

PETITION FOR CHEAP POSTAGE.

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

The undersigned, citizens of

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.

David Brown

Cold Spring L. Island

T Brown

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C Brown

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C Mac

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Louisa Brown

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Richard M Conklin

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E. H. Conklin

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Maria Thissam

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Richard M Conklin Jr

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Elizabeth H Conklin

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Mary J Conklin

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Margaret S Conklin

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Mary Cook

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M. B. Sherwood

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Samuel Sherwood

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Dr. J. Fernan

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Petition of citizens
of Cold Spring Long
Island, in favor of a
reduction of postage

February 27, 1849 referred to the
Committee on the Post Office and Roads
Mr. Hunt

Washington D.C.
Washington City.

Columbia

Comm. on P.O. & P. Roads

July 20

To the Hon^{ble}

Washington

My dear Mr. Hunt,
As I happen not to know the
the P.O. is from this district, you will
be more than desirous to know it to yourself.
Very truly
Your
Caldwell Hester & J. J. J. J.
July 19 - 1849

