

VII. Foreign Uses

12c Stamps Start the Trip

Forwarded

Cincinnati, Ohio to Liverpool, Forwarded to Rome, Italy



Cincinnati letter May 14, carried by Am pkt Collins Line's *Atlantic Dep* NY 16 May, Arr Liverpool 27 May. Proper markings and forwarded via Calais, 30 May, Arr Rome 5 June, 1855. 12c pos. 52-53L1.

New York to London, Forwarded to Paris



Am pkt Havre Line's *Arago* Dep NY 28 June, Arr Southampton 10 July, Arr London 11 July, Arr Calais 12 July, train to Paris, 12 July, 1856. RPO on reverse. 8 decimes postage due from France. 3c Am pkt credit. Pos. 15-16R1.

Paid and Part Paid with 12ct Stamps

Ireland

Harrisburgh, PA to Kilkenny, Ireland, 1855, Single Treaty Rate



Harrisburgh, PA, 19 Mar, Philadelphia 21 Mar, Dep NY on Am Pkt Ocean Line's *Hermann*, Arr Southampton 7 April, and Kilkenny, Ireland, 8 April, 1856. 2 X 12c stamps (pos. 86-96R1) pay the treaty rate to Great Britain for <math>< \frac{1}{2}</math> oz.

To deal with the complexities of letter credits and payment, an unofficial agreement was created to violate the convention regulations involving the Liverpool Post Office in order to accept partial payments for postage. Even though this process was formally disallowed in 1853, it persisted. Philadelphia had become an exchange office on 1 Jan, 1854.

Harrisburgh, PA to Kilkenny Ireland

Double Rate, 2 X 12c Accepted, Other Rate Due, Violating Convention



Harrisburgh, PA, 8 May, Philadelphia, 9 May, Dep NY on Am pkt Collins Line's *Ericsson*, 10 May, Arr Liverpool, 25 May, (E) Kilkenny, Ireland, 26 May, 1856. 12c stamps (pos. 29-30R1) used to pay HALF of the treaty rate for over $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. "More to pay, above $\frac{1}{2}$ oz" led to assessing one shilling due (hand stamp). Under Article III of the Convention, the article should have been treated completely unpaid and assessed 2 shillings.

7 examples are known of this part payment scheme, *only 2 examples with the 12c stamp, the latest discovered of the group.*

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Switzerland

Early Use From Waterford, New York to Geneva, Switzerland, 1853



Waterford, New York, 5 Feb, 1853, Dep NY, 26 Feb on Am Pkt Ocean Line's Washington, Arr Cowes 14 Mar, Arr Paris 16 Mar, Arr Geneva, 17 Mar, 1853. Pair 12c overpays British open mail rate of 21c by 1849 convention. Crayon 260 centimes due for double rate letter in Switzerland. Pos. 53R1-54R1.

Prussian Closed Mail, Mixed Franking, to Switzerland from Davenport, Iowa, 1858



Davenport, 11 Jan, 1858, carried on Am pkt Collins Line's *Baltic*, Dep NY, 16 Jan, Arr LP 28 Jan, Arr Bern 2 Feb, 1858. NY Am Pkt back stamp, "Aachen Franco" for PCM, ms "2 sgr" paid past the GAP Union; ms "6" (kreuzer due). Right edge restoration. *Unique franking* with 12c/5c pays correct 35c PCM rate to Switzerland. Pos. 67-68R1.

Last eastbound voyage of American Packet Collins Line. New U.S. Prussian convention established new rate on 1 Oct, 1852.

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France

Letter Arrives "TOO LATE" for the Ship to France



12c (pos. 35R1) pays most of the 20c Am pkt direct rate to France. (E)

Letter from New Orleans 3 July, 1855, arrived "too late" for the endorsed American Collins Line's *Baltic*.

Letter Dep NY 16 July by American Ocean Line's *Hermann*, Arr Le Havre 31 July, Paris 1 Aug, and Nantes, 4 Aug.

There are two examples of the "TOO LATE" marking on 12c covers.

In July, 1857 operations for the Ocean Line were suspended due to lack of U.S. Government subsidies.

