

# PETITION FOR CHEAP POSTAGE.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

The undersigned, citizens of *Oyster Bay, Buckram & vicinity*  
respectfully petition Congress to pass a law, establishing

1. A uniform rate of *Two Cents* postage on letters weighing half an ounce, and two cents for every additional half ounce, *prepaid*, and double that rate if not prepaid. Drop letters one cent.
2. Newspapers, periodicals, and all printed matter, one cent per sheet; but newspapers of the smaller size half a cent, to be *prepaid*, except newspapers and periodicals sent from the office of publication.
3. To reduce the postage on letters and newspapers by mail packet and steamers, to a rate which will bring it within the means of every class of citizens to maintain frequent intercourse with their friends in other countries, without feeling the postage to be a burdensome tax.
4. To adopt measures that in all large towns and cities there shall be a free delivery of letters and newspapers, and also for the reception and conveyance of letters to the post-office for the mails free of any expense.
5. To abolish the franking privilege entirely, that postage may be paid on every thing sent by the mails. Postage of members of Congress to be paid as their other expenses, and postmasters to be remunerated for the loss of the franking privilege and the temporary diminution of their income, by an increase of their commissions.

| NAMES.                     | PLACE OF RESIDENCE.    |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Rev John Stearns</i>    | <i>Oyster Bay L.I.</i> |
| <i>As</i>                  | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>Moses Smith</i>         | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>Wm. M. Stew. M.D.</i>   | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>John Wood</i>           | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>John M. Tamm</i>        | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>Ebenezer Seely</i>      | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>John Remsen</i>         | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>William Ludlam</i>      | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>Paul Becker</i>         | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>Isaac Valentine</i>     |                        |
| <i>James M. Seedlam</i>    |                        |
| <i>B. J. Mendible</i>      | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>Saml. J. Ludlam</i>     | <i>do</i>              |
| <i>Samuel J.</i>           |                        |
| <i>Samuel J. Bayley</i>    |                        |
| <i>Sovereign Andre</i>     |                        |
| <i>John Swyster</i>        |                        |
| <i>George Gildersleepe</i> |                        |
| <i>Jonah T. Hegeman</i>    |                        |
| <i>Richard C. Parish</i>   |                        |
| <i>Wm. Moore</i>           |                        |
| <i>Saml. Young</i>         | <i>Syoset. L.I.</i>    |
| <i>Thos. Young</i>         | <i>Oyster Bay</i>      |
| <i>David J. Young</i>      |                        |
| <i>Wm. McCon</i>           |                        |
| <i>G. W. Townsend</i>      |                        |
| <i>William C. Townsend</i> |                        |
| <i>William B. Young</i>    |                        |
| <i>J. H. Court</i>         |                        |
| <i>Saml. H. Young</i>      |                        |
| <i>Thomas Young</i>        |                        |
| <i>James E. McKay</i>      | <i>Syoset.</i>         |
| <i>H. C. F. Vets</i>       |                        |



No 1408  
Petition of Rev  
John Stearns and  
33 others, Citizens  
of Oyster Bay,  
Queens Co. New York  
for the reduction  
of Postage

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Jan 22/22 1849 Referred to the  
Committee on the Post Office  
and Post Roads.