

1876

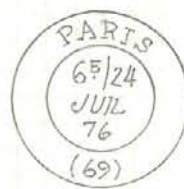
FORWARDING AGENT

MUNROE & CO.

7 RUE SCRIBE, PARIS



United States to France, U.P.U. period rate, 5¢ paid by 5¢ Zachary Taylor stamp, issue of 1875, letter noted "via England".



July 11. Boston transit. July 23. Paris Foreign Office transit.

July 24. Paris receipt. Backstamp.



Letter received by Munroe & Co. and forwarded to addressee at another Paris address. Forwarding postage paid by 15 centimes French stamp.

July 24, 1876. French stamp cancelled by this postmark.

1880

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
— — — — —
THE INMAN LINE

S.S. City of Berlin

Forwarding Agent
Munroe & Co., Paris



May 8 (April 8 in cds in error), 1880. Letter prepaid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate to member countries at New Haven, New York. Unusual negative "12" of New Haven cancels the postage. The S.S. City of Berlin, Inman Liner, departed from New York May 8 for Liverpool.

May 18. (reconstructed cds on face.) Cable from Queenstown, May 17. Inman S.S. City of Berlin, Capt. Kennedy, from New York, May 8, arrived here at 7:55 this morning on her way to Liverpool

May 18. Letter had been addressed to the forwarding agent Munroe & Co., who deleted their address and forwarded the letter on to Constantinople. Backstamp at Rue de la Madeleine notes receipt for forwarding. May 23. Constantinople receipt backstamp.



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1874

FORWARDING AGENTS

REDIRECTED LETTERS

Although many cachets bear the wording "Forwarded by" after 1870, these are in general redirected letters handled by travel agencies or hotels. Thus, the true period of the FORWARDING AGENTS history ends about 1870.



Oct. 17, 1874. London district
First Series obliterator on S.G.
144, Plate 15.

Travel Agents Cachet. Letter
not truly handled as a for-
warding agent function (see
above).



Oct. 29, 1874.
N.Y. transit mark.

1877

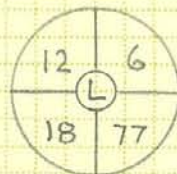
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL



THE GUION LINE

S.S. Wyoming
Forwarding Agent
MR BURR, London

U.P.U. Rate
Underpaid



June 12, 1877. Letter was handled by Mr. Burr of 11 Queen Square, West Central, London, who affixed a 2½d. (5¢) stamp, Issue of 1876, plate 7. It was forwarded through the London packet office same day, backstamp. Stamp cancelled by the London, Second Series obliterator of the West Central office (Dubus 114b).

June 13. S.S. Wyoming, Capt. Jones, sailed from Liverpool and picked up this letter at Queenstown on June 14.

June 23. Wyoming arrived to Williams & Guion. As letter was underpaid, it was noted "2" signifying 2 rates underpaid and T= Taxe, French for postage due. By international rules the amount of underpayment was noted in French centimes as "25", then equivalent to 10¢. To this was added the 5¢ unpaid letter fine to total 15¢, shown in the New York dated stamp.



Handwritten notes: '2' and '25' with a blue checkmark

1889

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL



THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Aurania

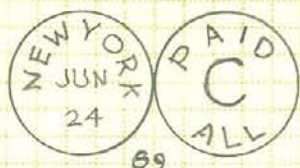
FORWARDING AGENT
MR. BURR, London



June 14, 1889. U.P.U. rate of 2½d. paid by a copy of the Issue of 1887. It was cancelled by the squared circle handstamp at the London West Central office.

Letter was forwarded by Mr. Burr at 11 Queen Square, W.C. who applied his distinctive cachet. This handstamp is often seen in black. As seen here in lavender, it is rare.

R.M.S. Aurania sailed from Liverpool via Queenstown the 14th.



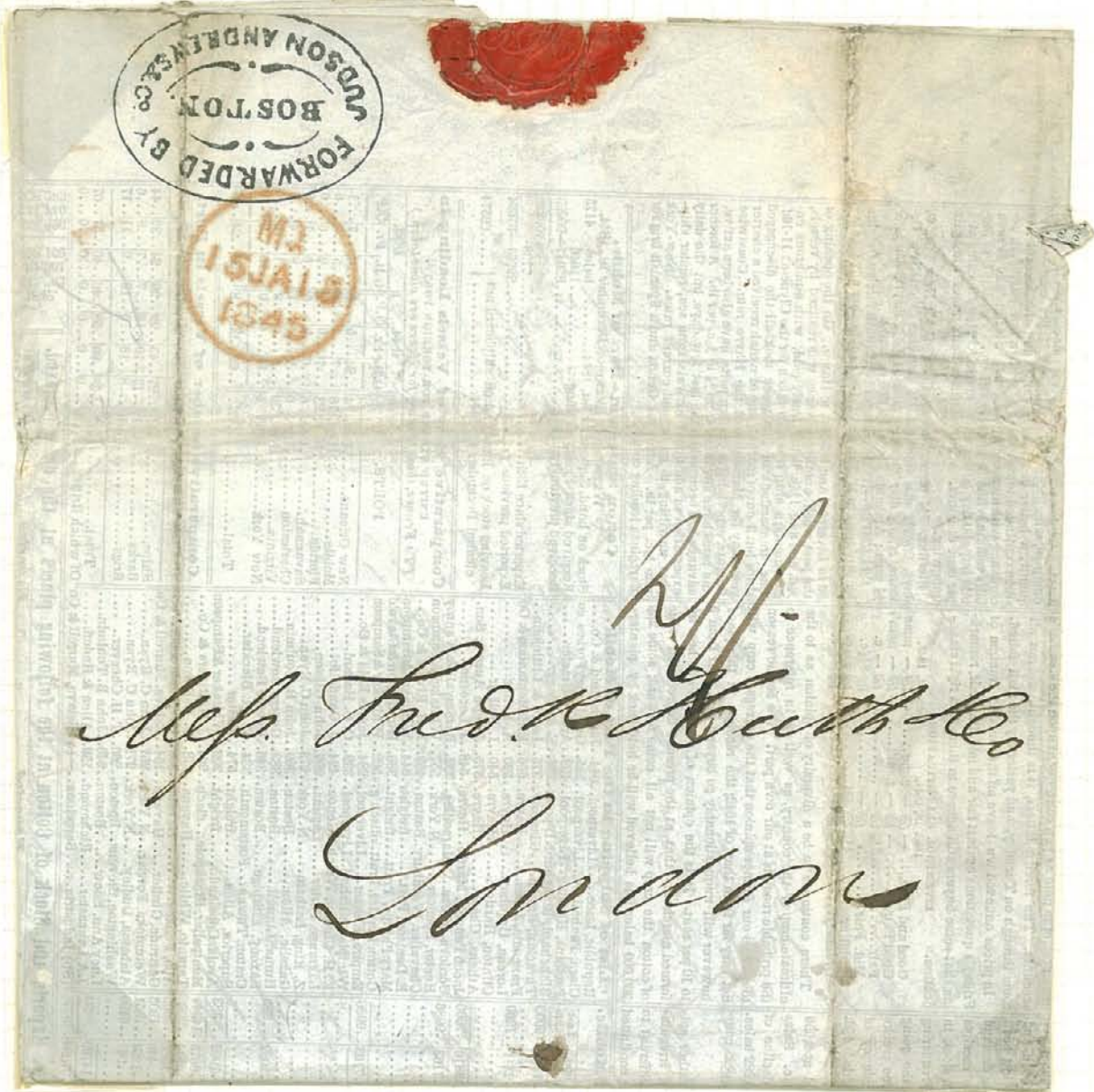
June 24. Backstamp. N.Y. Times. Arrived NY, TUESDAY June 24, Steamship Aurania (Br.), McKay, Liverpool and Queenstown, 9 days to Vernon H. Brown & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 12:18 P.M.
June 25. Portland, Maine arrival backstamp.

