

1875

THE CUNARD LINE  
BOSTON AGENT, James Alexander

CUNARD STEAMSHIP OFFICE,



99 STATE STREET.

Special Notice to Agents.

Boston, Jan. 7, 1875.

Please note that the sailing of the Steamship  
"Marathon" from Boston, is postponed until Wednesday  
the 13th instant, at 12 o'clock, noon. Inform any passen-  
gers to whom you have sold Tickets, or who may apply  
to you for passages, of this change; and instruct all your  
passengers for the "Marathon" to be ready to embark  
from the Cunard Wharf, at the foot of Clyde Street, East  
Boston, at 11 o'clock on the above date.

JAMES ALEXANDER, Agent.

THE CUNARD LINE

1875

BOSTON AGENT, James Alexander

January 21, 1875. Cover letter for check for £1 on the Bank of Ireland, check stub retained by the sub-agent Elbridge W. Fox at Milton Mills, N.H. 3¢ U.S. domestic rate paid by Continental Bank Note Co., Issue of 1873.



MEMORANDUM.

To Elbridge W. Fox for £1 on the Bank of Ireland  
Boston Mills N.H.

To Mr. Fox  
Enclosed please find  
cheque for £1 on Bank of Ireland in favor  
of Mary Farrell also 45¢ change  
which please acknowledge to Mr. Fox  
Yours etc  
James Alexander  
W. J. Edwards

1875

THE CUNARD LINE  
BOSTON AGENT, James Alexander



Purchaser keeps this Receipt.

British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.  
CUNARD LINE.

99, State Street, Boston

Issued at *Boston*

Dated the *21* day of *July* 1875

Received \$ *5.00* Currency

Equal to £ *1* Sterling

For Draft No. **9391** on the  
**BANK OF IRELAND, DUBLIN.**

JAMES ALEXANDER,  
AGENT.

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THE CUNARD LINE  
BOSTON AGENT, James Alexander  
99 State St, Boston

CUNARD STEAMSHIP OFFICE,



99 STATE STREET.

Boston, January 23, 1875.

TO SUB-AGENTS.

I enclose my Circular of this date stating the rates of Steerage Passage at which you will sell Tickets on and after Monday next, the 25th inst.

You will observe that the rate for Prepaids is increased.

Please report all your sales up till this date, on receipt of this notice.

JAMES ALEXANDER, Agent.

1875

TRANSATLANTIC SHIPPING LINES  
THE CUNARD LINE  
BOSTON AGENT. James Alexander  
99 State St., Boston



January 23, 1875. Letter mailed at the 1¢  
Circular Rate to sub-agent Elbridge W. Fox at  
Milton Mills, NH. Rate paid by National Bank Note  
Issue of 1870 (no secret mark.)

Circular concerns the new rates for Steerage  
Passage on the Cunard Liners.

1840

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL



THE CUNARD LINE

R. M. S. Unicorn

The honor of the first Cunard transatlantic voyage went to the 640 ton wooden paddle steamer Unicorn which departed from Liverpool on May 16, 1840, to Halifax, thence to Boston where she arrived June 3. She then returned to Halifax, departing Boston June 10, arriving Halifax June 12. She went on feeder duty, Quebec to Halifax, later Quebec to Pictou, N.S., from which latter port arrangements had been made to transport the mails by stage-coach to Halifax. The Cunard steamers commenced calling at Halifax on July 17 with the arrival of Britannia on her 1st voyage. The Unicorn disappears from the scene after Sept. 28, 1840, presumably returning to England.



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B. 274

May 15, 1840. Letter direction-ally endorsed "pr Packet Steamer Unicorn from Liverpool" and the 8d. packet letter rate paid by the 1d. Mulready envelope plus 3 penny blacks plus two 1840 2d. blues. Unicorn departed from Liverpool May 16.

June 3. Unicorn arrived at Boston where the letter was rated at 6¢ due, being the U.S. Ship Letter charge for a letter addressed to the port of entry. This is the Boston "6" Ship Letter mark.

Robson Lowe 1983.

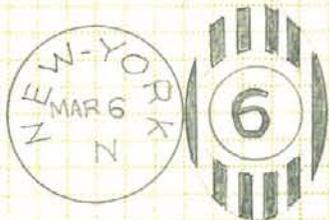
1877

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
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THE CUNARD LINE

S.S. Abyssinia

Double rated U.P.U.

3367 tons, 363' x 42' beam, iron screw steamer, 13 knots, launched Mar. 3, 1870 at J. & G. Thompson, Glasgow. May 24, 1870, maiden voyage Liverpool-Queenstown-N.Y. Last voyage for Cunard Sept. 18, 1880. Later a Guion Liner, various runs until destroyed by fire at sea Dec. 18, 1891 on route N.Y. to L'pool. Passengers and crew rescued by S.S. Spree (NGL).



March 6, 1877. Double rated letter at 5¢ per ½-oz. x 2 = 10¢, paid by a nice combination of 3¢ stamped envelope, Issue of 1874-86, Die 2; 5¢ Issue of 1875 and 2¢ Bank Note Issue of 1875. The No. 6 killer in the duplex cancellation was used at New York exclusively for Foreign Mail. The British steamer (Cunard) Abyssinia, Capt. Murphy.

was cleared to sail Tuesday March 6 at the docks of C.G. Francklyn, and sailed on March 7 for Liverpool via Queenstown, Ireland.



March 19. French entry mark at Calais, Ambulant (T.P.O.) on the French side of the Dover-Calais ferry.



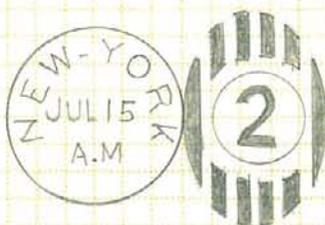
March 19. Paris arrival backstamp.

1878

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Abyssinia

U. S. to France by British Packet via Queenstown



July 15, 1878. Letter to France paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate to member countries by 2¢ Issue of 1875 and 3¢ Issue of 1873 (without grill, secret mark), Bank Note issues.

July 17. R.M.S. Abyssinia departed from New York for Liverpool via Queenstown.



