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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Maple Lake

Tp. Stanhope

Co. Peterborough.

James Melville

Relative Supplication

for a Post Office

at "Maple Lake"

reported on by Inspr

No. 613, 13 Sept 1875

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

Ottawa 6 April 1877

Referred to the Post Office Inspector of the  
Kingston Division who will please report again upon this application.

By desire of the Postmaster General,

W. White

Sec'y

613/1875

*Ask Inspector for further report as to whether condition of things has changed since his report of 613 of Aug 1875.*

Maple Lake

Mr. Hall --

Dear Sir

Your kind favour of the 23<sup>rd</sup> came only to hand, thanks for the kindness.

As regards the change in the settlement, it has greatly improved as I stated in my last.

I have opened a store and the settlers all bring their letters here to be posted also to receive their letters and papers, As I told in my last letter I let them use my box at Minden and they come to my place the same as though I kept an Office, but it is not so convenient as I cannot go down only when I have business there has 13 letters and 10 newspapers passed through my hands since yesterday morning for the settlers and there is hardly a day but what there is some person here inquiring for letters or paper or with letters to post even to money letters which I do not like passing through my hands in that shape as I often send them down by the first chance and I have to keep a quantity of stamps on hand accommodate what I have stated is nothing unusual for it often exceeds it. Hoping we will be granted an Office, I remain Yours

Truly

Direct  
Box 35  
Minden

James Melville

To the Honourable the Postmaster General

Honourable Sir

Some two years ago last March, I petitioned you through the member for the East riding of Peterborough desiring a Post Office in the Maple Lake settlement, I also solicited the favour this spring on behalf of the settlement through the same source, as the settlement has improved very much lately and you kindly informed me you would direct the Inspector to make inquiries and he done so (now I do not wish to find fault or blame the Inspector, he came up to Minden so I am informed) and consulted a few persons there and then left for Mr S.S. Peck formerly P.M. of Minden to name the place for it and he has named a place within 1 ½ miles or 2 miles at the fartherest from Carnarvon P.O. and where there are very few settlers that it will accomidate and a good ways of the road also no place of public resort which would leave a great number of the settlers 8 and 9 miles to travel to receive or post a letter or paper and be no advantage to any but a very few, now the settlers has requested me to write you and see if you woud not grant us one in this settlement. If you think it necessary or if you would like to have us do so we will send in a petition.

Now it can come by the way of Haliburton which is only 10 miles from this place and would only cost about \$80. per year and by granting us the favour you would be enhancing the settlement of this and ajoining township (and we do not think it right to take the childrens bread and cast it to the dogs (politically)). I have been told two reasons why he name the place he did which I do not like to mention.

In behalf of the settlement I remain your

Humble

Servant

Stanhope July 2

1877

To Hon L T Huntington

P.M.G

James Melville

Minden P.O. box 10

Post Office Inspector's Office

Kingston, Ont., 6 Augt 1875

Private

My Dear Sirs

With regard to my reports on those P. Offices asked for in the townships of Cardiff and Stanhope. I have said very little pro or con. The petitions are in charge of S. S. Peck of Minden, and if he has made up his mind to get the offices he most likely will get them.

Yours truly,

R.W. Barker

Wm White Secy

Secty P.O.D. Ottawa