

PETITION FOR CHEAP POSTAGE.

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

The undersigned, citizens of *Northumberland County, Pa.*
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. *Newspapers under 30 miles free of postage*
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.

Peter B. Maffer

Sunbury Pa

Peter Lazarus

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B. Wistar Morris

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Henry Gulick

Upper Augusta

Forrest King

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John Clark Jr

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J. B. Maffer

Sunbury Pa

W. A. Better

Sunbury Pa

H. H. Muench

J. C. Shepherd

Harmon Kelly, Pa.

J. P. Christ

Sunbury

Robt. Gaston

Levies Pk.

Andrew Guffy

Delaware

George Blain

Sunbury

Fred Lazarus

Sunbury

H. B. Maffer

Do

Geo. P. Pindels

Do

A. S. Wallace

do

N. B. Martin

do

Peter Krigbaum

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Geo. W. Wright

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Chas. Morgan

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W. H. Small

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Edwin Morrison

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Pa.
Petition of Peter B. Mass-
er, and twenty three other
Citizens of New Brunswick
Co. Pa. asking a reduction
of postage & praying the
abolition of the franking
privilege.

February 5, 1849 Referred to the
Committee on the Post Office
and Post Roads.

Comm. Post Office & Roads

Pollack



Mr. Wm. James Stillwell

McC.

Washington City

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