1845

FORWARDING AGENT

JUDSON ANDREWS & CO.
BOSTON, MASS.

Dec. 19, 1844. Letter and Prices Current originated at Mobile, Alabama and headed "per Boston Steamer". This letter probably came in a bulk packet or by private carrier to Judson Andrews & Co., Boston.



FORWARDED BY
JUDSON ANDREWS & CO.
BOSTON

MO
15 JA 15
1845

Mr.
Mr. Fredr. Huth & Co
London

FORWARDED BY
JUDSON ANDREWS & CO.
BOSTON

Judson Andrews & Co. forwarded this letter as a packet letter on to Fredr. Huth & Co., London.

MO
15 JA 15
1845

Jan. 15, 1845.
London transit.
Recipient charged 2/-, packet rate for a double letter.

Conard Acadia sailed fr
Boston 1-1-1845

1846

FORWARDING AGENTS

CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Britannia

JUDSON ANDREWS & CO.

Boston, Mass.

July 3, 1846. Letter headed at Mobile, Alabama. It went under cover to the Boston forwarder Judson Andrews & Co.



July 16. Forwarder put letter aboard R.M.S. Britannia. She departed Boston July 16 and was detained 2 days at Halifax by fog.

July 31. Britannia arrived at Liverpool. Aug. 1 London backstamp. 1 shilling due.



1851

FORWARDING AGENTS

CUNARD LINE

Tuckerman, Townsend & Co.

R.M.S. Cambria

Boston

May 26, 1851. Letter datelined at Baltimore went in a bundle to the Boston forwarding agent Tuckerman, Townsend & Co., who struck their cachet (unlisted) on the reverse. They endorsed: pr "Cambria" (s) and paid the 5¢ U.S. rate (pencil notation.)



May 28. R.M.S. Cambria departed from Boston for Liverpool.

June 8. R.M.S. Cambria arrived at Liverpool, transit at London June 9, backstamp. London also struck the ART 13 accountancy mark, mail subject to 40 decimes per ounce due from France for British Packet and transit charges.



June 10, 1851. French entry mark, mail entering from England via Calais.

Letter was subject to a triple rate of 5 decimes per 7½ grams x 3 = 15 decimes for a letter over 15 grams, but not over 22½ grams.

Letter concerns shipments of salad oil.

