

112 kr prepaid for quadruple open mail rate by British packet from near Frankfurt am Main 18 April 1853 to Washington, Franklin County, Missouri, by *Asia* (Cunard Line), Liverpool 23 April 1853, Boston 5 May 1853. Rated in upper right as 2-6/10 loth (431/3 grams, 1.53 ounces). Triple (3) rate under Anglo-Prussian Convention, but quadruple rate under U.S.-British Treaty, which did not recognize a triple rate.

German internal	<b>9</b> sgr			
Belgian transit (British part)	1½ sgr	1½ sgr		
Belgian transit (Prussian part)	1½ sgr	1½ sgr	1½ d	
British transit	9 sgr	9 sgr	10½ d	
Packet	20 sgr	20 sgr	24 d	
U.S. internal	3	3		20¢
Totals	41 sgr	32 sgr = 112 Kr	36 d	<b>20</b> ¢ 20¢
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Philadelphia exchange office marking indicates closed mail bag sent from Boston to Philadelphia, where mail was processed

13¾ sgr prepaid for open mail rate by British packet from Cassel (14), Grossherzogtum Hessen, 16 October 1856 to Philadelphia by Canada (Cunard Line), Liverpool 25 October 1856, Boston 7 November 1856. Prepaid to the U.S. frontier. 5¢ due marking applied in Philadelphia.





21¢ open mail rate by American packet prepaid from Albany, New York, 25 December 1854 to Berlin by *Pacific* (Collins Line), New York 28 December 1854, Liverpool 9 January 1855. 3½ GROSCHEN and U.S. Pkt. markings applied in London.

Letter from Cassel							
German internal Belgian transit (British part) Belgian transit (Prussian part) British transit Sea U.S. internal Totals	3 sgr ½ sgr ½ sgr 3 sgr 6¾ sgr 13¾ sgr	10¾ sgr inter- national rate	½d 3½d 8 d	16¢ <u>5¢</u> due 21¢			

Letter from Albany								
U.S. internal	5¢							
Sea	16¢							
British transit		3 sgr 3 3½ sgr British						
Belgian transit (British part)		3 sgr 3½ sgr British debit to Prussia						
Belgian transit (Prussian pa	art)	½ sgr						
Prussian internal		3 sgr						
Totals	21¢	7 sgr due						

## II.C. 1849 U.S.-British Treaty -1846 Anglo-Prussian Convention - 1852 Rates





(reverse)
Applied in Aachen to mail carried under the 1846 Anglo-Prussian Convention. Wrappers sent under the Anglo-Prussian Convention are very scarce.

2¢ open mail newspaper rate prepaid from New Orleans 12 July 1856 to Dessau, Prussia, by Baltic (Collins Line), New York 19 July 1856, Liverpool 30 July 1856. There was no accounting between the U.S. and the Britain on newspapers.

U.S. internal	2¢	0d debit to December	41/
British internal German internal		2d debit to Prussia	1½ sgr 1 sgr
Totals	2¢	<u>2d</u>	2½ sgr due

In June 1859 the paid Anglo-Prussian rates were reduced from 8d or 7 sgr to 6d to 5 sgr per ½ ounce. Unpaid rates remained the same.



The Chicago exchange office received Allan Line mail by the Grand Trunk Railway.



5 sgr open mail rate by American packet from Deutz, Rhenish Prussia, 4 December 1864 to Burlington, Iowa, by *North American* (Allan Line), Londonderry 9 December 1864, Portland 25 December 1864.

Paid all in lower left indicated 6¾ sea postage was also paid. This is consistent with 16¢ credit to U.S.

German internal
Belgian transit (British part)
Belgian transit (Prussian part)
British transit
Sea
U.S. internal
Totals

2 sgr ½ sgr ½ sgr ½ sgr ½ sgr 2 sgr national rate 2½d 8 d 11¾ sgr 11 d

16¢ credit to U.S.  $\frac{5\phi}{21\phi}$  or 11¢ in U.S. NOTES due





Applied in Aachen pursuant to 1846 Anglo-Prussian Convention.

By American packet from New York 15 June 1861 to Venice by City of Washington (Inman Line), New York 15 June 1861, Queenstown 26 June 1861. **27¢** French Convention rate paid, but sent in open mail. Britain forwarded letter according to endorsement, via Ostend and Vienna. **18¢** credit under French Convention adequate since ½ ounce rate from England to Venice via Belgium was 6d (12¢).

In 1847, the United States entered into a postal convention with Bremen, which was its first international mail convention with a European power. The rates were 24¢, 29¢, or 34¢, the sum of the domestic rates based on the distance within the United States, plus 24¢ sea postage.

