

Post Off. Dept.

Hon Robt. H. Adams

A of Reps.

5th March 1830-

Yours of the 2nd inst enclosing a Petition from His Excellency the Govt. the St. Govt. & the Members of the Legislature of Mississippi has been rec'd. The P.M. Genl. informg You ~~that~~ with reluctance that that the low state of the fiscal concerns of the Deptt. renders it imprudent to establish at present a line of Post coaches from Doak's Stand to Natchez; he hopes however that some change in the state of the Finances may occur when the proposed arrangement will be adopted.

8 P.M.B
5th

Hon Sam'l. Butman

A of Reps.

The application on behalf of Alfred Marshall, contractor for carrying the mail between Hallowell and Bangor was considered and decided on the day after our last conversation upon the subject. The P.M. Genl. agrees to make him a pro rata allowance for an additional mail so as to carry a mail every day each way between those two points to commence from the 1st. of January of the present Year -

I thought I had communicated the decision to You but find, through the press of business, it was omitted, which You will please excuse. I will thank you to inform Mr. Marshall.

6th 8 P.M.B

Hon. J. M. White

A of Reps.

Your letter enclosing a proposal from Mr. Bell to transport the mail in stages thrice a week from Pensacola (Flor) to Blakely, Alab is rec'd. The P.M. Genl. is reluctantly compelled by the fiscal concerns of the Deptt. to postpone for the present the adoption of the proposed arrangement.

8 P.M.B

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6th March 1830.

Hon Wm. Greigton Jr.

A of Reps.

In reply to the petition submitted by You from sundry citizens of Ross County Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily instead of a tri weekly mail between Bainbridge and Cincinnati, I remark that the P.M. Genl. is reluctantly compelled, from the low state of the funds of the Deptt. and the numerous applications from other sections of the country for similar favours to suspend a decision for the present.

8 P.M.B.

Hon Ch. G. Devitt

6th

A of Reps.

The change suggested by the Post Master at New Party Landing on the route from Kingston to Newburgh via Esopus New Party Landing &c has been ordered - viz The mail to leave Kingston at 4 P.M. on Wednesday in lieu of 6 A.M. on Thursday.

8 P.M.B

Hon Lewis Maxwell

8th

A of Reps.

To obviate the inconvenience complained of by the Post Master at Leedsville the arrangements contained in the subjoined schedule have been adopted, and a copy is sent him

- Leave Moorefield every Wednesday at 5 A.M.
- = Arrive at Winchester every Thursday by 11 A.M.
- Leave Winchester every Friday at 6 A.M.
- = Arrive at Moorefield Saturday at Noon.
- Leave Moorefield every Sunday at 6 A.M.
- = Arrive at German Settlement on Monday at noon.
- Leave German Settlement every Monday at 2 P.M.
- = Arrive at Moorefield on Tuesday by 6 P.M.
- Leave German Settlement every Monday at noon.
- = Arrive at Leedsville next day by noon
- Leave Leedsville every Sunday at 6 A.M.
- = Arrive at German Settlement on Monday at noon.
- Leave Armstrong's every Monday at 6 A.M.
- = Arrive at German Settlement by noon.
- and return the next day by 1 P.M.

R.P.T.

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Hon. James L. Hodges. 9 March 1830.
House of Reps.

I have the honor to enclose a letter to Mr. Chaddock on the subject of the mail transportation between New Bedford, Mass. and New Port R. I. which it is hoped will be satisfactory to that gentleman and to the community interested.

O.B.B.

9th

Hon. Mark Alexander,
H. of Reps.

Mr. Smith is bound by his contract to transport the mail on the route from Christiansville to Greensboro Va. to the 31st. Decr. 1830 inclusive - his stipulated pay is twenty six dollars per annum - The Post master Genl. is expressly prohibited by law from increasing the pay of contractors, unless for additional services performed by the order of the Dept: the prayer of Mr. Smith for increase of compensation can not be entertained. Enclosed is a check payable at Richmond for the amt. due Mr. Smith up to the 1st Augt 1830.

O.B.B.

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Hon. P. Lea

H. of Reps.

The Department requests Your opinion relative to the propriety of making the alteration (in the following schedule) recommended by the contractor Mr. Hill:

Leave Knoxville every Thursday at 6 A.M.

