

Post Off. Sept.  
9th Ap[ri]l 1830.

S<sup>r</sup> Hon W. H. Overton,  
A. of Reps.

The enclosed letter from the Post Master  
at Ketchitoches relative to the discontinuance of one mail  
from Ayudavia is submitted to You for consideration  
You will please inform the Deptt Your opinion as to the  
propriety of the measure.

S<sup>r</sup> Am. E. T. Chambers  
Senate -

The Post Master Genl has yielded  
to the wishes of Captn Harris as stated in his letter to You  
of the 28<sup>th</sup> ulto. and directions have been given to the Post  
Masters of Baltimore & Chestertown to deliver him the mail  
accordingly -

S<sup>r</sup> Hon John Broadhead,  
A. of Reps.

In reply to the enclosed com-  
munication to Your address, I have the honour to state  
that the petition referred to by Mr. Tewksbury was  
forwarded by Mr. Hill to the Department with a  
request that it would not be acted on until further  
information was received & that it was consequently  
laid over - and the information alluded to by  
Mr. Hill not having been furnished the Deptt nothing  
has been done in the premises -

S<sup>r</sup> Hon Thomas Maywall,  
A. of Reps.

I have the honour to state  
in reply to the enclosed communication to Your  
address that measures are taken to correct at once  
the evil complained of -

O. B. Brown  
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S<sup>r</sup> Hon John Anderson,  
A. of Reps.

The Post Master Genl has given to the  
Petition from Bucksport Maine, You did him the honour to  
submit on the 2<sup>d</sup> Inst<sup>d</sup> due consideration and regret to  
state that at this time he can not accede to the wishes of the  
Memorials, and give them the additional weekly mails  
they wish cash up between Bucksport and Calais by  
way of Eastport - The current expences of the Deptt con-  
siderately exceed its annual revenue from postages at  
this time and until its receipts are somewhat commensu-  
rate with its expences, the P.M. Genl must suspend  
the granting all mail facilities involving increased  
expense unless in cases called for by the public interest  
on the great main or leading Routes of the Country.  
At a future, (and it is to be hoped not distant day)  
the accommodation asked for by the citizens of Buck-  
spout, Eastport & Calais may be extended to them

S<sup>r</sup> Hon Ebenezer Young,  
A. of Reps.

O. B. Brown  
8th — " —

Col John S. Howard of Little  
River Ct<sup>t</sup>, has been written to say for what compensation  
he will carry the mail every Monday after the arrival  
of the western and eastern mails at Little River to  
Hampshire, Abington and Pomfret, as prayed for in  
the memorial submitted by You for the consideration  
of the Post Master Genl - Mr. Howard is informed  
that the granting of the Petition will depend on the  
amount asked for the service, as the department can  
not consent to incur much expense in the present  
state of its finances -

O. B. B.

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Hon J. Hunt

H. of Reps.

The Post Master has decided to accept of Semion Leland as the Substitute of Stoddard Howard for Route No 486 from Prattleboro to Winstall Vt. and these Gentlemen have been notified thereof

B. B. Brown  
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Hon J. Mc Kinley

Senate

8<sup>th</sup>

I have the honor to inform you that it is the intention of the Post Master General to cause the stage to run three trips a week between Florence, Ala. and Bolivar R. - Also two trips a week between Huntsville, and Tuscaloosa all in 4 horse stages - The instruction given to the Agent was to make the arrangement from Florence to Bolivar, and from Florence to Huntsville three times a week in 4 horse stages provided the contractors would undertake it for a pro rata increase of compensation. They did so from Florence to Huntsville; but the price which they have set for the other route is \$500. more than a pro rata allowance, and the law does not authorize the Post Master Gen. to increase the compensation beyond the pro rata allowance.

He can however require them to do it for that or fulfill their contract, and employ others to do it. It will be submitted to them which course they will pursue; but in either event it is intended that the stages shall run as you have proposed.

