sup> ask of you the favor to complete it) agreeably  
to the proposition. I would not have asked this favor of you, if the papers  
were not mislaid, which fault I do not by any means acknowledge as mine,  
but view it as a casualty; and to avoid delay, this course has been adopted.

P.M.

✓ Hon. Henry W. Conner,  
Sherrillford, N. C.

## Post Office Dept.

July 3<sup>d</sup> 1828.

In reply to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>r</sup> I  
remark, that the P.M. Genl. is satisfied with the explanation you have given, &  
the fine charged to Mr. Sherrill is remitted.

✓ Hon. Joel Nancy,  
Glasgow, Ky.

3.

Your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>r</sup> has been rec'd. The P.M. Genl.  
wishes to know if any inconvenience has resulted to the neighborhood of Sinking Creek, in  
consequence of the change of the P. Office. The P.M. was afraid of its being  
continued, if it did not occasion a greater extra travel than 6 miles. If it  
exceeded that distance, it was to cease, and it appears that the expense attending  
its supply will be too great to warrant the accommodation, as it is 14 miles out  
of the way. The P.M. is again opened the office, if he will accept of it,  
as a private one, which I hope he may do.

✓ Hon. William Marks.

17.

P.M.

I have the honor to observe in reply to your letter  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst that the P.M. at Beaverstown, Pa., was specially charged on the  
5<sup>th</sup> of last March to direct the mail carrier to visit the Post offices established  
at "Twenty Six" and "Clinton", and until the reception of your letter we  
believed he had given the proper instructions upon the subject. He was authorized  
to say that a pro rata compensation should be given for the increased  
service. A positive order is now renewed and I trust will be promptly complied  
with.

✓ Hon. Sam'l. A. Foot,  
Cheshire, C't.

22<sup>2</sup>

In reply to your communication of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst I remark  
that the delay your letter alludes to is unaccountable: as the mails in fact go to  
New Haven from this city, if regular, about 4 P.M. on the days preceding their  
former arrivals, of 1 A.M., being a gap of 7 hours. This is but 6 days out of  
seven. I fear that the delay is occasioned by a failure to distribute at New  
Haven City. An inquiry is instituted upon this subject. In default of positive  
the cause that leads to this delay.

P.M.

Post Office Dept.

July 22<sup>d</sup> 1826.

Hon. Lewis Condict,  
Montgomery, N. Y.

The route, "Castor P. & Newburgh" referred to in your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. is already provided for, otherwise the Dept. would gladly avail itself of the services of Mr. Bryant -

P.B.

Hon. Nathan Allen.

23<sup>d</sup>

Burlington, Vt.

Your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. with its enclosure has been rec'd. The plan submitted by you of extending the present mail route from "Burlington to Brownington" to Derby, & of adding a second weekly trip, will receive its due consideration. The extension to Derby is an obvious improvement; and as the extra mail, there can be no objection but the expense. This route, as well as all other routes in Vermont, is now in the hands of the printer for advertisement; & the changes contemplated will be embraced in it & carried into effect if not too expensive.

P.B.

Hon. John Leeds Kerr,  
Easton, Md.

23<sup>d</sup>

I have the honor to remark that the several Post Offices detailed in the advertisement which you transmitted to the P.M. Genl. are all now supplied with mails; & I do not perceive that the Dept. can, with propriety, encourage any other establishment, or justice to the present Contractor & with a due regard to the public interest.

P.B.

Hon. J. C. Wright,  
Steubenville, O.

24<sup>d</sup>

In reply to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. I remark, that the proposal of Mr. Gantz was accepted, & he was requested to carry into effect a number of weeks ago, & the contract has been returned duly executed by him & we are surprised to learn that he has not complied with the requisitions of his contract; especially as he was commanded for his zeal & punctuality, & it was believed the public would be better served under him than under Mr. Barnal -

Mr. Gantz has this day been written to on the subject of his contract.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.  
July 28, 1826

Hon. J. S. Johnston  
(Present)

The facts disclosed by Mr. Scott's letter which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl., that no letters are sent to Alexandria by the Opelousas mail, is entirely new to the Dept. The route is circuitous, but as the mail is conveyed twice a week, it would appear to offer decided advantages to send letters at least once a week that way. To take away one of those mails & add a second, as Mr. Scott proposes, would meet the uniform objection of all persons interested in the route. The second mail was put on the route at the special instance of Mr. Brent - that circumstance will alone offer an objection I am confident, in your estimation -

We have taken measures to improve the mail connection with Alexandria, & I must remark, that sickness & an afflictive dispensation that has visited my family, connected with other circumstances, has protracted a reply, much beyond what was due -

Mr. Scott's letter is herewith returned.

P.B.

Hon. James K. Polk,

29<sup>d</sup>

Columbia, Tenn.

