

BATH

To the Hon. Mr Burke
Sir

In compliance and agreeable to wishes of the petitioners and more so as a very large and respectable number are the most respectable ~~Citizens~~ ^{are petitioners} of your favorite town that is the town Newport, for a mail route from Bellows falls to Newport you probably are aware that the opening of the Cheshire ^{and Sullivan} Rail Roads have opened new facilities and entirely changed the course of business upon the Valley of Cold River, diverting it from a direct course to Boston &c. to those points. It has become necessary also that our mail route supplying the post offices on that line should in part correspond. For the better convenience of those living in the towns of Walpole, Newville, Langdon and Papermill Village foreseeing the effects that these Rail Roads would have on them; petitioned to the postmaster General for a daily mail route from Bellows falls to Papermill Village and recommending its continuance up the Valley of Cold River to Newport and in start of us sent it on to Washington to the Hon. William Henry member of Congress from Bellows falls to be Presented to postoffice department and to use his influence to have the prayer of the petition heard the said ^{petition} was signed as you by calling for it ^{may see} by a very large and respectable number of the Citizens of those places - It was sent on but recently

The Citizens of the towns of Acworth, Lemster, East Unity
and ~~Wesport~~^{Wesport} as soon as those roads were opened began to feel their
effects on their business and the change that they were making
on the community soon saw that a continuance of the
new mail route above specified was necessary for the accom-
modation of the ~~in~~ inhabitants also on the said line to have
it continued to ~~Wesport~~ you will see by calling for
the petitions ^{that} a large and respectable number of names are
attached to said petitions something like about 250 of whom
about 60 are from ~~Wesport~~ the number might have been
swollen to twice that number very easily but the number
was thought to be as good as more. We have, as Mr Henry
is agent for B. C. Peters and others, the first petitioners, ~~submitted~~ our
petition to him for presentment to the post office department
and to that department argue its propriety he being better
acquainted with the situation of the whole route ~~payed~~ for by
both sets of petitioners and having more interest in it, than
any member of this state, In our instructions to him he is
requested to call to ~~your~~ assistance your aid as you are
well acquainted with many of the petitioners and also with
the condition and situation of said ^{route} that is contiguous or nearest
to ~~Wesport~~ and rely on your influence to have the prayer
of the petitioners complied with so far as you have respect
for the interest of your old friends without charge to them.
We have written or mentioned a few things to Mr Henry
as arguments in favor of the petition but as both of you
that is Mr Henry with Belkows fall way and you with

Newport (we need say but little), are well acquainted with
the country over which said Rout is to pass

I have to say to you if address or otherwise is not as it
should be to meet the case you or Mr Henry are requested
to alter so as to make it right.

If ~~more~~ information ~~or~~ otherwise is wanted please write
me and direct it to Joseph Ball Esq of Acworth
yours with Respect.

Joseph Ball
for the petitioners

Hon. E. Burke

Acworth February 17th 1849

P.S. Messrs Huntington and Armstrong are running a ~~four~~
horse stage each on ~~that~~ ^{said} Rout three times a week and
will be at Washingto make bids for carrying the mail
should the Rout be established



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