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1839

SHIP LETTER

FLORENCE, ITALY TO U.S.
NEW-YORK SHIP

The "Terry Correspondence"

Luther Terry was an art student studying in the museums and cathedrals of Florence and Rome. His father died while he was in Europe and all letters bear condolences to members of his family. One remarkable letter in this collection is struck with the only known cds ANNAPS M^d / SHIP mark (which see).



FIRENZE P.F.



July 5, 1839. Letter datelined at Florence and paid to the "frontier" (P.F. in red), i.e., to Bureau Maritime at Havre. 16 decimes rate from Tuscany to France.

July 14. French entry mark showing mail entering from Sardinia at Pont-de-Beauvoisin, French-Sardinian Exchange Office. 3's show mark struck at Paris.



July 16. Transit backstamp at the Bureau Maritime, Havre. Letter put aboard first ship to U.S.

Sept. 3. 49 days to New York! Rated New York to Enfield, Ct., Act of Mar. 3, 1825, 50-150 miles, 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship letter = 14½¢. Clerk initially forgot the 2¢ charge and overmarked the "4" making total 14½¢.

1839

SHIP LETTER

FLORENCE. ITALY TO U.S.
NEW-YORK SHIP

The "Terry Correspondence"

A correspondence from Luther Terry, an art student in Italy. He notes mailing this letter to reach the Havre Packet of the 1st of August. However, it didn't arrive at Paris until the 2nd, which would account for the Aug. 2 - Oct. 18 delay Havre to N.Y. (98 days), as it probably left Havre Sept. 1. One remarkable cover in this correspondence shows the only recorded ANNAP^s Md/SHIP mark (which see).



FIRENZE P.F.

July 13, 1839. Letter datelined at Florence in Tuscany. Writer paid 16 decimes from Florence through Sardinia to Havre by way of Paris. The P.F. = Payee au Frontiere or paid to the port at Havre.

Aug. 2. Entry into France from Sardinia at Pont-de-Beauvoisin (Noel 1086). 3's show mark struck at Paris.

Oct. 18. Arrival at New York with Ship Letter charge of 2¢ + U.S. Inland 50-150 miles (N.Y. to Enfield) 12½¢ = 14½¢ due.

Oct. 22. Letter forwarded to Amherst, Mass. and additional zone rate, 30-80 miles of 10¢ due, total now 24½¢.

1839-40

SHIP LETTER

FLORENCE, ITALY TO U.S.

The "Terry Correspondence"

THE ANNAPOLIS MP - SHIP Handstamp

This cover of the Luther Terry correspondence from an art student in Italy shows the unique and never previously recorded circular date stamp of Annapolis with SHIP. This is evidently an Annapolis Type 5 cds with the month substituted with "SHIP" and the day date with the month JAN. A rare find.



FIRENZE

P.F.

Sept. 16, 1839. Letter datelined at Florence, Tuscany and 16 decimes paid to get the letter through Sardinia to Havre, France. P.F. = Payee au Frontiere, i.e. to the packet station at Havre.

Sept. 25. Entry into France at Pont-de-Beauvoisin, Sardinian-French Exchange Office (Noel 1086). 3's show mark struck at Paris.



Oct. 2. Transit backstamp at the Bureau Maritime, Havre. It would appear this didn't leave Havre until Nov. 1 to justify a January 1840 arrival date.



JAN (1840). Unique cds showing Annapolis SHIP (see above). Letter rated Act of 1825, 18-3/4¢, 150 to 400 miles + 2¢ Ship letter charge = 20-3/4¢ due.

1839-40

SHIP LETTER

FLORENCE, ITALY TO U.S.

The "Terry Correspondence"

THE ANNAP^S MP - SHIP Handstamp



Sept. 16, 1839. Lithographed heading of this remarkable letter showing a panoramic scene of Florence. This letter bears the unique Annapolis SHIP circular date stamp.



JAN. 1840. 29mm circle stamp shows SHIP substituted for month and JAN substituted for day in Type 5 Annapolis handstamp, latter in use 1812-30 (Cf: The Maryland Postal History Catalogue).

March 4, 1828. 29mm circle Type 5 Annapolis handstamp, identical to newly discovered SHIP mark at left. Type 5 was resurrected for Ship duty.

Cover rated Act of 1825, 80-150 miles, Annapolis to Hagers Town at 12½¢ collect. Type 5 used 1812-30.



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1828

SHIP LETTERS

HURLBUT LINE

New York to Mobile

Ship Indiana

The Hurlbut Line sailed between New York and Mobile and was established October 1825. The Line lasted until 1860. Ship Indiana, 306 tons, was commanded by Gideon Parker.



January 6, 1828. Letter datelined at Mobile and headed and endorsed on the face: Per Ship Indiana/Via New York. It concerns efforts to collect a debt from "Chandler, he is hard pay..."

January 11. Indiana sailed from Mobile.



SHIP

New York Journal of Commerce, January 29. PORT OF NEW YORK. Arrived Jan. 28, Ship Indiana, Parker, 17 ds from Mobile, with cotton to D. Hurlbut & Co. Sailed in co. with Schooner William Henry for Cuba, and Galaxy, for Bordeaux.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, 80 to 150 miles at 12½¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ due.

1830

SHIP LETTERS

LE HAVRE TO NEW YORK

Ship Mary Lord

June 19, 1830. A consignee's letter dated at Havre, France concerns, "Bill of Lading for 50 cases of wine... shipped to your address pr Ship Mary Lord."

June 26. Ship Mary Lord sailed from the port at Le Havre.



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N.Y. Journal of Commerce, August 3, 1840. Arrived at New York ship Mary Lord, Wolfe, from Havre June 26, to Foster & Giraud. 138 steerage passengers. Sailed in co. Ship Ann Mary Ann for Baltimore... May 26, lost a boy Wm. Johnson, of N. York overboard.

Letter rated at 6¢ for a Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival. Charge mark is the 14.5mm. encircled "6" of New York.

1840

SHIP LETTERS

Malaga, Spain to New York

Brig Sophia, Capt. Kenney

June 21, 1840. Letter headed at Malaga concerns the crops and futures of raisins. The writer suggests sending mail to them at Malaga via England and Gibraltar, "Anytime you wish to write to me it can be done without paying postage till reaching Gibraltar when sent by any of the English steamers, the letter being directed to the Care of Giro Cormack & Co. Gibraltar, where postage will be paid..."

He is thus suggesting routing by the soon to be established Cunard Line packets to England, and then by the fledgling line Peninsular Steam Navigation Co., which on Sept. 1, 1837 had commenced a contract to handle the Spanish and Portugese mail, whose packets terminated at Gibraltar. This suggestion underlines the lack of opportunity of finding a ship going directly from New York to Malaga.

This outgoing letter is endorsed: p Sophia/ Capt. Kenney/v/New York.



SHIP

Shipping and Commercial List, N.Y. Arrived at New York August 24, Brig Sophia, Kenney... Malaga.