New Treaty Rate to France, 1857



15c rate to France from U.S. by British service. Boston British pkt. back stamp. (E)

British Cunard Line's *America* Dep Boston 17 June, 1857, Arr Liverpool 28 June, entering France at Calais, processed on the railroad to Paris, 29 June. "Paid 12" credit marking. 12c pos. 68L1. Blake 625 "PAID" cancel earliest reported.

CHANGE: New postal convention went into effect 1 April, 1857. Boston introduces this new PAID cancel for foreign mail.

France

1851 Greensboro, Alabama, on to Paris By Private Ship from Great Britain



12c stamp (pos. 13L1) and 3c orange brown (pos. 91-93L2E) pays 21c to GB, or 20c Am pkt to France. Postage due 6 decimes for ship letter to Paris landed at Le Havre (red hand stamp). Leaves Greensboro 16 Nov, 1851, Arr Le Havre 22 Dec, 1851.

12c Makes Up Unusual and Complete 1851 Issue on Cover New York to France in 1851



12c (Pos 32R1, the major plate scratch) pays portion of 20c via Am pkt direct rate to France, Dep NY 13 Dec, 1851, Arr Le Havre 27 Dec on board (American) Havre Line's *Humboldt*, Arr Lyon 28 Dec (back stamp). 12 decimes French due for double rate (over 7.5 grams). 1c are plate 1E; 3c Plate 1Late in **EXPERIMENTAL ORANGE BROWN** making this 12c cover unique by year date, franking and transatlantic use. 1 July, 1851 new rules and stamps multiplied options, combinations, and errors in use.

EDU Foreign Registry From United States (Pre-UPU), American Packet*



Columbia, SC, to London, 1 Feb, 1857. 24c treaty rate to Great Britain.

American Havre Line ship *Arago*, Dep NY 7 Feb, 1857, Arr Southampton, 20 Feb, Arr London Inland Branch 23 Feb.
 Markings: Unique on-cover "5 ½" denotes 3c credit for Am carriage and half the 5c registry fee (paid in cash) to Great Britain.
 GB registry crown marking. 12c pos. 5-6R1 (triple transfer).*

Act of March 3, 1855 established the US registry system starting July 1, 1855, formalizing a system in operation for several years. Foreign registration was new, as well as the credit rules, hence, the apparent indecision in markings. All treaties for overseas mails now required stamps to be pre-applied even though the registration fee and stamps were "charged to box 144."

Foreign Registry to Great Britain, (Pre-UPU), British Packet



St. Charles, MO, 11 Feb, 1858, to Scotland, Dep New York 17 Feb on Cunard Line's *Arabia*, Arr Liverpool 28 Feb, 1858.
 Markings: Unique* on cover 21 ½ credit marking = half of registration fee (5c) + 19c credit to British for carriage. Pos. 22-23L1.

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Great Britain

Largest Recorded 12c Plate 1 Imperforate

Transatlantic Multiple Rate Use (6X)

New Orleans to Bristol, England, 11 April, 1857, Dep NOLA for Boston, Dep Boston 22 April, Arr Liverpool, 4 May, and Arr Bristol, 5 May, 1857. Crayon "114" denoting 6 X 19c credit for British packet. Boston British packet back stamp.

This is the only 6X rate cover recorded.

Plate Positions:

85R1 | 45R1
95R1 | 55R1
64R1 | 69R1 | 49R1 | 41R1
74R1 | 79R1 | 59R1 | 51R1



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Belgium

Russia

Consulate Letter from Chicago to Belgium



Dep Chicago 4 June, 1856, Dep NY 7 June on Am pkt Collins Line's *Baltic*, Arr LP 18 June, and to Eghezee, Belgium, 24 June. 12c (Pos. 7R1) pays part of 21c franking via British open mail. "U.S. Pkt" indicates American packet incurring no sea charge. Complete Belgian accountancy on cover face is uncommon; consulate back stamp.

