

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

1800 - 1850

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POSTAL MEANS --- The means of mail transportation and delivery. In the frontier areas this was usually by mounted rider on a trail or by water. Steam was in use on New York state waters as early as 1813.

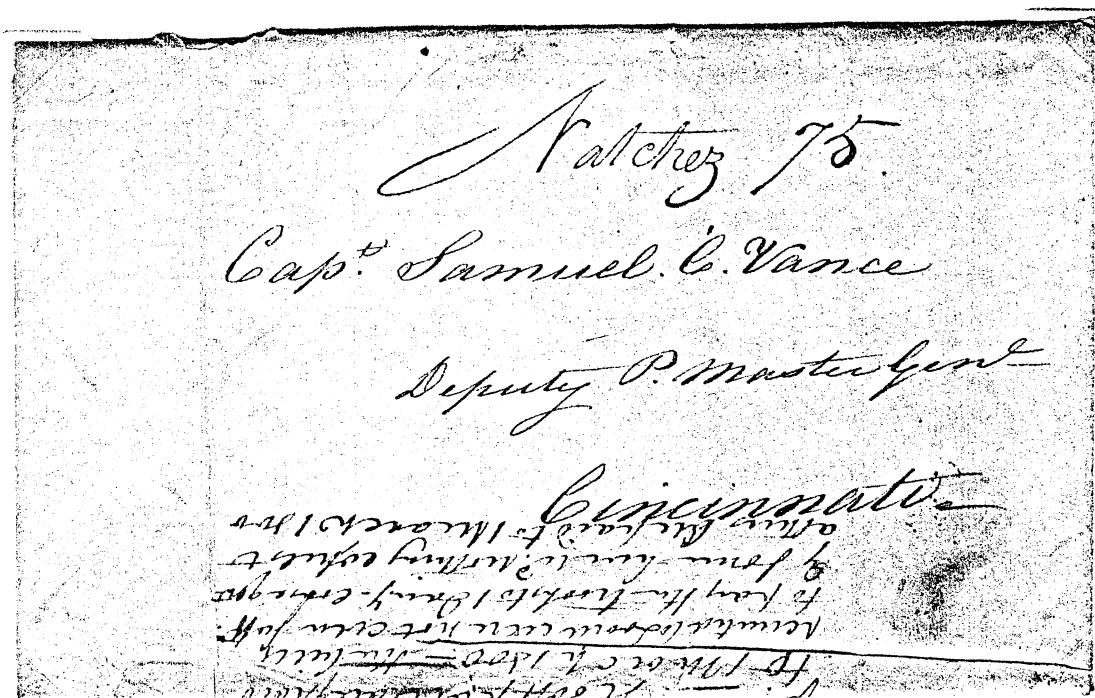
POSTAL RATES --- During this period postal rates were governed by distance and special conditions. WAY -- a fee charged for accepting mail between post offices and delivering to the next P.O. for entry into the mails. DROP LETTER -- a fee for local delivery. ADVERTISED -- a fee for advertising undelivered mail. Etc.

MARKINGS --- Various markings indicate point of origin, postal fees, type of service, and route. Triple and over rates are scarce while early express markings are very uncommon. The "Mail Route" marking is rare as it was only in use for three years.

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THE EARLIEST KNOWN COVER  
FROM MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY

NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY  
FORT ADAMS, MAY 23, 1800



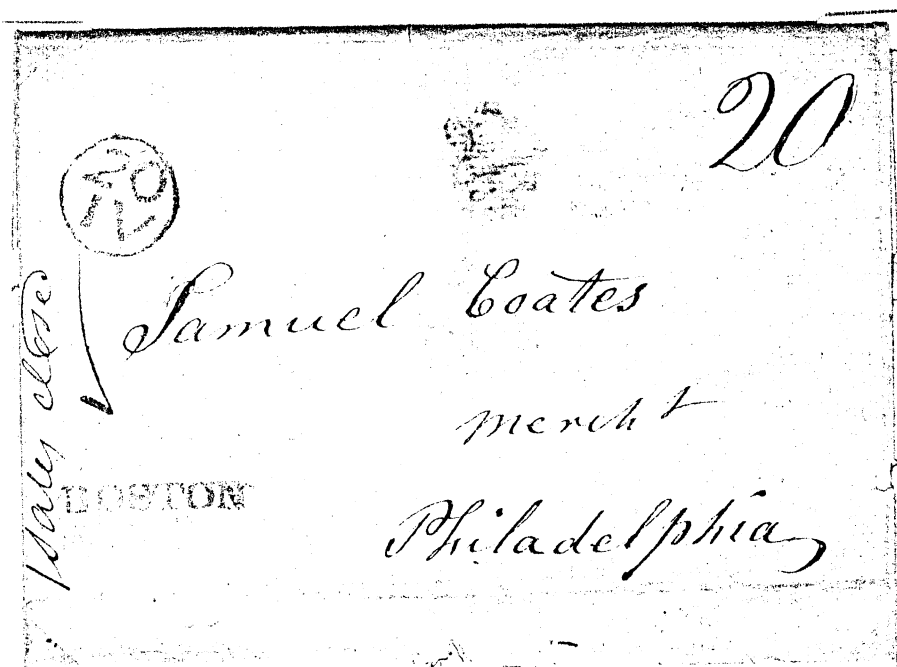
Post Adams May 23rd 1800

MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY WAS CREATED BY AN ACT OF  
CONGRESS MAY, 7, 1798.

THE TRIPLE RATE LETTER WAS CARRIED FROM FORT  
ADAMS TO NATCHEZ BY MILITARY COURIER WHERE IT  
ENTERED THE MAILS.

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PER SLOOP ELIZABETH  
CAPTAIN CHOATE  
EARLY USE OF HANDSTAMPS



*May 30: 1800*

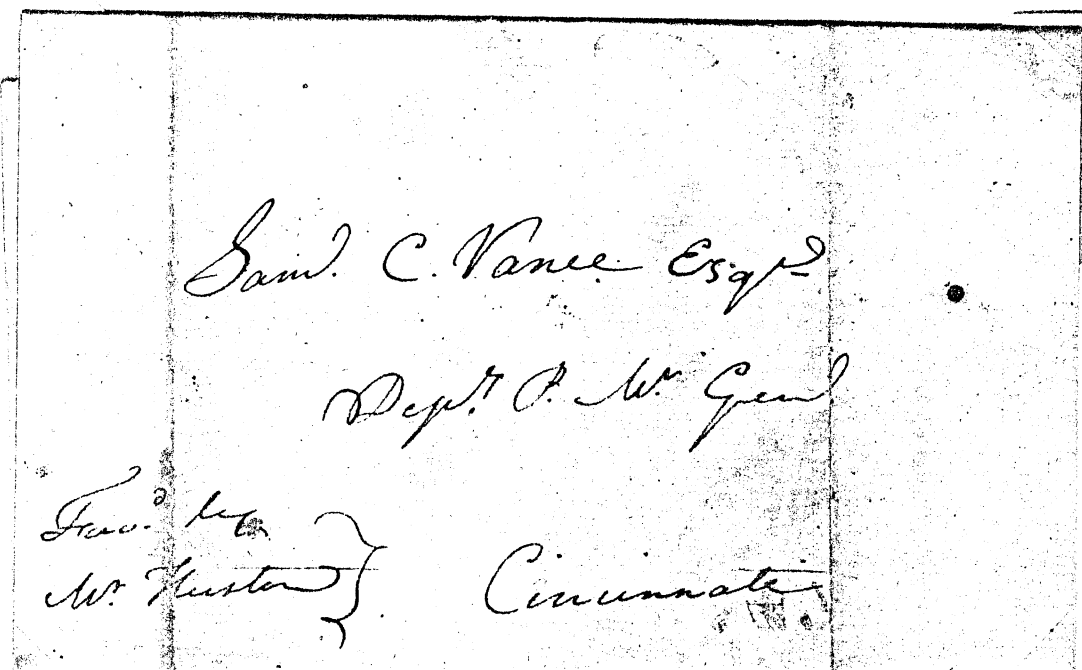
THE CIRCULAR HANDSTAMP "20 IV" IS OF BRITISH DERIVATION AND KNOWN AS A BISHOPS MARK. THE MARK READS JUNE 20, IV BEING THE ABBREVIATION FOR JUNE.

ACT OF MARCH 1799:  
300 TO 500 MILES, 20 CENTS



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DETROIT, NORTHWEST TERRITORY  
FORWARDED BY WM. HUTSON



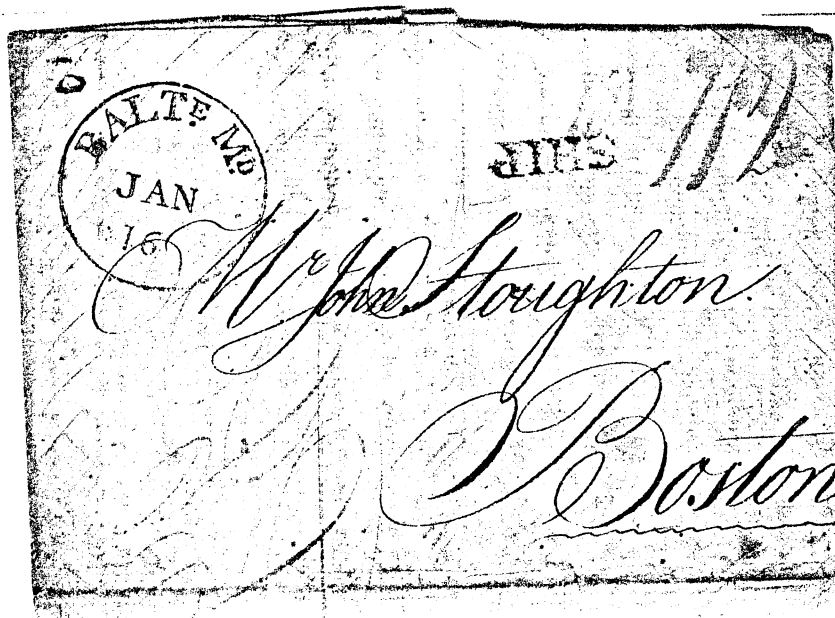
*Detroit June 7<sup>th</sup> 1800*

THIS IS BELEIVED TO BE THE EARLIEST KNOWN USEAGE  
FROM DETROIT UNDER CONTROL OF THE UNITED STATES.

SAM. C. VANCE WAS A CAPTAIN IN THE ARMY AND THE  
DEPARTMENTAL PAYMASTER GENERAL.

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BY SHIP OUT OF THE MAILS  
BARCELONA, SPAIN --- BALTIMORE, MD.



*Barcelona ce 20 Septembre 1800.*

118 DAYS TRANSIT TIME FROM BARCELONA, SPAIN  
TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

THIS IS THE FIRST CIRCULAR CANCELLATION  
TO BE USED BY THE BALTIMORE POST OFFICE.

