

1849

FORWARDING AGENTS

R. REDFORD & SON

Newcastle-on-Tyne

Cunard Line Transatlantic

R.M.S. Niagara

*Forwarded by Messrs B Redford Son
Newcastle on Tyne*

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE
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August 23, 1849.
This letter was handled by an agent in Newcastle-on-Tyne, presumably for a crew member of a coal ship in port from Harpswell, Maine.

B. Redford & Son paid the one shilling (24¢) British-U.S. Treaty rate in cash, transaction shown by the red 1 shilling manuscript notation. It was directionally endorsed: p. Niagara.

Forwarded by Messrs B Redford Son

p. Niagara

Mrs Silvester

Harpswell Maine

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE
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August 24. Transit backstamps at Liverpool.

August 25. Niagara departed from Liverpool for New York via Halifax on her 10th outbound voyage.

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CENTS

September 7. Niagara arrived at New York, mail processed by the New York Exchange Office Sept. 8. Britain was debited with 5¢ U.S. Inland. Britain retained 3¢ British Inland + 16¢ Sea (British Packet) = 19¢ out of 24¢ (1/-) prepaid.

1855

FORWARDING AGENTS

TH. VIETOR & DUCKWITZ

NEW YORK

April 2, 1855. Letter written at Rotterdam and sent to New York either in a packet with other letters, or carried ex-Post Office.



Th. Viotor & Duckwitz forwarded letter along to Boston by regular mail. Space in handstamp allowed date - 23 Apr. - to be inserted.

April 23, 1855. Postage paid by forwarding agent, 3¢ Act of Mar. 2, 1851 rate prepaid to 3000 miles.

1842

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL



THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Britannia
10th Return Voyage

Forwarding Agent
Barnard Adams & Co., Boston

April 28, 1842. Duplicate letter datelined at New York by Wm. W. de Forest & Co. and sent under cover to Boston, sailing port for the Cunard steamers. Original letter had gone to London per the Great Western. De Forest & Co. endorsed it: pr. Britannia.

April 30. Letter handled by the forwarding agent Banard Adams & Co. at Boston who struck their cachet on the reverse and handed the letter directly to the Britannia. Banard Adams & Co. were commission merchants at 41 Commercial Wharf.

May 1. Britannia sailed from Boston on her 10th return voyage.



B.406



May 15. Britannia arrived at Liverpool and letter backstamped on arrival at London May 16. It was subject to the 1 shilling transatlantic rate by British packet, shown by the 1/- mark.



1849

FORWARDING AGENTS

N.Y. TO LONDON VIA BOSTON

CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Caledonia

WM. W. DE FORREST & CO.

BARNARD ADAMS & CO

NEW YORK

BOSTON



July 21, 1849. Letter docketed from New York from Gummermann, J.C. Mail went into the care of the forwarding agent Wm. W. DeForest & Co. (RF 2) who sent it onward by courier to Boston for the Liverpool packet. No U.S. postal charges involved.

Letter handled by the Boston forwarders Barnard Adams & Co. who applied their

large red oval (RF 2). Barnard Adams & Co. were commission merchants at 41 Commercial Wharf.

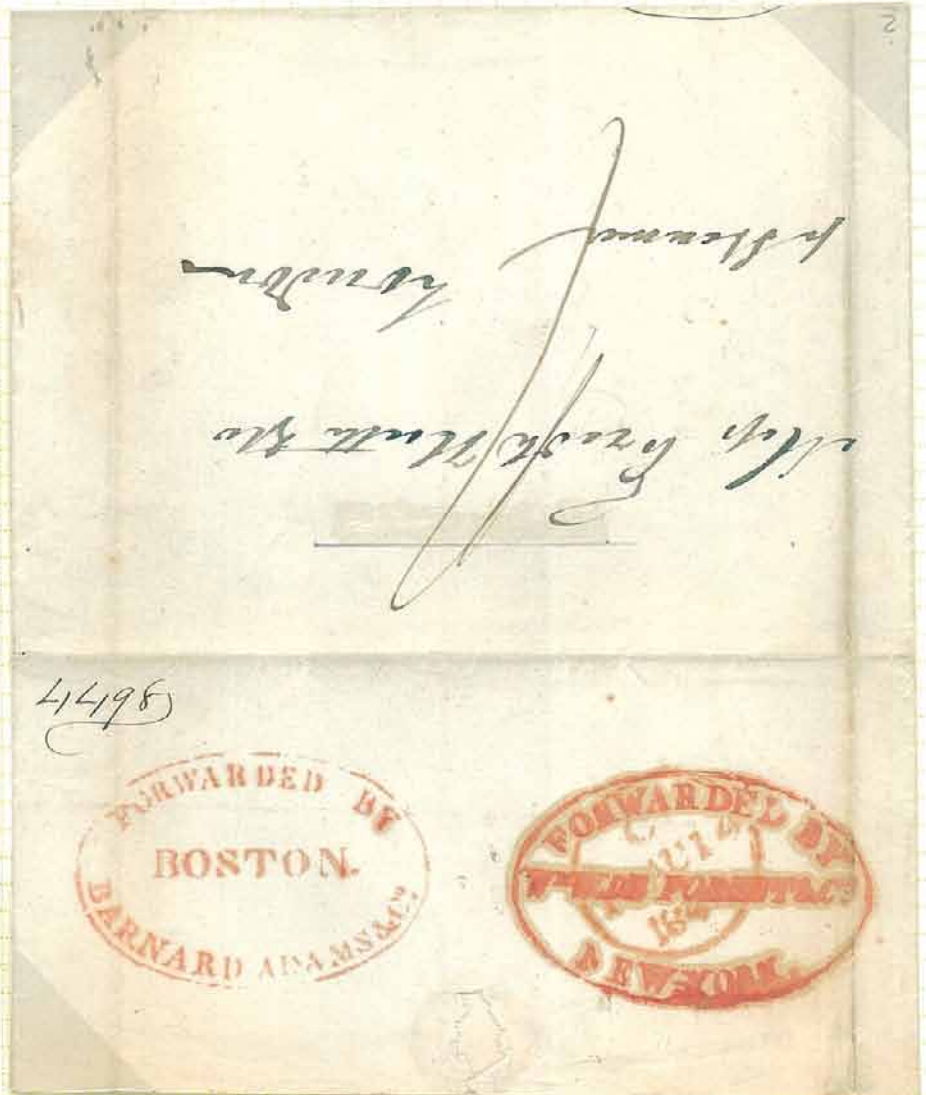


B. 406

Barnard Adams & Co. put letter aboard the Royal Mail Steamer Caledonia which departed Boston Aug. 1, 1849, arrived Liverpool Aug. 14.



Aug. 14. Transit at London. Letter subject to the 1 shilling transatlantic rate (24c) shown as 1/- on cover face due from the recipient.



1841

FORWARDING AGENTS

T.W. WARD

Boston

R.M.S. Britannia

4th Return Voyage

March 15, 1841. Letter docketed at New York. It went in a bundle, probably by one of the express companies, to T.W. Ward in Boston who applied their oval cachet as a backstamp (RF 3).



B.463

March 16.
T.W. Ward deposited the letter directly into the Letter Bag of the R.M.S. Britannia, thus no U.S. postal markings. Britannia sailed this date from Boston for Liverpool via Halifax on her 4th return voyage.



March 29. Britannia arrived at Liverpool where the distinctive AMERICA/L mark was applied, used on incoming Cunard Line mail.

April 1. Transit backstamp at London. The one shilling packet letter rate was due. As this letter preceeded the U.S.-British Treaty, Britain retained all of the postage.

ca.1860

FORWARDING AGENTS

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
Boston, Mass.

Barque Bounding Billow, Smyrna to Boston



January 14, 1860. Letter arrived at Boston aboard the barque Bounding Billow. Many A.B.C.F.M. missionaries were in the area of Smyrna. It is addressed to: Rev. E.E. Strong, Care Rev. Mr. Mitchell, Roxbury, Mass.

Boston Daily Advertiser, Jan. 14, 1860. MARINE JOURNAL. Arrived Friday, Jan. 13. Barque Bounding Billow, Small, Smyrna, Nov. 20. Passed Gibraltar Dec. 9. Has been 21 days West of the Grand Bank, with heavy westerly gales.

J.M. Gordon, treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, received this letter ex-post office, struck the forwarding backstamp, and put the letter into the mail to Roxbury at the 3¢ rate, paid by the Issue of 1857, Type II. Boston receiving backstamp of Jan. 14.

1840

The Packet Services

BLACK X LINE

New York to London, via Portsmouth

Packet Ship Toronto

FALMOUTH SHIP LETTER

John Griswold

Forwarding Agents

Collomb & Iselin, N.Y.

Gilpin's Exchange, N.Y.



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Forwarding Agents

FALMOUTH SHIP LETTER

Collomb & Iselin, N.York

Gilpin's Exchange, N.York

July 29, 1840. Letter datelined at New Orleans. It went under separate cover to the forwarding agent Collomb & Iselin at New York. They struck their forwarder's cachet backstamp (RF 3) and turned the letter over to the letter bag at Gilpin's Exchange Reading Room and Foreign Letter Office. They, in turn, struck their red backstamp (RF 3) and deposited the letter to the Toronto.



Shipping & Commercial List (N.Y.) Vessels up for Foreign Ports: London, Ship Toronto, Griswold, 17 E. River, 10th August, J. Griswold.

London Times: Sept. 3. Toronto arrived at Gravesend (mouth of the Thames). She had dropped off her mails at Falmouth en route Sept. 1. The Times notes: Vessels entered inward at the Custom-House, Sept. 5, Toronto from New York.