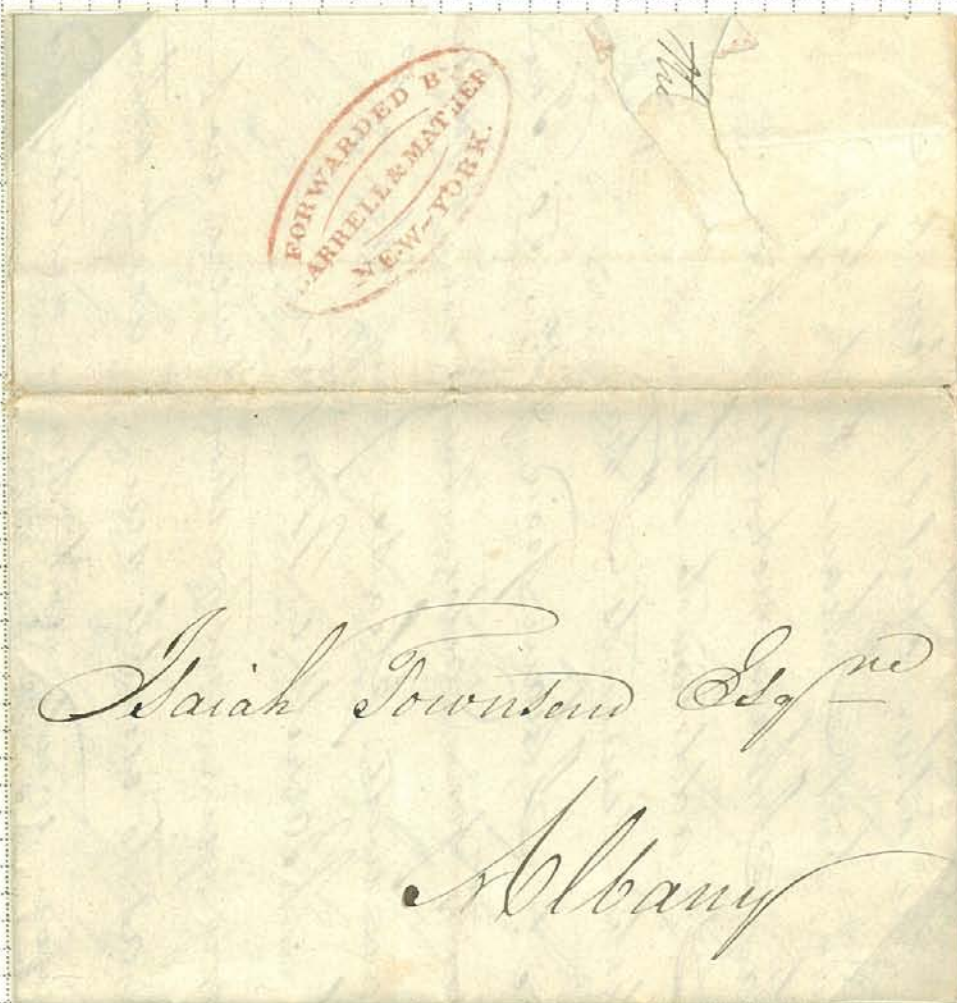


1839

FORWARDING AGENTS

BARRELL & MATHER
NEW YORK

July 22, 1839. Letter, datelined at Carratraca baths (Ontario), states, "I came a few days to this place for the purpose of taking the famous baths, where I expect to get rid of some trouble which I have had on one of my legs for some time past." Lippincott's Gazateer notes: Carratraca Springs, a village in Prescott co., Ontario, 40 miles E. of Ottawa, on the river Ottawa. It has springs whose waters are noted for their medicinal qualities.



Letter went by favor to New York care of the forwarding agents Barrell & Mather who forwarded it on in a packet (or ex-post office) to Isaiah Townsend at Albany. Their 43 mm, oval handstamp is not listed in Rowe.

1824-25

FORWARDING AGENTS

De RAHM & MOORE
NEW-YORK

Packet Ship Queen Mab

HAVRE-SECOND LINE

John J. Boyd

December 12, 1824. This letter is dated at New Hamburg, Pennsylvania, and was handled "by favor" or in a bulk packet directed to the Forwarding Agents DeRahm and Moore at New York.

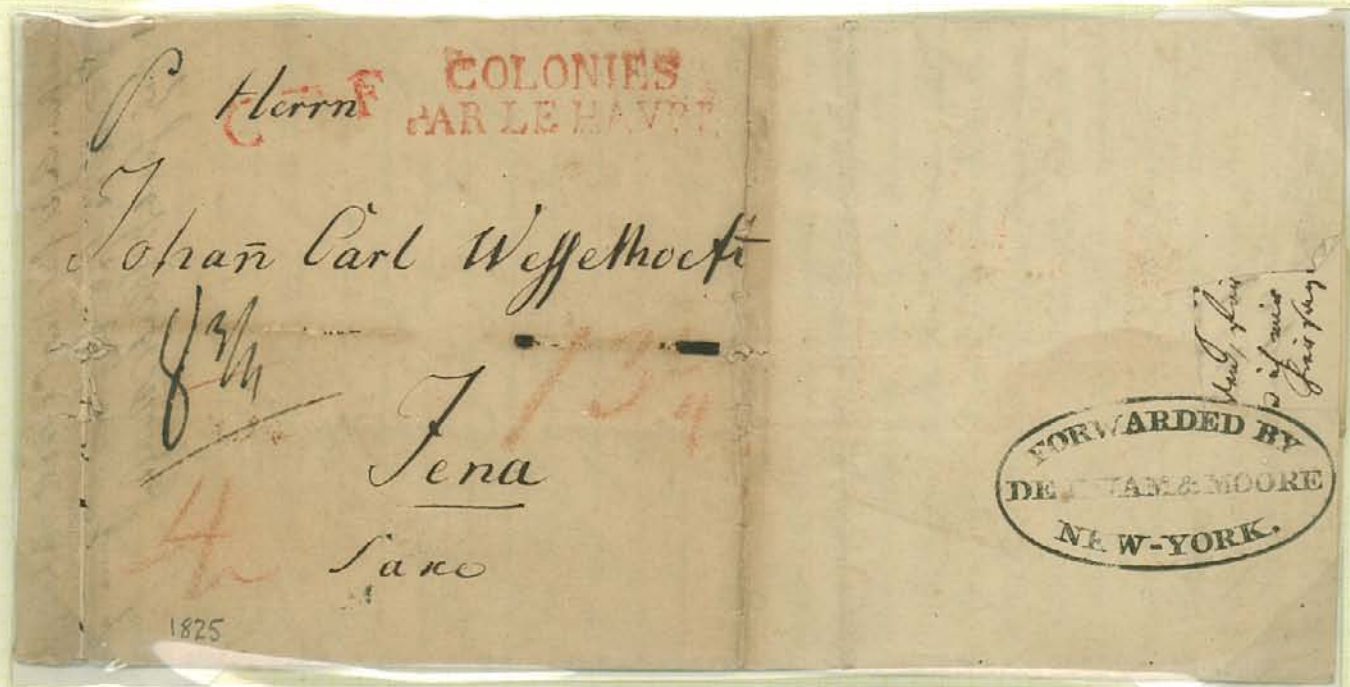
FORWARDED BY
DE RAHM & MOORE
NEW-YORK

The N.Y. Shipping & Commerical List noted VESSELS UP FOR FOREIGN PORTS, For Havre:

Ship Bayard, Robinson, Dec. 15, Crassous & Boyd

Ship Queen Mab, Richards, Jan. 1, 1825, Crassous & Boyd.

DeRahm & Boyd struck their forwarders cachet on the reverse of the letter and put it in the Ship Letter bag at the Ship Letter Office, New Exchange. Queen Mab was cleared for Havre on Dec. 30, 1824, and sailed Jan. 1, 1825.



