

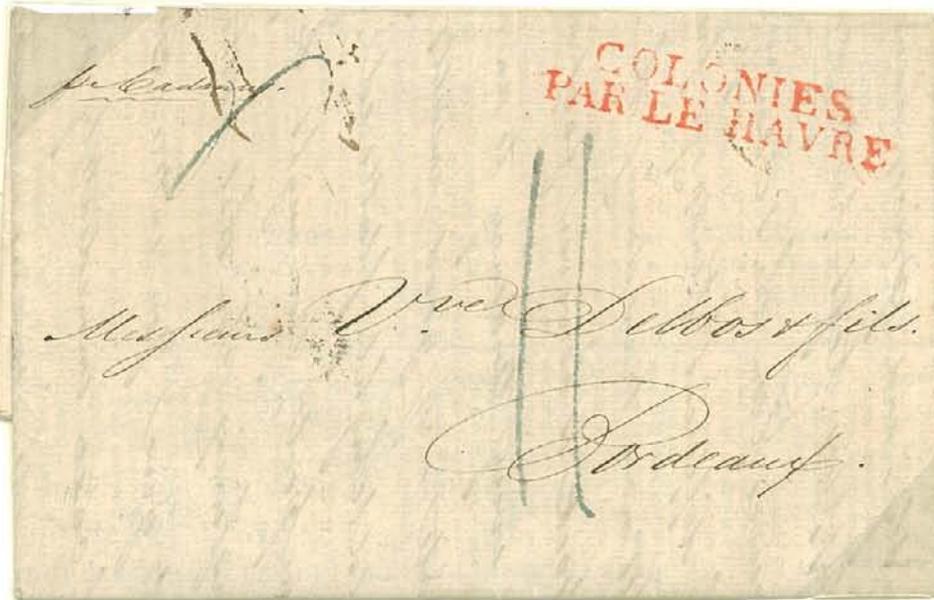
1827

HAVRE-WHITLOCK, later UNION LINE  
New York to Havre

Packet Ship Cadmus

Cadmus was the pioneer ship of the Havre-Whitlock Line. 306 tons, 97'6" x 26'9" beam, she was built in 1818 by S. Weight of New York, she was in the Line in 1823, the first ship of the Line. She brought Lafayette to New York in 1824. Her days with Whitlock ended in 1828. Cadmus was a Fairhaven, Mass. whaler from 1831 to 1843, when she was lost on "Cadmus Island" in the Pacific.

Captain on this voyage was Francis Allyn of New London, Conn. He was commander of Cadmus from her introduction to the fleet until 1827 (this was his last voyage in her) when he went to the Liverpool Swallow Tail Line.



November 14, 1827. A prices current list published by the office of the Shipping and Commercial List and New-York Price Current forwarded by F. Salmon & Co., N.Y. Letter is endorsed: pr. Cadmus.

N.Y. Shipping List & Price Current: VESSELS UP FOR FOREIGN PORTS:  
HAVRE - Ship Cadmus, Allyn, 15th Nov. Crassous & Boyd.

COLONIES  
PAR LE HAVRE

December 13, 1827. Cadmus  
arrived at Le Havre. Letter  
rated at 11 decimes due.



1845

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
OLD LINE, later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Louis Philippe

Havre to New York

MANNHEIM  
4 JUN 45.

*via Havre & New York Packet*

*Mr. W. Wesser*

~~*care of Mr. J. John Smith & Co*~~

~~*Providence*~~

~~*Louisville*~~

~~*Hopkins Co*~~

*15 Mencksky*

*North America*

FORWARDED

MANNHEIM  
4 JUN 45

BADE  
6  
JUL 45  
STRAS

N. 573

BUREAU MARITIME  
7  
JUL 45  
HAVRE

July 4, 1845. Letter posted at Mannheim in Baden, Germany to Louisville, Kentucky as endorsed: Via Havre & New York Packet. It was paid at 56 kreuzer, about 38¢ U.S., with a 12 kr. credit to France for French transit as shown by the red crayon notation on the reverse, 56/12. This prepayment only carried the letter to the port at Havre.

July 6. Letter entered France from Baden at Strasbourg as shown by the French entry mark, which was struck at Paris.

July 7. Transit backstamp of the Bureau Maritime at Havre. The Old Line packet Louis Philippe departed from Havre July 8.

August 20. N.Y. Shipping List & Price Current. Arrived N.Y. Havre packet Louis Philippe, Castoff.

Letter rated, Act of 1845 (effective July 1), half-ounce letter over 300 miles, N.Y. to Louisville, 10¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 12¢.

August 30. Letter forwarded from Louisville to Providence, Hopkins County, Kentucky. 5¢ under 300 miles rate was added to N.Y. rate with an addition rate error to total 15¢, should have been 17¢.

NEW-YORK  
SHIP  
AUG 20  
12

LOUISVILLE  
AUG 30  
KY.

FORWARDED

1844

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE-WHITLOCK, later UNION LINE  
New York to Havre

Packet Ship Emerald

William Whitlock, Jr.



N. 1287



April 15, 1844. Letter originated at Frankfurt and was directionally endorsed: pr Liverpool Steamer. However, this endorsement was ignored as postmarks show the letter went by way of Havre and the Havre-N.Y. sailing packets. It was paid through to dockside at N.Y. and noted in red crayon "fr" (franco = paid) on the face, and "15" (decimes) on the reverse.

April 18. The French entry mark was struck at Paris showing mail entering at Forbach from a Thurn and Taxis (TOUR T.) country.

April 19. Transit backstamp at the Bureau Maritime, Havre. The Ship Emerald, Captain Howe, departed from Havre April 24.

May 30. New York Ship Letter mark agrees with the arrival date of the Emerald at that port. Letter rated Act of May 3, 1825, single letter going over 400 miles, N.Y. to Louisville, Kentucky 25¢ x 2 (double letter) = 50¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 52¢ due, shown in blue manuscript.