Arrive at Clinton same day by meridian,

and arrive at Cumberland Gap on Friday by 6 P.M.

Leave same every Tuesday at 6 A.M.

and Arrive at Knoxville on Wednesday by 6 P.M.

O.B.B.

Hon. J. M. White.

H. of Reps.

10

W. Heir the contractor on Route from Tallahasse to Montecello has been written to, and required to make the trip weekly. Enclosed you will find the letter to be sent him.

O.B.B.

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10 March 1830.

Hon. John Stanley

H. of Reps.

The changes proposed in the enclosed letter from W. Peigan have been had full consideration, but can not at this time be adopted -

O.B.B.

Hon. A. H. Sevier

10th

H. of Reps.

The Department requests Your opinion with regard to the propriety of adopting the arrangement proposed by Mr. Field, in his schedule on Mail Routes Nos. 251 & 252.

O.B.B.

Hon. H. W. Conner.

10th

House of Reps.

I have the honor to enclose to You a letter for Mr. Henry Jones, in relation to the Post Office at Mountain Creek N.Y. which it is presumed will be satisfactory

O.B.B.

Hon. Thomas Beckman,

10.

House of Reps.

I have the honor to enclose to you a letter for Garrett Smith Esqr relative to the Stockbridge Post Office which it is hoped will be satisfactory -

O.B.B.

Hon. Thos. Grinn.

10.

House of Reps.

I have the honor to state in reply to your letter of yesterday's date that the time required for the transportation of the great Western mail from this City to Wheeling - We by the old route thro' Pittsburg, was six days - that the whole route was carried on in stages tri weekly at an annual expense of \$ 13,437 - That the mail is now transported in three days in summer & three days & one half in winter between this City & Wheeling - & by Cumberland Md at an annual expense of \$ 11,809 in stages which run daily on the whole route -

O.B.B.

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12th March 1830.

✓ Hon. A. Everett
A. of Reps.

I have the honour to state in reply to your letter of the 6th Inst. that the delay in the mails complained of by your correspondent at Wethersfield Vt. in February last, was doubtless owing to the wretched condition of the roads, and the detention at the North River by ice of the carriers about that period. No effort shall be wanting on the part of the Dept. to secure to each section of the Union regular mail communication and it is believed that contractors generally to the Eastward have strenuously endeavored to meet their engagements, and that where there has been delay, it has been owing to causes beyond their power to control.

✓ Hon Geo. Evans,
A. of Reps.

O.B.B. 12th

I have the honour to enclose for your consideration a Petition from the Towns of St Albans and Gorham for an alteration of a Post Route therein, specified to accomplish which a law of Congress will be necessary —

✓ Hon Sam'l P. Carson
H. of Reps.

O.B.B. 12th

Yours of the 5th Inst. enclosing a letter from the Post Master at Linville River N.C. is rec'd. The P.M. at Morganton has been written to, and required to make the proposed alteration in the departure of the Linville River Mail, if no important mail connection be broken by the arrangement.

O.B.B.

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12th March - 1830.

✓ Hon. Thomas H. Benton
A. of Senate,

Mr. Lientz' letter transmitted by you to the Department has been rec'd, and its contents duly examined. Mr. Septon the contractor has been written to and required to state the amount for which he will supply Booneton, with a mail from Section, once a week — When his answer is received the Department will decide upon the propriety, and the manner of supplying Booneton.

O.B.B.

✓ Hon Jonathan Hunt
A. of Reps.

12th

Battleboro Vt is a distributing Post office, and the allowance for distribution amounts to more than the postage collected, so that it yields no revenue to the Department. This is the cause of its not being included in the list of offices yielding a nett proceed.

O.B.B.

✓ Hon. J. Buchanan.
House,

12.

The request of Mr. Dwyer has been complied with, as you will perceive by the enclosed letter, which I will thank you to forward to him.

✓ Hon Sam'l T. Tinton
H. of Reps.

13th

O.B.B.

The subject of the establishment of a tri-weekly line of four horse stages, from Portsmouth to Chillicothe, is under the consideration of the P.M. Genl. He doubts the propriety of adopting the proposed improvement, on account of the present depressed state of the funds of the Department, but a few days further consideration of the arrangement, will better enable him to determine the expediency of the measure, or rather its practicability.

O.B.B.