September 2. Letter marked incoming at Falmouth as a Ship Letter. Ship Letter rate after 1840 was 8d. single. Here a double letter rated 8d. x 2 = 16d. = 1sh.4d., shown in manuscript. Bill of lading and invoices were inclosed.

Arrival backstamp at London.

1848

FORWARDING AGENT

GILPINS EXCHANGE
NEW YORK



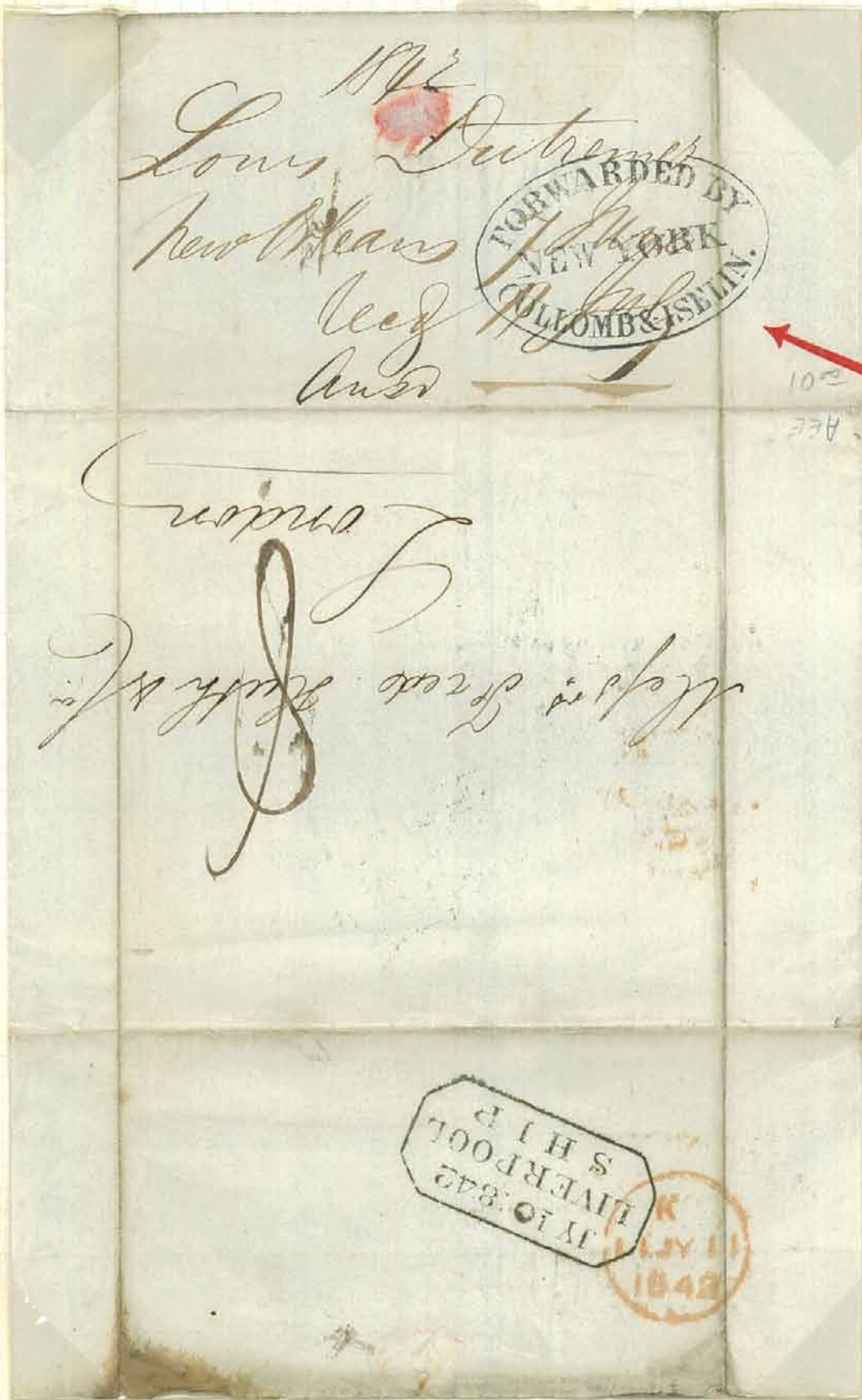
Jan. 8, 1848. Letter written at Canandaigua, N.Y. and handed to a private party who conveyed it to New York City and, in turn, gave letter to GILPINS EXCHANGE for forwarding to St. Croix.

At New York Gilpins duly backstamped the letter and forwarded it to St. Croix, West Indies. The absence of any postmarks or rate marks would indicate that this was handled by a private ship "ex-post office".

1842

FORWARDING AGENTS

COLLOMB & ISELIN
NEW YORK



June 1, 1842.
Letter written
at New Orleans
and sent by
private carrier
to New York.

Collomb &
Iselin handled
mail at New
York and struck
their cachet.

They forward-
ed the letter as
an unpaid SHIP
Letter to
London.

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LIVERPOOL
SHIP

July 10, 1842.
Letter received
at L'pool and
stamped, incom-
ing, as a SHIP
Letter.

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1842

July 11.
London transit.
Here standard
ship letter
rate of 8d. was
assessed, stand-
ard rate after
1840 which also
included inland
delivery.

1843

FORWARDING AGENTS

MACAO TO BOSTON VIA N.Y. GOODHUE & CO., New York

CARY & CO., New York

Clipper Ship Ann McKim, Canton to N.Y.

This letter was carried aboard one of the best known of the pioneer clipper ships. She was Baltimore-built at the ship yard of Messrs. Kennard & Williamson. She was ship rigged and launched June 4, 1833. Her dimensions were 494 tons, 140.7' long by 27.6' beam. Her owner was Isaac McKim of Baltimore. The Baltimore Republican and Commercial Advertiser reported, "Her fastenings are altogether copper, no iron having been used in her construction." Some controversy reigns that she was "the first clipper ship," but her outstanding early voyages and her construction made this appellation make sense. The designers eliminated the apple bow and hollow ground run in favor of the sharp clipper bow with the resultant swift speed. She was not well adapted to carrying bulky cargo and further lacked certain desirable heavy weather qualities which later packets possessed.

The Ann McKim sailed on her first voyage "for South America and a market" under the command of Captain Walker on August 30, 1833. She arrived at Callao on the 3rd of December in 89 days, a short but not remarkable run. Returning, she departed Huasco and made the run to Cape Henry in 72 days. She made several runs to Valparaiso, including one to China around the Horn and across the Pacific from Valparaiso in 150 days.

She later sailed from New York to China under the ownership of Howland & Aspinwall, as she was on this 1843-44 voyage.

Cf.: Cutler, Carl C. "Greyhounds of the Sea."

Perhaps Albion in "The Rise of New York Port" has the best description of a "clipper." The clipper, for one thing, had its "bows turned inside out," cutting through the waves, whereas the older bluff-bowed ships butted through them. It also had slenderer lines aft, and its point of maximum beam was farther from the bows than previously. The clippers, moreover, were, on the whole, more heavily sparred and carried more canvas... Altogether, these features enabled the clipper to travel faster than ordinary ships, but they could not carry as much cargo per registered ton.

1843

FORWARDING AGENTS

MACAO TO BOSTON

GOODHUE & CO., New York

CARY & CO., New York.



July 17, 1843.
 Letter headed Macao, handed to the captain of the ship Chilton. Letter describes conditions on the China coast relative to the "new regulations" (opening of the China Treaty Ports).



Letter went outside the post to New York, where Goodhue & Co. handed it over to a 2nd forwarder.

Feb. 22, 1844. Docket notes letter received in New York. Forwarding Agent, Cary & Co., posted letter to Boston at Act of Mar. 3, 1825 rates of 18-3/4¢, 150-400 miles. As letter was not handed into post office by ship's captain, it was not subject to the additional 2¢ ship letter charge.

N.B.: Russell & Co. at Macao handed this letter to the master of the bark Chilton, who transferred it to the ship Ann M'Kim at Canton. N.Y. Shipping and Commercial List: Sat. Feb. 24. Arrived at N.Y. Ship Ann M'Kim, Vasmier....Canton.

1843

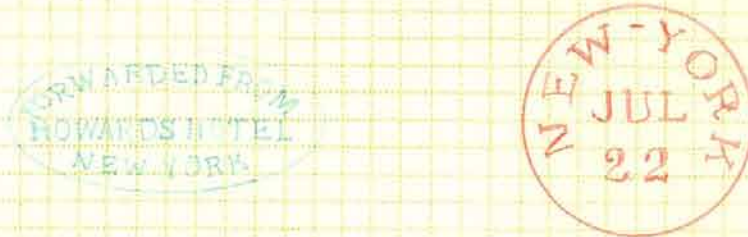
FORWARDING AGENTS

FORWARDED FROM
HOWARDS HOTEL
NEW YORK

Local (Drop) Letter Rate, 1 Cent



July 21, 1843. Letter datelined at Troy, New York, 151 miles from New York City, 6 miles above Albany on the Hudson River. Rates by Act of March 3, 1825 applied, zone rate 150-400 miles was 18-3/4 cents per single letter. Steamboats ran from Troy to New York City.



July 22. Letter hand carried to New York, probably by a salesman of the machine shop firm which wrote the letter ordering the manufacture of parts. Letter handled by Howards Hotel, forwarding at the Drop Letter rate of only one cent.

c.1839

FORWARDING AGENTS

WELLES & CO., PARIS

GRACIE & SARGENT, N.Y.



Forwarded by J. P. Rowe to
Paris. Wells & Co.

