

1793

NEWTON GORDON & MURDOCK CORRESPONDENCE

NEW YORK TO MADEIRA

Schooner Two Friends

March 14, 1793. Charles McEvers, Jun writes from New York regarding the high prices of produce in the United States resulting from speculation. Since a previous letter, sent on November 18, 1792 (copy inclosed), per the brig Minerva, the price of wheat had gone from 7/6 to 9/3 and flour from 37/ to 46/. Because of this he is unable to execute any of Newton Gordon & Murdock's orders, they having placed ceilings on what they would pay.

The letter is endorsed: per Two Friends. This was a 75 ton schooner built 1791 at Newburyport. The letter was handed directly to the vessel's captain for direct delivery to the addressee.

April 23. Docket notes receipt at Maderia.



1793

NEWTON GORDON & MURDOCK CORRESPONDENCE

NEW YORK TO MADEIRA

Brig Morning Star

April 28, 1793. Charles McEvers, Jun writes to Maderia quoting prices current for Wheat @ 9/3 or 9/6, Fine Flour @ 44/ and Corn @ 5/6. He mentions that he had written on April 15, copy inclosed, per brig Two Friends. He had received their advices per ship Friendship "in a very short passage." He mentions that the War in Europe has had no effect on our produce, which remain high.

Letter is endorsed: per Brig Morning Star. This probably refers to the 164 ton Brigantine Morning Star built in 1765 at Bermuda. This letter was handed directly to the captain of the Morning Star who hand delivered it to Newton Gordon & Murdock.

June 15. Docket notes arrival at Madeira.



1793

NEWTON GORDON & MURDOCK CORRESPONDENCE

NEW YORK TO MADEIRA

Brig Union

November 4, 1793. Charles McEvers Jun. writes again to Maderia. He again reports the rise in price of produce. In March 1793 he had reported Corn 5/ and flour at 44/. Now in November they had risen to 6/ and 46/ respectively. "WE have accounts that there is a very great scarcity of Corn & Flour at Maderia & the Western Islands, particularly the latter place."

Letter is endorsed: per Brig Union. This was probably the 140 ton brig Union built 1792 at Salisbury, Mass. This letter was hand carried by the master of the Union and given directly to the addressee.

December 16. Docket notes arrival at Maderia.



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**NEWTON GORDON & MURDOCK CORRESPONDENCE**

**COPENHAGEN TO MADEIRA**

Danish India-man Hercules, Capt. V. N. Yorck

November 23, 1795. Letter dated at Copenhagen says, "The bearer of this Capn. Valerius Nielsen Yorck, commander of the Danish India-man the Hercules, on his Voyage to Tranquebar\* is to touch at your island for the purpose of taking on abt. 400 Pipes of Maderia..." The letter was personally carried to Maderia by Capt. Yorck to obtain the wine.

The letter is endorsed: p the Hercules Capt. V.N. Yorck.

August 7, 1796. Docket notes receipt at Maderia.



Messrs Newton Gordon & Murdock

The Hercules  
Capt. V. N. Yorck

Madeira

\*Tranquebar, a seaport town of India, on the Coromandel coast, in the delta of Cavery, 140 miles S.W. of Madras. Tranquebar belonged to Denmark until 1846, when it was ceded by purchase to England.

1816

NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & SCOTT CORRESPONDENCE

CHARLESTON, S.C. TO MADEIRA

Schooner Mary Ann, Capt. Henry D. Hill

April 9, 1816. A letter from Thomas Higham introducing Capt. Henry D. Hill of the schooner Mary Ann. Capt. Hill is carrying 25 barrels of rice on his own account, by which he hopes to make an investment in wine. Thos. Higham instructs Newton et al to supply Captain Hill with wine to the extent of the sale of rice and debit him (Higham) with any excess over those proceeds should Capt. Hill wish more wine.

Higham notes that the duties in London on Maderia wine will be reduced by 16¢ after July 1, so this should present a better market.

The letter is endorsed: favd. by Capt. Hy. D. Hill, who hand carried the letter to Maderia.

May 18. Docket notes receipt at Maderia.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Newton Gordon, Murdoch & Scott  
fav<sup>d</sup>. by } Merchants  
Capt H. D. Hill } Madeira

1824

NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & SCOTT CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

Admiralty Sailing Packets from Falmouth Brig Dove

January 27, 1824. A copy of a letter written at Calcutta from Palmer & Co. ordering six pipes of the best London Particular Madeira Wine for the mess of H.M. 59th Regiment.