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

1841

SHIP LETTERS

MACAO TO NEW YORK VIA CANTON, CHINA

Ship Panama

January 1, 1841. Letter from the famous China traders Russell & Co. is datelined at Macao with a postscript on January 2. It concerns arrival of various vessels and says inter alia, "With reference to the state of foreign trade in China, so far as we are able to judge we are inclined to think an amicable adjustment of the difficulties between England & China may be effected in the course of a couple of months, and that affairs will be placed upon such a footing as may enable us to export Teas etc. sometime in March or April next."

The letter was sent on to Canton to meet the sailing of the Panama, as endorsed. This was letter No. 890 in a series of correspondence with Seth Low & Co., New York.

No. 890

Messrs Seth Low & Co
New York
'Panama'

Shipping and Commercial List, N.Y. Arrived April 16, 1841, ship Panama, Benjamin, Canton.

The Panama had a mixed cargo: Powchong tea, young hyson tea, 20 cases of silks to Grinnell, Minturn & Co., ginger, lacquered ware, Mulberry seed, gunpowder, cassia oil, arris oil, etc.

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

1843

SHIP LETTERS

Santos, Brazil to Portsmouth, N.H. via New York
Brig Susan, Capt. Newcomb, Rio to New York.

March 30, 1843. A long letter from Captain Edward Smith of the brig Emma to her owners telling them of the misfortunes of his voyage. His cargo of salt got wet and he found on arrival at Santos that this also damaged his other cargo of fish and herron (herring), ordered thrown overboard, soda biscuit, corn, tea and tobacco, as well as some furniture damaged. He could find no cargo at Sanros, so he put the Emma up for sale. A prospective buyer wanted her for the slave trade to West Africa on Friday. Over the weekend he suffered an apoplectic fit, and coincidentally two vessels arrived from the coast of Africa saying they had lain there 4 months, but could get no slaves. The deal to buy the brig fell through. Smith then tried to load with sugar for Rio, but the crop ran out. He ended up by saying he was to invest all his funds in coffee for New York and to get salt at Turks Island for ballast should he be unable to get a full coffee cargo. He succinctly says, "It seems as though Satan himself has been at my heels the whole of this voyage..."

Letter is endorsed: p. Susan, via New York.



N.Y. Journal of Commerce, Friday June 9, 1843.
Arrived brig Susan, Newcomb, from Rio Janeiro, 11th April with coffee, &c. to Goodhue & Co. Spoke nothing.

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

N.B.: Santos, a maritime town of Brazil, province and 34 miles S.S.E. of Sao Paulo, of which it is the port.



SHIP

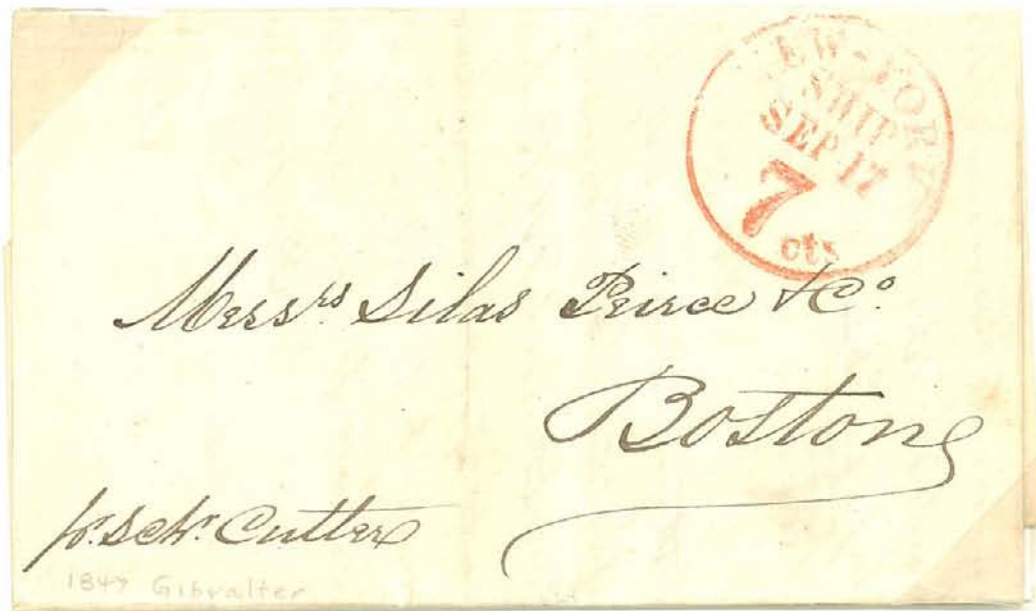
1847

SHIP LETTERS

GIBRALTAR TO BOSTON VIA NEW YORK

Schooner Cutter (of Boston), Capt. Pratt

July 26, 1847. Letter datelined at Gibraltar concerns shipments to Messrs. Silas Pierce & Co., Boston and says, inter alia, "The object of the present is to enclose a Bill of Lading and Invoice of 18 Half Bales Bottle Corks shipped on board the Brig Shawmut, D. Thomas master, amounting to \$ 240.06. The Shawmut goes to Malaga to complete her cargo and from thence to New York."



New York Tribune. Arrived N.Y. Sept. 16, Schr. Cutter (of Boston,) Pratt, Malaga, 50 days, passed Gibraltar July 27, wine & fruit to Badger, Peck & Co.

Letter was rated, Act of 1845, single letter not over 300 miles at 5¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 7¢ due as shown in the New York Ship Letter handstamp.