N.B.: HAVRE-WHITLOCK, later UNION LINE, N.Y. to Havre (William Whitlock, Jr.). Emerald, 518 tons, in service 1838-46, became Baltimore-Liverpool packet.



1833-34

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services



HAVRE-WHITLOCK, later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Poland

Triple Letter

546 tons, 131'-1" x 30'-4" beam, depth of hold 15'-2".  
Launched at N.Y. in 1832. She served 7 years for the line  
until she was burned at sea, May 11, 1840.

Dec. 16, 1833. Letter datelined at LeHavre this date. Records  
show the packet ship Poland departed from Havre this date for N.Y.  
on her regular run. This voyage was the longest of her service,  
61 days, average passage was 35 days with shortest 23 days.



February 14, 1834. Packet Poland, Capt.  
Anthony, arrived this date at New York.

Letter rated as a triple letter under Act  
of 1825, N.Y. to Philadelphia (90 miles) for  
a letter going 80 to 150 miles at  $12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} \times 3 =$   
 $37\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} + 2\text{¢}$  Ship Letter charge =  $39\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$  due from  
recipient, shown in the red manuscript notation.



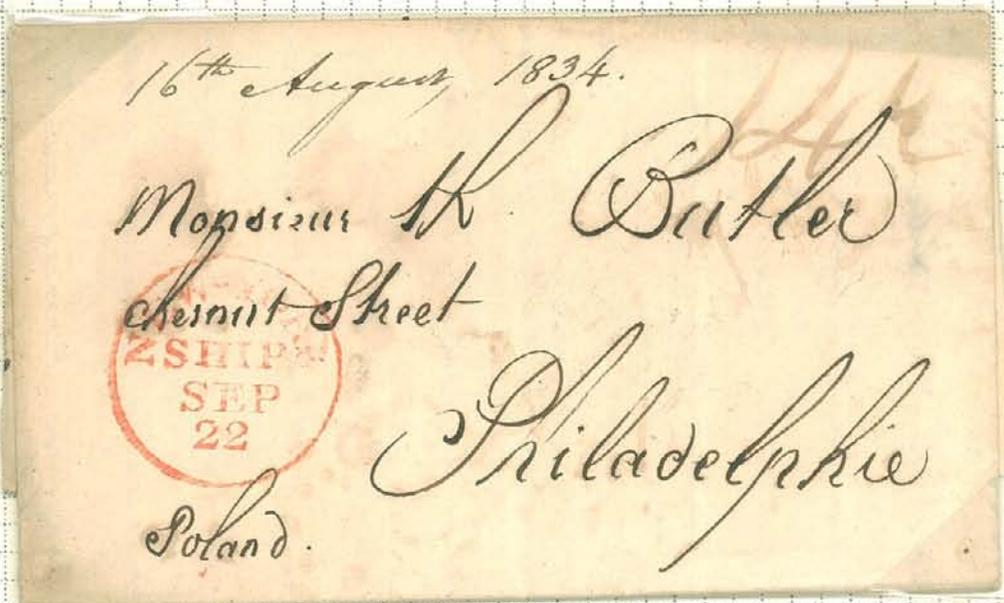
1834

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

HAVRE-WHITLOCK, later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Poland



August 16, 1834. Letter datelined and docketed at Le Havre. It was handed to the captain of the packet Poland, which left August 16 on her scheduled departure from Havre.

Commander was Caleb Anthony (1797-1875), born New Bedford, Mass. He captained the Poland from 1833 until she burned at sea May 11, 1840. He served '41 to '48 on the Argo, then on Bavaria to '53 after which he retired to New Bedford.

September 20-21. Shipping List & N.Y. Price Current. Arrived N.Y., Ship Poland, Anthony, Havre. Mail processed Sept. 22 and rated, Act of 1825, single letter, 80 to 150 miles at 12½¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter fee = 14½¢ due, shown in manuscript.



1835

HAVRE-WHITLOCK. later UNION LINE

Havre to New York

Packet Ship Poland

William Whitlock, Jr.



P.P.



November 14, 1835. A letter dated at Paris and posted through a forwarding agent in Paris. P.P. = Port Payee, or paid to the port of embarkation at Le Havre. The forwarder struck the unique instructional cachet noting routing by the PAQUEBOTS DU HAVRE & NEW YORCK (sic). They correctly noted the 16 November sailing of the packet Poland from that port. Noted P12 (decimes) on the face in red manuscript.

November 16. Packet ship Poland sailed from Havre.

N.Y. Shipping & Commercial List. Arrived at New York December 30: Ship Poland, Anthony .....Havre.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, 80-150 miles at 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ due. Rate not shown on cover, this cover was bundled with others to the same addressee.



1840

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

HAVRE-WHITLOCK LINE

Packet Ship Poland

Forwarding Agent

Bonnaffe & Co., Havre



March 17, 1840. Letter dated at Havre and concerns the writer's advice that he has left his daughter Margaret at a young ladies school in Paris. She, together with her mother will join him at Havre in June.

This letter was carried on the penultimate voyage of the packet ship Poland. She was burned at sea on May 11, 1840.

The letter was handled by the forwarding agent at Havre, Bonnaffe & Co. (N.L. Rowe) who struck his blue oval backstamp, endorsed it p. Poland, and paid the letter to the port of Havre as shown by the red P.P. = Port Payee. The Poland sailed for New York on March 17.



New-York Commercial Advertiser, April 14. Arrived at New York Packet Ship Poland, Anthony, from Havre, sld. March 17th to W. Whitlock.

Letter rated Act of 1825, single letter 150 to 400 miles, N.Y. to Phippsburg, Maine, at 18-3/4¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 20-3/4¢ due, shown in manuscript.

1835

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE-WHITLOCK, later UNION LINE  
New York to Havre

Packet Ship Albany

William Whitlock, Jr.

