

Frankfort, Ky,
Dec. 22. 1881.

Col. H. C. McDowell,

Dear Sir;

In answer to your enquiry I would state that my object in writing the letter to the Dept, which you say caused the reduction of service on Route 20127 to every other day was principally to set myself right on what, without explanation, would seem a most ridiculous recommendation that I had made to the Dept — that is to increase the mail on this route to twice a day to Georgetown. I felt a little nervous on account of this recommendation, about the star route investigation. Besides I had without any authority expedited the service by putting on an extra pouch at the solicitation of our neighbor Jos. C. Blackburn to Versailles, and it occurred to me that if the Dept was paying for that extra pouch that our friend Blackburn and myself would soon be involved in the star route business with Brady and others. I therefore thought it best for me to discontinue the pouch at once, to Versailles and write explaining why I recommended mail twice a day to Georgetown.