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Hon Andrew Stevenson

13th March 1830

Speaker of the H^o of Rep^{ts}.

The P.M. Genl has decided to establish the Route from Hanover C.H. to Pittsfield by the way of Taylorsville, Vernon New Found Mills and Thompsons Store and the enclosed letters to the Post masters of Taylorsville and Pittsfield are submitted for your consideration. Please forward them

S.B.B.

Hon Richard M. Johnson

Chairman of the Com^{ee}

16th

Post Offices & P. Roads

The several propositions for new post roads, referred by you to this Deptt have been carefully examined. To the number of routes included in the accompanying list the Post Master Genl has authorized me to say, that he does not discover any objection except the expence of putting them into operation which is estimated to amount to upwards of \$80,000. Some of them are highly important. Others are of very minor importance and will be of no public benefit beyond the bounds of their immediate locations. Most of them, and probably all would be convenient to the sections of country through which they run. In relation to those which the P.M. Genl has deemed it expedient to omit, and which are therefore not included in the accompanying list, the following remarks are submitted.

In Maine there is a proposition for a Route from Alfred by Lyman to Saco. There is already a route established from Alfred to Lyman, and from Lyman by Kennebeck to Saco, which is highly convenient for all the purposes of correspondence, as a daily mail stage passes from Kennebeck to Saco, and the distance is but about nine miles. It is therefore deemed expedient to incur the expence of an additional route from Lyman direct to Saco.

In Vermont, there is a proposition to establish a Route from Montpelier by Wolcott &c. to Castberg. The part of this route from Wolcott, by Brattleboro and Albany to Castberg is already established. It is therefore proposed that the new route end at Wolcott.

In Connecticut there is a proposition to establish a route from Tolland by Woodstock, Sherburne &c. to Natick in Massachusetts. That part from Sherburne by Natick to Natick

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is already established in the Massachusetts routes by act of May 8th 1822, and is therefore omitted in the accompanying list which ends the new route at Sherburne. — There is also a proposition to establish a route from East Haven by Guilford, Nation, Saybrook and Lyme to Montville. The whole of this route as far as Lyme is already established a post road by Law of April 25th 1810. The accompanying list therefore proposes to establish the route only from Lyme to Montville.

In Pennsylvania, there is a proposition to establish a route from Easton by Hamburg &c. to Harrisburg. That part of it from Hamburg to Harrisburg was established by act of May 10th 1820. It is therefore proposed that the new route shall be established only from Easton to Hamburg. It is also proposed to establish a route from Mc Connellsburg Pa. to Cumberland, Md. This route is already established, and therefore needs not to be included in a new law.

In North Carolina, there is a proposition to establish a route from Staunton to Smithfield. This route was established by the Law of May 10th 1820, though it does not appear to be run according to Law. It is not however necessary to have it included in another law.

In South Car^{olina} there is a proposition that the Route from Fayetteville N.C. to Camden S.C. shall run from Laurel Hill by Bennettsville to Cheraw. The Post Master Genl already has the power by Law to run the mail that way, there being no point named in the law between Laurel Hill and Cheraw, though the expediency of running by way of Bennettsville is doubtful, this being the great line which connects New Orleans, Mobile, Mobile, Augusta and Columbia with the seat of the General Government, and with the commercial cities in the annexed states and any variation which would increase the time should be avoided.

Yet if expedient it may be done without legislative interference and it is respectfully submitted whether it will not be well to leave the subject to be decided by expediency. It is not included in the list.

In Ohio there is a proposition to establish a route from Chanceryland on the North Ridge Road to Milen. The document filed with the proposition will show, why it is believed unnecessary to establish this route.

In Illinois, there is a proposition to establish a route from Jefferson through Princeton to Washington. As the counties are not named, and the places named do not appear on the Books of the Deptt their location is not ascertained & an opinion of the propriety of the route cannot be formed.

