

Mr. Editor; Sir: The following was written to me in answer to a letter of mine to the department requesting that the P. M. S. Company might be ordered to deliver & take mails at Umpqua in all their regular trips. The Sec. of the Navy previously informed me that he should give such orders of recommended by the Sec. of the Navy.

Yours &c,  
S. R. Thurston

P. O. Department  
Contract Office  
March 6, 1851.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that, agreeably to your application, the P. M. General has recommended to the Secretary of the Navy to require the contractors on the Panama and Astoria line to leave mail at Scottsville, near the mouth of the Umpqua River, going and returning, if not, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Navy, deemed inexpedient to make such order.

Respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

Fitz Henry \_\_\_\_\_

Hon. Sml. R. Thurston,  
Chicopee, Mass.