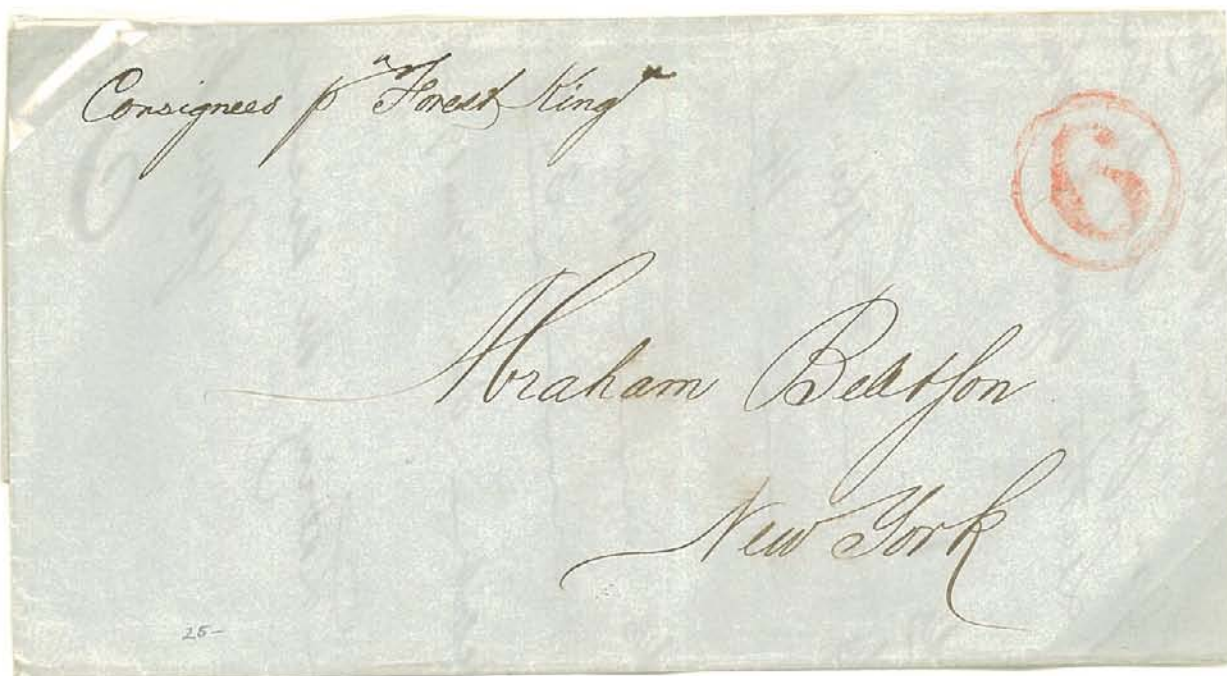
1849

SHIP LETTERS

LIVERPOOL TO NEW YORK

Ship Forest King

January 26, 1849. Letter Quaker dated at Liverpool and says, "The Forest king, ready for sea, has on board for you from Bayley & Shaw 35 casks skins & 2 Bales leather..." Letter is noted: Consignees p. "Forest King."



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N.Y. Journal of Commerce, arrived N.Y. March 6, 1849. Ship Forest King, Ranlett, from Liverpool Jan. 30 and Cape Clear Feb. 9, with 475 passengers to J. W. Elwell. Has had fine weather during the whole passage.

Letter rated 6¢ for a single Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival. Rate shown by the 22 mm. encircled "6". Docket notes arrival 3/6.

1849

SHIP LETTERS

LEGHORN, ITALY TO PHILADELPHIA VIA BERMUDA & N.Y.

Ship Walter R. Jones



July 18, 1849. Letter datelined at Leghorn, headed: pr Walter R. Jones, and endorsed on face: p W.R. Jones. Letter concerns four packages of sewing silks received from Naples and shipped per consignment by the American Ship Walter R. Jones bound for New York.



New York Daily Tribune. MARINE JOURNAL. Arrived Port of New York Nov. 19, 1849, Ship Walter R. Jones, Colley (of Thomaston) Leghorn via Bermuda, 97 days, marble, rags, etc. to Jose & Johnson.

Letter rated Act of 1845, not over 300 miles at 5¢ + 2¢
Ship Letter = 7¢ due.

1850

SHIP LETTERS

RIO DE JANEIRO TO BALTIMORE VIA NEW YORK

Bark E. Corning

July 6, 1850. Letter datelined at Rio de Janeiro announcing the liquidation of the firm of Stockmeyer, Saportas & Co., and requesting early settlement of accounts to aid in an early dissolution.

Letter is headed: p Corning, and endorsed: pr. E. Corning.



August 19, 1850. Arrival ship mark at New York.

N.Y. Tribune. Arrived N.Y. Aug. 18, Bark E. Corning, Loyd, Rio de Janeiro July 7, coffee and hides to E. Corning & Co.

Letter rated, Act of March 3, 1845, at 5¢ half ounce letter under 300 miles, N.Y. to Baltimore plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 7¢ due.

1846

SHIP LETTERS

MONTEVIDEO TO BALTIMORE VIA NEW YORK

Bark Chancellor, Capt Beauvois

April 28, 1846. Letter datelined at Montevideo and endorsed: Chancellor.

May 9. Chancellor sailed from Montevideo bringing news of the blockading of Buenos Ayres by the British and French fleets, also an altercation between the British and French admirals over the taking of the British brig Ringdove by the French as a prize.



N.Y. Daily Tribune. Arrived New York June 20, Bark Chancellor, Beauvais (sic), 40 ds. from Montevideo, merchandise to W.W. DeForest.

The good captain brought "Late and important news from Montevideo, Buenos Ayres, &c." and was extensively quoted in the New York Daily Tribune.

Letter rated, Act of March 3, 1845, not over 300 miles, New York to Baltimore, at 5¢ per ½-oz. x 2 (double letter) = 10¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 12¢ due. ASCC lists this New York ship mark only for 1848, here used in 1846.

1846

SHIP LETTERS

CANTON, CHINA TO BOSTON VIA NEW YORK

Russell & Co. correspondence

Ship Zenobia, Capt. Kenney

April 27, 1846. Letter datelined at Canton and concerns shipments per the ship Loobhoo. Russell & Co. notes that they had intended to render accounts "by the overland steamer from hence, of the 25th instant, but were unable to complete the settlements...in time to forward by that conveyance." He was referring to the Peninsular & Oriental Company's paddle steamer Lady Mary Wood which departed from Hong Kong on April 24th for Calle, Ceylon for the mails destined for overland transmission across Egypt.

Letter endorsed to "Zenobia", a 630 ton ship rigged vessel built 1838 at Medford, Mass.



N.Y. Journal of Commerce, Oct. 6, 1846. Arrived N.Y. Oct. 5, ship Zenobia, Kenney, from Canton May 22d., Angier July 1st., with teas and silks to N.L. & G. Griswold. Sept. 23; lat 31 lon 68 spoke whaling bark Exchange of and for Warren, 23 months out, with 350 bbls. sperm oil.

October 5. Letter rated at New York, Act of March 3, 1845, not over 300 miles, New York to Boston, at 5¢ per ½-oz. x 2 (double letter) = 10¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 12¢ due. ASCC lists this New York ship mark only for 1848, here used in 1846.

1849

SHIP LETTERS

RIO DE JANEIRO TO NEW ORLEANS VIA NEW YORK

Ship Courier, Capt. Wade

May 1, 1849. A letter datelined at Rio de Janeiro listing American vessels arriving in April, including the ship Courier from Richmond on the 19th. It notes that heavy shipments of flour have depressed the prices in the Rio market. Hides command a good price. Letter is signed by Coleman Hutton & Co.

May 13. Letter, endorsed: per Courier, went aboard that ship, which departed from Rio de Janeiro on May 13.



N.Y. Daily Tribune, Monday, June 25.
PORT OF NEW YORK, June 25 arrived ship
Courier, Wade, Rio Janeiro, May 13, coffee
&c. to Andrew Foster & Sons.

Letter rated, Act of 1845, for a single
letter over 300 miles at 10¢ plus 2¢ Ship
Letter charge = 12¢ due.

1847

PRIVATE SHIP LETTER RATES

FORWARDING AGENT

Spottiswood & Connolly

Singapore



April 14, 1847. Docket mark notes letter from Rev. J. Caswell handed to Forwarding Agent at Singapore, who applied this hand-stamp (Rowe-R.F.6). It was then handed to a ship's captain bound for New York.



January 4, 1848. Letter stamped incoming at New York with this fine strike showing "SHIP" letter. 7¢ due from recipient, as follows:

Rate by Act. of Mar. 3, 1845, per ½ oz. to 300 miles	5¢
Ship Letter charge	2¢
	7¢

1848

SHIP LETTERS

Havana to New York

Barque Childe Harold

February 9, 1848. Letter datelined at Havana and handed to the master of the Childe Harold.