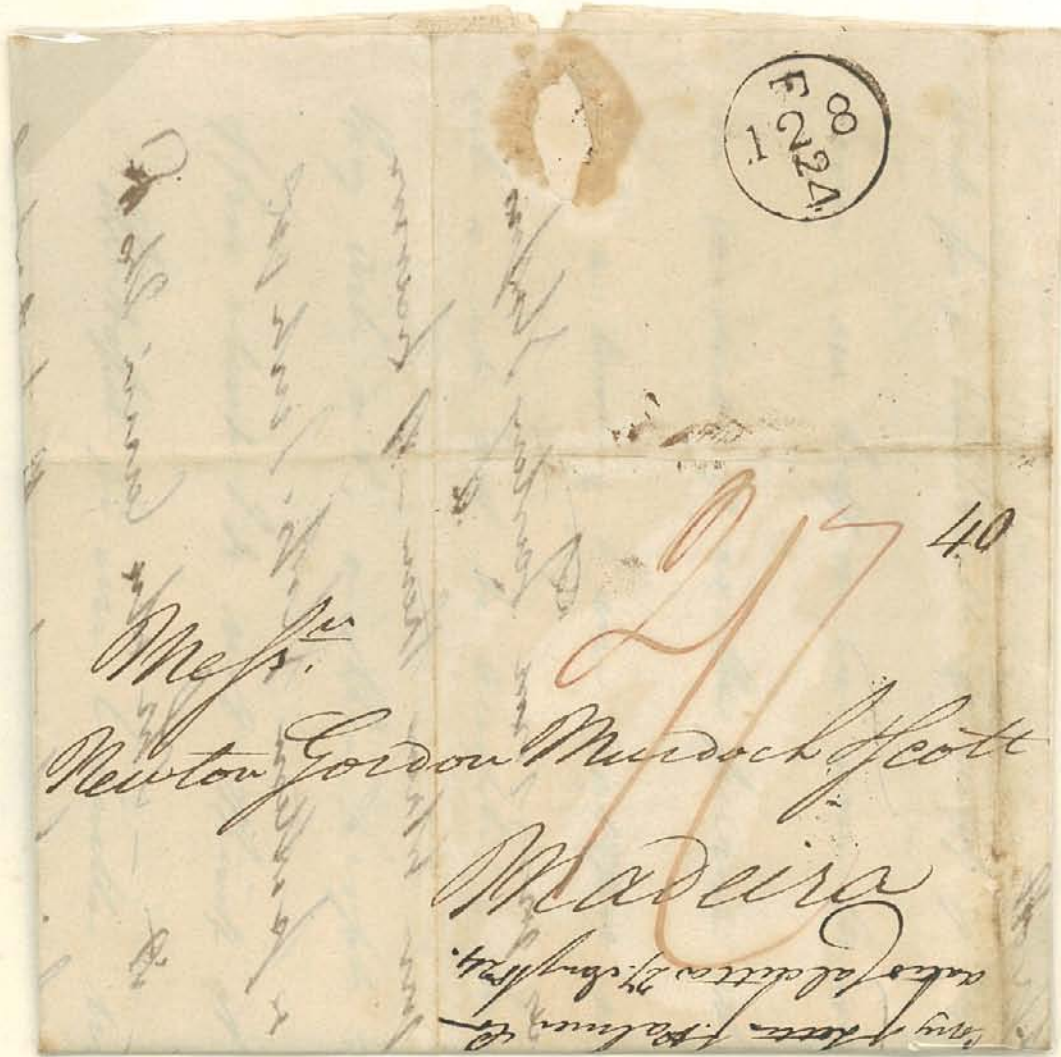
June 14. Letter by Thomas Murdock is appended to the Calcutta letter.

June 25. The brig Dove of the Admiralty packets departed from Falmouth. The London Foreign Office backstamp of 1824 shows the "128" sailing designation. The letter was rated at 2sh.7d., which was computed at the Jan. 1817 rate to Madeira from Falmouth of 1sh.8d. plus the inland rate, London to Falmouth, less 1d. The Act of 1812 rate for a letter conveyed 230-300 miles was 1sh. (London to Falmouth is 270 miles), less one penny left 11d. to be added to the Madeira rate or 1/8d. + 11d. = 2/7d. The paid amount is shown in red.

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July 4. A letter docket shows that the Dove arrived at Funchal. She sailed on to arrived at Buenos Aires (River Plate) on August 24. ¶ Letter rated single at 40 centimos due.

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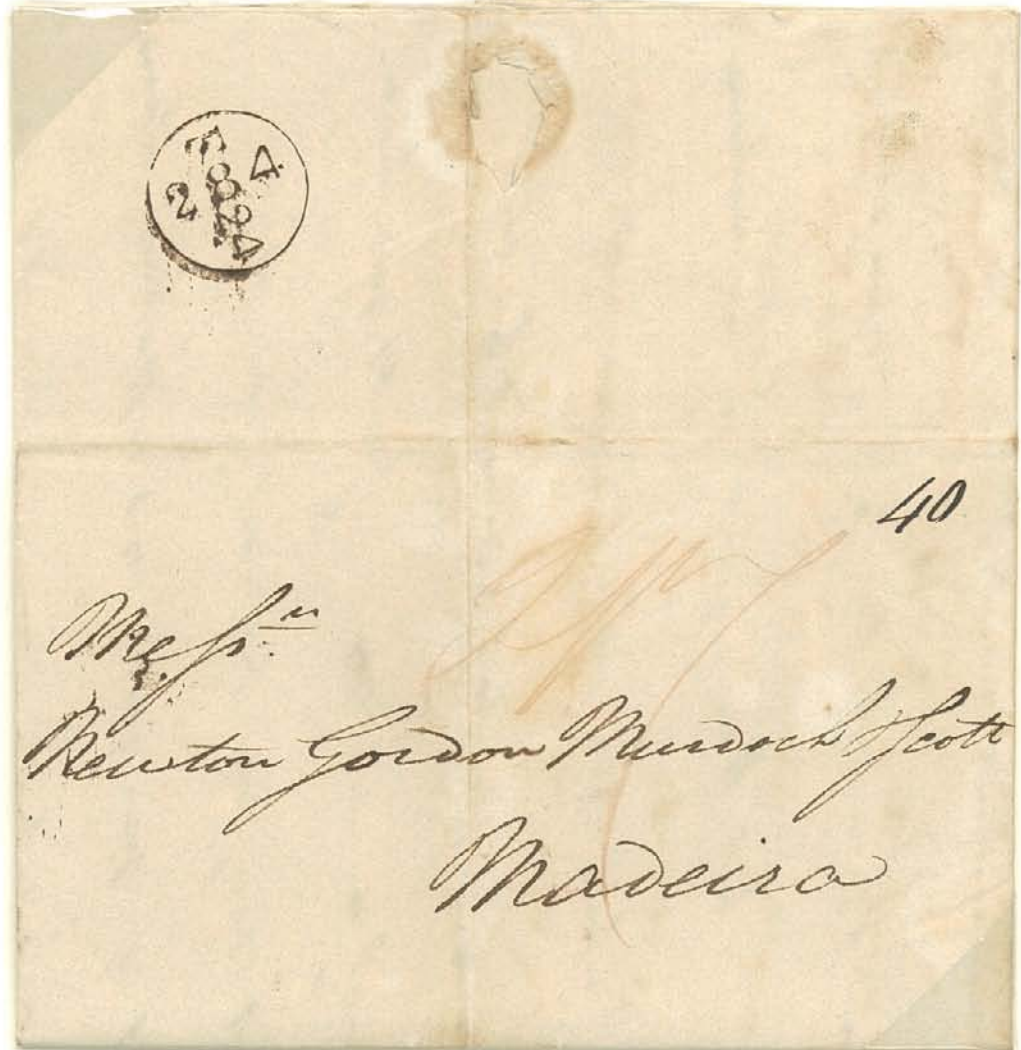
**NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & SCOTT CORRESPONDENCE**

LONDON TO MADEIRA

Admiralty Sailing Packets from Falmouth Packet Prince Regent

Prince Regent was built at Falmouth in 1820-21, 233 tons, employed in the packet service 1821-26. She was originally a Post Office packet until transferred to the Admiralty in April 1823.

