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### Timothy Pickering to John Kean, December 16, 1791

Timothy Pickering

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General Post-Office Dec: 16. 1791.

Sir,

While you continue to exercise the function of commissioner of accounts, you will doubtless be entitled to the privilege of franking letters. I have therefore, agreeably to your expectation, expressed in your letter of yesterday, directed the admission of your frank. This will occasion no difficulty. The post-master here will not be able to distinguish, among the letters addressed to you, those which concern the bank from others: a distinction which you propose, and which it is obviously right to make. He must therefore charge, at their proper rates, all letters addressed to you. These rates he will note upon the letters, which will enable you to keep an account of such as shall concern the bank; which being produced monthly or quarterly for settlement you will be discharged of the residue. This may give you a little trouble; but it seems

I am, Sir,  
your most h<sup>ble</sup>

John Sean Esq

T. Pickering  
Dec: 16<sup>th</sup> 91-

John Bean Esquire

Cashier of the

Bank of the United States