March 9, 1848. N.Y. Shipping and Commercial List notes the arrival on March 1 of the Barque Childe Harold, Capt. Rich, from Havana. Capt. Rich evidently held this letter and did not get around to dropping it off at the post office until March 9. Letter was there rated under the Act of 1845 at 5 cents for a letter going under 300 miles, New York to Boston, plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge to total 7¢ as shown in the hand-stamp.

Holdcamper List: Bark Childe Harold, 291 tons, built 1843 at Philadelphia. Registered at New York April 1, 1844.

1850

SHIP LETTERS

Rio de Janeiro to New York

Brig Montserrat, Capt. Guide

September 26, 1850. A letter datelined at Rio de Janeiro. The writer is concerned that he had not heard from James Birchhead, although he has written to New York per the Antelope and the Napoleon, both looking for advices regarding Mr. Greenway's arrival in the U.S. He notes that he has an opportunity to write and has endorsed his letter to the Montserrat.



Shipping and Commercial List, N.Y. Arrived at New York Nov. 16, 17. Brig Monserrate (sic), Guide..Rio Janeiro.

She had a mixed cargo: Coffee 1000 bags, rosewood 217 logs, siff'ken & ironside - horns 2200, tapioca 16 bbls., coffee 16 bags &c.

Letter was rated at 6¢ due for a Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival, shown by the encircled "6".

November 19. Letter was forwarded to Newport, R.I.. The inland rate, Act of 1845, at 5¢ for a letter conveyed under 300 miles x 2 (double letter - a triplicate was enclosed) = 10¢. This was added to the 6¢ Ship Letter rate, total 16¢ due.

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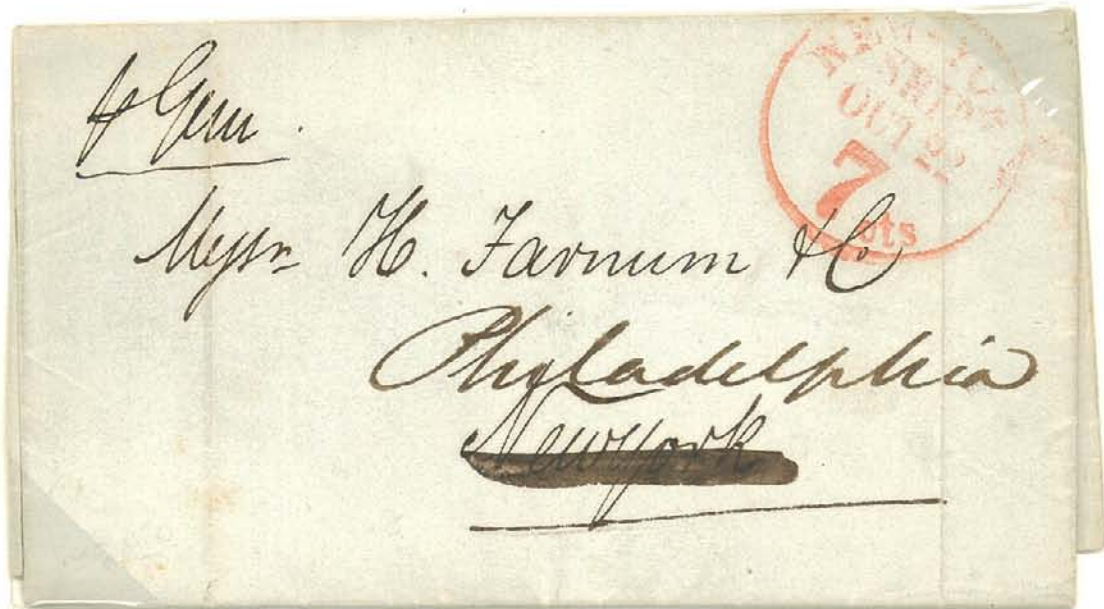
1850

SHIP LETTERS

LEGHORN, ITALY TO PHILADELPHIA VIA NEW YORK

British brig Gem, Capt. Bennards

July 25, 1850. Letter datelined at Leghorn (Livorno,) Italy and headed: p Gem. It says, inter alia, "We have the pleasure to hand you Ribbons AR 121/123 three packages Sewing Silk that we have addressed you by the British Brig Gem bound to New York..."



Shipping & Commercial List, New York. Arrived at New York October 19, 20, Br. brig Gem, Bennards....Leghorn.

Letter rated, Act of 1845, under 300 miles, N.Y. to Philadelphia, at 5¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 7¢ due as shown in the New York Ship Letter handstamp.

1851

SHIP LETTERS

BUENOS AYRES TO NEW YORK

Argentinian Barque Orient, Capt. Diederchsen

January 3-8, 1851. Letters dealing with the hide importing from Argentina. Original letters are per the barque Muskingum, Capt. Crockett, which had been cleared since Dec. 28, 1850, but was still in port due to financial problems incurred by the captain. The writer, Daniel Gowland & Co., does not have much confidence in Capt. Crockett who, "...appears to be a thoughtless and improvident young man." They further note, "We have shipped pr. Barque 'Orient' Diederchsen, master, under the Buenos Ayres flag 4600 hides to your address..."

January 8. The barque Orient sailed from Buenos Ayres with this letter aboard as endorsed: p. Orient. The Muskingum sailed the same day.

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Messrs Thorne Watson Corse & Co.
New York

p. Orient. 1851

N.Y. Shipping List and Price Current, June 11. Arrived N.Y. June 6: Argent. barque Orient, Diederchsen...Buenos Ayres. Letter rated 6¢ as a single Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival.

N.Y. S.L. & P.C.: Arrived N.Y. June 25, barque Muskingum, Crockett ...Buenos Ayres.

N.B.: Orient was formerly the French barque Sultan, one of the packet ships.

Muskingum, 248 ton bark, built 1845 at Marietta, Ohio, enrolled at N.Y. Port Sept. 9, 1851, after purchase by Thorne Watson Corse & Co.

1851

PRIVATE SHIP LETTER RATES



July 30, 1851. Letter handed to the captain of the "Oriole" at Rio de Janeiro. Captain then passed letter into U.S. Post Office at his first U.S. Port of Call, New York.



September 19, 1851. Letter stamped with this bold handstamp as a "SHIP" letter incoming at New York.

Letter was assessed 7¢ due from recipient as:

2¢ Ship letter charge

5¢ Single letter rate, Act of March 3, 1851, unpaid,
up to 3,000 miles

7¢

New York Shipping and Commercial List:

Arrived Sept. 19 at N.Y., Barque Oriole, Stump, master, from
Rio de Janeiro.

1853

SHIP LETTERS

PONCE, PORTO RICO TO NEW YORK

Brig Sarah Peters, Capt. McFarland



October 26, 1853. A letter, written in Spanish concerning sugar, datelined at Ponce, Porto Rico. It is both headed and endorsed: pr. "Sarah Peters." This vessel was a 228 ton brig built in 1850 at Ellsworth, Maine. She was not documented at the Port of New York until June 2, 1857.

October 29. The Sarah Peters departed from Ponce for New York.



N.Y. Times, Friday November 18. Arrived New York November 17. Brig Sarah Peters, of Ellsworth, McFarland, Ponce, P.R., October 29, sugar to Southmayd & Son.

