

Post Office Dept.
17th Aug. 1827.

1 N. Butler P.O.
Farmington Me.

(Yr letter of the 6th has been rec^d. If Mr. Haskell shall be absolutely under the necessity of incurring add^l expenses in effecting the change ordered, he can, at the end of the quarter, state the facts, supported by certificates, & a proper allowance will be made.

M. L.

1 D. W. Haley
Jackson Me.

16th Aug.

(Yr letter of the 12th ult^o is rec^d. & I am much pleased to learn that the repairs on the mail road are being done in a way that will afford much satisfaction to the public. As Col. Strickland understands, has left the work to his partner, I hope Mr. Ward will not object to an inspection of the work, when it shall be finally completed. If he declines, I wish you to make the examination minutely, & compare the work with the contract. In this business, you are aware, that I feel a deep solicitude to merit the public approbation, & that I repose great confidence in yr. zeal & fidelity. It will be extremely gratifying to me to have this work completed in such a manner as to do credit to the persons engaged, & the Dept.

M. L.

1 M. Casey
Mountain School Me.

16th Aug.

Mr. Brown, it seems has not acceded to the requisition, for adopting stages on this route (210) in consequence of which yr. proposition is accepted, & you are authorized to take charge of the mail, so soon as you may be prepared with stages for the service, which is not to be at a later period than the time you mention - the 1st Oct. You will advise me when about to enter on the duty.

M. L.

Post Office Dept.
18 Aug 1827.

1 W. Burke Poll
Cincinnati O.

Have the proposals for mail contracts in Ohio been published in Cincinnati? It was my intention to have them published in one of yr. papers. I wish you w^d attend to this. My rule is, to publish in a paper which has the most extensive circulation. If, under this rule, the "Crisis" could be selected, I should be willing. I presume, however, that the Cincinnati Gazette has a more extensive circulation than the "Crisis," & of course the advertisement must be given to it.

M. L.

1 James Adams
Worthington O.

18th Aug.

Yr letter of the 9th has been rec^d. In deciding on proposals, the best bid is accepted. 4 horse stages are preferred to 15 tons, & a transportation for the whole time in stages, is preferable to any change, when from the importance of the route, such a course w^d be a public benefit. In making yr. bid, you can observe the condition of the advertisement, & can annex such other proposition as you may deem useful or desirable, which will be considered. The printers here, in 318, market "Bourgeois" instead of Bucyrus.

M. L.

1 B. C. Dugan
Zanesville O.

18 Aug.

You can bid for any section of the route described in the proposals published, but to be successful, it may be necessary to have yr. bid connected with others, so that a transportation on the entire route may be provided for. The clerk has improperly sent the letter you refer to, without any resignation.

M. L.

Post Office Dept.
18 Aug. 1827

✓ Saml Donnel
Greasy Shore Pa

(Yr letter of the 8th has been rec^d. You can make yr bids agreeable to the proposals; & also under alterations that may appear useful or desirable - they will receive due consideration. M.L.)

✓ J Bryan P.M.
Hopkinsville Ky

18 Aug.

Post riders ought not to carry Newspapers & pamphlets, out of the mail, unless by a special condition in the contract they are authorized to do so. When this is the case, the privilege is reckoned a part of the pay & the sum paid by the Dept for the conveyance of the mail is consequently less. Where Newspapers & pamphlets are deposited in a P.O. where the postage for them is paid, there is no impropriety in carriers distributing them to subscribers who live on the route. I will thank you to instruct the mail carrier ref^d to respecting his duty in this particular. In every respect, I am desirous of affording the utmost accom^d. to the publishers of Newspapers & pamphlets. M.L.

✓ C & P Mallett
Waynesville Ma

18 Aug.

I have rec^d another complaint of failure of yr mail from Camden, which is noted. It is said that this failure was produced by the neglect or incompetency of the driver. M.L.

