

Post Office Dept. P.

24th Decr. 1828.

Wm Clark Jr.

Milledgeville Ga.

The P.M. Genl directs that you will upon the reception of this notification, meet the Office at Dooly C.H., at the rate of \$150 per annum. Inform the Deptt. when you commence supplying Dooly C.H., & of the acceptance of the proposition made you

P.B.

John Rice

Bethlehem Pa.

24th Decr.

I am instructed to say that the P.M. Genl. will agree to pay Mr. Scagres \$200 a year if he will carry the mail thrice a week on his contract route, & as much oftener as he runs stages on said route from 1st January next - he cannot possibly take a retrospective view of past services - the contract in all cases must be binding on the parties.

P.B.

J. Smithson Pk

24th Decr.

Smith's Store Pittsylvania Co. Va.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say in reply to your communication of the 15th inst. that if the P.Masters at Pittsylvania C.H. & New London Va. concur in your plan, you may adopt it; but the Deptt. requires that they state their views in writing, before it can be carried into execution.

P.B.

P. Master

Winslow Me.

24th Decr.

The P.M. Genl. directs that you see that the mail be carried weekly from Waterville by Winslow & thence by Southwick's to Vinalboro. Your attention to this matter is looked for by the Deptt.

P.B.

A.B. Goodwin Pk

Rockport Ohio

24th Decr.

The route from Rockport to Leona, Columbia & Liverpool O. will commence on the 1st Jany next

P.B.

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Decr. 24th 1828.

P. Master

Nevar Ind.

The P.M. Genl. request that you inform the Deptt. whether the public interest would not be promoted by the mail leaving your Office on Wednesday evenings instead of Tuesday evening, for the Cross Plains Office? Your early attention to this matter is requested.

P.B.

P. Saunders Pk

24th Decr.

Leesburgh Va.

The P.M. Genl. says that he cannot make the change you request in yr. letter of the 20. inst, without breaking a connection of the mails at or near Shepherdstown; but, the mail must be delivered by 5th P.M. on Sundays so that you may not be deprived of the satisfaction of going to preaching. The other part of your letter shall receive the consideration of the Deptt, & if found conducive to the public interest, will be adopted.

P.B.

24th Decr.

Hon. J. F. Ripley

House of Reps

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to state to the Hon Mr. Ripley that from the representations in the case submitted to the Deptt. for the establishment of a New Office in Oxford C. Iaime - the change proposed by the Memorialists would not seem to be proper, as an office at the Centre of the Town would be within 1/2 miles of the West Office. If it be proper to discontinue the West Office, the change may be made, but, the propriety of such a step is doubted. Under all the circumstances of case, no change will be made by the Deptt, unless recommended by the Hon Mr. Ripley, whose knowledge of the localities referred to, will enable him to determine as the public interest may require.

P.B.

Post Office Report
26th Decr. 1828.

✓ Hon. R. M. Johnson
Senate U.S.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say to the Hon. Mr. Johnson that he feels anxious to grant the accommodation asked for in the enclosed communication, but that at present the state of the funds of the Deptt. will not justify the expense. The P.M. Genl. trusts that as an early day, it may be in his power to meet the wishes of the Citizens on the route referred to.

P.B.

✓ Hon. Lewis Williams
House of Reps.
26th Decr.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say in reply to the communication of the Hon. Mr. Williams, that he regrets that the means of the Deptt. are so limited as not to enable him to meet the views of the Hon. Mr. Williams & his correspondent. The fact is, that many calls from other sections of the Country present equal claims for accommodation, which are resisted only for want of means.

P.B.

✓ Hon. Mr. Swift, (P.R.)
House,
27th

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you that Post route 476 to which the remarks of Mr. Parker apply, in part has been assigned to Austin Johnson of Vergennes &c & the improvement prayed for by the memorialists & Mr. Parker of right belongs to Mr. Johnson.

The improvement is clearly useful & will be adopted if Mr. Johnson does not object - Johnson will then go from Williston on one side of the River & Parker on the other - Mr. Johnson has been written to on the subject.

P.B.

✓ Hon. John Davis,
House,
27th

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you that much as he wishes to gratify the respectable population of the Towns of Concord & Worcester, the law does not authorize him to send the mail as proposed.

P.B.

Post Office Dept
27 Decr 1828.

