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Hon. W. J. Hawkins  
H. of Reps.

I have the honor to inform you that the P. M. Genl. has directed the alteration in the hours of Arrival & Departure, called for by the Contractor, & recommended by the Postmasters on Route No. 2170, Warrenton, N. C. to Phillips Store, & that the following is now the schedule for said route viz -

Leave Warrenton on Saturday after the arrival of the Northern Mail -

Arrive at Sills on Sunday m<sup>o</sup> by 10 A.M. &c  
at Phillips Store on Monday by 10 A.M.

Leave Phillips Store on Monday at 12 M<sup>o</sup>.

Arrive at Sills same day - - - & at  
Warrenton on Saturday - - - at 12 M<sup>o</sup>.

O. B. B.

13<sup>th</sup>

Hon. W<sup>m</sup> Kennew  
H. of Reps.

Mr. Shanks letter referred by you to the Dept. has been rec'd. You will please to inform him that the extension of time is granted & that as he now has the contract (which has been sent on for execution) he will in conjunction with the Postmaster at Barnesville make the proper alteration in the schedule & then have it forwarded to the Dept.

O. B. B.  
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Hon Joseph Milligan  
H. of Reps.

It does not appear that the letter referred to in your communication of 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. has reached this office. If you will be pleased to state its contents, you shall receive an immediate answer -

O. B. B.

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Hon. John S. Roane,

H. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst., relative to a change of the schedule for route No. 2025, Richmond via to Mathews C. H. -

The Post Masters on that route, have been written to on the subject, and so soon as their answers are received, you shall be informed of the decisions in the case.

O. B. B.  
14<sup>th</sup>

Hon. A. Rosedale,  
H. of Reps.

The enclosed petition proposes that the Contractor for Route No. 2145 Salisbury, N. C. to Statesville, may be permitted to run his stages on the direct road via Guwansville & to supply Wood Grove & Hanesboro's Store with a horse mail twice a week.

It is stated that the road, via Hanesboro's Store, is 4 miles farther than the other.

It is contemplated to to expedite as to run 40 miles per day & in such cases it is customary to allow the Contractor to run the best & most direct road.

Please, examine the petition & inform the Dept. whether you know of any objections to the proposition & return it with your answer at as early a period as possible.

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Mr. Jonathan McCarty.

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On examination of the papers relating to the claim of Daniel St. John, it is discovered that no evidence of the time at which he commenced visiting the office at "Salmon", nor of the increased distance for which he was subjected by performing this service has been furnished -

The rules of the Dept. render this preliminary indispensable - It is also necessary that he shall forward evidence of the precise date, he ceased to transport the mail on the route, in pursuance of the order of discontinuance directed to him on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Oct 1830. When he shall furnish the certificates of the P. Masters as to these several facts, his account will be adjusted -

O.B.B.  
16<sup>th</sup>

Hon. Charles C. Johnston

No. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> Decr. enclosing an acct. of Mr. Adams Saunders, Mail Contractor; and in reply, I am instructed to inform you that payment has been made to Mr. Saunders up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of July last, at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, for conveying the Mail on Route No. 1992. Wythe C.H. Va. to Salem, W. C. and also, eight dollars and forty cents for performing three trips on Route No. 1991. Wythe C.H. to Jeffersonville -

An earlier answer should have been given, but your letter was not referred to this office from the office of finance till Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst.

O.B.B.

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16. Jan'y. 1832.

Hon. Lewis Maxwell

No. of Repts.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from D. W. Sleeth Esq. to your address, under date of 16<sup>th</sup> Decr. In reply, I am instructed to inform you, that payment has been made to Mr. Sleeth in full for the year 1831. and no deduction made for fines, as will appear by the enclosed copy of his acct. -

O.B.B.

17<sup>th</sup>

Hon. Joseph Milligan

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Your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> Inst. is

received. The route from Wilmington by St. Georges &c. to Easton has been assigned to A. Porter at the request and by the transfer of Robert Kiddie whose proposal for it was accepted at the late lettings. The contract was delivered to Mr. Porter when he was last in this city.