✓ Wm Murphy P.M.
Maysville Ky

18 Aug.

I entirely approve of yr arrangement respecting Steam Boat letters, as stated in yr of 1 July. It w^d be well to see that the person who receives the letters from the Boat, is worthy of full confidence. M.L.

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✓ J Ramsey P.M.
Jefferson City Mo

In answer to yr letter of the 28th ult. request- ing to know whether an Adj^t Gen^l of Militia, who has the privi- lege of franking, in certain cases, can exercise that privilege by an Attorney. He cannot. The privilege is personal & cannot be transferred or exercised by any other person. M.L.

✓ L. W. Boggs P.M.
Jackson Ct., now Independence, Jackson Co. Mo

25 Aug.

(Yr letter of the 20th ult. has been rec^d. I have fined the Court for omitting to serve yr O with the mail, as reported. When there is a failure of the mail this neglect, the P.M. should send it by express, advise the Dept of the facts & the price paid - the voucher to be sent on with the quarterly r^{pt}. M.L.)

✓ S. P. Christum P.M.
Oakville Va

25 Aug.

(Yr letter of the 10th has been rec^d. You are authorized to employ Mr. Patterson to supply Oakville & Bent Creek offices with a 2^d mail at the rate of \$40 a year - let me know when he commences so that it may be noted on his Con^t. M.L.)

✓ A. Porter P.M.
Manchester, Niagara Falls Ny

25 Aug.

(Yr letter of the 7th has been rec^d. No change has been directed by which you should be deprived of a mail on the route designated. The Court Mr. Hitchcock gave assurance that he had commenced serving the offices twice a week in a covered carriage, from the 19th June - if he has not done so, it is without authority, & I have required an explanation. M.L.)

Post Office Dept
20. Aug. 1827.

Duff Green
Wash. City

The P.M. at Jackson etc. reports under date of July 20th that no mails had been rec^d at his office for 3 weeks previous, owing as is said to the loss of a bridge - but that persons travelling on the route pass the river without difficulty &c. I have directed fines to be levied for the failures, & have instructed the P.M. that "when there is a failure of the mail, the negligence" he should suit it by express." You will accordingly in such event be chargeable with the expense.

M.L.

A. LeRoy P.M.
Le Raysville N.Y.

18 Aug.

I am informed that the mail is not carried from Le Raysville to Antwerp, a distance of 11 miles, & wish you to make a contract with some one to carry it once a week, if it can be done for a sum not to exceed \$18 a quarter. A blank cont^t is enclosed, the time of departure from y^os should be fixed by the usual ^{hour of} arrival of the mail from Watertown, & you can fill in the residue of the schedule to suit the Cont^t. when the contract is completed, please to return it & a duplicate account will be forwarded to the Cont^t.

M.L.

John Hitchcock
Lockport N.Y.

20. Aug.

The P.M. at Niagara Falls reports that you have omitted to visit his office, for several weeks past. It is necessary that you should explain this matter, & in future take care that the office is regularly supplied with a mail.

M.L.

Aaron Godwin
Cincinnati O.

20. Aug.

Y^r letter of the 6th has been rec^d. You shall be paid for the service in visiting Bellebrook, so long as you may be required to do so.

M.L.

Post Office Dept
20. Aug. 1827.

J. Heems P.M.
Lebanon O.

I will thank you for information whether the Offices at Ridgeville & Bellebrook, cannot be supplied with the mail, at a less expense, than under the present arrangement.

M.L.

J. Patton P.M.
Wooster O.

20. Aug.

Y^r letter of the 1st has been rec^d. & I enclose a cont^t for Mr Hemperly corresponding to its import, which you will please to have executed, & when rec^d. a counterpart will be sent to the Cont^t.

M.L.

Hon L Condict
Morristown N.Y.

20. Aug.

Y^r letter asking an overland mail account between Morristown & New York, has been rec^d. Will you have the goodness to inform me, at what price the mail could be sent daily to West, in y^r account. stages, or if it should not be convenient for you to obtain the information, will you request the P.M. of Morristown, to obtain it. I shall endeavor to meet the wishes of y^r Citizens on this subject.