Forwarded by
Gracie & Sargent
New York

FOR 171.5

Letter handled at Paris by the forwarding agent Wells & Co., who sent it on to New York in bulk to a 2nd forwarder, Gracie & Sargent, N.Y. Rowe notes this straight line mark in use 1833-40 (R.F.2).

Second forwarding agent at New York, Gracie & Sargent, forwarded letter onward to Philadelphia in the ordinary mails. Rowe notes used in red in 1839 (R.F. 2).

NEW-YORK
APR 10

Rowe

April 10, 1839. Forwarding agents pinpoint year of use. Act of Mar. 3, 1825 zone rate 80-150 miles, 12½¢ due. No ship letter charge as letter went directly into inland mail by Gracie & Sargent.

FOR 171.5

1854

NEW YORK TO FRANCE VIA BRITAIN
COLLINS LINE U.S.M.S. Pacific
Forwarding Agent, John Durand & Co., N.Y.



Handwritten signature or initials



February 18, 1854. A letter written by A. Sauvage, New York, who handed it to the New York forwarder John Durand & Co. The latter endorsed the letter "Pacific", struck their oval forwarder's cachet and paid the double letter rate to France of 21¢ x 2 = 42¢ in cash. letter over 1/4-oz., not over 1/2-oz.. The U.S.M.S. Pacific of the Collins Line departed from New York on even date for Liverpool.



March 2. Pacific arrived at Liverpool.

March 3. London transit backstamp.

March 4. Letter went on the Dover to Calais ferry, entering France at Paris March 4. France was debited 16 decimes (equivalent to 1/4d. sterling) for British handling. Same day Paris transit backstamp.



March 5. Bordeaux arrival backstamp. Letter was charged as a treble letter, over 15 grams, not over 22 1/2 grams at 8 decimes x 3 = 24 decimes, shown in black manuscript.

1856

Robert & Williams, N.Y.

FORWARDING AGENTS

U. S. MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. S. S. Empire City, Havana to N. Y.

COLLINS LINE, U. S. M. S. Atlantic, New York to Liverpool

Feb. 23, 1856.

Dateline Havana, sent under cover to forwarding agent at NY. S.S. Empire City, Howes, departed N. Orleans Feb. 20 via Havana the 23rd.

Feb. 28. Empire City arrived at N. York.

Forwarding agent Robert & Williams struck their cachet (R. F. 3) and directed the letter to "Atlantic". They paid 21¢ in cash payment necessary in U.S. for mail to France by American Pkt. prior to April 1, 1857. "21" in pencil manuscript.



Mar. 1. N.Y.

Exchange Office transit mark notes American Packet.

S.S. Atlantic departed this date for L'pool.

Mar. 13. Atlantic arrived at Liverpool, transit backstamp at London Mar. 14.

Mar. 14-15. Entry mark showing U.S. mail by American Packet entering France at Calais. Paris arrival backstamp.

Letter subject to collect rate in France of 8 decimes per 7 1/2 grams, double letter was 8 decimes x 2 = 16 decimes, shown by handstamp.



S. 1374

1836

FORWARDING AGENTS

BLACK BALL LINE
New York to Liverpool

Hagarty & Jerdein
Liverpool

Packet Ship North America

FORWARDED BY
HAGARTY & JERDEIN
LIVERPOOL

October 6, 1836. Docket notes letter from W. Sidney Warwick. Inclosed is a "duplicate" letter dated London 22 Aug. 1836. Letter sent to Forwarding Agents Hagarty & Jerdein at Liverpool. The Black Baller North America sailed from Liverpool for New York on October 16.

NEW-YORK
SHIP
NOV
18

Nov. 18. The Shipping & Commercial List (N.Y.) records the arrival of the North America, Capt. Dixey, at N.Y. November 17, mail processed the next day. Rated N.Y. to Virginia, double rate of 18-3/4¢ x 2 = 37 1/2¢ for a letter 150 to 400 miles plus 2 ¢ Ship Letter charge = 39 1/2¢ due (rates by Act of March 3, 1825) as shown in red manuscript notation on face.



1857

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

BRITISH PACKET

R.M.S. Niagara

Forwarding Agent:

Joseph & Perkins, L'pool

March 22, 1857. Letter datelined at Liverpool, states, "We hall (sic) out of Dock on the 24th. Probably sail on the 25th inst. for New York with 584 passengers. I hope to have a good passage. Say about 25 days."

Letter handed to forwarding agents, Joseph & Perkins of Liverpool who endorsed it "Per Steamer Niagara". A note by them on the reverse states, "Ship Advance sailed at daylight this day. fair wind & weather. Liverpool 26 March 1857, Joseph & Perkins."

Ship Advance, 1275 tons, built 1852 at Newcastle, Maine, registered at Port of New York Dec. 14, 1855.

LIVERPOOL
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1857
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MR 27
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March 27, 1857. Unpaid at L'pool, receipt mark of a Liverpool "spoon" cancellation.

Transit back-stamp at the Liverpool Packet Office. Records show the R.M.S. Niagara (Cunard) sailed March 28.

19
CENTS

Struck aboard ship, mark allows debit to U.S. of 16¢ sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.

Per Steamer Niagara
Due at 10
Mrs Harriet Child
Naldoborow
Maine
U.S.A.
Ship Advance sailed at daylight
Monday. fair wind & weather
Liverpool 26 March 1857
Joseph & Perkins

BR. PACKET
11
APR
24
BOSTON.

April 11, 1857. Recorded arrival date of the Niagara at Boston. 24¢, treaty rate from Britain, due.

Blake 766.

1852

FORWARDING AGENTS

Milligan, Evans & Lempriere, Liverpool

CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada

January 1, 1852. A printed notice concerning the reorganization of Maitland Phelps & Co. in New York. It was privately carried aboard the R.M.S. Canada of the Cunard Line which departed from New York Jan. 7, arrived at Liverpool Jan. 18.

*Forwarded by Milligan Evans & Lempriere
Liverpool 19 January 1852*



Jan. 19. Letter handed to the forwarding agents Milligan, Evans & Lempriere, who endorsed it on the reverse and posted it paid at Liverpool.

Letter paid at the one penny British Inland letter rate by the 1d. imperf. penny red, Issue of 1841. The stamp is cancelled by the "466" British Post Office number of Liverpool.

Rowe lists this forwarder only as a handstamp in 1854. Here is an earlier use in 1852 in manuscript.

Jan. 20. London receiving backstamp.



1867

FORWARDING AGENTS

Wm. Rowe & Co., Liverpool

INMAN LINE

S.S. City of Paris

April 5, 1867. A letter datelined at New York and headed: p City of Paris. It was privately carried aboard the Inman Line City of Paris which departed from N.Y. April 6, arrived at Liverpool April 15.



*Received & forwarded by
Wm. Rowe & Co. Liverpool 16 April 67*

April 16, 1867. Forwarding agent's manuscript notation on reverse of cover. He paid the one penny British Inland postage by a 1d. red, plate 89, and forwarded the letter on to Frederick Huth & Co., London. Had the letter gone through the mails transatlantic, the rate would have been one shilling, thus 11d. was saved.

This mark is not listed by Rowe.



April 17. London, East Central office receiving back-stamp.



1859

FORWARDING AGENTS

C. J. FOX
Aspinwall, New Grenada

North Atlantic Steamship Co.

S.S. Atlantic

November 29, 1859. Letter dated at Santa Marta, United States of Columbia. This is a seaport town of the State of Magdalena on the east shore of a bay in the Caribbean Sea. Letter went by a local vessel to the care of C.J. Fox at Aspinwall. (Letter did not go by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. as none of this company's sailing dates fir this letter). On the face is the blue company stamp of Ferguson Noguera & Co., Santa Marta.



December 5. The forwarding agent C.J. Fox sent this letter in a packet with other letters to Lanman & Kemp, druggists, at New York. The S.S. Atlantic departed from Aspinwall for New York on this date.

N.Y. Times. Arrived New York December 12: Steamship Atlantic, Pearson, Aspinwall 5th inst., passengers to W.H. Wickham.

Docket by Lanman & Kemp notes: Received 13th Dec.

N.B.: Atlantic, wooden paddle steamer, was in the transatlantic Collins Line from 1848-58. Purchased by North Atlantic Steamship Co. in 1859 and sailed between N.Y. and Aspinwall from October 20, 1859 to March 11, 1860.

1866

FORWARDING AGENTS

T. Johnson

S.S. Gulf City

Matanzas, Cuba

March 18, 1866. Letter datelined at Matanzas by Hiram Hall to his wife regarding the difficulty of getting his ship loaded because of siestas, bureautic red tape, etc.



Letter was handed to the forwarding agent T. Johnson at Matanzas who struck his forwarders cachet (RF 2). He forwarded the cover to Havana from which port the steamship Gulf City departed for New York on March 24.



April 3. N.Y. Times: Arrived New York steamship Gulf City, Stewart, Havana March 24 via Charleston 30th where she put in for coals with 1 passenger to Smith & Dunnog. Steamship rate of 10¢ due.

The Gulf City was built in 1863 as U.S.S. Augusta Dinsmore, redocumented as S.S. Gulf City Sept. 16, 1865.

1871

FORWARDING AGENTS

J.U. ZEHNDER & CO.
CONSTANTINOPLE



June 5, 1871. Forwarding Agent J.U. Zehnder, handled this letter at Constantinople (Istamboul) and noted date within his company stamp. Docket note on letter flap restates letter date of 5 June 1871.

Letter is addressed to Brussa, now Bursa, a large inland Turkish city.

