

Genl Sat Jan 13th 48

Dear Sir

enclosed I send you
petitions for a mail route through
our neighborhood
As on the Pike we were con-
- versing about where you was
canvassing the County previous to
your election
I will endeavour to give you
a little correct knowledge of
the location of the Mail routes now
in existence and the ones petitioned
for The distance by the Belpre route
from Marietta to Athens is called by
the Postoffice Department 45 miles the
actual distance 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles the dis-
- tance through Barlow & Plymouth 42
The distance by the Free Turnpike 40 $\frac{1}{2}$
and the mail will not be impeded
by the frosts of the Hocking & Ohio rivers
as it is through Belpre & Hocking City
Having made a statement of the distan-
- ces of the different routes I will
endeavour to give you a diagram of
the route The upper line is the north line



of lower R2 Range 9 10 = 11 & 12

on that line the Turnpike leaves the
Ohio river on a direct course to
Federalton Post office where it again
intersects the River road. The Consti-
-tution ~~office~~ Post office is located
on the River road at the Point
where the Turnpike leaves it. The dis-
-tances are as follows by the River route
from Constitution to Belpre 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles
Belpre to Center Belpre 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ M from
Center Belpre to Little Hocking 4 M.
Little Hocking to Hocking City 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ M.
Hocking City to Federalton 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ Miles
whole distance 29 Miles. By the Turnpi-
ke - from Constitution to Glendale 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles
Glendale to Shaws Corners ~~2~~ 3 Shaws Corn-
ers to Decatur 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ M Decatur to Federal-
-ton 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ Miles whole distance 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles
The above may be relied upon as
correct. If any error will be found
it will be in the longest route which
I have made to short by $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a M.
~~the~~ We look to you General to
take charge of the Petitions hand them
over to the Post office & Post roads Com.
& give them such information as
you can & write to me if more be
needed. Also if a more enlarged
list of Petitioners will be necessary
Direct to Constitution Washington
County. We feel as though if we
fail in the establishing of a mail
it will not be from the necessity
of the route but from a want of
knowledge of our circumstances by the

Committee to which such things are
referred & I trust that Samuel J. Britton
by your Colleague will be capable of
willing to communicate with & as-
ist you & us

Respectfully
Yrs. Wm. Thos. Pitcher

P.S. all well & all send them Com-
pliments

Wm
Pitcher

Ohio

The petition of J. I.
Hollister & 102 citizens
of Washington & Athens
Counties Ohio - praying the
establishment of a weekly
mail route from Constable
town in Washington County
through the townships of
Warren, Belpre & Decatur
to Leaverton in Athens
County Ohio -

February 26, 1848.

Referred to the committee
on post offices and
post roads.

Thomas Ritchey -

House of Representatives
Washington
D.C.
March 11/1848

Copy to Richard
Feb 1