

## TRANSATLANTIC PACKET MAIL RATES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA

1840-1847

\*\*\*All rates are for a single-weight prepaid or partially-prepaid letter\*\*\*

### British Packet via England July 1, 1840-May 31, 1843 (between Boston and Liverpool)

### Characteristic Markings *France to the USA*

French Inland Table FR-1 (prepaid)  
 British Transit and Sea 12 decimes (prepaid)  
 French Postage Subtotal variable (prepaid)  
 US Ship Fee 2 cents (due)  
 US Inland Table US-1 (due)  
 US Postage Subtotal variable (due)  
 France/GB Accounting (1 shilling credit to GB) (1 shilling debit to France)

Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)  
 Cunard: 4-July-40 to 19-May-43 (54)

Manuscript "1/-" (one shilling) credit in front upper right corner  
 Curved "FOREIGN PAID" (Southampton)  
 Circular datestamp "BOSTON MS SHIP"

US Ship Fee -  
 US Inland Table US-1 (prepaid)  
 US Postage Subtotal variable (prepaid)  
 France/GB Accounting (1 shilling credit to GB) (1 shilling debit to France)

*USA to France*  
 Manuscript "1/-" debit and/or red boxed italic "Packet Letter"  
 Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. BOULOGNE"  
 Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. CALAIS"

*The British Treasury authorized a steam packet mail service on September 24, 1838. The contract was given to the Cunard Line on May 4, 1839 for a packet service starting July 1, 1840. March 30, 1836 France-GB Treaty set French and British charges per 7.5 grams (modified March 30, 1839). United States postage per number of letter sheets set by May 1, 1825 Act. France and Great Britain accounted to each other for British sea and transit postage. "Packet Letter" marking specified the basis for the 1 shilling debit to France.*

### British Packet via England June 1, 1843-June 30, 1845 (between Boston and Liverpool)

### *France to the USA*

French Inland Table FR-2 (prepaid)  
 British Transit and Sea 10 decimes (prepaid)  
 French Postage Subtotal variable (prepaid)

Oval datestamp "L H (or some other letter)" (Liverpool)  
 Curved "FOREIGN PAID" (Southampton)  
 Circular datestamp "BOSTON MS SHIP"

US Ship Fee 2 cents (due)  
 US Inland Table US-1 (prepaid)  
 US Postage Subtotal variable (prepaid)

*USA to France*  
 Red boxed "COLONIES &c.ART.12"  
 Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. BOULOGNE"

*April 3, 1843 France-GB Treaty set reduced French inland and British transit and sea charges per 7.5 grams, effective June 1, 1843. "COLONIES &c.ART.12" marking on mail from the US to France indicated British 10 decimes debit to France for "unpaid mail from countries beyond sea" (3sh 4d per ounce bulk rate).*

### British Packet via England July 1, 1845-June 26, 1848 (between Boston/New York and Liverpool)

### *France to the USA*

French Inland Table FR-2 (prepaid)  
 British Transit and Sea 10 decimes (prepaid)  
 French Postage Subtotal variable (prepaid)

Oval datestamp "L H (or some other letter)" (Liverpool)  
 Circular datestamp "BOSTON MS SHIP"

US Ship Fee 2 cents (due)  
 US Inland 5 or 10 cents (due)  
 US Postage Subtotal 6, 7 or 12 cents (due)

*USA to France*  
 Red boxed "COLONIES &c.ART.12" or "COLONIES &c. ART. 13"  
 Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. BOULOGNE"

*March 3, 1845 US Act set inland rates of 5 cents for less than 300 miles, and 10 cents over 300 miles per 1/2 ounce letter, effective July 1, 1845. Six cents was due on mail to the arrival port. 1845 changes to the 1843 France-GB Convention resulted in a re-structuring of the letter bills. Starting January 1846, letters from the US fell under Article 13.*

### American Packet via England June 1, 1847-June 30, 1849 (between New York and Southampton/Le Havre)

### *France to the USA*

French Inland Table FR-2 (prepaid)  
 French Ship Fee 1 decime (prepaid)  
 French Postage Subtotal variable (prepaid)  
 US Sea 24 cents (due)  
 US Inland 5 or 10 cents (due)  
 US Postage Subtotal 24, 29 or 34 cents (due)

Red datestamp "BUREAU MARITIME LE HAVRE"  
 Red datestamp "NEW-YORK SHIP"

Table FR-2 (due)  
 1 or 10 decimes (due)  
 variable (due)  
 24 cents (prepaid)  
 5 or 10 cents (prepaid)  
 24, 29 or 34 cents (prepaid)

*USA to France*  
 Entry circular datestamp "OUTRE-MER LE HAVRE"  
 Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. PAR LE HAVRE"

*Only specifically-endorsed mail from France was carried on this route via Le Havre and Southampton. Unendorsed mail to the United States was routed to British packets. Most Ocean Line mail was carried by auxiliary steamer directly between Southampton and Le Havre. Second-7th mails rated for 1 decime ship fee with OUTRE-MER LE HAVRE entry mark. First and 8th-17th eastbound mails rated per 1843 France-GB Treaty and show 10 decimes British double sea charge, but have no Article 13 accounting marks since they bypassed London. March 3, 1845 US Act set US packet postage at 24 cents per 1/2 ounce letter, effective July 1, 1845. Only 24 cents was charged on mail to/from New York (no inland charges).*

**TRANSATLANTIC PACKET MAIL RATES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA**

**TABLE FR-1 - French Inland Rates per June 26, 1836 Law, Effective July 15, 1836 (Applied to Mail After 1836 France-GB Convention)**