M.L.

J. Hunt P.M.
Chester N.Y.

20. Aug.

The postage on a single letter for any distance over 100 miles, & under 400, is 18 1/4 cts. Quadruple this rate, should be charged for every ounce a packet may weigh. If the letter you refer to, be attached to the packet it should be charged with the packet by the ounce, but if the letter be separate, it should be charged so.

M.L.

J. Grisham P.M.
Pendleton C.H. N.Y.

21. Aug.

Y^r letter of the 7th has been rec^d. You will please to give the arrival of the mail at S.H.M. & its departure for Greenville at 9.

M.L.

Post Office Dept.
21st Aug. 1827.

J. Dozier
China Groves Sta

It appears that your stage does not arrive at
Georgetown at the time fixed 4 A.M. your drivers allege that your orders
are not to arrive before six, by which the stage to Charleston
is delayed, both to the injury of the public & the proprietor.
I am not aware of any authority you have for altering
the arrangements of this Dept. You must in future observe
the time in your schedule, or fines will be applied for the delay
M.E.

W. Jeanneret
Geo. Town Sta

21st Aug.

Your letter of the 12th has been recd. I have written to
Mr Dozier requiring his stage to arrive at Geo Town by 4 A.M.
& also to the P.M. to despatch you with all convenient ex-
pedition - it is hoped you will meet with no farther delay &
that your stages will arrive at Charleston regularly, & in
such good time as to prevent complaint.
M.E.

W. H. Godfrey P.M.
Georgetown Sta

21st Aug.

Mr. Jeanneret complains of the detention of
his stage in consequence of the late arrival of that of Mr. Dozier.
I have written to that gentleman requiring him to arrive at
G.T. by 4 A.M. if he fails to do so report. I wish you to afford
to Mr. Jeanneret all the facility in starting possible, to enable him
to arrive in Charleston in good time - he has a long drive
over heavy roads. Mr. J. observes that three Northern mails are
due. What is the cause of this? you should report all such
circumstances promptly - Please to advise me on all matters
connected with the mail transportation.
M.E.

L. Ford P.M.
Charleston Sta

21st Aug.

Your letter in relation to the charge of postage on
pamphlets, is recd. - The cover is not chargeable.
M.E.

Post Office Dept.
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D. Beck P.M.
Raleigh N.C.

Your letter of the 16th has been recd. I have ordered
the transfer of Mr. Young's contract to Messrs. Leonard & Puffin
& herewith send a cert. for execution - when recd, a counter-
part will be transmitted.
M.E.

Wm Smith P.M.

21st Aug.

Charlotte N.C.

Complaint is made of the irregular receipt
at Charlotte &c. of the "Nat. Intelligencer" & sundry other papers
from the North of the same politics, while the "U.S. Telegraph"
Richmond Enquirer & others of like principles, come regularly
to hand. I am willing to believe that any cause of Com-
plaint has been given at G.T. to any party, believing &
hoping that you consider all alike entitled to their papers
in the regular course of their arrival. If any irregularity
has occurred thro' the carelessness, or party feeling of any persons em-
ployed in the office under your charge in the delivery of papers,
I hope you will arrange to prevent a recurrence.
M.E.

R. Stevens P.M.

21st Aug.

New London Va

There is some reason for expecting the return
of S. Ward late P.M. at Big Lick, to your neighbourhood - will you
please to make the necessary inquiry whether he has been seen
in Va. lately, or whether he has been heard from, & write to this
Dept. any thing you know concerning his, or his family's movements
lately - observing secrecy & caution in making those enquiries.
Your disclosures shall be considered confidential, if you shall
wish it.
M.E.

Post Office Dept
20 Aug. 1827

Wm. M. Collum P.M.
West Union O.

