

To the Congress of the United States:

The undersigned citizens of the County of *Orleans* would hereby respectfully ask your Honorable Body to pass an act at the earliest practicable day, abolishing the entire franking privilege, and allowing the circulation by mail of all Newspapers within their respective Counties, or a distance of thirty miles, to subscribers, free of postage.

If the compensation of Members of Congress and other officers of government allowed the franking privilege is inadequate to their services without such privilege, let provision be made in some other way not liable to like abuse, and by so doing, in our opinion, the mails can be made the means of supplying every citizen with the Newspapers of his own locality free of postage, without any additional expense to that service.

Our institutions are founded upon the virtue and intelligence of the people; and this consideration alone should induce their representatives to furnish every possible means for the promotion of that end; and what so well calculated therefor as the free circulation of Newspapers within the respective Counties where published—a measure alike due to the publishers and to the people—And therefore we most earnestly ask and expect that you will grant these our most reasonable requests.

Dated *Mendall Dec 1st* 1847

Robert Clarke
Artemas Densmore
William Griswold
Joseph Morgan
J. A. Rees
William L. Clark
David Jones
Ethan Graham
S. M. Regua
J. W. Allen
James O. Muller
Alex. Crane
E. Crane
Harmon Elmore
Wm. S. Jewett
Charles S. Root
A. M. Wood
C. B. Roberts
M. J. Koller
Oran Smith

S. S. Jewett
Sam. Spicer
William B. Austin
Wm. W. Put
A. W. Leach
Cicero Cary
Edwin Hall
Sam. Mead
Oscar Sawyer
S. P. Weeks
Horace Sawyer
Geo. J. Burr
Lewis Cook
Robert Montoney
A. O. Groff
Leonard Kutt
Edwin Bliss
Henry Higgins
Chas. Brown
T. Bliss

Asa Baker
P. A. Bassett
George Spencer
Levi Kirt
W. E. Avery
W. W. Allen
J. J. May
Jer. Brown
Coel McWilliams
Chas. Cheseg
William Robertson
A. J. Randall
Benjamin Morse
Thos. E. Jewett
N. B. Applin
Wm. C. Brown
C. Harwick
George Hall
Daniel C. Thomas
John Dean
Moses Collins
Nelson Shinn
Noble Averill
Nathaniel Palmer
Reuben Roblin
John Hull
Jonathan Hart
L. Collins
Elijah Wud
A. Collins

Coffin Audry
C. H. Avery
B. Thomas
Charles Cusick
Smith. Brannon
Wm. H. Townsend
John Townsend
Wesley Clough
Charles Skutt
James Pool
Henry Harwick
J. J. Forbes
James C. Allen
William Hudge
Peter Montony
Henry Thacher
Plasmus Dahl
Boyd Haphin
Statt M. Redfield
S. A. Thomas
James Austin
Spencer H. Spears
Daniel M. Connde
N. B. Barker
A. Whitney
J. W. Barker
Moses Hart
Donald Jr
Monro Knight
N. M. Regua

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Petition from citizens
of ^{Orleans County} ~~Rockland~~ N. York
praying to be relieved from
the tax on news-papers,
and for the abolition of the
franking privilege &c

January 17, 1848 Referred to
the Committee on the ~~Post Office~~ Post Roads
Committee on Post Office & Roads

Presented by Mr. Gould
N.Y.