July 26. By cable from Queenstown: Arrived today Abyssinia, Capt. Murphy, from New York for Liverpool.

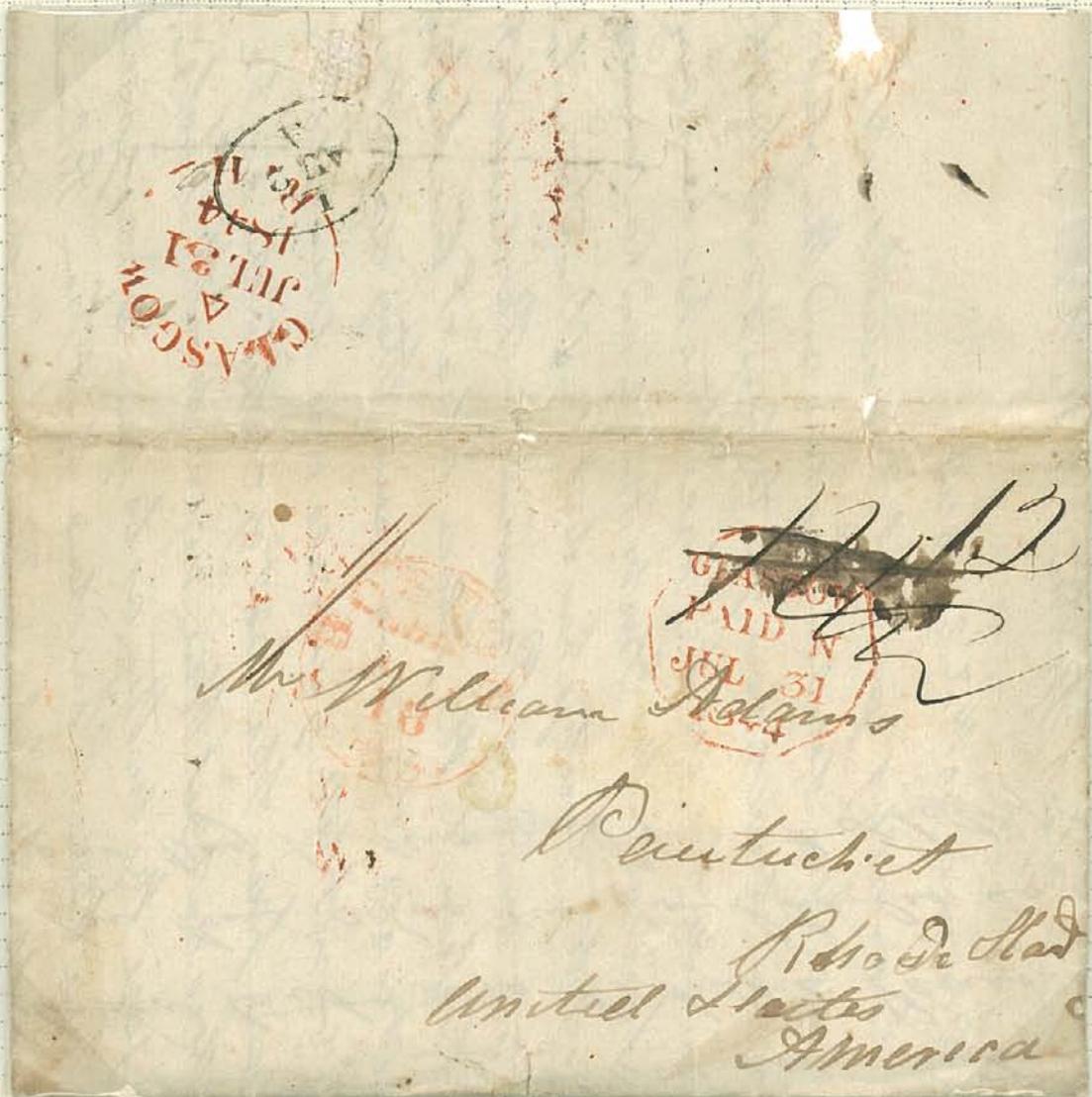
July 27. Arrival mark at Paris shows, UNITED STATES (mail) VIA ENGLAND.

1844

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

BRITISH PACKET, R.M.S. Acadia

21st Outbound Passage



July 31, 1844. This letter was posted at a Glasgow Receiving House where it received the R.H. backstamp. It was paid one shilling (1/-) as shown in manuscript, the British Packet rate. Transit at the Glasgow main office, it received the 10 sided transit mark.

August 2. Received at the Liverpool packet office where the oval packet office backstamp was struck. R.M.S. Acadia of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool for Boston on August 4.

August 17. Acadia arrived at Boston, letter processed at the Boston P.O. Aug. 18. It was originally rated, Act of March 1825 at 80-150 miles at 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢. The distance error was noted, and this was corrected to 30-80 miles at 10¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter = 12¢.

1844

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL



THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Acadia



Dec. 3, 1844. Posted paid one shilling in cash, shown by the red squiggle, at Liverpool. This was the British packet letter rate.

Dec. 5. R.M.S. Acadia departed from Liverpool for Boston via Halifax on her 23rd westbound voyage.



Dec. 21. Acadia had arrived at Boston on Dec. 20. Letter was rated under the Act of March 3, 1825 zone rate of 150-400 miles, Boston to Castine, Maine of 18-3/4¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 20-3/4¢ due as shown in manuscript.

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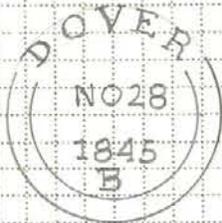
1845

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
CUNARD LINE

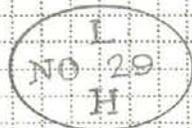
R. M. S. Acadia



November 28, 1845. Letter paid at Dover, England at the 1 shilling transatlantic pre-treaty rate. This amount is stated in red manuscript as 1/-.



November 29. London paid "tombstone" transit stamp. Letter was forwarded on to Liverpool where it received the oval Liverpool transit mark the same day.



December 4. R.M.S. Acadia departed for Boston via Halifax on her 25th westbound voyage.