There was subsequently some correspondence on the subject, but by letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst. he was requested to execute it and return it to the Department. The original proposal of Steven E. Parker for the route from St. Georges to Georgetown was accepted and the contract has been sent to him for execution.

There has been some correspondence between Genl. Parker and Mr. Porter on the subject of this last route, with a view of its being transferred to Mr. Porter but that is a matter of individual arrangement between the parties, and the result is not yet known to the Department.

O.B.B.

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Hon Lewis Dewart  
Ho. of Reps.

I regret to observe, that Mr. Shoop did not exactly understand the intention of the Dept. and that his intentions were not understood by the Dept. in relation to the route between Millersburgh and Pottsville.

The P.M. Genl. had promised to establish a line of stages on that route, and advertised for proposals accordingly. When the proposals of Mr. Shoop were accepted it was under the impression that they were for a stage line. This arose from the circumstance, that the Clerk, in recording the proposals, omitted to note on horse back. When you were afterwards desired to request Mr. Shoop to go on with the route till other arrangements should be made, the impression on my mind and on the mind of the P.M. Genl. was, that, as Mr. Shoop had not proposed to run stages, altho' the advertisement called for no other proposals than for stages, he had determined not to undertake the contract in stages; and as no arrangement was made for stages, it was desirable that he should carry the mail on horses till a contract could be made with some other person who would be willing to run stages. It appears however that Mr. Shoop, from his letter to you, was himself contemplating a future arrangement to put stages on the route, though he had never stated it to the Dept., and the Dept. could not have anticipated his intention. If it had been known to the Dept. that Mr. Shoop was willing to run stages, the contract would have been offered to him; for Mr. Bolder did not ask for, but appeared rather reluctant to engage when invited to take--

I have written to Mr. Bolder, and requested him to give to Mr. Shoop such an interest in it as may be mutually agreeable. If he shall not be inclined to do so, it will give the P.M. Genl. pleasure to patronize Mr. Shoop with any other contract that may become vacant, provided he can do so upon such terms as may be compatible with the public interest; Mr. Shoop appears from his

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Ston John Romson

Ho. of Reps.

The Postmaster General instructs me to say in answer to the enclosed letter from Mr. Brooks that if Mr. Dohrmann had failed to comply with his engagement, he would have decided what course to pursue: but it is contrary to his practice to decide cases which have not arisen.

O.B.B.  
17<sup>th</sup>

Hon William Hermon  
Ho. of Reps.

The Postmaster General instructs me to inform you, in answer to the letter of Geo. W. Many-penny Esq. referred by you to this Department, that the contractor on the route from St. Clairsville to Listerville N.Y. has been directed to leave St. Clairsville every Monday at 6 A.M.

O.B.B.

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letters, to be a gentleman of intelligence and business: and I have no doubt, that if the opportunity should offer for him to become engaged in transporting the mail, he will be found a valuable acquisition to the Dept.

P. B. B.

18<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1832

Hon W<sup>m</sup> L. Marcy  
U. S. Senator

I am instructed by the Post Master General to enclose for your perusal and transmission a letter to the Postmaster at Dudley Mass- in answer to his letter to your address herewith returned, remarking that the change of the route alluded to was made upon a full investigation and conviction that the interests of Dudley, Woodstock & Pomfret could not be materially affected thereby. Whilst those of Thompson & Killingly would be greatly benefited. The change of Route was made too with the approbation and at the request of the Hon. Mr. Davis of Mass- & Hon Mr. Young of Ct- Representing the District of Country thro' which the route from Worcester Mass- to Norwich Ct- passes and presumed to be cognizant of its wants and interests.

A. Nelson for Mr. Genl.

18<sup>th</sup>

Hon A. H. Sevier

As. of Reps

✓ Your views on the subject of the enclosed petition.