The Agent was not instructed to cause four horse stages to run three times a week on the south side of the river between Huntsville and Tuscaloosa. It is not necessary in the present defuped state of our finances. The Agent though very intelligent and experienced in this point mistook his instructions. Whether it should run more than once on the south side of the river was the main question; but it was never intended to run more than twice there ---

Mrs Carothers & Simble, the contractors have been written to, and it is probable their answer will advise the Department that they have commenced the tri-weekly route to Bolivar

B. B. Brown

Post Office Department  
9th Apr. 1830.

Hon Chas G. Devitt

H. of Reps.

The Postmasters of Kingston & Albany N.Yah have been written to, and requested to give the Department their views on the proposition for discontinuing the Land trail between their offices during Steam Boat Navigation as proposed by your correspondent Mr Russell, whose letter is herewith returned --

B. B. Brown  
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Hon John Weeks

H. of Reps.

9<sup>th</sup>

I have the honor to enclose a reply to Your communication of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. that Messrs Abbott & Sons have furnished the Dept. with very satisfactory evidence of their having complied with their engagements, and that they have been so informed

B. B. B.

Hon James Ford

H. of Reps.

10<sup>th</sup>

I have the honor to enclose to You a letter to Mr. R. Lewis which you will please forward him -

B. B. Brown

Hon W. H. Abington

H. of Reps.

10<sup>th</sup> —

Yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., enclosing a letter from Judge Baker of La. is recd. --- upon the failure of the original contractor on Route No 243 from Blanchardsville via Donaldsonville to Opelousas - the transportation of the mail on that Route was offered to Mr. Beasley, who has not yet been heard from.

A letter has been recently recd. from Mr. Tabb upon the same subject he was written to on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., and informed that his proposals would meet with the favourable consideration of the Department. Should Mr. Beasley accept the Route -

Joshua Tabbs letter returned?

B. B. Brown  
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5 Attn James Blair

H. of Reps. 3

Post Off. Dept.  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1830

In reply to yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> ult.  
I have the honour to inform you that the contractor on  
Route No. 215 from China Grove to Slatetburgh has been  
directed to extend his Route so as to go by Manchester to  
Fulton, and to carry the mail twice a week on the parts  
of the route included between Sumterville & Fulton.

Thos. Dugan's letter returned,  
here with — — —

B.P.B.

10<sup>th</sup>

5 Attn J. G. Lamar  
H. of Reps. 3

I have the honour to inform you  
that the contractor on Route No. 253 from Millidge by  
Marion &c to Piedmont has been directed to include  
Trumton in his Route — —

The letter of Messrs. Delk  
& Hatch is returned here with

B.P.B.

10<sup>th</sup>

5 Attn A. H. Sheppard  
H. of Reps. 3

I have the honour to in-  
form you that the change you suggested in the Route  
from Fulton to Salem was made on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult.  
The contractor was directed to pass by Brookville.

B.P.B.

10<sup>th</sup>

5 Attn W. Alexander  
H. of Reps. 3

We are obliged to you, for  
your suggestions relative to the Post office at Lewisville  
on Route No. 124; Lewisville will be omitted in our  
next advertisement

B.P.B.

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Post Off. Dept.

12<sup>th</sup> April 1830

5 Attn C. R. Kane

Senate,

In reply to yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. (with  
the enclosed letter of the Post master at Shawneetown and  
which is herewith returned) I have the honour to state  
that the Department can not consent to extend route No. 51  
to St. Louis, as there is now a constant mail communication  
between that place & Belleville, at which the Route (No. 51)  
terminates — In reference to Mr. Hall carrying the mail  
on Route No. 63, I will observe that the department was not  
apprised of Mr. Hall's engagement with the Post masters  
at Shawneetown or that he would undertake for \$479.  
and they contracted with Mr. Morrison. We have however  
written to Mr. Morrison on the subject, and hope, on the  
receipt of his answer, to be able still to accommodate Mr. Hall;  
as it would afford us much pleasure — —

B.P.Brown

12<sup>th</sup> — —

5 Attn Wm W. Brown

H. of Reps. 3

In answer to yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult.  
relating the establishment of a daily stage from Lancaster  
to Lebanon or Cincinnati. I have the honour to state, that  
the Post master Genl. is of opinion that the finances of the  
Department will not admit of his incurring the additional  
expense incident to the adoption of the views of the petitioners.