Distance to Port	Between 7.5 and 10 grams		Between 10 and 15 grams		Between 15 and 20 grams	
	1	1.5	2	2.5	2.5	2.5
Number of rates						
Channel ports	3 decimes	4 decimes	6 decimes	8 decimes	8 decimes	8 decimes
1-25 kilometers	4 decimes	6 decimes	8 decimes	10 decimes	10 decimes	10 decimes
26-50 kilometers	5 decimes	8 decimes	10 decimes	12 decimes	13 decimes	13 decimes
51-80 kilometers	6 decimes	9 decimes	12 decimes	14 decimes	15 decimes	15 decimes
81-115 kilometers	7 decimes	11 decimes	14 decimes	16 decimes	18 decimes	18 decimes
116-160 kilometers	8 decimes	12 decimes	15 decimes	18 decimes	20 decimes	20 decimes
161-220 kilometers	9 decimes	14 decimes	18 decimes	20 decimes	23 decimes	23 decimes
221-300 kilometers	10 decimes	15 decimes	20 decimes	22 decimes	25 decimes	25 decimes
301-400 kilometers	11 decimes	17 decimes	22 decimes	24 decimes	28 decimes	28 decimes
401-500 kilometers	12 decimes	18 decimes	24 decimes	26 decimes	30 decimes	30 decimes
501-600 kilometers	13 decimes	20 decimes	26 decimes	28 decimes	33 decimes	33 decimes
601-750 kilometers	14 decimes	21 decimes	28 decimes	30 decimes	35 decimes	35 decimes
751-900 kilometers	15 decimes	23 decimes	30 decimes	32 decimes	38 decimes	38 decimes
> 900 kilometers	16 decimes	24 decimes	32 decimes	34 decimes	40 decimes	40 decimes
British Sea & Transit	10 decimes	10 decimes	20 decimes	20 decimes	20 decimes	20 decimes
French Sea	10 decimes	15 decimes	20 decimes	20 decimes	25 decimes	25 decimes

Note: Article V of the 1836 Treaty set the 7.5 gram French inland rate from Paris to the GB frontier at 10 decimes.

**TABLE FR-2 - French Inland Rates per March 15, 1827 Law, Effective January 1, 1828 (Applied to Mail After 1843 France-GB Convention)**

Distance to Port	Between 7.5 and 10 grams		Between 10 and 15 grams		Between 15 and 20 grams	
	1	1.5	2	2.5	2.5	2.5
Number of rates						
0-40 kilometers	2 decimes	3 decimes	4 decimes	5 decimes	5 decimes	5 decimes
41-80 kilometers	3 decimes	5 decimes	6 decimes	8 decimes	8 decimes	8 decimes
81-150 kilometers	4 decimes	6 decimes	8 decimes	10 decimes	10 decimes	10 decimes
151-220 kilometers	5 decimes	8 decimes	10 decimes	12 decimes	13 decimes	13 decimes
221-300 kilometers	6 decimes	9 decimes	12 decimes	14 decimes	15 decimes	15 decimes
301-400 kilometers	7 decimes	11 decimes	14 decimes	16 decimes	18 decimes	18 decimes
401-500 kilometers	8 decimes	12 decimes	16 decimes	18 decimes	20 decimes	20 decimes
501-600 kilometers	9 decimes	14 decimes	18 decimes	20 decimes	23 decimes	23 decimes
601-750 kilometers	10 decimes	15 decimes	20 decimes	22 decimes	25 decimes	25 decimes
751-900 kilometers	11 decimes	17 decimes	22 decimes	24 decimes	28 decimes	28 decimes
> 900 kilometers	12 decimes	18 decimes	24 decimes	24 decimes	30 decimes	30 decimes

Note: Paris-Calais distance is 220 kilometers, Paris-Le Havre distance is 175 kilometers, and Paris-Boulogne distance is 205 kilometers.

**TABLE US-1 - US Inland Rates per May 1, 1825 Act**

Distance to Port	Single Letter Rate (per letter sheet)
0-30 miles	6 cents
31-80 miles	10 cents
81-150 miles	12.5 cents
151-400 miles	18.75 cents
More than 400 miles	25 cents

Note: Letters addressed to the arrival port were subject to a total of 6 cents collection, which included the ship fee.

**TRANSATLANTIC PACKET MAIL RATES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA**  
**1847-1849**

<u>France to the USA</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
<b><u>French Direct Packet June 22, 1847-February 6, 1848 (between New York and Cherbourg/Le Havre)</u></b>			<i>France to the USA</i>
French Inland	Table FR-2 (due)	Herout: 22-Jun-47 to 6-Feb-48 (9)	Manuscript endorsements
French Packet	10 decimes (prepaid)		Red datestamp "NEW-YORK SHIP"
French Postage Subtotal	variable (prepaid)		
US Ship Fee	2 cents (due)		<i>USA to France</i>
US Inland	5 or 10 cents (prepaid)		Red entry circular datestamp "OUTRE-MER LE HAVRE" (8/8/47)
US Postage Subtotal	6, 7 or 12 cents (due)		Blue boxed "PAQ. REG." (9/1/47)
			Entry circular datestamp "LE HAVRE PAQ. REG. 1 (or 2)"

*Herout & de Handel Line began operations under a January 29, 1847 contract with the French State. Operations were suspended per the January 18, 1848 French Postal Circular #19. French rates per 7.5 grams set by May 25, 1847 French Postal Circular (and May 19 Royal Decree). United States postage per 1/2 ounce set by July 1, 1845 Act. Ten decimes French sea postage followed the same weight progression as in Table FR-2 (i.e. 1.5 rates for a letter between 7.5 and 10 grams).*

<u>British Packet via England June 27, 1848-January 3, 1849 (between Boston/New York and Liverpool)</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
French Inland	Table FR-2 (prepaid)	Cunard: 24-Jun-48 to 16-Dec-48 (25)	<i>France to the USA</i>
British Transit and Sea	10 decimes (prepaid)		Oval datestamp "L A (or some other letter)" (Liverpool)
French Postage Subtotal	variable (prepaid)		Circular datestamp "BOSTON MS SHIP"
US Ship Fee	24 cents (due)		<i>USA to France</i>
US Inland	5 or 10 cents (due)		Red boxed "COLONIES &c.ART.13"
US Postage Subtotal	24, 29 or 34 cents (due)		Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. BOULOGNE"

*The June 9, 1847 British Post Office Order set discriminatory sea charges on American packet mail, so the US assessed a retaliatory packet charge on British packets per the June 27, 1848 US Act. French mail addressed to the US arrival port was subject to a total 24 cents collection during this "First Retaliatory Period." Beyond port collections were 29 or 34 cents.*

