



Analyzing Transatlantic Covers

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for Scotland
via Marseille



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James Dunn & Co.
Edinburgh



INSUFFICIENTLY
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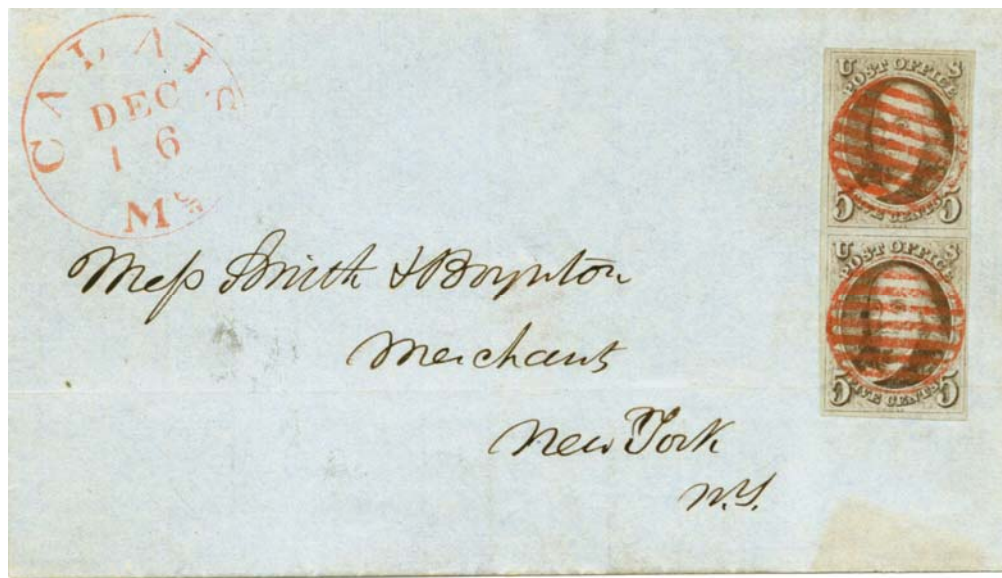
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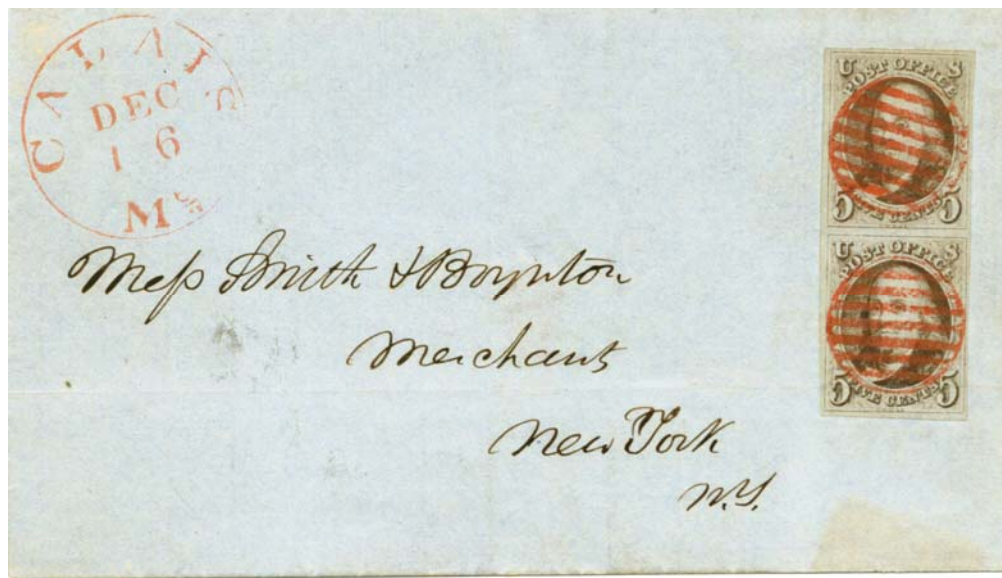
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Evaluation Process