It is omitted in the list -

In Ky there is a proposition to establish a route from Louisville by Jeffersonton to Shivelyville -

The great stage Route which the mail passes from Louisville by Middletown to Shivelyville, is parallel to this proposed route & it is believed to be not more than four miles from it away one fourth - Jeffersonton is but 3 miles from Middletown whence it is regularly supplied with a mail & cannot be supplied with 3 mails a week for less than one third of the expense of a weekly mail on the proposed route which is about 30 miles in length over an inferior road. It is therefore omitted in the list -

In Arkansas a Route is proposed to cross the Mississippi from Dyerburg to Barfield in Ark. T. V. This is included in one of the proposed Routes for Tenn., & is therefore omitted in the list under the Arkansas head -

In Florida it is proposed to establish a route from Charleston S. C. to Key West in Florida. If the intention is to go by Water it would convert the ocean into a post road; but the P. M. G. & has already ample power to provide for the transportation of the mail by water - if by land it is already established to St. Augustine & the list contains a route from St. Augustine to Key West. This is therefore omitted -

There is also a route proposed from Augusta via Ga. by Tallahassee & St. Marks to Key West which is included in the list; but it will be a most expensive route as proposed & it is worthy of consideration whether it will not be better to omit the route from Tallahassee by St. Marks to Key West, there being already a route, the more direct from Augusta via Ga. to Tallahassee -

By direction of the P. M. Genl. the above remarks are respectfully submitted to the Committee

O. B. B.

Post off. Dept. 16th March 1830

✓ Hon John Mc Kinley
Senate,

W. Donahys letter relative to the time of his arrival at Nashville transmitted by you to the Dept. is rec'd. Before its reception the Postmaster at Nashville had been instructed to fix W. Donahys arrival at 6 P.M. in accordance with W. D's request.

✓ Hon W. W. Brown

House of Reps.

17th

In reply to Mr. Nobles letter submitted by you to the consideration of the Dept. & which is herewith returned I remark, that the law ^{specifically} forbids the Post M. Genl. making additional allowance to Contractors, unless a additional service is required & moreover the Dept. is not responsible for any inaccuracy in the distances of routes, as the Contractor or bidder is required in the advertisements issued ^{and not by the Dept.} from the Dept. to inform himself as to the correct distances, as stated by the Dept. --- If the contractor on the route from Columbia to Lancaster is willing to make the rest day at Lancaster, and will notify the Dept. of it, no objection will be made to the change.

✓ Hon Messrs. Whittlesey & Goodnow,

H. of Reps.

17th

In reply to the letters from Messrs. Sloane & Paine submitted by you to the Dept. asking for increased mail accommodation between Ravenna & Canton & the latter place and Zanesville I have to remark that from the numerous applications for mail facilities, & the very reduced state of the funds of the Dept. the Post Master Genl. is reluctantly compelled to suspend the accommodation for the present. He will take pleasure in acquiescing in your wishes when the funds of the Dept. will admit of it.

✓ Hon. C. Lyon

H. of Reps.

17

The proposition of Messrs. Dillard & Cobb submitted by you for the conveyance of the mail between Carrollton & Springfield in two horse stages, must be defied for the present. Their offer is reasonable & may, as is may, at some future day be acceded to.

O. B. B.

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17th March 1831.

Hon. James Standifer
A. of Reps.

The Post Master Genl. has agreed to allow Mr. Jones \$125. a year additional for conveying the mail in a 2 horse stage between Kingston & Washington making \$250 a year for the service, instead of \$125. the additional pay to commence on the 1st proxima.

Hon E. Whittlesey

A. of Reps.

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst in behalf of W. E. Warner contractor on route No. 381. from Canfield to Brookfield, I remark that as the roads are impassable with a stage at this season and as he runs a stage whenever the roads will admit his contract will not be forfeited. You will please to communicate this information to Mr. Warner.

17th O.B.B.

O.B.B.

Hon James Blair

A. of Reps.

The enclosed is a copy of a letter to the contractors from Canfield to Charleston. This, it is believed will afford the relief desired. Please furnish Maj: Hobie with a recommendation for a suitable person to be appointed P.M. at Bradford Springs - also the proper directions for locating the office at Vance's Ferry if its location require a change. He will attend promptly to your request and the Post Master Genl. will no doubt give it his sanction.

The proper direction will be given for two trips per week between Darlington and Sumterville and also from Sumterville to Statesburgh

18.

O.B.B.

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March 18th 1831.

Hon Wm. Smith,

U.S. Senate,

Directions are given to the contractors on the mail route between Canfield, and Charleston to run their stages from Canfield by Bradford Springs, Sumterville, along the turnpike road through Tantee Swamp to Vance's Ferry, where it will intersect the road from Columbia to Charleston; and they are required to keep the proper connection at the point of intersection, so as to form one continued, and uninterrupted route from Charleston to Canfield and back, and the same between Charleston & Columbia.

