

James Stevens Esq  
✓ Mr. Stamford Cr

Post Office Dept.  
Off. of all C. 28 May 1827

Sir

I have rec'd your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst, and shall be glad to learn, if you have ascertained the facts, in what manner, and at what place, the act of negligence you have reported originated. Any information in your possession, or such as you may be able to obtain, if communicated, will enable me to adopt measures of correction.

P. Bradley

31 May 1827

Charles Blish Esq  
Mr. Hampton Po

Sir

I have received your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. and wish you to inform me, how much the travel will be increased on the part of the carrier, in visiting your office. Your early attention is requested.

P. Bradley

31 May 1827.

J. Hale Esq  
✓ P. M. Jordans N.Y.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst and observe, in regard to your enquiries, and remarks respecting the new routes, that they must, in accordance with the rules of the department be published, and assigned to the lowest bid.

P. Bradley

31 May 1827

W. Gordon Lafland  
✓ Cambridge Ohio

Sir

I have to advise you, that your contract will cease on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June next, for Post Route 205. The mail will after that period, be conveyed in stages.

P. Bradley

✓ W. Grace Satterlee  
Patterson Va

Sir

I have rec'd your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> Inst. You are in error, in regard to your remarks. No advances have been made to any person whatever, in some instances, after satisfactory bonds had been executed; advances have been given, payable on quarter day, on condition of a faithful execution of the contract. These have been negotiated at Bank, or otherwise according to the credit of the holders. And, you will recollect, that you have already given draft on the Dept. for a years pay, altho' you have not, as yet, executed a contract. How could you, under such circumstances, expect to draw money from the department, or, with what propriety can you advance the charge of partiality to others, and injustice to yourself?

P. Bradley

31 May 1827.

Wm. Hampton Esq  
✓ P.M. Utica N.Y.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> Inst. You will please to inform me, by whom Mr. Freedenburg was employed, by what authority and the precise time he carried the mail, and also the distance he travelled.

P. Bradley

31 May 1827.

✓ Messrs. Stockton & Stokes  
Baltimore Md.

Sir

I have to observe, in regard to your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup>, as well, in relation to that of Mr. Houston enclosed, that the change proposed on Satterlee's route, will be pleasing to the department, if carried into effect; the arrangement, however must be made voluntarily by Satterlee, as he has made no failure, that would justify a forfeiture of his contract. — I have written him a letter that will no doubt facilitate the arrangement.

P. Bradley

Mr Isaac Jenkins  
Steubenville Ohio

Post Office Dept  
O. of M. C. 31 May 1827

for

I have rec'd your letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> ult.  
I accede to your proposition, for the Steubenville, and Cambridge route,  
and you can commence on the first of July. — I shall send a  
contract for execution in a few days.

P Bradley

Mr Benjamin Patton

Lewistown Pa

for

31 May 1827

I have received your letter of the 21<sup>d</sup> ult.  
All new routes must be published, and awarded to the lowest  
good bid. — The new route, as well as all those of Pennsylvania  
will be published in the course of the summer, to which I invite  
your attention —

P Bradley

Mr John M Sherwood

Auburn N.Y.

for

31 May 1827

It is important that the mail be sent as  
often as the stages pass, between Ithica & Auburn. I propose that you receive  
900 dollars a year for conveying the mail twice a week instead of the  
present compensation and carrying the mail as stipulated by Mr. Phelps.—  
You will say at once whether you accept the offer and if so you may  
begin at once. The day to begin with the extra duty. Your reply is expected

P Bradley

Thos J Adams Esq

Mr. Barboursville W. Va

for

31 May 1827

It is represented that some of the Post routes  
connected with your office are irregularly carried. The Post Master General  
expects a prompt notice of every failure either in whole or in part on its  
occurrence, and I wish you to state or report such irregularities as have  
come under your notice within 90 days without delay.

P Bradley

Aaron Hill Esq

1 PM Boston Mass

for

Post Office Dept  
O. of M. C. May 31. 1827

I wish you to inform the successor of Mr. Boyden, on  
the Boston, and of the New Bedford route, that none expedition on his part  
must be used or another carrier will be employed, on that part of the road.