2 Recorded Examples Paying the Correct Rate with Imperforate 12c

Philadelphia to American Consul in St. Petersburg, Russia, by Prussian Closed Mail



Philadelphia to "His Majesty's Works" near St. Petersburg by 37c Prussian closed mail rate. Dep Phila. 5 Nov, 1855, Dep NY 6 Nov, Dep Boston 7 Nov on British pkt Cunard Line's *Africa*. Closed bag opened 20 Nov. NY credit of 14c representing 2c Belgian, 5c German, and 7c from Prussia to Russia transit fees.

5 Recorded Examples of 12c to Russia. (E)

Prussian Closed Mail rates were agreed to by convention, Oct, 1852.

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Early Uses

Germany

Boston to Germany 1851*



Boston to Wurttemberg, Germany, Dep NY 6 Dec on Collins Line's *Atlantic*, Arr Liverpool 17 Dec. 2 X 12c overpays British open mail rate by Am pkt by 3c. "19" credit added erroneously and marked through. Calais entry marks ties stamps. Routing was NY-Liverpool-London-Calais-Paris-Strasbourg-Baden-Wurttemberg based on back stamps. Two uses of this Boston "paid" on cover.

New international rates were introduced in July, 1851, no doubt leading to some misunderstanding or errors made within the postal systems, as the German due markings are inconsistent with the routing. Boston introduced the small paid cancel in fall of 1851.

Mobile, Alabama, to Kingdom of Hannover



"Aachen Franco" (fully paid to Aachen)
Introduced with Prussian Closed Mail



Mobile, AL, 17 Sept, 1857, Arr New York, Dep Boston on British pkt Cunard Line's *Europa* 23 Sept, Arr Liverpool 3 Oct, and finally in Gronau, Kingdom of Hannover, 9 Oct. Gronau back stamp. Sent by Prussian closed mail at 30c per ½ oz per convention. 12c Pos. 28-29R1.

Scotland
France

Minnesota Territory
Fort Defiance, New Mexico Territory

Fort Pelly, Saskatchewan, Canada, To Scotland Via Pembina, Dakota, 1859



FLS, datelined 1 Nov, 1858, to Scotland, “via New York” endorsed by fur trader for Hudson Bay Company at Fort Pelly, Saskatchewan, hand carried to Pembina, Dakota, Minnesota (a state since 11 May, 1858), not *Dakota Territory until 1861*, mailed and hand stamped with Pembina (Dakota), M.T. FLS makes its way to east coast, no timely passage from New York available. Routed to Scotland via Allan Line’s *Nova Scotian*, dep. Portland, 9 Apr, 1859, arr. Liverpool, 24 Apr, 1859, and Greenock, Scotland, 25 Apr, 1859. Elapsed time: 175 days. Red “3” credit for American Packet ties 12c stamps. 12c pos. 81R1, 91R1 (major recut LR. Only recorded use of 12c stamps in Dakota, or to any foreign destination from Dakota, or Canadian cross-border mailed from a territory. One of 6 recorded Territorial covers for the 12c stamp and latest use of Pembina, M.T. (Minnesota Territory) hand stamp.

Fort Defiance, New Mexico Territory, to France, August 18, 1858



First military fort in modern Arizona, to Sessenheim, France. Military express to Albuquerque, stage to Santa Fe, Hall-Porter contract to Independence, MO. New York Paid Sep 25. 6c credit datestamp, 2 Oct 58 arrival, Paris and Paris Strasbourg transit, receiving back stamps, Oct 12, 1858. One recorded 12c example from Fort Defiance, two from New Mexico Territory.

*Local Post Blood's Despatch to Foreign Destination With 12c Stamp**

Early use of 12c pair to pay treaty rate to England from Philadelphia, 9 Feb, 1852. (E)

Acid tied Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, PA, bronze on black (15L13) carried mail to the post office.
Blood's 9 Feb hand stamp on reverse.

Cover Dep NY 11 Feb on Cunard Line's Niagara, Arr Liverpool 23 Feb, 1852. Red 19 credit to GB.

Considered unique by specialists

As a result of a landmark postal lawsuit by the U.S. Post Office Department challenging the legality of Blood's company, Congress passed a bill in 1861 declaring all town and city roads to be post roads. The Blood company officially closed on 11 Jan, 1862, but was effectively out of business by the end of 1861.