A supply of the mail has been ordered to Lees Creek-

P. B. B.

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15<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1832

Hon T. C. Sprague  
U. S. Senator

I am instructed by the Post Master General to state in reply to your communication of the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. and the enclosed petition for the establishment of a new Route from Hallowell to Farmington in Maine, that the route prayed for has not been provided for by law, and without the action of Congress the Postmaster General has no legal authority to put it in operation-

A. N. for Mr. Genl.

Hon John Sipton  
Mr. Hendricks  
& R. Hanna

18<sup>th</sup>

The petition from the members of the Legislature of Indiana, praying that Indianapolis may be made a distributing office, together with your own request for this arrangement were duly received. In reply I would state that the object of a distributing office is entirely different from that of merely separating papers or packages so as to send each according to its direction. When letters are mailed for offices in other states than the office at which they are mailed, the postmaster who mails them puts ~~them~~ a package & directs it Eastward, Westward, Northward, or Southward, as the case may require.

The Postmaster at the first distributing office opens all such packages and makes up their contents into separate mails for the several offices within his distributing district, & letters going beyond that point, he makes up in packages directed to the state in which the post offices are, to which they are severally destined; and the Postmaster at the distributing office for such state, opens such packages, & makes up their contents in separate mails or packets for the several offices-

It must be obvious then, that the proper location for a distributing office, is as near the entrance into a state as can conveniently be.

If a letter is mailed at Springfield or Dayton,

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or Columbus in Ohio, for Richmond or Centerville  
or Lawrenceville in Indiana, and Indianapolis is  
made a distributing office for that State. it will  
first be mailed in a general package for that State  
with other letters for the same state & sent to  
Indianapolis for distribution, and thence returned to its  
its destination; by which means great delay will  
be occasioned. As it now is, the distributing offices  
of Louisville Ky. Cincinnati & Zanesville Ohio, dis-  
tribute all letters going west into Indiana &  
Vincennes all letters coming from the West into  
Indiana.

These facts being given, & the situation of  
Indianapolis considered, it will appear obvious to  
you, that it cannot be made a distributing office  
without producing injury and inconvenience to the  
state - therefore the Postmaster General declines  
making the arrangement desired.

You will please inform the applicants of the  
decision in the case -

B. B.  
18<sup>th</sup>

Hon. F. G. Jewett  
H. of Reps.

I am instructed by the Post-  
Master General to enclose for your perusal and trans-  
mission a letter to Mr. Thomas L Clarke relative  
to the mail's transportation <sup>between</sup> Oatons & Skaneateles the  
subject having been submitted by you for the ac-  
tion of the Department.

A. N. for the P.M.G.

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Hon. William Hogan  
H. of Reps.

I am instructed by the Postmaster  
General to enclose for your perusal and transcription  
the enclosed letter to Mr. Clark Rawson being in reply  
to his communication to your address of the 3<sup>d</sup> Inst  
relative to the supply of Elizabethtown Post office on  
Post Route No. 237 Sandy Hill to Rouses Point for which  
Mr. Rawson is the contractor.

A. N. for the P.M.G.

19<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1833

Hon. John C. Broadhead  
H. of Reps.

I am directed by the  
Postmaster General to state in reply to the enclo-  
sed communication that instructions will be  
given the Postmaster at Milton N.Y. to contract  
forthwith for the weekly transportation of a mail  
direct between Milton & Poughkeepsie. The recom-  
mendation of Judge Soper to bend the route from  
Kingston to New Paltz & Newburgh to New Paltz lan-  
ding, will receive all due consideration at the  
next lettings for contracts in N.Y. - the alter-  
ation could not well be made before -

A. N. for P.M.G.  
20<sup>th</sup>

Hon. J. A. Foot  
U. S. Senator

I am instructed by the Postmaster Gen-  
eral to enclose to you a letter from the Postmaster at N.Y.  
City in relation to delay of letter transportation between N.Y.  
& New Haven &c vice versa.

The Postmaster at Stamford was urged on the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst  
to look <sup>to</sup> the regularity & dispatch of all letters and mail to  
their proper destination - from that office no reply has as  
yet been received.