The P.M. Genl. agrees that he cannot conser-  
tently with the interest of the department consent to the es-  
tablishment of the daily stage desired by the Petitioners forwarded  
us by you — —

B.P.Brown

12<sup>th</sup> — —

5 Attn N. D. Coleman

H. of Reps.

I have the honour to reply to yours  
without date to state to you that Morefield can be sup-  
plied with a mail and as soon as an office is established  
the route will be put into operation

B.P.Brown

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12<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1830.

Hon R. H. Wilde.  
H. of Reps.

I have the honour to inform you that the Charaw mail has been expedited so, as to arrive at Camden by 11 A.M.; and the Camden mail will arrive at Augusta by 6 P.M. -- --

By this arrangement the citizens of Augusta can get their letters &c. in the evening. --

The additional expense which the department would necessarily incur by expediting the mail in the manner you desire, makes it inexpedient to do so at present; it will be done at the close of the Current Year when the old contracts expire, and new ones are made

D.B. Brown  
12 " "

Hon John Forsyth  
Senate,

(Same)

12 " "

Hon Thos. Doddridge  
H. of Reps.

I have the honour to enclose you Mr. Sommerville's letter relative to a semi weekly mail on Route No. 16--

The Postmaster Genl. is desirous to run the mail twice a week on that Route but necessity compels him reluctantly to suspend it for the present. When the contracts are received in October next, it will be done.

The schedule for Route No. 16. was sent to the contractor on the 23<sup>d</sup> ulto.

D.B. Brown  
12<sup>th</sup> " "

Hon A. Rancher 3  
H. of Reps. 3

I have the honour to enclose you a letter for W. Williams the contractor for conveying the mail on Route No. 160. from Raleigh to Salisbury. W. Williams' letter to W. B. is also found.

D.B. B.

Post Off. Dept.

12<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1830.

Hon Thomas F. Foster

H. of Reps.

I have the honour to inform you that the contractor on Route No. 262 from Decatur to Sandtown has been directed to extend his route by Campbellton & Lumpkin ton to Newnan the seat of justice in Coweta Co.

D.B. Brown  
12<sup>th</sup> " "

Hon R. Potter

H. of Reps. 3

I have the honour to enclose you a letter for the Post master at Worcester; the Postmaster at Hilltop has been written to upon the same subject. --

D.B. Brown  
12<sup>th</sup> " "

Hon John Magee

H. of Reps. 3

I have the honour to enclose to you a letter to the Post master of "Short Tract" with a request that you will forward it to him. --

12<sup>th</sup> " "

D.B. Brown  
12<sup>th</sup> " "

Hon W. Lumpkin

H. of Reps.

13<sup>th</sup> " "

In reply to that part of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. which relates to the Post office at Social Circle I have the honour to inform you that the contractor on Route No. 69. from Madison to Covington has been directed to include Social Circle on his route, provided no offices will be left unsupplied on the old road, by this alteration. --

D.B. Brown  
13<sup>th</sup> " "

Hon Joseph Duncan  
H. of Reps. 3

I have the honour to state that the case of W. Hancock has been considered and the Post master at Vandalia has been instructed to assign post Route No. 40 to W. Hancock if a contract has not already been made by him with another.

The letter of M. Foster to myself is unanswered.

D.B. B.

Post Off. Dept.  
13<sup>th</sup> April 1830.

Hon C. Lyon,

H. of Reps. 3

I have the honor, in answer to yours  
of this inst, to state that on examination I find the Route  
from Eddyville to Paris was established by law on the year  
1825 & will as you will discover from the enclosed letter  
to Mr. Cobb, be put in operation

O. B. Brown

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Hon J. Standifer

H. of Reps.

14<sup>th</sup>

I enclose you inc. herewith his letter  
of the 31<sup>st</sup> ulto. -- The importance of the Route between  
Knoxville & Knoxville renders it indispensably necessary  
that the line of 4 horse stages should be kept up with  
regularity. Route no. 130 from Washington to Athens  
is discontinued.