<u>British Packet via England January 4, 1849-February 14, 1849 (between Boston/New York and Liverpool)</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
French Inland	Table FR-2 (prepaid)	Cunard: 30-Dec-48 to 10-Feb-49 (4)	<i>France to the USA</i>
British Transit and Sea	10 decimes (prepaid)		Oval datestamp "L A (or some other letter)" (Liverpool)
French Postage Subtotal	variable (prepaid)		Circular datestamp "BOSTON MS SHIP"
US Ship Fee	2 cents (due)		<i>USA to France</i>
US Inland	5 or 10 cents (due)		Red boxed "COLONIES &c.ART.13"
US Postage Subtotal	6, 7 or 12 cents (due)		Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. BOULOGNE"

*US retaliatory sea charge eliminated per January 3, 1849 US Post Office Order. Rates returned to July 1, 1845 levels in this brief "Restored Rate Period."*

<u>British Packet via England February 15, 1849-July 31, 1849 (between Boston/New York and Liverpool)</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
French Inland	Table FR-2 (prepaid)	Cunard: 21-Feb-49 to 21-Jul-49 (20)	<i>France to the USA</i>
British Transit and Sea	10 decimes (prepaid)		UK circular or octagonal transit datestamp "PAID"
French Postage Subtotal	variable (prepaid)		Oval datestamp "L A (or some other letter)" (Liverpool)
US Inland	5 cents (due)		Circular datestamp "BOSTON MS SHIP"
			<i>USA to France</i>
			Red boxed "COLONIES &c.ART.13"
			Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. BOULOGNE"

*December 15, 1848 US-GB Treaty set US inland at 5 cents, GB transit at 3 cents and sea at 16 cents (paid to carrier) per 1/2 ounce for a 24 cents total rate, effective February 15, 1849. August 14, 1848 US Postal Act set 40 cents per 1/2 ounce inland rate to/from California, and was used for US inland postage on eastbound transcontinental mail to France. US-GB Treaty provided for mails to France in British open mail. France collected postage and credited GB per the April 3, 1843 France-GB Treaty.*

**TRANSATLANTIC PACKET MAIL RATES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA**

1849

**France to the USA**

<u>American Packet via England July 1, 1849-August 31, 1851</u> (between New York and Liverpool/Southampton)	USA to France	Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)
French Inland	5 decimes (prepaid)	Collins: 27-Apr-50 to 30-Aug-51 (28)
British Transit and Sea	10 decimes (prepaid)	Ocean: 20-Jul-49 to 13-Aug-51 (23)
French Postage Subtotal	15 decimes (prepaid)	

US Packet	16 cents (due)
US Inland	5 cents (due)
US Postage Subtotal	21 cents (due)

**USA to France**

French Inland	5 decimes (due)
British Transit and Sea	10 decimes (due)
French Postage Subtotal	15 decimes (due)

US Packet	16 cents (prepaid)
US Inland	5 cents (prepaid)
US Postage Subtotal	21 cents (prepaid)

**Characteristic Markings**

France to the USA  
UK circular transit datestamp "PAID"

USA to France  
Red boxed "COLONIES &c.ART.13" (until 7/31/51)  
Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. CALAIS"  
Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. PAR LE HAVRE"

*Detailed Articles of the 1848 US-GB Treaty implemented the 21 cents per half ounce packet rate and the Treaty US inland rates on this route, effective July 1, 1849.*

*Variable French inland rates per Table FR-2 applied to the Ocean Line mail which left Southampton on July 20, 1849; all other trips fell under the uniform 50 centimes inland rate.*

*Ocean Line mail to France was often carried by auxiliary steamer directly from Southampton to Le Havre (ANGL. PAR LE HAVRE), but was assessed 10 decimes British double sea charge.*

*Mail to the US by American Packet was permitted by July 1, 1849 France-US Accords, but was not announced until the September 1, 1851 French Postal Circular #67.*

*Bulk transit and sea rates were lowered on July 31, 1851, but not reflected in postal rates until September 1, 1851, although reduced 8 decimes French collections applied provisionally in July 1851.*

*From July 1 until August 15, 1851, San Francisco mis-rated prepayments to France at 22 cents (6 cents inland plus 16 cents sea), but used correct 26 cents rate starting September 1, 1851.*

**British Packet via England August 1, 1849-November 30, 1851 (between Boston/New York and Liverpool)**

French Inland	5 decimes (prepaid)	5 decimes (due)
British Transit and Sea	10 decimes (prepaid)	10 decimes (due)
French Postage Subtotal	15 decimes (prepaid)	15 decimes (due)
US Inland	5 cents (due)	5 cents (prepaid)

France to the USA  
French railroad circular datestamp "LIGNE DE CALAIS"  
UK circular transit datestamp "PAID"  
Large circular datestamp "BR. PACKET BOSTON"

USA to France  
Red boxed "COLONIES &c.ART.13" (until 7/31/51)  
Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. CALAIS"  
Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ.BRIT. PARIS"

*July 23, 1849 French Postal Circular #14 set uniform French inland rate per 7.5 grams; effective August 1. Prepayment by postage stamps was not permitted in France before August 1, 1849.*

*Mail was sent in open mails through GB, so British transit marks appear until the May 1, 1851 US-GB Closed Mail Agreement set westbound mail closed through GB.*

*Bulk transit and sea rates were lowered in mid-1851, but not reflected in postal rates until December 1, 1851. First French "Etats-Unis" entry datestamps introduced August 1, 1851.*

*March 3, 1851 US Act lowered US transcontinental postage to 6 cents (10 cents unpaid) per 1/2 ounce, so ten cents inland was charged on mail to/from the West Coast, effective July 1, 1851.*

**British West Indies Packet to California August 1, 1849-December 31, 1850 (Southampton to Chagres via St. Thomas)**

French Inland	5 decimes (prepaid)	n/a
British Transit and Sea	10 decimes (prepaid)	n/a
Panama Transit	6 decimes (prepaid)	n/a
French Postage Subtotal	21 decimes (prepaid)	
US Sea and Inland	30 cents (due)	n/a

France to the USA  
Red circular datestamp "PAID" (GB transit mark)  
Black or red "30" due

USA to France  
(no mail was routed to British West Indies packets)