The P.M. at Nashville is specially directed to give the accommodation you request, provided the mails from M. Minerville &c shall have arrived & been apoted.

P.B.

Hon. John Chandler,  
Monmouth, Md.

30<sup>d</sup>

I have the honor to inform you that we have advertised the route required for in your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. to be performed in 12 hours.

The suggestion you made in reference to the Paris or Concord mail has been attended to.

P.B.

Hon. J. C. Mitchell,  
Athens, Tenn.

30<sup>d</sup>

Your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. has been rec'd & shall receive that attention which is due to its merits.

Mr. Smith must himself perform the route, as suggested by your Hon. Leader, take a part; & let Mr. Turk have a part.

P.B.

✓ Hon. James Noble.  
Brookville, Pa.

Post Office Dept.  
July 30<sup>th</sup> 1828.

In reply to your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst I remark, that there was a condition to Mr. Mills' contract, and which condition he has exceed we believe, but still it appeared but common justice to allow him to make his defense. The charge alleged against him, has been stated. This full explanation demanded. If the route be taken from Mr. Mills, it ought unquestionably to be given to Messrs. Hornblower & Teller, gentlemen of known punctuality & fidelity -

✓ Hon. Wm Marks.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

July 31<sup>st</sup>

P.P.B.

In reply to your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> (an answer to which has unavoidably been delayed thus long) I remark, that on the 5<sup>th</sup> of last March the P. Master at Bearstown was requested to direct the mail carrier to call at Clinton & Independence; and again, the P.M. at Clinton on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. was directed to inform the carrier, that unless he punctually called at his office & Independence or y<sup>e</sup>. he should be fined \$10 for each omission. From the time he was notified of the wishes of the Dept<sup>t</sup> I apprehend that all will now be as you wish it.

✓ Hon. Sam'l L. Southard.

August 4<sup>th</sup>

Dept<sup>t</sup> of the Navy.

The P.M. Genl. has offered to establish a private P. Office at Reading Point, & the accommodation cannot be granted in any other way. Hoping to have a reply to the proposition which the Dept<sup>t</sup> made, had occasioned a delay in the acknowledgement of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> ulto.

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. John Woods.

21,

Hamilton, Ohio.

In reply to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> ulto I remark, that it appears that the route by the way of Brookville pays rather more than the other, & that as the contract has been made for that route, it is feared that much dissatisfaction would prevail, should the alteration desired be made. As Genl. Noble is strongly opposed to the change, a final decision will be suspended until he is heard from on the subject.

✓ Hon. Wm Marks.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Post Office Sept.  
Sept. 13, 1828.

I have rec'd. your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> ulto since I returned from the Northwest, where I have been travelling for my health, or it shoudt otherwise have met a prompt reply - Orders are given that the mails for Clinton & Independence, be sent from Pittsburgh to Raccoon, from whence they will be carried on more direct, as you well remark, than if sent by Bearstown.

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. Jonathan Jennings.

16,

Charleston, W. Va.

Your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ulto is rec'd. and you have suggested the only effectual remedy to remove the inconvenience of so justly complain of and with a wish to meet your views, I enclose you a blank hand & contract which you can at your leisure fill up with the name of some suitable person to convey the mails, this course has been adopted from a conviction that you will have the business fairly done, the P. M. Genl. has in the present case considered it proper to make the accommodation, although it has been found expedient to refuse similar applications when the hand & contract are executed and returned please to return them -

✓ Hon. D. Barker, Jr.

20,

Rochester, Stafford Co., N. H.

P.P.B.

The present plan pursued by the mail carriers on the respective routes mentioned in your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst - by Dover & Upperville or Dumbarton, Dumbarton & Plymouth, meets the views of the Dept<sup>t</sup> & will be continued provided the mails are carried on reasonable terms. I have noted the change indicated by you, on our advertisement as a guide for our future government.

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. P. Sprague.

22,

Hallowell, Me.

The P.M. at Hallowell has been written to on the subject of your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst and requested to direct the contractor for the route Portland via Monmouth, to arrive at his office by 4 P.M.

P.P.B.

## Post Office Dpt.

Sept. 24. 1828.

✓ Hon. John B. Stroger  
Upper Dublin, Pa.

As it is your wish to have, route No. 32, divided into two routes, the one to go from Upper Dublin to Sunnystown, & the other to go from Sunnystown to Dailesville instead of stopping at Millerstown, it shall be done. I have noted the division of the route & the extension also on the book of advertisements kept for our guide - the route was to stop at Millerstown, on the ground, <sup>that</sup> the present mail accommodation between that place and Dailesville was sufficient. Your plan is better, as it gives a direct mail connection between Sunnystown & Dailesville. The distances you have stated on the other routes, are noted for our future guide. I regret that the proposed change cannot be made (being too late) in the papers now publishing; but I apprehend that no difficulty will be found in obtaining bidders, as route No. 32 is now divided.