Yr. letter suggesting the propriety of making
W.U. a place of distribution for the Kentucky mail, has been recd.
The facts you state are entitled to consideration, & if it
should be found, under the new arrangement for the conveyance
of the mail that the distribution cannot be made at Mayville,
without subjecting the mail to an injurious delay, of course
for a change will be greatly strengthened. The State of Ky.
would be very sensitive on the subject of removing the
distribution from that State, altho it is of no importance to
any one except the P.M. I shall consider the case &
be governed by what appears to be the general interest

Wm. Lean

Alex. Campbell
Ripley O.

20. Aug.

Yr. letter respecting the stage between Ripley &
West Union, has been recd. & shall receive due consideration
In my future arrangements I shall not neglect to provide for
the convenience of yr. citizens, & hope to meet their wishes

Wm. Lean

J. Osborn P.M.
Bomer N.Y.

20 Aug.

In answer to yr. letter of the 10. Inst. When a letter
is sent agreeably to its direction & is forwarded to a differ-
ferent place, addl. postage should be charged.

Wm. Lean

Hon Joseph Healy
Washington N.H.

21. Aug.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
yr. letter of the 13. Inst. It does not appear that any attempt has been
made here for the purpose of changing the route from Boston via
Washington N.H. to Windsor N. Should any such be made, yr. request
will be duly regarded.

Wm. Lean

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20 Aug. 1827

Hon J. Newton
Norfolk Va.

Being anxious to avoid giving to any persons
who may have become unfortunately bound to pay money to
this Dept. for others, I have requested the Secy. Attorney, in no case
to issue a ca. sa, unless there are strong grounds to believe that
the defendants have fraudulently conveyed their property, to avoid
the judgment. I have directed the indulgence you request,
in the case against Doct. Barts. Could he not conveniently
give security for the payt. of the judgment at some future pe-
riod, if a reasonable indulgence should be given? I would
make the instalments small, & give such indulgence as
would render their payt. easy

Wm. Lean

Wm. Kennedy & G. Cleaver
St. George I.

20 Aug.

I thank you for yr. suggestions respecting
certain mail arrangements in yr. County. In making the new
contracts, they shall be duly considered

Wm. Lean

J. Bacot P.M.
Charleston S.C.

21. Aug.

Yr. of the 14. is recd. In relation to J. Hall, the
presumed depredator on the U.S. Mail, he is represented to be a
thick set man, about 5 feet 9 inches high, rather bald, a full faced
english face, round broad shoulders, dull moor, taciturn. Red whiskers
Hair, having the appearance of simplicity, about 40 to 45 yrs
old, unacquainted with business, slow habit. He is supposed
to have been employed driving stages near Fayetteville N.C. during
the winter & spring. prop. & Peters left on the 25. & Richmond 26. Inst
after having been regularly discharged, at which time he so-
licitly inquired for further employment, alleging poverty, & no
other means of making a living. Is stated to have arrived
at Montreal about the last of June, where he called upon Mr.
Gates & Co. to whom he mentioned his desire to procure a vessel
& cargo for the West India market, should he be able to obtain \$2000
in Phila. Bk bills & sundry large post notes, two of which of
\$500 each of the Phenix Bk. of N.York, made payable to