*September 12, 1848 French Postal Circular #27 set 2 francs 10 centimes per 7.5 grams rate to Panama City by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, effective September 15, 1848.*

*September 15, 1848 Additional Articles to the 1843 France-GB Convention set bulk credits from France to GB at 5 shillings 4 pence per ounce (16 decimes per 7.5 gram letter).*

*French inland postage on West Indies route was variable per Table FR-2 from September 15, 1848 to July 31, 1849. Set at uniform 5 decimes per Postal Circular #14, effective August 1, 1849.*

*August 14, 1848 US Postal Act set 30 cents per half ounce rate from Panama City to San Francisco.*

*Eastbound mail posted in California was required to be carried via Panama to New York by US contract steamships, so no eastbound mails were directed to the RMSPP route.*



**TRANSATLANTIC PACKET MAIL RATES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA**  
1851-1853

<u>France to the USA</u>		<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
<u>American Packet via England September 1, 1851-December 31, 1856 (between New York and Liverpool/Southampton)</u>				
French Inland	5 decimes (prepaid)	5 decimes (due)	Collins: 3-Sep-51 to 25-Dec-56 (137)	<i>France to the USA</i> Large circular datestamp "NEW-YORK AM PACKET."
British Transit	3 decimes (prepaid)	3 decimes (due)	Ocean: 6-Sep-51 to 31-Dec-56 (59)	Large circular datestamp "N. YORK AM PKT. 21"
French Postage Subtotal	8 decimes (prepaid)	8 decimes (due)		
US Packet	16 cents (due)	16 cents (prepaid)		<i>USA to France</i>
US Inland	5 cents (due)	5 cents (prepaid)		Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. AM. A. PARIS"
US Postage Subtotal	21 cents (due)	21 cents (prepaid)		Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. AM. B.A. CALAIS"

*September 1, 1851 French Postal Circular #67 set new prepayments per 7.5 grams and eliminated double sea charges on American packets.*  
*October 2, 1851 French Postal Circular #69 set 3 or 6 decimes westbound Ocean Line rate per 7.5 grams, and the US collected 21 cents per 1/2 ounce per December 1848 US-GB Convention.*

<u>British Packet via England December 1, 1851-January 23, 1853 (between Boston/New York and Liverpool)</u>				
French Inland	5 decimes (prepaid)	5 decimes (due)	Cunard: 3-Dec-51 to 8-Jan-53 (58)	<i>France to the USA</i> Large circular datestamp "BR. PACKET BOSTON"
British Transit and Sea	8 decimes (prepaid)	8 decimes (due)		Large circular datestamp "NEW-YORK 5 cts"
French Postage Subtotal	13 decimes (prepaid)	13 decimes (due)		
US Inland	5 cents (due)	5 cents (prepaid)		<i>USA to France</i> Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. BRIT. PARIS"
				Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. BRIT. B.A.CALAIS"

*November 24, 1851 French Postal Circular #72 passed on lower transit and sea charges per 7.5 grams, effective December 1, 1851.*

<u>British Packet via England January 24, 1853-February 9, 1853 (between Boston/New York and Liverpool)</u>				
French Inland	5 decimes (prepaid)	5 decimes (due)	Cunard: 15-Jan-53 to 9-Feb-53 (2)	<i>France to the USA</i> Large circular datestamp "N. YORK BR. PKT."
British Transit and Sea	8 decimes (prepaid)	8 decimes (due)		Large circular datestamp "BR. PACKET BOSTON"
French Postage Subtotal	13 decimes (prepaid)	13 decimes (due)		
US Retaliatory Packet	16 cents (due)	16 cents (prepaid)		<i>USA to France</i>
US Inland	5 cents (due)	5 cents (prepaid)		Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. BRIT. B.A.CALAIS"
US Postage Subtotal	21 cents (due)	21 cents (prepaid)		

*Unaware that the double sea charge on American packets had been eliminated by the September 1, 1851 French Postal Circular #67, the US initiated the "Second Retaliatory Period."*  
*January 24, 1853 US Post Office Notice ordered that US postage on mail to/from France via British packets be raised to 21 cents per 1/2 ounce.*

<u>British Packet via England February 10, 1853-December 31, 1856 (between Boston/New York and Liverpool)</u>				
French Inland	5 decimes (prepaid)	5 decimes (due)	Cunard: 29-Jan-53 to 31-Dec-56 (180)	<i>France to the USA</i> Large circular datestamp "BR. PACKET BOSTON"
British Transit and Sea	8 decimes (prepaid)	8 decimes (due)		Large circular datestamp "N. YORK BR. PKT. 5"
French Postage Subtotal	13 decimes (prepaid)	13 decimes (due)		
US Inland	5 cents (due)	5 cents (prepaid)		<i>USA to France</i> Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. BRIT. PARIS"
				Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. BRIT. B.A.CALAIS"

*February 10, 1853 US Post Office Notice eliminated the retaliatory sea charge, and restored the December 1, 1851 rate structure.*