If entirely convenient you could mention the subject to some of the Post Masters concerned on the route -

P.B.

✓ Hon. James Noble,

26<sup>th</sup>

Brookville, Pa.

Since my return from the Northward, I hear that Mr. A. L. Mills has assigned his whole interest in the route reported to in your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., to Mr. Blair, who is to fulfill the contract entered into by Mr. Mills; & he (Mr. Blair) has, as he states employed a Mr. Banks who as a Sub-contractor has carried the mail acceptably to the public.

Mr. Banks is, as I understand it, to convey the mail between Brookville & Indianapolis, altogether. It is believed the roads will be so improved as to enable the stages to run throughout the year - If on experiment, it is found impracticable to run a stage; the pay will be reduced accordingly by the P.M. General -

P.B.

## Post Office Dpt.

30, Sept. 1828.

✓ Hon. Samuel J. Nistor,  
Athens, Ohio.

Enclosed is a certified copy of the Bond & contract of Dean & Fuller, as required in your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.  
P.B.

✓ Hon. S. C. Crafts,

Craftsbury, Vt.

13<sup>th</sup>

For the reasons assigned in your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ulto we have strucken Barton out of the route No. 470; and we trust that Browningsford may also be omitted.  
P.B.

✓ Hon. R. M. Johnson,

Great Springs, N.Y.

17.

The P.M. Genl. has had your letter, as well as that of Mr. C. P. Johnson, under consideration, and he has concluded to grant the extension of time proposed by Mr. Johnson, from & after the 15<sup>th</sup> of next month, provided the Post Masters of Mayfield, Lexington & Louisville believe the measure necessary to the mails certainty & regularity of delivery at their respective offices, & at other offices on the route -  
P.B.

✓ Hon. H. H. Garley,

Baton Rouge, La.

29 October 1828.

Mr. Wood will be paid for the extra services performed by him, at your instance, in visiting the office at Addisonville. The route cannot legally go into operation, before we contract for the service under the advertisement now before the public.  
P.B.

✓ Hon. G. W. Owen,

Washington City.

29.

The letter of Mr. Stone of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Genl., so far as it regards a proposed change in the mails transportation between Montgomery & Mobile, has been duly examined; and although the change may prove useful, it is not deemed expedient to make it at present, as the Dpt. is about making a general change from Milliganville to Mobile which will embrace the improvement proposed by Mr. Stone, & expedite the mail to that section of country - Mr. Stone's letter is herewith returned -  
P.B.

## Post Office Dept

31 Oct. 1828-

✓ Hon. Wm. Marks,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

In reply to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., I have the honor to remark, that the Deptt has directed a coach mail to be sent between Racoon, Clinton, Independence & Brookstown, agreeably to your request. The carrier Mr. G. Jones is directed to carry this arrangement into effect.

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. J. C. Mitchell,

November 11<sup>th</sup> 1828-

Knoxville, Tenn.

The P. M. Govt directed Mr. Smith the Stage Contractor, some weeks ago, to convey the mail per Stage on such road by such offices as you & the Hon. W<sup>m</sup> Lee should designate, presuming that your knowledge of the country would enable you both to give the most useful instructions to Mr. Smith -

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. G. W. Owen,

Washington City

It may be due to Mr. Bates, who has proposed to convey the mail between Blakely & Montgomery, to say that Mr. Johnston his agent, have given strong assurance of future fidelity & punctuality, & if they support their promises, no other contract will be necessary at present - Were the roads vacant, the price might be objected to.

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. Mrs. Ramsay,

Tennessee

Oct. 3<sup>r</sup> 1828-

Since you left the Deptt we have ascertained that the annual net receipts of the Post office, maintained by you via - Belvoir's Ferry & Steep Rock, is not equal to fourteen dollars, & the service that Mr. Boden performs to accommodate these offices is equal to a weekly mail travel of about 14 miles with or 28 miles the taigh - for such services we pay from \$4 to 5 dollars a mile, say \$52 at least a year - We shall offer Mr. Boden fifty dollars a year as the compensation for the above service.

P.P.B.

## Post Office Dept

3 Decr. 1828-

✓ Hon. Thos. B. Ball,  
House.