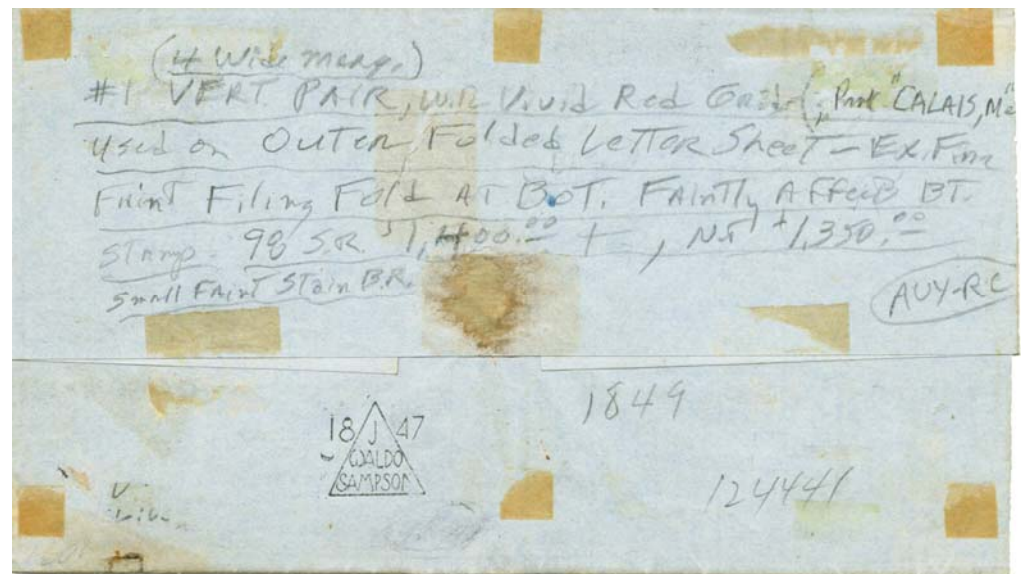
- Establish the itinerary of the cover
- Evaluate the markings on the cover
- Determine the rating of the cover
- Prepare a record



16 December 1849 – Calais, Maine. to New York



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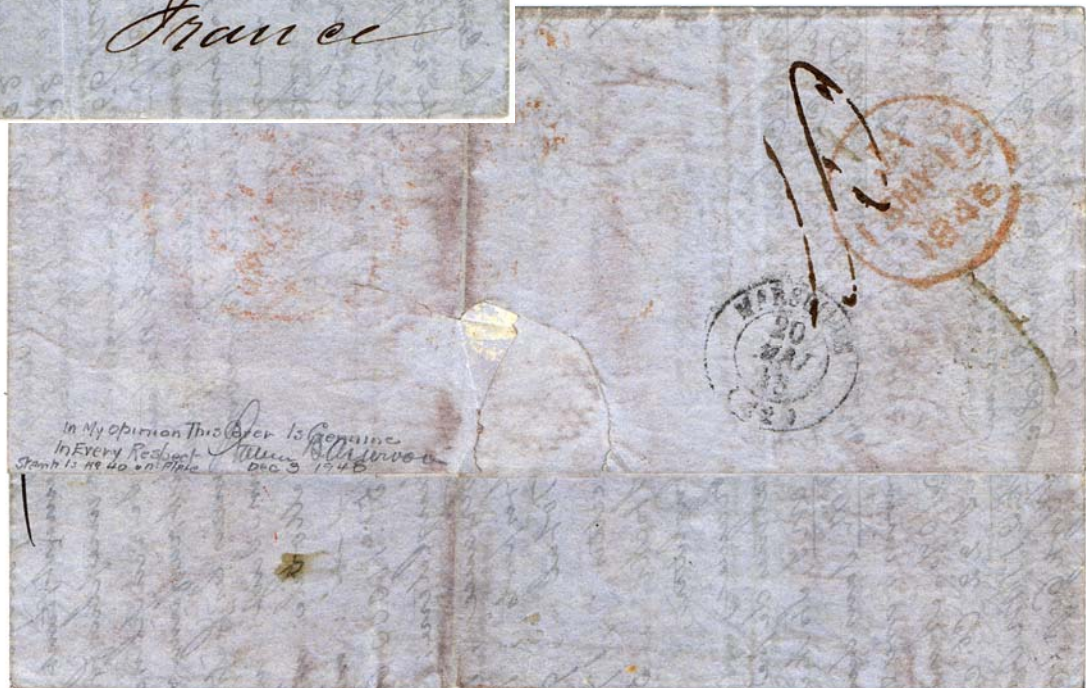