to the order of the Messrs. Allen of Charleston, & endorsed payable to the order of the Messrs. Allen of New York, which notes he said he had rec^d from the former at Charleston, then he left with the Messrs. Ogden for collection, by whom they were forwarded to New York for collection, & where it was first discovered, these notes were part of the same mailed at Charleston by the Messrs. Allen for New York on the 22^d Feb. last. No doubt remaining of Hall or his accomplices having stolen them from the small, an officer was immediately despatched in search of him, who after two ineffectual journeys could only trace him to near Prescot in Upper Canada, moving westward where losing the trace, & Hall being 25 days ahead of him, he abandoned further pursuit. There is a possibility of his having effected a passage to Charleston, by an interior route & may be the same person who occasionally met at the Carolina Coffee House, & who enquired for letters to the address of James Hall, at the office. Joshua is however the name of the Hall who has been known for 5 years back at Richmond, but who has been to the West Indies & England within that time, his father & friends reside 12 miles from Manchester, Lancashire England. This strong heavy bodied, bald red haired, whisker, round shouldered, dull moving Joshua Hall, may be easily identified, & it may be readily ascertained whether he is the same who frequents the Carolina Coffee House, & if found to bear any reasonable proportionable resemblance, the necessary oath may be made that there is reasonable ground for suspecting this man to be & have him arrested & searched, without ceremony if he can make it appear that he was not in N.C. during the winter & Spring months, the point will be settled. If he is the man the bills in his possession will find the fact of his being the same. From the Passbook books & those of the Stage office, it may be ascertained whether he left Charleston by mail stage about the 22^d (say from 1st Feb. to 27th March) for the North.

If he shall have sailed from Charleston, please to ascertain the destination of the vessel &c.

N.B. The description sent from Montreal he is a thick set man, somewhat bald, sandy complexion, about 40 or 45 yrs of age!

M.C.

Post Office Dept
22^d Aug. 1824

Hon. Sanford Jr.
Washington D.C.

I have again to notice the irregularity of your movements. The P.M. at Plymouth reports that you missed the trip, due the 29th July, & that the mail due (under your new arrangement) at Washington, at 3 P.M. on Sunday, did not arrive at Plymouth on its way there until 4 O'clk of that day. The repeated complaints in regard to your arrangements, do not correspond with your late assurances, & must, both on acct of the public interest, & the trouble afforded to this Dept. be speedily improved. An explanation is desired.

M.C.

A. E. Rogers
Millbottom Va.

22^d Aug.

The P.M. at Richmond reports, under date of the 18th that your mail for Charlotte C.H. which should have departed on the morning of the previous day was still remaining in the office; & that your carrier was not to be found, for which I have directed you to be fined, & the expense of employing an express, if necessary, will be charged to you.

M.C.

J. P. Preston P.M.
Richmond Va.

22^d Aug.

Your letter of the 18th has been rec^d. In reply I observe that in all cases where the carriers either from negligence or other cause, are not prepared to take on a mail, the P.M. should employ an express for the purpose, & inform the Dept. of the circumstances & price paid for the service, so that the Cont. may be charged therewith.

M.C.

Isaac Haully
Labell C.H. Va.

22^d Aug.

Your letter of the 7th has been rec^d. & I have to advise you, that route N. 81, has been provided for.

M.C.

Post Office Dept.
22^d Aug. 1827

R. H. Barker P.M.
Miller's Tavern Prince Geo. Co. Va.

Your letter of the 11th has been rec^d. The secretaries of Mr. Young are R. Y. Barker & James Briggs, the latter in place of Callahan as you supposed. Your attention to the interests of the public & this Dept^t is laudable & merits consideration

M.E.

W. A. Turner P.M.
Plymouth N. H.

22^d Aug.

Your letter of the 12th has been rec^d. & the failure of your report in Sanford's mail has been noted. Mr. Sanford has been authorized to adopt the following course of delivery if sanctioned by the respective P.M.s. My arrival at Washington from Edenton on Sunday at 3 P.M. leave same on Tuesday at 4 P.M. arrive at Edenton on Saturday by 10 A.M. In future please to report promptly, so that corrections may be immediately applied.

M.E.

E. Davis P.M.
Churchtown Pa.

22^d Aug.

The letter signed by yourself & others in your vicinity under date of the 16th inst. has been rec^d. I wish you to ascertain the price at which the line of stages from Phil^a to Humberstown can be extended to Lancaster, & advise me thereof. It is necessary I should have this information to enable me to decide whether the account prayed for can with propriety be granted.

M.E.

J. R. Hopkins P.M.
Natchitoches M.

21st Aug.