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FORT FAYETTE, NORTHWEST TERRITORY  
CARRIED BY MILITARY COURIER

*Commanding Officer  
Fort Washington*

*General Orders* *Fort Fayette 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1801*

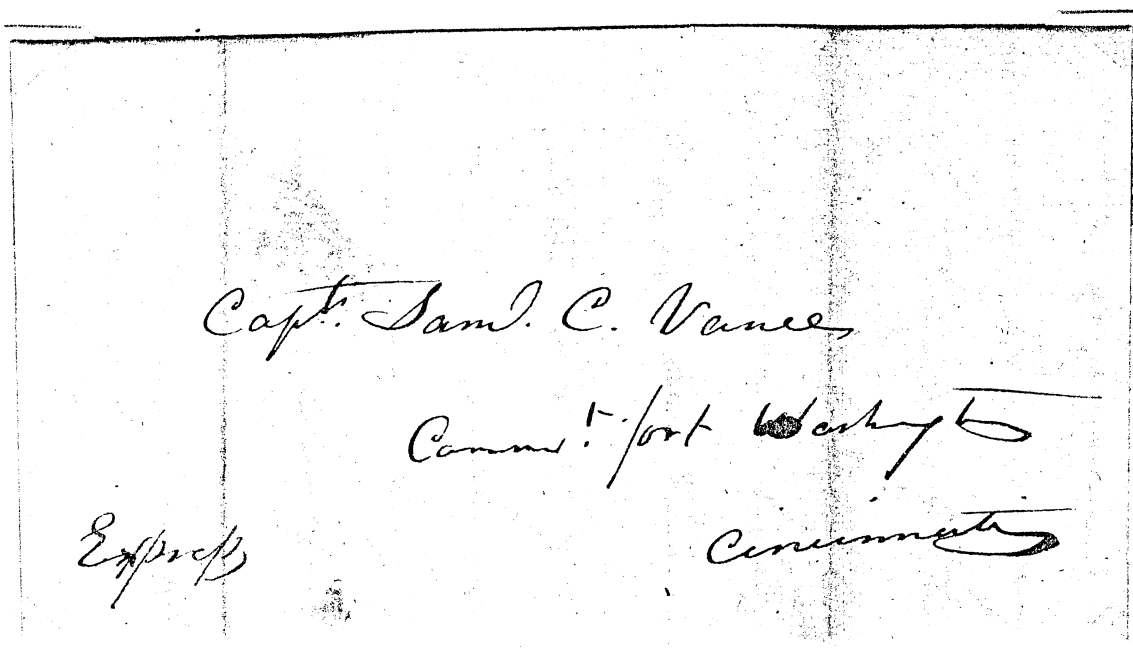
IN THE YEAR 1801 BOTH FORT FAYETTE AND FORT WASHINGTON WERE FRONTIER OUTPOSTS AND CONNECTED ONLY BY MILITARY COURIERS USING PRIMITIVE TRAILS.

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INDIANA TERRITORY

DETROIT, MARCH 1, 1801

EXPRESS (MILITARY)

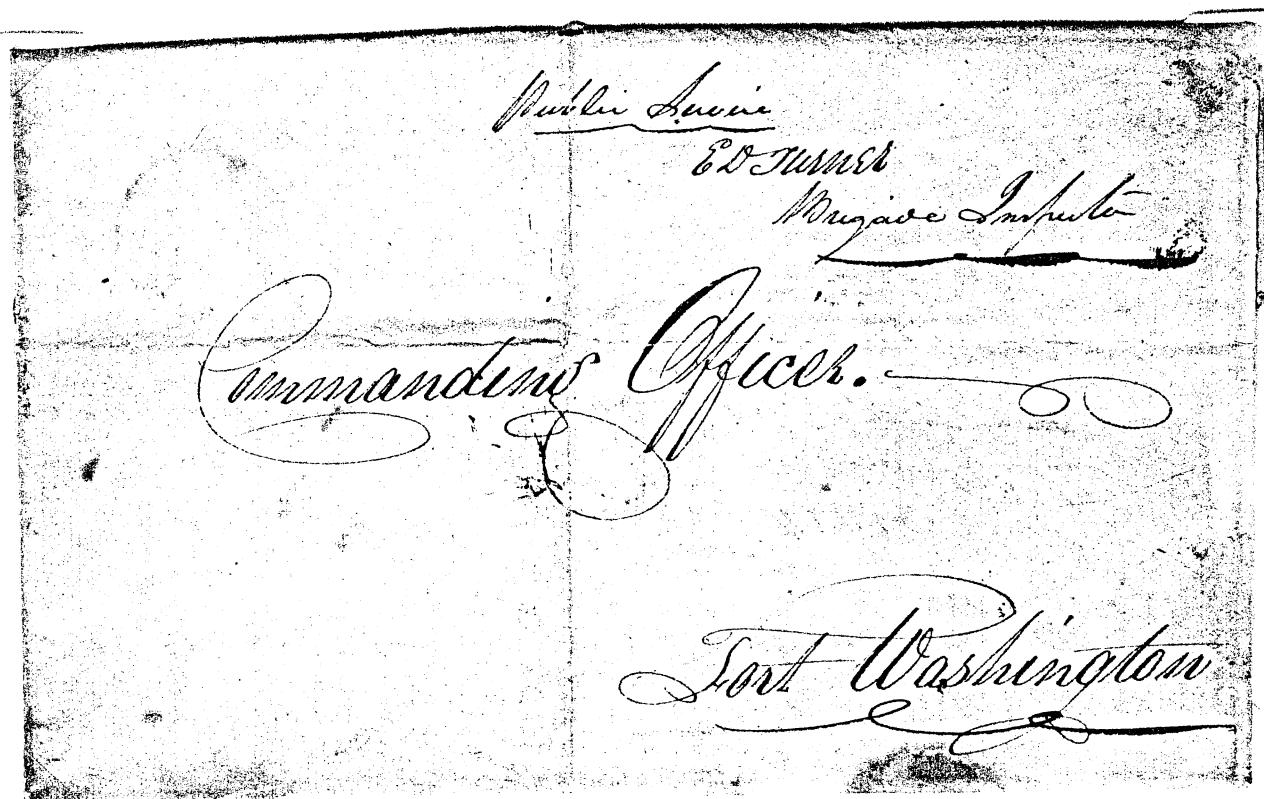


Detrait March 1<sup>st</sup> 1801

CUT FROM THE TERRITORY NORTHWEST OF THE RIVER OHIO.  
CREATED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 5, 1800.  
THIS IS THE FIRST OFFICIAL USE OF THE NAME "INDIANA  
TERRITORY".

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PUBLIC SERVICE  
E.D. TURNER  
BRIGADE INSPECTOR



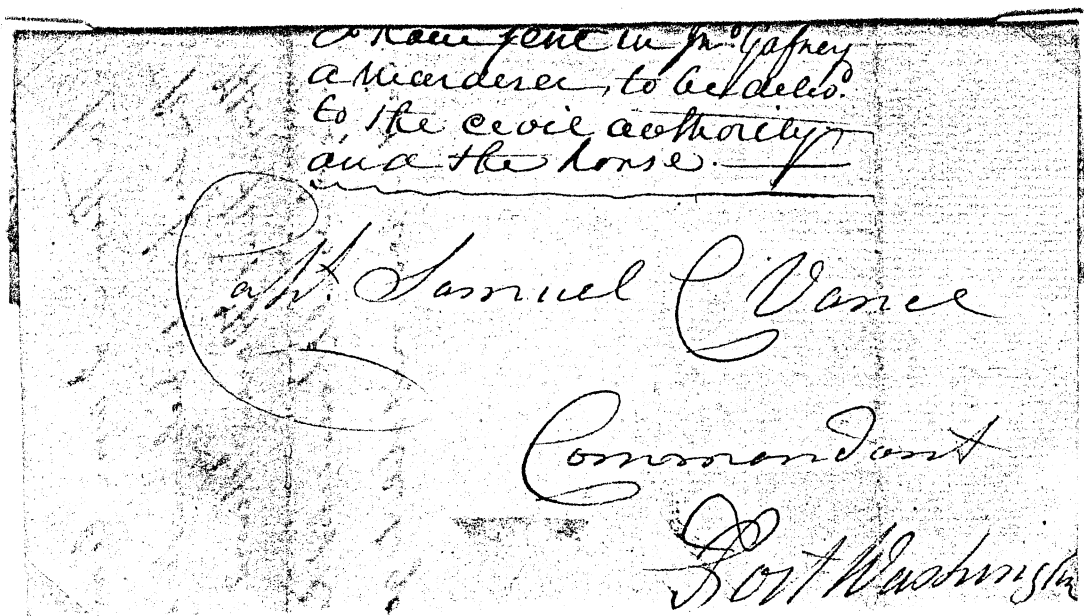
Head Quarters  
City of Washington  
March 11<sup>th</sup> 1861  
The following is the disposition of subaltern Officers

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INDIANA TERRITORY

FORT WAYNE, AUGUST 5, 1801

MILITARY COURIER



*Fort Wayne Aug. 5. 1801*

THE EARLIEST RECORDED INDIANA POSTAL SERVICE  
IS FROM JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA, FEB 20, 1802

NOTE ON LETTER FACE:

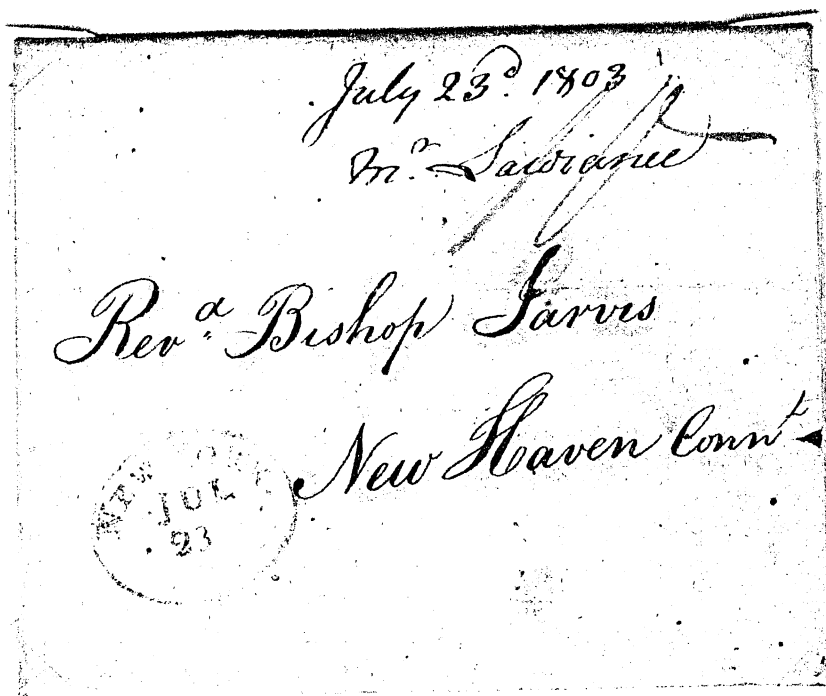
I HAVE SENT WITH JOHN GAFNEY A MURDERER  
TO BE DELIVERED TO THE CIVIL AUTHORITY---  
AND THE HORSE---

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PER PACKET

MANUSCRIPT 10

ORANGE OVAL NEW YORK



*New York July 23<sup>d</sup> 1803*

ZONE RATE FOR SINGLE LETTERS

40 TO 90 MILES -- 10 CENTS

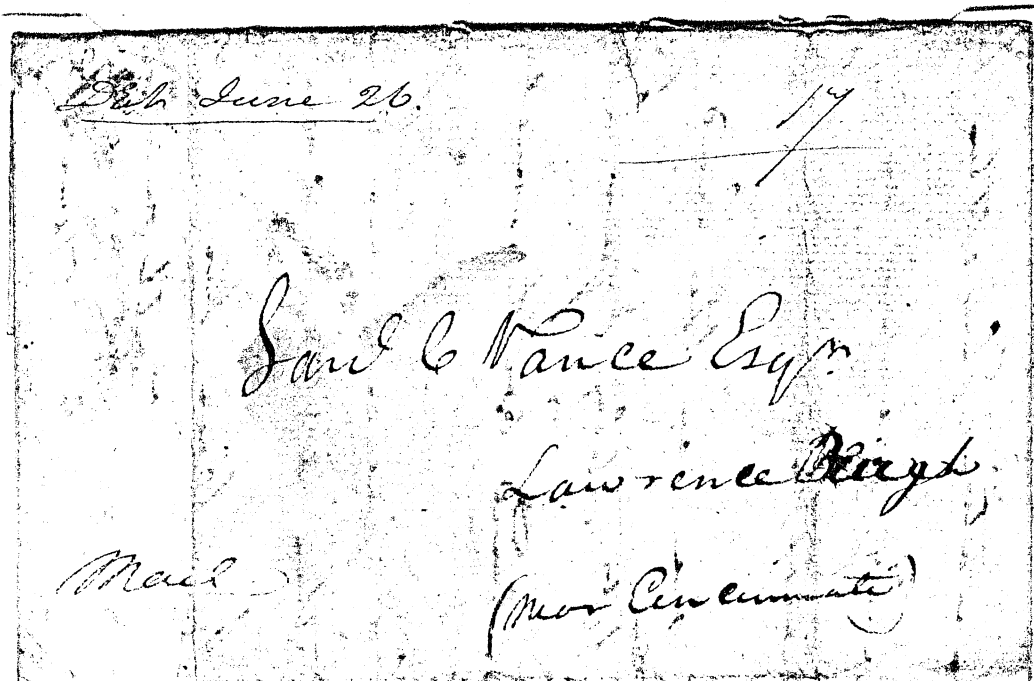
THIS OVAL CANCELLATION WAS IN USE FROM  
1802-1804 AND WAS THE FIRST OVAL CANCEL  
USED IN NEW YORK.