P Bradley

Mr Charles Williams

Ottoconon Ohio

for

31 May 1827

Your explanation in regard to supplying the  
Office at Fredericksburg is satisfactory. — If your expenses are augmented  
by the direction of the Department (over and above the contemplated expense)  
in any change of route, or extension of it, the extra expenses will be reimbursed,  
when they are clearly shown. — The spare time of so important a route as  
the one from Zanesville to Dayton must be at the ends of the route, and  
not at the intermediate part. —

P Bradley

Major J. P. Mallett

Fayetteville N.C.

for

31 May 1827

Your letter of May 24<sup>d</sup> is before me, and am  
glad to find you are conveying the mail in four horse stages, between Fayette  
and Godpeys Ferry. Your pay will be augmented as agreed on. —

P Bradley

Mr. B. C. Moore

Barboursville W. Va

for

31 May 1827

Your favour of May 16<sup>d</sup> is before me, the mail  
is, or soon will be conveyed in stages on as part of the road: your letter  
refers to, when the fact is fully ascertained, your proposal will receive further  
consideration. Your letter gave the first intimation we have rec'd of the mails  
irregularity to Somerset, if a change takes place, you may probably succeed.  
The high character given you, by the Hon. W. Letcher, places you on a prominent  
footing and we hope to avail ourselves of your services in the Mails transportation, on  
one some of the Mail Routes.

P Bradley

O. H. W. Stall Esq.  
✓ Mr. Hagerstown Md.

Post Office Dept  
O. f M. C. 31. May 1827.

Sir Your letter of May 26<sup>th</sup> is before me. It will essentially contribute to the comfort of travellers p. stage to leave your office at 4 P.M. both on Sundays & Monday, and expedite the mail also. I wish you to grant the accommodation, and to apprise your citizens of the measure, provided the contractors desire the change. —

P. V. Bradley

31. May 1827

A Dupuy Esq.  
✓ P. M. New Orleans City

Sir

Your favour of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst via Mobile reached this city in 20 days less, whenever your merchants generally indicate their wish to send their communications in that way you will accommodate them, and when they express a wish to have their mails from the eastward through that channel, the necessary directions will be given. —

P. V. Bradley

31. May 1827

✓ Mr George Bell

Nashville Tenn.

The explanation given in your letter of May 23<sup>rd</sup> is so full and satisfactory that it is decided the fine shall be remitted. —

P. V. Bradley

1<sup>st</sup> June 1827

✓ Hon<sup>d</sup> Dudley Marion

Carandaigua N.Y. Sir

To that part of your letter of 20 May which has reference to the mail transportation in stages between Carandaigua and Bath I remark that we have no communication on the subject since the one you presented. If the stage concern will submit a proposition it will receive immediate attention.

P. V. Bradley

✓ Frederick Peck Esq.  
Mr Greensboro, al

Sir

Post office Dept.  
O. f M. C. June 1. 1827

The mail from Selma is to be delivered at your office on Fridays by noon, and convey the same to Tuscaloosa, by the J. Stephens mail carrier on Saturday, the mail will return in time to proceed immediately to Selma & go with the Riches mail. The change when effected will give a direct correspondence, between Montgomery, Selma, Greensboro Tuscaloosa Huntsville &c &c without interruption, and will prove useful to your section of country. —

Respectfully te  
P. V. Bradley

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1827

✓ Wm R. Porter Esq.  
Mr. Liberty Va

Sir

I have rec'd your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst and observe in regard to the information you detail that the post master at Henry C.H. acted wrong in detaining the mail, and so he has been informed. —

P. V. Bradley

June 1. 1827

✓ Mr Edu<sup>r</sup> Johnson  
Great Cokings Toy

Sir

I have rec'd your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. It is desirable that your brother should get relieved as much as possible, from his engagements and lessen his expenses, — The P. M. G. does not require a sacrifice at thy hands. —

P. V. Bradley

June 1. 1827

✓ J. T. Griffith Esq.  
Mr. Natchez Miss

Sir

I have rec'd your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. The carriers must not depart on Mondays, until the arrival of the Eastern Mail. Should the contractors expenses be increased by the necessary delay, please to let me know how much —

P. V. Bradley

1145  
Rufus Bourne Esq.  
Mr. Provincetown M<sup>t</sup>.

Post Office Dept.  
O of M. C June 1 1827

for  
I have rec'd your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst and have written to Winthrop on the subject of your communication. It is requisite in Post Masters to keep a strict observance on the conduct of Carriers, and to report all discrepancies, their reports are confidential

P.B.

