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Post Office Department
Appointment Office.
April 7th 1860.

Sir.

Your letter of the 28th March, requesting information relative to the establishment of Tioga Point, and the subsequent change of name to Athens, together with the names of the first postmasters, has been received.

In reply I have to inform you, that, from the loss of three of the oldest books of this office, by the fire which consumed the building in 1836, it is not within the means of the Department to furnish the exact date of the establishment of any of the oldest offices, or the appointment of the first postmasters; but, on referring to the records of the Auditor's Office for this Department, it is found that the office under the name of Athens, commenced rendering accounts on the 1st of October 1800, and William Prentice was the postmaster. From this date it is probable that Athens was established, and Mr Prentice appointed, sometime during the summer of 1800.

There is no evidence from the books of the Post Office Department, or of the Auditor's Office, that there ever was an office by the name of "Tioga Point," or, if there was one, no returns were made under that name, and very soon must have been changed to Athens.

This is all the information the Depart-

ment can give, which, although in part, it is hoped will
be acceptable.

I am, sir, respectfully,
Your obt. servt.
Horatio King
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69. KING. (HORATIO). Postmaster-General under Buchanan, etc. A VERY FINE full A. L. S. contained upon 2 pages, 4to., P. O. Dept. April 7th. 1860; - a very fine and a very interesting letter regarding the FOUNDATION OF THE ATHENS, GA. POSTOFFICE, -- when it first operated, etc. VERY FINE. \$1.00

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