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U. S. MAIL

DETROIT, INDIANA TERRITORY

JUNE 26, 1804, 17 CENTS



*Detroit June 25 1804*

BY THE YEAR 1804 INDIANA TERRITORY HAD THE NUCLEUS  
OF A POSTAL SYSTEM WITH FOUR POST OFFICES LISTED:  
CAHOKIA, DETROIT, JEFFERSONVILLE AND VINCENNES.

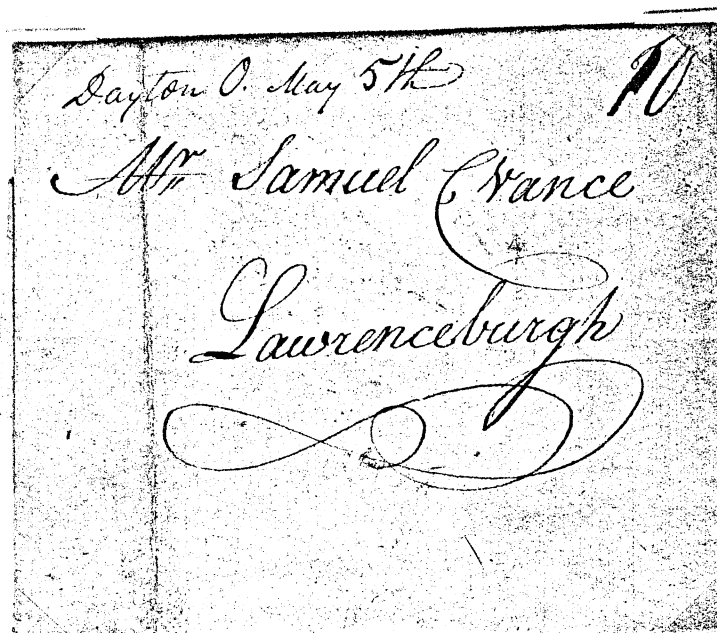


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BY STAGE COACH OR RIVER BOAT

10¢ RATE, OVERCHARGED 2¢

DAYTON, OHIO, MAY 5th



*Little Beaver Creek (Near Dayton) May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1806*

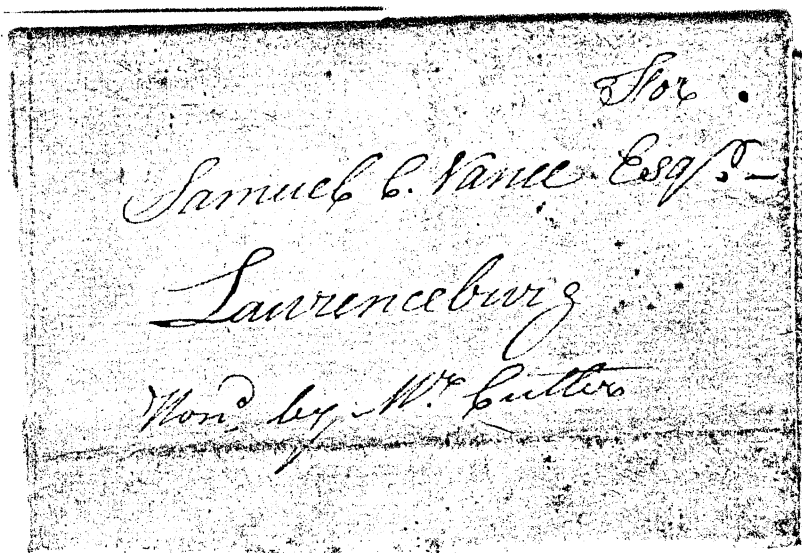
ACT OF MARCH 2, 1799:

NOT OVER 40 MILES, 8 CENTS

LITTLE BEAVER CREEK IS MORE LIKELY THE  
NAME OF AN AREA OR LOCATION THAN THE NAME  
OF A COMMUNITY OR POST OFFICE. THE NAME  
DOES NOT APPEAR IN RECORDS CHECKED.

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PROBABLY BY MOUNTED RIDER  
PRE POSTAL SERVICE  
HAND CARRIED BY WM. CUTTER



*Xenia the 14 of May 1806*

HAND DELIVERED BY MR. CUTTER MAY 14, 1806

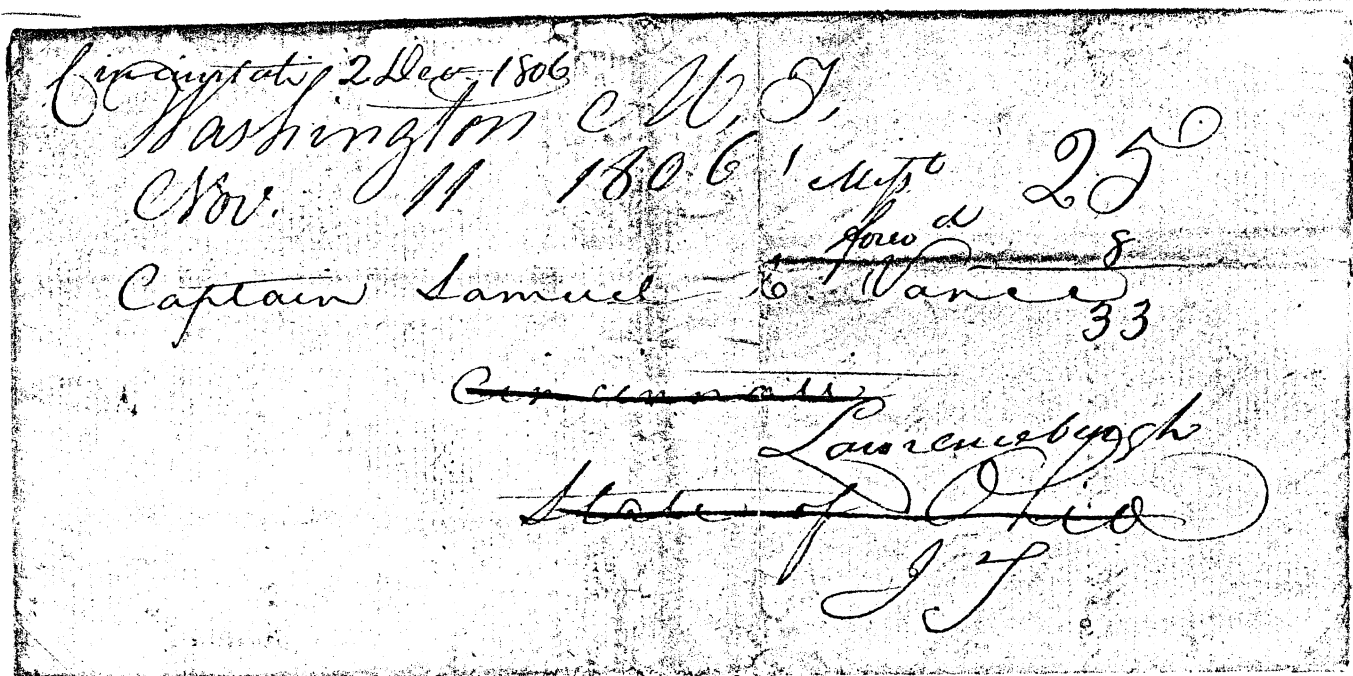
THE EARLIEST RECORD FOUND FOR POST OFFICE OR  
POSTAL SERVICE AT XENIA, OHIO IS 1814.

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WASHINGTON, MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY

NOVEMBER 11, 1806

OVER 500 MILES 25 CENTS



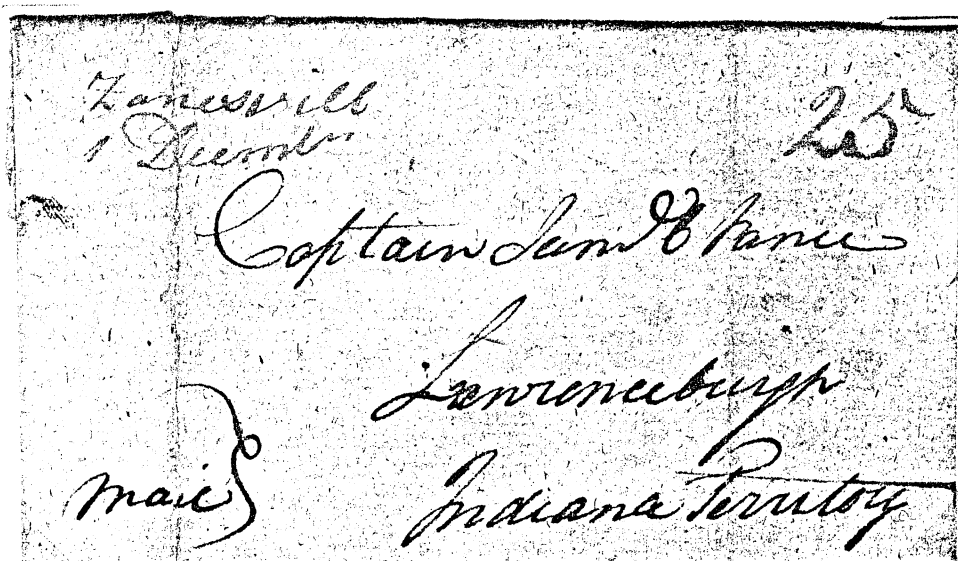
FORWARDED TO LAWRENCEBURGH, INDIANA TERRITORY

NOT OVER 40 MILES 8 CENTS

TOTAL TO COLLECT 33 CENTS

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BY RIDER OVER ZANE'S TRACE  
FROM ZANE'S VILLE, OHIO TO  
LIMESTONE, KENTUCKY, THENCE BY  
RIVER BOAT TO LAWRENCEBURGH, I.T.



*Zanesville to Nov 1806*

ACT OF 1799:

NOT EXCEEDING 150 MILES ---  $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS  
DOUBLE LETTER RATE 25 CENTS

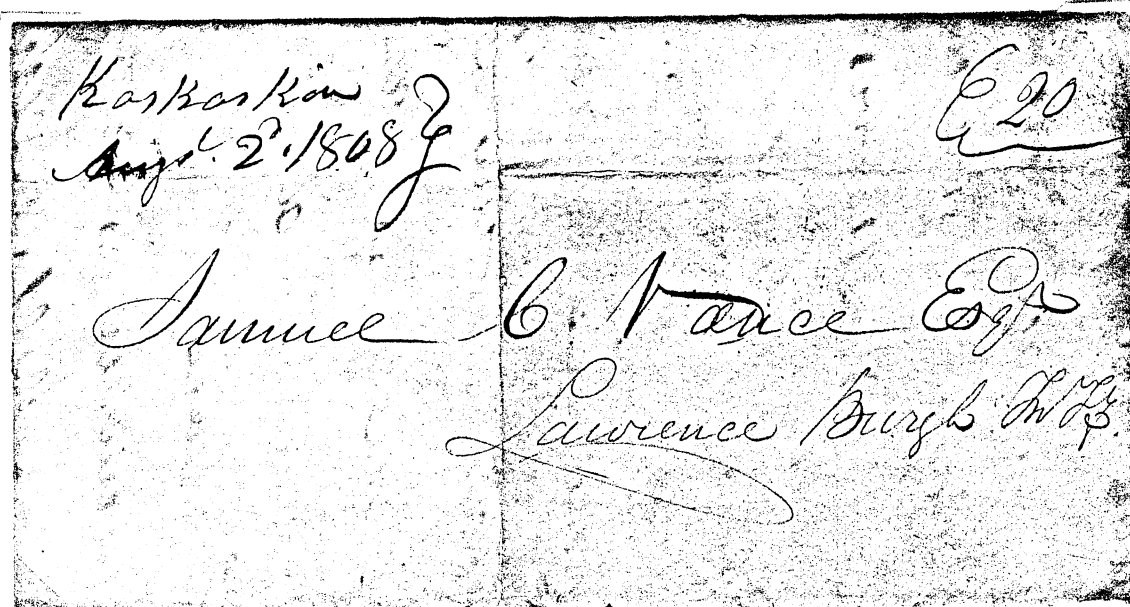
NO ZANESVILLE HANDSTAMP USAGE IS KNOWN BEFORE 1819

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U. S. MAIL

KASKASKIA, INDIANA TERRITORY

AUGUST 2, 1808, 20 CENTS



*a delu*  
*[Signature]*  
*A. C. Vance Esq.*

THE LETTER IS WRITTEN AND SIGNED BY Z.M. PIKE  
WHO WAS MAJOR ZEBULON M. PIKE THE DISCOVERER  
OF PIKES PEAK IN COLORADO.

