

PETITION FOR CHEAP POSTAGE.

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

The undersigned, citizens of

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.
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.

Yes for God's sake

C. Edwards Lister New York

Wm. J. Hart do

J. E. Tuel

B. H. Chew do

C. C. Earckson do

H. C. Evans

George Chase

C. S. Graves

Albert H. Smith

Nathan Smith

Brooklyn Island

W. A. Mc Intire

B. Sherman

New York

J. Moller do

H. P. Hulbert do

L. Burns do

J. Yee New York

Arch. Meryis do

W. H. Haight do

F. W. Freeman do

Saml B. Loring

Brooklyn

Root & Melis

do

C. M. Wright

do

A. M. Denning

do

G. W. Stodard

do

A. H. Whitman

do

W. C. Oakley

do

J. Crandall

do

Charles Baeder

do

John Blackmore

do

Quac Crumphorn

do

H. H. Clements

do

New York City
Memorial of C. Edwards
Lester & others for
cheap postage

January 31 1849 referred
to the Committee on the
Post Office & Post Roads.

W. Tallmadge

PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

Tallmadge

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respectfully petition Congress to have a law enacted

1. A uniform rate of two cents postage on letters, newspapers, and tracts, and two cents for bulky additional postage.

2. Newspaper postage, and all other postage, one cent per sheet, but not more than the smaller amount a cent, to be paid by the publisher.

3. The postage on letters, newspapers, and tracts, to be paid by the post office, and not by the sender, and to be paid by the post office, and not by the sender, and to be paid by the post office, and not by the sender.

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