

From Helena, in Arkansas, to Panola, in Panola county, Mississippi, via Askew's Bluffs, once a week.

Louisiana.

*Louisiana.* — From New River post-office, on the east bank of the Mississippi River, to Galveston, in said State.

From Winsborough, in the parish of Franklin, to Monroe, in the parish of Ouachita.

From Natchitoches, along the bank of Red River, to Shreveport.

From Plaquemine to Johnson's store, on the Bayou Grosstete, by the way of Point Coupee, in Louisiana.

From Harrisonburg, through what is called the Funebree and Riser settlements, to Columbia.

From Columbia, by Thomas Meredith's, Anderson, and Perkins, in Jenkins' settlement, to Vernon.

From Vernon, by Indian Village and Coon's, to Monroe.

New York.

*New York.* — From Lockport, via Tonewanda Rapids, to Clarence.

From Elizabethtown, Essex county, New York, via Keene post-office, and Osgood's, Harrietstown, St. Amands, to Merrillsville post-office, in Franklin county, New York.

From Fort Covington, Franklin county, New York, to Dickinson, by way of Moira, in the same county.

Wisconsin.

*Wisconsin.* — For a mail route from Prairie du Chien, in Wisconsin, via Round Prairie, Graham's Mills, the Falls of Black River, the Mouth of Ollear River, the Middle Mills on the Menomonie River, the Mouth of William River, and Osceola, to the Falls of St. Croix.

Alabama.

*Alabama.* — From Wilderness post-office, via Carleton's store, to Mott's post-office.

From Troy, in Pike county, Alabama, via Wellborne or Indigo Head, to Geneva, in said State.

From Benton, in Lowndes county, Alabama, via Joseph Walker's, to Warrenton, in Dallas county.

When said routes shall go into operation.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the aforesaid routes shall be advertised for contracts, for the service thereon, at the next general letting in the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and the service to commence as soon thereafter as practicable: *Provided*, That as soon as a responsible contractor shall offer to transport the mails over any portion of the routes included in this bill, the Postmaster-General shall have the power forthwith to put them under contract: *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to express any opinion as to the true boundary of any State or Territory named therein.

Postmaster General may establish certain post-offices in California, and make temporary arrangements for transportation of mail in said Territory.

Rates of postage from or to places on the Pacific.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish post-offices and appoint deputy postmasters at San Diego, Monterey, and San Francisco, and such other places on the coast of the Pacific, in California, within the territory of the United States, and to make such temporary arrangements for the transportation of the mail in said territory, as the public interest may require; that all letters conveyed to or from any of the above-mentioned places on the Pacific, from or to any place on the Atlantic coast, shall be charged with forty cents postage; that all letters conveyed from one to any other of the said places on the Pacific shall pay twelve and a half cents postage; and the Postmaster-General is authorized to apply any moneys received on account of postages aforesaid to the payments to be made on the contract for the transportation of the mails in the Pacific Ocean; and the Postmaster-General is further authorized to employ not exceeding two agents in making arrangements for the establishment of post-offices, and for the transmission, receipt, and conveyance of letters in Oregon and California, at an annual compensation not exceeding that of the principal clerks in the Post-Office Department.

Agents for mail service in Oregon and California to be appointed.

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