

PETITION FOR CHEAP POSTAGE.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

The undersigned, citizens of

Connecticut

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 that rate if not prepaid. Drop letters one cent,
2. Newspapers, periodicals, and all printed matter, one cent per sheet; but newspapers of the smaller size half a cent., to be *prepaid*, except newspapers and periodicals sent from the office of publication.
3. To reduce the postage on letters and newspapers by mail packets and steamers, to a rate which will bring it within the means of every class of citizens to maintain frequent intercourse with their friends in other countries, without feeling the postage to be a burdensome tax.
4. To adopt measures that in all large towns and cities there shall be a free delivery of letters and newspapers, and also for the reception and conveyance of letters to 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 as their other expenses, and postmasters to be remunerated for the loss of the franking privilege and the temporary diminution of their income, by an increase of their commissions.

NAMES.

PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

H. Spencer	Litchfield	Commit
J. Hotchkiss	Nonfolk	"
Geo W. Bulmer	Litchfield	"
Jason Whiting	"	"
Benj ⁿ L. Swan	"	"
Lisa L. Luce	"	"
Norman J. Spencer	"	"
Philip Wells	"	"
Jas B. Ferguson	N. Y. City	
Alfred H. Davis	Litchfield Conn	
John S. Squire	Elizabeths Pt. N. Jersey	
W. R. Pratt	Corwall Ct	
W. H. Hooker	Litchfield Conn	
G. W. Davis	Litchfield Conn	
Sam. G. Brannan	Litchfield	
Thomas Rowley	"	
Wm C. Hitchcock	New Milford	

Albert Stoddard	Litchfield Conn
Myron L. Buell	" "
C. S. Wood	" "
Solomon Mansk 2 nd	" "
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P. W. Smith	" "
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James A. Cooke	Litchfield Conn
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S. W. Best	Winsted
W. H. Moore, Esq	Canton
Uriah Williams	"
J. S. Josling	Winsted
Paul Eggleston	
Raymond Smith	
Geo. Talbot	
Elizabeth Jones	Litchfield
J. C. Wallsworth	Newtown
Lyman King	Willis

Hon J Smith-

Sir will you have the
goodness to present this petition to Congress
at as early an hour as possible

Respectfully yours
Raymond Smith

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Hon J Smith
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Petition of 'Let
H. H. H. and
34 other citizens of
Richmond County, Va.
praying for a reduction
of postage on amendments
of the laws on the subject
of the Committee on the Post
Office and Post Roads.

W. Smith