Geo Howard Esq<sup>r</sup>

Mr. Sterling Ry

for

June 1 1827

I have rec'd your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst, advising of a failure in the East Mail. — and have fixed the contractor for his negligence

P.B.

W W. Jeanneret  
Charleston M<sup>c</sup>

June 1 1827

for

I have rec'd your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst, and have sent on your contract. The time fixed for your departure from Georgetown is 5 AM. I cannot set it at an earlier hour.

P.B.

Peter Grinnell Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Mr. Monticello Ga

for

June 1 1827

I have rec'd a letter from Dr. Price, on the subject of his Contract, which is dated, to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July. he alledges, that under his view of the engagement he made with you, the services that he had performed, and the expense he has incurred, he considers himself entitled to pay from the 1<sup>st</sup> July. I will thank you to furnish me with all the facts, with your views on the subject, so that I may decide with justice on his claim. —

P.B.

Mr. J. S. Haskell  
Middleborough M<sup>c</sup>

for

Post Office Dept.  
O of M. C June 1 1827

I have rec'd your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult<sup>r</sup>, and have as you desired, directed the carrier from Boston, to leave that place at an earlier hour, so as to give you more time in the execution of your part of the contract. —

P.B.

Mr. Benjamin Chee  
Lawrenceville Ga

for

June 1 1827

I have rec'd your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst and have written to the Post Master ~~but~~ at Monticello, for information, in regard to your representations, so, that I may be the better able to decide with justice between you & the Dept.

P.B.  
June 1 1827

Jam. Friesche Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Mr. Washington Ott al

for

I have rec'd your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>r</sup>. — Your proposition, as well as that of Mr. Mull, shall receive due consideration. The safety of a change is beyond, during the summer season, as the old route will be but little obstructed by the waters during that period. —

P.B.

Mr. Burrel Blackman  
Decatur Ga

for

June 1 1827

I have rec'd your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. It will be necessary to establish your claim by the certificate of the Post Master, showing the amount to be paid, and the time you were engaged in the service, before any sum can be decided on for remittance. So soon as this is received your pay will be transmitted to you. —

P.B.

Wm. Tannaham Esq.  
P.M. Pleasant Ridge Alab.

Post Office Dept  
O. of M.C. June 1, 1827

*for*  
I have rec'd your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> ulto, and  
have to observe, that Post Masters should report every failure, or  
negligence in the delivery of the Mail, at the time it happens, so that  
fines may be inflicted, and the contractor admonished; if you have  
noted the days, and circumstances attending the irregularities you have  
experienced, transmit a statement thereof to me so that I may fine, or discharge  
as circumstances may require. It is necessary that the mail should  
be protected by a Bear Skin, or oil cloth - You will please to see  
that this is observed - and when a mail may be injured by getting wet  
dry and put on new covers, and then give them their direction. -  
P.B.

John Stringfellow P.M.  
Marion Alabama

June 1, 1827

*for*  
The Cahaba mail is to arrive at your office  
at 7 am, and the Pickens C.H. mail is to depart at 8 AM on Tuesday  
The mail from Pickens C.H. to arrive at your office on Tuesdays by 9 AM  
and then meet the Huntsville mail on its way to Selma which must come  
in at the same time

P.B.

June 1, 1827

J. H. H. Smith  
P.M. Smith's Bridge Shelbyville Alab

Wilcox Co. Ala

*for*  
The Selma mail & the Huntsville mails are  
to arrive at your office on Saturdays by 8 PM and depart the next morning  
by 4 AM.

P.B.

Wm. Atwood Esq.  
P.M. Huntsville Al

Post Office Dept. O. of M.C. 117  
June 1, 1827

*for*

The daily mail is to arrive at your office on the  
Evening of Tuesday & depart on Thursday as soon as the eastern mail arrives  
The contractor is specially instructed on the subject

P.B.

Mr. John Cummings Jr.

P. Stephens Al

*for*

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1827

I wish you from the reception of this letter to convey  
the mail on Post route 62 as follows leave P. Stephens every wednesday at 10 AM  
arrive at Greensboro the next Friday by noon, leave there as soon as the Marion  
mail arrives, and arrive at Tuscaloosa the next Saturday by 7 PM. leave there  
every Sunday at 6 AM. arrive at Greensboro the next morning by 7 AM and return  
to P. Stephens on Wednesday by 11 AM, under the advice & direction of your Postmaster  
you may make a change in the Mobile route, to correspond with this plan,  
this letter will authorize the Post Master to adopt the changes at once -

P.B.

