

Post Office Dept.

12 Jan'y 1829.

Hon. W. Dwight,
House,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say that the law does not authorize him to send a mail at the public expense between New Marlborough and Norwalk. He suggests that it be established at private roads, until it can be established a public route by a law of Congress, and that the proceeds of the Post Office at New Marlborough be appropriated to defray the expenses of the private mail to Norwalk, as provided for in the Office Law.

P.B.

Hon. W. Williams, N. C.
House,

12.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to state to the Hon. W. Williams, that he has on a most minute examination found, that he cannot prudently extend any Post route so as to meet the views of the Hon. Mr. Williams in support of the memorial presented by him from sundry citizens of the 13th Congressional district of N. Carolina.

The P.M. Genl. suggests the propriety of referring the Memorial to the Committee on Post-offices & Post-roads that a law may be passed to meet the wishes of the petitioners.

P.B.

Hon. W. Gilshoe. Mrs.
Senate,

12.

Presuming that my letter addressed to the Hon. Mr. Gilshoe the day before his letter was rec'd, sent Mr. Gilshoe's views, a particular reply was omitted, but the P.M. Genl. anxious to meet your wishes, has directed an early morning mail to be sent to Salem, provided the first plan proposed, did not meet the wishes of the citizens of Salem.

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Martin, S. C.
House,

12.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me by saying, that the P.M. of Newville S. C. has been written to on the subject of the change mentioned in his letter to you of the 29th ulto, and trusts that the improvements will go into effect.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

12 Jan'y 1829.

Hon. W. Mayo, N. Y.
House,

In reply to the letter of Mr. B. Waterman the P.M. Genl. instructs me to say, that he was underbid on route 294 one hundred dollars. On route No 149 he was underbid \$75²⁵ and this mail to be conveyed in a small carriage - The route may as he remarks end at Gode or Collins, as it is not necessary to send the mail to Medina unless for the personal accommodation of the contractor. The mails are to go to Medina instead of Kensington as advertised.

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Martin,
House,

12.

The P.M. Genl. is unwilling to direct the mail to be expedited as much as proposed by Memorialists, as the doing so, would subject the Deptt to a very heavy additional expense ill comporting with its present pecuniary embarrassments - but to meet their wishes substantially he has directed the mail to be delivered at Columbia at 2 P.M. instead of 7 A.M., as it now is, so that replies may be made the same day.

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Lebonpte, Ky.
House,

13.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you, that the P.M. at Taylorsville, Ky. has been directed to see that the mail be conveyed regularly to Mount Eaton, and adapt to the P.M. Genl. the increased travel.

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Throssel,
House,

13.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to inform you, that the P.M. at Caldwell has been twice instructed on the subject of the mail to Ticonderoga. The P.M. Genl. has requested him under this date, to drop up a mail by a special carrier once a week between his office and Ticonderoga, and to inform the Deptt forthwith of the terms upon which a mail once a week, & a mail twice a week between those points can be carried.

Upon the receipt of his answer the Deptt will act promptly.

P.B.

Post Office Dept

13 Jan'y 1829.

✓ Hon. James Wilson,
House,

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to state to you, that the mail for Fairfield should go via, Baltimore & Gettysburg, and it is so ordered -

P.B.

✓ Hon. W^t Pickering,
House,

14.

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to say in reply to your communication of the 12th inst^t that Mr. Charles Willis has been written to on the subject of carrying the mail three times a week between New York and Patterson.

The Dept has no recollection of receiving any application from Mr. Willis as stated by Mr. Dodd -

Mr. D's letter returned -

P.B.

✓ Hon. W^t J. Nuckolls,
House,

14.

The application of Mr. Posey which you submitted to the P.M. Gen'l has rec'd his consideration. The mail on the route indicated is stipulated to be conveyed by stage - if to suit the convenience of the Contractor, he prefers carrying it in post on horseback, that is a privilege to him, & it might be proper to make a deduction from his pay rather than to augment it, as it is for the Contractor's advantage & not the Dept's - The mail sent by the Contractor on horseback, can start from Crossville if it will be of advantage to him -

Mr. P's letter returned -

P.B.

✓ Hon. John. Varnum,
House,

14.