COLONIES
PAR LE HAVRE

C.T.F

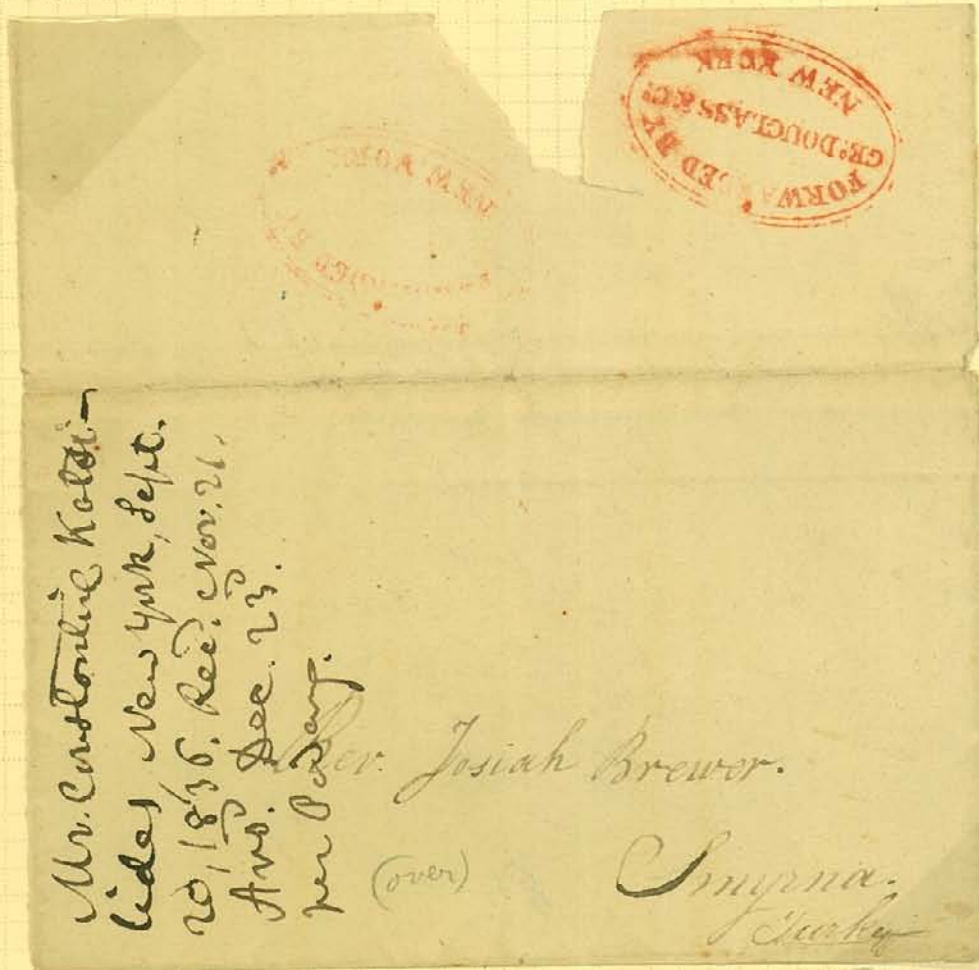
Letter arrived at Le Havre and was marked with the red COLONIES/PAR LE HAVRE entry mark. It was forwarded through the mails to Jena in Saxe Weimar duchy of Germany. Marked in transit Colonies Transit Francais

Accountancy allowed 8-3/4 decimes to France and a collect at Jena of 13 1/4 neugroschen (about 30¢ U.S.). Red 4r = 4th Rayon, a rating zone distance designation.

1836

FORWARDING AGENTS

GEO. DOUGLASS & CO.
NEW YORK



Letter New York to Smyrna, Turkey. Docket mark notes that letter left N.Y. Sept. 30, 1836 and received Smyrna Nov. 26, 1836. Absence of other postal markings indicate this went either ex-Post Office, or in a bundle of accumulated mail sent to the Rev. Josiah Brewer under one cover.



1846

FORWARDING AGENTS

J. BALESTIER
SINGAPORE

April 18, 1846. Docket note in letter indicates Gisbone & Co., Calcutta, handed this letter to a ship captain at Calcutta. The captain delivered this to Forwarding Agent J. Balestier at Singapore who noted receipt a forwarded letter onward by normal mail channels.

Manuscript note says,

Rec'd Singapore 4 May 1846
& forwarded by Y.O.S. (your obedient servant)
J. Balestier.

Literature (Rowe, K., The Forwarding Agents, 1966) notes J. Balestier oval stamps in use 1836-39. This mms. note shows this agent was still in business in 1846.



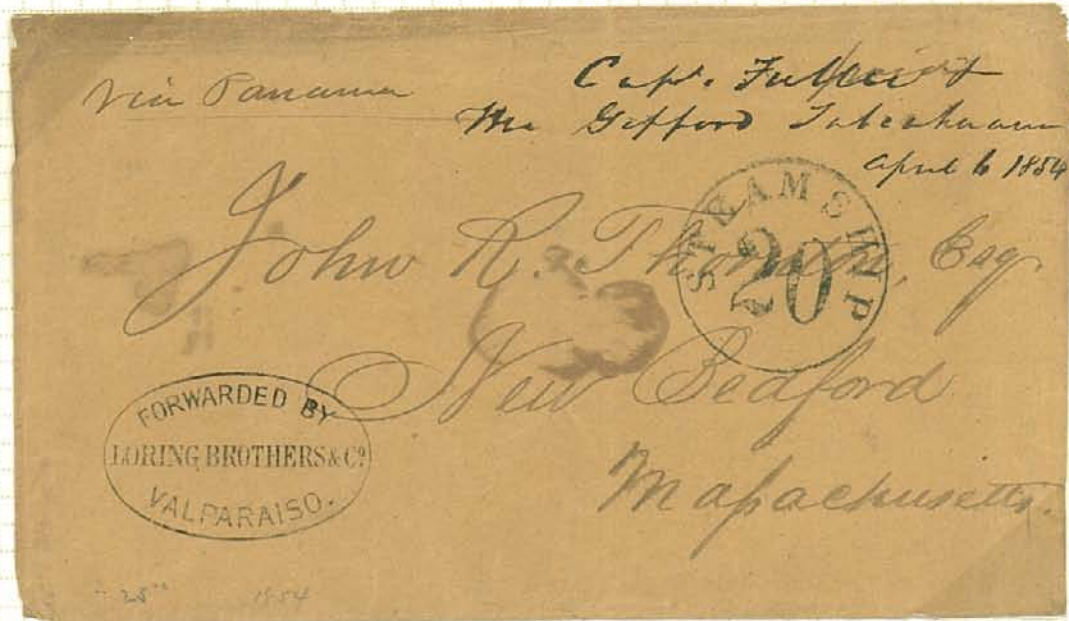
May 16, 1846.
Letter passed through Hong Kong. Canton was one of the Chinese Treaty Ports served by Hong Kong.