December 19. Acadia arrived at Boston. As pre-Treaty mail, the letter was subject to the Act of March 3, 1845, U.S. rate of 5¢ for a letter under 300 miles + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 7¢ due, Boston to Portsmouth. The "paid" adjacent to the 7 refers to the payment in England.



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1848

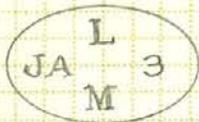
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Acadia

County Down to New York via Dublin and Liverpool



January 1, 1848. This letter was paid 1 shilling in cash (red manuscript marking) for transatlantic by packet at Newtownards, County Down, Ireland. Red transit January 2 at Dublin. This is the circular type (A&H 793) that in 1846 replaced the Dublin square PAID marks. Numbers 1 to 8 are found at the top designating the stamp.



January 3. Transit backstamp at Liverpool. This letter was held for the sailing of the R.M.S. Acadia from Liverpool for Boston on January 15. Cambria had sailed for New York on January 1.

February 1. Acadia arrived at Boston and mail sent on to New York. Rated Act of 1845 at 5¢, not over 300 miles + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 7¢, shown by the large handstamp.

1848

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Acadia

1,154 tons, 207 ft. x 34 ft. beam, clipper bow, 1 funnel, 3 masts, wooden paddle steamer. Launched April 1840 by John Wood, Port Glasgow, engines by Robert Napier, Glasgow. Aug. 4, 1840 maiden voyage Liverpool-Halifax-Boston. Nov. 4, 1848 last voyage ditto. In all she made 33 Round Voyages. In 1853-4 she ran Bremen to N.Y., 1855 was a Crimean War transport, 1858 scrapped at London.



Jan. 14, 1848. Paid letter at Wolverhampton. Rate for a double letter at 1sh. x 2 = 2/- paid as shown in red. Endorsed "Pr Steamer of 15 Jany from LPool".

Jan. 15. Transit backstamp at Liverpool. The Acadia sailed from this port Jan. 15 for Boston via Halifax.

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Feb. 1, 1848. Shipping records show the Acadia arrived at Boston. Letter charged at Act of Mar. 3, 1847 rate at under 300 miles of 5¢ x 2 (double letter) = 10¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge, total 12¢.

1852

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
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THE CUNARD LINE

R. M. S. Africa



PAID

24

July 10, 1852. Letter pre-paid in cash, 24¢ for the U.S.-British Treaty Rate of 1849 at Yarmouth, Maine. Unusual usage of the North Yarmouth circular date stamp with "North" deleted.

19

July 14, 1852. Royal Mail Steamer Africa departed this date from N.Y. for Liverpool. Debit to U.S. of 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ shown in red.



R. P4

July 25. The date of this Liverpool mark agrees with the recorded arrival date of Africa at Liverpool.

This letter was addressed to a seaman aboard the Ship Rialto, Capt. Mitchell. Rialto was a 499 ton ship built 1852 at Yarmouth, Maine. The Holdcamper list shows her as registered at New York July 30, 1856.

1853

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Africa



May 6, 1853. An invoice for tools (chisels, gouges, plane blades, etc.) from W. & S. Butcher of Sheffield, merchants and manufacturers of tools and cutlery. A fine heading appears on their invoice. Letter endorsed: pr "Africa" S.S. 7 May 1853, posted unpaid at Sheffield.



19  
CENTS



May 7. Transit backstamps at Liverpool. R.M.S. Africa of the Cunard Line sailed this date from Liverpool for N.Y. Exchange Office debited U.S. for 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.

24

May 19. Africa arrived at New York, letter went by rail to Philadelphia. Docket notes received May 20. Distinctive blue "24" charge mark of Philadelphia for 24¢ U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate per ½-oz. U.S. retained 5¢ U.S. Inland.

1855

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Africa

*Newtown N.Y.  
June 16<sup>th</sup> 53*

June 16, 1855. A letter posted unpaid at Newtown Stephensburg, Frederick Co., Virginia. This manuscript postmark is not listed in ASCC in this format (listed as written "N't Stephensburg".)



June 19. Letter in transit at New York where the Exchange Office debited Britain for 5¢ U.S. Inland postage. The U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate was 24¢ (one shilling) per ½-oz.

June 20. R.M.S. Africa of the Cunard Line departed from Boston this date, arrived at Liverpool on July 1.

July 2. London arrival backstamp. Exchange Office there marked letter as one shilling (1/-) due. Britain retained 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.

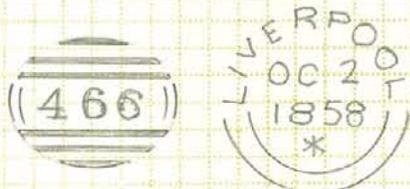


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1858

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Africa



PAID

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Oct. 2, 1858. Letter posted at Liverpool and paid 1 shilling (24¢), the U.S.-British rate by a copy of the Issue of 1856. The circular dated backstamp of Liverpool is somewhat unusual with the small six pointed star beneath the year date.

R.M.S. Africa departed this date for New York via Queenstown.

Oct. 14. Records show Africa arrived at New York this date. Exchange Office debit of 5¢ to Britain for U.S. Inland. Britain retained 3¢ British Inland + 16¢ sea postage (British Packet) or 19¢.

Oct. 15. Docket notes receipt at New York.

1859

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Africa

2,226 tons, 260 ft. x 40 ft. beam. Wooden paddle steamer, double cylinder side lever engine, 12 knots. Built by R. Steele & Co., Greenock; engines Robert Napier, Glasgow. Launched July 1850. Oct. 26, 1850, maiden voyage Liverpool-New York. Feb. 1854 stranded near Jersey City, refloated. On her voyage of Dec. 7, 1867 Liverpool-Halifax-Boston she was the last sailing by a wooden paddle steamer. 1868 sold.



November 11, 1859. London Inland Office obliterator (Dubus 311d) with the configuration 8<sup>29</sup> cancels pair of 1 shilling stamps to prepay double rate <sup>2</sup> to U.S. from Britain. The one penny red pays a Late Fee. Inspector's cross shows special handling, viz. late fee and double rated letter. Blue dated London backstamp.