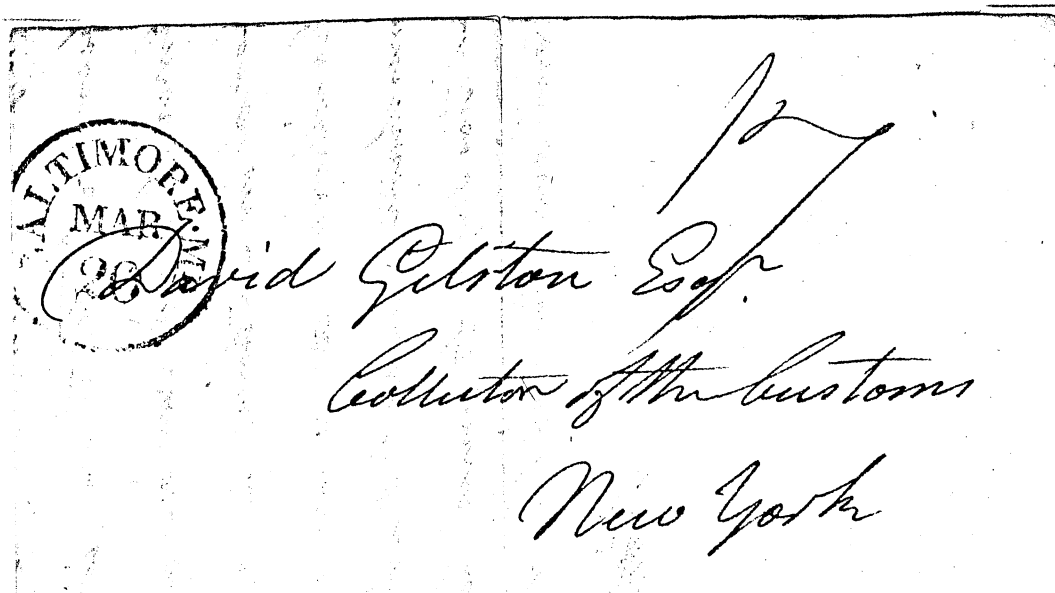
SINGLE LETTER RATE: 300 TO 500 MILES, 20¢.

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PER PACKET

SINGLE LETTER - 17 CENTS

EARLY BALTIMORE CIRCULAR TOWN MARK



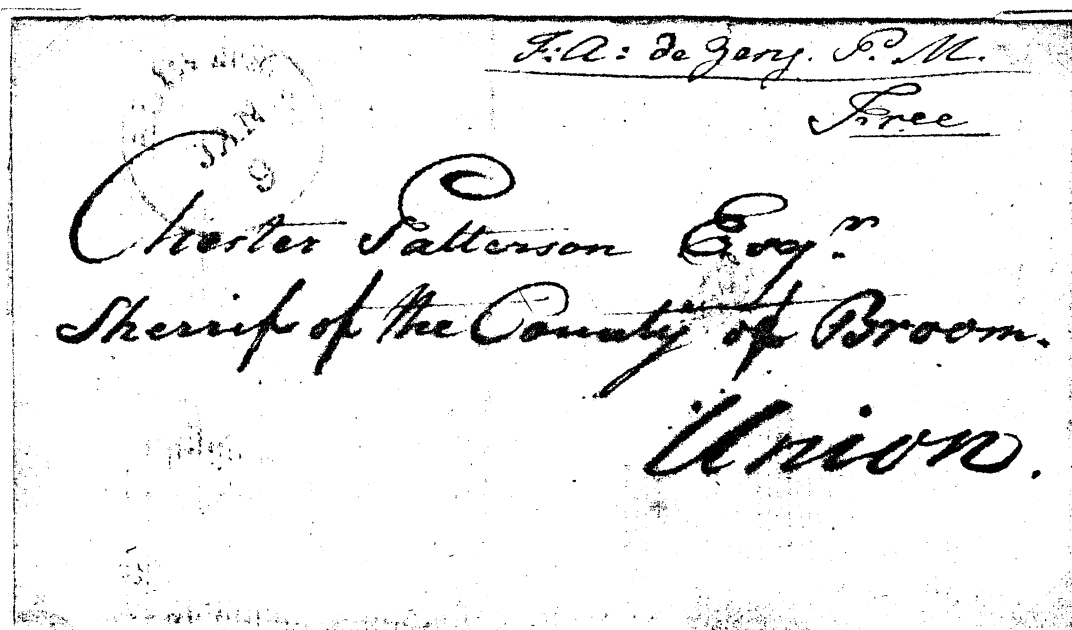
FROM THE COLLECTORS OFFICE, BALTIMORE MARCH 21, 1809  
TO THE COLLECTOR OF THE CUSTOMS, NEW YORK

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1815:

ALL LETTERS TO AND FROM THE COLLECTORS OF THE DIRECT  
TAX AND INTERNAL DUTIES, RELATIVE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES,  
SHALL BE CONVEYED FREE OF POSTAGE.

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BY STAGE COACH OR MOUNTED RIDER  
FREE FRANKED  
FIRST ALBANY CIRCLE TOWN MARK

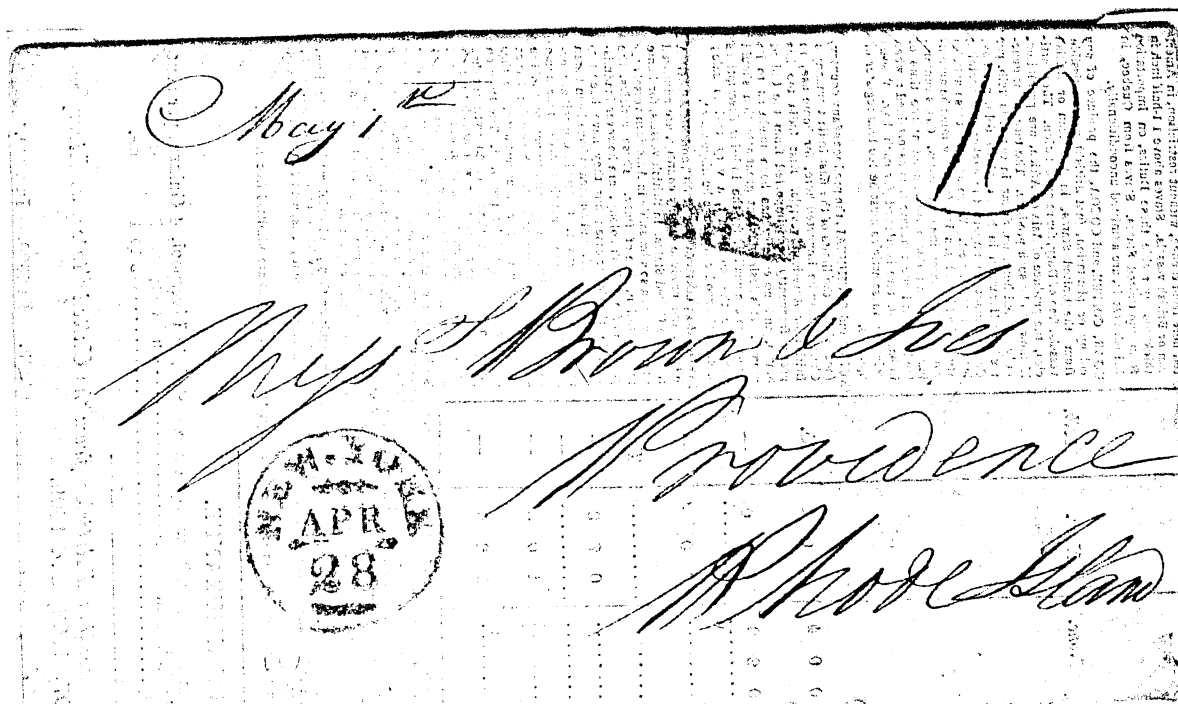


F.A. deZERY, P.M. FREE  
ALBANY, NEW YORK, JANUARY 9, 1810

ACT OF MARCH 2, 1799:  
....ACCORDING THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE TO THE  
PERSONS MENTIONED, AND EXTENDED THE FRANKING  
PRIVILEGE TO POSTMASTERS....

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BY PRIVATE SHIP  
SHIP AND INLAND 19 CENTS  
NEW YORK AND SHIP



~~LIVERPOOL, 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 1810.~~

EVERY LETTER BROUGHT IN TO THE U.S. IN PRIVATE SHIP OR VESSEL, 6 CENTS; IF CONVEYED BY POST TO ANY OTHER PLACE, 2 CENTS ADDED TO THE ORDINARY POSTAGE.

SHIP LETTER 2 CENTS, INLAND POSTAGE 17 CENTS,  
TOTAL POSTAGE 19 CENTS.