468 tons, 126'-2" x 28'-7" beam. Launched in 1831 at C. Bergh & Co., N.Y., in service to Havre-Whitlock until 1847. Average passage during these 16 years (Westbound) was 39 days, shortest 27 days, longest 64 days.

Captain on this 1835 voyage was Elnathan Hawkins of whom very little is known. He was from Brookhaven, Long Island, N.Y., and was master of the following square riggers: Havre- 1823 Marmion; '24 Edward Quesnel; 1831 to '35 Albany.



August 8, 1835.  
Letter datelined at Havre 16 July (duplicate per Sylvie de grasse) and Aug. 7. Letter

directionally endorsed "Albany" and was date stamped at Havre Aug. 8, the day Albany, Capt. Hawkins, sailed from Havre for N.Y. "P.P." is for Port Payee, i.e., postage paid to dockside at Havre.



Sept. 18, 1835. Recorded arrival date of Albany at N.Y. Letter rated Act of 1825, N.Y. to Philadelphia (90 miles) at 12½¢ for a letter going 80 to 150 miles with the somewhat unusual notation below "Sh-2" (Ship Letter charge) making a total of 14½¢ due, this amount paid in Philadelphia.

Sept. 23. Letter was forwarded by Mr. Butler's Philadelphia office from Philadelphia to Newport, Rhode Island, about 190 miles, so an additional charge of 18-3/4¢ was due for a letter going 150 to 400 miles inland, this amount shown in black manuscript.

1837

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services



HAVRE - WHITLOCK, later UNION LINE

New York to Havre

William Whitlock, Jr.

Packet Ship Formosa

450 tons, launched 1829 by Fickett & Thomas, N.Y., she saw service with Havre-Whitlock from 1829-1838. Her average passage Havre-N.Y. was 40 days, shortest 27 and longest 58 days.

Captain for this trip was William B. Orne (c. 1799-1864), born at Portsmouth, N.H. and in 1827 was master and sole owner of the brig Zephyr.



January 17, 1837. Letter datelined at Havre Jan. 16, and met the sailing of Packet Formosa, which cleared Havre the 16th, sailing the 17th. "P.P." indicates Port Payee or "Paid to the Port", i.e., to dockside at Havre where the letter received the Bureau Maritime/(Havre) mark.



March 5. N.Y. Shipping and Commercial List records the arrival at New York of the Ship Formosa, Orne, Mar. 4-5.

Letter rated Act of 1825 for a single letter N.Y. to Philadelphia (90) at 12½¢ 80 to 150 miles + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ as shown in mss.

1843

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

HAVRE-WHITELOCK, later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Argo

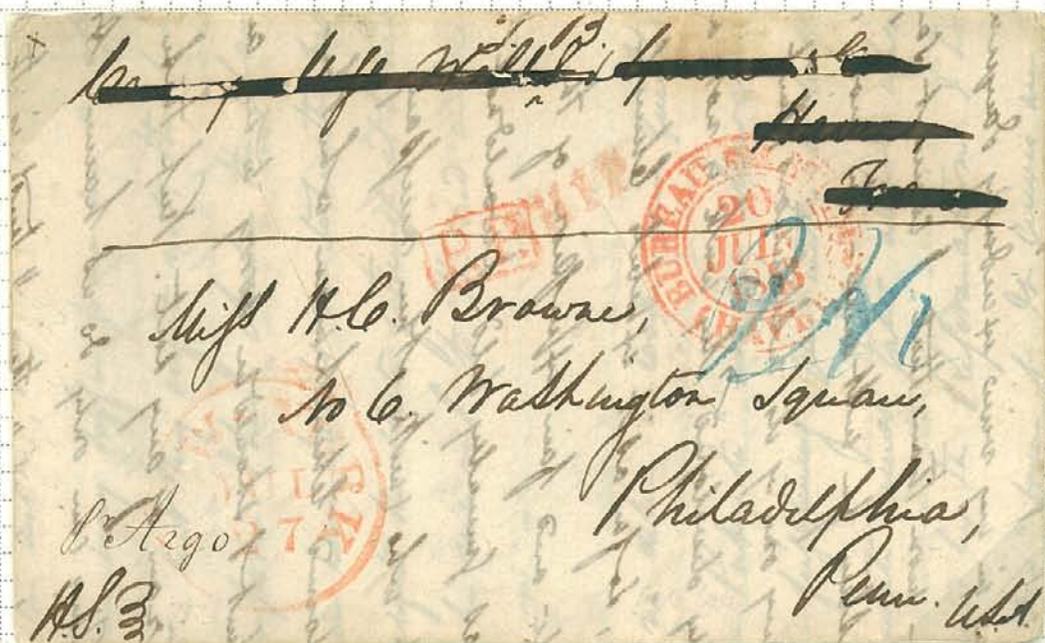
Forwarding Agent

T. B. Greene & Co., Havre

May 24, 1843. Letter datelined at Constantinople. It was endorsed across top: Care of Messrs. Wells T.B. Greene & Co., Havre, France. The letter was fumigated as shown by the two diagonal slits or rastel marks piercing the entire letter, after which it was exposed to fumigation fumes.



P.P.



Letter went by private courier to Havre. Wells & Greene had been succeeded in 1841 by T.B. Greene & Co., who applied their red oval backstamp, deleted their name on the obverse and noted: p. Argo.

June 20, 1843. Letter went into the mails at the Maritime Bureau, Havre, Port Payee.

June 24. The Havre-Whitlock packet Argo, Captain Anthony, departed from Havre.

July 27. Ship Argo from Havre June 24th with merchandise for W. Whitlock arrived at New York (N.Y. Shipping List & Price Current)

Letter rated Act of 1825, 80 to 150 miles at 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter fee = 14½¢, as shown in blue manuscript.