Please return the enclosed.

A. Nelson  
for the P.M.G.

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Hon. Mr. S. Barbour  
House of Reps.

Understanding incidentally that you have expressed disapprobation of the running of a daily mail in lieu of a mail three times a week between this City and Warrenton Va by Alexandria, Fairfax C.H. Centreville Buckland and New Baltimore, and it being by no means desirable to continue an useless accommodation, I respectfully ask of you your opinion in writing as to the propriety of withdrawing the four additional weekly mails granted between those points in September last, so as to run but three times a week, and back, from Washington City to Warrenton Va.

W. T. Barry,  
21st.

Hon. Lewis Mumford  
H. of Reps.

I have the honor to inform you, that after a careful examination of the reasons adduced in favour of an alteration of Routes No 1930. Weston Va to Parkersburg, & No. 1959. Kenkawa C.H. Va to Elizabethtown, the Postmaster General declines making the proposed changes in those Routes.

O. B. B.  
21st.

Hon Robert Craig  
H. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from James Ganks Esq. to your address, requesting an alteration of Route No 1954. Lexington, W. Va to Salem.

In reply, I am instructed to inform you, that the Postmaster General does not deem it expedient to make the change proposed-

O. B. B.

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21 Jan. 1832

Hon Charles L. Johnston  
H. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst. enclosing a letter from Charles Johnston Esq. remonstrating against the removal of the Post office from Clarendale & Botetourt Springs Va on Route No. 1954; and in reply, I am instructed to inform you, that the Post Master General declines making any alteration in that route for the present, and the offices above named will be continued as formerly.

O. B. B.  
21st.

Hon. R. M. Johnson  
H. of Reps.

The Postmaster General instructs me to inform you in answer to the letter of Mr. Battell referred by you to this Department, that the contractor and proprietor of the Mail Boat which runs from Guyandot to Cincinnati has been directed to touch invariably at Catlettsburgh on the trips of the Boat up and down.

O. B. B.  
21st.

Hon Geo. McDuffie  
H. of Reps.

I have the honor to inform you, that the Postmaster General has concluded to curtail Route No. 2294. Edgefield C.H. So. Ca to Pickens C.H. at Perrins and the Contractors have been directed to make Perrins the head of said Route.

The Contractor for route No. 2291. Augusta Ga. to Greenville S.C. having been directed to pass through Willington instead of Sandown on that route, it is presumed this arrangement will afford every necessary accommodation for Willington & supersede the necessity of an additional Mail from Perrins to that office.

O. B. B.

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21<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1832.

✓ Hon. Andrew Stewart  
H. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Inst. enclo- sing a letter from David Black Esq. to your address, re- questing an alteration of Route No. 193d. Morgantown V. to Wheeling, so as to run via Blacksburg, is received, and in reply, I am instructed to inform you that the Postmaster General declines for the present, making the change proposed.

O. B. B.  
21<sup>st</sup>.

✓ Hon A. H. Sheppard

H. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup>. Inst. and in reply, I am instructed to inform you, that the Postmaster General has concluded to grant an additional Mail, once a week, on route No. 2028. Pennsylvania, N. C. to Seaksville, N. C. and the contractor has been directed to carry it into im- mediate operation.

O. B. B.  
21<sup>st</sup>.

✓ Hon J. Banks

H. of Reps.

In answer to the letter of James R. Wick P. M. at West Greenville, referred by you to this Dept. the Postmaster General instructs me to inform you, that Mr. Wick has been directed to contract for the route from West Greenville via Culbertson to Franklin, provided it can be done for the sum paid under the old contract.

O. B. B.  
21<sup>st</sup>.

✓ Hon John Barn

H. of Reps.

The enclosed petition is referred to you for such disposition as you may think proper. The Postmaster General has no power to establish routes in such cases.