Between Sumterville and Statesburgh, directions will be given for three trips a week; and for two trips a week between Darlington and Sumterville.

O.B.B.
18th

Hon Ratcliff Brown

A. of Reps.

Genl. Millroy's letter of the 23rd ulto referred by you to the Deptt. is received - The P.M. at Fort Wayne has been written to, and directed to contract with Mr. Washington, walls in case of Geo: Smith's failure, for the transportation of the mail on Route No. 40. The P.M. at Lafayette has been required to make arrangements for supplying Jefferson Post Office with a mail once in two weeks, until further advised by the Department -

O.B.B.

Hon A. H. Shepherd

A. of Reps.

18th

Yours of the 12th inst. relative to change of Route No. 143. from Salem to Milton is received. The change you desire will be made, but for the better information of the Deptt. You will please specify the course you wish said Route to pursue, both from, and to Salem.

O.B.B.

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Hon A. M. Johnson

H. of Reps.

The Am. W^H Doctor recommends
the establishment of the two Routes herein transmitted. Now;
the Routes are necessary, and should be established, but an
act of Congress is requisite for that purpose. I will suggest
the propriety of inserting them in your Report, under the
head of Louisiana Routes.

O.B.B.

In Louisiana -

{ From Vicksburgh in Warren 6^o mi. to
Lake Providence in Washita Parish L^a.

{ From Warrenton in Warren 6^o mi. by the
lower end of Palmyra Island, to New Carthage
in Concordia Parish. L^a.

18th.

Hon W^m Russell

H. of Reps.

In reply to Mr. White's letter submitted
by you, and which is herewith returned, I remark that-
Mr. Brighton has been directed to dispatch him with the
mail, as soon after 4 A.M. as he possibly can.

Hon John W. Weeks

18th O.B.B.

H. of Reps.

A Petition signed by many citizens in-
terested in the establishment of the mail Route North of the
White Mountains via Jefferson to Lancaster N.H. has been rec'd
and has due consideration. The P.M. Secy. regrets that it will
not be in his power from the low state of the Finances of the
Dept^t immediately to meet the views of the Petitioners, but hopes
that at no distant day the Route may be established.
The prayer of the Petitioners will be attended to at as early
a period as feasible

O.B.B.

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18th March 1830.

Hon Thomas Beckman

H. of Reps.

I have the honour to State in reply to the En-
closed Petition Submitted by you for the consideration of the P.M. Secy.
that an allowance of fifty per cent on the sum now paid by you per annum
for the mail transportation on Route No 109. from Conestoga by
Lennart, Fenner, Blockville Perrysville Petersboro Morrisville to
Log City or Eaton will be made for the transportation of the mail
in stages from the Erie Canal thence through Village, Perrys-
ville Petersboro Morrisville, Eaton, Smith Valley, Smyrna and
North Norwich to Norwich Village. the mail to be carried
as often as the stages run said Route, and Route No 109.
to be discontinued.

O.B.B.

Hon Jas. G. Birrell

18th

H. of Reps.

I have the honour to enclose to you a letter
to the Post Master of Kingston N.Y. in reply to his of the 6th Inst.
to your address, which you will please forward.

O.B.B.

Hon Jonathan Hunt

H. of Reps.

18th

I have the honour to State in reply to the
Enclosed letter of Mr. Houghton to your address that the Route
designated by Mr. Houghton is embraced in the in the New
Routes Submitted for the consideration of Congress.

O.B.B.

Hon E. K. Kane

Senate

19th

In reply to yours of the 15th inst., enclosing
a letter from Judge Pope of Ills. I have the honour to State that
the additional expence of a tri weekly mail between Haskaska
and Bellville would be too great to render the adoption of the
proposed arrangement advisable at present.

O.B.B.

Post office Dept.
19 March 1830.

Hon A. H. Stevens
A of Reps.

In reply to yours of the 10th inst. I am directed by the P.M. Genl. to say, that he knows the importance of a semi weekly mail, between Memphis, and Little Rock; but the present depressed state of the funds of the Dept. compells him though reluctantly, to postpone the adoption of the suggested improvement; he trusts however that some change may occur, which will enable him to increase the facilities of Mail transportation in the thriving Territory of Arkansas.

