

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States in Congress assembled:

We the undersigned Citizens of Hillsborough County
State of Florida, Do petition your Honorable body, that the
Mail Route now in operation from Palatka, to Tampa Bay,
may be continued on to Manatee River, in said County.
There is a large settlement on the River, numbering about one
hundred whites, and from three to four hundred blacks.
The settlement is increasing rapidly, and we all feel very
much the want of communication by mail. The Post Office,
at Tampa Bay is the nearest to us, it being forty miles by
water and fifty by land. Therefore, we your petitioners
do anxiously request your Honorable Bodies to take into
consideration our isolated situation and grant us the above
request. We would further suggest that the route by water
is the most practicable being the nearest, and the land
route would be impassible for about two months in the
year on account of heavy rains, Freshets &c.

Signed

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Tampa Oct. 26th 1847, I have read the
foregoing petition of the citizens of the County of Hills-
borough and agree with them fully, as to the strong
propriety of having the mail facilities extended to the
residents at Manatee, they being and residing several
miles from this place, and thereby necessarily put to ^{great} trouble
and delay in obtaining their letters and papers, and no
doubt can exist, but that this appeal to the Department
shall not be made in vain

George S. Hawkins,
Judge Western Circuit
Florida.

Now presiding in South
Florida.

I join the foregoing statement and recommendation of the
Judge and Citizens

Thomas F. King
Sol. of the South Circuit
of Florida.

30th Cong^y } ^{Emanc}
1 Sess. } Florida

Memorial of Henry S. Clarke
& 75 others, Citizens of
Manatee, Florida &c &
praying for Mail to
Manatee.

~~Mr. Weylitz requests to
have the within copy for
Memorial letter be in
order to present to day to Sen.
Had not done. Letter passed
this in the House~~

Dec 27. 1847.

Referred to Committee
on Post Offices & Post Roads

E. C. Cabell

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