B. 709

Nov. 12. Liverpool Packet Letter Office transit lozenge. RMS Africa sailed this date from Liverpool.

Manuscript "10" credits U.S. for double U.S. Inland of 5¢ x 2 = 10¢. Britain kept 16¢ sea + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ x 2 (double letter) = 38¢ + 1d. late fee (2¢) = 40¢ total.

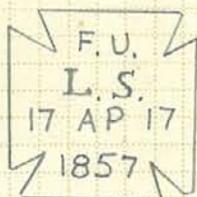
Nov. 26. Africa landed at N.Y. Mail bulked to Boston where this mark struck Nov. 26. Blake shows used 3/16/58 to 1/10/61.

1857

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Africa

Philadelphia/British Packet



A&H.82

April 17, 1857. London receipt mark at the Lombard Street Office. The "F.U." at top would appear to be the code of the stamp or perhaps Foreign Unit. The A&H listing also shows the "F.U." (also see TAA 120.0).

As letter was unpaid, Britain got credit of 16¢ transatlantic (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.



May 1. The Africa arrived at N.Y. this date. Mail bulked to Philadelphia where this mark was struck (Type 9, Cf. Chronicle 90, Pg. 158). 24¢ transatlantic rate due of this the U.S. kept 5¢.

1858

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

British Packet - R.M.S. Africa

Chester Spoon Cancel



Aug. 19, 1858. Letter pre-paid at the 1 shilling (24¢) U.S.-British Treaty Rate by stamp Issue of 1856. Fine cancellation by the Chester spoon with "180" in the killer being the office number of Chester, English series.

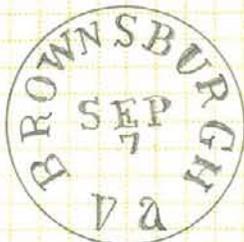
Aug. 19. Backstamps at Liverpool, including Packet Letter Office oval. R.M.S. Africa departed L'pool Aug. 21 for New York.

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Exchange Office  
mark credits  
U.S. with 5¢  
U.S. Inland.  
Britain got  
16¢ Sea + 3¢ British  
Inland = 19¢.



Sept. 2. Africa arrived at N.Y. on this date. Trans-Atlantic rate included U.S. Inland delivery to Brownsburgh, Virginia.



Sept. 7. Addressee had relocated, so letter was forwarded from Brownsburgh to Christiansburg, Virginia, forwarder paid 3¢ for forwarding, Act of Mar. 3, 1855, shown by mss. note U.L.

1854

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Alps

Liverpool to Boston - Only Contract Mail Voyage by Alps

On February 14, 1854, the screw steamer Alps was substituted for Niagara, scheduled sailing from Liverpool on the 18th. Alps sailed a day late on the 19th with the British Mail for Boston. When her sister ship Andes arrived at Boston on the 28th, it was announced that she would take the place of Niagara on the return voyage from Boston on March 15. Thus, Niagara was replaced by Alps on the outward trip and by Andes on the return. Niagara had been taken over by the British Government to serve as a military transport. (Hubbard & Winter)

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February 17, 1854. An unpaid letter concerning coal shipments dated at Liverpool and endorsed: p "Alps".

February 18. Liverpool transit backstamp. R.M.S. Alps sailed from Liverpool the 19th (a day late) on her only transatlantic voyage as a contract mail steamer. This contract voyage was only from Liverpool to Boston. U.S. was debited under the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848, at 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.

March 7. Alps arrived at Boston. A charge of 24¢ was due as shown in the Boston Exchange Office receiving handstamp. U.S. retained 5¢ U.S. Inland. Alps sailed from Boston on other, non-contract, duty. The return mails to Liverpool were carried by the Andes.



B.767

1854

Pernambuco, Brazil to U.S. via Southampton  
 Royal Mail Steam Packet Thames, Pernambuco to Southampton  
 Cunard Line: R.M.S. Alps, Liverpool to Boston

Per R. M. Str. "Thames."

**Price Current.**

Pernambuco 20 January 1854.

| Imports                | Price       | Per  | Duty | Remarks    | Imports               | Price         | Per  | Duty      | Remarks |
|------------------------|-------------|------|------|------------|-----------------------|---------------|------|-----------|---------|
| Ale & Porter .....     | 5200 @ 5400 | doz. | 1263 | sales.     | Lard, American .....  | 320 @ 340     | lb.  | 47        | none.   |
| Almonds, soft shell .. | 5500        | arr. | 1200 | last sale. | Lumber, " .....       | 55            | foot | 30% ad v. | nom.    |
| Beef, jerked .....     | 3000 " 4400 | "    | 500  | retail.    | Lead, bar & sheet.... | 16000 @ 19000 | ctl. | 3000      |         |

January 20, 1854. Price Current dated at Pernambuco and directionally endorsed: Per R.M. Str. "Thames." This notice was sent in bulk to Liverpool to be forwarded from there.

R.M.S.P. Thames, the station steamer, departed from Rio de Janeiro January 14 and picked up this letter at Pernambuco on January 20. She arrived at Southampton February 14. Letter was forwarded in bulk to Liverpool where a forwarding agent endorsed it: p Alps and put it into the mail unpaid.

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February 16. Liverpool transit mark and L'pool Packet Letter Office oval backstamp Feb.17.  
 Feb. 19. R.M.S. Alps sailed from Liverpool (a day late) on her only transatlantic voyage as a contract mail steamer, only from Liverpool to Boston. R.M.S. Andes carried the return mails, Boston to L'pool. U.S. debited 3¢ British Inland + 16¢ Sea (Br.Pkt.) = 19¢  
 March 7. Alps arrived at Boston. 24¢ due under the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848.

1860

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Africa

One Penny Transatlantic Printed Matter Rate



May 19, 1860. Boulton, English & Brandon's Freight Circular is dated at Liverpool and endorsed: PER ARABIA. It was not put into the Liverpool post office until May 21. R.M.S. Arabia had already sailed from Liverpool on May 19 via Queenstown the 20th. This circular missed that sailing.