O.B.B.
19th

Hon Edward Dudley,
A of Reps.

The subject of the establishment of a line of stages from Newbern, to Wilmington N.C. and thence to Geo. Town S.C. has been under the consideration of the Dept. It is thought impracticable to make this improvement at present on account of the depressed state of the funds of the department.

O.B.B.
19th

Hon Messrs Brown & Howard
A of Reps.

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. asking for greater mail facilities to Carlisle, I remark, that the P.M. Genl. is reluctantly compelled, from the very reduced state of the funds of the Dept. to suspend his sanction to the measure at present - at a more favorable time, he will be pleased to meet your views.

O.B.B.

Hon John Campbell,
Committee on Post Offices &
Post Roads,

18th

House of Reps.

In answer to your enquiries relative to the claim of Wm. Blower I have the honor to state:

That in September 1826, it was deemed expedient by the P.M. Genl. to cause a mail to be carried between Greenville, and Fayette in the state of Mississippi. It was not the usual time of advertising for proposals, and engraving was

made by letter, for a suitable person to carry it, which resulted in a proposition on the part of Wm. Blower to transport the mail between those two places once a week for \$183. a year.

In answer to this proposition a contract was filled, and sent to W. Blower for execution, to carry the mail three times a week between those two places for the sum proposed, one trip to wit, for \$183. W. Blower signed the contract as sent to him and performed the service of transporting the mail between those places three times a week at the same time stating that he should expect his pay to be increased in proportion to the increased service of three trips instead of one trip in the week. It does not appear to have been the intention of the Dept. to make the additional allowance, tho it was evidently expected by W. Blower, that the additional compensation would be made. The contract expired on the 31st of December 1829. The exact distance has not been ascertained by the Dept. but it is believed not to exceed ten miles. The price allowed was considered by the P.M. Genl. to be liberal for the service, and in December 1826, he wrote to the Post Master at Greenville to enquire whether it could not be done for a less sum, but there does not appear to have been any proposition to perform the service lower.

The contract appears to have been made for the performance of the service three times a week for \$183. a year. The Dept. therefore does not conceive itself authorized by law to increase the compensation. The contractor evidently expected when he performed the service, to receive three times the amount which has allowed him. Whether he ought to receive that sum, it belongs to the Legislative Dept. to determine. The Dept. having no chancery powers is confined to the strictings of the Law.

O.B.B.

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20th March 1830.

Hon D. Crockett
A of Reps.

Upon consideration of the petition referred by You to the Dept. relative to the Routes No. 170 & 175. in Tennessee; it has been thought advisable to make the alteration proposed on Route No. 170. which will hereafter commence at Shelbyville & pass through Pulaski, Lawrenceburg, Waynesboro, &c. to Jackson. Route No. 175. has been discontinued as useless. It is thought inexpedient to establish a semi-weekly mail between Shelbyville and Jackson at present.

Hon Wm T. Nickolls,
A of Reps.

O.B.B.

20th

In reply to Yours of the 1st inst enclosing a letter from S. M. D. Tate Esq^r. I have the honour to state that Mr. Tate receives \$1140. per ann^r for carrying the mail in stages from Lincolnton N.C. to Columbia S.C. via York C.H. From Lincolnton to York C.H. is 50 miles, which agreeable to the whole distance will give him \$450. the distance between York C.H. & Columbia is 80 miles and would in like ratio give him \$732. the whole distance from Lincolnton to Columbia being 113 miles. The Post Master Genl. authorized Mr. Tate to transport the mail twice a week in stages from Columbia to York C.H. and allowed him for this second weekly mail \$732 per annum in addition to his former pay, making his whole annual pay \$1922--

The law prohibits the P.M. Genl. from making any additional allowance to the contractor or carrier of any mail on any Route, over & beyond the amount stipulated in the contract entered into for the transportation of the mail on such route, unless additional service ^{and then no additional compensation} shall be required to exceed the exact proportion of the original amount to the additional duties required. Mr. Tate cannot therefore expect any increase of pay, for the services he now renders

O.B.B.

P. off. Dept.
20th March 1830.

Hon W. H. Overton
A of Reps.