✓ Hon. J. Bartlett,
House,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you, in reply to your communication of the 24th inst. that no extra pay has been made Isaac Hale for extra services on the routes mentioned by Mr. Hutchinson, nor is it recollect'd that any claims for extra services performed on said routes have been made however just they may be - Mr. Hale's letter is returned -

✓ Hon. Stoyes Barber,
House,
27th

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform the Hon. Mr. Barber, that agreeably to his request the Deptt. has decided two mails to be sent each week between Middletown & Lyne, &c.

✓ Hon. John Bell, (Rep.)
House,
27th

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you that the Deptt. cannot at this time increase mail expenditures except in cases which imperiously demand more facilities, and the P.M. Genl. is compelled by circumstances not to accept the proposal of Mr. Parish - I return Mr. Parish's letter -

✓ Hon. Mr. M. C. Lee (Rep.)
House,
27th

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to communicate to you the objections made by the Hon. Mr. Moore to the change of the Southern route from Huntsville to Tuscaloosa - viz. to send a mail by Somerville instead of Moonesville &c &c as at present established -

Hon. Mr. Moore says - "That no village in the State contains a more wealthy and respectable population according to its numbers than does Moonesville, & as the population of its vicinity partake of a like character & I presume its density will lose nothing by a comparison of its rival on the South side of the river, I trust the application will not be granted - Since the mail stage commenced operation on the route, the citizens have incurred much expense & labour in improving the road & contending still further improvements - I think it altogether probable that the applicant may be mistaken in the statement, that the Somerville road is the best - It will also be recollect'd that the route upon Deptt. has recently determined to put into operation from Huntsville to Tuscaloosa - will help Somerville which I think ought to be satisfactory" -

Post Office Dept.

29. Decr. 1828.

✓ Hon. Mr. Seymour, N.Y.
Senate,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you, that the Post Master of Middlebury, Vt. has been written to and requested to inform the Deptt whether the stages can meet Weybridge Falls with convenience - What will be the increase of travel &c &c and that as soon as the information is rec'd the Deptt will promptly act upon it.

P.P.

✓ Hon. Geo. Prender.
House,

29,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you, that the funds of the Deptt will not allow him to yield to the request of the Hon. Mr. Prender in behalf of Mr. Stewart & Duffy - The Deptt is most anxious to extend the privileges of mail accommodation to every section of the Country, & regrets that its means are not commensurate with its wishes. At a more propitious time the wishes of Mr. Stewart will be attended to. Mr. Stewarts' letter is returned.

P.P.

✓ Hon. W. Marks,
Senate,

29,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you that the changes indicated by Mr. Henry are directed to go into effect by the 16th Feb'y next.

P.P.

✓ Hon. Silas Wood,
House,

30,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you that the Deptt will agree to continue Mr. Sutphen's contract at the current price, more cannot be given. Mr. Sutphen has been written to on the subject of Mr. Wickes' letter to the Hon. Mr. Wood.

P.P.

✓ Hon. Peleg Sprague,
House,

30,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say in reply to the communication of the Hon. Mr. Sprague of the 29th inst. that the Deptt does not intend to abridge the mail privileges enjoyed by the citizens of Brattleboro, Windsor &c. The Comd has been directed to keep up the present mail accommodations -

P.P.

Post Office Dept.

30 Decr. 1828.

✓ Hon. Robert McHatton,
House,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you in reply to your communication of the 27th inst. that Geo. Clemons has the route from Litchfield to Willington by the mouth of Raven Creek & that Robt. Johnson has the route from Burlington Kipp to Ariaraw. Indian - Mr. Clemons to receive \$119 per annum & Mr. Johnson \$50 per annum -

P.P.

✓ Hon. John Chandler,
Senate,

30.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to state in reply to your communication of the 27th inst. that it is a matter of no meritorious surprise that Mr. Warren should be the first to communicate the irregularity of the mail accommodations on the route indicated in his letter to the Hon. Mr. Chandler of the 19th ulto. It was the positive duty of the P. Masters at Lempster & Springfield to apprise the Deptt of each & every failure at the time of its occurrence - The proper remedy shall be applied. Mr. Warren's letter is returned.

P.P.

✓ Hon. R. R. Barbours,
House,

31,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say in reply to the communication of the Hon. Mr. Barbours of the 28th inst. that he regrets he cannot yield to your application. - The law does not establish a post route from Lindsay's Store to New Ark., N.Y. It is suggested that the subject be referred to the Committee on Post Offices & Post routes -

Papers returned -

P.P.

