

Post Office Department,  
Washington, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish <sup>herein</sup> agreeably to your verbal request, a statement of the present cost of the mail service, between the Atlantic States and California, and the territories of Oregon, Washington, Utah and New Mexico, on the principal through routes, both by sea and overland, including routes from New Orleans to San Antonio, St Louis, to St Joseph's, &c.

The cost of the Sea service, including the isthmus transit, is as follows.

From New York to New Orleans to Aspinwall \$290,000 p An.  
" Aspinwall to Panama, N. C. by railroad, 100,000 " "  
" Panama, N. C. by San Francisco to Astoria, C. T. 348,250 " "  
\$738,250 " "

Add cost of Steamship service from San Francisco, by intermediate ports, to Olympia, C. T. 122,500 " "  
\$860,750 " "

The cost of the Overland service is as follows.

From Memphis & St Louis to San Francisco \$600,000.

" St Joseph, Mo. to Salt Lake City, . . . . . 190,000.

" Salt Lake City to Placerville, Cal. . . . . 130,000.

" Placerville by Sacramento to San Francisco. 33,000.

" San Antonio, Tex. to El Paso from Fort  
Yuma to San Diego. . . . . 196,448.

(over) \$1,149,448. \$860,750 p An

Amounts brought over. \$ 1,149,448.750. <sup>per An.</sup>  
 From Kansas, M<sup>o</sup>, to Stockton, Cal. . . . . 80,000.  
 " Independence to Santa Fee . . . . . 39,999.  
 " Neosho, to Santa Fee . . . . . 17,000.  
 " Santa Fee to El Paso . . . . . 16,250.  
 " St Louis to St Joseph's M<sup>o</sup> . . . . . 52,775.  
 " St Louis to Independence . . . . . 35,636.  
 " New Orleans to Berwick Bay . . . . . 16,800.  
 " Berwick Bay to Indianola via Galveston, <sup>2. a. W. 3</sup> 45,000.  
 " New Orleans by Belize to Galveston. 2. a. W. 55,000.  
 " San Antonio to Indianola, daily. 8,440.  
 " Berwick Bay by Galveston, Houston and  
 Richmond to San Antonio. . . . . 78,690. \$1,595,038. " "  
 Total cost of Sea & Overland Service . . . . . \$2,455,788. "

The coastwise steamship service between San Fran-  
 -cisco and San Diego, supplying the intermediate ports in  
 Southern California, is embraced in the contract with  
 the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, between Panama  
 San Francisco, and Astoria, Oregon Territory.

I am very Respectfully  
 Your obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

A. A. King

Hon. R. M. T. Hunter,  
 U. S. Senate.