

Putnam 12 Jan'y 1854

Arthur Woodgate Esq

Sir We beg to acknowledge your respects
of 8th Inst - The Explanation you offer of the
Guineana you brought to your notice in our
respects of the 5th Inst is, indeed, Exceedingly
unsatisfactory, and will induce upon us
the necessity of bringing the matter to the
notice of the U States Authorities in which
Country the offence in our case has been com-
mitted - We deny in toto the right of any
Postmaster Either British or American
to turn our Correspondence aside from
our intended Route, for some ^{Particular} convenience
of his own - and what chance of redress
of our Intention or that of our Corres-
pondent could be given, then the act
of affixing a Stamp of the value required
for the Land route, and we can not be-
lieve that the Post office laws are based
on such dishonest principles as to permit
any of its officials to perpetrate as was done
in this case, the wrong honestly & legally
paid by the Mess^{rs} Cutlers of N York

These letters
to carry it to its intended destination.

So sure are we that we state nothing in
this matter, but what is right that had
Mess^{rs} Century's letter, contained \$1000
and that letters & money had been lost
on the passage in consequence of the
Deviation from the intention of the sender
that we would, most certainly have held
the Post master in Boston liable for
the amount, and prosecuted him ac-
cordingly, and sure are we that no
honest Jury of 12 men sitting in
Boston, or H⁺ would refuse us a
verdict.

We thank you for suggesting
a Remedy at the close of your letter, we
shall not however avail ourselves of it, as
we think that the Public's interest demands
a much more efficient and permanent
one, we beg to apologize to you for the
trouble we have imposed on you
and ever yours

Respectfully
J. Dawsonson

Miss James Dawson
2 Son
Pictou
New Brunswick.

General Post Office
Halifax Jan: 28th 1837.

May I state in reply to your communication of
the 3rd instant, that the Postal Authorities in the United
States, forward all correspondence addressed to Nova Scotia,
by the private conveyance from their Office - whether by land
or Packet, this letter was posted (as you will perceive, on
referring to the Stamp) on the very day the Packet left Boston,
for this Post, viz: Wednesday 31st December, the Postmaster
consequently sent it by the earliest Packet.

You are doubtless aware that all letters forwarded by
this route (i.e. by Packet), are liable to be charged with the
Packet rate which is 5⁰/₁₀₀: and colonial rate 3⁰/₁₀₀ instead
of 2⁰/₁₀₀. - Letters are repeatedly forwarded by this route, although the
Postage is paid ten cents, and the only remedy I can offer, is
to mention to the Postmaster, especially at the time of Posting, which
route they wish it forwarded.

Yours Emulation
J. M. G. S. S. S.