O. B. Brown

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Hon W. H. Overton

H. of Reps.

14<sup>th</sup>

A letter has been rec'd from Mr.  
Voorhees the contractor on Route no. 230; informing  
the Deptt. that he would carry the mail from Woodville  
to Alexandria, for the annual compensation of \$2472.00  
The mail to be carried thrice a week from Woodville to  
Pineyville and twice from Pineyville to Alexandria.  
His proposition has been accepted, and he has been instruc-  
ted to put this plan into operation.

O. B. Brown

14<sup>th</sup> "

Hon John Magie

H. of Reps.

Measures have been taken to  
correct the evil complained of, by Mr. White, whose letter  
is herewith returned. --

O. B. Brown

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Post Off. Dept  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1830.

Hon Joshua Evans

H. of Reps. 3

I have the honor to return your Mr.  
Alexander's letter. Your solicitude for the accommodation  
of Mr. Alexander makes the Post Master Genl. desirous to extend  
to him every indulgence. But the great inconvenience which  
would result, to the citizens of Baltimore and Philadelphia  
from a delay in the arrival of the mails at those places,  
makes it inexpedient to prolong the time of his arrival until  
9 o'clock P.M., which would prevent the reception of letters  
until the ensuing morning --

O. B. B.

15<sup>th</sup>

Hon Thomas H. Hall

H. of Reps. 3

I have the honor to return your  
Mr. Lloyd's letter. The Deptt. does not contemplate changing  
the route from Minceteria, Tarkio - to Fayetteville --

W. Avery has not recommended the alteration allu-  
ded to by Mr. Lloyd. --

O. B. Brown

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Hon Andrew Stevenson

16<sup>th</sup>

Speaker H. of Reps.

Enclosed is W. Dickinson's letter. Bills  
have been received for carrying the mail from Hanover C. H. via  
Taylorsville Verdona Newfound Mills Thompson's Store, Granby  
to Pottsville. The Post Master at Taylorsville has had a contract  
forwarded him to be executed by Jas. J. Marshall, who proposed  
to carry the mail twice weekly on said route, for the annual  
compensation of \$200. -- So soon as the route is put into  
operation the route from Bowling Green to Hanover C. H. will  
be made to terminate at New Found Mills, where it will in-  
clude the Hanover & Pottsville Route.

O. B. Brown

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16<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1830-

s<sup>r</sup> Hon James Blair

H. of Rep<sup>t</sup> 3

I have the honor to inform you  
that the Post Master Genl. is very desirous to afford every  
facility in the transportation of the mail between the  
-rario and Charleston: but the great additional expence  
which would be necessarily incurred by running the mail  
daily on that Route renders it inexpedient to make the  
arrangement at present. --

s<sup>r</sup> Hon C. C. Blay,

H. of Rep<sup>t</sup>,

I have the honor to enclose you  
copies of letters relative to Route No. 173. from Florence  
Ala, to Huntsville, Tex, and Route No. 180 from Huntsville  
to Tuscaloosa. These letters will convey information  
relative to the arrangements which have been made  
for the transportation of the mail on those Routes--

s<sup>r</sup> Hon Willis Alston,

H. of Rep<sup>t</sup> 3

I have the honour to return to  
you the petition of your constituents, against an alteration  
in the Route from Norfolk Va to Tarboro N.C. -- The  
Department does not contemplate making the change  
protested against.

s<sup>r</sup> Hon W. Hendricks,

Senate 3

I have the honour to inform you  
that on examining our Books & to discover that you had a claim  
for whatever was due to Mr. Berryman on the first of Jan'y 1828  
and that there is a balance due him of \$58.92 etc. --

If you still have this claim, the above amt. will be paid  
to you. --

Post off. Department

17<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1830.

s<sup>r</sup> Hon Andrew Stevenson

Speaker of the H. of Rep<sup>t</sup> 3

England is Mr. Chapman's  
letter. The Post master Genl. does not think it advisable to  
make the suggested alterations in the Route from to his route  
to Charleston S.C.; on account of the increase of distance;  
it is very desirable that the Route shall not be lengthened,  
and no cogent reasons appear why it should be. . . . .  
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O.P.B. Brown