Backstamp:

May 24, 1871. Agent posted letter into regular Turkish Postal system, prepaying inland rate by 1 pi, issue of 1870-71. (Scott #30)

Discrepancy in dates is due to the fact that Turkey was still using the Julian calendar (Old Style) and May 24 (Old Style) was equivalent in 1871 to June 5 on the Gregorian or New Style calendar.

c. 1865

FORWARDING AGENTS

J. & J. B. THOMPSON
NEW YORK



FORWARDED BY
J. & J. B. THOMPSON
NEW-YORK

Esther Frances
Messrs. Rogers, Warfield & Co.
Melbourne
Australia

This letter is an example of the type of mail that avoided high postal rates by going "ex-Post Office". It was handed to the captain of the ship Esther Frances by Forwarding Agent J. & J. B. Thompson for hand delivery by the captain to Messrs. Rogers, Warfield & Co. at Melbourne, Australia. Unfortunately, absence of dates or markings hides from us the length of time the trip took, routes, etc.

1858

FORWARDING AGENTS

C.W. OLIVER & CO.
NEW ORLEANS



March 14, 1858. Prices Current forwarded from New Orleans to New York by C.W. Oliver & Co. using ordinary mail, 3¢ Domestic Inland rate "not over 3000 miles".

1873

FORWARDING AGENTS

MORTON, ROSE & CO.
LONDON

FRANCE TO U.S. RATES OF 1870

This cover illustrates the use of commercial houses in France and England as Forwarding Agents to circumvent the high rates in effect for mail from France to the U.S., which was 10¢ per 1/3 ounce. (Effective 7/1/70). This letter originated from the office of Andrews & Co. in Paris and was sent either in a parcel or by private messenger to London. Morton, Rose & Co. then stamped the envelopes with 3d. (6¢) stamps per 1/2-oz. and posted at the more favorable Great Britain - U.S. rate.



BACKSTAMPS:



Sept. 14, 1873. Letter handed to Andrews & Co., Paris, who forwarded it to London (see above).

Sept. 16, 1873. Morton, Rose & Co. forwarded letter by 6¢ (3d) direct rate to Boston.



London Inland Office obliterator on 3d., issue of 1867-80, Plate 10, (1873), S.G. 103.

Sept. 29, 1873. Boston paid transit.

1879

FORWARDING AGENTS
DREXEL, HARJES & CO., Paris
Transatlantic Mail, Cunard Line, R.M.S. Samaria



September 4, 1879. Letter paid at the U.P.U. rate by 5¢ Issue of 1879. It is directed to the care of Drexel Harjes & Co., Paris.

Letter originated at Manchester, N.H. and went aboard the St. Albans, Vt. to Boston Railroad Post Office car. This line ran via the major cities: St. Albans, White River Junction, Franklin, N.H., Manchester, Lowell, Mass. and Boston.

September 6. R.M.S. Samaria sailed from Boston for Liverpool.

N.Y. Times. BY CABLE. Queenstown Sept. 15. The Cunard Line steam-ship Samaria, Capt. Roberts, from Boston Sept. 6 arrived here at 5 o'clock P.M. to-day on her way to Liverpool.

Sept. 16. Letter arrived at the offices of Drexel, Harjes & Co. who applied their receiving mark. Here they acted as poste restante (general delivery.)



1879

FORWARDING AGENTS

DREXEL HARJES & CO., Paris

Transatlantic Mail, Cunard Line. R.M.S. Gallia



September 8, 1879. Letter paid at the U.P.U. rate by 5¢ Issue of 1879. It is directed to the care of Drexel Harjes & Co. at Paris.

September 10. The Cunard Line R.M.S. Gallia departed from New York for Liverpool.

BY CABLE. Queenstown, Sept. 18. The Cunard steam-ship Gallia, Capt. Cook, from N.Y. Sept. 10 arrived here at 5 o'clock this evening on her way to Liverpool.

Sept. 20. French entry mark, letter "voie Angleterre" arrived at Paris. Drexel, Harjes & Co. forwarded letter on to a second forwarder, J.S. Morgan & Co. at London, after applying their forwarder's mark.

Sept. 20. Backstamp, letter received back into the mails at Paris.

Sept. 22. London arrival mark. Under U.P.U. forwarding involved no extra charges.



1870

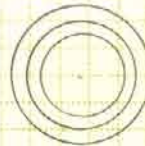
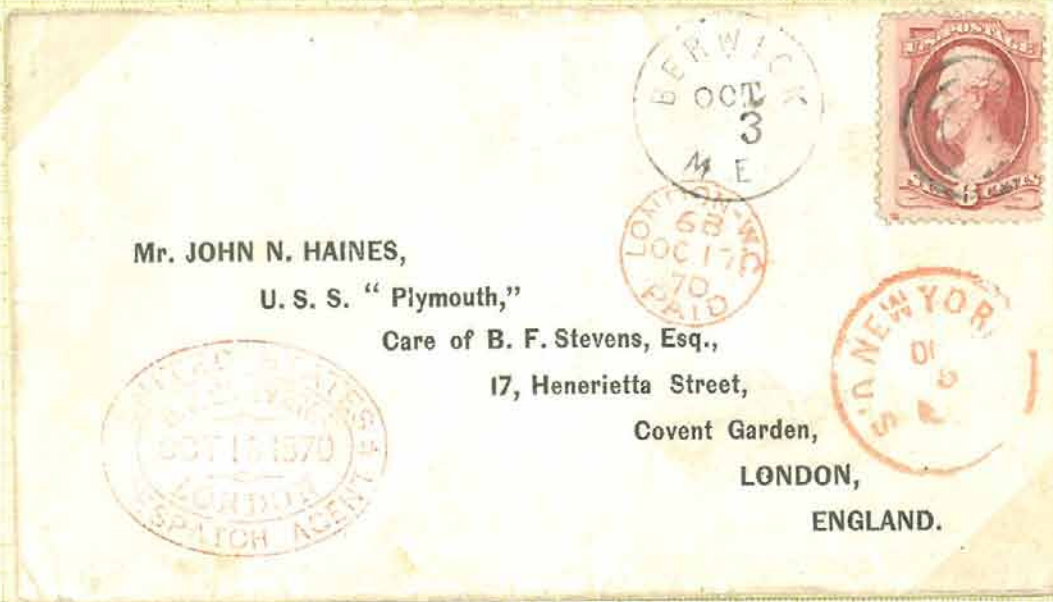
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

GUION LINE

S.S. Nevada

United States Despatch Agent

B. F. Stevens, London



October 3, 1870. Letter to London paid at the 6¢ U.S.-British rate effective January 1, 1870. Envelopes printed to naval addresses Care of B.F. Stevens, the U.S. Despatch Agent at London are not uncommon and evidence the amount of mail handled by him either as poste restante or forwarded on to the ship locations throughout Europe and the Near East.

October 5. Transit at New York. S.S. Nevada of the Guion Line was cleared Oct. 5 and sailed Oct. 6 for Liverpool via Queenstown.

Oct. 17. Transit mark at London. BY CABLE: Oct. 16, Queenstown, steamer Nevada, New York for Liverpool arrived today.

Oct. 18. Receiving mark at B.F. Stevens at 17, Henerietta St., Covent Garden, London. His office held the letter for John Haines, U.S.S. "Plymouth".



TYPE II

1880

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD

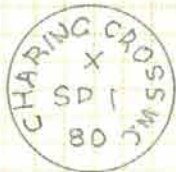
S. S. Weser

United States Despatch Agent

B. F. Stevens, London

August 20, 1880.
 Letter paid at
 Washington, D.C.
 at the 5¢ U.P.U.
 rate to a sailor
 aboard a U.S.
 ship in Europe.
 It was directed:
 Care B.F. Stevens,
 No. 4 Trafalgar
 Square., Charing
 Cross, London, who
 was the despatch
 agent responsible
 for forwarding
 mail from the U.S.
 embassy in Lon-
 don to U.S. Naval
 officers.

Aug. 22. Steam-
 ship Weser of the
 North German
 Lloyd departed
 from N.Y. for
 Southampton and
 Bremen.



Sept. 1. Arrival backstamp at London South Western District, St. Martin's Place office.
 Southampton (By Cable) Sept. 1. The North German Lloyd steam-ship Weser, Capt. Wiegand, from N.Y. Aug. 22, for Bremen has arrived here.
 Sept. 1. Mr. Stevens promptly readdressed the letter to addressee care of U.S. Consul, Naples, Italy and struck his distinctive cachet. London, Charing Cross struck letter on face with the duplex Branch Office mark. Number in lower portion is either a "5" or "6", as both of these were in use in 1880, type with two long bars. (Dubus 14 or 15.)

Sept. 4. Distribution and receipt backstamps at Naples where the U.S. Consul in turn forwarded the letter to Villefranche-Sur-Mer, near Nice.



Sept. 7. Final arrival backstamp at Villefranche. Under U.P.U. regulations no additional postage was required for all this forwarding.

1872

FORWARDING AGENTS

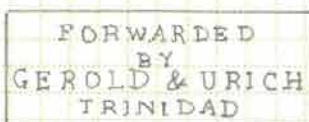
Spain to Trinidad via London

GEROLD & URICH
TRINIDAD



Jan. 26, 1872. Letter datelined at Santander. Directed by British Mail via Southampton to L. Franceschi Y. Cea by way of Forwarding Agents Gerold & Urich at Trinidad. Paid to destination (P.D.) by a pair of the 200 milesimas Duke de la Torre Regency stamps, Issue of Jan. 1, 1870.

Jan. 29. Transit "PAID" mark at London.



Forwarding Agent's cachet (R.F. 5) at Trinidad, where letter was directed onward to L. Franceschi y. Cea. "de Barlovento" refers to the windward side of the island.