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Debit from Hanover to Prussia: 9 ggr sea plus 11/3 ggr Hanover fee.



24¢ singe rate unpaid from New York 29 March 1851 to Berlin by *Hermann* (Ocean Line), New York 29 March 1851, Bremen 16 April 1851.



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Scarce double rate debit from Hanover to Thurn & Taxis: 18 ggr sea plus 2% ggr Hanover fee.

24¢ double rate unpaid from New York 4 November 1848 to Württemberg by Washington (Ocean Line), New York 20 November 1848, Bremen 8 December 1848.

	Single	Rate to P	russia			Doubl	e Rate To	Württember	g	
Sea Hanover	24¢	9 ggr	9 ggr 1⅓ ggr	11¼ sgr 1¾ sgr	Sea Hanover	48¢	18 ggr	18 ggr 2⅔ ggr	] 91 kr	91 kr
Prussian internal Totals	<b>24</b> ¢	<b>9</b> ggr	101/3 ggr	3½ sgr 16½ sgr	Thurn & Taxis Württemberg Totals	<b>48</b> ¢	<b>18</b> ggr	<b>20</b> ⅔ ggr	15 kr 1 gulden 46 kr	15 kr



NOT PAID

Applied in New York.

24¢ rate unpaid from New York 14 August 1850 to Dresden, Saxony, by Hermann (Ocean Line), New York 20 August 1850, Bremen 6 September 1850.
No U.S. internal postage since mailed in New York. Endorsed for Canada (Cunard Line), but actually carried by Hermann, as confirmed by 9 September arrival mark.

## AMERICA ÜBER BREMEN

Applied by the Hanover post office in Bremen. Used in black from June 1847 to April 1853. Used in red from September 1849 to May 1859. Used in blue July 1852 to November 1867.



5¢ of 29¢ rate paid from Rome, New York, 10 September 1848 to Baden by Washington (Ocean Line), New York 20 September 1848, Bremen 7 October 1848. Since sender paid 5¢ U.S. internal, letter rated at 24¢ rate, as if sent from New York.

		To Saxo	ny				To B	aden		
Sea Hanover	24¢	9 ggr	9 ggr 1⅓ ggr	11¼ ngr 1¾ ngr	Sea Hanover	24¢	9 ggr	9 ggr 1⅓ ggr	] 45 kr	45 kr
German internal Totals	<b>24</b> ¢	9 ggr	10⅓ ggr	3 3/10 ngr 16 3/10 ngr	Thurn & Taxis Württemberg Totals	<u>24¢</u>	0 ggr		6 kr 51 kr	6 kr <u>6 kr</u> <b>57</b> kr
					TOTALS	244	9 ggr	<b>10</b> 1/₃ ggr	51 Kr	o/ Kr



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Debit from Hanover to Thurn & Taxis: 1 11/12 ggr U.S. internal, 9 ggr sea, plus 11/3 ggr Hanover fee.

29¢ rate unpaid from Quakerstown, Pennsylvania, 12 September 1850 to Lombach, Württemberg, by Washington (Ocean Line), New York 20 September 1850, Bremen 6 October 1850.

Debit from
Hanover to Thurn
& Taxis: 11/3 ggr
Hanover fee.

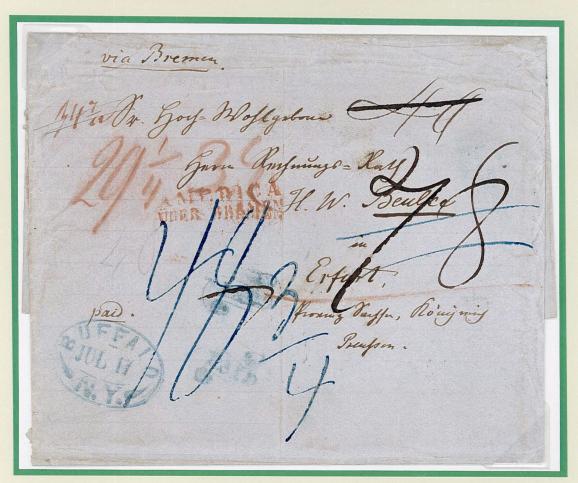


29¢ rate PAID PART from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19 August 1850 to Winnenden, Württemberg, by Hermann (Ocean Line), New York 20 August 1850, Bremen 6 September 1850.

