

Autumn III Jan 25. 1848

Dear Sir,

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I have noticed in the papers that the Post Master General recommends to Congress some alterations in the P. O. laws, and among other things a revision or modification of the franking privilege.

Now what I want to say is this that if any alteration is made in the laws, so far as it regards the compensation of Post Masters who have charge of small offices I hope it may be made to operate with more equality than the law of last session. Before that the commissions allowed on the letter postage was (for the first hundred dollars) 30 per cent, and when the mails arrived in the night 50 per cent. The law of last session allows 40 per cent instead of the former compensation, with the privilege of receiving the 40 per cent for the quarter ending on the 31st of March 1847. My office is one of those where night service is required, and under the old law the commission was 50 per cent now it is 40, and I had the privilege of adjusting my accounts for the first quarter of 1847 by the new law which I saw about the

time that I was required to make my return
to the P. O. Department, when I made it as before
crediting myself with 50 per cent, but the account
was corrected by the Department so as to give me
but 40 per cent; so that, ^{where} other post masters receive
10 per cent compensation under the new law
more than under the old, I & those similar-
ly situated receive 10 per cent. less. And
what makes it still harder for me is this:
formerly I had six mails a week & now, or
since the first of July last we have a dai-
ly mail & I have to get up twice every
night or fourteen times a week and the
amount of mail matter is not increased
any more than it would have done with 6
mails a week. I suppose that you will not
be unmindful of the interests of your con-
stituents, and I hope that if an opportunity
presents that we who have extra service to
render may have our claims duly represent-
ed.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant.

Hon. A. Lincoln

Daniel Washburnth P.M.

Petition of David
Madonoth, P.M.
at Auburn, Illinois -
praying for an increase
of compensation to post-
masters.
February 15. 1848. Referred to the
Committee on the Post Office
and Post Roads.

Petition of David Madon-
oth, P.M. at Auburn
Illinois - praying registration
in relation to the compensa-
tion of Post masters -

~~Refer to Committee on Post
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