1886

FORWARDING AGENTS

MUNROE & CO.
PARIS



Blake 2698

January 11, 1886. Letter posted to Messrs. Munroe & Co. at Paris. 5¢ U.P.U. rate made up by 2¢ stamped envelope (U277) and 1¢ + 2¢ Continental Bank Note Issue. Letter passed through Boston Foreign Department on January 13, 1886.



Jan. 24, 1886. Paris "Etranger" (Foreign) office receipt mark.



Jan. 25. Backstamp of Munroe & Co., who pasted forwarding sticker over old address and sent letter on to addressee c/o Messrs. S. & A. Blumenthal & Co., Venice.



Jan. 25. Paris backstamp. Letter posted at Rue des Capucines office.



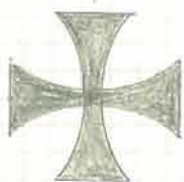
Jan. 27. Final arrival backstamp at Venice, Italy.

1880

FORWARDING AGENTS

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL

J.S. Morgan & Co.



July 20, 1880. Jenkintown, Pa. 5¢ U.P.U. rated letter posted to Henry M. Fisher, c/o J.S. Morgan & Co., London, "Via Queenstown".

July 20, 1880 Philadelphia transit mark.

Aug. 2. London "PAID" arrival mark.



Forwarding Agent back-stamp of J.S. Morgan & Co., who pasted label on face, forwarding letter to Munich.

Aug. 3. London, E.C. transit back-stamp.

Aug. 5. Munich arrival back-stamp. Letter re-forwarded to Bruneck, South Tyrol.

Aug. 10. Arrival back-stamp at Bruneck.

1879

LONDON FORWARDERS OF UNITED STATES MAIL
THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE AND READING ROOMS
GUION LINE

S. S. Montana



August 8, 1879. A letter posted at Grand Rapids, Mich. and paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate to member countries, overpaid 1¢ by a pair of the 3¢ Bank Note Issue of 1873.

August 12. S.S. Montana of the Guion Line departed from New York.



N.Y. Times. BY CABLE. QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 22. The Guion Line Steamship Montana, Capt. Gadd from New-York Aug. 12, arr. here at 3 o'clock this morning on her way to Liverpool.

August 23. Receipt backstamp at London West Central, St. Martin's Place, backstamp.

Although addressed care of Bowles & Brothers located at 14 Strand, this letter was handled by the American Exchange at 448 Strand, who struck their blue oval handstamp. They were also known as the American Exchange in Europe. They re-directed the letter in red crayon on the reverse: "Hotel Metropole/ Geneva/Suisse."



August 23. Letter back into the mail at the Charing Cross, W.C. station office, backstamp. (The oval CX/5 is estimated, it being off the cover.)

August 25. Geneva arrival mark on the face.



1883

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL American Exchange in Europe
White Star Line: S.S. Baltic, Liverpool to New York

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LONDON, ENGLAND.

*James D. Waters Esq.
Washington Square
Salem, Massachusetts
W. S. A.*




December 11, 1883. A printed American Exchange in Europe envelope posted in London. Paid at the 2½d. U.P.U. rate by the Issue of 1880, plate 23. Cancelled by the London West Central obliterator with 19mm. circle (Dubus 111e.)

December 11. S.S. Baltic of the White Star Line departed from Liverpool, she picked up this letter at her call at Queenstown on the 12th.

N.Y. Times. Arrived at New York December 21. Steam-ship Baltic, (Br.,) Bense, Liverpool December 11 via Queenstown 12th, with mdse. and passengers to R.J. Cortis (sic.)

December 22. New York transit backstamp.

December 23. Receiving backstamp, Salem, Mass.



1884

FORWARDING AGENTS

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAILS American Exchange

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD

S.S. Donau



April 25, 1884. Stamped envelope 2¢ red on white paper Issue of Nov. 1883 (U231) together with 1¢ gray blue, Issue of 1881-82 and 2¢ red brown Issue of 1883, American Bank Note Co., make up 5¢ U.P.U. rate. Posted at Portland, Maine.

April 26. North German Lloyd S.S. Donau departed from New York.



N.Y. Times. BY CABLE. Southampton, May 7. - The North German Lloyd steamship DONAU, Capt. Ringk, from New York April 26, for Bremen, arrived here at 4 AM to-day.

Mar. 7. Arrival backstamp at the London West Central District, St. Martin's Place.



May 7. Backstamp of the American Exchange in Europe at their Strand office. The American Exchange here acted as poste restante (general delivery.)

1884

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL American Exchange in Europe
NORDDDEUTSCHER LLOYD S.S. Elbe



B. 2089



2133



945

July 29, 1884. U.P.U. rated letter (overpaid 1¢) posted at Boston and paid by 3 copies of the Issue of 1883. This is part of the ex-governor Claflin (William) correspondence.

July 30. S.S. Elbe departed from New York.



N.Y. Times BY CABLE: London Aug. 7, 1884. The North German Lloyd steamship Elbe, Capt. Hamelmann, from New York July 30 for Bremen, passed the Lizard at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Aug. 7. Receiving backstamp at London West Central, St. Martin's Place office. The American Exchange in Europe also marked the letter on receipt with their large purple backstamp and held the letter as poste restante for Mr. Adams Claflin.



1884

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL American Exchange in Europe

White Star Line S.S. Republic Eastbound

North German Lloyd S.S. Elbe Westbound



B.2.170



August 3, 1884. U.P.U. rated letter, 5¢ per ½-oz. to member countries, paid by the 5¢ Garfield Issue of 1882.

BY CABLE: London Aug. 16. The White Star Line steamship Republic, Capt. Irving, from New York Aug. 7, passed Crookhaven at noon today.

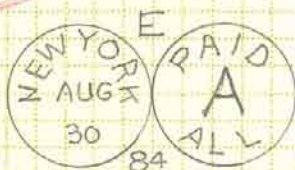
August 18. A.M. arrival backstamp at St. Martin's Place, London West Central. Mail went directly to the American Exchange in Europe where they immediately affixed the sticker directing the letter back to Newtonville, Massachusetts. They also struck their large purple oval backstamp to show their forwarding of the letter. U.P.U. regulations allowed forwarding at no additional postage.

Aug. 18. American Exchange deposited the letter into the mails at Charing Cross, W.C. where the "squared circle" was struck on the face to denote receipt at that office.

Aug. 20. S.S. Elbe, Hamelmann, departed from Southampton en route to New York from Bremen.

Aug. 30. Elbe arrived at N. York.

Sept. 1. Newtonville, Mass. arrival backstamp.



1884

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

North German Lloyd S.S. Eider Eastbound
Cunard Line R.M.S. Aurania Westbound



B.217D



August 19, 1884. Letter posted at Boston and paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate. It was directed to Massachusetts ex-Governor D.D. Claflin at the American Exchange, The Strand, London, England.

August 20. S.S. Eider sailed from New York for Bremen.

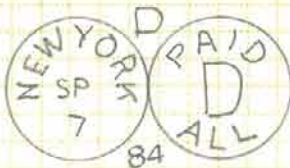


Aug. 29. London arrival backstamp, St. Martin's Place (SMP). By Cable to the New York Times: Southampton Aug. 28. The North German Lloyd steamship Eider, Capt. Hellmers from New York Aug. 20 for this port and Bremen passed the Lizard at 5 AM today.



Aug. 29. The American Exchange noted receipt of the letter by their purple backstamp. As Mr. Claflin had returned to the U.S., the letter was redirected to Newtonville, Mass. by means of a sticker. Under U.P.U. regulations forwarding (including return postage) was covered by the original postage.

A "squared circle" receiving stamp at Charing Cross, London West Central, notes receipt back into the mails.



Aug. 30. R.M.S. Aurania, Capt. Haines, of the Cunard Line left L'pool and picked up this letter at Q'town the 31st.

Sept. 7. Backstamp. Aurania arrived at N.Y. and letter sent on to Newtonville, backstamped there Sept. 8.

1884

FORWARDING AGENTS
LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL American Exchange
WHITE STAR LINE S.S. Britannic



Return to BOX 5319,
BOSTON, Mass.,
If not delivered within 5 days.



*Mr. A. D. Claflin
of American Exchange
449 Strand
London England.*



B. 981

August 1, 1884. Double rated U.P.U. letter posted to A.D. Claflin, c/o American Exchange, 449 Strand, London, which acted as forwarding agent and poste restante in Europe.

August 2. S.S. Britannic (Br.), Capt. Perry, was cleared at New York and sailed this date for Liverpool via Queenstown.

August 10. Queenstown: BY CABLE. The White Star Liner Britannic, Capt. Perry, from New York Aug. 2 for Liverpool arrived here at 5:23 P.M. today.



Aug. 11. London West Central Office, St. Martin's Place office backstamp. The American Exchange in Europe also backstamped the letter upon arrival at their Strand office and held it until picked up by Mr. Claflin. American Exchange acted as poste restante (general delivery.)

1884

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL American Exchange in Europe

North German Lloyd	<u>S.S. Elbe</u>	Eastbound
Cunard Line	<u>R.M.S. Bothnia</u>	Westbound



September 30, 1884. A letter on an American Exchange in Europe envelope, paid at Westchester, Penn. at the U.P.U. rate by the 5¢ Issue of 1862 stamp.

October 1. The NGL S.S. Elbe departed from New York.

New York Times. BY CABLE: London October 10. The North German Lloyd steamship Elbe, Capt. Hamermann, from New-York Oct. 1 arr. at Southampton at noon to-day and proceeded for Bremen.