Rate charge mark (mms.) of 1/- (?) was added here, due from recipient.

1854

FORWARDING AGENTS

LORING BROTHERS & Co.
VALPARAISO, Chile



April 6, 1854. Docket, upper right notes letter from "Capt. Fuller & Mr. Clifford Talcahuano" (Chile). This is a whaling ship letter addressed to New Bedford.



Letter went by private ship to Valparaiso where it was forwarded by Loring Brothers & Co. (RF 4) "via Panama".



Letter into New York at the double "Steamship" rate per half ounce or 10¢ x 2 rates = 20¢ due.

1852

FORWARDING AGENTS

HAVANA TO PARIS VIA NEW YORK

Forwarded by
H. Bleidorn, N. York

April 15, 1852. Letter datelined at Havana, it went under cover to a New York forwarder aboard the U.S. Mail Steamship Georgia.

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APR 21 1852
H. BLEIDORN
N-YORK

April 20. Arrived N.Y. U.S.M. Steamship Georgia, Lieut. Porter, New-Orleans April 10 and Havana 15, to M.O. Roberts.

April 21. The forwarding agent H. Bleidorn struck his blue dated backstamp (R.F. 3) and endorsed letter: pr Africa, and paid the 5¢ up to 1/2-oz. compulsory prepayment in the U.S. (pencil mss.) British open mail to France. Mail could not be paid through.

April 21. R.M.S. Africa, Harrison, Cunard Line, departed from N.Y.



May 2. Africa arrived at Liverpool, London transit backstamp May 3.



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May 4. Arrival backstamps at Paris, United States, British Service. Letter subject to collect of 13 decimes (26c.)

1857

FORWARDING AGENTS

CUBA TO FRANCE VIA NEW YORK

Gregorio Dominguez

Cunard Line from Boston

New York

R. M. S. Europa



March 11, 1857. Letter datelined at Havana and handed to Capt. Graffan of the three masted schooner Hartstene, which sailed from Havana March 15 for New York with sugar &c. to Dunham & Dimon..



April 4. The Hartstene arrived at New York having experienced very heavy weather the last 10 days. Letter was handed to the forwarding agent Gregorio Dominguez who struck the red handstamp (R.F. 3), inserting the date of receipt, April 4, in pen. He then posted the letter unpaid to Paris.



April 7. The New York Exchange Office marked the letter, which contained enclosures, with a triple debit to France for 3¢ U.S. Inland x 3 = 9¢ as shown in the N.Y. mark. The April 1, 1857 Franco-American Postal Convention rates of 15¢ per ¼-oz. or 7½ grams was divided 12¢ Sea and French and 3¢ U.S. postage. Letter was forwarded on to Boston where the R.M.S. Europa departed

April 8, 1857 for Liverpool. This was the first eastbound sailing from Boston under the new rates. Africa had departed N.Y. April 1.



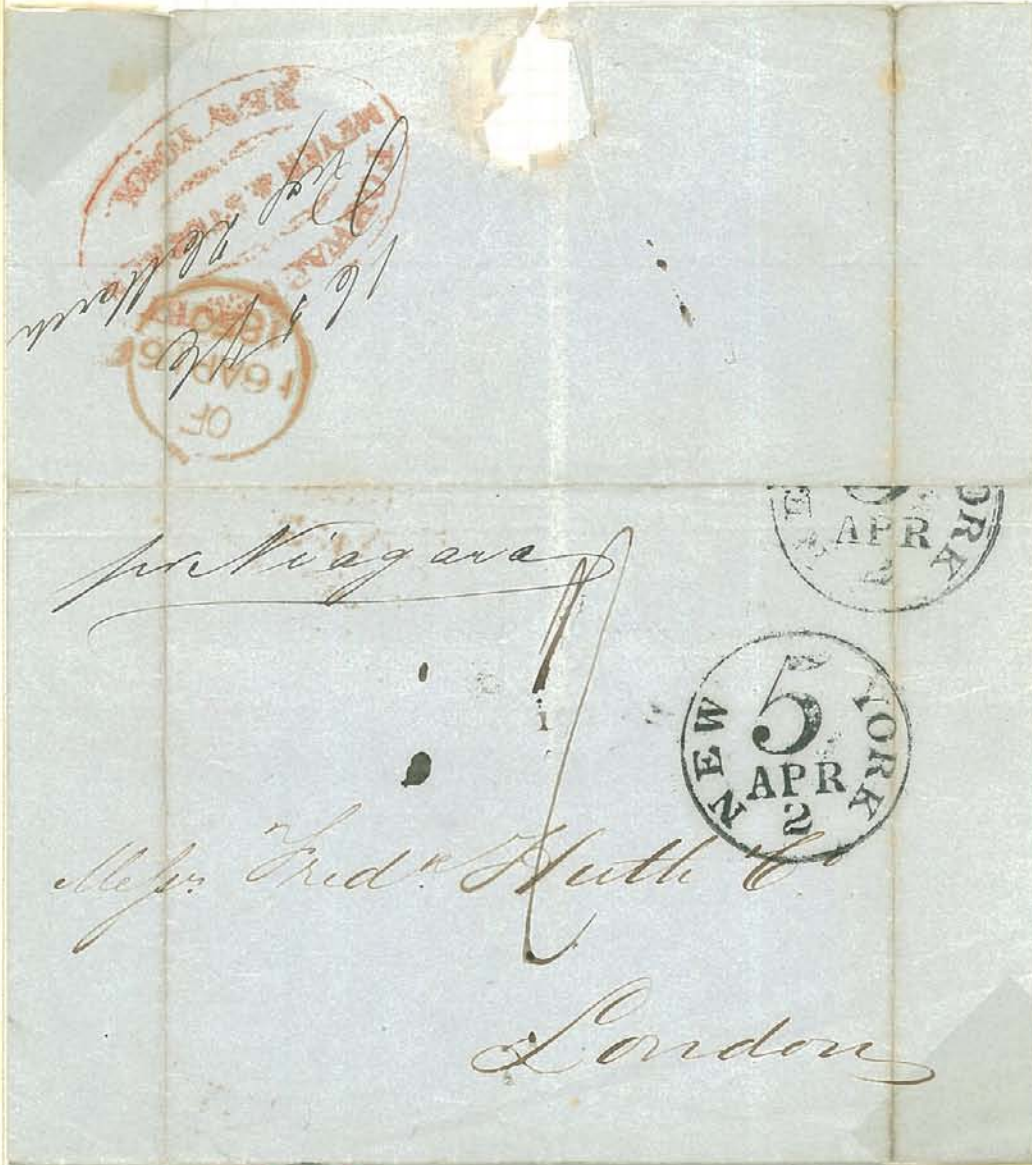
April 20. Europa arrived L'pool. First use of the new French entry mark showing U.S. mail, British Service, Ambulant (RR) at Calais April 21. April 22, Paris backstamp. Letter rated 8 decimes/¼-oz. x 3 = 24 decimes (large manuscript). Decime was equivalent to the British penny (2¢), thus 24 dec.= 48¢, closest to 15¢ triple rate of 45¢.