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to say in reply to your communication of the 12th inst^t, that it is fully believed the present plan will meet the decided approbation of the Memorialists when they experience its effects - It is a part of the plan adopted to expedite mails to the extremity of Maine, and of intersecting with Nova Scotia &c &c.

P.B.

Post Office Dept

14 Jan'y 1829.

✓ Hon. James Wilson,
House,

The P.M. Gen'l finds that the expense that will result from sending a second weekly mail as proposed by Mr. Hall would be more than he would be justified in incurring even were the funds of the Dept abundant - He feels every disposition to grant extension of mail privileges when required by the public, and regrets that the finances of the Dept are so inadequate to the demands, as to render it impossible at this time to meet the wishes of the citizens of many important sections of the Country -

Mr. Hall's letter returned -

P.B.

✓ Hon. Wilson Lumpkin,
House,

14.

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to say in reply to your letter of the 13th inst^t that the route contemplated by Mr. Springer is not an established Post road & cannot be provided with a mail at the expense of the Dept, without authority of law -

The Dept has not sufficient knowledge of that part which is in Alabama, to advise as to the propriety of its being established as a post route -

Mr. Springer's letter returned -

P.B.

✓ Hon. Mr. Tabor, N.Y.
House,

14.

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to say in reply to your letter of the 12th inst^t that he cannot make a requisition on the Steam Boat to land at places not stipulated in the contract unless it be at a place where the Boat regularly stops - He has with a view to meet your wishes directed an inquiry to ascertain whether the Steam Boat Company will consent to deliver a mail at a Dock near Hyde Park for the accommodation of that place - If they consent he will inform you promptly -

P.B.

✓ Hon. Aaron Ward,
House,

15.

The P.M. Gen'l instructs me to state to you, that Mr. Lockwood will be employed to convey the mail between Pound Ridge and Bedford, N.Y.

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

15 July 1829.

1 Hon. William Ramsay,
House,

The P.M.Gmt. instructs me to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to Robert Clark in Decr 1824, and a copy of the account current with Messrs Lee & Co which accounts for payment of the extra money in controversy &c. No trust this exposition from the Books of the Dept. may be satisfactory to Mr Clark.

1 Hon. John Reed,
House,

15,

The P.M.Gmt. instructs me to say that as Merchant declines carrying the mail on the terms he proposed, from the delay arising from the acceptance being sent, he will contract with Mr Truman Merchant at \$600 a year, if the P.M. at Albany should not have previously contracted. A letter has been addressed to the P.M. at Albany on the subject. Mr. W's letter returned.

1 Hon. J. G. Barbour,
House,

15,

The P.M.Gmt. upon due consideration has decided to allow Mr Smith \$12 a mile for the 22 miles of additional travel to which he has been subjected, as made apparent by your representation to the Dept., and in consonance with the views of the highly respectable memorialists who testify so strongly as to the good conduct of Mr Smith. The Dept. has the utmost confidence in the vigilance, activity and faithfulness of Mr Smith as a mail contr. & trusts that he will continue to merit the confidence which is reposed in him. That the allowance made him may be satisfactory.

1 Hon. Selah R. Hobbs,
House,

15,

The P.M. Gmt. with a full disposition to oblige the Hon. Mr. Hobbs cannot grant the prayer of Messrs Stan & others in regard to establishing a mail from Worcester to Harpsfield until authorized by law.

Post Office Dept.

15 July 1829.

1 Hon. Jonathan Hunt,
House,

The P.M.Gmt. instructs me to say, that before the reception of your letter & the enclosed communication from Mr. Robinson, he had directed the mail to be carried six times a week between Albany & Brattleboro at the usual rates, being at the ratio fixed by Contingent himself.

1 Hon. Wm D. Martin,
House,

15,

It appears proper to say that the letter addressed to the P.M. at Newville which was shown you this day, was arranged so that Mr. Denitt might obtain the consent of Mr. Parsons to relinquish his contract, which he might not willingly do at the instance of the Dept. while he met the improvement contemplated by Mr. Denitt. He would give it up at his request - if you believe a more decisive course advisable, it may be adopted.

Mr. W's letter returned.