October 10. London West Central District, St. Martin's Place office arrival backstamp.

October 10. Letter processed by the American Exchange, backstamp. As Mr. J.V. Painter was not in London, the letter was directed to him at Cleveland, Ohio. Under the U.P.U. regulations, letters could be forwarded at no extra postage. Letter went back into the mails at the Charing Cross, W.C. post office per the "squared circle."



October 11. The Cunard Line R.M.S. Bothnia left L'pool, touched at Q'town the 12th.

N.Y. Times. Arrived Oct. 22, steamship Bothnia (Br.,) Capt. Roberts, from Liverpool arrived at the Bar at 11:30 PM October 21.

October 23. Cleveland arrival backstamp.



1886

FORWARDING AGENTS

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL

American Exchange in Europe



August 12, 1886. Foreign U.P.U. rate of 5¢ paid by U.S. Issue of 1882. Letter addressed c/o the "American Exchange, London, England"

Aug. 23. London "Hooded Scroll" receipt backstamp.



Aug. 23. The American Exchange in London forwarded letter by pasting sticker forwarding letter to its Paris office, and struck this ambitious backstamp.

Aug. 23. London receipt backstamp at Charing Cross.

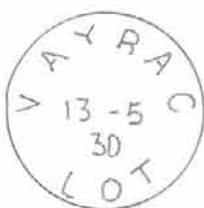
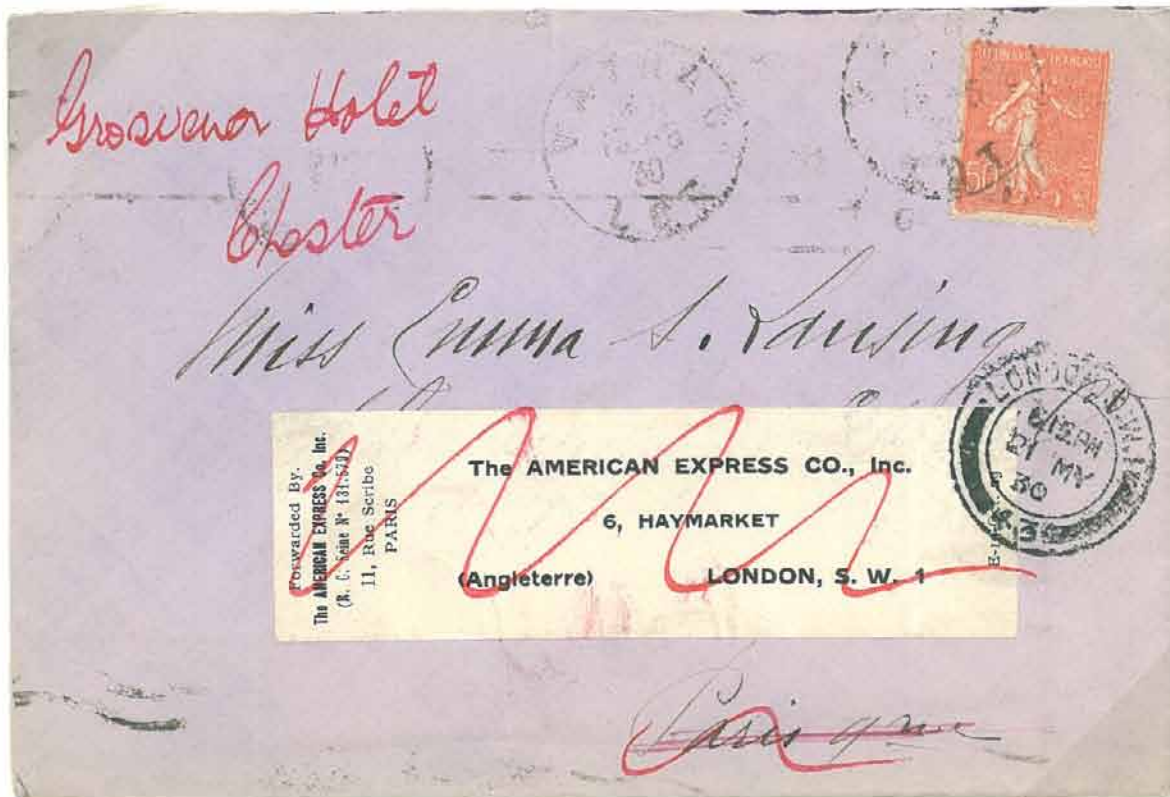
Aug. 24. London, S.W. transit backstamp.

Aug. 24. Letter crossed Dover to Calais, RR marking, Calais to Paris, 2nd Section, Brigade C, day train. Paris receipt backstamp.

1930

FORWARDING AGENTS
THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.

Paris
London



May 13, 1930. A letter posted at Vayrac, Lot in S.W. France to Miss Emma Lansing, c/o The American Express Co., 11, Rue Scribe, Paris. The 50 centimes rate is paid by France Issue of 1926.



May 16. Miss Lansing had moved on, so the American Express office at Paris forwarded the letter to their London office by sticker. Paris backstamps at Rue Hippolyte Lebas and Rue Gluck (May 17.)

May 21. Miss Lansing had again moved on, this time to Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, so the London office deleted their address and forwarded by pen.

1930

FORWARDING AGENTS
THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.

Paris
London



June 24, 1930. A letter to Miss Emma Lansing c/o the American Express Co., 11, Rue Scribe, Paris. The 50 centimes rate is paid by France Issue of 1929, January 1.



June 25. Letter received at the Paris Office of the American Express, but Miss Lansing had moved on, so the letter was forwarded to American Express, London 6, Ha market by the sticker. Paris receiving backstamp.



June 27. Miss Lansing had again moved on, this time to the Widcombe Hill House, Bath, so the letter was forwarded to her there by American Express, London by marking over the address by pen. The London receiving mark ties the sticker to the cover.

1883

FORWARDING AGENTS

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL
GUION LINE

Bowles's Reading Rooms
S.S. Alaska



July 23, 1883. Double U.P.U. letter at 5¢ per ½-oz. posted at New York to London care of the forwarding agent Robert Bowles Esq. Two copies of the Issue of 1882 pay the rate.

July 24. S.S. Alaska of the Guion Line departed from New York.

QUEENSTOWN, July 31. The Guion Line steamship Alaska, Capt. Murray, from New-York July 24 for this port and Liverpool passed Fastnet at 8 o'clock this morning. Time of passage 6 days 18 hours and 38 minutes. She was here at 11:15 o'clock this morning.

August 1. Arrival backstamp at London, West Central District.

August 2. Bowles's American Reading Rooms redirected the letter to Mr. Pippey at the Hotel Bellevue, Homburg, Germany and struck their distinctive cachet on the reverse. "Squared Circle" of Charing Cross, West Central received the letter back into the mails. Under U.P.U. no additional postage was charged for forwarding.

August 3. Homburg receiving backstamp.



1880

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL
Guion Line

Brown Shipley & Co.
S.S. Nevada



September 18, 1880. A letter paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate to member countries by the Taylor Issue of 1879. It is addressed, "Care of Brown, Shipley & Co., London."

September 21. The Guion Line's S.S. Nevada sailed for Liverpool.



N.Y. Times, By Cable: Queenstown, October 1, 1880. The Guion Line steam-ship Nevada, Capt. Jones, from New York Sept. 21, arrived here at 2:40 o'clock this morning on her way to Liverpool.

October 2. Received at the London office of Brown, Shipley & Co. who forwarded the letter care of Messrs. Munroe & Co., Paris by applying the sticker over their address.



Brown, Shipley & Co. put the letter back into the mails where the London East Central office struck the "squared circle" as a receiving mark, tying both the stamp and the sticker to the cover.

October 3. French entry mark, mail from England (Angleterre), ambulant (R.R.) at Calais. Brigade C handled the mail. Paris receiving backstamp the same day.

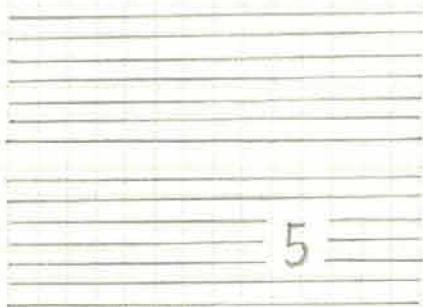


1894

FORWARDING AGENTS

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL

Brown, Shipley & Co.



April 23-24, 1894. Letter posted at U.P.U. 5¢ rate per 1/2 oz., paid by 5¢ embossed Columbian envelope. New York transit backstamp.

May 3, 1894. "Hooded Scroll" London arrival backstamp.



Backstamp of Brown, Shipley & Co., who forwarded mail to Vienna "Poste Restante" (General Delivery).

May 3, 1894. Back into the mail at London, letter received handstamp of the London Inland Branch, Dubus 242b.

May 5, 1894. Arrival backstamp at Vienna.

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1895

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL Brown, Shipley & Co.
The American Line S. S. New-York



July 23, 1895. A letter to London care of Brown, Shipley & Co. paid at the U.P.U. rate by the 5¢ Issue of 1895.

N.Y. Times. OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS: July 24, New-York for Southampton.

BY CABLE. London July 31. SS New-York, Jamison from New-York for Southampton passed Hurst Castle at 3:35 P.M. to-day.



August 1. Mr. J. Snowden Rhoades had removed to Edinburgh, so Brown, Shipley & Co. forwarded his letter by sticker. They also applied their purple (faint) backstamp. U.P.U. rules allowed forwarding of letters with no additional postage required.

This double London circle receiving mark (A.&H 1207) is a type found in use in the middle 1890's to early 1900's.