			Part Paid Cover	Unpaid Cover
U.S. internal	5¢	1 11/12 ggr <sub>7</sub> <b>10 11/12</b> ggr		7 61 kr or <b>1</b> gulden <b>5</b> kr
Sea	24¢	ggr J Bremen debit		53 kr   debit from Thurn &
Hanover_		1 1/3 ggr to Hanover	6 kr 7 14 kr debit from	J Taxis to Württemberg
Thurn & Taxis			8 kr J Thurn & Taxis to	8 kr J
Württemberg			4 kr Württemberg	4 kr
Totals	29¢	12 1/4 ggr Hanover debit	18 kr	1 gulden
		to Thurn & Taxis		5 kr



29¢ rate unpaid from Washington, D.C., 17 September 1848 to Linden, Hanover, by Washington (Ocean Line), New York 20 September 1848, Bremen 7 October 1848.



40¢ or \$1.18 quadruple 24¢ rate prepaid from Buffalo, New York, 17 July 1850 to Erfurt, Prussia, by Washington (Ocean Line), New York 21 July 1850, Bremen 6 August 1850.

Rated as quadruple (34 grams upper left). Sea 9¢ less on multiples of three or more. Debit to Bremen 24¢+24¢+15¢+15¢=78¢.

	To Har	nover		Qı	uadruple Rate t	to Prussia	
U.S. internal Sea Hanover Totals	5¢ 24¢ <b>29</b> ¢	2 ggr 9 ggr	2 ggr 9 ggr 2 ggr	U.S. internal Sea Hanover	40¢ 78¢	<b>29</b> 1⁄4 ggr 41⁄3 ggr	= 42 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> sgr
rotais	23ψ	11 ggr	<b>13</b> ggr	German internal Totals	\$1.18	34 ggr	6 sgr 48¾ sgr

Bremen closed mails: In 1849, if there were no scheduled Ocean Line sailing, Bremen Convention mail was sent in closed mails through England under a provision of the U.S.- British treaty. This letter was carried on the first such sailing.

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Debit from Hanover to Thurn & Taxis: 3¾ ggr U.S. internal, 9 ggr sea, plus 1⅓ ggr Hanover fee.



**34**¢ rate unpaid from Ann Arbor, Michigan, 29 October 1849 to Oberamt Freudenstadt, Württemberg, by *America* (Cunard Line), New York 28 November 1849, Liverpool 12 December 1849.



Effective 1 July 1847 a 40¢ rate applied to letters to or from any place on the Pacific coast within the United States. This produced a 64¢ rate when combined with the 24¢ sea rate under the Convention.

64¢ prepaid in San Francisco.

64¢ rate prepaid from San Francisco 1 October 1850 to Bremen by California (Pacific Mail Steamship Line), San Francisco 1 October 1850, Panama 22 October 1850 by Georgia (United States Mail Steamship Line), Chagres 26 October 1850, New York 7 November 1850 by Washington (Ocean Line), New York 20 November 1850, Bremen 8 December 1850.

No postage due since letter was addressed to Bremen.

		F	rom Ann Arbor		
U.S. internal Sea Hanover	10¢ 24¢	3¾ ggr 9 ggr	3¾ ggr 9 ggr 1⅓ ggr	<b>61</b> kr	61 kr
Thurn & Taxis Württemberg			33	<b>8</b> kr	8 kr <b>4</b> kr
Totals	34¢	12¾ ggr	14 1/12 ggr	1 gulden 9 kr	1 gulden 13 kr

From San Francisco	
J.S. Pacific coast rate	40¢
Sea	24¢
Totals	64¢



## 9 AMERICA ÜBER BREMEN

Debit from Bremen to Hanover: 9 ggr international rate. Applied by the Hanover post office in Bremen.

24¢ rate unpaid from Williamsburg, New York, 19 January 1851 carried privately to New York where it was mailed 21 January 1851 to Lendsiedel, Württemberg, by Pacific (Collins Line), New York 22 January 1851, Liverpool 3 February 1851, arrived Bremen 8 February 1851. No U.S. internal since mailed in New York. Carried to Bremen in closed mail through England.

# 123/ AMERICA ÜBER BREMEN

Debit from Bremen to Hanover: 12¾ ggr international rate. Applied by the Hanover post office in Bremen.



34¢ rate unpaid from New Orleans 19 September 1850 to Welzheim, Württemberg, by Arctic (Collins Line), New York 27 October 1850, Liverpool 7 November 1850, arrived Bremen 12 November 1850. Carried to Bremen in closed mail through England.