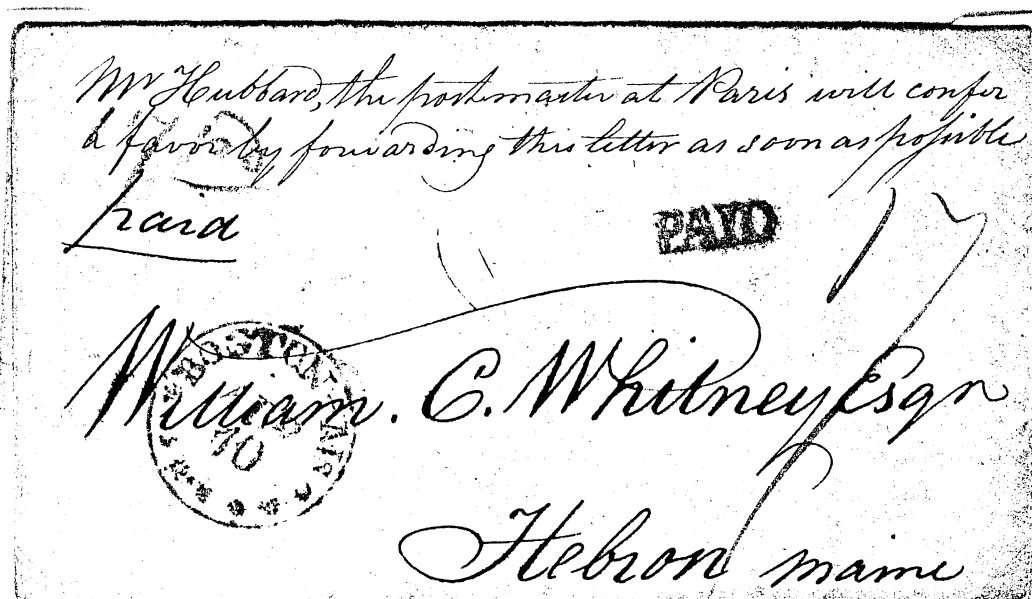


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BY SHIP AND MOUNTED RIDER

PRE PAID 17 CENTS

7 STAR BOSTON CIRCLE TOWN MARK



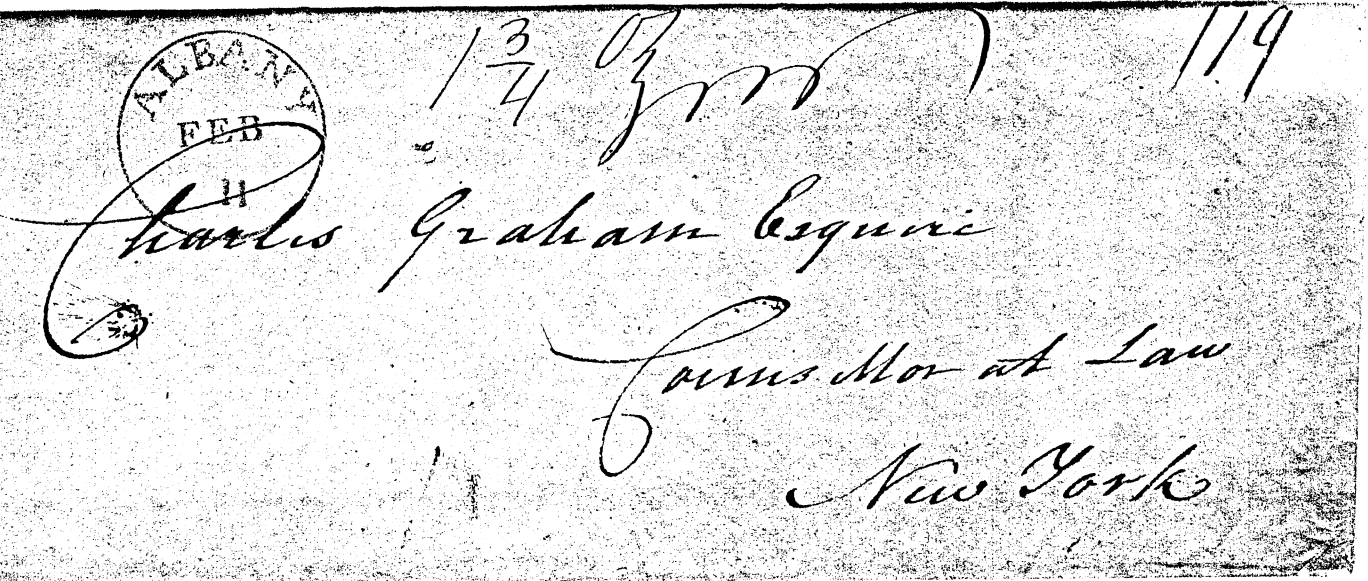
Boston April 8<sup>th</sup> 1810

ACT OF MARCH 1799:

SINGLE LETTER 150 TO 300 MILES, 17 CENTS

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BY STAGE COACH OR MOUNTED RIDER  
7 TIMES .17 CENT RATE, \$1.19  
FIRST ALBANY CIRCLE TOWN MARK



*The City of Albany the 10<sup>th</sup> Day  
of February 1812.*

ACT OF MARCH 1799:

150 MILES AND NOT EXCEEDING 300 MILES, 17¢  
AND FOR EVERY PACKET COMPOSED OF FOUR OR MORE  
PIECES OF PAPER, AND WEIGHING 1 OUNCE AVO,  
QUADRUPLE SAID RATES, AND IN THAT PROPORTION  
FOR ANY GREATER WEIGHT. 1 3/4 OZ. 7x17¢.

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INLAND WATERWAY

NON CONTRACT CARRIER, 6 CENTS

*The Clerk who wrote my  
letter made a mistake  
in doubling the sum &  
this is what they return  
answering refuse to.*

*Abm Van Vechten Esq*

*Attorney General*

*Albany.*

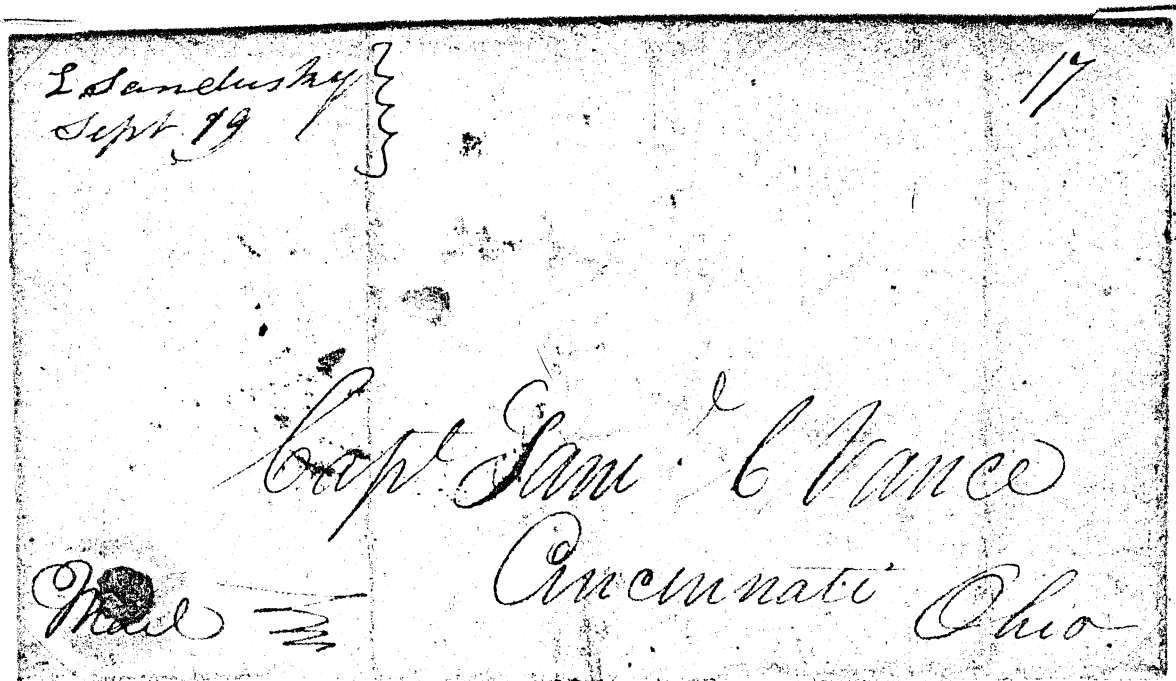
*New York May 8. 1873.*

IN THE SPRING OF 1813 THERE WERE IN SERVICE  
IN NEW YORK WATERS, THREE STEAMBOATS RUNNING  
TO ALBANY, ONE TO AMBOY, N.J., ONE TO TAPPAN,  
AND ONE TO ELIZABETHTOWN, N.J.

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THE FIGHT FOR DETROIT

MILITARY COURIER TO U.S. MAIL AT  
LOWER SANDUSKY, OHIO  
SEPTEMBER 19, 1813



Had Quarters Month of Postage Sep: 18<sup>th</sup> 1813—

Dear Capt

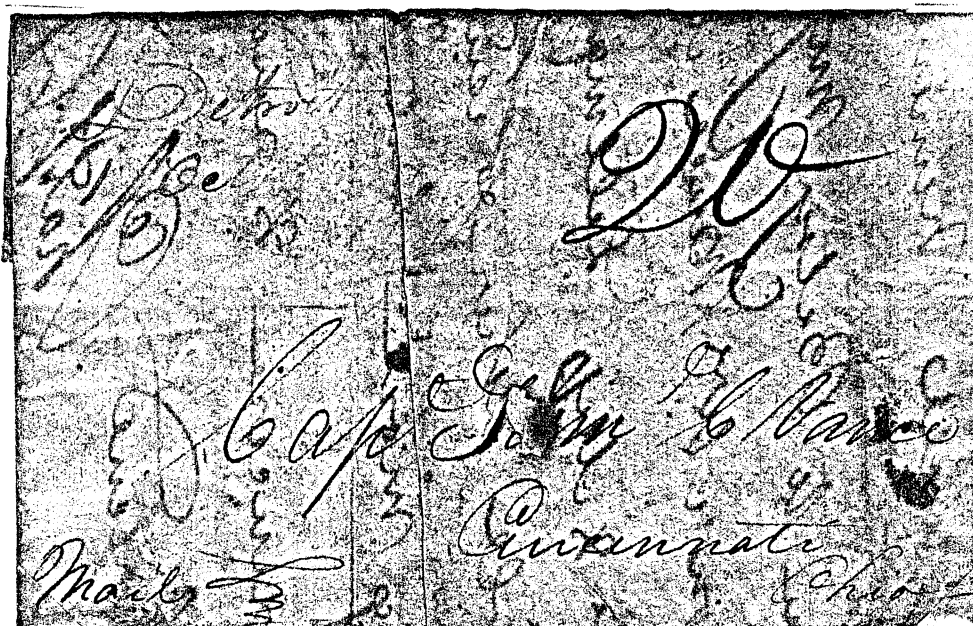
Again for the last time I  
write you a few lines until we have  
accomplished something of importance, or  
the army plain in thus attempting.

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN TERRITORY

OCTOBER 17, 1813

"MAIL" AND "20"



*Detroit Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1813*

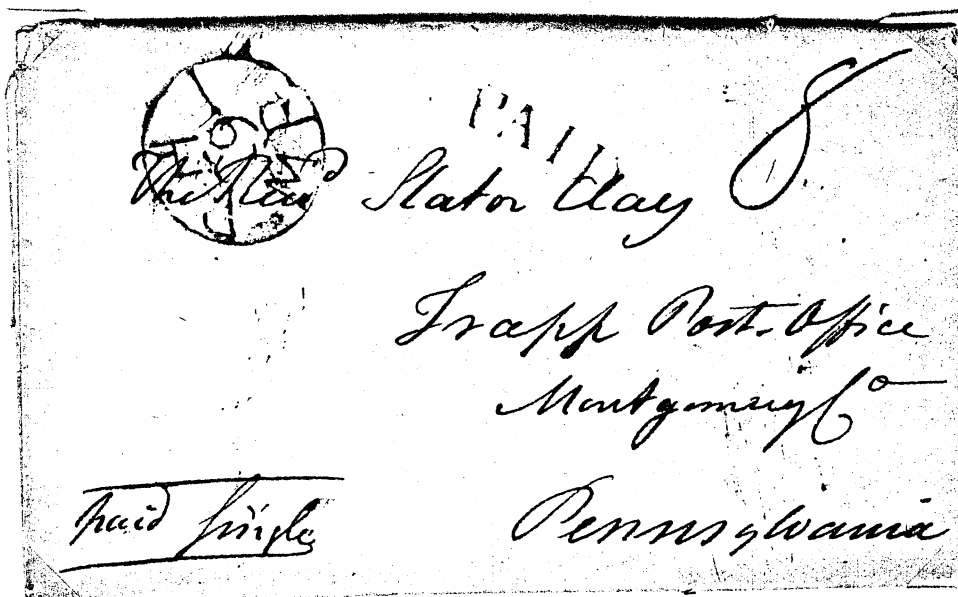
CARRIED BY A MOUNTED RIDER AS NOTHING  
BUT A PRIMITIVE TRAIL EXISTED BETWEEN  
DETROIT AND CINCINNATI AT THIS TIME.