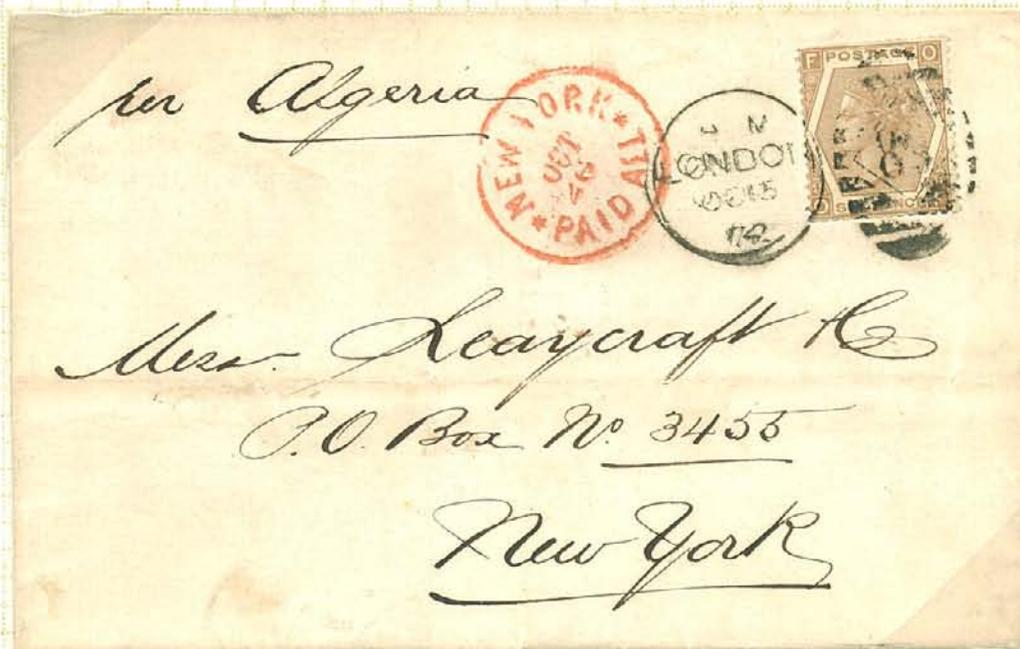
May 26. R.M.S. Africa of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool this date via Queenstown the 27th. She arrived at New York June 8.

This circular was paid at the one penny printed matter rate as opposed to the letter rate of one shilling (12d.) per ½-oz. A one penny red pays the rate. The circular is endorsed: [Registered at the General Post Office for Transmission Abroad]. This was to signify that the piece was being mailed under the lower printed matter rate.

1872

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Algeria



October 15, 1872. Dubus 122 canceller of the London Inland Branch. From Feb. 1872 to Jan. 1875 the numbers 85 to 98 in the diamond had code letters in the cds, "e" being the code letter for 89. After Mar. 10, 1875, 89 had the code letter "h". 6d. brown, Issue of 1872, pays the transatlantic rate. R.M.S. Algeria sailed from L'pool Oct. 15 and Queens-town Oct. 16.

Oct. 26. N.Y. Times Sat. Oct. 26 records the arrival of the Algeria, Capt. LeMessorier (sic) at N.Y. Exerpts from her log indicate the steamer traffic on the Atlantic in 1872.

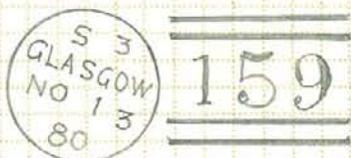
"Sat. Oct. 26, 1872. Arrived N.Y. Steamship Algeria (Br.) Oct. 24 lat 42 10, lon 62 30 passed a German bark bound W. showing a code signal M.B.F.N.; 25th lat 40 44 lon 68, passed a National steamer bound E. Same day 230 miles E. from Sandy Hook, passed a German steamer bound E.; 100 miles from Sandy Hook, passed an Inman steamer bound E."

1880

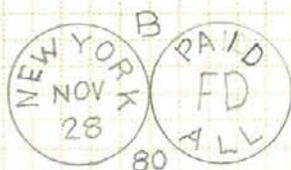
TRANSATLANTIC SHIPPING LINES  
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Algeria

3,428 tons, 361 ft. x 41 ft. beam, iron screw steamer, 13 knots. Built by J. & G. Thompson, Glasgow, launched Mar. 3, 1870, maiden voyage May 24, 1870, Liverpool-Queenstown-New York. Oct. 22, 1881 last voyage ditto. Renamed Pennland (Red Star) in 1882. She had many changes until scrapped 1903 in Italy.



November 13, 1880. Letter posted paid at Glasgow, 2½d. U.P.U. rate to member countries. Scotch series "159" number assigned to Glasgow. Note typical misalignment of duplex obliterator, c.d.s. not parallel with the killer.



Nov. 28, 1880. Receipt backstamp at Port of New York Foreign Dept. Contents also includes "prices current" of John M'Call & Co's Grain Circular of 10th November 1880.

1848

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. America

Maiden Voyage

May 9, 1848. Envelope endorsed "America", referring to the Cunard Liner R.M.S. America. She was launched May 13, 1847 at R. Steele & Co., Greenock, and made her maiden voyage Liverpool-Halifax-New York on April 15, 1848, arriving at New York April 29. This letter was carried on her first return maiden voyage to England, leaving New York May 9, 1848.



May 22, 1848. Arrival Packet Letter Office backstamp at Liverpool. This distinctive "AMERICA" mark is only found on mail carried by the Cunard Line.

May 23. Transit backstamp at London. Handstamp shows one shilling (1/-), stylized "squiggle", due, equivalent to 24¢ U.S.



May 24. Woodbridge, Suffolk County, receipt mark.

1850

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
NEW ORLEANS TO LONDON VIA BOSTON  
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. America



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April 18, 1850. A double weight letter paid at New Orleans at 24¢ x 2 = 48¢ in cash, under the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848. Britain was credited with 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ x 2 = 38¢. The credit is shown by the unusual and seldom seen "hollowed" credit mark "38". Letter is endorsed: p British Steamer of 1st May from Boston. Letter went overland to New York, thence to Boston.

May 1. Cunard Line R.M.S. America departed from Boston for Liverpool.



