

TRANSPORTATION OF MAILS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND
NEW YORK.

LETTER

FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

IN ANSWER TO

*A resolution of the House of the 19th instant, relative to cost of transportation
of mails between Washington city and New York.*

JANUARY 23, 1863.—Referred to the select committee on railroad between Washington city
and New York, and ordered to be printed.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

January 21, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to report, in answer to the resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on the 19th instant, directing "the Postmaster General to communicate to the House the amounts paid by the Post Office Department for the transmission of the mails between the city of New York and the city of Washington for the last four years," that the annual compensation of the companies composing the line between the cities named is as follows:

New York to New Brunswick—New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company.....	\$13, 500
New Brunswick to Philadelphia—Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad Company.....	20, 250
Philadelphia to Baltimore—Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad Company.....	37, 500
Baltimore to Washington—Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.....	12, 000
New York to Philadelphia—Camden and Amboy Railroad Company.....	9, 800
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making an aggregate of \$372,200 for four years; and I learn, on application to the Auditor, that settlements in full have been made with these companies to December 31, 1862.

To the above statement should be added the expense, incident to the service, of local agents and messengers, for the care and conveyance of mails at and between railroad stations and post offices in the cities of New York, Philadel-

phia, Baltimore, and Washington, amounting to \$6,873 per annum, and of route agents travelling with the mails, \$7,200 per annum; making a total, in four years, for these items, of \$56,292, and of the whole expense "for the transmission of the mails" between New York and Washington of \$428,492.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

M. BLAIR.

Hon. G. A. GROW,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.