17<sup>th</sup> Apr. 11

s<sup>r</sup> Hon James Shields

H. of Rep<sup>t</sup> 3

I have the honour, in answer to yours of  
the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. to state that, after an examination of Mr. Peter Mills  
contract & account, I discover no memorandum of any change  
in his route, except the addition of the 9 miles alluded to by  
you, & of which Mr. Williams has received pay. If however Mr.  
Merrill will produce the orders of the Department extending  
the route alluded to more than the nine miles aforesaid--  
with the certificates of the Post Masters showing the necessary  
increase of distance which he travelled, he will be paid  
(by forwarding an order in his favour from Mr. Mills) a pro-  
rata compensation for such increase of distance from the  
time of the commencement of such increased services.

O.P.B. Brown

17<sup>th</sup> Apr. 11

s<sup>r</sup> Hon Th: Beckman

H. of Rep<sup>t</sup> 3

The difficulties of supplying the offices of Stayvesant & Kinderhook by Steam Boat having been  
effectually removed by the erection of the Dock at the point  
above Stayvesants old Landing where the Post office is now  
Kept orders have issued to the Postmasters of New York City  
and Albany to put up daily mails for Stayvesant and  
Kinderhook and forwarded them by the Boats to be  
landed at the dock designated.

O.P.B. Brown

17<sup>th</sup> Apr. 11

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s: Hon Ch: E. Dudley  
Senate 317<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1830-

In reply to the enclosed communication to Your address, I have the honour to observe that the Company of Parker & Sherman is a highly respectable one - and as efficient Mail Agents, these Gentlemen are second to none in the union. The P.M. Genl has not the power of abrogating contracts save for a failure on the part of contractors to meet their engagements, and as no change of this kind is specifically alleged, or substantiated the privileges of the contractors can not in good faith be abridged, especially as their contracts were made and executed long previous to the present P.M. Genl coming into office. No effort of the Deptt shall be wanting to secure to the community its mail privileges, and Postmasters are required to report all failures on their occurrence, with a view to their prompt, and effectual correction and no end is ever suffered to pass unanswered, of which the Department has cognizance - of this Your correspondent may be assured - - -

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O. B. Brown  
— 11 —s: Hon G. D. E. Mitchell  
H. of Rep. 317<sup>th</sup>

I have the honour in answer to Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst, (with the letter of Mr. Alexander therin enclosed) to state that the contents of Mr. Alexander's communication have been duly considered & the Department can not consent to the alteration desired as it would, if made result in great inconvenience to the citizens of Philadelphia and Baltimore - - -

O. B. Brown  
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17<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1830-

s: Hon H. W. Conner

H. of Rep. 3

I have the honour to return You Mr. Boyd's letter relative to a second weekly mail between Charlotte and Camden part of Route No. 158. - -

The P.M. Genl would be highly gratified if he could accommodate the desire of the inhabitants of that part of the country for the establishment of a second weekly mail on the Route from Charlotte to Camden, but the condition of the Deptt will not admit of his giving more than \$2 50. per annum to Mr. Boyd the contractor in addition to the pay he now receives; if he will do it for that increase of compensation, the second weekly mail <sup>will</sup> be run - - -

O. B. Brown  
— 11 —

s: Hon C. H. Kane

Senate H. 1-3

(19<sup>th</sup>)

I have the honour to state in reference to the Routes No. 53 & 54, that the Department was informed that Mr. Learitt had failed to perform his Contract for those Routes, & that the Postmaster at Kinston N.C. had given Route No. 53 to Mr. Morris, which we have sanctioned - - And under the belief that Mr. Learitt still failed to perform his duty, on either Route the Deptt. on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb'y last offered No. 54 to Morris at Mr. Learitt's bid; but has not as yet heard from him on the subject - - -

O. B. Brown  
— 11 —

s: Hon A. G. Lamar

H. of Rep.

(19<sup>th</sup>)

I have the honour to inform you, in reference to the irregularity of the mail between Forsyth & Macon that the Postmaster at Forsyth, has been instructed to correct it immediately - - -

O. B. Brown  
— 11 —

S Hon H. L. White

Senate -

Post Off. Sept<sup>r</sup>.

