

Princeton Ill Peoria County July 18th 1848
Hon. Wm. A. Richardson

Dear Sir, Since I had the pleasure of
an introduction to you in Peoria. I have had the
misfortune to be burnt out on the 15th Ult. which resulted
in the destruction of my Store and Stock of goods - together with
the Post office. & all the Notes & accounts due to me from my
business & also the money collected for Postage of letters and
papers from Oct. 1 to the time of the fire Dec 15. My ase so far
as I could make it out, which was for Newspapers ^{for the quarter} ~~to that time~~
& for other Postage from Dec 15 to July 1. I have forwarded to the
P. O. Department

My object in troubling you with this epistle
is to obtain your influence with the Postmaster General, in my
favor, for the amt that may be due to the Department over and
above, what I have rendered my ase for. Although the amount
will be small, it will come hard upon me to have to make it
good, as my own loss is as much as I can stand under with the
assistance of my friends here.

A small portion of your time is solicited to the
object above stated, which will confer a favor on your
friend and Humble Servt.

H. M. Barney

Petition of
H. M. Barney Post
Master at Brimfield
Ill. asking relief
for loss of money
belonging to Gov
W. A. Richardson

Brimfield Ill
Jan 18 33

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson
U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Referred to Com
on Post offices &
Post roads

The minute letter
enclosed will be
preserved

^{Illinois}
Petition
of
H. M. Barney
P.M. at Brimfield Ill.
praying to be relieved
from the payment of
certain monies destroyed
by fire - belonging to the
U.S.

February 2, 1848 Referred
to the Committee on the
Post Office & Post Roads

March 9, 1848
J. R. 18.

Richardson