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PROBABLE MEANS:

BY RIVER BOAT TO ROYERSFORD

AND RIDER TO TRAPP POST OFFICE



PHILADELPHIA, MARCH 29, PAID, 8

LETTER DATED MARCH 27, 1814

THIS IS THE FIRST CIRCULAR POSTMARK  
USED BY THE PHILADELPHIA POST OFFICE

ACT OF 1799:

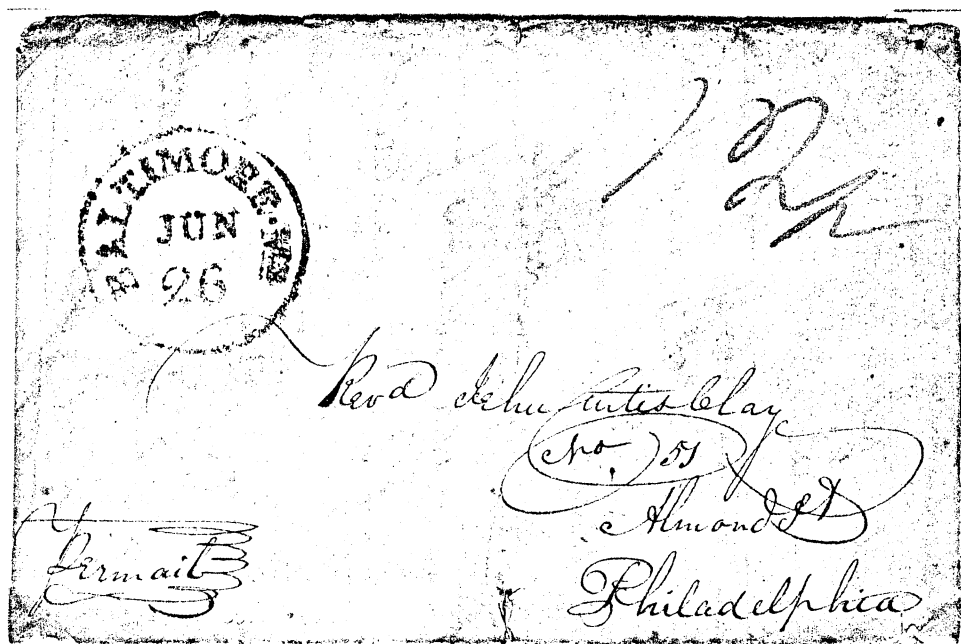
NOT EXCEEDING 40 MILES --- 8 CENTS

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PER MAIL

BY SHIP TO PHILADELPHIA

90 TO 150 MILES  $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS



*June 26 1814*

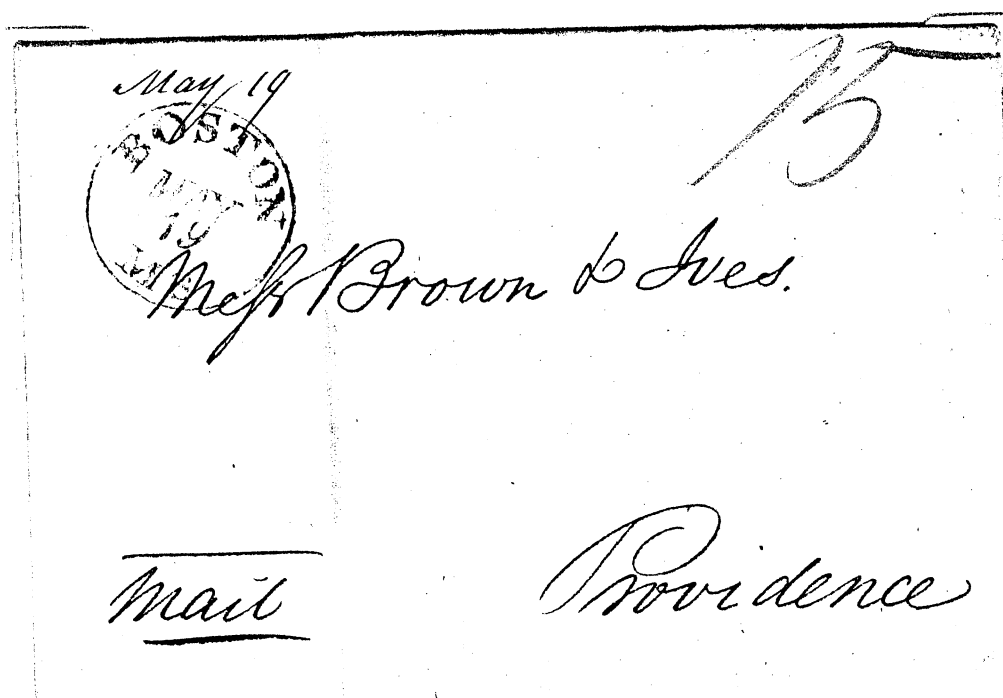
BALTIMORE, MD., JUN 26, 1814

THIS IS THE FIRST CIRCULAR POSTMARK  
USED BY THE BALTIMORE POST OFFICE

THE SHIP ROUTING IS DETERMINED BY THE  
 $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENT RATE (TO 150 MILES) AS THE OVER  
LAND DISTANCE IS MUCH LESS.

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BY STAGECOACH  
50% SURCHARGED WAR RATE  
CIRCULAR BOSTON, MS.



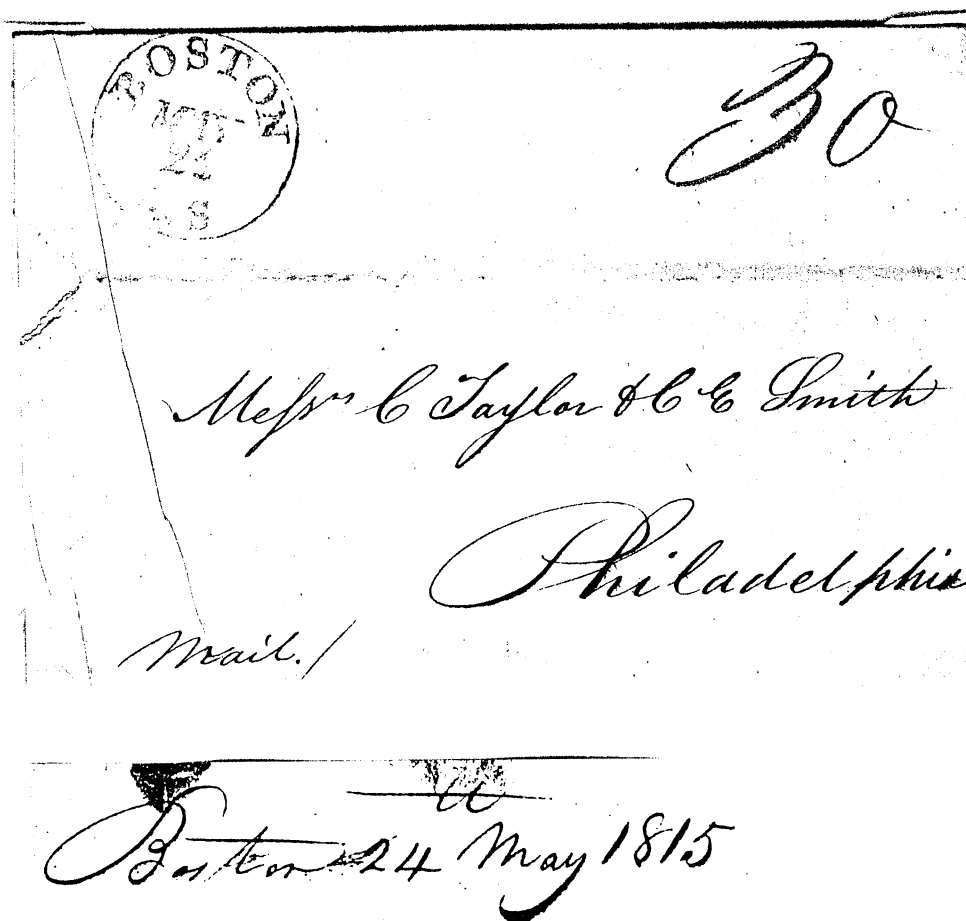
Chas W. Brown  
Providence Boston May 19. 1815

40 TO 90 MILES...10¢ + 50% = 15¢



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BY STAGECOACH  
50% SURCHARGED WAR RATE  
CIRCULAR BOSTON, MS.

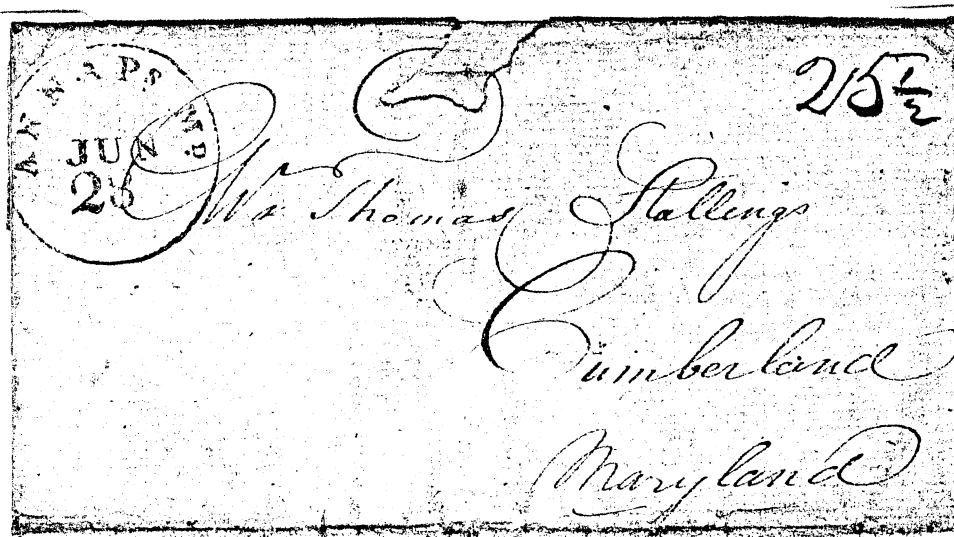


ACT OF DECEMBER 23, 1814  
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 1815:

ALL RATES INCREASED 50 PER CENT

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BY STAGECOACH  
50% SURCHARGED WAR RATE  
CIRCULAR ANNAPOLIS, MD.



ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, JUNE 28, 1815  
150 TO 300 MILES...17¢ + 50% = 25½¢

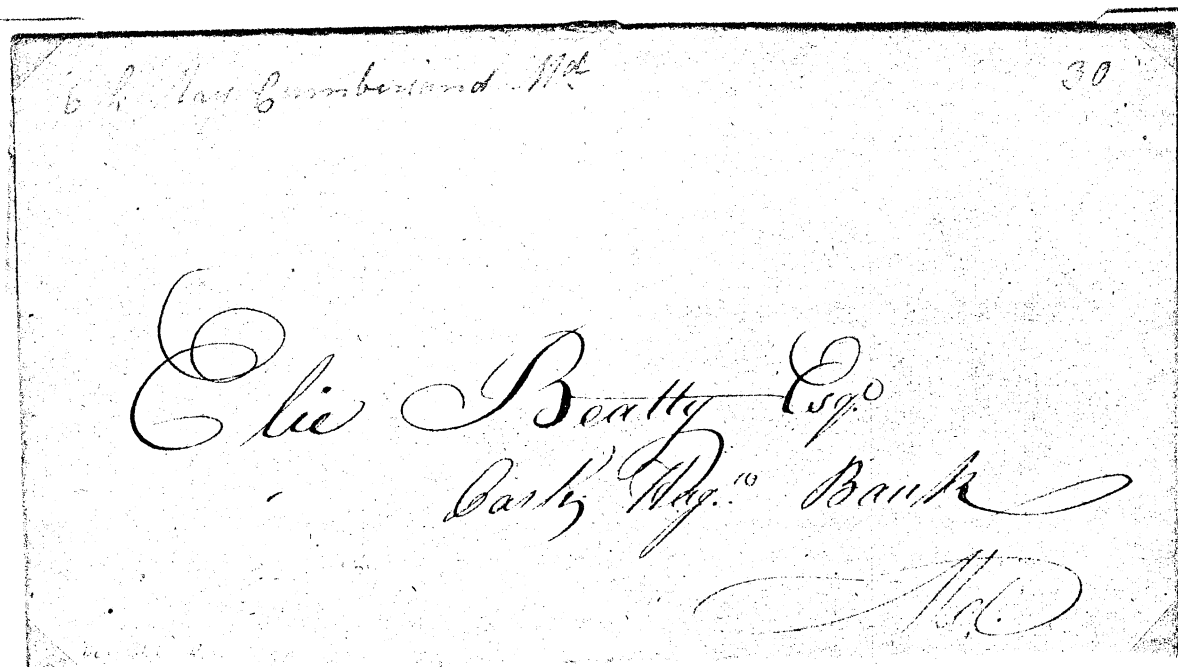
THIS CIRCULAR CANCELLATION IS THE FIRST OF  
ITS TYPE USED AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

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BY STAGECOACH

6th MAY, CUMBERLAND, MD.

30 MANUSCRIPT WAR RATE



Cumberland Bank of Maryland  
May 6. 1813.

300 TO 500 MILES...20¢ + 50% = 30¢

THE EARLIEST LISTED CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND  
CANCELLATION IS 1819.