June 5, 1824. A letter from Thomas Murdock at London. He notes, "The packet has been detained." This was true as the Brazil packets normally left Falmouth around the 15th of the month. Prince Regent didn't leave until June 30.



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Letter paid at London at the January 1817 rate to Madeira of 1sh.8d. plus the inland rate, London to Falmouth, of 1sh. less 1d. = 11d. Total 1sh.8d. + 11d. = 2sh.7d. The amount paid is shown in red manuscript as 2/7.

July 4. Docket notes arrival at Madeira (a fast trip!) Letter subject to 40 centimos collect at Madeira. Prince Regent arrived at Rio de Janeiro on August 11.

1830

NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & SCOTT CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

Admiralty Sailing Packets from Falmouth Brig Lapwing

Lapwing, 228 tons, built at Chatham in 1823-25. This naval brig carried 6 guns, and was in service from 1829-41. In 1830, her commander was Lt. George B. Forster, R.N.

September 7, 1830. A letter from Thomas Murdock at London containing a copy of a letter from Copenhagen 31 Augst. 1830, which says, inter alia, "We take the liberty to beg that you will request your House at Madeira to send to our friend Major Rasmussen at St. Croix One Butt best London Particular Madeira Wine - in preference by a direct opportunity with a Dutch vessel, but if no such one should offer, then by a good opportunity to St. Thomas.."

Letter rated, Act of 1828, at 2/7d. per 1/2-oz., here as a treble letter of 2/7 x 3 = 7sh.9d. shown in red manuscript. Backstamp of the London post office shown F(almouth) 1830. "297" is a sailing designation.

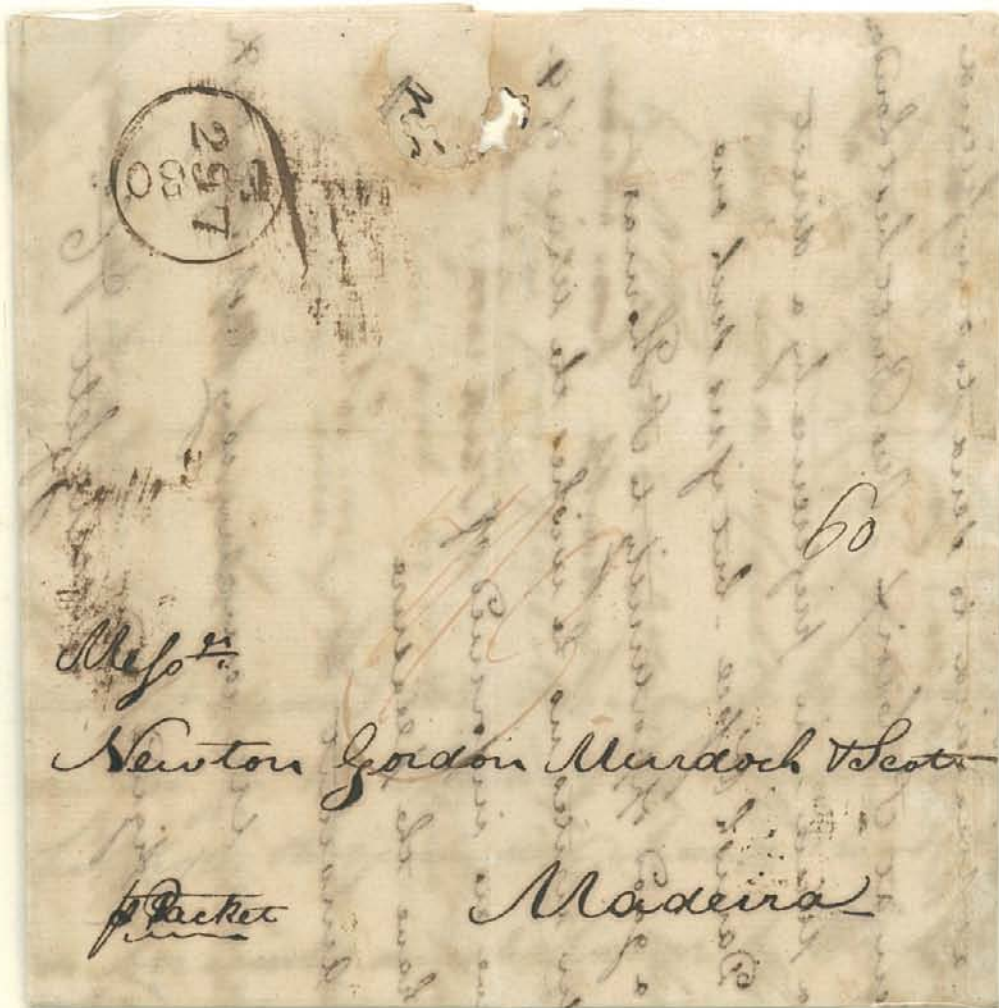
September 10. The Admiralty packet Lapwing departed from Falmouth for the Brazils.

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September 10.  
Lapwing arrived  
at Madeira. Letter  
rated at 1 1/2 times  
the 40 centimos  
rate, 60 centimos  
due.

Lapwing arrived  
at Pernambuco on  
October 28.





1832

NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & SCOTT CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

Admiralty Sailing Packets from Falmouth Brig Opossum

Opossum, built 1820-22 at Sheerness, 236 tons, 6 guns, commander 1830-40, 1st Lt. Robert Peter, R.N.