O. B. B.

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✓ Hon Mahlon Dickerson  
U. S. Senate

The memorial of the citizens of Monmouth County New Jersey transmitted by J. G. Potts Esq. thro' you to this Department, requesting that the schedule of the route from Trenton to New Brunswick may be so changed as to give the holder six mails a week has been considered together with the proposition of Joshua English to perform the service for the additional compensation of \$650 per annum.

The Postmaster General instructs me to in- form you that he does not deem it expedient to authorize the alteration at this time.

O. B. B.  
21<sup>st</sup>.

✓ Hon John Thompson  
H. of Reps.

After reading the enclosed letter to Mr. Critt's will you be pleased to forward it to him.

O. B. B.  
23<sup>rd</sup>.

✓ Hon Sam'l. A. Foot  
U. S. Senator

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst. and respectfully re- quest your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter from the Postmaster at Stamford. Ct. accounting how it may happen that letters may be four days in their pas- sage from New York City to Cheshire, and letters from Washington City and New York City for Cheshire, arrive the same time at Cheshire.

The Eastern mail at N. York closes at 5. A.M.

Melson for the P. M. S.

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✓ Hon R. M. Johnson

Ho. of Reps.

The Postmaster General instructs me to inform you in answer to your enquires on the subject, that a contract for the route from Gaines' Cross Roads to Lawrenceburgh has been forwarded to Mr. Gaines.

P.B.B.

24<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon. John A. Collier

Ho. of Reps.

I am instructed by the Post Master Genl. to enclose for your perusal and transmission a letter to Mr. George Marvel the Contractor for the carrying of the mail on Post Routes No<sup>o</sup> 37.847. Binghamton to Coblesville N.Y. and to state that the answer to your communication on this subject of the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. was unavoidable delayed by the indisposition of the Postmaster Genl. - Mr. Whitney's letter is herewith returned -

A.N. for the P.M. G.

24<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon William Fitzgerald

Ho. of Reps.

The Postmaster General instructs me to inform you in answer to your letter of 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. recommending the establishment of a line of mail stages between Paris and Mills Point. that, entertain-  
ing some doubts of the expediency of the measure, he has determined to hold it over for further consideration.

P.B.B.

24<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon Noyes Barber

Ho. of Reps.

The heavy additional disburse-  
ment involved in the proposals for expediting the mail between New Haven &c. and Providence R. I. has com-  
pelled the Postmaster General to suspend ordering the improvement at this time and I am instructed to advise you of this decision -

N. Nelson for the  
P.M. Genl.

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✓ Hon R. M. Johnson

Ho. of Reps.

The Postmaster General instructs me to inform you in answer to Mr. Grays communication proposing to establish a line of mail stages between Paris and Mills Point, that entertaining some doubts of the expediency of the measure, he has determined to hold the proposition over for further consideration -

P.B.B.

25<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon W. J. Nuckolls

Ho. of Reps.

I am instructed by the Post Master General to enclose for your perusal and transmission a letter addressed to E. Jennings Esq. Mail contractor, cor-recting a mistake which occurred in a letter to him under date of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. -

A.N. for the P.M. Genl.

24<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon. R. M. Johnson

Ho. Reps.

After having read the enclosed letter to Mr. De Courcey will you be pleased to forward it to him. Mr. DeCourcey suggests the propriety of establishing a route from Mayoville, or Augusta by Flagg Spring, Carthage and Visalia to intersect the route from Lexington to Cincinnati.

The Postmaster General not having the power to act on this part of the subject, it is referred to you for such proceedings as you may deem expedient -

A.N. for the Superintendent  
24<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon. Mark Alexander

Ho. of Reps.

After having read the enclosed letter to General Parker will you be pleased to forward it to him.

A.N. for the  
Superintendent

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✓ Hon Geo. McDuffie  
H. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup>. inst, and in reply I would say, that it is the practice of the Deptt. in all cases when an alteration is made in a mail route, to give immediate information of the same to the Postmasters on said route; & agreeably to that practice, the Postmaster at Edgefield C.S. and the Postmasters at the other offices on Route N<sup>o</sup> 2222 were advised on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. of the alteration which had been, that day, made in that route; which it is presumed, will avert the consequences you intimate might otherwise result from the change.