SHIP

1839

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE - SECOND LINE

Havre to New York

John J. Boyd

Packet Ship Baltimore

May 21, 1839. Letter datelined at Havre "To the owners of the American Ship 'Antioch', Wescott, Master." It concerns freights left with Hottinguer & Co., Havre. Captain Wescott advises by a postscript that, "I am now ready for sea and shall go this afternoon."

Letter is endorsed: p Baltimore. Baltimore, 658 tons, ship rigged, was in John J. Boyd's Havre Second Line from 1837 to 1851.



May 25. Letter Porte Payee (P.P.) at Le Havre, postage paid to get letter aboard the packet ship Baltimore of the Havre Second Line.

Shipping & Commercial List, N.Y. Arrived N.Y. July 3. Ship Baltimore, Funck....Havre.

Letter rated, Act of 1825. Originally rated at the zone rate 150 to 400 miles at 18-3/4¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter = 20-3/4¢. This was corrected at a letter over 400 miles, N.Y. to Castine, Maine at 25¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter fee = 27¢, original rate and correction shown in pen.

1825

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE - SECOND LINE

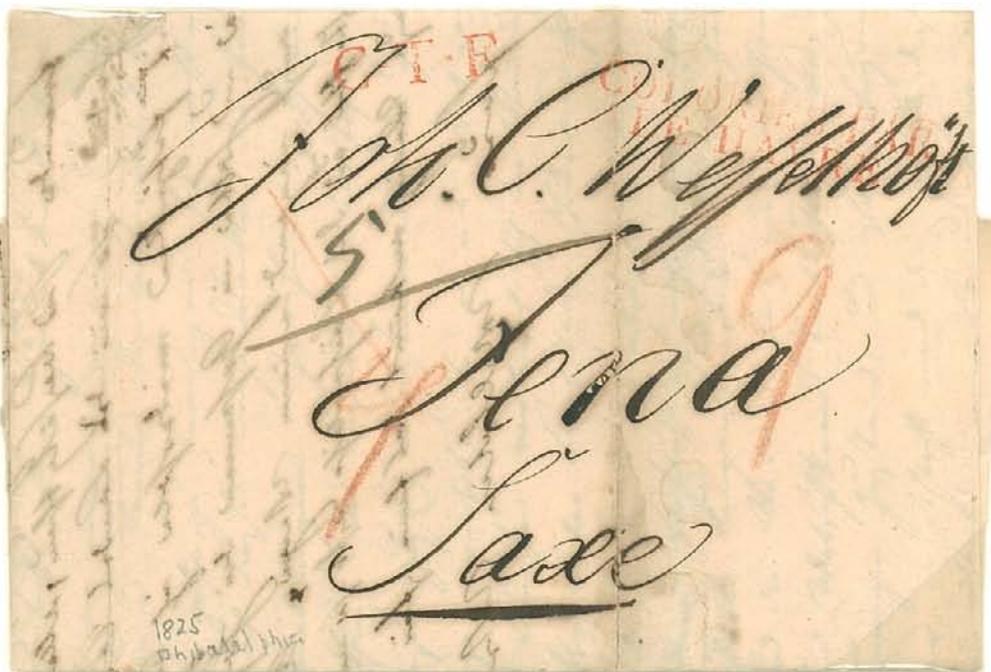
New York to Havre

John J. Boyd

Packet Ship Desdemona

July 6, 1825. Letter datelined at Philadelphia. It went under cover to a forwarding agent at New York, probably DeRahm & Moore, based on other covers in this collection from the same correspondence.

Shipping and Commercial List, N.Y. VESSELS UP FOR FOREIGN PORTS:  
Havre, Ship Desdemona, Naghel, 9 N.R., 15th July, Crassous & Boyd.



COLONIES PAR  
LE HAVRE

C-T-F

Desdemona arrived at Le Havre where the COLONIES PAR/ LE HAVRE mark was struck and the letter forwarded on to Jena in the duchy of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach. The letter was also marked Colonies Transit Francais.

Letter was marked with a red "4" credit to France and a collect of 9 neugroschen in Jena.

N.B.: Ship Desdemona, 294 tons, in the Havre - Second Line service 1824-26.

1827

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE - SECOND LINE

New York to Havre

John J. Boyd

Packet Ship Edward Quensel

*Bath Pa  
Nov 29*

*Paid 12 1/2*

Nov. 29, 1827.  
Letter was paid  
at Bath, Penn.  
to New York at  
the Act of 1825  
U.S. Inland rate  
for a single  
letter, 80 to  
150 miles at 12 1/2  
cents. Addressed  
care of the for-  
warding agents  
DeRahm & Moore.



FORWARDED BY  
DE RAHM & MOORE  
NEW-YORK

COLONIES  
PAR LE HAVRE  
S.42R

C.T.F

Dec. 1. DeRahm & Moore deleted their address and added the notation: p Edwd Quensel, at lower left. The Ship Edward Quensel of the Havre Second Line cleared at New York for Havre Nov. 30 and sailed Dec. 1. DeRahm & Moore had applied their oval backstamp (R.F. 3).

Edward Quensel, Capt. Hawkins, arrived at Havre where the COLONIES/PAR LE HAVRE mark was struck and the letter forwarded on to Jena in the duchy of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach. In transit it was also marked Colonies Transit Francais.

Letter marked with 6 decimes (12¢ U.S.) credit to France and a collect of 10 1/2 neu-groschen (25¢ U.S.) U.S. equivalents shown for comparison purposes.

N.B.: Ship Edward Quensel, 388 tons, in service 1824-31, whaler 1832-39.

New York newspapers carried the note: VESSELS UP FOR FOREIGN PORTS. For Havre, Ship Edward Quensel, Hawkins, 1st Dec., Crassous & Boyd. LETTER BAG AT THE SHIP LETTER OFFICE AND AT THE POST OFFICE.