## TRANSATLANTIC PACKET MAIL RATES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA

1857

<u>France to the USA</u> <u>January 1, 1857-March 31, 1857</u> (between Boston/New York and Liverpool)	<u>USA to France</u> <u>1857</u> (between Boston/New York and Liverpool)	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
French Inland 4 decimes (prepaid)	4 decimes (due)	Cunard: 3-Jan-57 to 28-Mar-57 (13)	<u>France to the USA</u> Large circular datestamp "BOSTON BR. PKT. 5" Large circular datestamp "N. YORK BR. PKT. 5"
British Transit 1 decimes (prepaid)	1 decimes (due)		
British Packet 3 decimes (prepaid)	3 decimes (due)		
French Postage Subtotal 8 decimes (prepaid)	8 decimes (due)		
US Inland 5 cents (due)	5 cents (prepaid)		<u>USA to France</u> Boxed "GB 1F 60c" British accountancy marking Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. AMB. CALAIS"
<i>September 24, 1856 France-GB Treaty reduced French and British charges per 7.5 grams, effective January 1, 1857. This is known as the "Three Months Period." The five cents US transcontinental inland postage surcharge continued through this period, and ended with the April 1, 1857 France-US Convention.</i>			
<b><u>American Packet via England January 1, 1857-March 31, 1857 (between New York and Liverpool/Southampton)</u></b>			
French Inland 4 decimes (prepaid)	4 decimes (due)	Collins: 3-Jan-57 to 1-Apr-57 (5)	<u>France to the USA</u> Large circular datestamp "N. YORK AM PKT. 21"
British Transit 1 decimes (prepaid)	1 decimes (due)	Ocean: 25-Feb-57 to 26-Mar-57 (*)	
French Postage Subtotal 5 decimes (prepaid)	5 decimes (due)	* 3 eastbound and 2 westbound	
US Packet 16 cents (due)	16 cents (prepaid)		<u>USA to France</u> Ovoid "GB 40c" British accountancy marking Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. AMB. CALAIS"
US Inland 5 cents (due)	5 cents (prepaid)		
US Postage Subtotal 21 cents (due)	21 cents (prepaid)		
<i>Non-competitive US packet rate and fewer sailings meant that not much mail was carried on this route during the "Three Months Period."</i>			
<b><u>British West Indies Packet to California January 1, 1857-December 31, 1865 (Southampton to Chagres via St. Thomas)</u></b>			
French Inland 4 decimes (prepaid)	n/a	RMS: 2-Jan-57 to 17-Mar-57 (7)	<u>France to the USA</u> Red circular datestamp "PAID" (GB transit mark) Black "20" due
British Transit and Sea 4 decimes (prepaid)	n/a		
Panama Transit 1 decimes (prepaid)	n/a		
US Sea & Inland 3 decimes (prepaid)	n/a		<u>USA to France</u> (no mail was routed to British West Indies packets)
French Postage Subtotal 12 decimes (prepaid)			
US Inland Paid or 20 cents (due)	n/a		
<i>French prepayments were reduced to 1 franc 20 centimes per 7.5 grams, effective January 1, 1857. April 1, 1857 80 centimes fully-paid rate to California made this route obsolete. Rate breakdown is approximated. San Francisco continued to erroneously charge 20 cents per half ounce due on most letters.</i>			
<b><u>British Packet via England April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867 (between Boston/New York/Portland and Liverpool/Queenstown)</u></b>			
French Inland 21 centimes (prepaid)	4 cents (prepaid)	Allan: 4-Apr-61 to 28-Dec-67 (354)	<u>France to the USA</u> Red boxed "Br Service" and/or red '3' credit marking Large circular datestamp "N. YORK BR. PKT. PAID" Circular datestamp "PORTLAND ME PAID 15"
British Transit 11 centimes (prepaid)	2 cents (prepaid)	Cunard: 1-Apr-57 to 28-Dec-67 (564)	
British Packet 32 centimes (prepaid)	6 cents (prepaid)	Galway: 27-Jun-60 to 23-Oct-60 (8) and 14-Aug-63 to 12-Jan-64 (10)	<u>USA to France</u> Red manuscript or handstamp '12' credit marking Entry circular datestamp "ET. UNIS SERV.BR.A.C." Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS SERV.BRIT.CALAIS"
US Inland 16 centimes (prepaid)	3 cents (prepaid)		
Subtotal 8 decimes (prepaid)	15 cents (prepaid)		
US/France Accounting (3 cents credit to US)	(12 cents credit to France)		
<i>March 2, 1857 France-US Convention introduced a uniform fully-prepaid rate of 80 centimes per 7.5 grams or 15 cents per 1/4 ounce for all routes and destinations, effective April 1, 1857. March 28, 1857 French postal circular No. 49 announced the Convention, effective April 1. Inherent exchange rate was \$1 = 5.3 francs. France accounted for US postage to the US, and the US accounted for British and French postage to France. All credit accounting was marked in red cents on each letter. March 8, 1861 additional articles to the 1857 France-U.S. Convention added Canada's Allan Line, accounted for as British packets, effective April 1, 1861. Mail from Boston or the U.S. Midwest (via Detroit and Chicago exchange offices) to France could be forwarded via Portland, Maine for transport by the Allan Line.</i>			

**TRANSATLANTIC PACKET MAIL RATES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA  
1857-1864**

	<u>France to the USA</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
<u>American Packet via England</u>	<u>April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867 (between N.Y./Portland and Liverpool/Queenstown/Souhampton)</u>			
French Inland	21 centimes (prepaid)	4 cents (prepaid)	Allan: 20-Apr-59 to 31-Mar-61 (99)	<u>France to the USA</u>
British Transit	11 centimes (prepaid)	2 cents (prepaid)	Balt. & Liverpool: 1-Oct-65 to 23-Oct-67 (23)	Red boxed "Am Service" and/or red '9' credit marking
US Packet	32 centimes (prepaid)	6 cents (prepaid)	Collins: 9-May-57 to 3-Feb-58 (14)	Large circular datestamp "N. YORK AM. PKT."
US Inland	16 centimes (prepaid)	3 cents (prepaid)	HAPAG: 4-May-61 to 25-Dec-67 (171)	Large circular datestamp "NEW YORK PAID 15"
Subtotal	8 decimes (prepaid)	15 cents (prepaid)	Havre: 4-Apr-57 to 11-Dec-61 (59) and 25-Nov-65 to 27-Nov-67 (29)	Large circular datestamp "BOSTON PAID 15"
US/France Accounting	(9 cents credit to US)	(6 cents credit to France)	Inman: 10-Apr-58 to 25-Dec-67 (396)	<u>USA to France</u>
			NY & Bremen: 9-Mar to 28-Nov-67 (17)	Red manuscript or handstamp '6' credit marking
			N Am Lloyd: 22-Feb-66 to 10-Sep-66 (10)	Entry circular datestamp "ET. UNIS SERV. AM. A. C."
			North Atlantic: 14-April to 5-Dec-60 (6)	Entry octagonal datestamp "ET. UNIS SERV. AM. V. A. HAVRE"
			NGL: 22-Mar-59 to 29-Dec-67 (202)	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS SERV. AM. CALAIS"
			Ocean: 18-Apr to 15-Jul-57 (3)	
			Vanderbilt: 13-Jun-57 to 21-Nov-60 (46)	

March 2, 1857 France-US Convention introduced a uniform fully-prepaid rate of 80 centimes per 7.5 grams or 15 cents per 1/4 ounce for all routes and destinations, effective April 1, 1857. The discontinuance of mail subsidies for American packets in 1857-58 led to a number of contracts between the U.S.P.O. and a variety of steamship lines to carry the U.S. packet mail. February 3, 1859 Amendment to US-GB December 15, 1848 Treaty established Portland, Maine as an exchange office for Allan Line mail, effective April 1, 1859. Westbound mail for all U.S. destinations other than Boston, Philadelphia and New York to be forwarded via Boston and Portland by the Allan Line, treated as American packet mail via England.