Mr. Joseph Walker  
Cahaba Al.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1827

*for*

From the reception of this letter you will convey  
your mails on Post route 67, 68 & 69 as follows. Leave Huntsville every Thursday at 2  
P.M. as soon as the eastern mail arrives, and arrive at Shelbyville the next  
Saturday by 8 PM, leave there next morning at 5 AM, and arrive at Huntsville  
on the next Tuesday by 8 PM. Leave Shelbyville every Sunday at 5 AM, arrive  
at Marion on Tuesday by 9 AM. Arrive at Selma same day by 7 PM, leave  
Selma every Thursday at 2 PM, arrive at Marion the next morning by 7 AM & return  
to Shelbyville on Saturday by 8 AM. (Leave Marion every Friday at 8 AM  
arrive at Greensboro by noon, and at Pickensville or Pickens C.H. on Sunday by 10 AM  
leave there at noon & return to Marion, on Tuesday by 8 1/2 AM. The object of  
these changes is to effect a better connection than now exists, between Montgomery  
via Selma & Tuscaloosa. The arrangement must be promptly made, and if in  
fact it enhances your expenses, the extra expence will be reimbursed. This  
letter will be my paper, to show the P.M. of the changes required of you.

P.B.

118. Thos L Wilson Esq  
McCahaba al

Post Office Dept  
Office of M.C June 1 1827

Sir

I wish the mail between your office and Montgomery carried as follows, & the contractor must adopt the plan at once, if his expenses be in fact augmented by the change, and he shows in what respect, he will be repaid - Leave Cahaba every Monday & Wednesday at 8 AM, arrive at Montgomery on Tuesday & Thursday by 6 PM. Leave Montgomery every Wednesday & Friday, at 4 PM, arrive at Selma on Thursdays & Saturdays by 1 PM, and at Cahaba same day by 3 PM. I wish you to inform me, who is in fact the carrier of this mail. His contract has not been received, nor pay has been called for. The route was assigned to James Reynolds - Wish you to state the days & hours that the different mails arrive at Lopat from your office.

P.B.

2<sup>o</sup> June 1827

R B Hicks Esq  
near Laurenceburgh Va

Sir

I have rec'd your communications dated May 27<sup>th</sup>, on the subject of sending the Main Mail via Diamond Grove &c - The Post Master Genl will in a short time collect all the papers, which have been transmitted to the Deptt, in reference to the matter and will then conclusively settle the question, in the meantime the Office at Diamond Grove will receive a mail from the Northward as often as the Office at Laurenceville does.

P.B.

2<sup>o</sup> June 1827

Wm Gholson Esq  
Gholsonville Va

Sir

I have received yours of May 27<sup>th</sup> the Postmaster General, will in a few weeks further investigate the subject in regard to sending the Main Mail regularly & permanently via Gholsonville, or Diamond Grove; he will first collect all the papers which have been transmitted to the Department that bear upon the subject and give them a fair and full consideration. I hope the decision may prove satisfactory to the concerned. —

P.B.

James J Harrison Esq  
Diamond Grove Va

Sir

Your letter of May 27<sup>th</sup> is rec'd. I have provisionally directed the mails to be sent to the Post office, at Diamond Grove, immediately after the Petersburg mails arrive at Laurenceville. This plan will be continued, until the Post Master General shall further investigate the subject, and decide whether the main mail shall pass by Diamond Grove or by Gholsonville. The decision will be made in a few weeks.

P.B.

2 June 1827

Robt Kirkland Esq  
P.M. Laurenceville Brunswick Co. Va

Sir

I wish you on the reception of this letter, to dispatch a mail to the P.O. at Diamond Grove immediately after the mails from Petersburg reach your office at a reasonable price and to inform me the sum you have to give. The service will be temporary, as the Post Master General, has not conclusively settled the question whether the main mail shall go by Diamond Grove or Gholsonville.

P.B.

Mr Wm Thompson  
Charlotte NC

Sir

2<sup>o</sup> June 1827

I have rec'd your letter on the subject of the new route connected with that carried by you. These new routes will according to the rules of the department be published and contracts made in the same manner as for others. Proposals will soon be issued, to which, I invite your attention. —

P.B.