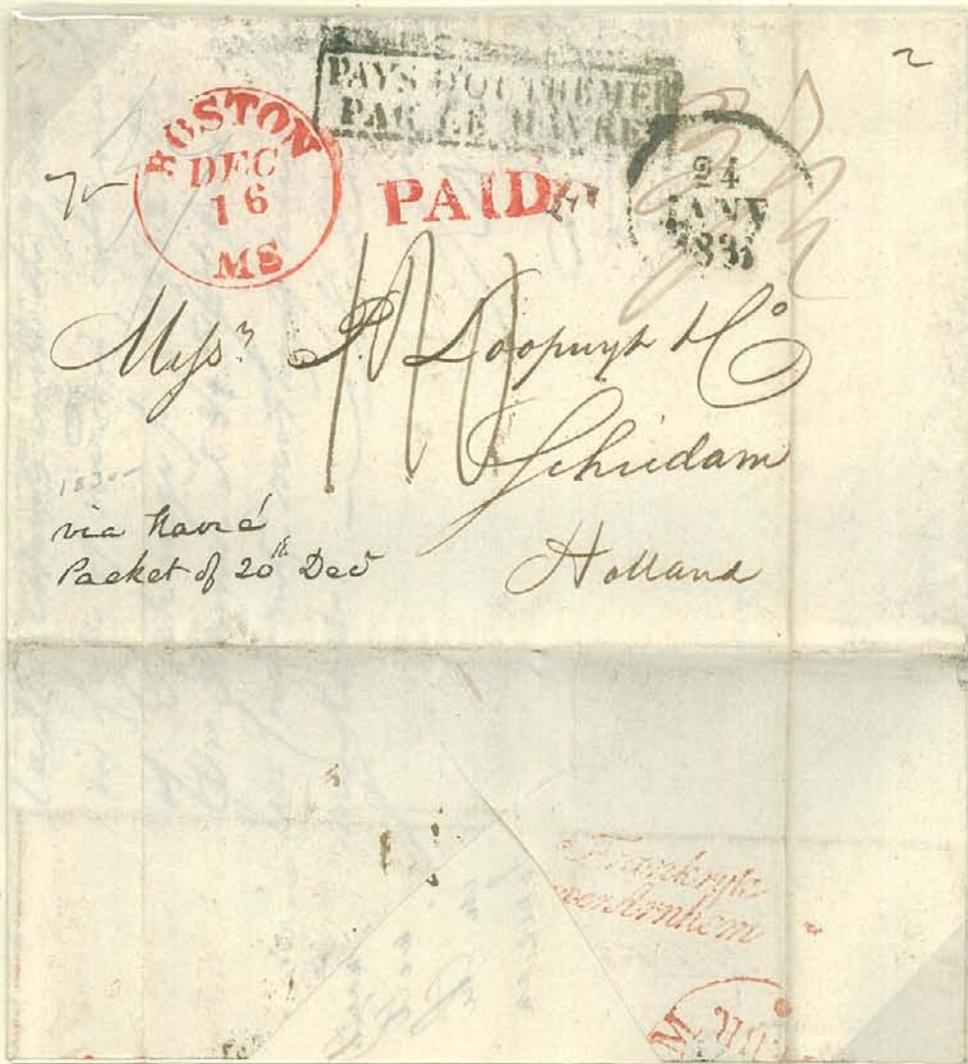
1830

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE - SECOND LINE

Packet Ship Erie

Crassons & Boyde

U. S. to Holland via Havre



1830-31

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE-SECOND LINE

Packet Ship Erie

Crassons & Boyd

U. S. to Holland via Havre



PAID

December 11, 1830. Letter headed at Boston and endorsed on face: via Havre/ Packet of 20th Decr.

December 16. Letter posted paid at Boston, which payment only carried the letter to the port of embarkation at New York. It was rated, Act of 1825, as a double letter conveyed 150 to 400 miles at 18-3/4¢ x 2 = 37½¢, shown in red manuscript. Letter contained Bills of Exchange.

Shipping and Commercial List, N.Y. VESSELS UP FOR FOREIGN PORTS - HAVRE; Ship Erie, Funk, 20th December - Crassons & Boyd. This letter went out on the Erie, which sailed on the 20th as advertised.

January 24, 1831. Erie arrived at Havre.



PAYS D'OUTREMER  
PAR LE HAVRE

F

At Havre the PAYS D'OUTREMER mark was struck indicating a Ship Letter from "Countries Overseas." Letter was treated as a double letter ("2" at upper right.)

*Franklyk  
over Arnhem*

Backstamp. Dutch entry mark showing mail from France entering at Arnhem. The meaning of "F" is unclear, possible for transit through France.



February 2. Schiedam arrival backstamp. Letter subject to a collect amount of 10 cents Dutch postage + 50 cents foreign postage and charges = 60c. Dutch x 2 (a letter between 7½ and 15 grams) = 120c. Dutch due, shown in manuscript.

N.B.: Schiedam was noted for its many gin distilleries.

1832-33

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE-SECOND LINE

Packet Ship Erie

John J. Boyd

451 tons, 125' x 28'-2" beam, 14'-1" depth of hold. Launched 1829 by C. Bergh & Co., New York. She was a slow sailer, average westbound passage 42 days, shortest 24 and longest 82 days. This 1832-33 voyage was her fastest at 24 days. She was a whaler '47-62.

Capt. James Funk was her commander who was "the oldest branch pilot for the port of New York" at the time of his death in 1869 (?). He served the Havre Second Line from 1824, and aboard the Erie from 1829 to 1837. There is some question as to the spelling of his name. This letter (in French) notes business with the American vessel Erie, Capt. Funk.



December 20, 1832. Letter datelined at Havre, endorsed "Erie" and handed to Capt. Funk (or Funck) dockside at Havre. The ship sailed on even date for New York.

February 13, 1833. Shipping List & N.Y. Price Current: Arrived N.Y., Erie, Funk, Havre.