O.B.B.  
26<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon Lewis Stewart  
H. of Reps.

On examination it is found that the only connection between Mifflinville and Coryngham authorised by law, is by the route from Catawissa via Mifflinville to Berwick, thence via Coryngham to Easton. The Mail is carried on the first twice a week, on horseback; on the latter daily in four horse post coaches.

The route from Mifflinville via Rittenhouse's Mills to Coryngham, desired in the enclosed petition, cannot be established by the P.M.G.

The papers are returned to you, to be used at your discretion -

O.B.B.  
26<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon H. H. Leavitt  
H. of Reps.

After having read the enclosed letter to Mr. Lacy will you be pleased to forward it to him -

O.B.B.

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27. Jan'y. 1832

✓ Hon John Reed  
H. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst. and to enclose corrected contracts for Mr. Clark to execute for the mail transportation between Yarmouth and Provincetown & Yarmouth & Orleans as recommended by Mr. Clark and the Post Master at Yarmouth - the wording of Winslow's contract is somewhat ambiguous, and copying from it, occasioned the error adverted to by Mr. Clarke.

When Mr. Clark shall have returned the contracts & bond executed, a counterpart of the contracts signed by the Postmaster General will be forwarded him.

A.W. for the  
P.M. Genl.  
28<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon W. J. Nuckolls  
H. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst, enclosing a letter from E. Jennings Esq: to your address, accompanied by two petitions from citizens of Chesterville & Yorkville C.S. requesting an alteration in route N<sup>o</sup> 22281. Columbia S.C. to Lincoln N.C.

In reply, I am instructed to inform you, that agreeably to the request of the petitioners & your recommendation, the contractor for N<sup>o</sup> 22281. has been directed to run the direct road on said route via Brooms & to supply Rice Creek Springs with a horse mail -

O.B.B.

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✓ Hon. A. H. Steppard  
Hs. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. representing that the Post Office at "Gains Store" N.C. has not been supplied with Mail accommodations for the six months last past.

In reply, I am instructed to inform you, that the Post Master at that place, has been written to upon the subject & so soon as his answer shall have been received, such measures will be adopted as will insure to that office its regular Mails.

O.B.B.  
28<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon John Anderson  
Hs. of Reps.

I am instructed by the P.M. Genl. to state in reply to your communication of the 20<sup>th</sup>. Inst. and the enclosed Petitions from Standish Gray and Cumberland in Maine, that the Routes prayed for have not been established by law and that without the action of Congress he would not be justified in putting the routes into operation. The Petitions are transmitted you to be disposed of as to you may seem proper.

A. N. for P.M. G.

28<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon Thomas H Crawford  
Hs. of Reps.

The Postmaster Genl. instructs me to inform you, that the only connection between Upper Strasburgh and Shippensburg authorized by law is by the routes from Chambersburgh to Huntington (and Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. no direct <sup>route</sup> has been established by law.

O.B.B.

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✓ Hon B. J. Sumner  
Hs. of Reps.

The P.M. Genl. instructs me to say in answer to your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup>. Inst. that when the "advertisement for proposals" was preparing it was supposed, with you, that the schedule as therein arranged would better accommodate the citizens along the route, but that a memorial signed by the Postmasters and many other individuals, has since been received, requesting that the Schedule of the route under the old Contract might be restored. On this representation the Contractor was directed to leave Annapolis on Saturday and return on Friday.

O.B.B.  
30<sup>th</sup>

✓ Hon Wiley Thompson  
Hs. of Reps.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup>. Inst. and in reply, I am instructed to inform you, that the route from "Columbus Ga via Hubbards & Whitakers to Franklin," is not established by law & that is the reason why the proceeds of the offices were given to the carrier for supplying them with their mails.

It requires the sanction of Congress before that route can be established and put into operation.

O.B.B.