U.S. internal
Sea
Hanover Thurn & Taxis
Württemberg
Totals

From New York							
24¢	9 ggr	9 ggr 1⅓ ggr	] 45 kr 8 kr	45 kr 8 kr			
<b>24</b> ¢	9 ggr	<b>10</b> ⅓ ggr	53 kr	4 kr 57 kr			

		From Ne	w Orlea	ins	
10¢ 24¢	3¾ ggr 9 ggr	3¾ 9 1⅓	ggr ggr ggr	<b>61</b> kr	61 kr
				<b>8</b> kr	8 kr <b>4</b> kr
34¢	<b>12</b> ¾ ggr	14 1/1	2 ggr	1 gulden 9 kr	1 gulden 13 kr



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Manuscript debit in ggr from Hanover to Thurn & Taxis: 3¾ ggr U.S. internal, 9 ggr sea, plus 1⅓ ggr Hanover fee. Before handstamps were used.

34¢ rate unpaid from Chicago 2 June 1848 to Oberdorf, Württemberg, by *Hermann* (Ocean Line), New York 20 June 1848, Bremen 6 July 1848. Carried on the second voyage after Bremen stopped collecting a 2 grote or ¾ ggr transit fee from Bremerhaven to Bremen and before Hanover introduced its 12¾ AMERICA ÜBER BREMEN and 14 1/12 handstamps.

Heren Kammer herrn leurl
123 America von Butter
(and Herrogthum Sachsen)
Siemen Meiningen
Cheiningen
Cheiningen

34¢ rate unpaid Sheboygan, Wisconsin, 7 January 1850 to Meiningen, Sachsen-Meiningen, by Canada (Cunard Line), New York 23 January 1850, Liverpool 4 February 1850, arrived Bremen 9 February 1850. Carried in the Bremen closed mail through England.

		From	Chicago	)		
U.S. internal Sea Hanover	10¢ 24¢	3¾ ggr 9 ggr	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 9 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	ggr ggr ggr	<b>61</b> kr	61 kr
Thurn & Taxis Württemberg					<b>25</b> kr	25 kr <b>6</b> kr
Totals	34¢	12¾ ggr	14 1/1	2 ggr	1 gulden 26 kr	1 gulden 32 kr

		From	Wiscor	nsin		
U.S. internal	10¢	33/4 ggr	33/4	ggr	33/4 ggr -	
Sea Hanover	24¢	9 ggr	9 11/3	ggr ggr	9 ggr 1⅓ ggr	1 gdn <b>3</b> kr
German transit					32/3 ggr -	12 kr
Totals	34¢	<b>12</b> ¾ ggr	14 1/1	2 ggr	173/4 ggr	1 gulden 15 kr



# Paid to Bremen.

Applied by Hanover post office in Bremen.

29¢ rate. 2 ggr Paid to Bremen from Wartienstedt, Hanover, 8 March 1851 to Clifton Park, New York, by Washington (Ocean Line), Bremen 21 March 1851, New York 10 April 1851.



## Retour AMERIKA. (reverse)

Applied in Bremen.

34¢ rate. 18 kr paid to Bremen (prepayment shown on reverse) from Willsbach, Württemberg, 17 July 1849 to St. Louis by Washington (Ocean Line), Bremen 15 August 1849, New York 3 September 1849, advertised, forwarded to New Orleans 18 September 1859, returned by *Hermann* (Ocean Line), New York 20 February 1850, Bremen 10 March 1850.

34¢ rate increased by 12¢ (2¢ advertising fee and 10¢ 300 miles and over) for a total of 46¢ due in New Orleans.

From H	anover		From W	/ürttemberg	
German internal Hanover Sea U.S. internal Totals	2 ggr	24¢ <u>5¢</u> <b>29</b> ¢	Württemberg Thurn & Taxis Hanover Sea U.S. internal Totals	4 kr ] <sub>14 kr</sub> <del>18 kr</del>	24¢ 10¢ <b>34</b> ¢

## III.A. 1847 U.S.-Bremen Convention - 1847 Rates





35¢ postage due. This is the only recorded example of this marking.

Unpaid from Uslar, Hanover, 20 January 1850 to New Kirk's Mills, New York, by *Canada* (Cunard Line), Liverpool 23 February 1850, New York 11 March 1850. 6 grote or **6**¢ debit from Bremen to U.S. Closed mail sent from Bremen 15 February 1850.



34¢ rate unpaid from Marine Town, Illinois, 3 September 1850 to Basil, Switzerland, by *America* (Cunard Line), New York 20 September 1850, Bremen 9 October 1850. Letters under the Bremen Convention's 1847 rates to destinations beyond Germany are scarce.