✓ Hon. W. Barnard, N.Y.,
House,

31,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inclose to the Hon. Mr. Barnard a copy of the proposals of Mr. Bissell for carrying the mail on the various routes therein specified - which is accordingly done -

P.P.

Post Office Dept.

31 Dec^r 1828-Hon. J. L. Barbour,
House,

The P.M. Genl consents to the change
indicated by Mr. Smith in his letter to the Hon. Mr. Barbour
of the 26th inst. Letter returned.

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell, of Jones
House,

31,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to
say in reply to the communication of the Hon. Mr. Mitchell
of the 29th inst., that if Mr. Evans as contractor or carrier
at any time conveyed the mail to offices not established
before he took charge of the mail, off the regular route, & his
travel was thereby increased, he would have a claim on the Dept.
for pay for such excess of labour - but if the offices were
in operation when he commenced & were not noticed in the
contract, he was bound to visit them without extra pay, as
special provision is made in all contracts for such offices,
and no extra allowance is ever made -

Mr. C's letter returned -

P.B.

Hon. O. Mervin.
House,

31,

The P.M. Genl under the existing state of
the funds of the Dept., is compelled to decline granting the
accommodation asked for by Mr. Sedgwick & supported by the
Hon. Mr. Mervin. The extension of mail accommodations is
demanded in many sections of the country but the increased expense
to which the Dept. would necessarily be subjected, compels the P.M. Genl
at present to decline entering into the views of petitioners - he trust
that at another day he may be enabled to grant the prayer of
Messrs Swan & Sedgwick -
Letter returned.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

1 Jan^y 1829.Hon. John Davis, Mrs.
House,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to enclose to you
the papers referred to in Mr. Wilson's letter -
As it regards the remarks made by the Hon. Mr. Davis on the contemplated
route between Concord & Worcester, I have to say, that it does not comport
with the course of the Dept. to send a mail on any route not ordered
by an act of Congress - this practice has however in some instances
been departed from, & it may be in the present case, provided any
favorable terms be offered - If a stage be travelling the road between
Concord & Worcester which would deliver letters &c at the intermediate offices
the P.M. Genl. would make some compensation to the carrier, altho' he would
not be specially authorized to do so by law.

P.B.

Hon. Mc-Prince,
Senate,1 Jan^y 1829.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say, that he
wishes to oblige the Hon. Mr. Prince & the delegation from Ga by
accordance to the prayer of the Memorialists for an extension of mail
accommodation between Savannah & Macon - but the funds of the Dept.
are too low at this time to authorize the P.M. Genl. to incur the additional
expenses which would necessarily occur thereby - The expense incident to the
establishing of the additional mail as indicated by the memorialists may
be estimated at of 1000. The P.M. Genl. says that via Augusta,
three mails may be sent between Macon & Savannah without much
delay altho' he is aware that route is a circuitous one -

Hon. Geo. C. Wales,
House,1 Jan^y

The P.M. Genl had been previously addressed on
the subject mentioned by Mr. Cutting in his letter to the Hon. Mr.
Wales, by the Hon. Mr. Seymour, who was informed that the Dept. had
no power over the bidders Messrs Potts & Skinner, but that the P.M. Genl.
would recommend to those gentlemen the propriety of associating Mr. Cutting
with them in their contract or to buy his stage property - As you
consider Mr. Cutting to have claims on the Dept. for his enterprise in establishing
stages &c a second letter has been written to Messrs Potts & Skinner, they have
been urged to meet the views of the Dept. by an appeal to their sense of justice

Post Office Dept.

2^d Jan'y 1829.

1 Hon. J. H. Marable,
House of Rep.

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to inform you that the application made by Mr. Taylor & supported by Hon. Mr. Marable is granted, & an contract forwarded to Mr. Daniels for execution -

P.P.

1 Hon. Mr. Locke, Ms.
House,

2.

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say, that Mr. Adams of Fitchburgh, Ms., has been written to on the subject of running a mail in a stage once a week, and as much oftener, as his stage may run between Fitchburgh & Lowell, at a yearly compensation of \$150, or if his actual increase of expenditures should amount to \$200, that sum will be paid for the service - of this arrangement the petitioners for said route have been notified by the Dept. the P.M. Gent. trusts that the steps taken will be satisfactory to the Hon. Mr. Locke -

P.P.

1 Hon. Mr. Gilbreath,
Senate,

2.