1 Hon. W. Markell, N.Y.

15,

House,

The P.M. Gmt. instructs me to say in reply to Mr. Wilson's letter submitted by you for his consideration, that the bills made were taken altogether too high for services to be performed, & wholly disproportionate to the last years expense - the Dept. then paid \$300. This year of 800 was demanded, and as every office on the route is otherwise supplied with mails, the P.M. Gmt. did not think it proper to expend much if any more than was expended last year, expecting to have a more favorable proposal. The route has not been closed, but the P.M. proposes to allow the sum of \$400 to carry the mail three a week in summer & often when stages run, & once a week in winter - Mr. Wilson will apply to the P.M. at Utica on the subject who will be instructed by the Dept.

Mr. W's letter returned.

Post Office Dept.
15 Jan'y 1829.

Hon. John Reed,
House,

The P.M.Gmt. in reply to the letter of Mr. Wood which you submitted for his consideration, instructs me to say that he does not possess the power to send a mail at the public expense to & from Dalpaulin Cove - but that he will establish a private office & allow the ret. emoluments of the office as compensation to send the mails to Dalmouth once a week, if a suitable person will accept the office on those terms & another will carry the mail for that consideration. From the representation of Mr. Wood such a measure would be of great public utility, & the P.M.Gmt. hopes some person will accept an office upon the terms specified
Mr. W's letter returned -

P.P.B.

Hon. A. Stevenson,
House,

16,

The P.M.Gmt. instructs me to say that he believes the public will be better served by permitting Mr. Taylor to send a special weekly mail from his office to Hanover C.H. and let the present plan remain. Taylorsville in that way will get two mails a week and no cause for dissatisfaction will be given to the other offices on the route. The P.M. of Taylorsville is authorized to expend \$20 a year for the second mail.

P.P.B.

Hon. Henry W. Granger,
House,

15,

The P.M.Gmt. instructs me to say in reply to your communication of the 13th inst. that it is not recollect'd that any order has been given to change the stage route, via, Concord, N. H. To guard against any error of the kind, a letter has this day been written to see that Concord is duly & regularly supplied with the mails.

P.P.B.

Post Office Dept.
15 Jan'y 1829.

Hon. Mr. Robbins,
House,

The P.M.Gmt. instructs me to say in reply to Mr. Rorie's application, that if suitable terms are offered for carrying a mail between Delhi & Deposit in a stage, he feels authorized to accept them under the existing law - the acceptance will depend much upon the terms offered, as we are bound to look scrupulously to the expenditures of the Deptt. in the present embarrassed state of its finances -

Mr. R's letter returned -

P.P.B.

Hon. R. M. Johnson

Jan. 16th. 29

Senate U.S.

The P.M.G. instructs me to say in reply to your communication covering a letter from Mr. Allphin, that we hear no advice from Mr. Gaines why he has abandoned the Turnpike road - he is now ~~positively~~ ^{decidedly} anxious to resume and continue it.

P.P.B.

Hon. J. D. Buchanan
(of Pa) H. of Reps

Jan 16th

The P.M.G. instructs me to state in reply to the Petitions you submitted for his Consideration, that the recent change of Mails which appears to have subjected several P.Ws. to inconveniences between York & Lancaster having been rescinded, he trusts the necessity of making the changes proposed by Memorialists will not now be necessary.

* Returned

P.P.B.

Hon. C. C. Cambreleng
(of N.Y.) H. of R.

16th

The P.M.G. instructs me to state in reply to your communication of the 15th inst. that an enquiry has been instituted - with a view to carry Mr. Taber's views into effect - Mr. Taber was so informed by the Deptt. on yesterday

P.P.B.

On office Delt
Hon. B. Swift
Office of At. Com.
Jan 16. 1829
A of R.

The P.M.G. instructs me to say in reply to your communication of the 14th inst. that if the Contractor Mr. Woodworth will submit his terms for making the change proposed by the Memorandists the P.M.G. can then decide on the propriety of the measure proposed - and his acceptance will depend substantially on the compensation demanded. He is most willing to extend to every portion of the country all mail privileges which it is in his power to do, but must of necessity look to the expenses to be incurred.