Letter rated at 6¢ for a single Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival. 21mm. encircled "6" charge mark.

1854

SHIP LETTERS

HAITI TO BOSTON VIA NEW YORK

Bark Clara Windsor, Capt. Button

April 12, 1854. A letter datelined at Port-au-Prince from Capt. Geo. C. King to his owner at Boston. He writes, "I am sorry to inform you that I had a long passage from London to this Port, and what is still more, I shall remain here some Twenty five or Thirty days..." Letter is endorsed: Pr. S. Clara Windsor. She sailed from Port-au-Prince on April 13.



N.Y. Times. Arrived New York April 24, 1854: Bark Clara Windson, Button...Port-au-Prince, April 13 with coffee, logwood. &c. to Recker & Grover.

Letter rated, Act of 1851, not paid letter, not exceeding 3000 miles at 5¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 7¢ due.

1854

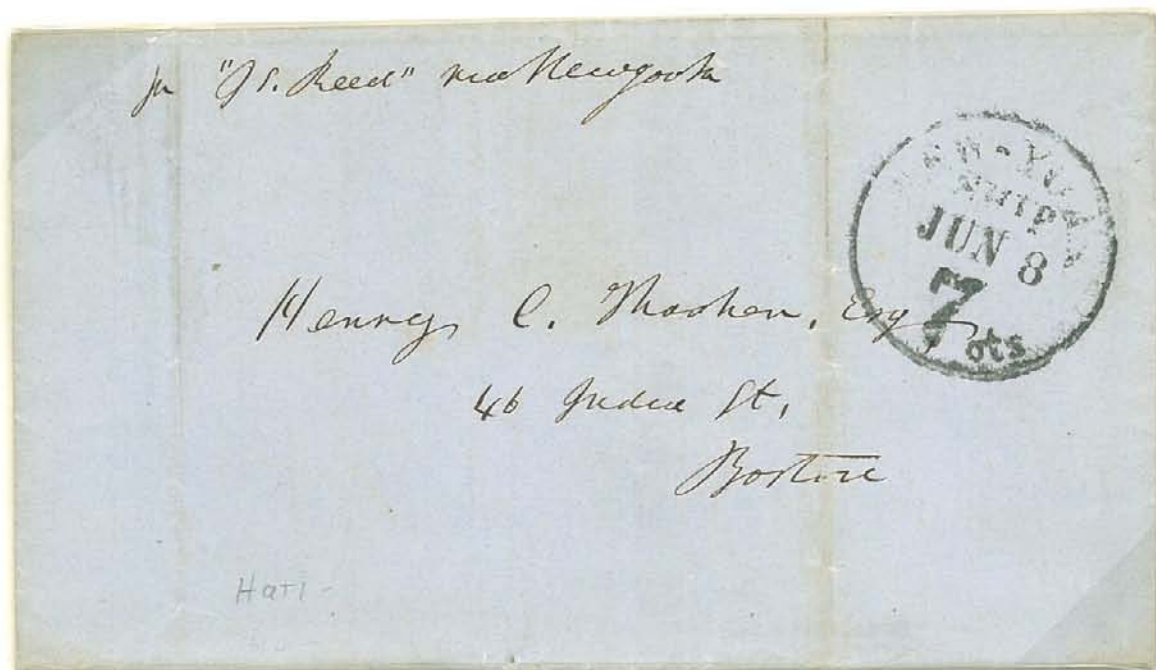
SHIP LETTERS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI TO BOSTON VIA NEW YORK

Brig Isabella Reed

May 14, 1854. Letter datelined at Port-au-Prince concerns the shipment of money, "By order of Capt. Geo. C. Henry of the bark 'Mimosa', it is our intention to ship to your address for his account about thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1300) in specie by the English schooner 'Fanny Moaia' Capt. Wikland, to sail hence for Boston about the 23d. inst."

Letter is endorsed: pr "Is. Reed" via New York.



New York Times, June 8. Arrived N.Y. June 7, Brig Isabella Reed, Cheesman, Port-au-Prince May 18, with coffee, &c. to O.L. & A. Ferris. Has experienced light northerly winds and calms from lat. 25N.

Letter rated, Act of 1851, for a single unpaid letter not exceeding 3000 miles at 5¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter fee = 7¢ due. The 7¢ charge is shown in the 34 mm. New York Ship Letter handstamp, also found earlier (1847) in red.

1859

ST. THOMAS TO NEW YORK VIA BERMUDA

Royal Mail Steamship Delta, St. Thomas to Bermuda
Schooner Peerless, Bermuda to New York

FORWARDING AGENT

Koefoed Whitmore & Co., St. Thomas



FORWARDED BY
KOEFOED WHITMORE & CO.
ST. THOMAS W.I.

A cover addressed to Millbridge, Maine, a part of the Sawyer correspondence, all dated in 1859. It was handled by the forwarders Koefoed Whitmore & co. at St. Thomas, who applied their red oval handstamp (R.F.3.)

N.Y. Times. Bermuda, Mon. Dec. 5, 1859. The Royal Mail Steamer Delta has just arrived here from the West Indies (St. Thomas.)

December 19. N.Y. Times. Arrived New York Dec. 19, Schr. Peerless (Br.,) Doe, Bermuda 5 ds. with sugar to McCall & Fritt.

Letter rated, Act of 1855, as a letter not over ½-oz. conveyed not over 3,000 miles at 3¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 5¢ due.



1862

SHIP LETTERS

HAVANA TO NEW YORK

Spanish steamer La Cubana, Capt. Larrazabel

February 17, 1862. Letter datelined at Havana. The writer notes he wrote to his wife last by the Roanoke (ss), and is awaiting the arrival of the Columbia. In a Feb. 25 postscript he notes he will not give his letters to the Columbia, but instead entrusted them to a Mr. Smith.

February 26. S.S. Cubana departed for New York with letter endorsed to her: per Spanish Steamer "La Cubana".



March 6. N.Y. Times. Arr. March 6, 1862, steamship Cubana, (Span.,) Larrazabel, Havana Feb. 26, in ballast to Simon de Visser. Came to this port to repair. Feb. 28, 150 miles W. of Havana passed bark Moneynick, bound N.

Letter was received at New York as a paid Ship Letter. It had been prepaid by 10¢ issue of 1861 as a double letter (content notes samples of cloth inclosed). Ship Letter rate of Feb. 27, 1861, was 5¢ per 1/2-oz. each if for delivery at the port of arrival.

1862

SHIP LETTERS

NEW YORK

Brig Annandale

Camden, Maine

July 31, 1862. Letter datelined at Matanzas, Cuba where it was entrusted "By the politeness of Capt. Tilden." Tilden was captain of the brig Annandale which departed from Matanzas on August 1, 1862, for New York.



August 22, 1862. N.Y. Times notes: Arrived New-York Wednesday Aug. 20 Brig Annandale (Camden), Tilden, Matanzas Aug. 1, with sugar to Metcalf & Duncan. Has anchored in the Lower Bay.