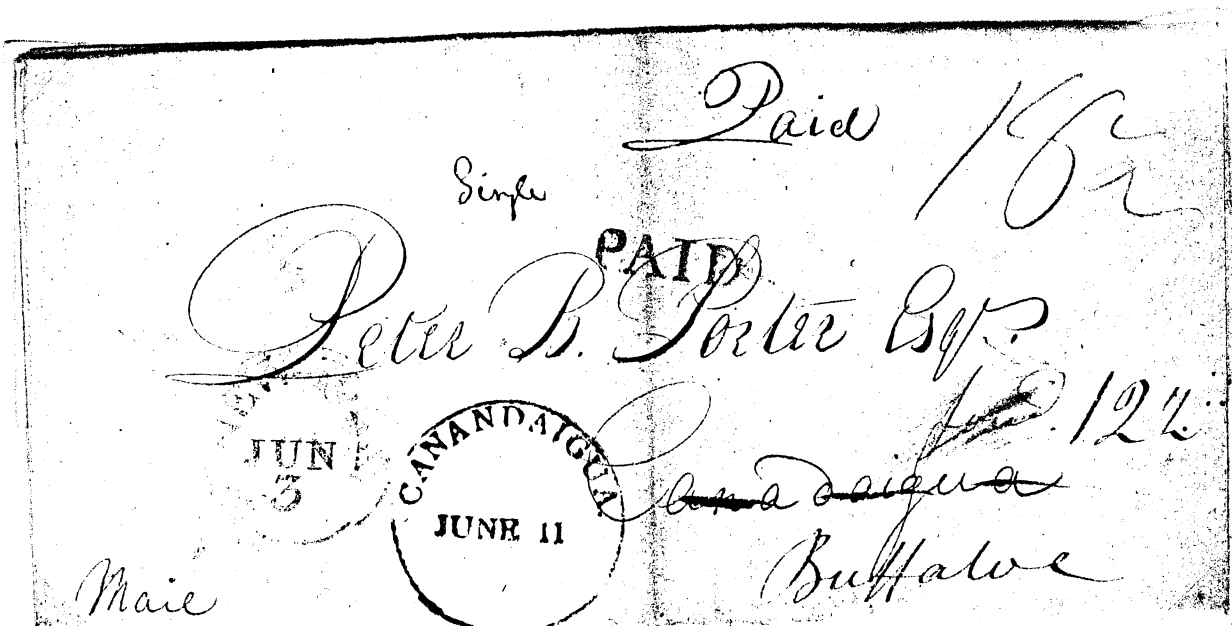
REF: AMERICAN STAMPLESS COVER CATALOG

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BY RIVER BOAT AND STAGE COACH

PAID  $18\frac{1}{2}$  CENT AND  $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENT RATES

SINGLE - MAIL - PAID



NEW YORK, JUNE 3 - CANANDAIGUA, N.Y., JUNE 11, 1816

NEW YORK TO CANANDAIGUA, N.Y.,  $18\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. TO BUFFALO, N.Y.,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS

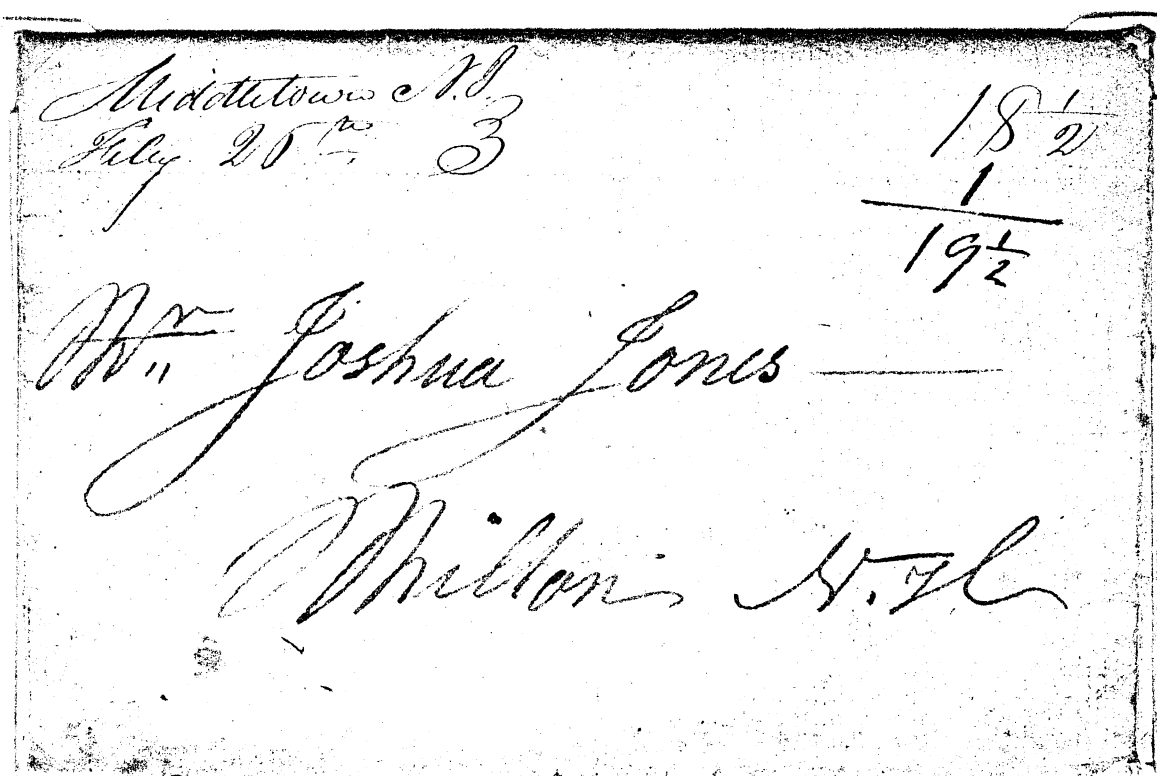
THE 30mm CIRCULAR CANANDAIGUA POSTMARK IS NOT LISTED. THE EARLIEST REPORTED CIRCULAR MARK IS 27mm, 1820.

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BY SHIP AND POST RIDER

18½ CENTS PLUS 1 CENT WAY

MANUSCRIPT MARKINGS



MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY, FEBRUARY 26, 1817

ACT OF APRIL 9, 1816:

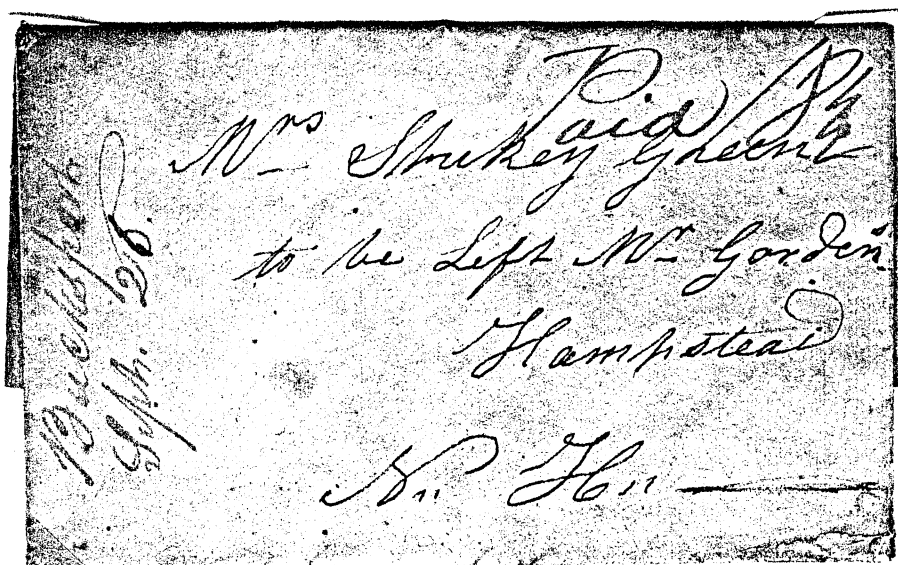
150 TO 400 MILES...18½ CENTS

WAY MAIL 1 CENT

THE WAY MAIL FEE WAS PAID TO THE POST RIDER  
FOR RECEIVING AND DELIVERING MAIL TO THE  
NEXT POST OFFICE.

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DISTRICT OF MAINE  
A PART OF MASSACHUSETTS

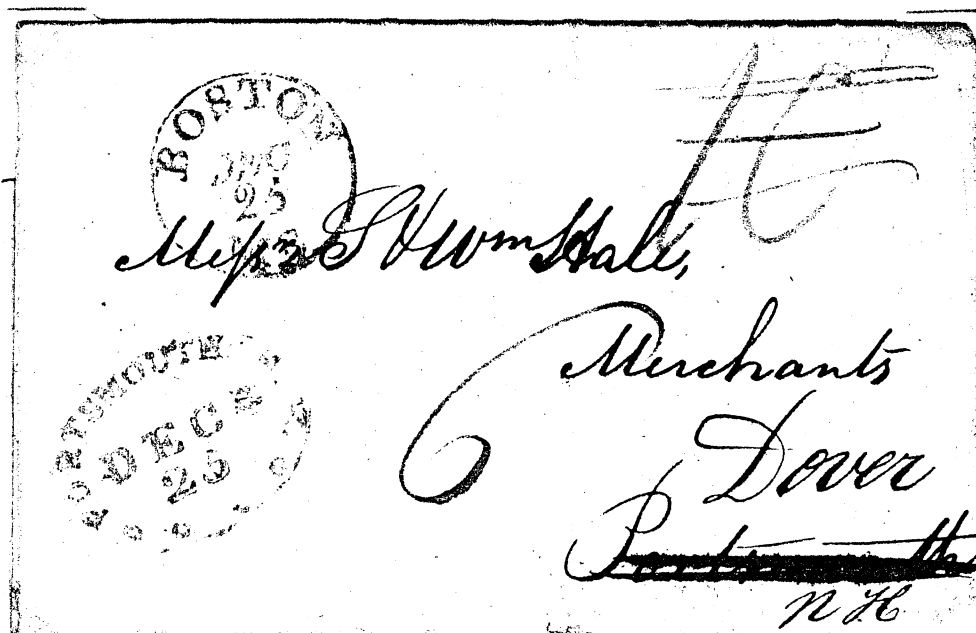


SEPT. 21, 1818, BUCKSPORT, D. OF M.  
150 TO 400 MILES --  $18\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS

DATELINED: BELFAST 15 SEPT., 1818.  
ENTERED THE MAIL AT BUCKSPORT SEPT., 21, 1818.  
FROM BUCKSPORT TO PORTSMOUTH, N.H. BY WATER AND  
TO HAMPSTEAD, N.H., BY COACH OR RIDER.

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BY SHIP TO PORTSMOUTH AND DOVER  
10 CENTS AND 6 CENTS  
BOSTON, PORTSMOUTH, 6 AND 10



*Boston, Decemr. 23. 1818*

ACT OF 1816:

30 TO 80 MILES 10 CENTS, 0 TO 30 MILES 6 CENTS

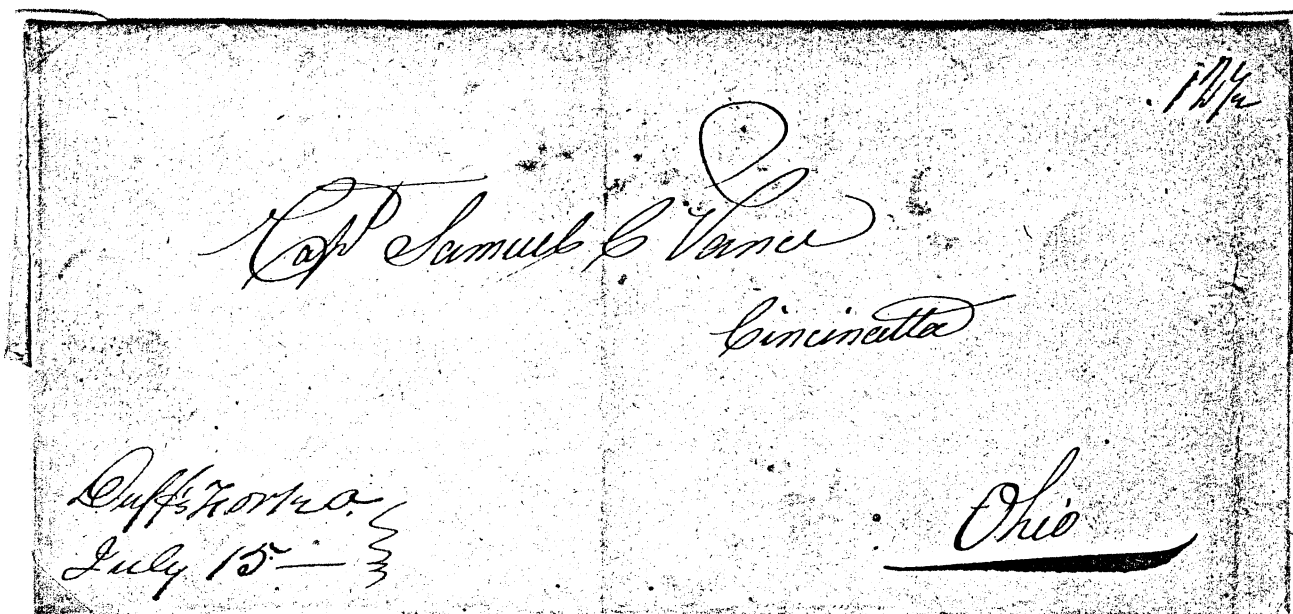
AT THIS TIME FORWARDING A LETTER WAS TREATED  
AS TWO SEPARATE MAILINGS REQUIRING TWO  
POSTAL CHARGES.