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to state to you that the southern mail is from the 1st Jan'y to reach Boston at 6 P.M., depart eastward at 7 P.M., & arrive the succeeding day at Brunswick by 8 P.M. at Belfast Me., the succeeding day by 4 P.M. and thence to Calais in two days & a half - substantially increasing the mail expedition on the whole line from the City of St. John to Calais at least two days faster than by any previous arrangement. To remove inconvenience to printers of Newspapers in Boston, the P.M. of that City, has been directed to send another special mail by the earliest morning stage eastward, which will enable the printers to add their last Southern intelligence & dispatch it with the eastern mails regularly on the morning following the arrival of the Southern mail at Boston.

P.P.

Post Office Dept.

3 Jan'y 1829.

1 Hon. S. P. Winch.
House,

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say in reply to the communication of Mr. Adams, that the same course has been pursued in his case as in all other similar ones, & with a single eye to do justice between Mr. Adams & the Dept. - The Dept. cannot take into view the distance or contraction lies from his route; the location of Mr. Adams being several hundred miles off from the route indicated, caused the embarrassment to him - like every other bidder he must abide by his contract. Mr. Ad's letter returned -

P.P.

1 Hon. Mr. Cushing, N. Ga
House,

3.

The P.M. Gent. remarks in reply to your application in behalf of Mr. Gates to obtain a contract to carry the mail between Macon & Columbus, Ga - that the service has been assigned to John Chaser at \$600. - the mail to be carried on horseback - his offer at \$1,150 to convey the mail in stages was rejected by the P.M. Gent. on account of the great inroads made on the funds of the Dept. by the establishment of new routes and the extension of old ones - The same objections will apply to Mr. Gates' application for a stage transportation -

P.P.

1 Hon. Joseph Vance,
House,

3.

The P.M. Gent. cannot raise the pay of Mr. Gordon however equitable it may appear, consistently with the established rules of the Dept. All bidders are presumed accurately to estimate the expense of the labour they undertake to perform, when they enter into contracts, & they must be bound by their contracts - The other route mentioned by Mr. Gordon has been assigned to him upon his terms - Mr. Gordon's letter is returned -

P.P.

Post Office Dept.

3rd July 1829Hon. J. P. Moore, Ky.
House,

The P.M.Gent. instructs me to state to you that Mr. Davis made a proposal for the transportation of the mail on the route he mentions, & that proposal was accepted, & all was given him which he asked - several other bids very nearly the like amount were rejected & the preference given to Mr. Davis.

The P.M.Gent. "agreesably to the established rules of the Deptt" raises the pay without his duties are increased or expenses enhanced by order of the Deptt, however equitable Mr. Davis may consider his claim - The letter of Mr. Davis is returned.

Hon. William Adams,
House,3²

P.M.

The P.M.Gent. instructs me to say to you that he regrets the charge complained of by the citizens of the Borough of York in the arrival & departure of the stages at that place - he had hoped it would be satisfactory as well as inexpic - the Contractors Messrs. Stockton &c have been written to on the subject of the complaints made to the present mail arrangement, & it is expected their reply may enable the Deptt to adopt the views of the citizens of York.

P.M.

Hon. John Reed No.
House,3²

The P.M.Gent. instructs me to say in reply to the communication of the Hon. Mr. Reed of the 31st ult that but one of the mails will necessarily go to Hagerman Post twice a week. The P.M. at Hagerman will be instructed on that point. To remove difficulty & obviate delay, the P.Masters at Boston & New-York are directed to put all mails for their respective offices in one package suitably addressed as suggested by the Hon. Mr. Reed.

P.M.

Hon. Mr. Green P.
House

5 July 1829.

The P.M.Gent. instructs me to say to you that the bid of Mr. Brobst at \$80 altho made for route No. 12 was accidentally entered under No. 16 and an acceptance was sent him for No. 16 at \$80 - on his explaining the matter, the error was discovered & corrected - Mr. Brobst has no acceptance for route No. 12 as that route was correctly assigned to J. J. Ross - Mr. R's letter returned -

Hon. Warren R. Davis,
House,

5.

The P.M.Gent. instructs me to state to the Hon. Mr. Davis, that no complaint has been made against the contractor, Mr. Tolman of late - Should he fail to execute his contract fully in every respect, he will be superseded, and the contract then given to Mr. Powers -

Hon. C. Lyon,
House,

5.

The P.M.Gent. has directed that the office at Morganfield try be supplied with a new mail box and it will forthwith be done.