14 of Apr. 1830.

Have the honour in answer to yours  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. to state that Mr. Tunney's proposal has  
been rec'd, & will receive due attention -

O. P. Brown

19<sup>th</sup> " 1

S Hon Geo Woodbury, 2

Senate 3

The contractors on the mail Route  
from Concord N.H by Hopkinton, Henniker, Hillsboro, Wash-  
ington, Lempster, and Ackworth, to Charleston carrying a  
the weekly mail have been directed to supply the office at  
Hillsboro Bridge with the mail regularly, passing to & fro  
on that Route - The Office at Hillsboro Bridge yields  
but a small annual revenue to the dep't, and it would not  
be expedient to turn the main mail from Boston to Windsor  
& Royalton out of its course at a heavy additional expence  
to supply the office at Hillsboro Bridge, - It is hoped  
that the accommodation to be afforded on the Route from  
Concord to Charlestown may be entirely satisfactory to the  
Citizens of Hillsboro Bridge.

O. P. Brown

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S Hon Lewis Condict

A. of Rept.

22<sup>nd</sup>

Have the honour in answer  
to yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. with the enclosed communica-  
tion to your address, to state that it appears Mr. Burnet  
has received pay for his services on Route No 265. up to  
the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Jan'y, the time from which Mr. Burnets  
contract takes effect.

O. P. B.

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S Hon Thomas Kirby

A. of Rept.

Have thoroughly and carefully  
examined the claim of Wm. Blower for carrying the mail  
between Greenville & Fayette Mi., in 1827. 1828 1829

- Have no hesitation to say that his claim for compensation  
beyond what he has rec'd is perfectly equitable. -  
He proposed to carry that mail once a week at \$183. A  
contract was sent to him from the dep't. to execute for 3 trips  
a week at \$183. He executed the contract at the same time  
stated, that he trusted in the faith of the dep't. to compen-  
sate him for the additional trips, as his proposition was to  
carry it but once a week, for that sum. He always insisted  
upon the additional pay, till he never rec'd it, and as the pre-  
sent P.M. Genl. does not consider himself authorized by law, to  
alter the contract price in a contract executed under  
his predecessor, the additional compensation can not be allowed  
by him however equitable (he not being vested with Chancery  
powers,) without some legislative interposition -

O. P. Brown

20<sup>th</sup> "

S Hon Jas. G. Bennett

A. of Rept.

The order to supply the Post office  
at Milton N.Y. by the Steam Boat Line was predicated upon  
the condition that the dep't. was not to be subjected to the expence  
of transporting the mail from the Landing to the office, or  
from the office to the Landing to that proportion made  
through you no answer has been returned and the Steam  
Boat Company being in the habit of landing at Hampton  
in the neighbourhood of Marlboro and no expence of  
forwarding mails to, and from the office. Boats being  
incurred by the department the P.M. Genl. has directed  
the Postmasters of New York City and Albany, to be in-  
structed to put up, and forward mails by Steam Boat  
for Marlboro on Mondays and Fridays, to be landed at  
Hampton at which Landing the Boats regularly touch.  
The office at Milton must be supplied from Marlboro.

O. P. Brown

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Hon James L. Hodges  
H. of Reps. 3

22 Apr. 1830.

The Proprietors of the citizens Line of Mail Coaches between New-Port. A. S. and New-Bedford-Harbor are informed that six hundred dollars will be allowed them for the transportation of the Mail thrice weekly during the continuance of Steam Boat Navigation the present Year, if they will so arrange their arrivals and departures as to connect regularly with the Steam Boat Line from New-York - It can not be doubted but that the offer will be satisfactory to the owners of the Citizens Line and that the mail facilities so important to the citizens of New-Bedford will be secured to them

Hon James M. Wayne  
H. of Reps. 3J. B. Brown  
— " —

Upon examination it appears that a letter was refused by You to the Deptt. from Charlton Hines which stated that he wrote to the Deptt. in December last, relative to the propriety of changing a Mail Route in Ga; and sent on at the same time a petition from sundry members of the Legislature petitioning the establishment of a new Route through Fulton and Liberty Counties. This letter and petition alluded to by W<sup>r</sup>. Hines has not been received - Any alterations or improvements which he may think proper to suggest shall receive due attention — " —

J. B. Brown  
— " —

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22 Apr. 1830.