1850

FORWARDING AGENTS

MEYER & STUCKEN
NEW YORK

Mar. 18, 1850.
Letter originated
at Malang, Java.
Sent by private
ship to Meyer &
Stucken, forward-
ing Agents at
New York.



Meyer & Stucken forward-
ed letter to London as an
unpaid Packet letter.

April 2, 1850.
New York Exchange
Office mark, 5¢
credit to U.S.
for her inland
postage.

April 16, 1850.
London transit.
Letter rated 1/- due.
Per Niagara, 1875 ton
Cunarder in service
1848-62.

1860

FORWARDING AGENTS

RISING & CO.

NEW YORK

January 21, 1860. Letter written at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. It was sent by private ship to New York where it was forwarded by Rising & Co. to Bordeaux via British Packet. Asia, Cunard Liner, 2226 tons, in service 1850-67.

French transit:



Paris to Bordeaux, 2nd trip, Brigade B.



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Feb. 14 (?). Letter unpaid at N.Y. Exchange Office mark shows 6¢ credit to U.S. Letter by British Packet.



Feb. 28, 1860. French transit at Calais showing mail handled by British (A.C. = Ambulant Calais.)

16 decimes (32¢) due from recipient.

Area sealed Feb 15 1860
At New York Feb 28 1860

For 0900

c. 1860

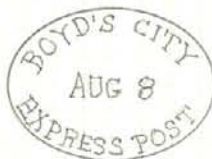
FORWARDING AGENT
A. FLEMING, NEW YORK
PRIVATE CARRIER
BOYD'S CITY EXPRESS POST



Livingston, Wells & Co.,
Paris, handed letter to American
Packet, unpaid.



Aug. 7. Letter stamped incom-
ing at New York, 21¢ due from
recipient for ocean voyage and
U.S. Inland postage.



Augustus Fleming, Esq. paid the 21¢ and forwarded the
letter to No. 10 Bond St. by private carrier, Boyd's City
Express Post. He prepaid the carrier fee as noted in the
lozenge "PAID - J.T.B.".

1861

FORWARDING AGENTS

ATKINSON TILTON & CO.
CALCUTTA



Forwarding agents
cachet, handling
letter at Calcutta.

Mar. 18, 1861.
Calcutta Gen. P.
O. receipt.
"Bengal" type
B/l obliterator for Calcutta.

Mar. 27.
Bombay
transit.

Mark showing
prepayment "all
the way".



April 19, 1861.
London paid transit.
1sh.7d.(red mms)
G.B. share of post-
age.

May 1, 1861.
N.Y. Exchange
Office receipt
mark. 5¢ credit
to U.S. for inland delivery.



RMS Arabica Sailed L'pore Apr. 20, 1861
Arr. Boston May 1. (Bulk to NY) FUR 100.0

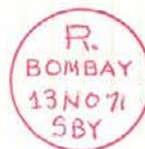
1871

FORWARDING AGENTS

I. NICOL FLEMING & CO
CALCUTTA



Forwarding agents cachet used to tie the adhesive stamp to the letter to prevent theft by native clerks.



Nov. 10, 1871. Calcutta
obliterator.

Nov. 13, 1871. Bombay
receipt backstamp.

1843

FORWARDING AGENTS
JOHN MOLLETT
London

April 8, 1843. Letter datelined at St. Petersburg, Russia. It went by private favor to London.

FORWARDED BY
JOHN MOLLETT
1 May 1843
LONDON

T.P
Old Broad St

May 1. Forwarding Agent John Mollett posted letter at the Old Broad St. Two Penny Post Office, London. He paid the Britain to U.S. Packet Letter rate of one shilling (red manuscript).



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PAID
1 MY 1
1843

May 1. Paid "tombstone" transit mark of the General Post, London.

L
MAY 2
1843

May 2. Liverpool transit. The R.M.S. Caledonia (Cunard) sailed from Liverpool on May 4.

SHIP
6

May 19. Recorded arrival date of the Caledonia at Boston. 6¢ due for a SHIP letter addressed to port of entry.

1849

FORWARDING AGENTS

OCEAN STEAM NAVIGATION CO., Edward Stainer, London
Transatlantic by CUNARD LINE: R.M.S. Caledonia
Last Westbound Voyage



October 22, 1849. A letter datelined at Smyrna. It went under separate cover to London where it was handled by the Ocean Steam Navigation Co., Edward Stainer, acting as forwarding agents. They struck their seldom seen blue oval back-

stamp (N.L. Rowe), endorsed it "p Caledonia Mail Str." and put it into the mails unpaid.



November 9. Letter received at the old Lombard Street (LS) post office, London. It was marked 24¢ due, the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate per ½-oz. U.S. was debited for 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.

November 10. R.M.S. Caledonia of the Cunard Line sailed from Liverpool on her last westbound voyage for Cunard, returning to Liverpool from Boston December 5. In 1850 she was sold to the Spanish Navy, and in 1851 was wrecked near Havana.

November 29. Caledonia arrived at Boston where 24¢ was due from the recipient.

1858

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

CUNARD LINE

R. M. S. Persia

Forwarding Agent: Geo. Peabody & Co., London



24

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September 16, 1858. A single weight letter (not over ½-oz.) paid 24¢ in cash at Boston at the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate. Handling by British Packet noted in the "balloon" (38mm.) red transit mark at Boston. Britain was credited with 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢. U.S. retained 5¢ U.S. Inland. Letter is addressed care of George Peabody & Co., England.