Mail was brought from the Lower Bay into New York where this letter was processed Aug. 22. Rated at the March 3, 1855, rate of 3¢ up to 3000 miles (N.Y. to Stockton, Maine) + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 5¢ due as shown in the handstamp.

Annandale was a 160 ton brig built in 1846 in Lincolnville, Maine. She was registered Nov. 26, 1847 at the Port of New York.

1862

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
SHIP LETTERS

Steamship Zara

Havre to New York



July 31, 1862. Bill of lading from a shipping agent at Havre notifying the addressee that a package is being shipped to him per the steamer Zara. No record of the Zara has yet been found by this researcher save for her arrival notice at New York recorded in the Boston Shipping List. The Zara was evidently an early steam freighter, as she is not listed among the Passenger Liners of the World.



July 31. Letter "p Zara" posted at the Bureau Maritime, Havre and paid only to the ship at dockside.



Aug. 26. Shipping lists note the arrival of the British Steamship Zara, Captain Jay, at New York Aug. 25, 1862 from Havre. Rated at the March 3, 1855 rate of 3¢ up to 3000 miles (N.Y. to Philadelphia) + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 5¢ due as shown in handstamp.

1863

SHIP LETTERS

NEW YORK

Hamburg Brig Bruno & Marie



August 22, 1863. Letter datelined at Rio de Janiero, Brazil. It was endorsed: pr Bruno & Maria, and handed to her captain.



October 5, 1863. N.Y. Times. Arrived at New York Oct. 4, Brig Bruno & Marie (Ham.), Buge, Rio de Janiero August 24 with coffee to J.L. Phipps & Co.

Letter was rated at the Ship Letter rates effective July 1, 1863, for a Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival at double the 2¢ local rate or 4¢ as shown at the base of the entry mark.

1865

SHIP LETTERS

NEW YORK

Schooner Dragon (Danish)



April 10, 1865. Letter datelined at St. Croix.



May 9, 1865. New York Times notes the arrival of the Schooner Dragon (Danish), Capt. Petersen from St. Croix in 13 days with molassas to Ives, Beecher & Co. No other St. Croix arrivals for the 9th or none on the 8th.

Letter was rated 6¢ due at the Ship Letter rates effective July 1, 1863, of double the Domestic charge of 3¢. Incoming Ship Letters addressed to the port of arrival were subject to double the local rate of 2¢ or a total of 4¢.

1865

SHIP LETTERS

NEW YORK

Schooner N. Berry (Boston)

April 10, 1865. Letter datelined at St. Croix.



May 18, 1865. New York Times notes the arrival at that port of the Schooner N. Berry of Boston, Captain Plumber, from St. Croix, 14 days with molassas to D. Trunbridge, left no other American vessels at St. Croix.

No other vessels had arrived at New York from St. Croix since May 9.

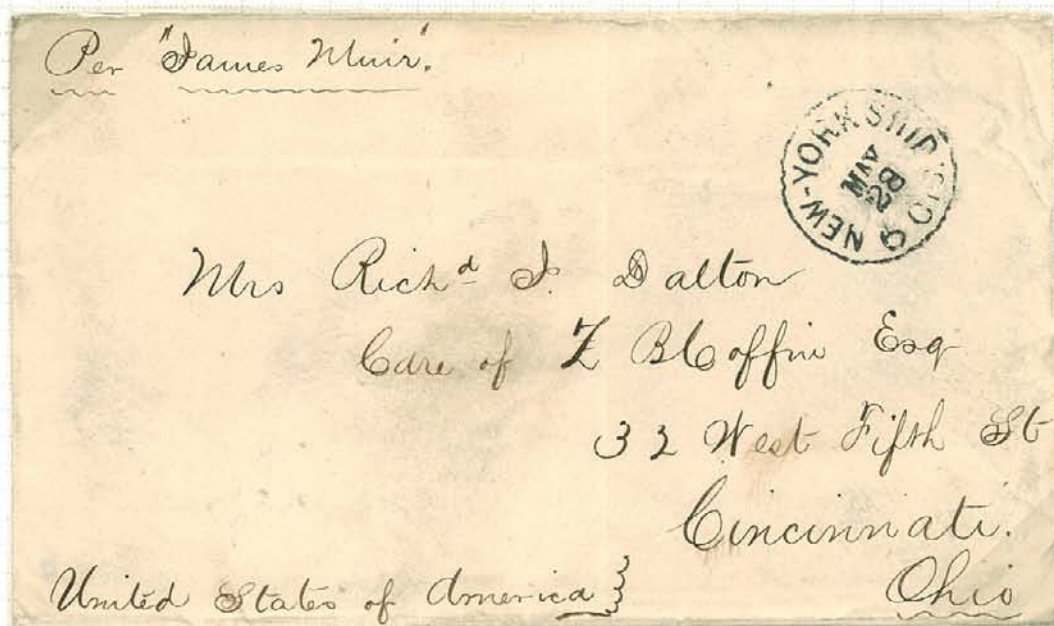
Letter was struck with a bold strike of the DUE/6, which was the rate effective July 1, 1863, of double the Domestic charge for incoming Ship Letters (3¢ x 2) unless addressed to the port of entry, then it was charged 2X the local rate of 2¢ or 4¢ due.

1866

SHIP LETTERS

NEW YORK

Bark James Muir (Yarmouth, N.S.)



T. P. COFFIN
SON & CO
APRIL 7 '66
Buenos Ayres

April 7, 1866. Backstamp on this envelope identifies port of mailing of the letter. The sender noted on the face: Per "James Muir".



N.Y. Times, May 28, 1866. Arrived at N.Y. Bark James Muir (of Yarmouth, N.S.,) Shaw, Buenos Ayres 45 ds. with hides and wool to Boyd & Hincken.

Letter received at New York as a Ship Letter which took double the Domestic rate, i.e., Act of March 3, 1863, half-ounce letter any distance $3¢ \times 2 = 6¢$ due at Cincinnati. This is a rather unusual New York Ship Letter mark with the word "LETTER" omitted.

1866

SHIP LETTERS

NEW YORK



Nov. 14, 1866. Letter datelined at Ponce, Puerto Rico and the date stamp of the sender, Prats and Co. stamped on the face. Both in the heading of the letter and on the face, sender directed it by the ship Laura Pride.



Dec. 1, 1866. Letter received at New York as a Ship Letter and charged 4¢ collect, being the rate effective July 1, 1863 of 2X the local rate (2¢ x 2) for a letter addressed to the Port of Entry, otherwise double the Domestic rate was charged.

Shipping records show Schooner Laura Pride, Capt. Scopean, arrived Dec. 1 at N.Y. from Mayaguez.

1868

SHIP LETTERS

HUMACAO, PORTO RICO TO NEW YORK

Schooner M.S. Hathaway (of Michias)

May 23, 1868. Letter datelined at Humacao, P.R. and endorsed both inside and on the face: p M.S. Hathaway. She sailed directly from Humacao to New York.

The Hathaway was a 199 ton schooner built in 1861 at Columbia, Maine, documented at the Port of New York on July 22, 1863.



N.Y. Times, June 11, 1868. Arrived Jan. 10, Schnr. M.S. Hathaway (of Michias,) Cole, Humacao, P.R. with sugar and molassas to F. Talbot & Co. Has been 4 ds. north of Hatteras.