The P.M. Genl. has decided to allow the contractor for Route No. 200. viz from Woodville to Alexandria the annual compensation of Twenty five hundred and eighty four dollars, if he will convey the mail three times a week between Woodville & Fort Adams, and twice a week between Fort Adams and Alexandria La. and he is so informed

O.B.B.

20th

Hon R. Desha,
A of Reps.

I have the honour to transmit You Sunday papers, referred by You to the P.M. Genl. relative to the establishment of a Line of 4 horse stages from Lexington via Glasgow & Gallatin to Nashville.

O.B.B.

20th

Hon Peter J. Bond
A of Reps.

I have the honour to enclose to You a letter for Mr. Merriman Preston in relation to the transportation of the mail between Catskill and Cannajoharie New York. and to request that You will forward it to him.

O.B.B.

Hon P. Thru.
A of Reps.

20th

In reply to the petition from Sunday citizens of Northampton Co. P^a, submitted by You for a daily mail between Stroudsburg & Easton P^a. instead of the present arrangement of a tri weekly mail, I remark that the P.M. Genl. is compelled from the very reduced state of the funds of the Deptt. to withhold his sanction to the measure at this time.

O.B.B.

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20th March 1830.

✓ Hon D. Crockett
A of Reps.

The petition of the citizens of Paris
relative to the establishment of a line of Stages
from Russellville Ky. via Clarksville, Dover, Paris &
Dresden to Hills Point Ky., has met with due consider-
ation from the Dept. It is thought inexpedient to make
the desired improvement at present. The funds of the
Department are too low to make it advisable to
supply Paris with a semi weekly mail at this time

✓ Hon J. C. Isacks,
A of Reps. 20th P.B.B.

I have the honour to inform you
that the contract for carrying the mail on Route
No 146. from Sparta via Lebanon to Nashville, was
made with Robt Hewitt, upon the failure of W. Cox,
Mr. Hewit having been the next lowest bidder.

✓ Hon Thomas F. Foster
A of Reps. 22nd P.B.B.

I have the honour to send you, enclosed,
a letter to the contractor on Route from Lawrenceville to Fay-
ettville, directing him to make the alterations on his Route.
which you proposed.

✓ Hon J. Preight
A of Reps. 22nd P.B.B.

I have the honour to inform you that W.
Taylor has not surrendered his contract for carrying the mail
between Beaufort, and Newbern, but should that contract
become open to bidders, the Dept. is satisfied with the
recommendations of Mr. Goway, and any proposals he
may make will receive due consideration.

P.B.B.

✓ Hon A. Rancher
A of Reps. Post off. Dept
22nd March 1830.

Your application on behalf of Geo: Will-
iams for additional compensation for transporting the mail
between Raleigh and Salisbury N.C. was made on the 11th Jan:
There has been a good reason for deferring a decision in the case
which would not operate to the injury of Mr. W. but which might
operate to his benefit, as it will now prove to have done. Mr.
W contracted to carry that mail for \$1000. a Year. Subsequent-
ly an additional allowance was made him of \$400 making
in the whole \$1400. a Year. Your application is for a further
increase of \$400 a Year. from the 1st of Apr. last. The P.M. Genl.
has laid it down as a principle, from which it would be ruinous
to depart, never to allow an increased compensation for
increased services unless those services are directed by the
Department; but when the application for that increase is made
he may subsequently give his decision, to take effect from the
date of that application. He has decided this day to allow
Mr. W. at the rate of \$400 a Year if the increased expence to
which he is subjected in consequence of increasing the strength
of his teams. And farther in consideration of the importance
of the route, and the great satisfaction which Mr. Williams
has given in its faithful performance; the P.M. Genl.
agrees that if Mr. W. will increase ^{his service} so as to perform two trips
per week each way, and carry the mail in good 4 horse stages
between Raleigh and Salisbury N.C. during the remainder of
his contract, his pay will be so augmented as to amount
in the whole to \$2600. a Year, the increased pay to commence
when the increased service shall commence. Please commu-
nicate this to Mr. Williams, and request his early answer.

✓ Hon J. C. Isacks
A of Reps. 27th P.B.B.

I have the honour to inform you that the
transfer of Goodbar & Jenkins to Jas. H. Jenkins, has been sanctioned
by the Department

P.B.B.