	<u>American Direct Packet</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
<u>American Direct Packet</u>	<u>April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869 (between New York and Falmouth/Le Havre/Cherbourg)</u>			
French Inland	16 centimes (prepaid)	3 cents (prepaid)	HAPAG: 8-Jan-69 to 25-Dec-69 (50)	<u>France to the USA</u>
US Packet	48 centimes (prepaid)	9 cents (prepaid)	Havre: 4-Apr-57 to 11-Dec-61 (60)	Blue boxed "Am Service" and/or red '12' credit marking
US Inland	16 centimes (prepaid)	3 cents (prepaid)	and 25-Nov-65 to 27-Nov-67 (29)	Large circular datestamp "NEW YORK PAID 15"
Subtotal	8 decimes (prepaid)	15 cents (prepaid)	North Atlantic: 14-Apr to 5-Dec-60 (6)	Circular datestamp "N. YORK AM. PKT. PAID"
US/France Accounting	(12 cents credit to US)	(3 cents credit to France)	Vanderbilt: 13-Jun-57 to 21-Nov-60 (46)	<u>USA to France</u>
				Red manuscript or handstamp '3' credit marking
				Entry octagonal datestamp "ET. UNIS SERV. AM. D. HAVRE"
				Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS CHERBOURG"

After December 11, 1861, all direct American packets were withdrawn from transatlantic service to serve as Civil War transports; the Havre Line returned briefly to service in 1865-1867. The Hamburg-American Line (HAPAG) began direct packet service under U.S. contract in 1869. Prior to that, it had operated a service via Southampton. Westbound HAPAG direct service from Le Havre to New York began January 8, 1869, and eastbound service began from New York to Cherbourg via Plymouth on April 13, 1869.

	<u>French Direct Packet</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
<u>French Direct Packet</u>	<u>June 15, 1864-December 31, 1869 (between New York and Le Havre/Brest)</u>			
French Inland	16 centimes (prepaid)	3 cents (prepaid)	Ligne H: 15-Jun-64 to 31-Dec-69 (120)	<u>France to the USA</u>
French Packet	48 centimes (prepaid)	9 cents (prepaid)		Blue boxed "Fr Service" and/or red '3' credit marking
US Inland	16 centimes (prepaid)	3 cents (prepaid)		Circular datestamp "N. YORK FR. PKT. PAID"
Subtotal	8 decimes (prepaid)	15 cents (prepaid)		<u>USA to France</u>
US/France Accounting	(3 cents credit to US)	(12 cents credit to France)		Red manuscript or handstamp '12' credit marking
				Octagonal datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. FR. H No 3"
				Octagonal entry datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. FR. LE HAVRE"

Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (CGT) began direct packet operations on June 15, 1864 under a July 22, 1861 Imperial Decree. During the first period of operations (6/64-2/66), CGT carried postal agents who used rarely-seen postmarks that include the name of the ship. During the second period of operations (3/66-12/72), CGT became known as Ligne H, and new maritime postmarks were introduced.



**TRANSATLANTIC PACKET MAIL RATES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA  
1868-1870**

	<u>France to the USA</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
<u>Packet Service via England January 1, 1868-December 31, 1869 (between N.Y. and Liverpool/Queenstown/Southampton)</u>				<u>France to the USA</u>
French Inland	21 centimes (prepaid)	4 cents (prepaid)	Cunard: 1-Jan-68 to 29-Dec-69 (156)	Red manuscript or handstamp '3' credit marking
British Transit	11 centimes (prepaid)	2 cents (prepaid)	Allan: 2-Jan-68 to 30-Dec-69 (105)	Circular datestamp "NEW YORK PAID ALL"
Packet	32 centimes (prepaid)	6 cents (prepaid)	HAPAG: 8-Jan to 6-Apr-69 (58)	
US Inland	<u>16 centimes (prepaid)</u>	<u>3 cents (prepaid)</u>	Inman: 1-Jan-68 to 30-Dec-69 (105)	<u>USA to France</u>
Subtotal	8 decimes (prepaid)	15 cents (prepaid)	Inman/Halifax: 4-Jan-68 to 28-Dec-69 (86)	Red manuscript or handstamp '6' credit marking
US/France Accounting	(3 cents credit to US)	(6 cents credit to France)	NGL: 2-Jan-68 to 25-Dec-69 (103)	Entry circular datestamp "ET.-UNIS SERV.AM.CALAIS"
				Entry octagonal datestamp "ET. UNIS SERV.AM.V.A. HAYRE"

*June 18, 1867 US-GB Treaty made each country responsible for the dispatch of all mails, and eliminated distinction between American and British packets, effective January 1, 1868. HAPAG carried no westbound mail after the October 1868 expiration of its British mail contract. Eastbound HAPAG mails continued until April 1869 under US contract.*

	<u>France to the USA</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Service via England January 1, 1870-June 30, 1871 (between New York and Queenstown) - Open Mail</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
French Inland	40 centimes (prepaid)	40 centimes (due)	Cunard: 1-Jan-70 to 29-Jun-71 (165)	Curved red "2 CENTS", or red '2' credit marking
British Transit	10 centimes (prepaid)	<u>10 centimes (due)</u>	Allan: 1-Jan-70 to 29-Jun-71 (81)	Circular datestamp "LONDON PAID"
Subtotal	n/a	5 decimes (due)	Inman: 1-Jan-70 to 29-Jun-71 (70)	
Packet	n/a		NGL: 1-Jan-70 to 21-Jun-70 (27) and 7-Mar-71 to 29-Jun-71 (18)	
US Inland	10 centimes (prepaid)	2 cents (prepaid)		<u>USA to France</u>
US Inland	<u>10 centimes (prepaid)</u>	<u>2 cents (prepaid)</u>		Ovoid "GB 40c" British accountancy marking
Subtotal	70 centimes (prepaid)	4 cents (prepaid)		Circular datestamp "NEW YORK X"
UK Accounting	(2 cents credit to US)	(10 centimes debit to Fr.)		