June 10. Letter received at New York as a Ship Letter and charged 4¢ collect, being the rate effective July 1, 1863 of 2X the local rate (2¢ X 2) for a Ship Letter addressed to the Port of Entry, otherwise double the Domestic rate was charged.

1868

SHIP LETTERS
BREMEN TO NEW YORK VIA FAYAL
Bark Atlantic, Capt. DeHaan



N.Y. Times, June 8, 1868. Arrived N.Y. June 7, Bark Atlantic (N.G.) DeHaan, Bremen Feb. 20, via Fayal May 7, with empty oil barrels to order. Put into Fayal in distress with loss of rudder. May 16 lat 37 lon 40 28 passed ship Argosy (of Providence) from Callao for Cork, supplied her with provisions. The A has had fine weather since leaving Fayal.

Letter marked with the unlisted NEW YORK/6 SHIP circular date stamp. Letter rated, Act of 1863, which established that all Ship Letters, foreign and domestic, would be rated at double the letter rates. Here 3¢ domestic rate x 2 = 6¢ due.

1874

SHIP LETTERS

PARA, BRAZIL TO NEW YORK Schooner Maggie Abbott
Double Rate



August 20, 1874. Letter datelined at Para. It is endorsed: pr "Maggie Abbot" (sic), noted as a consignee's letter. The letter notes the shipment of 11 bales of Ratania roots via the M. Abbott.



Due

8

Sept. 14. Docket notes arrival at New York. N.Y. Times, Sept. 14, arrived at N.Y. Schooner Maggie Abbott (of Bucksport,) abbott, Para 21 ds. with hides, rubber and nuts to Burdett & Pond - vessel to R.J. Wenberg.

The New York SHIP mark shows an erroneous arrival date of Sept. 16.

Rated at the Ship Letter rates effective July 1, 1863 for a Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival at double the 2¢ local rate, or 4¢ x 2 (double Ship Letter) = 8¢ due. The 12 x 20 mm. "8" charge mark is seldom seen.

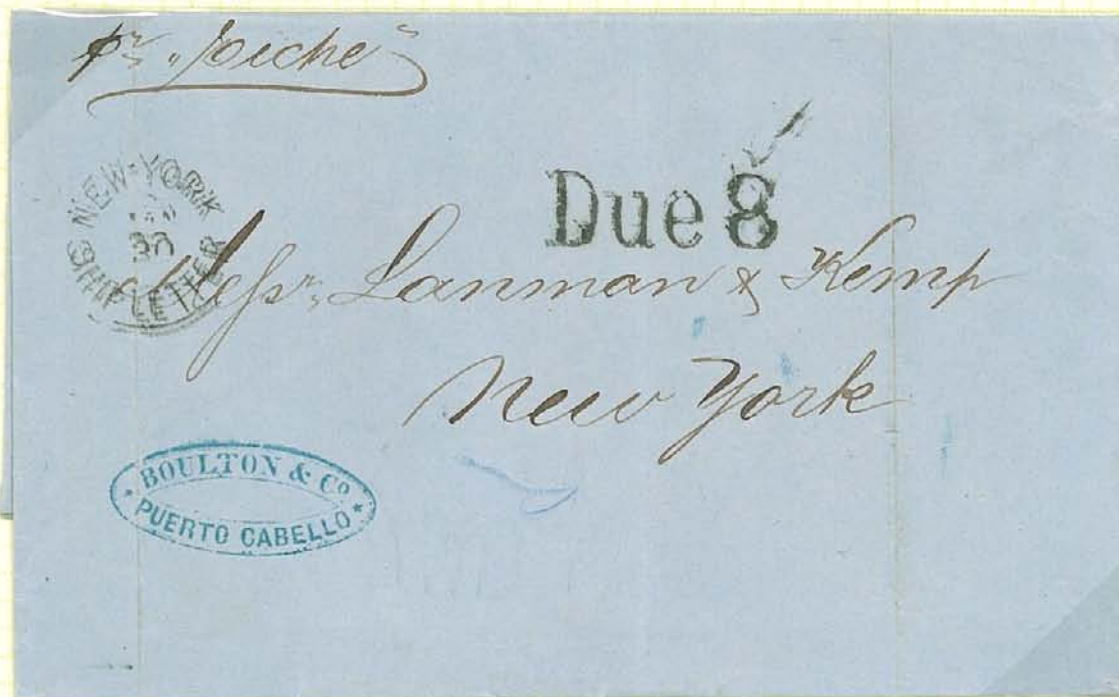
1876

SHIP LETTERS

PORTO CABELLO TO NEW YORK

Brig Eiche

Double Rate



January 8, 1876. Letter datelined at Porto Cabello and headed: pr. "Eiche". It was similarly endorsed on the cover.



Due 8

January 30, 1876, incoming Ship Letter stamp at New York.

N.Y. Times: Arrived N.Y. Jan. 29, Brig Eiche (of Turk's Island), Strobbridge, Puerto Cabello 20 ds. with mdse. to order. - vessel to Dallett, Bliss & Co.

Rated at the Ship Letter rates effective July 1, 1863, for a Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival at double the 2¢ local rate or 4¢ x 2 (double ship letter) = 8¢ due.

The unframed Ship Letter mark and the "Due 8" for a double Ship Letter are uncommon.

1858

SHIP LETTERS

LE HAVRE TO NEW YORK

Ship Russell



Sept. 15. A consignee's letter concerning shipment of wines aboard the ship "Russel" (sic). It is endorsed: p. navire "Russel" (p. ship Russell). Payment of postage to the port (P.P.) is by the 20 and 40 centimes Issue of 1853 (both Die I) to total 60 centimes which was the

August 1, 1849 French rate per 7½ grams for letters directed to foreign countries by ships of commerce leaving ports of France, prepayment was compulsory.

N.Y. Times. Arrived N.Y. Sunday Oct. 31. Ship Russell (of Boston), Condry, Havre 35 ds. with mdse. and 43 steerage passengers to master.



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

1859

SHIP LETTERS

BORDEAUX TO NEW YORK

Ship Neptune



April 8, 1859. Letter endorsed: par le Neptune. It is franked with the 20 and 40 centimes Issue of 1853 to total 60 centimes which was the August 1, 1849, French rate per 7½ grams for letters directed to foreign countries by ships of commerce leaving ports of France, prepayment was compulsory. P.P. = Port payee, carriage only to dockside at the port of debarkation. Cancellation is by the small numbers "441" of Bordeaux.

April 20. The ship Neptune departed from Bordeaux with this letter aboard, no doubt a consignee's letter.



N.Y. Times, June 10. Arrived N.Y. June 9. Ship Neptune, (Han.,) Fortman, Bordeaux 50 days, with wine, brandy, &c. to order.

Letter rated 6¢ as a Ship Letter addressed to the port of entry. 22mm. encircled "6" of New York in black.

1860

SHIP LETTERS

ST. JOHN, PORTO RICO TO NEW YORK

Brig Capella

January 24, 25, 1860. A letter dated at St. John's, P.R. (San Juan). It is headed and endorsed on the letter face; "Capella".