(Petition Returned)

P.B.

Hon. J. B. Sterigore
16th
A of R.

The P.M.G. instructs me to say in reply to your communication of the 12th inst. that the transfer of Mr. Sterigore's McLean's Contract for route 549 to Thomas Blair, is acceptable to the Dept.

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Haynes
16
(of Ga) A of R.

The P.M.G. instructs me to enclose to you the within Petition and to say, that a legislative provision will be necessary to carry the object of the Memorandists into effect.

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Wingate
16
(of Me) A of R.

The P.M.G. instructs me to say that the proposition of Mr. Stetson is reasonable and a second weekly mail has been directed to be sent from Alna by East Alna to Wiscasset &c

P.B.

P. O. Dept. off of M.C.
Hon. Mr. LeCompte
(of Ky) A of R.
Jan 16. 1829

The P.M.G. ever desirous to extend mail stages as far as he can with prudence, and a just regard to the means of the Department, would gladly meet your wishes to promote the views of Mr. Stetson in regard to a mail stage to Indianapolis, but cannot for want of means do so at present - He trusts that in an early day the proceeds of routes may enable him to comply with the wishes of Mr. Stetson.

P.B.

Hon. Sam'l C. Allen, Mrs.

17,

Hansard,

The P.M.G. instructs me to say in reply to your inquiry concerning the bid of Mr. Ballou on Post Route No. 380 - that Mr. Ballou's bid was \$100 & the bid of Mr. Maxwell was \$75 in which he stipulated to carry the mail in a two horse stage, & altho' Monroe was not included in the advertisement, Mr. Maxwell knowing it to be attached to the route, made it of course his duty to supply as much as though the office had been annexed, this proposal was therefore \$25 lower than Mr. Ballou's - He will be bound by contract to arrive at Greenfield on Mondays & depart on Tuesdays -

P.B.

Hon. Geo. Prender,
Hansard.

17,

The P.M.G. instructs me to say in reply to the letter of Mr. Trusk presented by you, that an order was given by the Dept. to suspend closing the mails at Milford so as to enable replies to be made the same night or by the pending mail. but in Dec't a memorial from sundry citizens was transmitted to the P.M.G., praying that the former plan be substantially restored - a copy of which petition is herewith enclosed - It bears such evident marks of good feelings for the P.M.G. & appears to comprise the principal business men of Milford, that the P.M.G. condescends to rescind the order given in November - It is hoped that Mr. Trusk will be satisfied with the course taken when he is proposed up the ladder of the C. & G.

P.B.

Post Office Dpt^o
of Augt 1829.

✓ Hon. Mr. McIntosh,
Senate,

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say, that
the Post route from Florence, Al^e and Memphis, Tenn, which
was established at the last Session of Congress was at that time in
operation, & was not advertised as the whole-ground was then covered
with Contracts which are now in operation - it may not be as
well arrang'd for the Citizens of Florence as if it were in one
continued route - The contracts on that line will expire with the
present year, & the route will be advertised the ensuing summer, &
most probably on the route direct from Florence to Memphis as
contemplated by the late Law.

✓ Hon. H. C. Mardale,
House,

71

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say
that when he conversed with you yesterday on the subject of
the Sabbath mail complained of by Mr. Rogers, that he thought
the contract was made in accordance with the advertisement
which was six times a week, but the proposal accepted was to
convey the mail seven times a week, the contract is made in that
way -

If the citizens of Sandy Hill do not wish the mail opened on the
Sabbath day, the P.M. can omit the service for the present -
If it be found that the Sabbath mail is not acceptable generally
it may be dispensed with hereafter -

= Mr. R's letter returned -

P.B.

✓ Hon. D. A. Buck,
House,

19.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say in reply to
your communication of the 15th inst that the post route from Manchester
to Charlestown N.H. has been contracted for, to travel six times a week. The
Dpt has therefore anticipated your wishes the wishes of the memorialists -

P.B.