*1857 France-US Treaty expired, so 2 cents inland and 2 cents packet rates per 1/2 ounce between US and GB set by December 14, 1869 US-GB Treaty, effective January 1, 1870. Bulk rates between GB and France of 40 centimes per 30 grams (four 7.5 gram letters) set by September 24, 1856 France-GB Treaty. Bulk unpaid mail rate was 2 francs per 30 grams. French fully prepaid rate of 70 centimes per 10 grams set by December 22, 1869 Imperial Decree, effective January 1, 1870. Unpaid mail was charged 8 decimes due in France.*

	<u>France to the USA</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Service via England January 1, 1870-June 30, 1870 (between New York and Queenstown) - "Phantom" Rate</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
French Inland	n/a	6 cents (prepaid)	Cunard: 1-Jan-70 to 29-Jun-70 (51)	red "8" (US credit to GB)
British Transit	n/a	2 cents (prepaid)	Allan: 1-Jan-70 to 30-Jun-70 (26)	Circular datestamp "NEW YORK PAID ALL BR TRANSIT"
Packet	n/a	2 cents (prepaid)	Inman: 1-Jan-70 to 30-Jun-70 (26)	Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. AMB.CALAIS"
US Inland	n/a	<u>2 cents (prepaid)</u>	NGL: 1-Jan-70 to 30-Jun-70 (25)	
US Postage Subtotal		12 cents (prepaid)	Guion: 5-Jan-70 to 29-Jun-70 (24)	
US Credit to GB		(8 cents)		

*November 29, 1868 US-GB Convention set fully prepaid rate to France of 12 cents per 1/2 ounce, with GB-France postage of 8 cents per 7.5 grams to be credited to GB by the US. Article XIII of 1856 GB-France Treaty set 4d/40 centimes (8 cents) GB-France rate per 7.5 grams. US inland and packet postage set at 4 cents per 1/2 ounce by December 14, 1869 US-GB Convention; different weight progressions for the US-to-GB transit and the GB-to-France transit. "Phantom" rate was effective January 1, 1870, but not published by US Post Office until October 28, 1871. It is only seen on eastbound mail via New York.*

**TRANSATLANTIC PACKET MAIL RATES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA  
1870-1871**

<u>France to the USA</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
<u>American Direct Packet January 1, 1870-October 28, 1870 (between N.Y. and Le Havre/Plymouth/Cherbourg)</u>	8 decimes (due)	HAPAG: 9-Jan-70 to 5-Oct-70 (24)	<u>France to the USA</u> Circular datestamp "N.Y. STEAMSHIP 10"
French Sea & Inland		North American: 16-Jan-70 to 28-Oct-70 (3)	<u>USA to France</u>
US Sea & Inland	10 cents (due)	Ruger: 3-Mar-70 to 18-May-70 (3)	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS CHERBOURG" Entry octagonal datestamp "ET. UNIS SERV. AM. V. A. HAYRE"

*French prepayments of 60 centimes per 10 grams and collections of 80 centimes per 10 grams set by December 22, 1869 Imperial Decree, effective January 1, 1870.  
US postage of 10 cents per 1/2 ounce set by July 1, 1864 Act for regularly-scheduled steamship service to/from countries without US postal treaties.  
Hostilities associated with the Franco-Prussian War interrupted HAPAG service starting October 1870.*

<u>French Direct Packet January 1, 1870-June 30, 1871 (between N.Y. and Brest)</u>	8 decimes (prepaid)	Ligne H: 8-Jan-70 to 22-Jun-71 (35)	<u>France to the USA</u> Circular datestamp "N.Y. STEAMSHIP 10" Circular datestamp "LIGNE H PAQ. FR. No. " <u>USA to France</u> Octagonal datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. FR. H No " Circular datestamp "NEW YORK X"
French Sea & Inland			
US Sea & Inland	10 cents (due)		

*Rates identical to those of the American direct packets of the January 1, 1870 to October 28, 1870 period.*

<u>Packet Service via England July 1, 1870-July 31, 1874 (between New York and Queenstown)</u>			<u>USA to France</u> red "6" (US credit to GB) Circular datestamp "NEW YORK PAID ALL BR TRANSIT" Entry circular datestamp "ANGL. AMB. CALAIS"
French Inland	n/a	Cunard: 2-Jul-70 to 29-Jul-74 (446)	
British Transit	n/a	Allan: 1-Jul-70 to 30-Jul-74 (252)	
Packet	n/a	Inman: 1-Jul-70 to 30-Jul-74 (241)	
US Inland	n/a	NGL: 2-Jul-70 to 29-Jul-74 (179)	
US Postage Subtotal	10 cents (prepaid)	Guion: 6-Jul-70 to 29-Jul-74 (308)	
US Credit to GB	(6 cents)		

*September 21, 1869 France-GB Convention set GB-France postage at 30 centimes per 10 grams (approx. 1/3 ounces), effective July 1, 1870.  
Fully prepaid US rate became 10 cents per 1/2 ounce and US credit to GB was lowered to 6 cents. Different weight progressions used for US-to-GB transit than for GB-to-France transit.  
This rate was finally published by the US Post Office on October 28, 1871, ending the second "phantom" rate period. It was only available for eastbound mail.*

<u>American Direct Packet July 1, 1871-July 31, 1874 (between N.Y. and Plymouth/Cherbourg)</u>	5 decimes (prepaid)	HAPAG: 4-Jul-71 to 30-Jul-74 (153)	<u>France to the USA</u> Circular datestamp "N.Y. STEAMSHIP 10" <u>USA to France</u> Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS CHERBOURG"
French Sea & Inland			
US Sea & Inland	10 cents (due)		

