

PETITION FOR CHEAP POSTAGE.

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

The undersigned, citizens of Seneca County New York
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 packet 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.

Rufus Murray	Seneca Falls N.Y.
J. Martin	W. Arnett
Whiting Racer	George Stecker
J. H. Beath	Charles Pixley
J. Anderson	J. C. Woodworth
A. O. Woodworth	C. B. Keller
J. D. Watson	J. B. Payne
J. Chesley	Silas. Keller
C. Beatham	Daniel Rogers
W. Hermon	H. C. Seymour
Wm. Langworthy	M. H. Foster
John W. White	John Fitch
Sidney L. Smith	Joseph W. Harpist
Geo. Alan Clapp	James H. Conklin
Mc. L. Bellows	Wm. A. Crawford
L. D. Titman	David Crowninshield
J. Sackett	E. E. Jones
Edward Mynderse	
D. C. Bloomer	

Burroughs Roberts

Francis M. Connell

Sam. M. Connell

J. H. M. Carey

W. H. King

Chas. D. Mynderse

Walter Jones

Washington Racer

Chas. Armstrong

Chas. H. Hale

J. B. Smith

J. B. Smith

E. S. Nathan

Henry Graham

Chas. H. Wicks

J. L. Beebe

Aaron Whitney

C. N. May

Ellison Norcott

W. Hermon

M. C. Sibley

John Amos

James Smith

Alfred Wilcox

Sal. L. Sheehan

J. L. Luman

E. LeVouch

Robert B. Perry

W. Burr

Horace P. Bogue

Jacob F. Cook

Allen McConnell

John Murphy

J. W. Smith

Chas. Crane

L. B. Baldry

Jacob Luman

Wm. E. Blackman

In due Place

This Petition and much oblige

Yours &c

W. Hermon

Seneca Falls

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N. York
Petition of 74 Citizens
of Seneca County
New York, asking the
reduction of postage
& the abolition of the
franking privilege

Presented by
Mr. Blackmer

February 10. 1824 referred to
the Committee on the Post
office and Post Roads.