September 17. R.M.S. Persia of the Cunard Line departed for Liverpool.



September 27. Persia arrived at Liverpool. Transit and arrival backstamp at the old Lombard Street (L.S.) post office at London.

September 29. The forwarding agent Geo. Peabody & Co. deleted their address, struck their blue backstamp, and forwarded the letter to another forwarder, John Munroe & Co., Paris, who acted as poste restante (general delivery.) Peabody & Co. paid the 4d. rate to France in cash, amount shown in red manuscript. Letter went back into the post at Lombard Street.

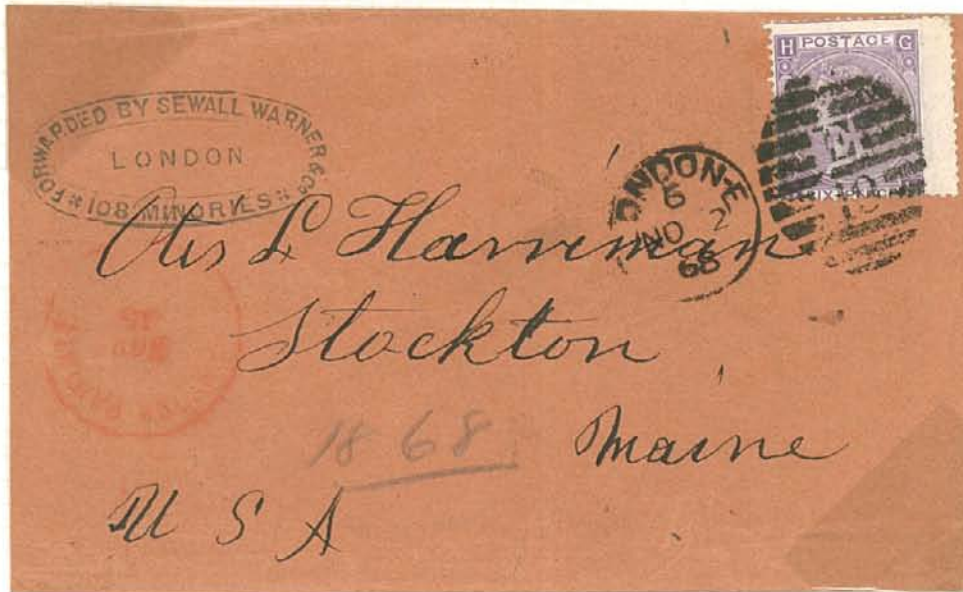


September 30. French entry mark showing mail from England (Angleterre) entering at Calais, Ambulant (T.P.O.)

1868

PACKET LETTERS
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
FORWARDING AGENTS

SEWALL WARNER & CO.



Sewall Warner & Co., forwarding Agents cachet.

Nov. 2, 1868. London District Second Series cancellation applied to S.G. # 104, Plate 6.



Nov. 15, 1868. New York "Paid All" transit mark.

Rate of 1 January 1868. "The combined rate of British and U.S. postage, and whether conveyed by packet or by private ship will be reduced to 6 d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.prepaid."

1852

PACKET LETTERS
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

FORWARDING AGENTS

MESSERS BARING BROS & CO.
LONDON

Letter mailed from Malaga, Spain to London via Paris c/o
Baring Bros. & Co., who forwarded the letter on to Silas Pierce
& Co. at Boston via British Packet from Liverpool.



Dec. 28, 1852.
Letter posted at
Malaga, Spain.



noel 1852

Jan. 3, 1853.
French transit
Spanish origin
via St. Jean de Luz.



Jan. 5, 1853.
Paris Transit.



Jan. 6, 1853.
London receipt.

Baring Bros.
received letter
and paid 10d. due
(mms) and on Jan.
7 readressed ltr.
and forwarded to



Jan. 7, 1853.
London, Lombard
Street receipt
and transit
stamp.

19
CENTS

24

Brit. Exch.
Office: Share
due Britain.

U.S. Exc. Boston.
Office
Single rate due.

1872

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

PREPAID - G.B. TO U.S.

FORWARDING AGENT
BARING BROTHERS, L'POOL

On 1 January 1868 the combined rate of British and United States postage on letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to any part of the U.S., and whether paid by packet or by private ship, will be reduced to sixpence per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. or fraction thereof, prepaid.



Forwarding agents
cachet, Baring Bros.
at L'pool for New



July 16, 1872, Exchange
Office, Liverpool cancel
on issue of 1872, S.G.
#122, Plate 11.



July 17, 1872. New
York transit.

1861

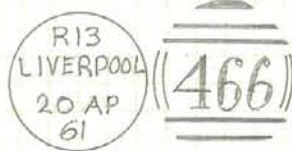
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

BRITISH PACKET

FORWARDING AGENT

GEO. J. CORNISH

LIVERPOOL



George J. Cornish, forwarding agents cachet. Here used as a business card as two letters enclosed are from Geo. Cornish.

April 20, 1861. Double letter rate (1/- per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.) of 2 sh. prepaid by vertical pair of S.G. # 73.

10
CENTS

PAID

Double letter credit of 10¢ (5¢ x 2) to U.S. for her domestic postage. Letter went by British packet, Cunarder Arabia, 2402 ton steamer in service 1853-64. The last wooden Cunarder.

"Paid" mark of British Exchange Office showing no further postage due.

The last wooden Cunarder.

1855

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

AMERICAN PACKET

FORWARDING AGENT

SAM^l & W^m PEARSE & CO.

LIVERPOOL



Letter posted unpaid at Liverpool by Forwarding Agent. Noted "per Steamer Atlantic", 2860 ton steamer of the Collins Line in service from 1850-58. The Collins Liners were considered "American Packets".



April 23, 1855. Letter received unpaid at G.P.O. Liverpool and back-stamped with the Packet Office oval at Liverpool.

May 4, 1855. New York arrival mark showing letter was transported by American Packet and 24¢ due from recipient.

3 CENTS

Exchange Office mark allowing Britain 3¢ out of total 24¢ for her inland postage.

U.S.M.S. Atlantic dep. L'pool April 23, 1855 on the 1st. Wed. departure of the Collins Line; arr. N.Y. May 4.

