

Dear Sir

In behalf of the Petitioners for the continuance ^{short} of a new mail route petitioned for by Barnabas & Peters and from Papermill Village up the Valley of Cold River etc. to Newport you are respectfully requested to take charge of them and forward them at soon a practicable to the post Master General of the United States. You are selected by the said Petitioners in the first place because you have the charge of the petition of B & Peters ^{for the new mail route} from Belvoir Falls to Papermill Village and as our Petition is but a continuance of theirs it is ~~most~~ proper that the same one should have the care of ours as of theirs. we also prefer you for the reason that you're better acquainted with the said route and the circumstances attendant than either of the Representatives of ^{our} own State and are so situated that you have more interest than they. Relying as we do on your ability to perform the task we ask of you, that you will exert your influence as far as consistent to secure the Request of our Petition in as much so as you will the Petition of B & Peters etc. As Mr Edmund Burke Commissioner of Patents is well acquainted being formerly from Newport and well acquainted with many of the Petitioners especially those of Newport and Unity and the situation of the Country in that Region that counsel with It is the desire of many of the Petitioners that you invite him to take an active part with you in securing ~~our~~ to us our Request or Petition

I will however suggest a few things as a strong arguments in favor of our petition.

It always remains mail route to be convenient on the same direction that ^{the} course of business does to to convene the Inhabitants when business led directly to Boston etc. it was necessary that our mail run in that direction but as the business in the towns mentioned in the Petition is wholly changed it is highly necessary that at least a mail route should be established corresponding with with the great portion of the business for ^{instance} an man wishes to send a letter from Papermill to Acworth or Lemster if it is put into ^{the post office} at Papermill on Saturday it will not arrive at Acworth a distance of eight miles till Tuesday night or Tuesday untill Saturday night a letter from Boston takes one day longer whereas if the new mail route is established a letter put in at Papermill will arrive at Acworth in 1 hour and from Boston in seven hours. A like remark is equally true ~~with respect~~ with all the post offices on said route being six, beside the new one.

By securing a mail route we secure a stage route which we conceive to be of great advantage for passengers coming into the depo at Bellows falls will be subjected to great inconvenience without a stage to convey them to the place of destination to hire a private conveyance will ^{or else after cost} them two Dollars where as the present stage fare is but sixty cents enough I have said. You will see

all that is needed on this point
As then now a Rail Road building from Concord to New-
port you will see the importance of having the two
roads connected by a mail and stage route—
As to the new post office you are aware Parks hollow or
we may say ^{South Newbury} is the greatest place of business in town
there being the only mills in town the only Factory. &
and a large store probably will be built there this season
and as there is but one store in town and that not
doing but little business the prospect is that it will be a
place of more business than any place short of Papermill
It is estimated that more than one half of the store
business of Newbury is done at Papermill village &
you together with Hon. Mr. Burk are so well acquainted
with the situation of said route that I should not suggest
any more ideas to you for you to argue in its favor
you have enough of your own
yours with respect Joseph Ball for the
Newbury February 17th 1849 Petitioners

N. B. If the address should be right you are requested to
alter as case will require

Any more information wanted or any thing else you will
direct it to Joseph Ball Esq Newbury N.H.



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*Hon William Henry M.C.,
Washington City D. C.*