

To The Honorable Members of The Senate
and House of Representatives assembled

We the undersigned, your Petitioners
interested, respectfully beg leave to make known to
your Honorable Body, that our Chief almost entire
correspondence, is by way of New Orleans, at present
our letters & papers require fourteen or fifteen days certain
and by mischance, from their circuitous route, in many
instances, from four to six weeks; that some of us after
waiting thus long are compelled to send 30 & even 40
miles for letters & papers that have passed around us.
Now if our business be important we seek private con-
veyances, when attainable, as most expeditious.

We therefore most respectfully beg to submit and
suggest to your Honorable Body, that a direct weekly
horse mail, from Alexandria which is below the Falls on
Red River, to connect with the present route which
is from Monroe to Minden La., at Mount Lebanon
which is a prosperous little village with a male & female
schools, distant about 110 miles from Alexandria, will
before contingencies and transmit our letters & papers in
four to six days from New Orleans; and further, that
from the uncertainty of navigation over & above the Falls on
Red River, this proposed route will constitute the most
safe & expeditious route north of us. Dependence as we
are upon New Orleans, for every thing, your Honorable
Body readily perceives, the invaluable benefit of placing
us within four to six days of our great Metropolis, in-
stead of so many weeks. By late arrangements
of the Carriers, if the proposed route from Alexandria,
arrive at Mt. Lebanon on every Saturday at 5 O.C. P.M.
and leave Monday morning following at 9 O.C. for Alexandria,
it will form a most fortunate connection with
the Monroe & Minden route, and secure to your
Petitioners an inestimable blessing and convenience
for which they will ever pray &c. &c.

1 J. Gibbs
2 Emory Billings
3 Saml. Ragsdale
4 William Willbourn
5 Martin Canfield
6 Hiram Gibbs
7 Matthias Andig
8 J. H. Cunningham

9 Parthen Egan
10 Jas. E. Patton
11 Wm. W. Crainford
12 Aaron. Hise
13 Joseph Garner
14 J. M. Canfield
15 W. H. Layan
16 Geo. W. Baine
17 J. S. Bacon
18 John Brier
19 L. W. Baker
20 Wm. J. A. Stewart
21 Alfred Price
22 Lewis Southern
23 Tilman W. Barker
24 Jeremiah Barnett
25 C. Hardy
26 Charles Hardy
27 James B. Hilburn
28 C. W. Smith
29 Saml. W. Smart
30 Wm. Johnson
31 Alse Lumbus
32 Josiah Williams
33 Robert Henderson Junr
34 M. B. Nash
35 Lincoln Norris

36 Jesse R. Pitman

37 Martin W. Key
38 Jacob Cook
39 J. Wood
40 C. A. Thumond

41 John Williams
42 Isaac Thumond
43 Wm. Moore
44 Joseph Canfield
45 John B. Cadins
46 J. P. Rouse
47 W. Key
48 John I. Goff
49 S. J. Grady
50 Samuel Grady

51 R. A. Black
52 Samuel Brown
53 Edward Houston Jr
54 J. M. Lilley
55 S. M. Brown
56 W. M. Liffey
57 Jas. G. Stuart
58 Thomas Leakey
59 W. S. B. Edins
60 John I. Burnett
61 Saml. A. Key
62 W. Key
63 W. G. Key
64 L. L. Thumond
65 James Ratchiff
66 Jodd Reese
67 Henry Sulphorn

68 Daniel Cantaline
69 A. J. Everett
70 W. B. Brothers
71 Luke E. Burrsett

Mount Lebanon
Charbonnet Parish La
Aug 15. 1848

Hon. J. E. Morse

Sir,

Assured you know the petition of
a portion of those who are interested in the drained route,
~~the petition~~ is expected to be sent you from the lower or
middle part of the route. Several letters will I presume
be written you on the subject & indeed the anxiety of the
community on this subject is heightened. The State of ^{the} Post
office Department, the entire vacancy of much & destruction of other
portions of the public lands in this ~~country~~ ^{State}, by squatters & otherwise,
it would ^{seem} ~~ought~~ ^{ought} favourably incline Congress, not only to Post route
but to graduation.

Most Respectfully Yours Obedt. Servt
J. Gibbs

^{Louisiana}
 Petition of Citizens
 of Claiborne Parish, La.
 Praying for a mail route
 from Alexandria to
 Mount Lebanon

February 4 1848 Referred to the
 Committee on the Post Office
 & Post Roads.

Washington City

Approved of E. M. M. M.

Not Delivered
 15th Jan'y

Return of 1848
 to other Agency for the
 establishment of a post route
 in the State of Louisiana
 in 1848

Morse