	From Hanover				To Switz	erland			
Hanover Sea U.S. internal	2 ggr Hanover debit	6¢ 24¢ <u>5¢</u> <b>35</b> ¢	U.S. internal Sea Hanover	10¢ 24¢	3¾ ggr 9 ggr	3¾ 9 1⅓	ggr ggr ggr	<b>61</b> kr	61 kr
Totals	2 ggr	35¢	Thurn & Taxis Switzerland		CHUPA			20 kr	20 kr <u>3 kr</u>
			Totals	34¢	123/4 ggr	14 1/1	2 gar	81 kr	84 kr

One month rate: Before 1 June 1851, Hanover charged a  $1\frac{1}{3}$  ggr (5 kr) transit fee. The additional fee to Württemberg was 8 kr. When it entered the G.A.P.U. on 1 June 1851, Hanover could no longer charge this transit fee and the transit fee to Württemberg became the standard G.A.P.U. rate of 9 kr. The  $24\phi$  sea postage was equated to 40 kr. Hanover's debit to Thurn & Taxis became: 49 kr on a  $24\phi$  letter, 57 kr on a  $29\phi$  letter, and 65 kr on a  $34\phi$  letter. However, the manuscript rate markings on known covers indicate Thurn & Taxis did not take this rate change into account. This rate remained in effect for only one month when the U.S. rates were reduced on 1 July 1851.



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Scarce 49 kr debit from Hanover to Thurn & Taxis, representing 40 kr sea and 9 kr G.A.P.U. postage.

10¢ of 34¢ rate paid from Holidaysburgh, Pennsylvania, 13 May 1851 to Künzelsau, Württemberg, by Hermann (Ocean Line), New York 17 May 1851, Bremen 3 June 1851.
 Since sender paid 10¢ U.S. internal, letter rated 24¢, as if sent from New York.
 The manuscript rate markings indicate Thurn & Taxis did not take this increase into account since its debit to Württemberg remained 45 kr, 53 kr and 61 kr.
 This rate remained in effect for only one month when the U.S. rates were reduced on 1 July 1851.

		New Rates			
Sea Hanover	24¢	9 ggr 1⅓ ggr	<b>40</b> kr <b>5</b> kr	] 45 kr	<b>40</b> kr
Thurn & Taxis Württemberg local		00	<b>8</b> kr	8 kr 4 kr	<b>9</b> kr
Totals	<b>24</b> ¢	101/3 ggr	<b>53</b> kr	57 kr	49 kr

### III.B. 1847 U.S.-Bremen Convention - 1851 Rates

When the new U.S. domestic rates were introduced 1 July 1851, a simple 20¢ per ½ ounce sea and U.S. internal rate from anywhere in the U.S. was introduced. This simple 20¢ rate replaced the prior rates of 24¢, 29¢, or 34¢, which were based on the distance within the U.S. plus sea postage. To this 20¢ rate was added the internal German postage, which differed depending on the destination within Germany. Part payment of the 20¢ rate was not permitted.

AMERICA 33 BREMEN 9

Shows the division of the 42 kr due: 33 kr U.S. internal & sea plus 9 kr German internal.



Single **20**¢ rate unpaid from Philadelphia 5 March 1852 to Bartenstein, Württemberg, by *Baltic* (Collins Line), New York 6 March 1852, Liverpool 19 March 1852.

New York **20** struck over the 5 cts. / PAID in the **PHILA**. / **5 cts**. / **PAID** since 20¢ rate could not be partially prepaid.



AMERICA 6
BREMEN 13

Shows the division of the 84 kr due: 66 kr U.S. internal & sea plus 18 kr German internal.

Double 20¢ rate unpaid from New York 27 March 1852 to Besigheim, Württemberg, by Washington (Ocean Line), New York 27 March 1852, Bremen 21 April 1852.

#### III.B. 1847 U.S.-Bremen Convention - 1851 Rates



## 71 AMERICA 2 ÜBER BREMEN

Used on unpaid mail to Hanover. Represents 7½ ggr U.S. internal & sea.

20¢ rate unpaid from Lithopolis, Ohio, 11 May 1852 to Meinersen, Hanover, by *Baltic* (Collins Line), New York 15 May 1852, Liverpool 26 May 1852.

AMERICA BREMEN 3

Shows the division of the 12½ sgr due: 9½ sgr U.S. internal & sea plus 3 sgr German internal.



20¢ rate unpaid from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 30 October 1851 to Conweiler, Württemberg, by Niagara (Cunard Line), New York 5 November 1851, Liverpool 18 November 1851

To Hanover \$\psi\$ 7 \frac{1}{2} \text{ ggr} \\ 2 \text{ 1/6 ggr} To Württemberg

9½ sgr 33 kr U.S. internal & sea 91/2 sgr 33 kr German internal 3 sgr 9 kr 9 kr Württemberg local 2 kr Totals <u>20¢</u> 9% ggr 20¢ 12½ sgr 42 kr **44** kr