April 5, 1832. A heavy letter from Thomas Murdock at London, endorsed: p Packet. It was rated, Act of 1828, at 2/7d. per ½-oz., here as a treble letter at 2/7 x 3 = 7sh.9d., shown as 7/9 in manuscript. Letter backstamped at the London Foreign Office, "288" is a sailing designation.

April 8. Brig Opossum departed from Falmouth, arrived at Madeira April 16. 80 centimos due. Opossum sailed on to arrive at Rio de Janeiro on May 20.



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NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & SCOTT CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

Admiralty Sailing Packets from Falmouth Brig Emulous

Emulous, 235 tons, built 1819 at Devonport, 6 guns, in service 1824-33.

May 16, 1832. Letter dated at London by Thomas Murdock, and endorsed: p Packet. The 1828 rate to Madeira was 2sh.7d. per ½-oz. This heavy letter was rated at 13 rates (6½-oz.) at 2/7 x 13 = £1.13.7d., red mss.

May 21, 1832. The River Plate sailing packet Emulous departed from Falmouth for Buenos Aires. Letter backstamped at London, Foreign Office, 307 is the sailing designation.

May 30. The Emulous put in at Funchal, Madeira on her outbound voyage. Letter docket notes arrival on May 30 at Madeira.

Letter rated incoming at 7X the 40 centimos rate or 280 centimos due.

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*[Handwritten letter on aged paper with a circular postmark 'FO32 3' and a red 'L.P. 3' stamp. The text is mostly illegible due to cursive handwriting and fading. Legible parts include:]*  
Newton Gordon Murdock & Scott  
Madeira  
Packet  
River Plate Packet Emulous  
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1832

NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & SCOTT CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

Admiralty Sailing Packets from Falmouth Packet Emulous

Emulous was built at Devenport in 1819, 235 tons, 6 guns, employed in the packet service 1824-33.

May 19, 1832. Thomas Murdock notes from London, "The Buenos Ayres packet has been detained until now." The normal departure would have been around the 15th of the month. Emulous departed from Falmouth on May 21 for the River Plate.

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*[Handwritten letter on aged paper with a circular postmark 'F 0032' and various scribbles and signatures.]*

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Letter paid at London at the January 1817 rate to Maderia of 1sh.8d. plus the inland rate, London to Falmouth, of 1sh. less 1d. = 11d. = 2sh.7d. total. The amount paid is shown in red manuscript as 2/7.

May 30. The Emulous put in at Funchal, Maderia on her outbound passage. Letter subject to 40 centimos collect at Maderia, manuscript "40".

1832

NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & SCOTT CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

Admiralty Sailing Packets from Falmouth Brig Stanmer

November 7, 1832. Thomas Murdock writes from London, "The packet sails with the mail of this evening, but I have little more to add to the mass of writing which you will receive under this packet." This was certainly a heavy letter, being rated at 17 x the 2sh.7d. rate per ½-oz. = £ 2.3.11, shown in manuscript. Letter backstamped at the London Foreign Office, "267" is a sailing designation.

November 14. Stanmer departed from Falmouth for the Brazils, she arrived at Maderia November 24. 380 centimos due, 9½ times the 40c. rate. The brig Stanmer arrived at Rio de Janeiro December 28.

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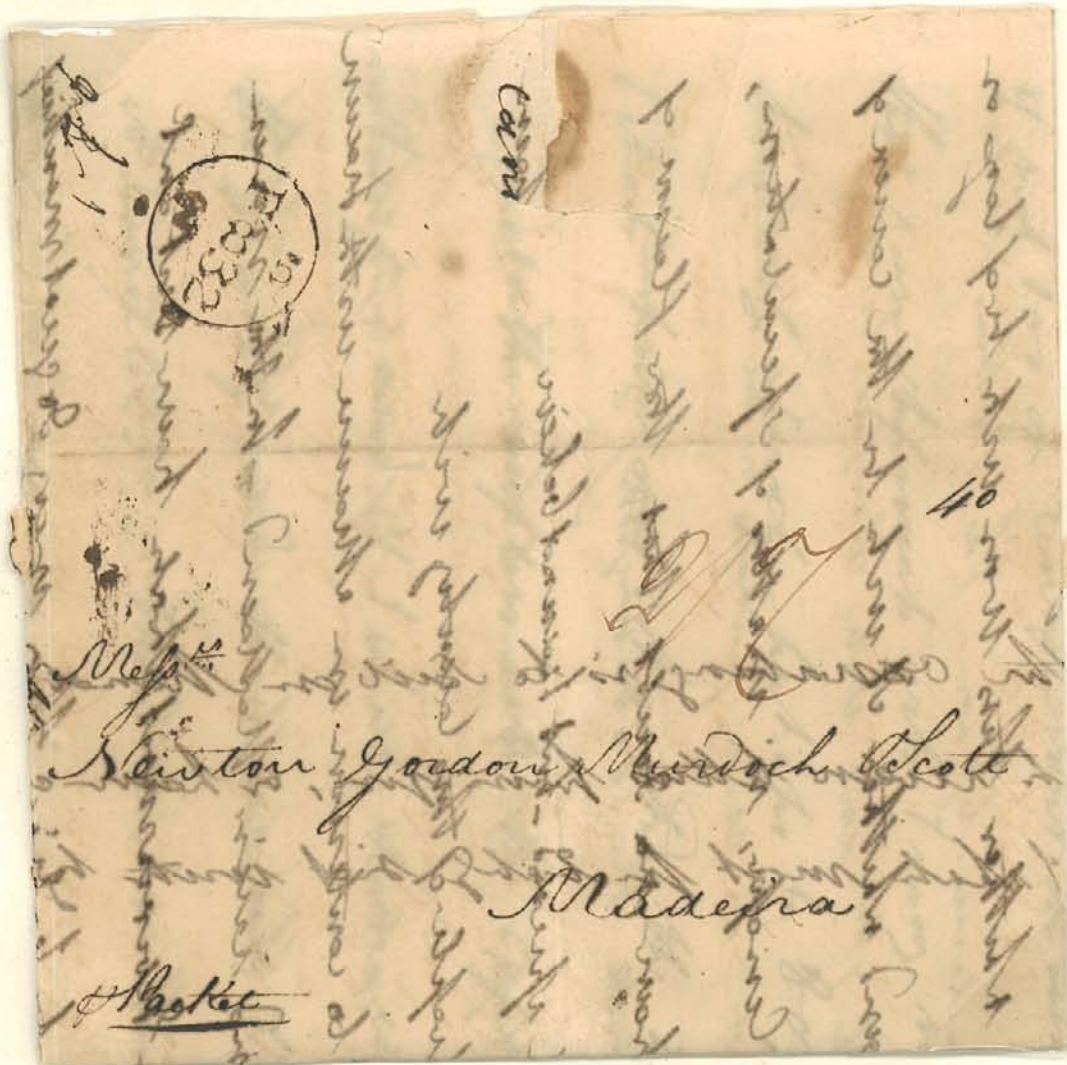
1832

NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & SCOTT CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

Admiralty Sailing Packets from Falmouth: Brig Stanmer

November 10, 1832. A letter from Thomas Murdock, London. He notes, "The Packet has been detained...but I have nothing to add to my already too voluminous correspondence by her. The Brothers sailed from Falmouth on the 7th and will therefor be with you before the packet..." The normal sailing date of the Brazil Packets at this time was on the 8th, 9th or 10th of the month. This letter went by the Brig Stanmer which did not sail until November 14. No reason for the delay is noted in Howat.



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Letter posted at London, Foreign Office backstamp, "285" is a sailing designation. Single rated letter at 2sh.7d. (red manuscript 2/7), the 1828 rate.

November 14. Brazil packet Stanmer sailed from Falmouth, arrived at Madeira Nov. 24. She arrived at Rio de Janeiro on December 28.

Letter rated at Madeira at 40 centimos due, manuscript notation "40".

1834

NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & SCOTT CORRESPONDENCE

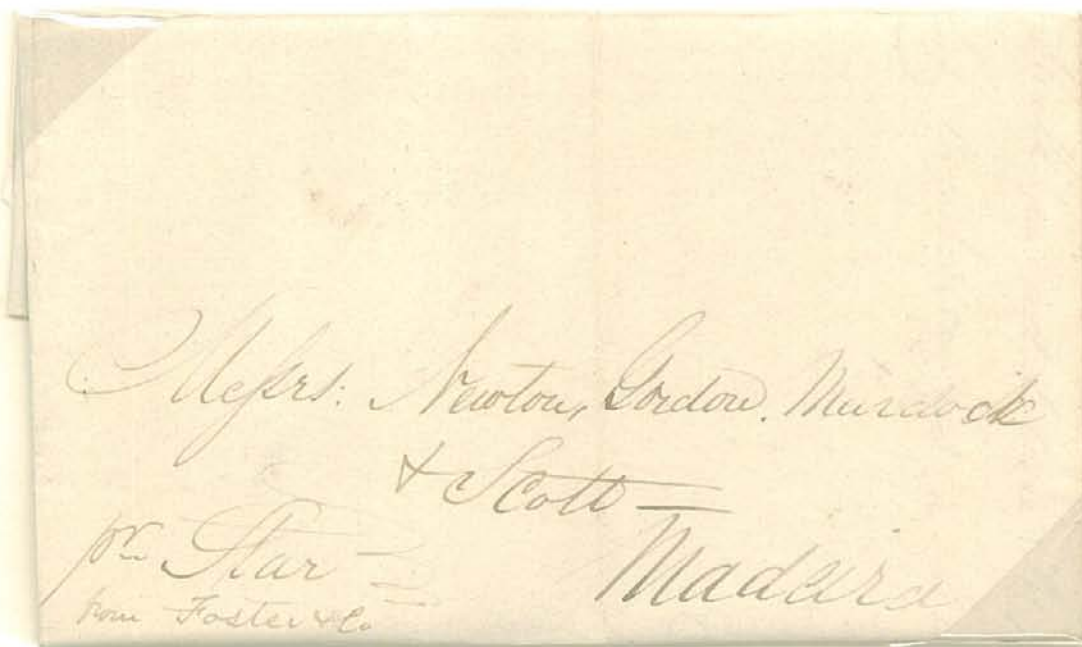
PHILADELPHIA TO MADEIRA

Shio Star, Capt. Griffing

May 8, 1834. A letter from Foster & Co., owners of the ship Star, informing the Madeira wine merchants that they are despatching the Star to Calcutta, and have instructed her captain Griffing to call off Madeira to see if he can obtain a quantity of wine, from 35 to 100 pipes, to be carried aboard her to India and back to Philadelphia.

This letter was handed directly to Captain Griffing for direct delivery to Madeira.

Shipping & Commercial List, N.Y., May 14 : Philadelphia. Cleared May 10, Ship Star, Griffing....Calcutta.



June 3. A letter docket notes receipt of this letter at Madeira. As this letter was handed by Capt. Griffing directly to the addressee, no internal local postage appears on the letter.

1835

NEWTON GORDON MURDOCK & CO. CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

Admiralty Sailing Packets from Falmouth Brig Eclipse

Eclipse, 235 tons, built 1819 at Devenport, in service 1823-36. Her commander as of January 22, 1834 was Lt. William Forrester, R.N.

July 30, 1835. A letter datelined at London by Thomas Murdock and endorsed: p Packet. This was a heavy letter containing many enclosures so was rated at 10 times the 1828 rate to Madeira of 2sh.7d. per ½-oz.  $2/7 \times 10 = \text{£} 1.5.10d.$ , shown in red manuscript.

Aug. 9. Brig Eclipse departed Falmouth. Backstamped London F(oreign) 1835. "42" is a sailing designation. August 18. Eclipse arrived at Madeira. Letter rated in manuscript at 220 centimos, 5½ times the 40c. single letter rate.

