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EXTENT OF POST ROADS, AND THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THREE YEARS.

COMMUNICATED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MAY 21, 1824.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *May 21, 1824.*

SIR: In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed on the 17th of December last, I have the honor to enclose a statement containing the information required, as nearly as the manner of keeping the accounts of this office will permit.

The whole amount collected on account of postages, in each State and Territory, is given in each year, instead of the amount collected out of the funds accruing within the year. The accounts of the office have not been kept in such a form that the distinction could be made; and, on that account, the last item of the resolution, which requires "the balances of postage which accrued in each of said years, now due and in arrear," could not be given.

The accounts of this office are kept without reference to States, under one alphabetical arrangement; and, to comply with the order of the House, it has been necessary to bring all the items of each account for the three years, for between five and six thousand Postmasters, and more than eleven hundred contractors, under the heads of the respective States and Territories. This has occupied five clerks constantly since the resolution was received, and will explain why it has not been sooner answered.

It will be proper to remark, that the expense of transporting the mail includes the various credits for that service entered on the books within the period prescribed, except such as were for services rendered previous to April, 1820. The mail is in some instances carried before a contract is entered into and the terms adjusted; and the expense, on final adjustment, may be somewhat greater than is stated.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
JOHN McLEAN.

Hon. H. CLAY, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Table of the extent of the post roads, amount of postages collected, compensation of Postmasters, incidental expenses, cost of transporting the mail, &c. in each State and Territory, in the years 1820, 1821, and 1822.