Hon. Mr. Ramsay P.
House,

5.

The P.M.Gent. instructs me to state to the Hon. Mr. Ramsay that pro-rata allowance is made Mr. Lamberton for increased travel - Mr. L's letter returned -

Hon. Mr. Whittlesey, Ohio,
House,

5.

The P.M.Gent. agrees to the change proposed by Sabey Gilbert for such period of the year as said change can be continued without a derangement of mails at Pittsburgh - the alteration may probably continue till about the 1st of May -

The contractor J. P. Converse has been directed to travel on the route denominated the state road between Hampden & Fairport via Concord &c as proposed by Mr. Tifern.

Mr. Gilbert & Mr. Tifern's letters returned -

Post Office Dept.

6 Jan'y 1829.

Hon. Wm McCoy,
House,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say in reply to the communication of the Hon. Mr. McCoy covering the enclosed letter from Mr. Summers, that, the bid of Mr. Summers must have failed in its due arrival - or it would have been entered - but had it arrived in time Mr. Summers could not have been apized the contract for the sum of \$115⁰⁰ as it was taken for but \$73⁰⁰.

Mr. G's letter returned —

P.B.

Hon. John Blair, Sen.,
House.

6,

The P.M.G. instructs me to state in reply to the communication of the Hon. Mr. Blair of the 2^d inst^t that the route from Rogersville to Tagornell will go into operation on the 1st of Feb'y.

P.B.

Hon. B. Swift,
House,

6,

The P.M.G. instructs me to inform you that he has established a contract for the whole line between Montpelier & Derby on account of the reasonableness of the price & the apparent necessity & convenience of the whole & direct line. Barton & Brownington have been left out of the route from Burlington to Derby, as being off the regular route.

P.B.

Hon. John Magee,
House.

6,

The P.M. of Angelica & Oakland, N.Y. have been requested to state to the Dept^t whether Mr. Hugh Magee was not a proprietor on the route from Angelica to Moscow in connection with Mr. Reed in a team or teams —

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

6 Jan'y 1829.

Hon. Richd? Steele,
House,

The P.M.G. instructs me to inform you that the necessary steps have been taken to establish a weekly mail as requested by you and memorialists between Essex & Elizabethtown.

P.B.

Hon. D. A. Bush,
House.

6,

The P.M.G. instructs me to state to you that Mr. Smith's bid for route No 492 at \$300 was rec'd. Other bids for a stage conveyance twice a week as was Mr. Smith's, were rec'd. at \$288- neither were accepted, but the route was apized to Doros Whitter at \$100. This bid was preferred on account of the inconsiderable price. As Mr. Smith actually runs a stage or sligh on the route, the P.M.G. may still give a contract to him at a reasonable price, as Whitter is not able to set up stages —

Mr. Smith's letter returned

P.B.

Hon. George Wolf,
House,

6,

The P.M.G. has since you presented him the letter of Mr. Bradshaw considered it advisable to allow Ely \$6⁰⁰ of 150 a year for carrying the mail the third trip on the route reported by Mr. Bradshaw — he had previously doubted the expediency of authorizing the third trip. Mr. B's letter is returned —

P.B.

Hon. P. R. Barbara,
House.

6,

The P.M.G. instructs me to state in reply to the communication of the Hon. Mr. Barbara of the 3^d inst^t that the only public effect resulting from the change proposed of the departure of the mail from Frederickburgh, will be to allow the mail one day more in its passage Westward, as well as to Orange C. H. &c. The P.M.G. deems that circumstance a sufficient reason for continuing the Sabbath mail.

P.B.

Post Office Dpt.

6 Jan'y 1829.

Hon. Mr. Woodbury,
Senate,

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to state
to the Hon. Mr. Woodbury in reply to his note of the 5th inst-
that if the distributing office be removed from Wapple, the
proposition of Mr. Hubbard in regard to its establishment at
Charleston will be considered-

Mrs. Petes & Nixon of Windsor have obtained the contract
for the route from Woodstock &c &c

If a contractor or his agent should refuse to convey passengers
in a mail coach, the P.M. Gen'l would take immediate steps to
correct the evil - as passengers are looked upon as a material
security for the mail -

Mr. W's letter returned

P.B.

Hon. Richd. Prese.
House,

6,

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to state, that Mr.
Pawson having agreed to convey the mail by stage as requested,
the contract will be sent to him accordingly-

P.B.