The Eclipse sailed on to Brazil, arriving at Rio de Janeiro on October 11.

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Newton Gordon Murdock & Co.  
Madeira

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1845

NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE

NEW YORK TO MADEIRA

Brig Albertina, Capt. Martin

March 18, 1845. A letter from Maitland Comrier & Co. of New York informing of poor markets for their wines at this time. Letter is endorsed: p Albertina.

Shipping & Commercial List, N.Y. Vessels up for Foreign Ports: MADEIRA, Brig Albertina, Martin, 9 E.R. 16th (sic) March... J. Griswold.

Cleared March 18, Brig Albertina, Martin...Madeira and Cadiz.



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April 19. Docket. Letter received at Madeira. 160 centimos due from the recipient for local postage.

N.B.: Albertina was a 203 ton brig built in 1836 at Cohasset, Mass.



1847

**NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE**

LONDON TO MADEIRA

ROYAL WEST INDIA MAIL PACKET COMPANY

R.M.S.P. Severn

October 1, 1847. A note from William Gordon ordering various wines to be sent to Jamaica. He includes memoranda. Letter was rated in London at the direct route to Madeira ay 1sh.10d. x 2 (double letter) = 3sh.8d., shown as 3/8 in red manuscript. Letter is endorsed: p. W.I. Stmr/ "Severn"/ 2 Oct.



Bishopgate St Within



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October 1. Letter was posted at the Bishopgate Within, a London receiving office, as shown by the straight line handstamp.

London Times. THE MAILS, SOUTHAMPTON, October 2, 1847. The Royal West India mail packet the Severn, Captain Vincent, left the river this day at 3 P.M. for the West Indies and the Gulf of Mexico, taking out the usual mails under charge of Lieutenant Brand, R.N.

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October 11. Docket notes receipt at Madeira. Portugese rate of 320 centimos due on arrival at the Island of Madeira, a port of call for the Severn.

1847-48

**NEWTON GORDON COSSART CORRESPONDENCE**

CALCUTTA TO MADEIRA VIA LONDON

P. & O. Line: S. S. Bentinck, Calcutta to Suez

S. S. Indus, Alexandria to Southampton

Admiralty Sailing Packet: Brig Swift, Falmouth to Madeira

December 3, 1847. A letter dated at Calcutta and headed: pr. Steamer "Bentinck". It concerns the settlement of the creditors of the firm of Saunders May Fordyce & Co. The adjudicators offer and recommend a dividend of 10% now and 5% later to avoid going into insolvency court.

This letter was forwarded in a covering letter to Messrs. Webster Gordon Cossart & Co., London. Transit by Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. steamers was:

S.S. Bentinck: Calcutta, Dec. 8, 1847; Madras, 12-13; Madras, 14th.; Galle, 17-18; Aden, 26-29; Suez, January 5, 1848.

S.S. Indus: Alexandria, Jan. 8; Malta, 12-13; Gibraltar, 22-23; Southampton, 29th.



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February 4, 1848. Messrs. Webster Gordon et.al. forwarded this letter to Madeira. They endorsed it: p Brazil Packet/ "Swift". They paid the Directory of 1845 (reaffirmed 1847) rate of 1sh.10d. per ½-oz. via Southampton or Falmouth, shown in manuscript as 1/10.

February 6. The Admiralty sailing packet Brig Swift departed from Falmouth. She touched at Madeira Feb. 17., per docket. She went on to arrive at Rio de Janeiro on March 18.

Letter subject to collect rate of 160 centimo.

1848

**NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE**

LONDON TO MADEIRA

ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET CO.

R.M.S.P. Dee

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April 10, 1848. A letter from Webster Gordon Cossart & Co., London, endorsed: Pr. W.I. Steamer/ "Dee". Letter paid at the Directory of 1845 (reaffirmed 1847) rate of 1sh.10d. per ½-oz. to Madeira via Southampton or Falmouth, rate shown in red manuscript as 1/10.

April 15. London PAID receiving handstamp.



April 15. Letter posted at London to coincide with the sailing of the Dee from Southampton. The London post office forwarded the mail to Southampton. The R.M.S.P. Dee sailed from Southampton on April 17, her dates were:

Southampton	April 17
Madeira	26
St. Thomas	May 12
Jamaica	17.

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April 25 (sic). Docket notes receipt at Maderia. Letter subject to a collect rate of 160 centimo, shown by the "160" handstamp.

1850

NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

Admiralty Sailing Packets from Falmouth Brig Peteral

May 4, 1850. A letter from Webster Gordon Cossart & Co. at London. It is endorsed: p Brazil Packet/ "Peteral". This was the last year that the Admiralty sailing packets went to the Brazils. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., who had been on the West Indies run since 1842, now won the contract to carry the Brazils and River Plate mails from Southampton, starting their steam packet service with the R.M.S.P. Teviot departing from Southampton on January 9, 1851.



May 5. Letter paid at London at the rate of 1842 to Madeira (prepayment compulsory) of 1sh. 10d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz., here double rated at  $\frac{1}{10} \times 2 = 3\text{sh.}8\text{d.}$ , shown in red manuscript as  $\frac{3}{8}$ .

May 6. Admiralty brig Peteral departed from Falmouth, she arrived at Madeira on May 16. She went on to arrive at Rio de Janeiro on June 16.

Portugese rate of 320 centimos due on arrival at the island of Medeira, shown in manuscript.

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1851

NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE

NEW YORK TO MADEIRA

Barque Plymouth, Capt. Perkins

June 19, 1851. A letter headed at Baltimore and endorsed: pr. "Plymouth". It is a letter from Theo. Whitridge & Co. ordering, "30 quarter Casks of the same quality of wine which you sent pr W.L. Jones for their [Messrs. Laurence Thompsen & Co.] acct. costing \$1- pr. gallon delivered in New York..."

This letter went under cover to New York to meet the sailing of the barque Plymouth, per the notice in the N.Y. Shipping & Commercial List: Vessels up for Foreign Ports: MADEIRA, Barque Plymouth, Perkins, 25th June...Foster & Nickerson.