Lethe Ward the late P.M. at Big Lick Va. who was arrested & held in bail in a small sum for robbing the mail & stealing letters & the money there enclosed & who fled from his bail, is stated to be in or near your place, now or lately carrying on a correspondence with his family & friends in Va. through you, & it is reported, has frequently addressed letters under cover to R. Stevens P.M. at New London Va. The depredation on the route leading by Big Lick, has been extensive, & I believe justly attributed to this man. I must request you will

use all means in your power to trace, & have him arrested & secured. The necessary affidavit to procure the warrant for his arrest, you can of course make with great safety.

M.E.

I expect there will be found in his possession a key for the great mail lock. If Ward should be arrested, take him before one of the Judges of the U. S. in your State, who will order him to be sent to Virginia for trial.

J. Law P.M.
Hartford Ct.

22^d Aug. 1827

Your letter of the 14th has been rec^d. The time fixed for the arrival of the New York mail at New Haven, is 1 A.M. departing from New York at 10^o A.M. gives 12^o hours for the trip. Mr. Babcock takes it up immediately on the route to Boston.

M.E.

J. T. Griffith P.M.
Witchey M.

22^d Aug.

It is represented to this Dept^t that you forwarded from your office to Little Rock Ark. letter packets, as if to a distributing office, containing letters for every part of that Army. This course causing delay in many instances, & operating injuriously to those to whom letters are addressed, & giving trouble where no commensurate advantage is derived from their distribution: it is requested that this practice may be discontinued.

M.E.

J. P. Erwin P.M.
Nashville T.

22^d Aug.

It is represented to this Dept^t that you continue to forward from your office to that of Little Rock Ark. letter packets, as if to a distributing office (same as above)

M.E.

Walter Wheatly
Charlottesville Va.

22^d Aug.

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst. The charge made by the P.M. for the pamphlet called the "Christian Baptist" is correct, but the cover is not chargeable with extra postage.

M.E.

Post Office Dept.
21st Aug. 1827.

St Oury, P.M.
Abingdon Va

With views to the more safe transmission of the mail I request you will, when oportune, have letter bags prepared & marked on one side Knoxville, & on the other side Abingdon, & place therein all the letter mails for that place, including those which are despatched from that place by cross routes, & those for the offices between Knoxville & Sparta, the latter to be forwarded by the small mail bag which is to be provided for the way offices. And also put up in a bag of like description, the mails for Sparta & its connecting cross mails, & also provide one of the same description for each McMinnville, Nashville & Huntsville.

When coming Eastward from those places, then the bag may be turned & the address Abingdon &c. will be outside.

At present many mistakes are made at Sparta & McMinnville where the large mail is now opened, a circumstance that greatly exposes the mail to deprivations. To lessen the risk, it is designed to discontinue the custom of opening the mail for the only purpose of distributing packets, at those places, for Huntsville & Nashville. You now put up in a large mail bag for Huntsville all that comes to you from the East for that place, & all points from thence to New Orleans. You also put up in a large mail bag the letter mails &c. from y^e place & all coming from the East, destined for Nashville & the cross & other mails which lead from it - under large locks. And in a third portmanteau you place all the mails for the offices & Country between y^e place & McMinnville, under the small lock. That for Huntsville you fully assort for & is not opened at Sparta or McMinnville. The same arrangement you can make for Nashville & that bag shall not be opened between y^e & its destination.

This arrangement may give you some trouble at first, but if you appropriate boxes distinctly marked to contain each parcel to be placed in each bag or bags, the labour will be inconsiderable. Save much delay on the road, & materially lessen the danger of frequently overhauling the whole mail at the small offices. To enable you to execute this plan you will have to provide the necessary linen bags have them printed or labelled to avoid error, & you will of

course require their prompt return with the return mails, from the same points to which you send them; & to enable you to act correctly in this business, you will address letters to each of the P.M.'s to whom you send bags, as above, to wit. Knoxville, Sparta, McMinnville, Huntsville & Nashville, not only to return them with their proper contents, but to inform you of all offices or routes connected with their respective offices.