Hon. John Lang.
House,

6,

The P.M. Gen'l considers \$300 a liberal allowance
for expediting the mail entrusted to Mr. Geo. Williams - The western
mail is directed to arrive at Litchfield by 8 AM, as he wishes.
The product of the route & embarrassed state of the funds of the
Dpt., forbid the P.M. Gen'l at this juncture from increasing mail
expenses - it is not believed material whether two horses or three be
employed - Mr. W's letter returned

P.B.

Hon. J. Hunt.
House,

6,

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to state to you
that the proposal of Mr. Thoughton being reasonable it will be
accepted, to convey the mail twice a week between Guilford & Guilford
Centre & Halifax, to take effect from the 1st of Jan'y 1829.

P.B.

Post Office Dpt.

6, Jan'y 1829.

Hon. O. Mervin,
House,

The P.M. Gen'l has requested of the P.M. of
Litchfield, C't, to shake what would be the expense of sending a mail
on the turnpike road between Litchfield & Hitchcockville & will
on the receipt of his answer promptly act upon the prayer of the
memorialists & the views of the Hon. Mr. Mervin in that matter.

P.B.

Hon. John Locke,
House,

7,

The P.M. Gen'l has in accordance with the
wishes of the Hon. Mr. Locke and in support of the memorial signed
by David Brigham of Fitchburg & others, decided conditionally to
establish a mail route between Fitchburg, Lunenburg, Townsend, Town-
send Harbor, Pepperell, Dunstable, Tyngborough & North Chelmsford to New
Hampshire. The condition is that if John Adams 3^d will convey the mail once a
week and often if the stage run often on the route for \$150 a year,
a contract shall be given him at that price - He has been written to
on the subject & if he accepts the offer the route will go into immediate
operation - in that event a P. Master will be necessary at Dunstable &
the P.M. Gen'l hopes you will recommend a suitable person for that office
I enclose the petition on this subject & am &c &c

P.B.

Hon. A. H. Shepherd.
House,

7,

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to say in reply to
your letter of the 5th inst- that as soon as Mr. Adams furnishes
evidence of his increased service & expense by visiting offices not contemplated
by his Contract, he will be paid by the Dpt.

P.B.

Hon. A. Stevenson,
House,

7,

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to say to the Hon.
Mr. Stevenson that his testimony in favor of Mr. Sam'l. M. Sheppard
is satisfactory so far as regards that gentleman's character - The expedi-
ency of granting the mail as he proposed is not determined on -

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
7th July 1829.

✓ Hon. D. A. Buck,
House,

The PM Gent instructs me to state to the Hon. Mr. Buck in reply to his communication of the 5th inst^t that, as Asahel L. Washburn declines carrying the mail, and as you think that he has not means to do so if he was willing, the Deptt will contract with Asahel Washburn for said mail transportation on route 483 at 750 P^c aviorum by giving increased speed to said mail in its arrival at Hanover. A contract will be sent Mr. Washburn at 750 -

P.M.B.

✓ Hon. Mr. Bates (of Mass)
Hr. of Reps

7

The L. M. Gen^c says in reply to the enclosed memorial submitted to his consideration by the Hon. Mr. Bates, that the office at Whately is still continued at its usual place, and that he has had no intention of abolishing the office - with this statement he would much doubt the expediency of granting the prayer of the Memorialists and establish two offices in the same town - it is however probable that the Memorialists did not know that the office at Whately was continued.

P.M.B.

✓ Hon. Mr. Bates (of Mass)
Hr. of Reps

7

The L. M. Gen^c instructs me to inform the Hon. Mr. Bates that a proposition was submitted to him by Mr. Henshaw to let the stage now in charge of Brewster & Sergeant omit Chickopee office and pass by Chickopee Factory. The Department did not feel willing to abridge the mail privileges of Chickopee, but proposed to give Sergeant & Brewster \$45 a year as a compensation for extending the mail route by Chickopee Factory - A reply from those Gentlemen is daily expected and we trust they will accede to the offer.

P.M.B.

Post Office Dept
8th July 1829.

✓ Hon. Adam King,
House,

A reply was made to the Hon. Mr. Adams of your State, to the memorial of sundry citizens of the Borough and County of York, P^c by mistake - It now appears it should have been addressed to you - The import of the reply was, that measures would be taken to correct the evils which the Memorialists believed to exist. Since the reply was made, M^r Stachan &c the mail Contractors have decided to resume the former mail plan & abandon the one that was conceded to them by the Deptt with great reluctance and which met with such decided objections as were mentioned in the Memorial from York, P^c.