May 13. America arrived at Liverpool.

May 14. Arrival mark at London, letter received as a PAID letter.

1850

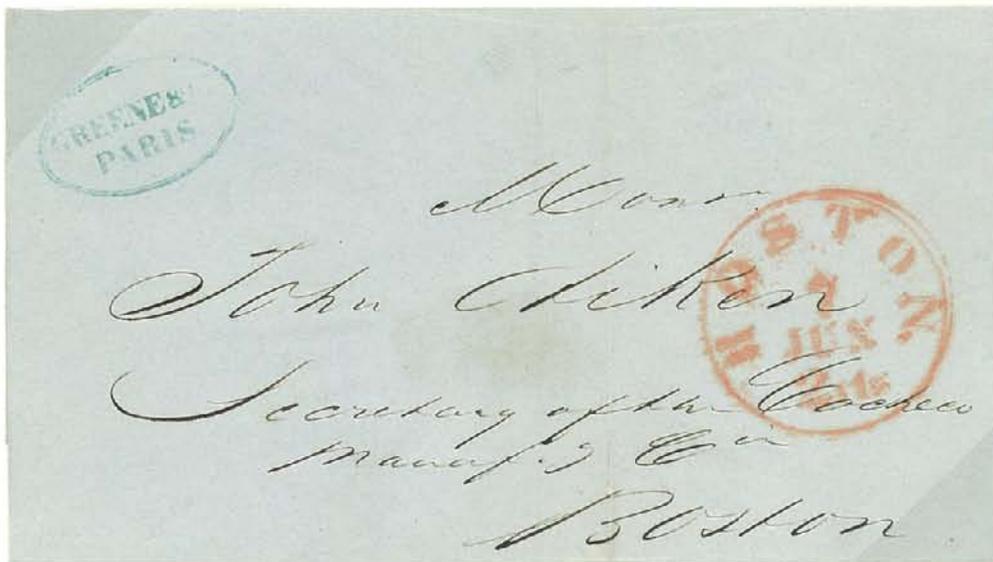
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. America

Letter "by favor"

2¢ Local (Drop) Letter Rate



May 23, 1850. Letter docket notes origin at Paris from the well-known forwarders Greene & Co. They arranged for the letter to be handled, probably by a U.S. bound traveller, out of the post office all the way to Boston.

May 25. The Cunard Line R.M.S. America departed from Liverpool, arrived at New York June 6.



B. 593

June 7. The courier carried the letter to Boston and dropped it into the mail there where it was subject to the Local or Drop Letter rate of only 2¢. Had the letter gone by the normal route as a British Packet letter from England, the rate would have been 24¢.

This postmark appears on Drop Letters in red from January 15, 1850. It is also found in black after June 2, 1852 on printed circulars.

1857

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. America

Delays due to ice at Boston Harbor

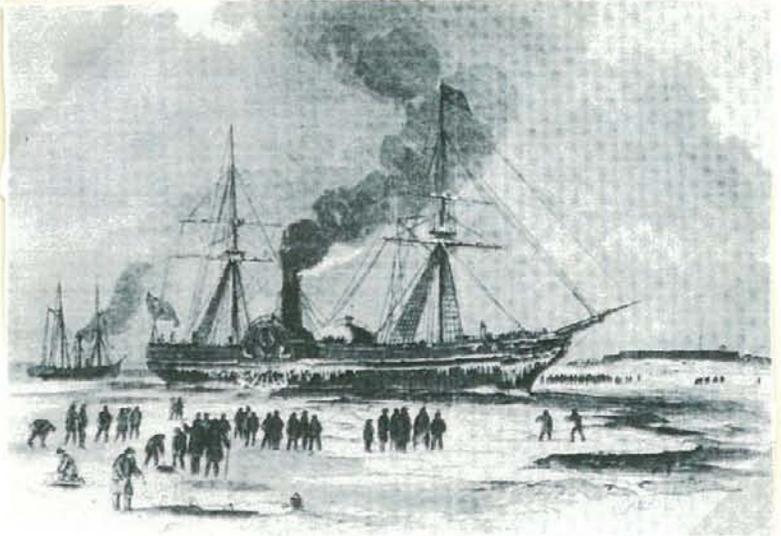
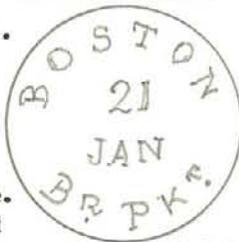
R.M.S. America encountered severe ice conditions when coming into Boston Harbor on January 21, 1857, with this letter on board. Her departure on leaving Boston for Liverpool January 29, was delayed one day due to ice.



January 2, 1857. Letter from Baring Bros. & Co., Liverpool mentions cotton prices quoted by earlier Cunard Liners Asia and Europa.

Jan. 3. Posted at Liverpool, double letter at 24¢ x 2 = 48¢. U.S. debited 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ x 2 = 38¢. R.M.S. America sailed for Boston on even date.

January 21. America arrived at Boston through the ice. 48¢ due. U.S. retained 5¢ U.S. Inland x 2 = 10¢ under the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate. Boston Exchange Office backstamp.



America coming into Boston harbor through the ice, Jan 57.

1858

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
— \* —  
THE CUNARD LINE

R. M. S. America

Philadelphia Exchange Office



PAID



April 19, 1858. Letter wholly prepaid in cash of 24¢ (no notation for this). Of this amount, the U.S. kept 5¢ for U.S. Inland Postage and the Philadelphia Exchange Office showed the credit to Britain of 16¢ sea (British Packet - Cunard) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢. The R.M.S. America sailed from Boston on April 21, 1858, for Liverpool. Type 3 Philadelphia mark (Chronicle 90, Pg. 158).



May 4. Arrival mark at Liverpool, "Paid in America". The America arrived at L'pool this date.



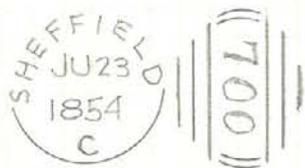
May 4. Birmingham transit and Malvern arrival backstamps.