Cover rated, Act of 1825, for a single letter, 80 to 150 miles, N.Y. to Philadelphia at 12½¢ x 2 (double letter) = 25¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 27¢, shown in red manuscript.



1835

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE - SECOND LINE

Packet Ship Erie

John J. Boyd



August 28, 1835. Letter posted at Havre, paid to the port, i.e., dockside at Havre. The planned sailing date of the packet ship Erie was August 24, but a delay was encountered. Commander on this voyage was Capt. Funk.



October 12, 1835. Erie arrived at New York October 11. Letter rated, Act of 1825, single, 80 to 150 miles, at 12½¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢. This amount was paid at Thomas Butler's office.



October 14. Letter was readdressed to Newport, Rhode Island and deposited into the Philadelphia post office unpaid. It was subject to a further forwarding postage of 18-¾¢, single letter, zone 150 to 400 miles.



1831-32

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
HAVRE-SECOND LINE

Packet Ship France

New York to Havre

John J. Boyd



PAID

December 4, 1831. A single sheet letter to Angers, France paid from Norfolk, Virginia to New York at the Act of 1825 rate over 400 miles, 25¢. It was endorsed: To be forw'd by the first Havre packet.

N.Y. Shipping List & Price Current:

VESSELS UP FOR FOREIGN PORTS

Havre: Ship France, Funk, 10th Dec., Crassous & Boyd.

The France, Funck (sic) cleared N.Y. Dec. 10.

N.B.: Edward Funk was related to other Funk captains, but spelled his name with a "c".

PAYS D'OUTREMER



Jan. 11, 1832. Arrival of France at Le Havre. PAYS D'OUTREMER (overseas countries) mark struck at Havre. 10 decimes French postal charge due.

Jan. 15. Arrival backstamp at Angers.

1833

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE - SECOND LINE

Packet Ship France

John J. Boyd

411 tons, 116'-6" x 28' beam, 14' depth of hold. Launched 1827 by C. Bergh & Co., New York. She was a very slow average starter with a longest passage westbound, Havre to N.Y., of 55 days. In the end she averaged 42 days, shortest was 31 days. Whaler 1837-46.

Captain was Edward Funck who commanded France 1828-1837. He had the dubious distinction of one of the slowest records in westbound passages. His name also incurred problems, usually shown as Funk in shipping records.



May 25, 1833. Letter datelined at Havre. It also contains a duplicate, the original of which was sent by the ship Helvetia, a private trader.

Shipping records show the scheduled departure date of France from Havre as May 24, but this letter went aboard her, probably a one day delayed sailing.

July 11. Shipping records show France arrived at New York. This 48 day westbound passage is one of the slower voyages.

A double letter (enclosures,) cover was subject to the Act of 1825 rates, zone 80 to 150 miles, of  $12\frac{1}{2}¢ \times 2 = 25¢$  plus a 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 27¢ due, shown in manuscript.



1836

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE - SECOND LINE

Packet Ship France

John J. Boyd

May 20, 1836. Letter from an art dealer at Boulogne on his way to London. The writer notes he hopes the letter will make the packet of the 24th from Havre. He sent it under cover to the forwarding agents, Welles & Greene at Le Havre.



Forwarded by Y. O. Serv.  
Havre Welles & Greene



May 25. Welles & Greene struck their cursive backstamp and forwarded the letter aboard the Havre Second Line packet France which had a scheduled departure date from Havre of May 24. Havre date stamp shows the usual actual departure date of sailing. P.P. = Port Payee, or paid to the departure port of Havre.

June 27. Shipping & Commercial List (N.Y.): Arrived Ship France, Funk, Havre. Captain was Edward Funk. This 33 days passage was one of the fastest made by France, her average westbound was 42 days, fastest 31 days.

Letter subject to the 6¢ Ship Letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of entry.

1823-24

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

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HAVRE - SECOND LINE

New York to Havre

John J. Boyd

Packet Ship Marmion

The Packet Ship Marmion was the original ship of the Havre-Second Line. She was tiny, only of 277 tons, was a transient of this line, and saw service only in 1823-24. Consequently, covers carried by her are extremely scarce.

December 13, 1823. Letter datelined at Havre, and endorsed on face "Marmion".



SHIP

February 17, 1824. Letter received into New York as a Ship Letter. Zone rate of 18½¢ per half ounce, 150 - 400 miles, N.Y. to Newburyport (Act of April 9, 1816) x 2 for a double letter = 37¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 39¢ due as shown by red manuscript "39" on face.

1843

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
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HAVRE - SECOND LINE

New York to Havre

John J. Boyd

Packet Ship Oneida

This ship was 791 tons, 154'-6" long, 34' beam. She was launched in 1841 by Westervelt & Mackay, New York. She served on the line until wrecked near Guernsey in January 1850. Captain on this 1843 voyage was Edward Funck, born about 1797 in New York. The 5'-7" captain served long in the Havre Line and on Oneida from 1841-45.



PAID



Feb. 25, 1843. Letter paid at Savannah, Georgia at the Act of March 3, 1825 rates, Savannah to New York of 25¢ over 400 miles inland, double rate (manuscript 2's) or 25¢ x 2 = 50¢, shown in red at upper right.

March 3. Ship Oneida, Funck, cleared the port of New York to sail March 4 from 4 North River, docks of Boyd and Hincken, sailing with this letter aboard.

April 1. Oneida arrived at Le Havre where letter was marked as a Ship Letter. 13 decimes due, shown in medieval script.

April 4. Arrival backstamp at Cognac. Letter concerns a brandy account (naturally) and indicates the present congress will not be disposed to reduce the duty on brandy.



1847

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
HAVRE - SECOND LINE

New York to Havre  
Packet Ship Oneida

Forwarding Agent  
Wanner Langer & Co.  
Havre

*Ahemineepar*  
WAN NER LANGER & C<sup>o</sup>  
*Havre*

September 4, 1847. Letter datelined at Amsterdam and struck with the blue oval "corner card" of Hunge & Co., Amsterdam. It went under cover to the Le Havre forwarding agent Wanner Langer & Co. who backstamped it with their blue forwarders' mark (R.F. 3) and endorsed it to: p Oneida of John C. Boyd's Havre-Second Line. This packet sailed from Havre Sept. 22 for New York.