28 February 1846 – New York to Francomont, Belgium



30 April 1846 – New York
 to Marseille, France





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Itinerary:

- 30 April 1846 – letter posted in New York; mail made up for next day sailing of Cunard steamer from Boston
- 1 May 1846 – *Caledonia* departed Boston
- 14 May 1846 – *Caledonia* arrived at Liverpool
- 15 May 1846 – letter arrived at London
- 17 May 1846 – letter arrived at Paris, entering France at Boulogne
- 20 May 1846 – letter arrived at Marseille



30 April 1846 – New York
to Marseille, France

Rates:

- 5¢ paid for U.S. inland fee to Boston (9X1 adhesive)
- London marked COLONIES/&c ART.13 (3s4d per ounce debit to France)
- Paris marked 21 decimes postage due (10 decimes to U.K. plus 11 decimes internal fee)



17 July 1850 – New York
to Steyr, Austria



Itinerary:

17 July 1850 – New York (Rolker & Möllmann) to Steyr, Austria

20 July 1850 – planned sailing date of Bremen steamer

21 July 1850 – Ocean Line *Washington* departed New York

6 August 1850 – *Washington* arrived at Bremerhaven, Germany

10 August 1850 – letter handled on Saxony railroad

13 August 1850 – letter arrived at Steyr



17 July 1850 – New York to Steyr, Austria

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AMERICA
ÜBER BREMEN



17 July 1850 – New York to Steyr, Austria

S. Steamer Washington

9 AMERICA
ÜBER BREMEN

11
10/13

11
S. Steamer Washington
55
9 AMERICA
ÜBER BREMEN
24
20
JUL
NEW YORK
With Envelope
Steyr
W. Germany

24
20
JUL
NEW YORK

17 July 1850 – New York to Steyr, Austria

S. Steamer Washington

9 AMERICA
ÜBER BREMEN

Linggig 10/8

11
[Red stamp]

11
S. Steamer Washington
9 AMERICA
ÜBER BREMEN
55
J. J. Witham
49
16
Steyr
W. Germany

NEW 24 YORK
2 JUL
20

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2 JUL
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1 October 1856 – Don Pedro's Bar, California to San Remo, Kingdom of Sardinia



Itinerary:

- 1 October 1856 – letter posted at Don Pedro's Bar
- 6 October 1856 – PMSS Co. *Golden Gate* departed San Francisco
- 20 October 1856 – *Golden Gate* arrived at Panama City
- 20 October 1856 – USMSS Co. *Illinois* departed Aspinwall
- 28 October 1856 – *Illinois* arrived at New York
- 29 October 1856 – closed mail departed New York on Cunard *Persia*
- 7 November 1856 – *Persia* arrived at Liverpool
- 9 November 1856 – closed mail bag opened at Aachen
- 11 November 1856 – letter handled on Baden railroad enroute to Switzerland and Austrian Lombardy
- 14 November 1856 – letter arrived at Genoa
- 15 November 1856 – letter arrived at San Remo

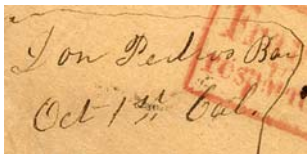
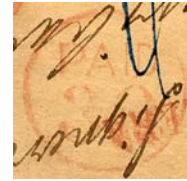


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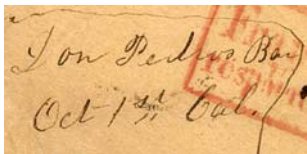
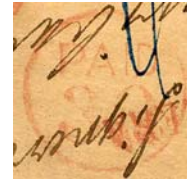
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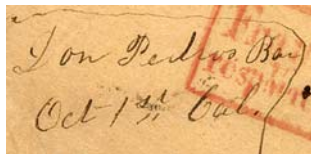
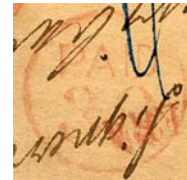
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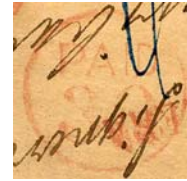
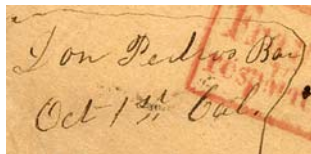
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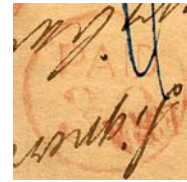
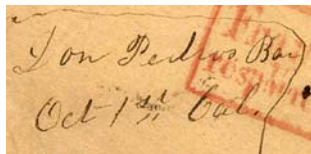
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Italia G.