1854

TRANSATLANTIC SHIPPING LINES

THE CUNARD LINE

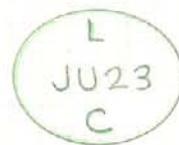
The Cunard liner America was an 1825 ton steamer in service 1848-63. She was chartered to the Allan Line in 1863.



June 23, 1854. 1s. Transatlantic rate prepaid by S.G. #56 cancelled by the unusual Sheffield double stamp obliterator with name under number.



June 23. Liverpool transit.



Liverpool Packet Office transit.

"5 CENTS" British Exchange Office credit to U.S. for her domestic postage.

1859

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
\*  
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. America

Liverpool Packet Letter Office  
Double rated letter



January 29, 1859. Unpaid letter over ½-oz., but not over 1 oz., double rate. It cleared the Liverpool Packet Letter Office where the "P.L.O." c.d.s. was applied on the face, which was rarely done, usually employed as a backstamp. Another example of the P.L.O. on the face is from this

same correspondence on the next Cunard sailing, that of the Canada Feb. 12.

R.M.S. America sailed on Jan. 29, 1859 from Liverpool for Boston.

38  
CENTS

48

B. 717.



Marked aboard ship as a debit to the U.S. for 16¢ sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ x 2 (double letter) = 38¢.

Feb. 17. America arrived at Boston B. 702  
Feb. 16. Letter rated at the double transatlantic rate Britain to U.S. of 24¢ x 2 = 48¢ struck in large handstamp. Recipient restated rate in red crayon as in all of the Sise & Co. correspondence.

1860

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. America

Quadruple Rated Cover



April 5, 1860.  
Posted unpaid at  
Manchester, Eng-  
land and noted,  
"per Mail Steam-  
er from L'pool  
7 April/60."  
April 7 was the  
regular Satur-  
day sailing date  
of the Cunarders.



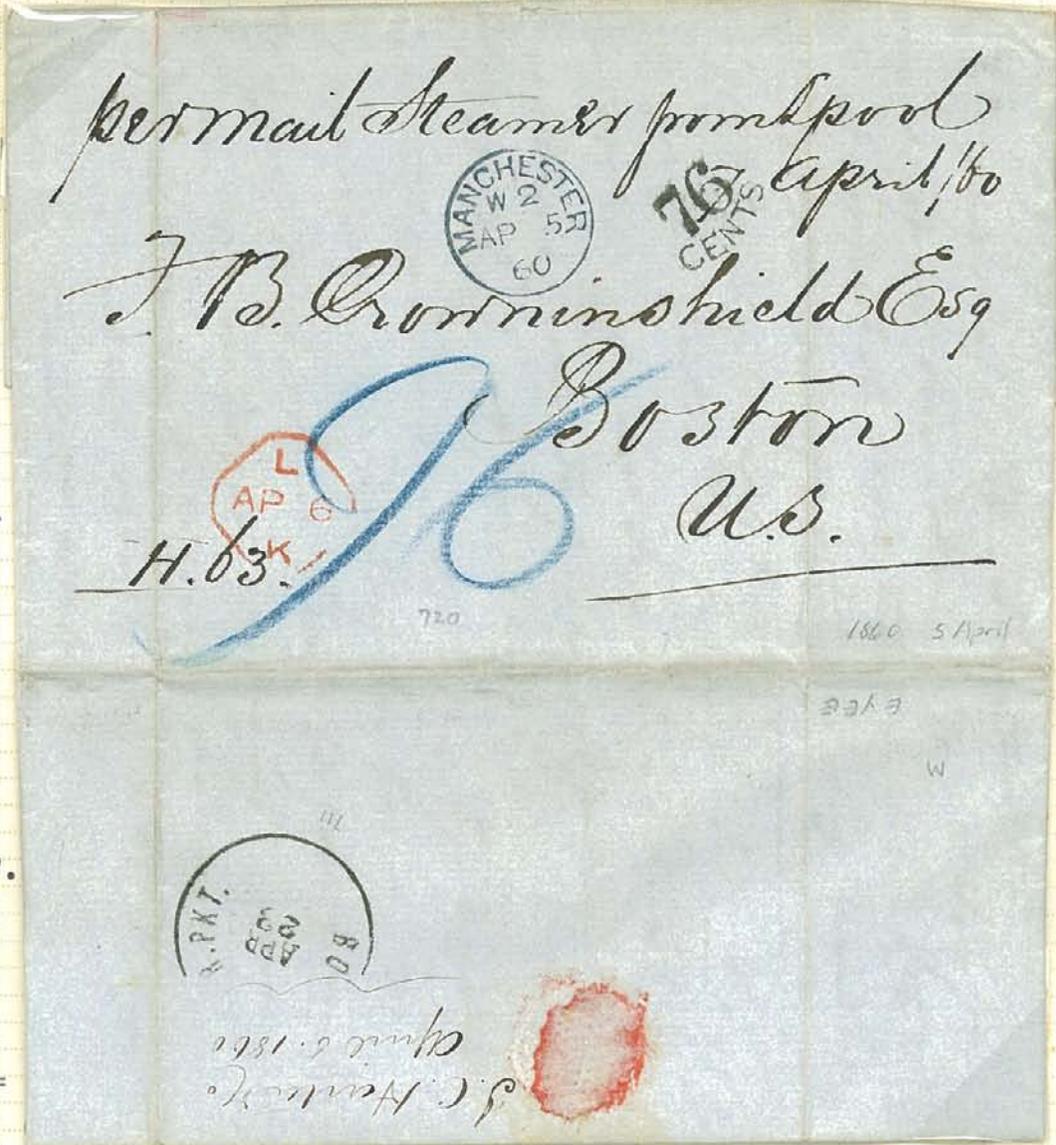
April 6. Tran-  
sit at Liverpool,  
from which port  
the RMS America  
sailed on April 7.

76  
CENTS

Transatlantic  
rate of 24¢ x 4 =  
96¢ due. Here  
debit to U.S. of  
16¢ sea (British  
Packet) + 3¢ Brit-  
ish Inland = 19¢  
x 4 = 76¢.



B. 711



B. 720.

April 23. Arrival back-  
stamp at Boston of the RMS  
America, Capt. Miller. The  
charge mark shows 96¢ due.