*April 21, 1871 French Law reduced French prepayments and collections on direct packets to 50 centimes per 10 grams, effective July 1.  
The westbound stop at Le Havre by the HAPAG Line resumed on July 22, 1871, and the eastbound stop at Cherbourg resumed with the July 4, 1871 voyage from New York.  
Eastbound HAPAG mail was incorrectly rated for 6 decimes postage due in Cherbourg from mid-July to mid-August 1871.*

**TRANSATLANTIC PACKET MAIL RATES BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USA  
1871-1878**

<u>France to the USA</u>	<u>USA to France</u>	<u>Packet Line(s) (# Roundtrip Sailings)</u>	<u>Characteristic Markings</u>
<u>Packet Service via England July 1, 1871-July 31, 1874 (between New York and Queenstown/Plymouth) - Open Mail</u>	<u>40 centimes (due)</u>	<u>Cunard: 1-Jul-71 to 29-Jul-74 (332)</u>	<u>France to the USA</u>
French Inland	10 centimes (prepaid)	<u>Allan: 6-Jul-71 to 30-Jul-74 (170)</u>	Curved red "2 CENTS"
British Transit	10 centimes (prepaid)		Circular datestamp "LONDON PAID"
Subtotal			

Packet	10 centimes (prepaid)	Inman: 1-Jul-71 to 30-Jul-74 (165)	<u>USA to France</u>
US Inland	10 centimes (prepaid)	NGL: 1-Jul-71 to 28-Jul-74 (161)	Ovoid "GB 40c" British accountancy marking
Subtotal	12 decimes (prepaid)		Circular datestamp "NEW YORK X"
Credit to US/Debit to Fr.	(2 cents)		

*April 21, 1871 French Law increased French prepayments per 10 grams to promote French direct packet usage, effective July 1, 1871. French collections on eastbound mail unchanged. After the announcement of the fully-prepaid 10 cents "phantom" rate on October 28, 1871, the US 4 cents open mail rate was seldom used.*

<u>French Direct Packet July 1, 1871-July 31, 1874 (between N.Y. and Brest)</u>	<u>5 decimes (prepaid)</u>	<u>Ligne H: 1-Jul-71 to 31-Jul-74 (35)</u>	<u>France to the USA</u>
French Sea & Inland	5 decimes (prepaid)		Circular datestamp "N.Y. STEAMSHIP 10"
US Sea & Inland	10 cents (due)		Circular datestamp "LIGNE H PAQ. FR. No."
			<u>USA to France</u>
			Octagonal datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. FR. H No "
			Octagonal entry datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. FR. BREST"

*April 21, 1871 French Law reduced French prepayments to 50 centimes per 10 grams, effective July 1. French collections on eastbound mail also lowered to 50 centimes per 10 grams.*

<u>Packet Service August 1, 1874-December 31, 1875 (all packets and routes)</u>	<u>50 centimes (prepaid)</u>	<u>Cunard: 1-Aug-74 to 29-Dec-75 (149)</u>	<u>France to the USA</u>
Total	50 centimes (prepaid)	<u>Allan: 6-Aug-74 to 25-Dec-75 (77)</u>	Circular datestamp "NEW YORK PAID ALL"
		<u>Inman: 1-Aug-74 to 28-Dec-75 (76)</u>	<u>USA to France</u>
		<u>NGL: 1-Aug-74 to 18-Dec-75 (74)</u>	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS CHERBOURG"
		<u>HAPAG: 6-Aug-74 to 23-Dec-75 (72)</u>	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. FR. BREST"
		<u>Ligne H: 8-Aug-74 to 31-Dec-75 (39)</u>	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS V.ANGL. PARIS"
			Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS V.ANGL. AMB.CALAIS"

*April 28, 1874 France-US Treaty set a fully-prepaid rate of 9 cents per 15 grams, effective August 1, 1874. This was a reciprocal treaty, so no accounting per letter was done.*

<u>Packet Service January 1, 1876-April 30, 1878 (all packets and routes)</u>	<u>40 centimes (prepaid)</u>	<u>Cunard: 1-Aug-74 to 29-Dec-75 (149)</u>	<u>France to the USA</u>
Total	40 centimes (prepaid)	<u>Allan: 6-Aug-74 to 25-Dec-75 (77)</u>	Circular datestamp "NEW YORK PAID ALL"
		<u>Inman: 1-Aug-74 to 28-Dec-75 (76)</u>	<u>USA to France</u>
		<u>NGL: 1-Aug-74 to 18-Dec-75 (74)</u>	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS CHERBOURG"
		<u>HAPAG: 6-Aug-74 to 23-Dec-75 (72)</u>	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. FR. BREST"
		<u>Ligne H: 8-Aug-74 to 31-Dec-75 (39)</u>	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS V.ANGL. PARIS"
			Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS V.ANGL. AMB.CALAIS"

*The October 9, 1874 Treaty of Bern created the General Postal Union, effective July 1, 1875. Basic universal letter rate set at 25 centimes or 5 cents per 15 grams. France signed the Treaty on May 3, 1875 and joined on January 1, 1876. France charged a higher rate per 15 grams because of higher transit mail costs.*

<u>Packet Service May 1, 1878-February 15, 1879 (all packets and routes)</u>	<u>35 centimes (prepaid)</u>	<u>Cunard: 1-Aug-74 to 29-Dec-75 (149)</u>	<u>France to the USA</u>
Total	35 centimes (prepaid)	<u>Allan: 6-Aug-74 to 25-Dec-75 (77)</u>	Circular datestamp "NEW YORK PAID ALL"
		<u>Inman: 1-Aug-74 to 28-Dec-75 (76)</u>	<u>USA to France</u>
		<u>NGL: 1-Aug-74 to 18-Dec-75 (74)</u>	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS CHERBOURG"
		<u>HAPAG: 6-Aug-74 to 23-Dec-75 (72)</u>	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS PAQ. FR. BREST"
		<u>Ligne H: 8-Aug-74 to 31-Dec-75 (39)</u>	Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS V.ANGL. PARIS"
			Entry circular datestamp "ETATS-UNIS V.ANGL. AMB.CALAIS"

*General Postal Union (GPU) became the Universal Postal Union (UPU) on June 1, 1878. France reduced its prepayments to 35 centimes per 15 grams, reflecting the 25 centimes GPU/UPU rate plus a 10 centimes "voie de mer" tax.*

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