1873

FORWARDING AGENTS

R. THODE & CO.
DRESDEN, GERMANY

Bankers, brokerage houses, pub keepers, and all manner of businesses acted as regular or "some-times" forwarding agents.

R. THODE & CO
DRESDEN.

In this sample, on March 18, 1874 this letter was posted at Leamington, England and directed to Mrs. A.G. Farwell, c/o Messers. R. Thode & Co., Bankers, Dresden. The bankers backstamped the letter in green with their company stamp (above) and then readdressed the letter to Mrs. Farwell at the Hotel Stadt Ron, Dresden. The Dresden city forwarding was handled post free.



March 18, 1874. Leamington date stamp and "444" post office number and obliterator for Leamington on 3d. Pale Rose, Plate 12, issue of 1873.

1883

FORWARDING AGENTS

The 19th Century Forwarding Agents were generally commercial houses, which outfitted ships, provided insurance (as here shown), arranged financing and had many other functions besides forwarding mail.



Jan. 26, 1883.
Letter posted at
London.



Feb. 7, 1883.
New York Foreign
Department transit.

Memorandum of Insurance effected by **BARING BROTHERS & CO.**

Per Jos. S. Spencey from San Francisco
 to Riverpool
 on Part Freight valued at £2430
 £ 2430 at 50 per Cent. £ 60 " 15 " "
 Duty 3d % " " 6 " 5 "
 Commission 1/4 % " " 6 " 1 " 6 "

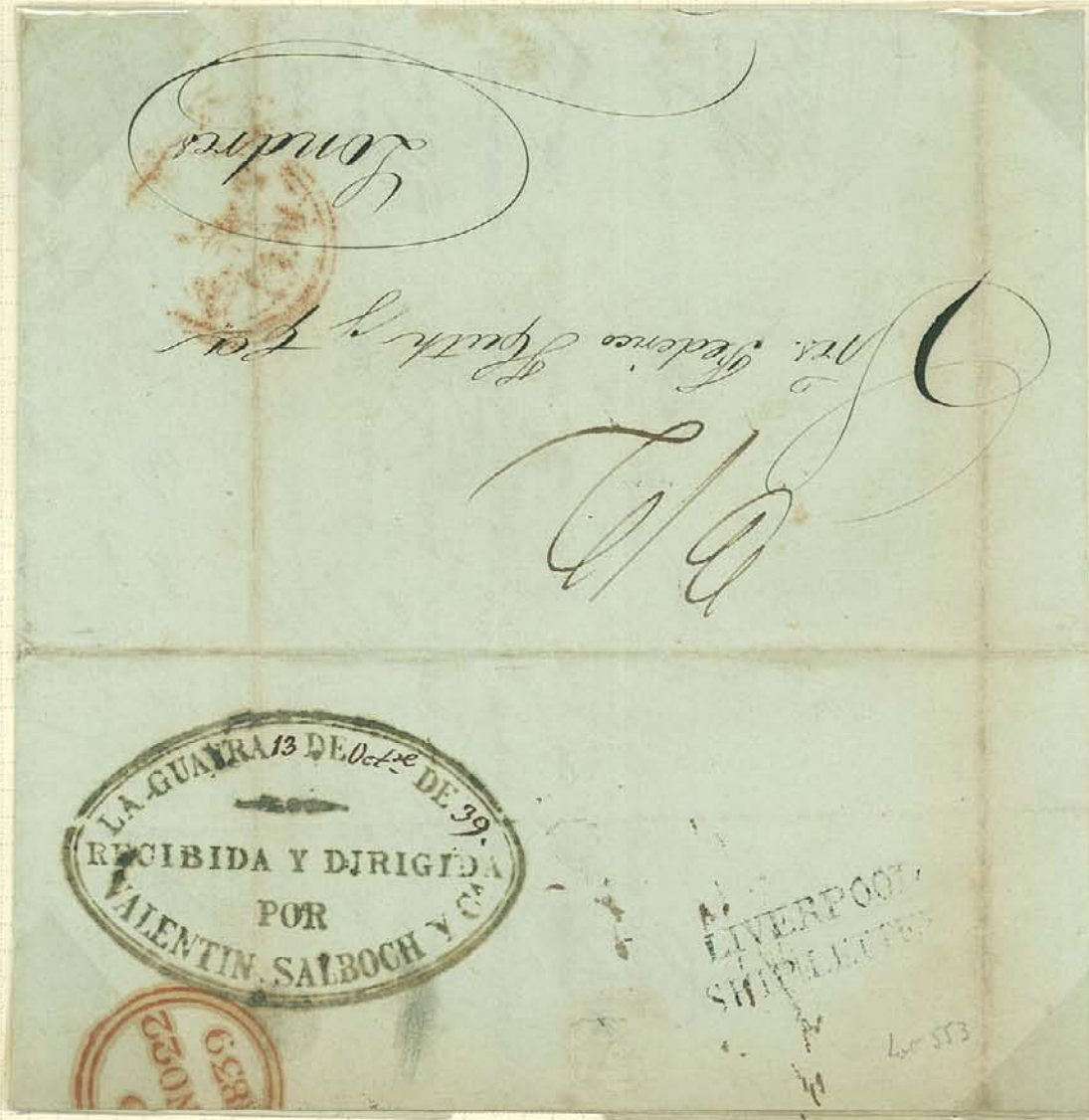
To the debit of Harvey Mills Esq £ 67 " 2 " 9

LONDON, 23rd January 18 83

1839

FORWARDING AGENTS

VALENTIN, SALBOCK Y CA
LA GUAYRA, VENEZUELA



Sept. 23, 1839. Letter originated at Caracas, Venezuela, thence overland to nearby port city of La Guayra where it was forwarded as a "ship letter" to London by Valentin, Salbock Y Ca.

Oct. 13, 1839.
Forwarding Agent
handed letter to
ship captain,
first applying
this superb
strike. Note
blanks for insert-
ing dates.

LIVERPOOL
SHIP LETTER

Stamped incoming
at L'pool, first port
of call at England.



Nov. 22,
London
transit.

Letter rated:

L'pool to	
London	11d.
Capt.'s	
pence	2d.
Ship Letter	
charge	6d.
	<u>19d.</u>
X2 (double	
letter).	3/2 mms.