In the third mail bag above alluded to, under the small lock will be placed the bags for Knoxville, Sparta & McMinnville, & if at any time there should be no small way leather bag for the intermediate offices, a linen way bag may be placed in this portmanteau, so labelled, viz. "Way Abingdon to Knoxville" "Way Knoxville to McMinnville", which alone the way P. Masters would be taught to examine, leaving the other three untouched.

This plan, I presume, will, as is greatly desired, keep the letters & newspapers from being mixed up with each other.

I design to write to the several P.M.'s desiring their active cooperation with you, in carrying this plan into effect with the least delay. - The numerous deprivations committed on this great Western mail route, & the many losses sustained, requires that the most guarded provisions should be made for its safety, & the future preserving of the reputation of the Dept. to effect which, it becomes all concerned, without regard to inconvenience or labor, to contribute their utmost efforts.

P.S. I have concluded to suspend carrying the within order into effect until you advise me whether you can conveniently execute it.

It may take more time for the distribution, but there will be a saving of time at McMinnville & Sparta, which will more than compensate for the delay at y^e O. My fear is, that the plan being a little complicated, might lead, at first, to mistakes, which w^d be complained of; but, a perfect knowledge of the location of the offices on the different routes embraced by the arrangement w^d enable you to correct all errors. Please to advise me on the subject, & state any objections that may occur to you against the plan. It is strongly recommended by the Agent of the Dept. who has recently travelled on the routes named, & paid special attention to the offices on them.

J. M. Lear

J. Crozier P.M.
Knoxville T.

Post Office Dept.
22^d Aug. 1827.

Renewed efforts, by all the Agents of the Dept. seem necessary to guard the mail from depredations, & to prevent letters packets taking a wrong direction - to effect this desirable object, Mr. Oury, the distributing P.M. at Abingdon, is instructed to report for y^r. C. & the officers on all the mail routes leading from y^r. place, as far as Dawson's, High Plains, & to place the same in a strong linen bag, marked on the outside "Knoxville & on the inside Abingdon", which when you are about to return, by turning the inside out, will show its proper direction. You are requested with the least delay, to furnish Mr. Oury with a list of the officers on the routes leading from y^r. O; and also to give him all the aid in y^r. power to render this plan safe & efficient. The mail bag which carries y^r. Linen bag will be under the small key as usual, & contain the bags for Sparta & Mt. Minnville - a small way bag for the intermediate officers will ply each way, as is now the case in some instances. No P.M. on the way will have occasion to open the linen bags marked as above.

M.L.

D. P. Ballard P.M.
Troy Pa.

22^d Aug.

In reply to y^r. letter of the 14th inst. Niles Register & other papers which publish current political events, & contains advertisements &c. &c. tho' not fold'd in pamphlet form, are chargeable as pamphlets.

M.L.

W. Bacot P.M.
Charleston S.C.

23^d Aug.

y^r. of the 15th inst. is at hand, & I cannot find language sufficiently strong to express my astonishment that you should hesitate one moment, in arresting Hall, with or without process. In such cases the forms of law are not to be attended to as the rules of etiquette in a polished assembly. The proof against him is conclusive. The dis. Atty. can know but little of his duty, if the facts are all stated to him, & he should hesitate in directing his arrest. There is no other

City in the Union where, on such evidence, so flagrant an offender w^d. not have been arrested as once, his trunk, &c. & the proof against him fully ascertained. I shall expect to hear of y^r. arresting him, if he be permitted to escape under the circumstances, I can say to you plainly, & in friendship too, that I shall never rely on the cooperation of y^r. O. in the detection of offenders. I am advised you should advise me, that there is not a moment to be lost - the man in y^r. view, & the strong circumstantial proof at hand - arrest him at once, with or without affidavit - have him searched. The character of the Dept. is deeply involved in this transaction. Much, very much, depends on the energy which may be displayed. How can the public confidence be given to it - How little will the Dept. deserve it if the most flagrant depredation upon the mail, for years past, be permitted to escape. I am all anxiety on the subject. Nothing can compensate for the escape of Hall, if he be permitted to escape.