Name of State or Territory.	Year.	Extent, in miles, of post roads.	Extent in miles on which the mail was actually carried.	Amount of postage collected on letters.	Postages collected on newspapers.	Compensation of Postmasters.	Expenses of Postmasters.	Nett balance of Postmasters' accounts.	Expense of transporting the mail.	Balance in favor of each State, &c.	Balance against each State, &c.	Amount collected from each State, &c.
Alabama State,	1820	1,875	1,501	\$15,156 10	\$662 44	\$5,010 37	\$1,071 32	\$9,766 85	\$26,029 02	-	\$16,262 17	\$6,500 31
	1821	2,121	1,875	17,408 59	804 36	5,819 84	813 47	11,597 64	26,948 67	-	15,369 03	12,346 96
	1822	2,450	2,121	18,164 17	1,037 91	6,302 68	1,175 07	11,784 33	27,134 19	-	15,349 86	12,133 96
Arkansas Territory,	1820	732	582	787 27	48 10	291 68	33 27	510 42	3,509 38	-	2,998 96	219 00
	1821	732	732	634 43	37 23	238 52	77 25	355 89	5,591 80	-	3,236 00	618 00
	1822	1,267	732	672 10	34 79	250 00	29 18	426 71	3,517 94	-	3,091 23	764 49
Columbia District,	1820	46	46	22,647 79	614 27	11,473 76	705 22	10,983 08	2,359 54	\$8,633 54	-	13,947 20
	1821	46	46	21,852 93	513 72	11,080 44	847 11	10,539 10	2,669 13	7,869 97	-	7,798 67
	1822	46	46	20,956 11	601 40	10,877 20	852 32	9,827 95	2,538 13	7,289 86	-	10,654 15
Connecticut State,	1820	1,494	1,360	33,799 25	2,685 97	15,363 06	1,070 00	20,052 35	17,084 25	2,968 10	-	21,681 81
	1821	1,494	1,494	33,299 82	2,916 66	15,138 38	903 77	20,054 33	16,506 25	3,948 08	-	21,494 31
	1822	1,639	1,571	37,070 46	3,276 93	16,351 42	787 61	23,208 37	16,719 73	6,488 97	-	24,541 42
Delaware State,	1820	254	254	6,106 91	932 40	2,871 42	137 62	4,240 27	5,459 91	-	1,219 64	3,682 77
	1821	266	254	6,222 97	1,063 75	2,736 22	171 54	4,348 96	5,696 85	-	1,347 89	6,760 11
	1822	266	266	6,260 40	1,047 55	2,708 96	77 38	4,521 61	5,574 25	-	1,052 64	4,293 52
Florida Territory,	1820	150	150	1,746 97	15 44	496 03	133 95	1,132 43	490 00	642 43	-	265 03
	1821	150	150	1,070 65	43 59	329 89	40 13	744 22	1,355 00	-	612 78	965 00
	1822	2,472	2,327	50,766 38	2,827 16	13,749 35	1,414 67	38,429 52	34,254 27	4,175 25	-	30,604 59
Georgia State,	1820	2,682	2,472	50,275 15	2,761 79	14,024 08	1,458 62	37,554 94	25,572 26	12,181 98	-	41,884 09
	1821	2,920	2,682	49,238 27	2,676 52	13,980 91	1,427 74	36,506 14	24,547 28	11,958 86	-	36,181 09
	1822	1,673	1,060	4,334 68	278 81	1,848 84	367 88	2,396 77	9,347 49	-	6,950 72	3,011 63
Illinois State,	1820	1,573	1,573	3,923 65	266 33	1,650 74	267 68	2,271 56	10,539 63	-	8,268 07	3,277 88
	1821	2,124	2,124	3,208 29	278 15	1,456 73	300 72	1,729 09	12,710 68	-	10,981 59	2,333 63
	1822	2,264	2,149	8,648 07	550 61	2,354 28	387 73	3,656 69	10,404 81	-	4,548 12	5,176 91
Indiana State,	1820	2,254	2,149	7,648 81	498 70	2,619 20	414 71	5,113 60	11,941 90	-	6,828 30	6,360 68
	1821	2,643	2,254	6,448 81	524 09	2,437 51	406 12	4,746 14	10,825 54	-	6,079 40	5,048 60
	1822	2,956	2,643	7,125 68	2,206 13	16,394 30	1,466 26	23,869 20	35,713 29	-	11,844 09	33,973 95
Kentucky State,	1820	2,056	1,831	34,439 29	1,831 32	13,998 93	1,581 37	20,690 31	40,391 85	-	19,701 54	35,336 82
	1821	5,367	5,367	30,810 33	2,015 08	12,682 44	1,583 85	18,669 63	39,519 12	-	20,959 50	27,184 97
	1822	5,579	5,367	33,836 87	752 24	7,142 11	1,819 57	25,627 22	18,817 51	6,809 92	-	29,137 04
Louisiana State,	1820	848	848	32,620 91	541 12	6,945 05	1,801 76	24,414 52	19,245 05	5,169 46	-	26,846 54
	1821	848	848	30,929 25	620 76	6,789 89	1,708 96	23,051 86	18,403 50	4,648 36	-	26,313 84
	1822	1,911	1,799	22,447 87	2,077 15	8,948 92	764 60	14,811 60	14,415 62	1,032 63	-	15,136 39
Maine State,	1820	1,911	1,911	22,522 30	2,188 98	8,971 48	491 81	15,247 99	14,215 36	1,032 63	-	25,561 65
	1821	2,153	2,153	23,713 14	2,999 37	9,648 66	541 29	16,522 56	14,541 50	1,981 60	-	23,560 10
	1822	1,801	1,774	58,125 42	3,679 75	13,068 80	1,851 76	46,884 61	33,684 01	13,200 60	-	48,886 33
Maryland State,	1820	1,912	1,801	57,982 54	3,762 10	13,819 41	1,654 87	47,271 86	34,113 29	13,158 07	-	46,249 73
	1821	1,912	1,912	59,141 90	3,632 57	12,543 01	1,748 92	48,382 51	34,016 18	14,366 36	-	50,893 04
	1822	2,469	2,357	87,061 82	3,840 82	20,000 47	2,922 94	67,319 22	26,181 27	41,137 96	-	65,681 28
Massachusetts State,	1820	2,662	2,469	90,558 97	3,215 92	20,284 93	2,055 04	70,834 92	24,031 81	46,803 11	-	83,883 10
	1821	2,814	2,662	94,977 00	4,199 27	21,732 23	2,753 00	74,701 04	24,553 68	50,147 36	-	77,875 64