✓ Hon. Jonas Carl Jr
House,

19 Jan'y 1829.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say in reply to the
letters of Messrs. Petit & Lansing in respect to the establishment of a
line of stages on Post route No 110 in part, viz. Skaneateles & baton; that the whole route is contracted for at \$262 per annum - and by the
proposition of Mr. Van Rensselaer, the expense will be increased of \$30. and
examining the product of the offices on the route, it is found (so far
as is embraced by the Stage proposal) is less than \$400: and the
demand for mail accommodation on that part of route No 110
amounts to \$540 per annum -

Under this view of the subject, the P.M. Genl. is compelled to suspend the
further expenditure at present, but he has given directions to have the
mail carried directly through the route from Skaneateles to Richfield, and
will when in better circumstances probably increase the accommoda-
tion on the route -

✓ Hon. Mr. Barnes,
House,

19.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say, that no application
has been made to the Dpt to run a stage on the route indicated by
Mr. Nurse - nor does the P.M. Genl. perceive any necessity for a mail to
pass that way, as three weekly mails are already provided for between Bangor
& Bucksport &c &c. If such application be made, the P.M. Genl. will
apprise you of it -

✓ Hon. Mr. Prince,
Senate,

19

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say, in reply to your
communication of the 17th inst covering a letter from Mr. Van Rensselaer,
that he has directed the mail stage to pass by Columbus, provided the
roads are sufficiently improved to justify its travelling that way and
the distance be not increased more than five miles -
Mr. R's letter returned -

P.B.

P.B.

Post Office Dept

20. Jan'y 1829.

✓ Hon. J. R. Mitchell,
House,

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to state, that the several offices between Darlington C. H. & Sumpterville pay but about \$100 to Mr. Hunter ^{revenue} for carrying the mail on that road of \$36 a year.

The propriety of granting the prayer of Mr. Hunter would be questionably for the reason above given, even were the finances of the Deptt. in a flourishing state - but under existing circumstances it cannot be ~~continued~~ - attended.

Mr. H's letter returned.

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. Thomas Taber.
House,

20.

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say in reply to the propositions contained in the enclosed paper, that the objections to granting the accommodation asked for, are, that Dover pays but \$50 or less per annum, & the accommodation would subject the Deptt. to an increased expenditure over & above its receipts of \$90. In the present state of the finances of the Deptt. the P.M. Gent. regrets that he cannot give his sanction to the measure proposed.

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. Mr^o Wolf,
House,

20.

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say in reply to your communication of the 15th inst. that he does not discover a post route that embraces the point indicated in Mr. Worthy's letter - the Deptt. has but very limited information of the location of Barbordale - if Mr. Worthy will favor the Deptt. with a more particular account of its position he may probably be indulged in his views, at any rate the P.M. Gent. will establish a private office there, if it cannot be otherwise accommodated.

P.P.B.

Post Office Dept

20 Jan'y 1829.

✓ Hon. John Davis.
House,

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say that the proposal of Mr. Horner is so reasonable that he shall close with it promptly - viz - to carry the mail between Concord & Worcester as proposed for \$52 per annum -

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. G. C. Hayes,
House,

20.

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say, that from the facts represented in the petition enclosed in your communication of the 19th inst., he is lo^r to believe the contemplated Post Route may be improperly established. The petition is endorsed to you as you have requested.

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. Mr^o Noble,
Senate,

20.

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say that he concurs with you in opinion in regard to the impropriety of the Deptt. interfering in the matter contained in Mr. Need's letter - that letter is referred to you.

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. Jonathan Hunt.
House,

20.

The proposal of Mr. Wheeler submitted by you to the P.M. Gent. I am instructed to say, being reasonable, he will accept it - had he demanded more than the lowest sum he mentions of \$150. it would not have been accepted.

P.P.B.

✓ Hon. A. L. Wing,
House,

20.

The P.M. Gent. instructs me to say, that the mail between Monroe & Jackson is to pass thro' Blodgett agreeably to your recommendation and Logan will be supplied by the Maumee Route as suggested by Mr. McKay.

P.P.B.

Mr. McKay's letter returned -

Post Office Dept.

20 Jan'y 1829.

Hon. Wm. Sant. McLean,
House,

The P.M.G. instructs me to say, that he inclines to the opinion expressed by Mr. Brindley, that the deposits of Mr. Ross are magnified. Let him do right & he has nothing to fear -

Mr. B's letter returned -

P.B.