The Plymouth cleared the Port of New York on June 24, sailed on the 25th.



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July 27. Docket notes receipt at Madeira. 160 centimos due at Funchal for local postage.

N.B.: Plymouth was a 218 ton bark built in 1848 at Guilford, Conn.

1852

NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE

NEW YORK TO MADEIRA

Brig Mary Pierce, Capt. Mitchell

March 5, 1852. Maitland Phelps & Co. of New York write, "The inclosed duplicate of our respects of 2 inst. and we have not received any of your valued favors.

"Our market for Madeira Wines is without change and we have not been able to dispose of any more of your wine in our hands."

This letter is endorsed: pr. Mary Pierce.



Shipping & Commercial List, N.Y. Vessels up for Foreign Ports:  
MADEIRA, Brig Mary Pierce, Mitchell, 6th March...R.P. Buck & Co.

Cleared March 5, Brig Mary Pierce, Mitchell...Madeira &c.

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April 4. Docket notes receipt at Madeira. 160 centimos due from the recipient for local postage.

1852

NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE

NEW YORK TO MADEIRA

Brig Versailles, Capt. Conant

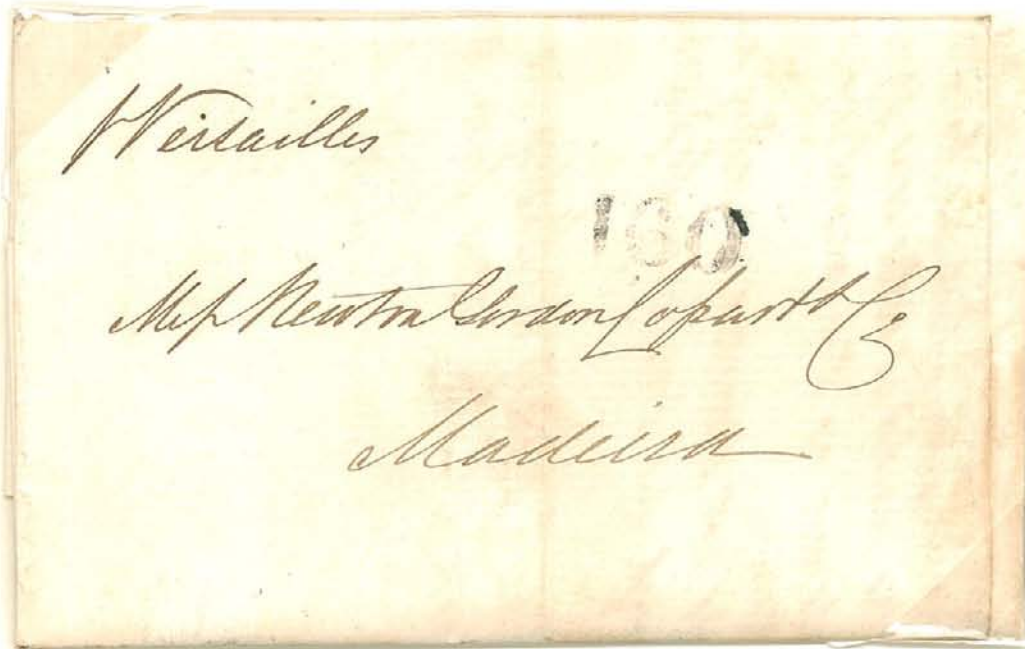
June 1, 1852. Maitland Phelps & Co. of New York write to Madeira regarding sales of their wines and that one of their firm's members is going to Madeira on the Versailles. The name of this vessel is also endorsed on the cover face.

"Since the date of the enclosed duplicate we have received your favor of 20th March from which we learn that you were preparing a shipment for this market also some parcels for different places throughout the states and on their arrival we shall have much pleasure in attending to them.

"We have not succeeded in selling any more of the 'Eliza Ann' wine although we constantly keep samples in the hands of all the Brokers.

"Mr. Marsh proceeds to Madeira in this vessel and will no doubt give you all the news from this region."

N.Y. Times. Cleared June 1, 1852. Brig Versailles, Conant, Madeira, ...R.P. Buck & Co.



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June 27. Docket notes receipt at Madeira. This letter was subject to 160 centimos for local postage.

1852

NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY

R.M.S.P. Teviot, Southampton to Buenos Aires via Madeira

July 6, 1852. A letter from Cossart Gordon & Co., London also contains a copy of a letter from Mobile of 29 May as well as other enclosures.

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July 8. Letter posted paid at London and endorsed: p Brazil St./ "Teviot". The Notice of June 1851 rate to Madeira was 1sh.10d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. by River Plate steamer, 1/9d. via Lisbon. A further collection was due on arrival by either route. Here the direct route of 1sh.10d. (double letter) x 2 = 3sh.8d., shown in red 3/8.

July 9. The R.M.S.P. Teviot of the River Plate Line departed from Southampton.

July 16. Teviot arrived at Madeira (docket). 240 centimos was due at Madeira. Teviot arrived at Buenos Aires on August 19.

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1853

**NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE**

LONDON TO MADEIRA

ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY

R.M.S.P. Tay, Southampton to Buenos Aires via Madeira

May 4, 1853. A letter from Cossart Gordon & Co. at London and endorsed: P. Brazil Packet. This letter details many world-wide wine deals affirming the global nature of their business.. Burhampoor wants more wine; Kingston, Jamaica hasn't sold a single cask of wine in months; St. Vincents acknowledges receipt of a consignment; New York and Savannah render accounts, and Sydney, Victoria announces a change of a firm's name.



May 7, 1853. Letter was paid in London at the Notice of January 1853 rate of 1sh.10d. via Brazil Packet to Maderia. This was a double weight ( $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. to 1 oz.) at  $1/10 \times 2 = 3/8d.$  shown in manuscript.

May 9. R.M.S.P. Tay departed from Southampton.

May 18. Docket records arrival at Maderia. 320 centavos due for the local rate, shown in manuscript.

