

Hillsdale Feby 15<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Hon. R. McClelland

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Enclosed, by request, I send you the Petition of nearly or quite all the business men of Hillsdale, for the establishment of a Post Route from this place to <sup>Mountpelier through the County seat of Williams Co. Ohio</sup> Bryan. This Route if established will pass through the town of Cambria, which has a Post Office only in the extreme South West corner of the town, Woodbridge, which has no Post Office and Bridgewater Williams Co. Ohio, where it intersects another Route, which from there at all events, I think, will be of no further use, if this be established.

You are perhaps aware of the rapidity which the Southern part of this County is becoming settled and the growing importance of the same.

In order to give you a more thorough knowledge of this matter, I would state, that there is at present a Post Route from this place to the place named in the petition, but a good share of the way it is on another Route, where the settlements are no thicker, than on the proposed route, and by which the inhabitants are supplied <sup>with</sup> a semiweekly mail, while the inhabitants on the proposed route are deprived of a mail entirely. The proposed route is much shorter than the present one, and while the expense of carrying the mails on this route would be decreased, I think the receipts for mail matter would be doubled. I hope you will attend to this at your earliest convenience, and much oblige the petitioners as well as

John Sweigler Jr

Hon. R. McClelland

A. B. See sketch over