

Decision No. 18297**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the Application of  
 the American Railway Express Company  
 for authority to abandon its agency  
 at Lafayette, County of Contra Costa,  
 State of California.

Application No. 13579.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The American Railway Company, a corporation has filed with the Commission an application for an order authorizing abandonment of its agency at Lafayette, on the line of the San Francisco-Sacramento Railroad Company in Contra Costa County.

Applicant alleges that \$168.42 express business was transacted at the agency of Lafayette during the period November 1, 1926, to February 28, 1927; that interested shippers and receivers of express have been interviewed by applicant and have expressed their unwillingness to act as agent for applicant; that the present agent because of the small revenue has requested that he be relieved of the agency; that the abandonment of said agency will not involve the abandonment of service; and that, in the opinion of applicant, the continued maintenance of the agency is not necessary for the business of the applicant or for the public. That if the agency is abandoned, express shipments moving into or out of that point will be handled, providing they are tendered to or received from the express messenger of the applicant upon the trains stopping at that point. The California Farm Bureau Federation has been consulted in the matter and

has advised that they have no objection to the granting of this application.

It appears to the Commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to The American Railway Express Company, a corporation, to abandon its agency of Lafayette, located on the line of the San Francisco-Sacramento Railroad Company in Contra Costa County, State of California, and to eliminate said agency name from its station records; provided, however, that coincident with the abandonment of said agency applicant will accept and deliver express shipments by its express messenger at the car door on trains stopping at Lafayette.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1927.

Ernest W. Scott  
H. B. Rindge  
Clarence  
Leon A. White  
Thos. B. Powell

Commissioners.