Hon. R. Reed.

21st

(of N.Y.) A of R.

The P.M.G. instructs me to say that desirous to extend the advantage of the mail to Clintonville N.Y. he has taken measures to send two extra mails between Rossville and Clintonville, and a change will be made in the mail now travelling on the Route, so as to give Clintonville three direct mails a week

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Smith

21st

(of S.C.) Senate U.S.

The P.M.G. instructs me to inform you that the Postmaster of Bamden S.C. has been instructed to direct the Stage Driver to call at the Post Office at Warsaw regularly each trip on his way to Charlotte

P.B.

Hon. A. C. Martindale

21st

A of R.

The P.M.G. instructs me to say that as you are of opinion that the Sabbath mail should be discontinued at Sandy Hill & he has given directions to discontinue the Sunday mail on said mail line

P.B.

P.O. Dep't off. of Mt. Goss.

Jan 21 1829.

Hon. H. Lumpkin
(of Ga) A of R.

The P.M.G. has no recollection of receiving an application through you to change the mail stage line from Milledgeville to Macon in its progress to Tallahassee - the subject however was brought to the consideration of the Postmaster General thro' another medium, and the change contemplated was not thought expedient as the publick interest would not be promoted so well by it, as by the present plan

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Garrison

21st

(of N.Y.) A of R.

The P.M.G. instructs me to say that he has directed the Postmaster at Cayuga to send one mail a week between his office and Spring Mills - if further accommodation is necessary, it may be hereafter granted

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Reed

21st

(of Mo) A of R.

The P.M.G. instructs me to inform you that agreeably to your request he has directed a third weekly mail to pass between Yarmouth and Orleans to begin the 15th of Feb'y next

P.B.

Hon. Mr. Bryan

21st

(of N.C.) A of R.

Mr. Thompson and Bill the contractors have been directed to resume immediately their original contract for the conveyance of the mail between Tarboro and Newbern N.C. viz. sending the mail in two horse stages on the whole line by the 15th of the next month

It is hoped this will be satisfactory to your correspondent and the publick

P.B.

P.O. Deptt. Office of Mt. Law.
Hon. R.M. Johnson Jan 21. 1839
Senate U.S.

The P.M.G. instructs me to state, that so great has been the increase of expenditure for the last year, that it will be impossible for the Deptt. to incur additional expenditure - The Southern offices are falling off in their receipts, instead of increasing as was expected - A reduction of the present expence, it is expected, will be indispensable - the change proposed by Mr. E. P. Johnson will be proper under more favourable circumstances - An immense increase of expence has been incurred by the department for the last 18 months by putting new routes into operation

P.13

Hon. W. Wilson
(of Pa) H. of R.

21st

The P.M.G. instructs me to state, that he has given direction to suspend the mails travel on the Sabbath, pursuant to the prayer of the memorial some time ago presented to the Postmaster General from sundry citizens at and near Gettysburg Pa

P.13.

Hon. W. Garrison
(of Me) H. of R.

21st

The P.M.G. instructs me to say in reply to your communication of the 19th Inst, that the memorial which you enclosed to him from Messrs Thorndike & others Merchants of Boston, states truly the effect of the operation of the new plan for the transportation of the mail - In comparison with the old plan it is greatly superior for all the purposes of mercantile operations. It facilitates a correspondence about 24 hours which to men in business is a matter often of great interest - The Deptt has no doubt that when the new plan is sufficiently developed, it will be satisfactory to all classes of citizens

P.13.

Hon Mr. Ripley
H. of Rep.

Post Office Department
January 22. 1839

The P.M. Gen^t. instructs me to say that he has in accordance with the wishes of Messrs Moore & Storer directed the mail they refer to, to start from Jay instead of Dixfield, and to pass by New Mills in Dixfield the place where a Post office is wanted

P.13.

Hon Mr. Hobart of N.Y.
H. of Rep.

22nd

The P.M. Gen^t. instructs me to say that the proposal of Samuel Miller as explained by you for the route from Morencille to Bolchester, is accepted, and the P.M. Gen^t. wishes Mr. Miller to begin by the 15th February proximo - on the plan you propose - A contract will be sent to Mr. Miller to execute as soon as may be.