Earliest Recorded Use of 1851 Issue Under New Anglo-Prussian Convention, California to Germany



San Francisco 15 July, Dep. NY, 21 Aug 1852, Arr. LP, 1 Sept on Collins Line *Pacific*. Arr Dusseldorf 4 Sep. 21c prepaid British Open Mail rate via Am pkt. 5c surcharge from California. "U.S. PKT" marking applied at London indicating Am pkt. and no sea charge. 4 back stamps. 12c pos. 88-98L1; 1c pos. 56-66R1E (type II and IIIA). *The Anglo-Prussian Convention became effective 1 Aug, 1852 while this letter was in transit. This and the new 3 1/2 sgr (4d) debit to Prussia markings, are arguably the earliest uses for each, and set the stage for the overall expedited transit and lowered British mail prices, coordinated with the new U.S. Prussian convention that would not become effective until 1 Oct, 1852, in Prussia.*

Special Pacific Coast Mailing, 29c Rate to England, Oregon Territorial



Oregon City, OR, 19 June, 1856, to Gloucestershire, England. Carried on Brit pkt Cunard Line's *Niagara*, Dep. Boston 30 July, Arr. Liverpool 11 Aug, 1856, destination 12 Aug (back stamp). 19 credit. Oregon remained a territory until 14 Feb, 1859. 12c stamps, pos. 11-12L1, intense black. *Three 12c examples are recorded from Oregon in this period.* After 1 July, 1851, 29c was the full paid rate to GB from U.S. Pacific coast (standard 24c Brit pkt + 5c U.S. inland fee).

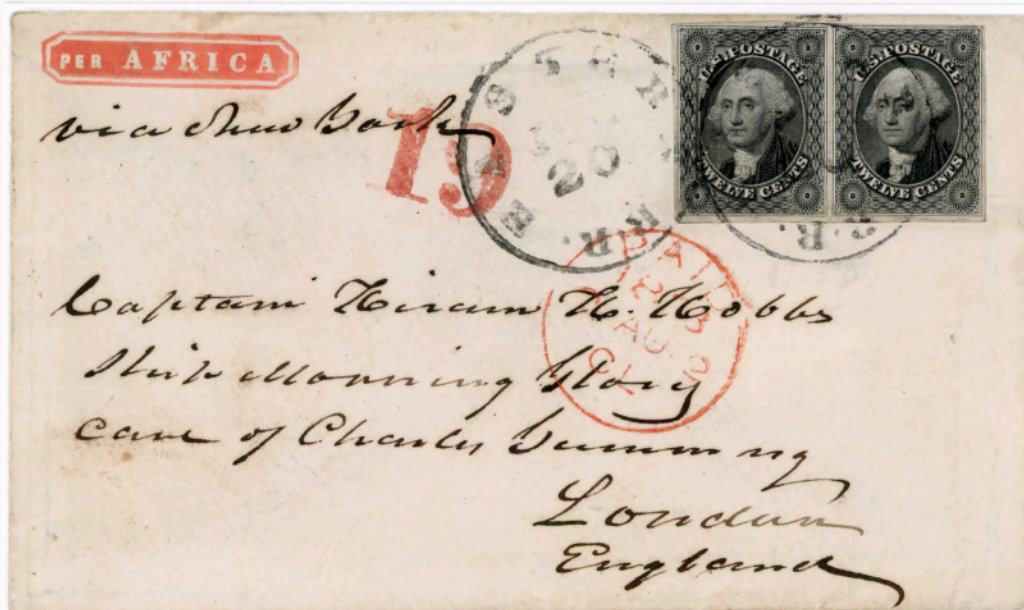
Unique L'ville and Cincinnati Mail Line Use to Foreign Destination*



A U.S. contract waterway route 5032 in operation 7/1846- 6/1858 on the Ohio River from Cincinnati to Louisville, KY where the mail goes to New Orleans, with route agent cancelling the stamps. Dep NY 5 Mar, cover went by open mail to England (Arr 16 Mar) via Am pkt Collins Line's *Arctic*, then to Paris (orange 18 Mar receiving). 21c rate applied, overpaid 6c. French hand stamp "8," provisional postage due marking for American steamships from GB. 12c pos. 5R1 (triple transfer)/15R).