In reply to the letter of Mr. Badly enclosed in your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ulto, I have the honor to remark, that the law does not authorize the P. M. Govt to grant the accommodation at the expense of the Deptt. If the road be necessary, it may be advisable to make application for it through your Post office committee -

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. J. Duncan,

3<sup>r</sup>

House,

In reply to your inquiries concerning the Post route established between Shawneetown & Bellville the last session of Congress, I observe that route was overlooked when the advertisement was issued under the belief that it was in operation by a contract made the last year. I left the City before the last advertisement was completed, or I should have detected the error, and not doubting its accuracy, I did not take it up until your application to the P. M. Govt called my attention to it. I regret the occurrence & the remedy the end as promptly as the law allows, an advertisement is issued, inviting proposals to carry said mail into effect on that part which is now unprovided for - viz between Frankfort and Lexington - a distance of 50 miles -

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. Jonathan Hunt,

House,

4,

In reply to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ulto and to the letter of Mr. Simeon Leland enclosed, I remark that the P. M. Govt is willing to accept of Mr. Stoddard Howard as the substitute of Mr. Simeon Leland for Post Route No 486 -

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. M. Johnson,

4,

Senate. In reply to the letter of Mr. Alpheus which you have submitted to the consideration of the P. M. Govt, I am instructed to say that Mr. Gaines is directed to resume the travelling of the Turnpike road unless he can show satisfactory reasons why he deserts from said road. Nothing definite can be said on the proposition of Mr. Alpheus until the Deptt has the reply of Mr. Gaines. I enclose you Mr. Alpheus' letter

P.P.B.

## Post Office Dept.

4, Decr 1828.

✓ Hon. Jonathan Hunt,  
House,

In reply to the petition which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Govt, having for its object the extension of the six mails weekly between Brattleboro & Bennington so as to make six mails a week on the route, three extra mails between Brattleboro & Fitzwilliam & I observe that the contractor for the route Albany & Brattleboro, is directed to send six mails a week between Bennington & Brattleboro; and he has stipulated already to send six mails weekly between Bennington & Albany & provision will be made to give six mails weekly between Bennington & Boston, if the accommodation can be given without material increased expense.

P.P.

✓ Hon. Wilson Lumpkin,  
House,6<sup>th</sup>

In reply to the inquiry of Mr. Reuben Thornton whose letter you enclosed to the P.M. Govt. I observe that the contract for the Post route from Athens Ga to Spring Place in the Cherokee Nation is made at \$900 a year and does not end till Decr 31<sup>st</sup> 1830 - Mr. Thornton's note is herewith returned

P.P.

✓ Hon. Joseph Duncan,  
House,8<sup>th</sup>

In reply to the letter of Mr. Mitchell which you have submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Govt, and to the documents connected therewith; I remark that the road to which Mr. Mitchell alludes, presents a very direct route between Shannectown & St. Louis, & it is very desirable to establish it as a stage route as soon as circumstances permit. At present no stage route is in operation between Shannectown & St. Louis on a more circuitous route it is true, as it goes by M. Leansboro & Learne instead of the road in question. That stage line is a heavy charge on the Dept., but it affords a considerable accommodation, and it would seem that that route & the route via Frankfort and Rockashaw, give as much mail facilities between Shannectown & St. Louis as the public interest requires, considering the microminated revenue arising from postage collected in that section of country: but the route established last session & which is unprovided for, between Frankfort & Bellville

P.P.

will go into operation the coming winter on horse backs & were the funds of the Dept. in such a state as to warrant the increase expenditure necessary to establish a stage on the whole route last established, and to abridge the horse mail routes by letting it start at Frankfort instead of Shannectown, it would be done, particularly as the measure would oblige you & many of your constituents. But various sections of Country offer as strong grounds for stage facilities as the one in question, but the P.M. Govt. from prudential considerations, has been obliged to withhold them. The papers recd are herewith returned -

P.P.

✓ Hon. J. Bartlett,  
House,9<sup>th</sup> Decr

In reply to your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> inst to the P.M. Govt, I am instructed to remark that the routes Nos 500 & 521 are now blended with other routes, which prevents my giving as exact a reply to your question as is desirable to do. But so far as direct comparison is made we pay now \$620 a year, but the Dept. stipulated for more services to be done the coming year than was contracted for when the present contracts were made &c

P.P.

✓ Hon. Benjamin Swift,  
House of Reps.9<sup>th</sup>

In reply to the Hon. Thomas Allen which you submitted to the consideration of the P.M. Govt. some days ago; I am instructed to state that the services of Mr. Davidson are highly appreciated by the Dept., and the P.M. Govt. regrets he cannot continue him in the employ of the Dept. His first bid of \$1,800 put it out of the question, as sundry bids at less than half the sum were offered, and the last bid of Mr. Davidson could not be rec'd. agreeably to the practice of the Dept., as it would be giving him a privilege that no other person enjoyed, and that bid could not have been accepted if it had been submitted in due time, as Messrs. Farwell Richmond who are said to be responsible, offered to convey the mail at \$524 which was accepted after it was ascertained that the bid of a 4 horse stack was not good -

I regret that through error, as I verbally explained to you, the delay in this reply has been protracted - Mr. Allen's letter is herewith enclosed -

P.P.