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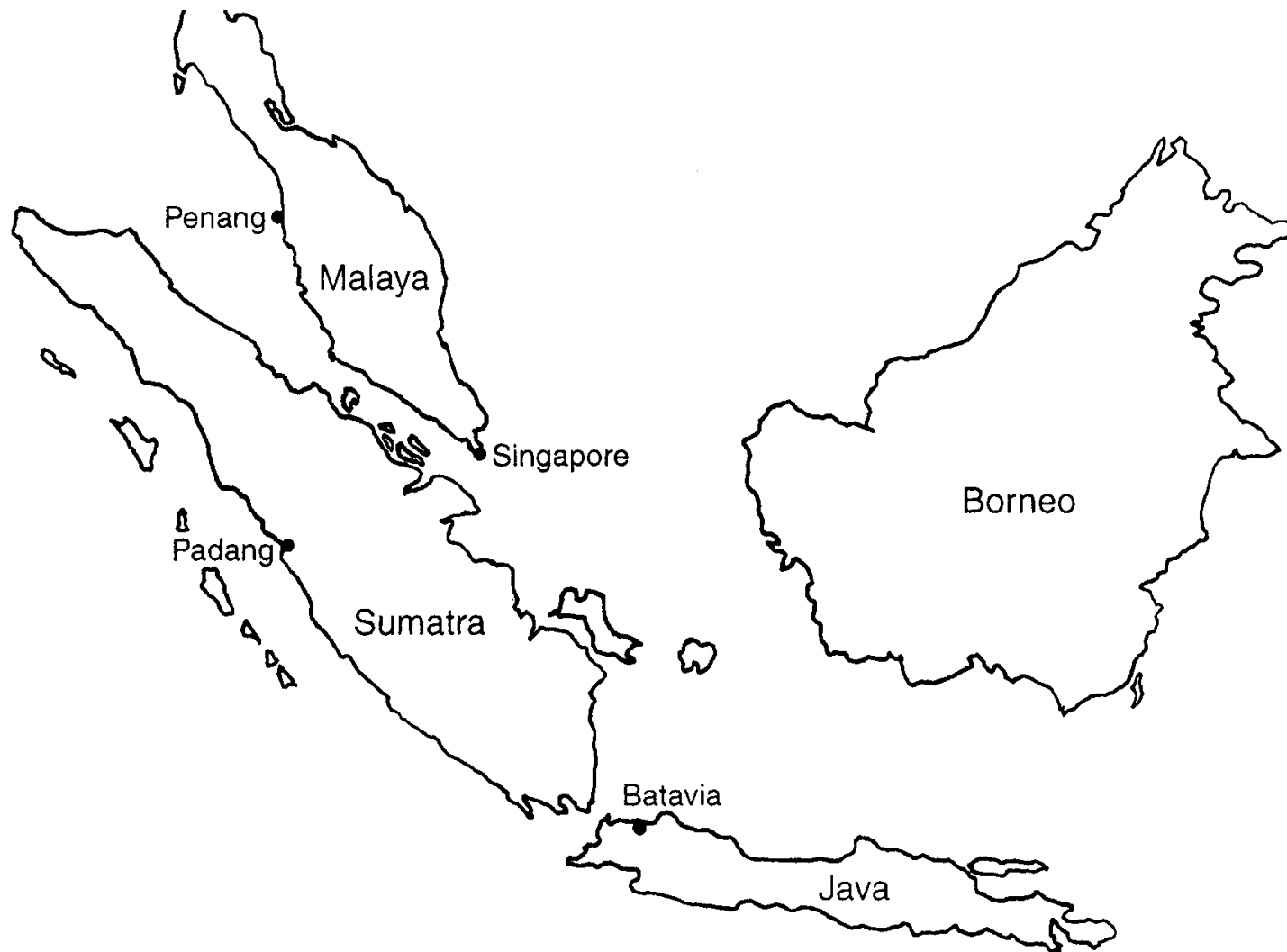
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28 September 1858 – Boston to Padang, Sumatra, Dutch East Indies



Itinerary:

28 September 1858 – Boston to Padang, Sumatra, Dutch East Indies

29 September 1858 – Cunard *Persia* departed New York

10 October 1858 – *Persia* arrived at Liverpool

11 October 1858 – letter arrived at London

16 October 1858 – Cunard *Persia* departed Liverpool

26 October 1858 – *Persia* arrived at New York

10 November 1858 – Cunard *Persia* departed New York

21 November 1858 – *Persia* arrived at Liverpool

22 November 1858 – letter arrived back at London

4 December 1858 – P&O *Ceylon* departed Southampton

17 December 1858 – *Ceylon* arrived at Alexandria, Egypt

19 December 1858 – P&O *Simla* departed Suez

2 January 1859 – *Simla* arrived at Galle, Ceylon

6 January 1859 – P&O *Pekin* departed Galle, Ceylon

15 January 1859 – *Pekin* arrived at Singapore

16 January 1859 – Dutch steamer *Koningen der Nederlanden* departed Singapore

19 January 1859 – *Koningen der Nederlanden* arrived at Batavia



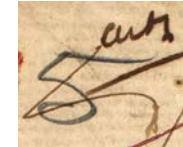
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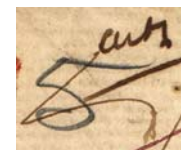
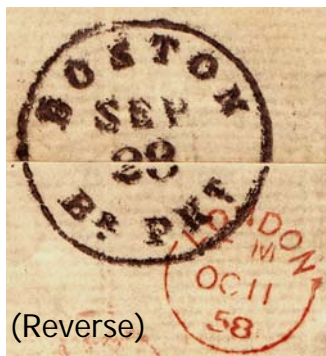
- 5¢ British open mail rate paid, but mail to Sumatra had to be fully prepaid 33¢ (Southampton route) or 39¢/45¢ (Marseille route)
- Boston clerk probably took rate for Penang instead of Padang from rate table