September 15. Letter handled by the Bureau Maritime at Havre, which office struck the red cachet, also marked the letter P.P. = Port Payee, i.e., paid only to the port of debarkation.

N.Y. Journal of Commerce, PORT OF NEW YORK, Sat. October 23. Arrived, Ship Oneida (packet) Funk, from Havre 22d. Sept. to Boyd & Hincken. Oct. 12, lat 41 50 lon 51 saw steam ship Sarah Sands, hence for Liverpool.

Letter rated at New York at 6¢ for a single Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival. Charge mark is the 22 mm. encircled "6" of New York.

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1842  
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
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HAVRE - SECOND LINE

New York to Havre  
Packet Ship St. Nicholas

John J. Boyd  
Maiden Voyage



1842

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services



HAVRE - SECOND LINE

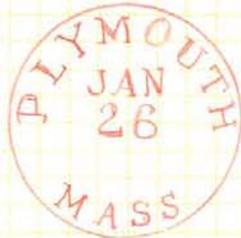
New York to Havre

John J. Boyd

Packet Ship St. Nicholas

Maiden Voyage

The packet ship St. Nicholas, 797 tons, was 148' long by 34'-6" beam. She was launched in 1841 by Westervelt & Mackey at New York and made her maiden voyage out of N.Y. in Jan. 1842 with this letter aboard. She served the Havre - Second Line until 1859. Her captain was John B. Pell (c1801-1882), 5'-8", born in N.Y. of a prominent N.Y. family. He skippered the St. Nicholas from 1841-1846. She burned at New York in 1859 following an explosion.



PAID

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Jan. 26, 1842. Letter posted at Plymouth, Mass. and paid at the Domestic letter rate, Act of March 3, 1825, for a letter going 150-400 miles at 18-3/4¢ + a Way Letter charge of 1¢ = 19-3/4¢, rounded off to 20¢. This is a long letter in a very tiny hand written by Aunt Phebe Cotton over a period of three months, the last entry being Jan. 22, 1842. She advocates the practice of the Grahamites, a cult founded by the American reformer and Presbyterian minister Sylvester Graham, advocating a vegetable diet as a cure for intemperance and the use of coarsely ground whole wheat flour. The Graham cracker is named for him. He was ahead of his time, as many of his other tenets are now accepted - such as fresh air while sleeping; light, loose clothing and vegetables and fruit in the diet.



Jan. 27. New York Shipping List notes: Vessels up for Foreign Ports: Ship St. Nicholas (new), Pell, Pier 3, North River, 1st Feb., Boyd & Hincken. She was cleared Jan. 31 and sailed on her maiden voyage Feb. 1, 1842.

Feb. 21. Arrival mark at Le Havre-de-Grace, France as an overseas letter (Outre-Mer). Rated at 11 decimes, then equivalent to about .019U.S./dec or 20.9¢ U.S. Feb. 22, Paris transit backstamp. Feb. 26, letter arrived at Gottingen, Hanover and rated 6½ gutegroschen at about .0315 U.S./ g.g. = 20.2¢ U.S. equivalent collect. U.S. equivalents are for comparisons only in this study.



1844

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
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HAVRE-SECOND LINE

New York to Havre

John J. Boyd

Packet Ship St. Nicholas

Jan. 31, 1844. Letter datelined at New York and endorsed "Ship St. Nicholas" of the New York to Havre Line. Enclosed is a duplicate of another letter "Original p. Ship Sylvie de Grasse" of the Havre Old Line. Letter put directly into the ship's mail bags, hence no U.S. postal markings.

Feb. 2. Notice in the N.Y. Shipping and Commercial List: Cleared N.Y. for Havre Feb. 2, 1844, Ship St. Nicholas, Pell, 4 North River, Boyd & Hincken.