This cover is ex-Blake  
collection, and is the re-  
cording cover for Type 720.

1862

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. America

*Per "America" via Queenstown*



19  
CENTS

March 8, 1862. A letter on official stationery written by Robert Hutchison, Mayor of Liverpool, answering an inquiry requesting the location of relatives in Liverpool. They could not be found. Letter handed unpaid to the Packet Letter Office at Liverpool. It is endorsed: Per "America" via Queenstown. The R.M.S. America departed from Liverpool March 8, touched at Queenstown on the 9th. U.S. was debited with 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.

March 24. America arrived at Boston. Letter subject to 24¢ collect, the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate per ½-oz. U.S. retained 5¢ U.S. Inland postage.



This mark is noted in Blake as used Sept. 6, 1850 to Feb. 10, 1861. This example extends the usage to March 24, 1862, over 13 months.

1863

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. America

Last Transatlantic Voyage of America

The America, launched in 1847, made regular voyages from Liverpool to New York or Boston. This letter was carried on her last voyage as a transatlantic Cunard packet, departing from Boston on May 27, 1863. From July 1863 until March 1864 she made four round voyages under charter to the Allan Line. In 1866 she again ran under the Cunard flag from Liverpool to Havre. In 1866 she was converted to the sailing ship Coalgaconda. She was scrapped around 1875.



May 26, 1863. Letter posted at New York and endorsed: pr. America/ May 27. It is paid at the 24¢ U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate by the Issue of 1863, 24¢ lilac. The New York Exchange Office credited Britain with 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.

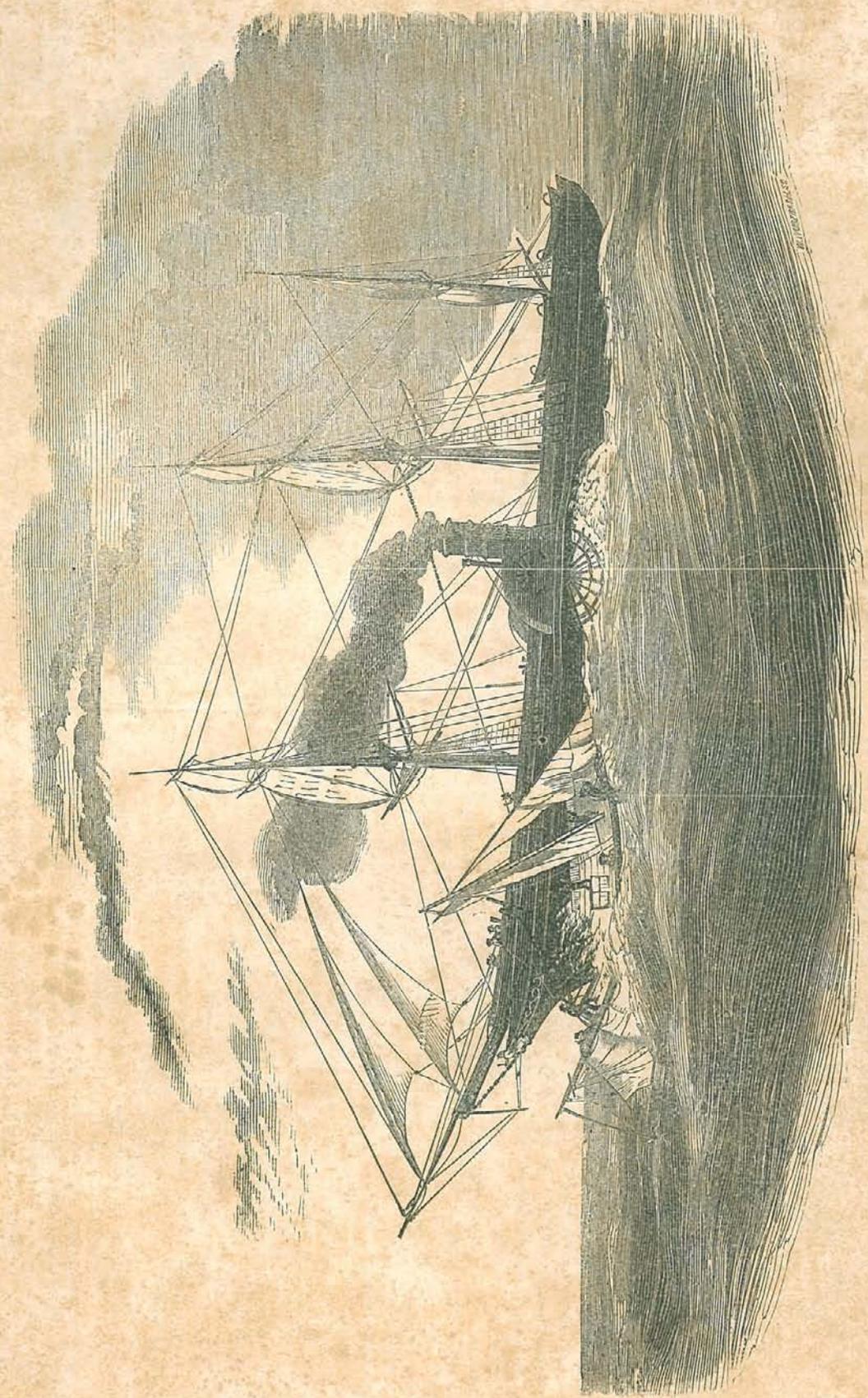
May 27. R.M.S America departed from Boston.

June 7. America arrived at Queens- town. London, Northern District Office receiving backstamp June 8.



THE LUNARD LINE

SS. EUROPA. 1834 tons  
In Service 1848-65



THE STEAMER EUROPA RUNNING DOWN THE SCHOONER FLORENCE.

[For description, see page 333.]

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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Aquitania

Built 1914, John Brown & Co., Glasgow. 45,647 tons, 264' x 29½'  
Had a very varied career including service in World War I and WW II.  
She made a total of 443 round voyages on the North Atlantic. Scrapped  
in 1950.

February 28, 1931. Items pertaining to the "Cunard Travel Club"  
were found within this envelope.