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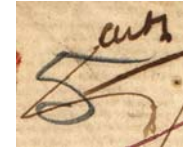
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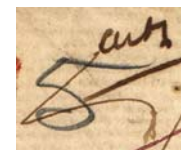
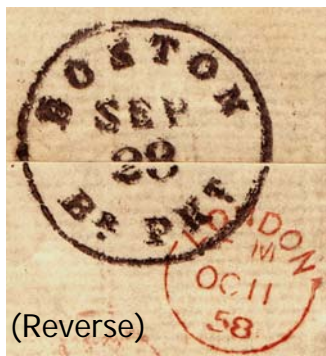
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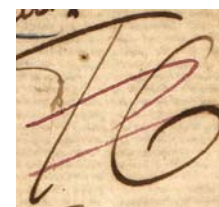
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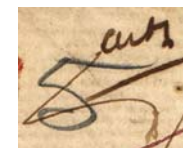
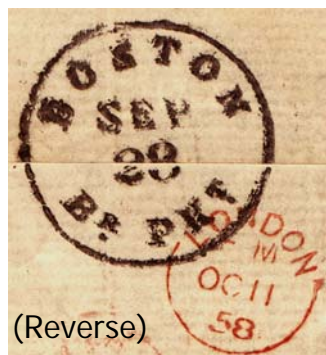
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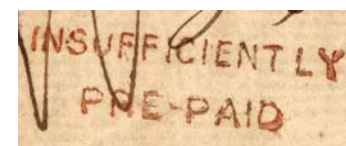
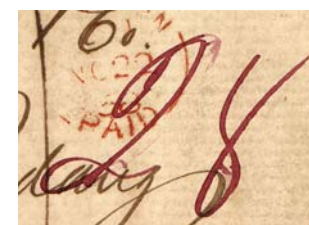
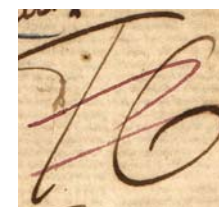
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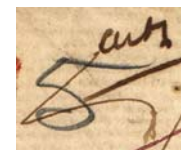
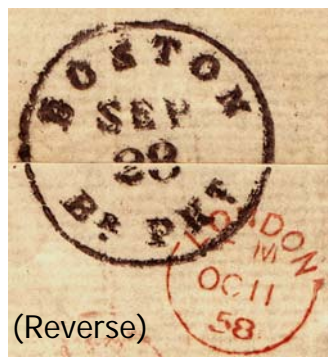
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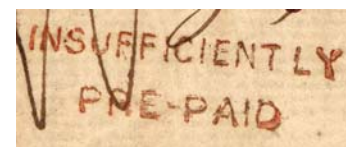
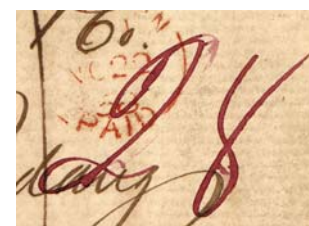
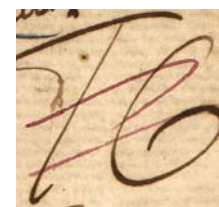
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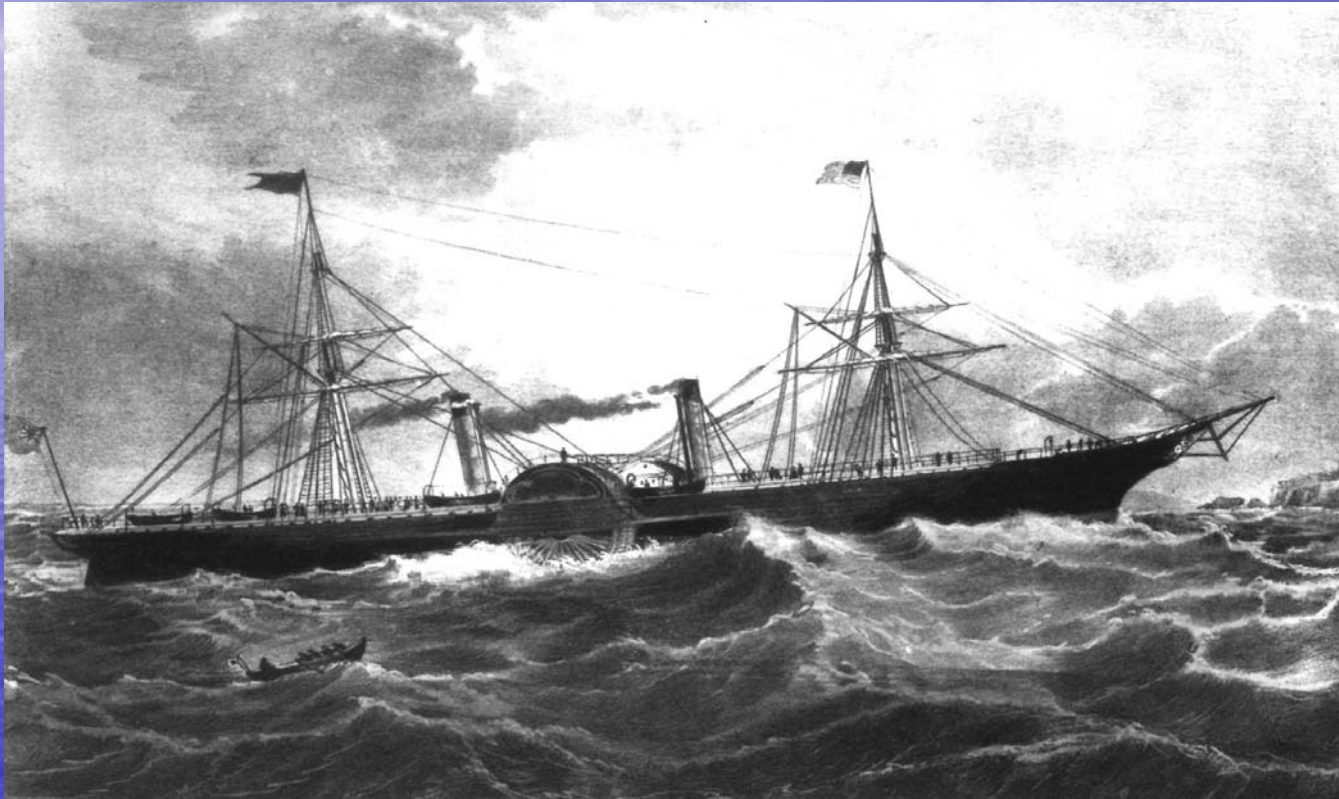
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The End



Cunard steamship *Scotia* carrying the mails in the 1860s
(Currier & Ives)