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1853

NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE

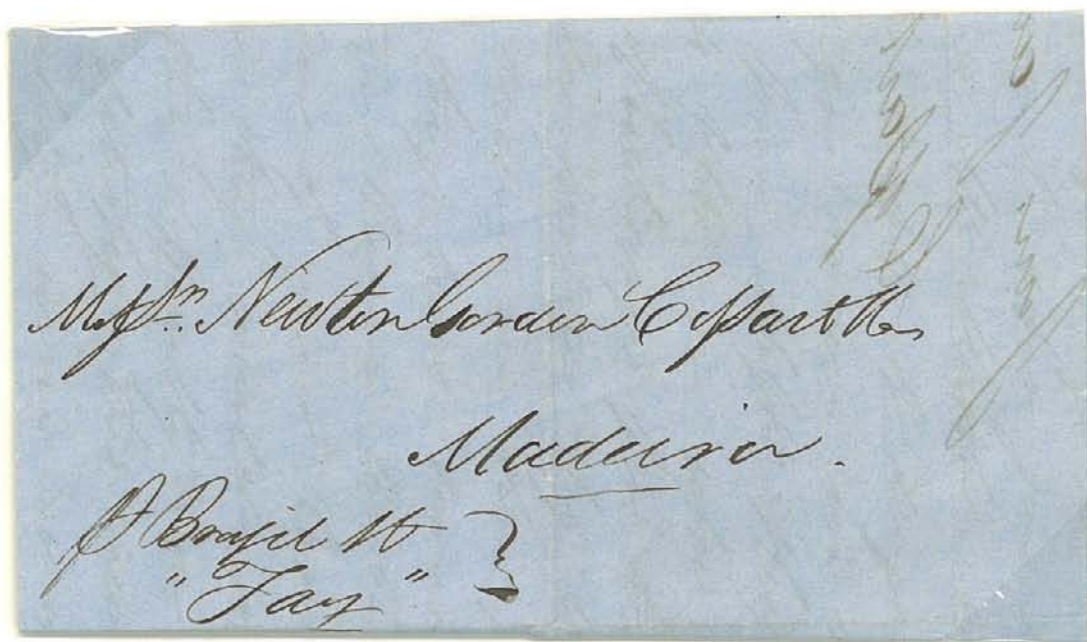
LONDON TO MADEIRA

ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY

R.M.S.P. Tay, Southampton to Buenos Aires via Madeira

August 8, 1853. Letter from Cossart Gordon & Co. at London and endorsed: p. Brazil St./ "Tay". It says, inter alia, "... (Yours) of 2d. Inst by Hull st 'Bloodhound'. We noted the quantities of freight that you & others will have for the 'Rockcliff' for Calcutta & the round to London. Your idea of dividing our consignment of 12 Pipes between her & the 'Parkingham' is a very good one..."

August 9. R.M.S.P. Tay of the Brazil Line departed from Southampton. This letter was bundled in a covering wrapper with other letters, thus bears no postal markings.



August 17. Letter docket notes this letter arrived at Madeira. The Tay went on to arrive at Buenos Aires (River Plate) on September 20.

1855

**NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE**

LONDON TO MADEIRA

ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY

R.M.S.P. Tay, Southampton to Rio de Janeiro via Lisbon

November 8, 1855. A letter of credit from Barclay & Co., London granting same to G.R. Tuck for £500. A copy of Tuck's signature is attached.

Letter was paid at the Notice of January 1853 rate of 1sh.10d. per ½-oz. to Madeira via Lisbon. This amount is shown as 1/10 in red manuscript. Letter is endorsed: p "Tay".



The Royal Mail Steam Packet contract called for the following outward schedule: Southampton depart 9th or 10th, if 9th on a Sunday, Lisbon 14-14, Madeira 18th, St. Vincent (C.V.) 23-25, Pernambuco 2-3, Bahia 4-5, Rio arrive 8th.

November 9. R.M.S.P. Tay departed on schedule from Southampton.

November 16. Docket notes arrival at Madeira, two days ahead of schedule. The Tay went on to arrive at Buenos Aires on December 21. The date of her arrival at Rio de Janeiro has not yet been established from contemporary sources. (Per Howat)

Letter subject to a collect amount of 100 centimos on arrival at Madeira.

1859

NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

S. S. Athenian, Coastal Steamer

January 21, 1859. A letter from Cossart Gordon Company at London informing Maderia that they have received communication per the Comet and by coast steamer, with wine aboard the former. Also, numerous accounts and shipments are mentioned.



January 24. Letter is endorsed: p Athenian - Coast St. It was paid at the Lombard Street post office, London at the Guide of May 1856 rate of 1sh.10d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz, x 2 (double weight) =  $\frac{3}{8}$ , shown in manuscript. The basic  $\frac{1}{10}$  was an unspecified rate. If directed "Via Lisbon", rate was  $\frac{1}{9}$ d.

The Athenian departed from Southampton.

February 3. Arrival date at Maderia, per docket. The letter was rated for a local collect amount of 240 centimos at Maderia.

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1859

NEWTON GORDON COSSART & CO. CORRESPONDENCE

LONDON TO MADEIRA

S. S. Armenian, Coastal Steamer

February 21 and 23, 1859. A letter from Cossart Gordon & Co. at London advising that have received the Maderia mail per the Eclipse and the latest coastal steamer. They refer to 15 Pipes (of wine) for Madras and 3 for Bombay and Kurrachee. Other shipments to America, Calcutta, Trinidad and Copenhagen attest to the world-wide acope of their business.



February 23, 1859. Letter is endorsed: p Coast St. "Armenian". It was paid at the Lombard Street post office, London at the Guide of May 1856 rate of 1sh.10d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. x 2 (double letter) =  $\frac{3}{8}$ , shown in manuscript. This was an unspecified rate. If directed "Via Lisbon", rate was  $\frac{1}{9}$ . The Armenian departed from Southampton.

March 3. Arrival date at Maderia, per docket. Letter was rated for a local collect amount of 240 centimos at Maderial.



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