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Michigan Territory,	1820	119	66	\$1,510 44	\$95 08	\$498 62	\$79 79	\$1,027 11	\$741 28	\$285 83	-	\$1,503 00
	1821	119	119	1,381 93	83 54	454 89	76 67	935 91	776 25	159 66	-	726 88
Mississippi State,	1820	1,872	1,872	12,345 27	569 53	4,156 12	463 71	8,294 97	29,523 96	-	\$21,228 99	7,205 70
	1821	1,969	1,969	12,391 72	599 00	4,119 63	422 98	8,448 81	31,182 80	-	22,733 99	10,481 06
Missouri State,	1820	1,815	1,568	11,544 39	672 20	3,839 39	504 63	7,872 66	20,883 49	-	13,010 83	8,152 67
	1821	2,005	1,615	9,038 72	485 32	2,688 06	469 32	6,396 40	7,089 55	-	2,392 43	3,787 47
New Hampshire State,	1820	2,150	2,005	7,429 67	509 98	2,349 87	292 65	5,297 12	7,089 55	-	2,062 20	4,977 51
	1821	2,099	2,015	13,273 40	814 50	1,972 49	338 02	4,061 92	6,124 12	-	2,062 20	4,977 51
	1822	2,201	2,099	13,357 86	746 55	5,570 94	327 22	7,930 82	7,746 62	184 20	-	7,739 47
	1823	2,201	2,201	13,760 66	902 58	5,570 94	327 22	8,206 25	8,740 97	-	534 72	11,148 85
New Jersey State,	1820	1,261	1,201	19,304 32	1,438 55	6,815 36	246 65	8,601 23	15,655 40	-	173 33	7,719 09
	1821	1,261	1,261	18,779 13	1,504 64	6,740 84	387 23	13,614 80	16,655 40	2,040 60	-	14,155 47
	1822	1,419	1,203	20,465 42	1,796 04	6,626 08	558 48	13,099 21	14,339 26	1,240 05	-	15,771 77
New York State,	1820	6,795	6,403	183,876 32	11,200 53	47,393 81	361 40	14,692 60	13,328 59	1,354 01	-	13,007 33
	1821	7,442	6,795	182,052 76	11,851 69	46,831 43	9,126 85	138,556 20	75,796 13	62,760 07	-	180,008 49
	1822	8,064	7,442	193,460 14	12,589 54	48,875 16	8,707 72	138,968 30	70,652 98	-	-	181,351 52
North Carolina State,	1820	6,218	5,646	31,853 17	2,810 42	13,195 06	10,020 37	147,154 15	70,591 05	76,563 10	-	145,173 40
	1821	6,681	6,218	31,976 00	2,933 17	13,193 27	737 95	20,760 58	59,402 55	-	-	145,173 40
	1822	6,930	6,681	31,478 09	3,034 24	13,407 79	942 72	20,843 18	54,899 97	-	-	145,173 40
Ohio State,	1820	5,636	5,318	36,317 61	2,489 29	12,872 40	868 53	20,236 11	57,087 14	-	-	21,834 86
	1821	5,900	5,636	32,248 55	2,370 53	11,757 90	1,424 07	24,119 60	54,899 97	-	32,641 97	18,932 23
	1822	6,428	5,900	31,867 46	2,469 96	11,530 97	1,435 06	21,391 39	46,205 74	-	34,056 79	18,932 23
Pennsylvania State,	1820	6,738	6,298	139,408 58	8,121 69	30,414 08	4,215 05	102,901 14	41,170 18	-	24,868 63	31,299 68
	1821	7,094	6,738	124,576 50	7,654 86	28,610 38	4,732 56	98,887 82	75,793 18	-	19,778 79	26,806 02
	1822	7,451	7,094	127,681 57	8,290 95	28,750 98	4,732 56	98,887 82	75,793 18	-	-	26,806 02
Rhode Island State,	1820	279	279	12,808 69	545 87	3,995 09	302 71	104,156 78	75,897 54	27,107 96	-	106,190 71
	1821	279	279	13,041 12	502 50	4,013 54	255 70	9,951 76	3,180 73	28,268 81	-	104,190 71
	1822	310	279	15,069 74	505 46	4,285 93	290 20	9,274 47	3,180 73	6,093 74	-	8,264 37
South Carolina State,	1820	3,665	3,482	50,168 52	3,290 00	11,695 56	1,113 32	40,649 64	52,471 20	-	11,821 56	44,623 70
	1821	3,741	3,066	49,468 14	3,174 90	11,443 73	1,320 81	39,893 50	62,547 28	-	22,653 78	44,601 41
	1822	3,868	3,741	49,176 87	3,134 42	11,614 53	1,407 71	39,289 05	55,888 11	-	16,599 06	39,419 74
Tennessee State,	1820	4,129	3,562	22,832 38	1,939 92	9,457 51	1,423 17	13,481 62	45,403 29	-	31,921 67	11,045 27
	1821	4,609	4,129	20,969 82	1,883 14	8,722 09	1,095 15	12,535 72	48,166 18	-	35,630 46	13,966 98
	1822	4,704	4,609	19,083 25	1,463 18	8,404 01	1,155 27	10,387 25	43,336 67	-	32,349 42	12,141 13
Vermont State,	1820	1,598	1,590	14,564 54	930 75	6,446 29	581 83	8,467 17	11,836 24	-	3,359 07	9,412 88
	1821	1,598	1,598	13,877 91	964 38	6,252 00	514 13	8,076 16	12,176 44	-	4,100 28	12,069 78
	1822	1,665	1,598	14,374 93	1,022 38	6,261 29	349 66	8,786 35	12,510 28	-	3,733 93	9,237 43
Virginia State,	1820	8,012	7,826	86,873 89	7,507 92	29,209 83	2,185 94	62,986 04	113,935 54	-	50,949 50	70,960 01
	1821	8,519	8,012	84,483 71	7,461 65	28,324 83	2,006 85	61,613 68	116,100 61	-	54,486 93	71,747 79
	1822	8,982	8,519	82,624 03	7,607 06	28,691 58	2,591 56	58,947 95	107,975 14	-	49,027 19	63,266 10