August 2. Edinburgh, Scotland receiving backstamp. Letter held as poste restante.

1900

FORWARDING AGENTS

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL
INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION CO.
(THE AMERICAN LINE)

Baring Bros. & Co.
S. S. St. Paul



July 16, 1900. Letter prepaid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate at Assinippi, Mass., formerly West Scituate, then became a rural station of Hanover, Plymouth County, Mass. (N.B. Office discontinued Feb. 24, 1967.) Envelope used is a preprinted one: Care of Messrs BARING BROTHERS & CO., L'td, 8 Bishopgate St., Within, London, E.C., England.

July 17, Tuesday, New York. S.S. St. Paul mails closed at 7 AM, supplementary mails at 9:00 AM, she sailed for Liverpool 10:00 AM.

July 25. S.S. St. Paul, Capt. Jamison, from N.Y., arrived at Southampton today, passing Hurst Castle at 9:20 P.M. (July 24.)

Upon arrival of letter at Baring Brothers & Co. Limited, a stick was applied over their London address and the letter forwarded to the recipient in Italy. U.P.U. rates afforded free forwarding.

July 29. Rome arrival backstamp.



1900

FORWARDING AGENTS

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL

Baring Bros. & Co.

WHITE STAR LINE

S.S. Germanic



Miss Grace E. Southworth

C/o

Lombard Odier & Co.,

Geneva,

SUISSE.

Please Forward.

July 24, 1900. Letter prepaid at the 5c U.P.U. rate by a copy of the Issue of 1898, Grant dark blue. It is addressed beneath the sticker to 8 Bishopgate St. Within, Baring Bros. & Co., London, E.C.

July 26. S.S. Germanic of the White Star Line sailed from New York for Liverpool via Queenstown.

August 2. N.Y. Times, by Cable. S.S. Germanic (Br.,) Capt. Haddock from New York for Liverpool arrived at Queenstown at 5:45 A.M. to-day.

August 3. Transit at London East Central office and receiving stamp at Baring Brothers, backstamp.

August 7. Baring Brothers & Co. placed a sticker over their address and forwarded the letter to Miss Southworth at Geneva, Switzerland.

August 9. Arrival backstamp at Geneva.



1903

FORWARDING AGENTS

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL

Baring Bros. & Co.



Sept. 2, 1903. Letter put into mails at Fitzwilliam, N.H. at the 5¢ rate per ½-oz. to U.P.U. countries.



Sept. 3. Transit backstamp of the New York Foreign Branch.



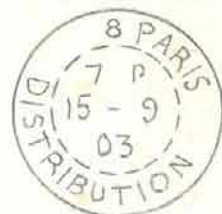
Sept. 12, 1903. London "Hooded Scroll" receipt backstamp.



Sept. 14, 1903. Baring Brothers put letters back into mails, readdressed to Paris. Early purple handstamp, later red.



Sept. 14. London canceller for "in transit" letter, postage still paid by U.S. stamps.

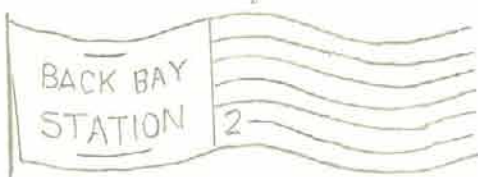


Sept. 15. Paris receipt backstamp.

1908

FORWARDING AGENTS
LONDON FORWARDERS OF U. S. MAIL

Baring Bros. & Co



LONDON.EC

5. 15 PM

MAY 9 08

May 1, 1908. Letter originated at Boston.
"Flag" cancel on 5¢ rate to U.P.U. countries.

May 9, 1908. London arrival backstamp.



May 11, 1908. Baring Brothers & Co. forwarded letter to Grenada, Spain, and backstruck this handstamp in red. Earlier (1903) strikes are in purple.

May 11, 1908. Back into the mail, letter received this London transit mark.

May 13, 1908. Grenada receipt backstamp.

1908

FORWARDING AGENTS

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL Baring Bros. & Co



March 19, 1908. Letter originated at Boston, paid 5¢ rate to U.P.U. countries.

March 27. London receipt backstamp.

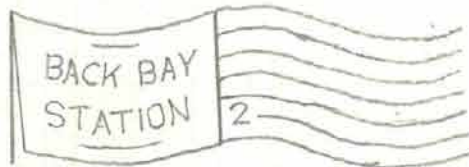
March 28. Receipt backstamp of Baring Brothers.



March 31, 1908. Baring Brothers forwarded letter on to Madrid by sticker to their agent there, and backstamped with their red stamp.

1908

FORWARDING AGENTS
LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL Baring Bros. & Co



LONDON E.C
8.15 PM
APL 6 08

March 30, 1908. Letter originated at Boston, Back Bay Station, 5¢ rate per ½-oz. to U.P.U. countries. Addressed c/o Baring Brothers, Ltd., London.

April 6, 1908. London receipt back-stamp.



April 7, 1908. Back-stamp of Baring Bros. who forwarded letter to Madrid by sticker.

April 7. Letter, back into the mails, received this London mark.

April 10, 1908. Receipt backstamp at Madrid.

1908

FORWARDING AGENTS

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL

Baring Bros. & Co



LONDON E.C

5.15 PM

APR 11 08

B.B. 13 APR 1908

April 3, 1908. Letter posted at the Back Bat Station, Boston at the 5¢ U.P. U. rate sent to Miss Frances Hayward, c/o Baring Brothers, Ltd., London.

April 11, 1908. London, East Central District and (April 13) Baring Brothers dated receipt backstamps.



April 21, 1908. A week later Baring Brothers received Miss Hayward's forwarding address and redirected letter onward to Seville, Spain.

1890

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL Consolidated Bank
HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE S.S. Augusta Victoria



May 28, 1890. Letter posted at Glencoe, Maryland with the U.P.U. rate of 5¢ to a member country paid by the Issue of 1888, Garfield indigo.

May 29. Backstamp at the New York Foreign Office. N.Y. Times of Sunday notes closing of mails per S.S. Augusta Victoria at 10 A.M., vessel sails at 1 P.M. for Europe via Southampton and Hamburg.

June 5. London. Hamburg-American Line SS Augusta Victoria from New-York May 29 for Hamburg passed Scilly at 2:15 P.M. today. Her mails went ashore at Southampton.

June 6. Arrival backstamp at London West Central, St. Martin's Place office. The Consolidated Bank received the letter and immediately readdressed it to the Hotel de France at Paris. The Charing Cross squared circle handstamp was struck as a receiving mark the same day as the letter went back into the mail.

June 7. Letter went by the Dover-Calais ferry, Calais to Paris T.P.O. transit stamp and Paris arrival backstamp.

1890

LONDON FORWARDERS OF UNITED STATES MAIL
CONSOLIDATED BANK, CHARING CROSS
GUION LINE S.S. Arizona



August 25, 1890. Letter posted paid at the 5c U.P.U. rate by Issue of 1888. Initially posted at Osterville, Cape Cod, Mass. c/o Consolidated Bank, London. Transit backstamp at New York Aug. 25, 7 P.M.

N.Y. Times, Aug. 26: OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS TODAY Aug. 26: Arizona, Liverpool 10:30 AM, Supplementary mails close 1 PM.

BY CABLE. London Sept. 3. Guion Line S.S. Arizona, Capt. Brooks, from New-York Aug. 26 for Liverpool arrived at Queenstown at 5 30 AM today.

Sept. 4. London arrival backstamps.

Consolidated Bank readdressed the letter to Banque des Grisois, St. Moritz (sic), Suisse on reverse. Receiving stamp back into the mails at Charing Cross, London was by the "squared circle" on Sept. 4.

Sept. 7. Arrival handstamps at two different St. Moritz post offices.

1890

LONDON FORWARDERS OF U.S. MAIL
GUION LINE

Consolidated Bank
S.S. Arizona



Sept. 29, 1890. Letter paid at the U.P.V. rate at Glencoe, Maryland, 5c Issue of 1888. Purple obliterator at Glencoe, and same day transit backstamp at Baltimore.



September 29, 12 midnight, letter transit at New York, Foreign Department, backstamp. The S.S. Arizona of the Guion Line was advertised to sail Tuesday Sept. 30, at 6 A.M., her mails closed at 3:30 A.M.



BY CABLE: London Oct. 8. Guion Line SS Arizona, Capt. Brooks, from New-York Sept. 30 for Liverpool, arr. at Queenstown at 6 25 AM to-day.

October 9. Arrival backstamp at London, W.C., St. Martin's Place office. Consolidated Bank deleted their address and forwarded the letter to Miss Minnie Garnett at St. Moriz, Switzerland. Letter went back into the mails same day at the West Central Charing Cross Station, received by the squared circle handstamp on the face of the letter.



October 12. St. Moriz arrival backstamp.

1890

LONDON FORWARDERS OF UNITED STATES MAIL
CONSOLIDATED BANK, CHARING CROSS
INMAN LINE S.S. City of New York



Nov. 10, 1890. Letter posted at Glencoe, Maryland, paid 5c U.P.U. rate by Issue of 1888. Transit backstamp at Baltimore 10:30 A.M. same day.

N.Y. Times: OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS, Nov. 12, City of New York for Queenstown. Mails close 1:30 AM, Supplementary mails close 5 AM.

BY CABLE: London Nov. 18. Inman Line City of New York, Capt. Watkins, from New-York Nov. 12 for Liverpool, passed Kinsale at 12:50 PM to-day.

Nov. 20. Consolidated Bank forwarded letter to addressee at Paris. Receipt back into postal system shown by the "squared circle" of Charing Cross, West Central.