P.13.

Hon H. M. Dwight
H. of Rep.

22nd

The P.M. Gen^t. instructs me to say, that independent of the Hudson mail three weeks, Stockbridge has two mails from the south, six East and six West each week, three north &c &c - these mail accommodations are however perfectly known to you and are referred to, to show the difficulty the P.M. Gen^t. finds in granting additional expenditure on the route first named, and were a calculation to be made it would be found that the highest expenditure is made that can be considered prudent at this period - Congress at their last session established a great many new routes which, with improvements of old ones, have embarrassed the Department. It is believed that you will see the justice as well as the propriety of not adding to the expences on the Route indicated by Mr. Pomeroy -

P.13.

Hon Mr. Whittlesey (of Ohio)
H. of Rep.

The P.M. Gen^t. instructs me to say that he is satisfied with the arrangement pointed out by Mr. A. Phelps of Milton and agrees to the plan.

P.13.

Hon Mr. Barlow
(No. of Rep.)

Post Office Department
January 23rd 1839

The P.M. Gen^l. instructs me to say in reply to the letter from Mr. Moore, that the case of Mr. Hamilton is under consideration and that justice will be done him.

Lddy return'd -

Hon Mr. Barlow (of Penn)
(No. of Rep.)

79 48.
23rd.

The P.M. Gen^l. instructs me to say, that the letter of Mr. Bates in support of Mr. Eatons petition for a third mail shall receive his full consideration.

79 48.
23rd.

Hon Mr. Tabor (of N.Y.)
(No. of Rep.)

The P.M. Gen^l. has received from the Postmaster of New York a letter dated 19th January Inst. in which he says - "I have seen Mr. Hoffman the agent of the Steamboat Company - the proprietors are willing to include Hyde Park in the same arrangement which now applies to Hampton, Malden, Rindge &c & not included in their contract - when they have passengers to land or receive, the mail is landed of course without other additional delay or expense - If not required to stop for the convenience of passengers, the mail is delivered at the next landing place included in their contract."

The P.M. Gen^l. has instructed the Postmaster of Hyde Park to meet the Boat with his mail & receive one from it in accordance with your views

79 73.

Hon Mr. Noble

23rd.

U. S. Senator. The P.M. Gen^l. instructs me to say, that agreeably to your request he has abrogated the Stage Contract between Brookville and Indianapolis in as much as the Contractor had forfeited said Contract by failing to execute its covenants. A contract will be sent to Messrs Herndon & Fuller to convey said mail twice a week on Horseback at \$450 to take effect as soon as circumstances permit. The P.M. Gen^l. trusts that these Gentlemen will carry the mail with strict fidelity and thereby satisfy public expectations.

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Hon Mr. Robbins,
House.

Post Office Dept
22nd Jan 1839.

The P.M. Gen^l. instructs me to say, that the prayer of the Abolitionists is reasonable, & he has directed the P.M. at batavia to send them daily cash with his office & Athens during the suspension of Steam Boats this present season. The P.M. of New York is directed to carry the plan into effect, by sending two mails for batavia on alternate days on each side of the Hudson.

Memorial returned -

Hon Mr. B. Davis,
House.

22nd.

The P.M. Gen^l. instructs me to say in reply to your communications of the 24th concerning the inclosed letter from Dr. Symmes, that no very letter recd from Dr. Symmes it has been the intention of the P.M. to give a prompt & explicit reply. It is true that the three offices he has mentioned go to a fortnight's mail - they are situated on a Route of considerable length; & the three offices may top three ^{dollars} per year - they therefore do not produce a sufficient revenue to justify a further expenditure thereon. The P.M. at Orlando has resigned & requested that office to be discontinued.

Hon Jas Duncan
(of Ill) H. of R.

23rd

The P.M. Gen^l. instructs me to state that the proposal of Rob Morrison dated Oct 1838 for Post Route No. 140-1 and to which your attention was directed some time ago has just been received. The Postmaster at Mankakee put Mr. Morrison's proposal into his account to which were but lately opened instead of forwarding it direct - Mr. Morrison's bid was \$429. and the bid accepted for the same service was \$295

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