P.M.B.

✓ Hon. D. R. Barnard,
House,

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The PM Gent instructs me to reply to the communication of the Hon. Mr. Barnard, that he thinks the proposition of Mr. Seymour the Memorialists of Clarkson for a daily mail reasonable, he has directed that the additional mails be given as prayed for -

P.M.B.

✓ Hon. M. C. Spofford,
House,

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The PM Gent instructs me to inform you that the R. Master at Weston Post, M^c has been directed to see that the mails from Winchester & Cumberland unite & invariably so at his office -

P.M.B.

✓ Hon. W^e Maxwell, Jr
House,

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The PM Gent instructs me to say to the Hon. Mr. Maxwell in reply to the enquiry of Mr. Fitz Randolph relative to pay due Mr. Davis as mail Contractor, that his whole dues are now paid over to the 31st of Dec^t ult^r - a part of his pay was withheld 90 days -

Mr. Fitz Randolph can we trust get his money by applying to Mr. Davis now - His letter returned -

P.M.B.

Post Office Dept.
9 Jan'y 1829.

Hon. Isaac Pierson,
House,

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say, that when he conversed with you the other day, he believed that by altering a post route he could meet your wishes & the views of the memorialists without incurring any considerable expense, but on examination it is found that the measure cannot be effected without the passage of a law to authorize it. The P.M. Gent. regrets that he cannot more directly meet your views and thinks it advisable for you to refer the memorial to the committee on Post Offices & Post roads.

P.B.

Hon. J. S. Stevenson,
House,

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The P.M. Gent. has in accordance with the wishes of the Hon. Mr. Stevenson directed the mail to be sent every day except Sundays between Uniontown & Pittsburgh. The mail is to depart as soon as the Eastern mail arrives at Uniontown & it is to arrive at Pittsburgh the same day, and will in effect (as was remarked by you) anticipate the other mail arrivals, via Washington, nearly half a day - This plan will go into operation on the 16th of this month -

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Sevier, Ark.

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House of Reps!

The P.M. Gent. being satisfied of the improvements indicated in your letter & the letter of Messrs Woodruff & Horner being beneficial has directed the mail to be carried once a week between the Mouth of Cache and Helena - and once a week also between Mouth of Cache, and the Post of Arkansas, and the Mouth of White River, and between Greenock and Memphis once a week - The changes to take effect from the first of April proximo.

P.B.

Hon. John Magee,
House,

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The P.M. Gent. agrees to receive Daniel G. Wiser as substitute for C. J. Howe for route No 51, and a contract will forthwith be forwarded for Mr. Wiser.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.
10 Jan'y 1829.

Hon. Mr. Wood, N.Y.
House,

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say to you, that the plan suggested by sundry memorialists resident on route No. 9 is satisfactory, & the contractor Mr. Smith is instructed to carry the mail accordingly -

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P.B.

Hon. Mr. Richardson, Mo.
House,

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say in reply to the communication of the Hon. Mr. Richardson of the 7th inst. that the P.M. at Bingham, Mo. may receive the mail before 5 o'clock P.M. if it will be more convenient for him to do so -

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Adams P.A.
House,

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The P.M. Gent. instructs me to inform the Hon. Mr. Adams, that the P.M. at Bethel, P.A. has been requested to direct the carrier of the mail from Harrisburgh to Hamburg to do to visit his office with the mail regularly, that he will be paid for the extension of his route at pro rata allowance by the Dept -

P.B.

Hon. R. M. Johnson,
Senate,

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The P.M. Gent. instructs me to inform the Hon. Mr. Johnson that he has directed Johnson & though to be credited with \$380 more per annum, being in all of \$80 for extending their mail line from Belts by Bowling Green, & at the rate paid them under their original contract.

Mr. Hough's letters returned -

P.B.

Hon. J. Duncan,
House,

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The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say in reply to the letter of Mr. James Riggan, submitted for his consideration by the Hon. Mr. Duncan, that the mail route from Vincennes Ind. to St. Louis, Mo. was advertised on the plan as proposed by Mr. Riggan and that the plan was amended so as to include Belleville, Ill. on account of giving more usefulness to the great Eastern & Western Mail - The P.M. Gent. regrets that the change is not approved of by Mr. Riggan - Mr. Riggs letter returned -