New foreign mail rates went into effect July, 1851, but there was still confusion in the overseas rate structures. Route #5032 was discontinued in 1858 being replaced by an expanded route 9503.

Eastern Railroad Moves Mail to New York to London



Eastern railroad use in transit to Captain Hobbs on the ship *Morning Glory*, through London connection. British packet Cunard Lines ship *Africa*, with printed envelope, dep NY 21 July, 1858, arr 2 Aug, 1858. (E)

Germany

Taunton, MA to Halle, Prussia, **Efficient Use** of 12c Stamp



Dep NY 20, 1856, Dec, Arr LP 1 Jan, 1857, Arr Aachen 3 Jan, Halle, 4 Jan back stamp. The cover was to be sent by the Ocean (Bremen) line, the only 15c route to Germany. The NY Am pkt marking shows a credit of 7c which is all that was considered by the Aachen office. Because of a ship delay, *the letter went by faster Prussian closed mail underpaying 15c.* 12c Pos. 37R1.

Changing ship arrivals and options created challenges and opportunities as this 12c artifact shows.

Cambridge to Leipzig, Germany, **Inefficient Use** of 12c Stamp



“America Über Bremen Franco”
Fully Paid to Bremen
Introduced with Bremen Closed Mail



Dep. Cambridge, 8 June, Arr Boston 9 June, Dep NY 13 June, Arr SO 27 June, Arr Bremen 29 June, Leipzig 29 June, 1857
Overpay of 9c of correct Bremen rate of 15c. Cover mismarked twice and corrected by exchange offices. Correct 6c credit in red to Bremen and blue transit. Sent on Ocean Line’s *Washington*, direct to Bremen. 12c pos. 47-48L1.

Bremen rate had changed in 1853 from 24c to 15c. This was last trip under mail contract to Bremen for the American Ocean Line bringing to an end another American shipping company within the decade.

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Inefficient Use to France

Efficient Use to Spain

12c Part Payment Not Accepted To France



New Orleans, 8 May, 1857, to Bordeaux, France, 12c unaccepted, treated as fully unpaid.
Am Pkt Vanderbilt Line's Ariel Dep NY 16 May, Arr Southampton, 28 May,
Calais entry on train to Paris, 28 May, Bordeaux, 29 May back stamp.
French 8 decimes due, and black NY "9" debit to France. 12c pos. 62R1

New treaty with France 1 April, 1857. Part payment not accepted. 12c stamps could be rendered valueless if new regulations were not known or followed. NY "9" debit marking originated 7 April, 1857 in response to new treaty.

New Orleans to Spain Via 12c Pair to England



New Orleans, LA, 3 June, 1857, to Manchester, England, to be then carried outside the mails to Cadiz, Spain. (E)
Am pkt Ocean Line's Washington Dep NY 13 June, Arr Southampton, 27 June, Manchester, 27 June, 1857.
12c pair (pos. 65-66L1) serves to transport letter for further transmission by other means.

This 12c artifact chronicles the last voyage and end of the Ocean Line under contract due to lack of U.S. subsidies.

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Italy
Mexico

New York to Italy, 1853



21c British open mail rate to Italy via Am pkt, Collins Line's *Pacific* Dep NY 19 Mar, Arr Liverpool 31 Mar, Arr Calais 2 Apr, Arr Torino (back stamp) 5 Apr, 1853. 12c pos. 30L1. 5 imperforate 12c covers to Italy are recorded.

12c Makes Up 2X Rate to General Gadsden in Mexico City From New Orleans



New Orleans to Mexico City via Veracruz. Dep. New Orleans 9 Sept, Arr Veracruz, 17 Sept, 1854. 2 X 10c rate made up entire. Veracruz receiving and large "6" (reales due). Letter 1851 series. Cover front as usual for this correspondence. 12c pos. 63R1 (E).

New rate to Mexico from the U.S. had become effective 1 July, 1851.