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New York January 6<sup>th</sup> 1790

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In reply to your memorial of the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, which has been received, I can only observe, that I have uniformly avoided interfering with any appointments which do not require my official agency: And the Resolutions and Ordinances establishing the Post Office under the former Congress, and which have been recognized by the present Government, giving power to the Post-Master General to appoint his own Deputies, and making him accountable for their conduct, is an insuperable objection to my taking any part in this matter.

I have directed your Memorial to be laid before the Post-Master General who will take such measures thereon as his judgment may direct.

I am, Madam,  
Your most Obed. Serv.  
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