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**No. 837**

**R. W. Barker**

**30 Dec 1876**

**Re: application**

**for a P.O. at**

**Stanhope Township**

**F274**

To Stand  
W.W.  
8 Jan 1877

Post Office Inspector's Office,

Kingston, Ont., 30 Dec'r 1876

No. 837

Sir,

I have the honor to state that my attention has been given to the accompanying application from the Rev'd Jno. E. Cooper, for the establishment of a Post office, and I beg to report as follows, viz:-

The Rev'd Jno. Cooper, who is mentioned in connection with the Postmastership of the office applied for, lives on lot No. 23, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession of the township of Stanhope, in the Count of West Peterboro, twelve miles distant from Horse Shoe Bridge, and six miles from Carnarvon on the main road leaving from Minden to the township of Guilford.

There are no places of business or houses of any kind, at the proposed site, except Mr. Cooper's residence, the only habitation being a lumber shanty three miles away. There are, however, some thirty or forty settlers' families scattered through the neighboring country who, Mr. Cooper states, would find it convenient to have a Post office established at his place. The country is tough but the land is of average quality, and a good deal of it has been taken up.

If established, any office at the place preposed could be supplied once a week from Horse Shoe Bridge, at a cost of about \$60 a year.

Maple Lake is the name suggested for the office applied for.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obd't serv't.

R.W. Barker, P.O. Insp'r

The Honorable

The Postmaster General,

Ottawa

Application  
For  
The Establishment  
Of  
Post Office  
At  
Township of Stanhope  
County Peterborough E R  
Ontario  
25<sup>th</sup> October 1876

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Memoranda

Referred to the Post Office Inspector of the Kinston Division for his early enquiry  
and report

W. White  
Secretary

Post Office Department  
Ottawa 7 Nov'r 1876

See Inspector's Report No. 837 of 30 Dec 1877

Acted  
7 Nov'r 76

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Stanhope  
October 25 1876

The Hon. L. S. Huntington  
Post Master General

Sir

The township of Stanhope is now nearly settled up. Our nearest post office is at Horse Shoe 14 miles from here. There is a Post office in Stanhope on the south east called Carnarvon, but of no one to this side. I am the Church of England Minister on this mission and have to go to Horse Shoe in Minden for my letters. There is a mail to Horse Shoe once a week could we not have a post office hear. I would keep it myself and almost any of the settlers would drive the mail. One, Mr. Melville, would do both. Hoping to hear from you favourably

I am Sir

Yours  
Rev John E Cooper  
Bx 50 Minden  
Ontario

A..... that Brigend .... that the  
expense attending the conveyance of  
the mails is so large that he cannot at  
present undertake to .....to the  
establishment of a post office. W.W.

9 Mar 77

Stanhope

February 26<sup>th</sup> 77

To the Hon. L. C. Huntington  
Post Master General

Sir,

I wrote you a few months since requesting a post office here. I received papers from the enquiry office which were duly filled and returned but we have heard nothing since.

I have to take the journey to Minden once and sometimes twice a week for the mails and on the average bring up for myself and neighbours a dozen letters and as many papers each time. Last week on Monday, I brought up 19 letters and twenty papers. The distance from my residence to Minden is about 16 miles. As near as I can tell it is about three hours drive the roads being very rough. Carnarvon post office is of no use to Stanhope. Sometimes my papers are sent there. Last week I got three papers there which had lain there since the beginning of December. The main road through the township is not yet lain out but we expect to have it next summer. It will if continued on the road allowance pass within 3 rods of my door. The road as it is now traveled is a lumber road  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile from road allowance. Hoping that you will give this office your

Favourable consideration.

I am, Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

John E Cooper

Incumbent of Stanhope

Bx 50 Minden

Ont.