

To the Hon. Cave Johnston, Postmaster General:

We the undersigned citizens of the counties of Allegheny, Butler and Venango, do most respectfully solicit your Honor to grant and cause to be carried from Pittsburg to Franklin, Pa., a *Daily Mail* by the way of Evansburg, Prospect, Harrisville, &c. The citizens labor under many inconveniences for want of a more frequent mode of receiving their communications. Our north-western country is improving rapidly, so much so, that we are free to say, that in a short time, if not at present, the increased expense would be met by an increase of business at all the offices on the route.

The citizens of Prospect, Butler county, feel agrieved for want of a mail more than once a week, when other villages around them receive and despatch their communications as frequent as three times a week, and in some of them daily.

That the citizens of Franklin, and other villages in the vicinity, suffer much for the want of a *Daily Mail*, there cannot be a doubt; and, it must be admitted also, that Venango is one of the greatest manufacturing counties in Pennsylvania, and the vast amount of business done at the office in Franklin, would in a short time defray the expense, in part itself, in carrying a *Daily Mail*.

There are now two enterprising proprietors, Messrs. FEHL & ALLEN, running a stage daily from Pittsburg to Franklin, and should your Honor see fit to give them a contract for conveying the mail daily on said route, they will be enabled, by the great increase of travel, to carry it regularly; for about the same, or but little more than is now required, to convey it three times a week.

Yours, most Respectfully,

August 29, 1847.

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J. N. Harris
James Perkins

Andrew S. Bailey
John Saunders
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William McCoy
Daniel Gilman

John Weaver

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W. Ragan

James Kern

Joseph Billingsley

Samuel Perry

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John A. Stevenson
Samuel Reed

Winter Buchanan
Henderson White

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William Daugherty

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Hugh Reed