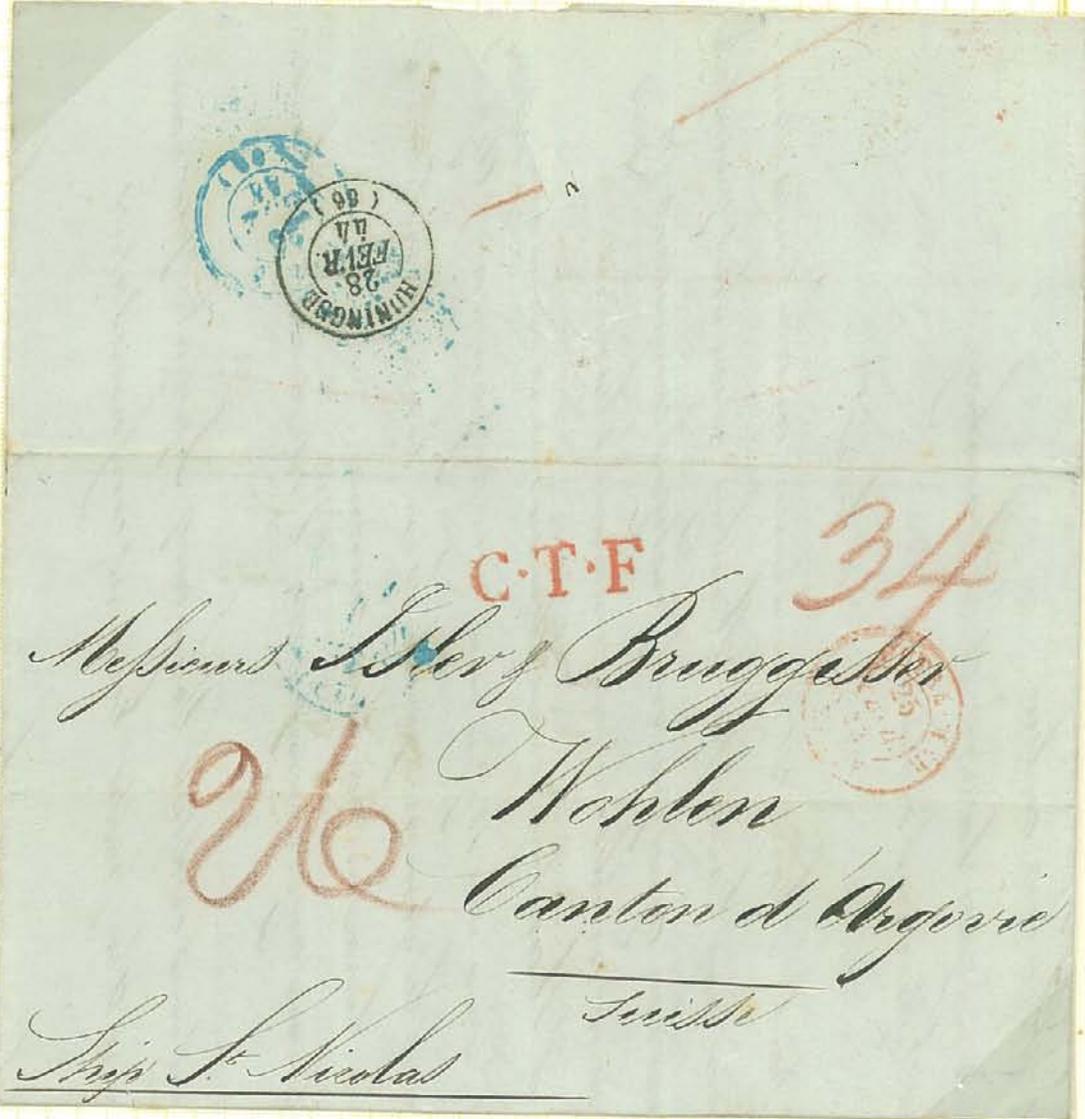
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Feb. 25. Arrival of St. Nicholas at Havre, letter received as inward "over-seas" mail. It was marked Colonies Transit Francais and forwarded on to Paris.



Feb. 26, transit at Paris, forwarded to Huningue, French exchange

town in the north on the border near Basle. Rated in France at 34 decimes and in Switzerland 26 rappen. These amounts were about 65¢ and 70¢ U.S. respectively, thus France got 65¢ (34 dec.), the Swiss retaining 5¢ (2 rap.)



1845

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services



HAVRE-SECOND LINE

New York to Havre  
Packet Ship St. Nicholas

John J. Boyd



July 17, 1845. Letter paid in cash at the Bureau Maritime in Havre. It was marked P.P. = Porte Payee, signifying "Paid to the Port" of debarkation at Havre. It was directionally endorsed: *pr St. "Nicholas"*, which had a scheduled departure date from Havre of July 16.



August 20, 1845. N.Y. Shipping List & Prices Current notes the arrival of Ship St. Nicholas, Capt. Pell, from Havre on this date. Letter was rated at the Act of 1845 zone rate for a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. letter going over 300 miles, N.Y. to Topsham, Maine, of 10¢ plus a 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 12¢ as shown in the New York date stamp.

1836

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE - SECOND LINE

New York to Havre

John J. Boyd

Packet Ship Utica

Utica was ship rigged, 525 tons, 113'-3" x 29'-8" beam, hold depth 14'-10". She was launched in 1833 at C. Bergh & Co., New York, served the Havre Second Line until 1848. Her westbound average was 40 days, this voyage about average at 41 days.

Captain on this voyage was Frederick Augustus DePeyster, a well-known captain of a prominent old Dutch family. In 1809 he commanded Seneca, belonging to John Jacob Astor, the first vessel to arrive at N.Y. from Canton after the War of 1812. He commanded Utica '33 to '36, after which he went to the Liverpool Black Ball Line.



June 23, 1836. Havre Market price-current dated at Havre. It also bears the notice: Vessels up for the Following Ports: Utica, Depeyster, 24 June.....New-York.

June 24. Utica departed from Havre for New York.

Shipping List & New-York Price-Current. Arrived New York Aug. 4, Ship Utica, Depeyster, Havre. Docket notes received by Abrm. Bell & Co. 8/5. She carried a mixed cargo. Treasure: gold 7 cases to J. Cowperwaite - gold 1 bbl. DeRham & Moore - 3 do. G. Newbold.

Letter rated at 6¢ due for a Ship Letter addressed to the port of entry.

1844

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
HAVRE - SECOND LINE

Havre to New York  
Packet Ship Utica

John J. Boyd



October 13, 1844. A letter st Langeais, France endorsed: pat le havre. It was also noted in red ink, "aff. jusqu'au havre", or "paid only to havre." This is further noted by the "P.P." + Port Paye or Paid to the Port.

Manuscript rating on the reverse is the bureau-to-bureau rate of January 1, 1828, for a letter conveyed 300 to 400 km., not over 7½ grams at 6 decimes + 1 decime Ship Letter= 7 decimes.



October 15. Transit backstamp at Le Havre. The Second Line packet ship Utica departed from Havre for New York on October 16.

Shipping & Commercial List, N.Y. Arrived at N.Y. December 5, Ship Utica, Hewitt....Havre.

Docket on face notes: recd. Dec. 6, 1844. Letter rated 6¢ for a Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival.

Utica took 50 days on this crossing, one of her longest. Her longest was 59 days. Her shortest was 35 days, average 40, all westbound. The long passage was no doubt the result of a rough voyage. S. & C. L. Disasters &c. Utica in a gale 43.24 lon 43.26 sprung head of mainmast; 28th lat 44 lon 57.30 in a gale shipped heavy sea, carried away rail, etc.