W. L.

F. Bailey P.M.
N York City

22^d Aug. 1827.

Mr. Bacon, the P.M. at Charleston S.C. writes, under date of the 15th. that a person answering tolerably well to the description of Hall, whomade his appearance in Montreal about the last of June & who is presumed to have rob^d. the mail during the winter, was then in Charleston & talked of taking a passage to England & was recommended to go by way of N. York, in the fine ship Brandt, which was expected to sail in a few days for that place. Will you have the goodness to hold an officer in readiness to examine the Brandt, the moment of her arrival.

M.L.

Post Office Dept.
23^d Aug. 1827

✓ Dez. Sanford
Washington M^c

The P.M. at Harrodsburg reports a failure of y^r mail
due on the 16th. - the only excuse made by the carrier was the often
reiterated one "the want of an officious horse" I have directed
to be fined for the negligence.

M^c

✓ Mr. Jeanes at
Geo Town M^c

23^d Aug.

I have to remark that the course pursued by you
under the circumstances reported, is certainly censurable - you
should not have departed without the mail. If you are necessarily
detained you will, if you cannot thereby make good y^r delivery
at the proper time have credit for the detention. It is highly expedient
that Agents of this Dept. should not disregard its credit or the public
interest. & it is hoped that y^r discretion will in future sustain
them. I have addressed Mr. Dozier & y^r self on the 21st. & did
hope this w^o had arrived in time, to have prevented further
cause of dissatisfaction or delay.

M^c

✓ W. Wood P.M.
Huntsville A.

23^d Aug.

Y^r letter of the 3rd has been rec^d. I observe in regard
to Mr. Walker's schedule & the proposed change so as to arrive at
y^r O. on Wednesday instead of Tues^{dy}. - that the plan laid down
for his regulation was fixed, so as to suit the convenience of the
respective places on his route. & as he has now 3 days to return
from Shelbyville to y^r O., further time cannot with propriety
be granted.

M^c

✓ Peter Cooley
Abingdon Va

23^d Aug.

Y^r of the 12th has been rec^d. The^d on the 17th addressed
Mr. Dury (P.M.) on the subject & refer you to him. You shall
certainly have justice done, for faithful service rendered the
Dept.

M^c

Post Office Dept.
23^d Aug. 1827

✓ Rufus F. Hard
Charleston M^c

Information is rec^d at this Dept. that a person
answering the description of J. Hall, who committed the depredation
on the mail from Charleston, last winter & who had bills in his
possession at Montreal, which were identified as having
been taken from the mail, is now to be found at the Carolina
Coffee House in y^r City. If an acct^g of the J. Hall now there,
& you find him to answer the description given in the
encl^{ed} advertisement you can with great propriety make
affidavit that you have reason to believe him to be the same
who is supposed to have committed the depredations on the
M. S. mail in Feb^{ry} & March last, on which - warrant may
be grounded for his arrest, & examination.

M^c

✓ W. B. P.M.
Charleston M^c

23^d Aug.

(Y^r letter of the 16th inst. is rec^d. Herewith you
will receive an advertisement & description of Hall, if you
shall find him to answer the description you can with
great propriety &c. (same as above).

M^c

✓ A. D. Murphy P.M.
New River M^c

23^d Aug.

I have rec^d y^r letter of the 14th. The explanation in
behalf of Mr. Mornings carrier is satisfactory - the order for
his dismissal is accordingly rescinded, of which you will
please advise him.

M^c

✓ Sands Banton & others
Ellicottville M^c

23^d Aug.

(Y^r petition & rec^ons, respecting the
consequence of the mail on the route from the Town of Little Valley
to James Town, has been rec^d. & shall be duly considered, in
making a contract for the route.

M^c