J T Griffith Esq  
P.M. Natchez Miss

Sir

June 2<sup>o</sup> 1827.

Advice has been rec'd at this Department, that the mails of the 25. 26. & 31<sup>st</sup> of March, from Washington were received at New Orleans, by the Steam Boat Crusader, and that the Post Master, paid £3. will you be so good as to advise me, why these mails were so sent, the cause of their accumulation, and delay, together with any other information on the subject, that may have come to your knowledge. —

P.B.

James Somerville Esq  
P.M. Warrington N.C.

Post Office Dept.  
Office of Mail Contracts June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827

for

I have rec'd your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ult: You can instruct the carrier to arrive at your office with the Turbo mail at or before 11 A.M so as to be in time for the Northern mail -

P.K.B.

J.S. McCain Esq  
P.M. McCains Store  
Pendleton, S.C.

for

I have rec'd your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ult: Instructions have been given for the suspension of the extra mail you have noticed as usual on your route. The post master at Pendleton had been directed to stop it at his office

P.K.B.

June 2<sup>c</sup> 1827

Wm Jefft Esq

P.M. Parkersburg Va

for

Your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ult: has been received, and agreeably to your representations, have decided to allow the contractor £20. a year, for an additional mail between Marietta, and Parkersburgh - let me know when he commences the service, so that I may note the allowance on his contract.

P.K.B.

June 2<sup>c</sup> 1827

N.H. Claiborne Esq

Claybrook Rockymount Va

for

Your letter in exculpation of Mr. Bellman has been received - we had been advised of the circumstances referred to, but no fine has been levied, and it is agreeable, to find, that the matter, is viewed by you, in the same light, it has been by this Department. —

P.K.B.

Your letter in exculpation of Mr. Bellman has been received - we had been advised of the circumstances referred to, but no fine has been levied, and it is agreeable, to find, that the matter, is viewed by you, in the same light, it has been by this Department. —

✓ Mr. B. Dunham  
Greenville S.C.

for

I have yourself May 21<sup>st</sup> as agent of Mr. Brown it is your indisputable duty to supply by his orders the Post Office at Mt. Vernon with the mail. For such extension of travel as is caused by visiting said office Mr. Brown will be paid pro rata, when that fact is proved by a Post Masters certificate. — Mr. Brown incurs a weekly penalty of £10. for omitting to call at Mount Vernon.

P.K.B.

George Washington Esq P.M.  
Savannah Alabama

for

2<sup>c</sup> June 1827

Your letter and the memorial therein enclosed is rec'd and after a full consideration it has been decided to make such changes in the transportation of the mail as will enable your citizens to correspond direct with Georgia etc. via Greensboro, Selma, etc. with Columbus and the country northward thereof with D'Stephens, etc. Pickens C.H. The orders are given to effect these changes and I trust they will be in successful operation before this month closes. — Had the Post Master of Greensboro indicated that a want of mail connection existed at his office a correction would have been promptly made. If further errors are discovered please to inform me with respect. The changes made, are not made in conformity with the plan suggested by sundry of your citizens, that plan could not be carried into operation without producing delays on other routes, and which would retard the mail. I hope and trust your citizens will be satisfied with the plan as soon as it is in full operation. —

P.K.B.

S. Stoddard Esq  
P.M. Elizabethtown N.J.

for

June 2<sup>c</sup> 1827

Will thank you for the information at what time the mail departs from your office, for Philadelphia, and New York via the swiftsure line, respectively, your early attention is requested

P.K.B.

122 W. J. Gillenwater Esq.  
✓ PM Prestonville Inspectr

Post Office Dept  
Office of M. C. June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827

Have rec'd your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> ult. You can direct the carrier to call at your office, with his mail, at one o'clock P.M., at which time divine service will have been concluded. —

P.B.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827.

I D Martin Esq.

✓ PM Wilmington Ky

fwd

Have rec'd a letter from Mr. Fletcher, on the subject of the carriers irregular conduct. He represents that the Mail is not provided with a cover, that frequent failures have occurred, and that he observes in no respect, the conditions of his contract. It is the duty of the Post Masters to superintend the conduct of carriers, and report immediately, all failures and irregularities, so that they may be corrected, and fines levied. If you have noted the failures that have occurred, report them, and admonish the carrier, to perform his duty, or, that he will be fined in every instance of neglect, if not dismissed. An early reply is requested —

P.B.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827

John B. Crofts Esq.  
Jackson Tenn.

fwd

As soon as you establish the fact that your expenses were augmented by your carriers detour at Memphis by orders of this department, you will be paid. The P.M. certificate will be necessary to support your claim, the riders services will be allowed you if the order occasioned a days delay out of your service.

