

PETITION FOR CHEAP POSTAGE.

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

The undersigned, citizens of *Elizabethtown Essex Co. N.Y.*
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.

<i>Alfred Hand</i>	<i>Elizabethtown</i>
<i>Myron Pond</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>Albion Pond</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>J. B. McVine</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>Thomas Marshall</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>J. Gray</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>R. W. Huntington P.M.</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>David Kidd</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>J. L. Dwyer</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>W. W. Judd</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>Harry Jones</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>C. H. Williams</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>Eliana Marks</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>A. M. Finney</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>P. Sheldon</i>	<i>do</i>

John Crawford
Robt. F. Hale

Elizabeth Givens

Do.

Do

G. S. Nichols
P. Holcomb

Leander Abel
Stephen Roscoe
J. M. Phelps
J. D. Bunn

Asa J. Post

A. Champlin
A. Perry

John W. F.
John W. F.
Elizabeth Givens

Robert F. Hale
Robert F. Hale
Post Office

February 2, 1854
The Committee on the Post
& Post Roads

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RELATION FOR CHEV. F. SLAVE.