Hon J. H. Hall  
H. of Reps. 3

In reply to of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing a petition against an alteration in the Post Routes from Norfolk Va to Fayetteville N.C. so as to leave the present road and pass to Raleigh via Halifax & H. & Nashvillle; I have the honour to inform You, and through You the Memorable, that the Post Master Genl. has no intention of making the alteration referred against

J. B. Brown

Hon Philip P. Barbour  
H. of Reps.

22 Apr. — " —

In Reply to Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., I have the honour to inform You, that Mr. Thornton's interest in the mail Route from Fredericksburg to Gordonsville — " — has been transferred to Dr. Ansel Ferrall — "

J. B. Brown

Hon C. H. Kane

Apr. 2 — " —

U. S. Senate

I have the honour in answer to Yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst. with the petition therein enclosed to state that the Deptt. has previous to the receipt of Yours discontinued Routes No 67 & 70, which run into each other at Henderson Point, & has taken steps to discontinue that part of No 70, which <sup>is</sup> between the afores<sup>d</sup> Point to Springfield. — " —

It would be highly gratifying to the feelings of the Post Master Genl. to comply with the wishes of the Petitioners, but the state of the finances of the Department induces him though reluctantly to refrain from extending at present to the citizens of Jacksonville that accommodation which is desired & under other circumstances would with pleasure be granted — " —

J. B. Brown  
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Hon J. Richardson,

H. of Reps.

Post Off. Deptt

24<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1830.

The enclosed communication to the Hon Mr Reed, and which was submitted to your perusal contains the grounds upon which the change complained of by the citizens of Wrenham Middleboro &c was based and upon a careful re-reading of all the circumstances of the whole case, it is not perceived that a revision of the order would be either legal, or beneficial - In this conclusion it is trusted you will acquiesce -

J.P. Brown

24<sup>th</sup> " "

Hon Chas. G. Dewitt,

H. of Reps.

Answers have been rec'd from the Post Masters of Albany & Kingston N.Y. on the subject of discontinuing the Land Mail between Albany and Kingston on the West side of the River pending the season of Steam Boat Navigation. The obstacles to the supplying the offices of Coeymans New Baltimore & Coxsackie for Steam Boat coupled with the increase of expense to which the Deptt. would be subjected over and above what it now pays under existing arrangements, have determined the Post Master Genl. against the discontinuance of the Land Mail - -

Hon T. F. Foster

H. of Reps.

24<sup>th</sup> J.P. Brown

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In answer to Yours of the 23<sup>d</sup> ulto I have the honour to inform You that the Contractors on Route no 259 have been written to and offered \$75 per m. if they will extend their Route from Monticello to Indian Springs, and in case of their acceptance of the proposition to put it into effect immediately - - Mr. Erwin's letter is herewith returned - -

J.P. Brown

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Post Office Deptt

24<sup>th</sup> Apr 1830.

Hon John Anderson,

H. of Reps.

I have the honour to state in reply to Your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst. that in accordance with the views of the Citizens of the East part of the Town of Raymond a Post office has been established at East Raymond and instructions given to the Post Master of Raymond to send a Mail from his office to the office at East Raymond, on Tuesday of every week, as desired by Petitioners -

J.P. Brown

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Hon C. C. Clay

H. of Reps.

I have the honour to inform You that the Post Office at Sulphur Springs, Ala was discontinued the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 1826. Since which time no returns have been made from that office - -

It appears that the Contractor on Route no 100 from McMinnville Tn to Huntsville Ala is bound to pass by Sulphur Springs, and New Market also; but since there is no office at Sulphur Springs, it does not seem necessary that he should be compelled to travel that Road, unless public convenience should require it -

W. Gerons letter is enclosed. 3

J.P. Brown

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