SHIP LETTER

SHIP LETTER handstamp (under the "6") applied at St. John's.



Shipping & Commercial List, N.Y. Arrived at New York February 14: Brig Capella, Head.....St. John, P.R.

Docket by Lanman & Kemp; Received feby. 14.

Letter rated at 6¢ for a Ship Letter addressed to the port of entry. 21 mm. encircled "6".

SHIP LETTERS

1860

Steam-ship KangarooPacket Ship Ellen Austin

London to New York via Liverpool

INMAN LINE

DRAMATIC LINE



June 13, 1860. Letter posted at the London Inland Office (Dubus 3071, "8" with small head cancellation) at the 6 pence Ship Letter rate paid by a copy of the Issue of 1856. It was directionally endorsed "Kangaroo from Queens-town". Kangaroo of the Inman Line was a contract packet where the packet rate was 1 shilling (12d. or 24c), U.S.-British Treaty of 1848.

June 14. London ignored the endorsement "from Queenstown" as the proper packet rate by contract steamer had not been paid. In fact, Kangaroo had sailed from L'pool June 13 and called at Q'town the 15th. Instead, the letter was forwarded to Liverpool and treated as a Ship Letter. The next packet ship to sail after the 14th was the Ellen Austin of the Dramatic Line, departing Liverpool June 17.



July 17, 1860.
Ellen Austin,
Capt. Garrick,
arrived at N.Y.
to Spoffard,
Tilson & Co.
Recipient was
charged 6c,
the U.S. charge
for a Ship Letter
addressed
to the port of
entry.

Kangaroo had
arrived June 27
at N.Y., thus
the sender lost
3 weeks by pay-
ing the 6d.
Ship Letter
rate rather
than the prop-
er 1/- contract
steam packet
rate.



1880

SHIP LETTERS

MIRAGAONE, HAYTI TO NEW YORK

Brig Mary E. Rowland



November 8, 1880. An unpaid letter written at the town of Miragaone, Hayti, and handed to the captain of the brig Mary E. Rowland.

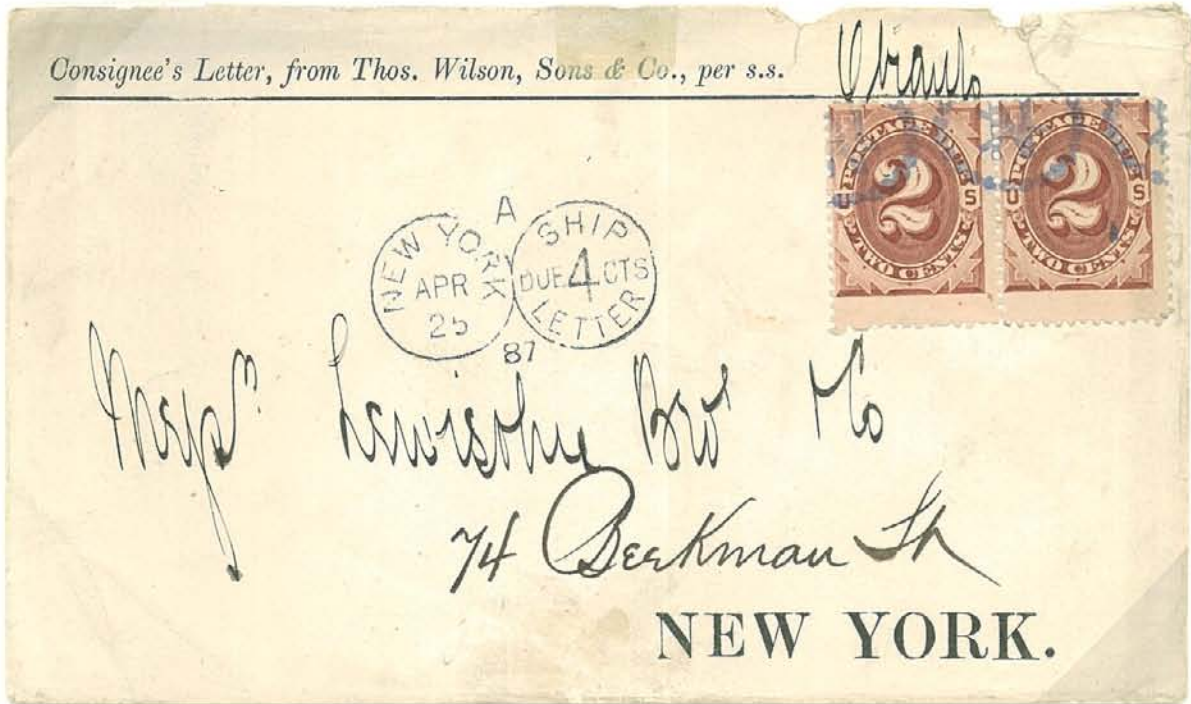


December 1. New York Times. Arrived Nov. 29. Brig Mary E. Rowland, Withers, Miragaone, 22 ds., with logwood to H. Becker & Co. - vessel to Swan & Son.

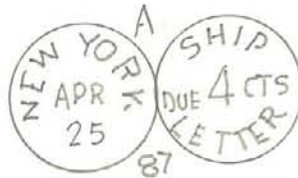
This letter was rated at the Ship Letter rate of double the Domestic rate, here $3\phi \times 2 = 6\phi$. The tangential circles New York SHIP LETTER mark is seldom seen. Payment shown by postage due stamps (only totalling 5ϕ).

1887

SHIP LETTERS
HULL, ENGLAND TO NEW YORK
British S.S. Oranto



April 7, 1887. A consignee's letter containing shipping papers for commodities consigned to New York shipped aboard the freighter S.S. Oranto sailing out of Hull.



N.Y. Times. Arrived at New York April 25: Steamship Oranto, (Br.,) Ribbeth, Hull April 7, with mdse. to Sanderson & Son.

Letter charged at the Ship Letter rate of double the 2¢ internal postage. Receipt of payment is shown by the pair of 2¢ postage due stamps, Issue of 1884 (Sc. J16), as usual these stamps were precancelled.

1908

SHIP LETTERS
ROYAL MAIL LINE

Kingston, Jamaica to U.S.
R.M.S. Oronoco



SHIP LETTER

COLLECT
POSTAGE

6 CENTS

Sept. 10, 1908. Letter posted at Montego Bay, Jamaica and paid at one penny by Jamaica, Issue of 1906.

Sept. 11. Transit at Kingston. 1d. was insufficient postage, so letter went aboard ship as a "SHIP LETTER", noted by the handstamp.

Sept. 12. R.M.S. Oronoco of the Royal Mail Line departed from Kingston.

N.Y. Times: Arrived N.Y. Sept. 18, SS Oronoco, Kingston, Sept. 12.

Sept. 18. Keene, N.H. arrival backstamp, the flag cancel.

Oronoco, built 1886, Caird & Co., Greenock, Scotland. 4572 tons, 409' x 45', single screw. Scrapped in 1909.

Letter was rated as a Ship Letter at double the domestic rate, i.e., 3¢ x 2 = 6¢, shown by the charge mark struck twice. The large encircled "T" indicates Tax or Postage Due,