Nov. 21. French entry, Calais to Paris railway mark.



1907

FORWARDING AGENTS

REDIRECTED LETTERS

The greatest number of forwarding agents operated in the period 1820 - 1860. Very few functioned after 1870. Due to the increase in tourism at the end of the 19th century many hotels and travel agencies catered to their clients by forwarding their mail or acting as poste restante. Such letters are usually marked with a handstamp which sometimes included the words "forwarded by", although the function was redirecting rather than forwarding.



1) July 19, 1907. Letter originated at Strathbone, Ireland for addressee c/o American Express at London.

2) July 20. London, S.W. receipt mark.

3) Aug. 9. London office forwarded letter unpaid to Am. Express Paris office.

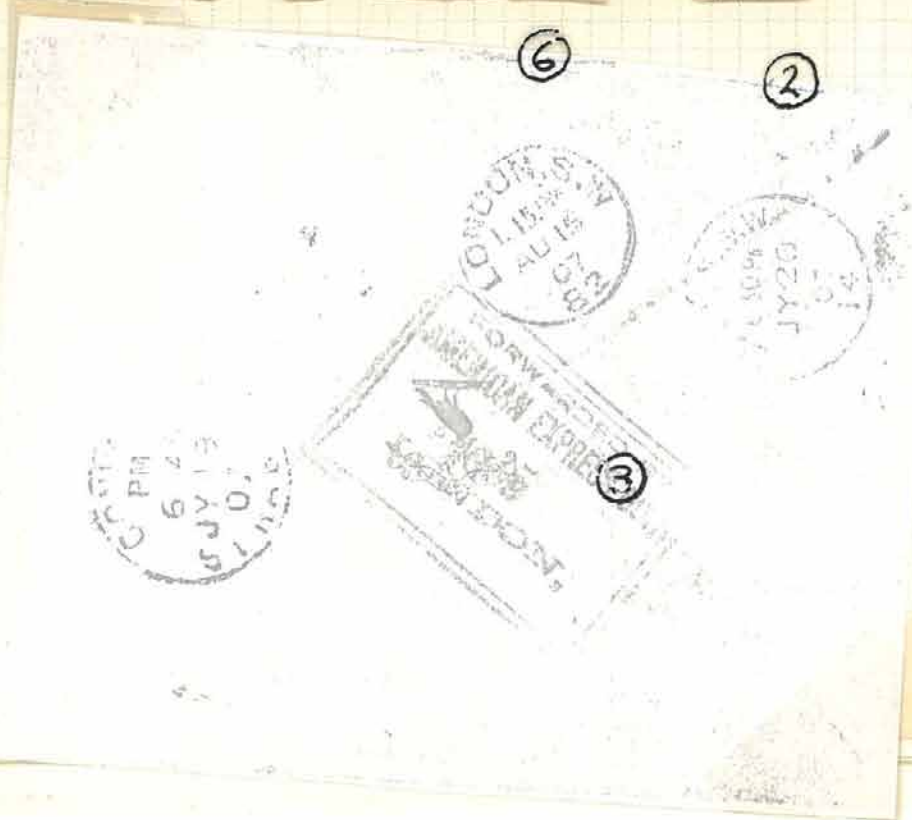
4) Aug. 9. London transit "squared circle". Note unusual numbers in lower corners

5) Aug. 10. Paris office received letter and paid 15 centimes postage due.

Aug. 14. Paris office re-forwarded letter back to London.

6) Aug. 15. London transit backstamp.

7) 3D. postage due handstamp of the London Foreign Branch Post Office. Paid by the London office of American Express.



FORWARDED BY THE
AMERICAN COTTON OIL
COMPANY
NEW YORK

Mr. J. S. Smith & Co.

68 Wall St. New York

PAID
10 CENTS

1860

BOYD'S CITY EXPRESS, New York



PAID
J.T.B



February 21, 1860. 2 CENTS prepayment stamp (Sc. 20K14), Issue of 1857, on local letter, cancelled by the John T. Boyd handstamp.

1844

FORWARDING AGENTS

AMERICAN MAIL CO.
PHILADELPHIA



COLLECT.



Dec. 18, 1844. This letter was written at Philadelphia and handed to the American Mail Co. to be delivered on a messenger basis. The rate in 1844 (Act of 1825) from Philadelphia to New York (92 miles) was 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for the zone of 80-150 miles. As a large volume of mail travelled between these two cities, merchants were willing to take advantage of this messenger service and pay only the local (to 30 miles) rate of 6¢, and the American Mail Co. had enough business to make the trip profitable.

Although marked "Forwarded by", this letter should more properly fall into an expressman or local carrier category.

1844

INDEPENDENT MAIL SERVICES
HALE & CO.

New York, N.Y.



August 22, 1844. Letter datelined at New York concerns shipping 20 cases Madders (a root used for medicine and dyes) to Cocheco Man'g Co. at Boston by the Tremont Line packet schooner J. Pooley & Co. (10 casks) and by New Line pr. schooner Excel.

Letter forwarded by Hale & Co. express at New York. Letter contained bills of lading, so a double collect rate of 12 1/2 cents was due as shown by the manuscript alteration of the SIX CENTS rate handstamp.

1844

INDEPENDENT MAIL SERVICES
OVERTON & CO.

Boston, Mass.

In 1844, Overton & Company carried mail between its offices in New York and Boston, and from New York to Albany. Two oval hand-stamps are known. In addition, adhesive stamps were prepared for use on letters carried by Overton & Company.



This letter is a form letter soliciting subscriptions to a proposed publication, "Pennsylvania Journal of Prison Discipline". Accompanying the letter was a copy of the journal.

Letters in bulk were sent to Overton & Co. at Boston for distribution to New England newspaper editors for review and/or subscriptions. Remnants of paper at upper right may be from one of the Overton & Co. adhesives. The PAID is an unlisted type.

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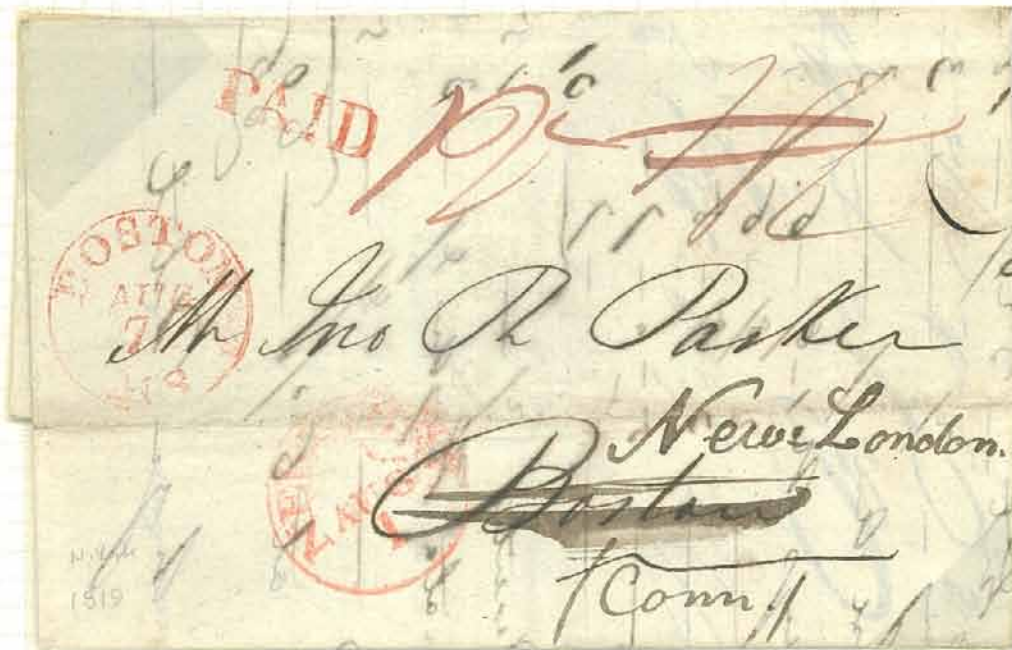
September 18, 1844. Letter is datelined at New York, addressed to a druggist at Newburgh, N.Y., 60 miles up the Hudson River. Letter concerns sales of A. Gilbert's Anti Billious Family Pills.

Letter forwarded by Overton & Co. by one of the Hudson River steamboats that ran New York City to Albany.

1819

FORWARDING AGENTS

This letter illustrates the casual method of forwarding mail in early 19th century America. A manuscript notation on the reverse asks a favor of any acquaintance in Boston to please redirect this letter to Jno'th Parker.



ACT OF APRIL 9, 1816 RATES

Effective May 1, 1816 to March 3, 1825



PAID



Aug. 1, 1819. Letter posted at New York for Boston (about 220 miles) and prepaid 18^{1/2}¢ for zone rate of 150-400 miles.

Aug. 7, 1819. Letter readdressed at Boston to New London, Conn., old rate deleted and prepaid 12^{1/2}¢ forwarding postage for zone rate of 80-150 miles (red mms.)

1850

UNITED STATES
FORWARDED MAIL
DOMESTIC LETTER RATES

Act of March 3, 1845 - Effective July 1, 1845 to Mar. 3, 1851.



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Oct. 26, 1850. Letter posted to Chickopee, Mass. and rated not over $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 10¢ unpaid.

Letter missent to Chickopee Falls (note old spelling of "Chicopee") and forwarded to Chickopee. An additional charge of 5¢, rate under 300 miles, was added, giving a total rate due of 15¢.

Act of Mar. 3, 1845 rates:

Per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce:-	To 300 miles	5¢ prepaid or unpaid.
	Over 300 miles	10¢ prepaid or unpaid.