P.B.

Mrs Ross & Delance  
Esq's NY

Gentlemen

Will you be so good as to inform me whether you consider the movements arising from the distribution of newspapers & pamphlets as a perquisite, or having been considered as a part of your contract? if so, please to state the condition of this arrangement, in regard to the privilege — an early reply is requested, as the matter has caused complaint.

P.B.

✓ Wm Jones Esq.

Towleville Lexington Co. N.Y.

fwd

Post Office Dept.

Office of M. C. June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827.

Your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> ult. enclosing the names of the citizens, in your vicinity, has been rec'd; and I regret that the P.M. Govt. does not possess the power to establish post roads, which might enable him to carry into effect, the arrangements solicited, as it appears to be adapted to beneficial purposes. If your representative should deem the measure advisable, there is no doubt but it may be carried into effect next session of Congress. —

P.B.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827.

P.G. Gray Esq.

PM Woodbury N.J.

Sir

Have rec'd your letter of the 29 ult. and observe for the information of those interested, that the new routes are under arrangement and will soon be published, together, with those of the middle district, to which you can direct their attention.

P.B.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827

George Graham Esq.

Govt. Genl Land Office.

A note addressed to the Post Master Govt. from the Genl Land Office, "under date of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. without signature, requesting an official signature statement, of the distances from Indianapolis to Madison Indiana, and to Cincinnati," has been rec'd and, I communicate to you, the information required.

Distance from Indianapolis to Madison, Ind. 98 Miles  
" " " Cincinnati, Ohio 115

P.B.

Hon. John Blair

Jonesboro Tenn

fwd

June 4. 1827.

Your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> ult. has been rec'd. As Mr. Davis lives so remote from the route embracing the forest road, and has already given cause of great dissatisfaction to the public, which has been productive of vexation to the Department, it is desirable to have the duty transferred to better hands, until he shall have commenced the service, in the most satisfactory manner. — Mr. Hopper has been highly recommended.

P.B.

124 Mr John Morley  
now at Washington City

Post Office Dept.  
Office of Mail Contracts 4 June 1827

Your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst is now before me, in which you agree to acquiesce in the views of the Post Master General, as regard discontinuing your stages line between Greensboro & Lexington, and placing that line of stages between, or the road between Salem & Lexington, so as to convey the mail on the former route. I wish you to effect this change by the first day of next month, and you can provisionally supply the office at Jamestown with a cross mail on horseback, but the service must be performed ~~on the Raleigh road,~~ averaging after stages twice (not once a week), as regards your demand for extra allowance on the Raleigh road, in consequence of the change, it will be a subject for consideration by the Post Master General.

P.B.

✓ Mr Thomas J. Noland  
Middleborough Va

for

Your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult has been recd. If you furnish the satisfactory testimonials you propose, from the respective Post Masters on your route, in regard to the fitness of the boy you have engaged in the service of the Rail, he may be continued.

P.B.

✓ Mr Thomas F. Christian  
Salem N.C.

for

Your letter of May 25<sup>th</sup> is received. Mr Morley is now here, and he has decided to go through Salem on his way to and from Salisbury. We cannot therefore avail ourselves of your services on the route indicated in your letter.

P.B.

✓ Mr Thomas Evans  
Marion C.H. N.C.

for

Your letter has been rec'd. The sum you demand for a mail from Society Hill to Laurel Hill, is considered too great, for the service to be performed. Should you entertain more reasonable views, you can make them known.

P.B.

✓ McClellan Leonard  
Tarboro N.C.

Sir

Your proposal to transport the mail between Raleigh & Tarboro in stages, is received. It is understood the mail contractors, on the present line from Halifax to Louisburg, will soon vary their line, so as to pass, through Nashville, to Raleigh, and they will probably establish a satisfactory stage connection between Tarboro & Nashville; your proposal will therefore not be finally decided on, before their determination shall be more fully known. A stage communication between Raleigh & Norfolk is appreciated, and will I am confident be carried into effect in a few weeks.

