

PETITION FOR CHEAP POSTAGE.

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

The undersigned, citizens of *the City and County of New York*
respectfully petition Congress to pass a law, establishing

1. A uniform rate of Two Cents 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, ~~prepaid~~ ^{herein} ~~but~~ newspapers of the smaller size half a cent. ~~to be prepaid except newspapers 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>Wm J Mendes</i>	<i>90 West Broadway</i>
<i>Henry Byron</i>	<i>68 West Broadway</i>
<i>Joseph Ellis</i>	<i>65 West Broadway</i>
<i>William Leary</i>	<i>56 Warren St</i>
<i>Wm Butler</i>	<i>66 Division St</i>
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<i>Hugh M Stravick</i>	<i>66 Division St</i>
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<i>Thomas Meale</i>	<i>161 West Broadway</i>
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<i>Robert Anderson</i>	<i>163 West Broadway</i>
<i>Robert Borden</i>	<i>163 West Broadway</i>
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<i>John H. Samuels</i>	<i>139 Laurens St</i>
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