PETITION FOR CHEAP POSTAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled:

The undersigned, citizens of Bangor in the State of Maine, respectfully petition Congress to pass a law, establishing:

1. A uniform rate of Two Cents postage on letters weighing half an ounce, and two cents for every additional half ounce, prepaid, and double, and all prepaid unpaid.
2. Newspapers, periodicals, and all printed matter, not over one pound, but newspapers of the smallest size half a cent, and all other printed matter, one cent for every four ounces, prepaid, and double, and all prepaid unpaid.
3. To reduce the postage on transient newspapers by small packets and samples, to a rate which will bring it within the power of every class of citizens to subscribe. Because transient newspapers are with Stitch in other examples, without being bound, and are not subject to injury.
4. To prepay postage on all letters and other matter, and enclosures, and to make provision for the collection of the postage on newspapers and other matter in the post-office for the mails free of any expense.
5. To abolish the franking privilege entirely, that postage may be paid on every thing sent by the mails. Postage of members of Congress to be paid to their other expenses, and permanent to be remunerated for the loss of the franking privilege and the temporary diminution of their income, by an increase of their emoluments.

Name of Petitioners	PLACE OF RESIDENCE.
John W. Hammons	Bangor Me
Joseph C. Chapel	Bangor
W. Burnham	Charleston
John S. Chadwick	Charleston
Thomas Bangs	
C. W. Elder	
Wm Elder	
C. S. Dresser	
J. F. Sullivan Dismant	
William Hamilton	
S. O. W. Hardy	
David McCrillis	
Jabez Snow	
C. C. Smith	Oldtown
Francis W. Hodges	
Edward	
Samuel McCallum	Orono Me
Wm Appleton	
Noah Cushman	Milford Me
Joseph Kimball Jr	Bangor
J. M. Cutting	
W. H. Crosby	Old Town
B. & J. Brown	Orono
Moses Morgan	Bangor
Wm Stick	
Samuel Stick	Corinna
N. J. Nichols	Corinth
Geo Wellington	Bangor
Hiram Jones	
Thos S. Mansfield	
Edward Kenney	"
W. H. Hall	"
A. W. Brown	"
J. J. Gerry	"
N. L. Marshall	Corinth
Edward S. Hall	
Lemuel C. Kimball	Bangor
Austin S. Bills	Bangor
Jesse H. Brown	Bangor
Calvin M. Whipple	Old Town
Edward Whipple	Bangor
John Mathes	Orono
Washington Jr	Orono
Jos. Hopkins	Bangor
W. P. Dayton	"
Charles H. Gordon	"
J. Stanchfield	"
Wm H. Jameson	"
R. W. Millingham	"
J. C. Clay	"
C. Clay Jr.	Orono Me
Thos. Hyde	
Jeremiah W. Hyde	
W. H. Crosby	
B. & J. Brown	
J. Francis Bradley	
Thos. Hyde	
Jos. Crosby	
Wm. Hamilton	
Wm. Hamilton Jr	
Wm. Hamilton	
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Petition of

356 citizens (mostly) of Bangor in the County of Penobscot - Maine - asking Congress to reduce the Postage on letters &c. and to abolish the Franking Privilege

~~Refer to Com. on P.O. & P. Roads~~ -

January 15. 1849 Referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

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Jas. S. Wiley