✓ Mr David Hyde  
Lancaster C.t

Sir

P.B.  
June 4. 1827.

Advice has been received at this Department of the improper course you have taken, in regard to the dismissal of your drunken carrier; it is highly reprehensible, and if you persist in the employment of the same person, in the conveyance of the mail, your contract will be suspended.

No person who has been dismissed for intemperance, or other improper conduct, can be again employed in the service, without the sanction of the Post Master General.

P.B.

✓ James W. Hall Esq.  
P.M. West Point S.Y.

Sir  
June 4. 1827

I have rec'd your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Ult. - Mr Collins has been informed that his pay will be reduced in proportion to the change made. Should he prefer riding 30 or 40 miles for his own gratification, it is well, but he will not receive any pay for the service.

✓ Mr Darwin Johnson  
Lexington N.Y.

Sir

P.B.  
June 4. 1827

Your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ult has been received, and I have to observe, that your mail should terminate at Glasgow, and not at Pewits Knob. The P.M. & will do you justice in regard to the abridgement of your route.

P.B.

126. J H Blackwell Esq.  
P.M. Flemington N.J.

Post Office Department  
Office of Mail Contracts June 4 1827

Sir  
Advice has been received at this Dept<sup>t</sup>  
that the arrangements of the mail contractor prove disagreeable to you;  
he has been written to on the subject, and he has advised of having  
resumed the former practice of visiting your office at the usual  
period. —

P.B.  
June 4. 1827

Henry Bull Esq.  
Newport R.R.

Sir

Your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> Ult: has been rec'd. —  
A new appointment has been made for the Post Office, and it  
is hoped the duties will be conducted to the satisfaction, and in a  
manner conducive to the commercial interests of your City. —  
The post office should be opened as soon after the arrival of the Steam  
Boat as practicable, and remain so for one hour at least, for the delivery  
of letters on Sundays. — The Mail for Boston, should not be finally closed till  
9 P.M. Letters deposited after the usual hour, and within the time here  
specified, must be transmitted by that conveyance. It is presumed, it  
would be well to consult the Post Master for mutual accommodation.

P.B.

June 4. 1827

Mr D W Haley  
Jackson Miss

Sir

Your letter of May 9<sup>th</sup> enclosing for the evidence  
of the fidelity with which your agents fulfill their duties is rec'd; and will  
receive its full consideration. My last letter shows the effects their communication  
has had at the Dept<sup>t</sup>.

P.B.

June 4. 1827

J Crozier Esq.  
Mt Knoxville Tenn

Sir

Your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> Ult: has been rec'd. It is not  
necessary that Mr Smith should execute another contract, for the additional  
mail, as the service, and pay is noted on the original contract. You will  
so advise him.

P.B.

Jedediah Johnson Esq.  
P.W. Canterbury Ct.

Sir

Your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ult: has been received. The  
course you have pursued in relation to the carrier, is approved; it has been  
perfectly correct — and the contractor has acted improperly. — When a carrier  
is dismissed for inattention or other improper conduct, he cannot be again  
employed without the permission of the P.M.G. — The person who gets interested  
ones while in charge of the Mail may do so again, and consequently, should  
not be confided in. — I have written to the contractor respecting his  
improper conduct.

P.B.

Henry Hale Esq.  
P.M. Patterson N.Y.

Sir

June 4. 1827

The memorial signed by yourself, and the citizens  
of your vicinity, has been rec'd; and has red due consideration. — You will  
please to ascertain from the Contractor, what sum he will ask for the  
accommodation desired. — The result, will materially influence a decision  
on the case. —

P.B.

W. D. W. Haley  
Jackson Miss

Sir

June 4. 1827

Your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ult: has been rec'd. We shall  
not consent to a transfer of any part of Donlys Contract, unless assured  
that the agreeement is unquestionably good and efficient. Any information that  
may be rec'd from you, or they, or any other subject (when required), will be held  
confidential. —

P.B.

Mr & Mrs Peck & Willford  
Fredericksburgh Va

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1827

Your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst has been rec'd. Mr Morley  
has by a special order of the P.M.G. been directed to transfer his Stage  
property on the route Granville & Lexington, to that of Salem and  
Lexington, on the old road — to which, he has acceded. It is due to  
Mr Morley, to say, that the change has not been made at his  
request, or suggestion.

P.B.