

avowed object of making the Post Office Department pay its own expenses;

2. That the Franking Privilege, as it is now authorized and exercised, is unjust, unequal, anti-republican, and ought to be utterly abolished, except as it may be expedient to allow it to cover the strictly official correspondence of the Post Office Department itself;

3. That not one-third of the correspondence of the country now pays Postage in the Mails, nor will it until the Rates of Postage are greatly reduced, and the Franking Privilege abolished;

4. That a uniform charge of five cents, in advance, on each letter weighing not more than half an ounce, and of five cents additional on every half ounce thereafter, for all distances, would afford at least as much revenue, and be vastly more beneficial to the Public, than the present exorbitant rates;

5. That the present arbitrary, capricious, and excessive charges on the conveyance of printed matter, other than newspapers, in the mail, seems directly calculated to drive away custom from the department, when its plain interest should lead it to court and attract business, as all of us are obliged to do if we would live by it. We would, therefore, request the adoption of a uniform Rate of Postage of one-half cent on every newspaper, periodical, or printed sheet, conveyed in the mail, when the Postage is paid in advance, and double that sum on each sheet which may be so conveyed, when it is not so paid in advance.

6. That the Reduction of our Rates of Postage to sums computed, and payable in Federal Currency of this Union is demanded by a just regard to National character, no less than to the obvious convenience of the people.

7. That the penal enactments and denunciations, by which it is sought to compel the people to support the Post Office, when their own interest and convenience may be better subserved without it, are absurd, tyrannical, inefficient for any good purpose, and ought to be abolished.

Wherefore, we entreat your honorable bodies to take early, decided, and efficient measures for the relief of the people from the burdens under which they have long groaned, and which threaten the destruction of the utility and solvency of the Post Office, by the total withdrawal of the public confidence and patronage.

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