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DUFFS FORK, POST OFFICE,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS

A "GHOST" POST OFFICE, REFERENCES CHECKED

DO NOT RECORD THIS OFFICE.



Duffs Fork, P.O. office June 16 - 1819 -

BASED ON THE  $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENT RATE THE DUFFS FORK  
POST OFFICE WOULD NOT BE OVER 150 MILES  
FROM CINCINNATI.



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BY STAGE COACH OR MOUNTED RIDER  
3 TIMES  $.12\frac{1}{2}$  CENT RATE,  $.37\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS  
EARLY GENEVA CIRCLE TOWN MARK



*29 1/2*  
*Augustus Pater Esquire*  
*Manchester*  
*Niagara County*

*Geneva 21st Nov 1817*

MANCHESTER (NEW YORK) DOES NOT APPEAR ON  
MODERN MAPS AND IS LIKELY A DEAD POST OFFICE

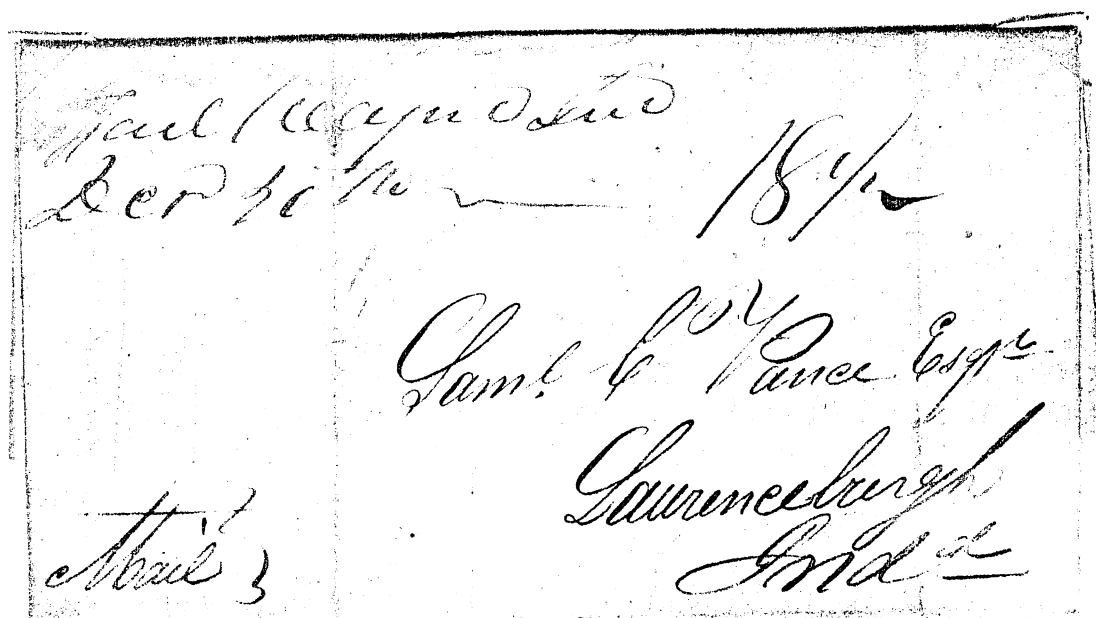
ACT OF APRIL 1816:  
SINGLE LETTER 80 TO 150 MILES,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS  
TRIPLE RATE LETTER  $37\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS

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BY MOUNTED RIDER

SINGLE LETTER,  $18\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA



*W. W. Fort Wayne December 19<sup>th</sup> 1833*

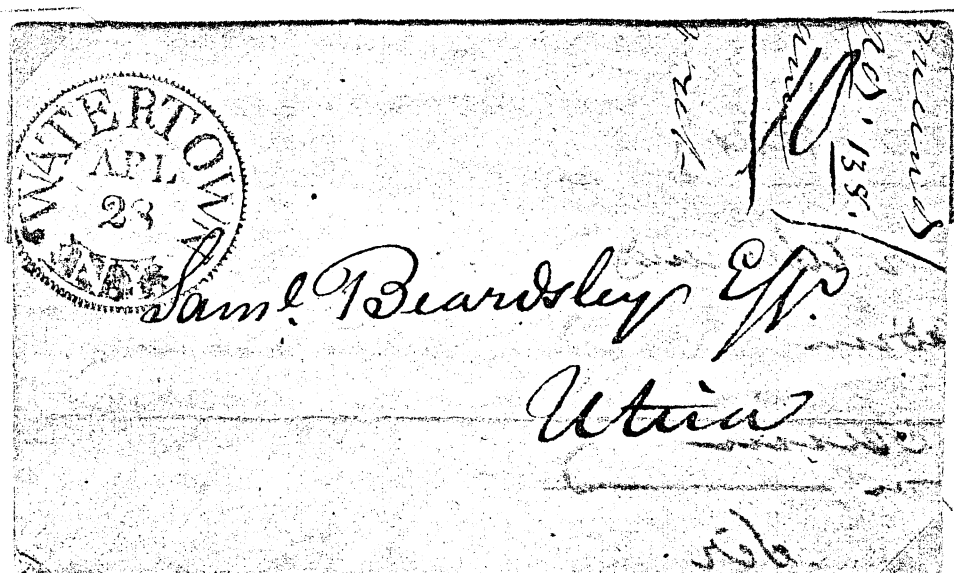
ACT OF APRIL 9, 1816

SINGLE LETTER, 150 TO 400 MILES,  $18\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS

THE VOLUME OF FORT WAYNE MAIL WAS SUCH THAT  
MANUSCRIPT MARKINGS WERE USED UNTIL 1836.

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BY STAGE COACH  
SINGLE LETTER 10 CENTS  
WATERTOWN, N.Y. - 10



WATERTOWN, N.Y., APRIL 28, 1824

ACT OF APRIL 9, 1816:

ZONE RATES FOR SINGLE LETTERS:

30 TO 60 MILES

10 CENTS

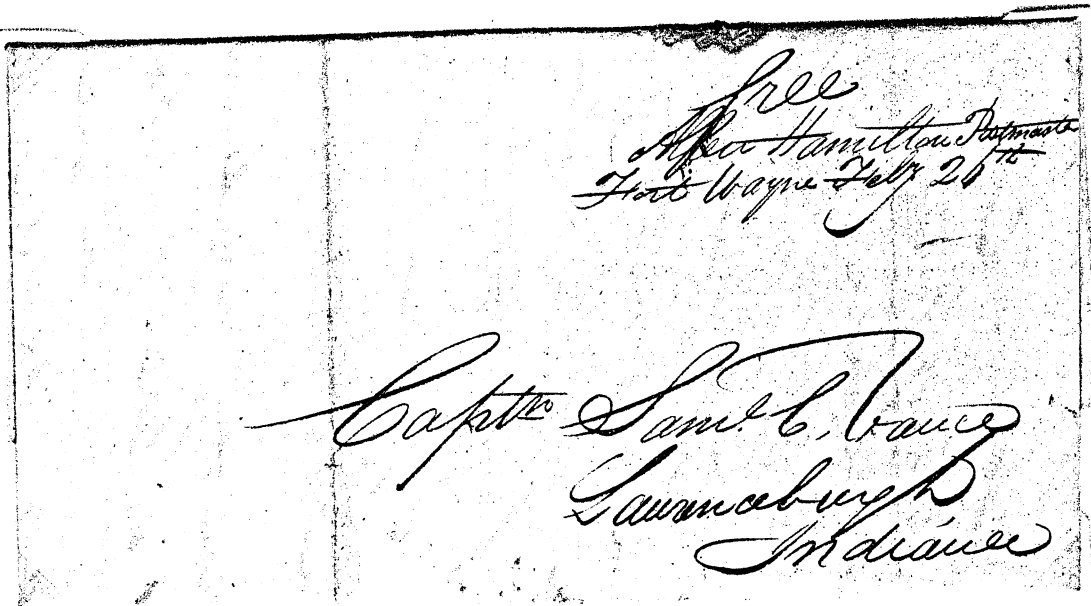
THE CIRCULAR WATERTOWN CANCELLATION WITH  
NEGATIVE "N.Y." WAS FIRST USED IN 1824.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BY MOUNTED RIDER

FREE FRANKED

ALLEN HAMILTON, POSTMASTER



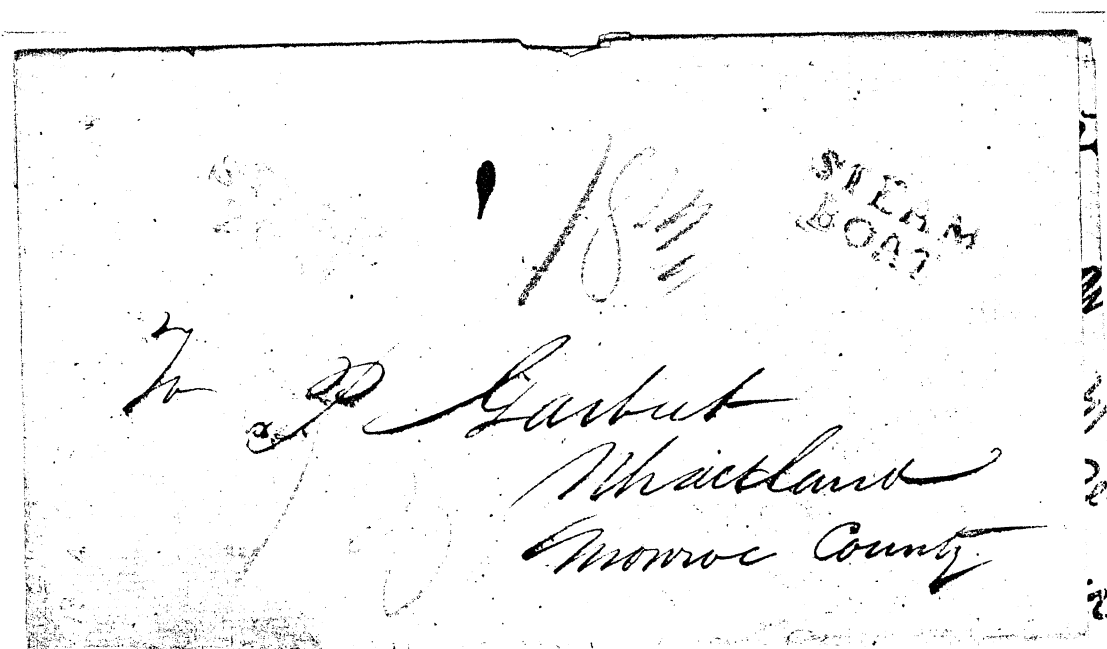
*Fort Wayne Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1826*

ACT OF MARCH 2, 1799

REENACTED THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF  
FEBRUARY 20, 1792, ACCORDING THE FRANKING  
PRIVILEGE TO POSTMASTERS AND CERTAIN  
OTHER DESIGNATED ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BY STEAM BOAT AND STAGE COACH  
NEW YORK CITY - WHEATLAND, N.Y.  
14 OCT 1826 - 18 3/4 CENTS

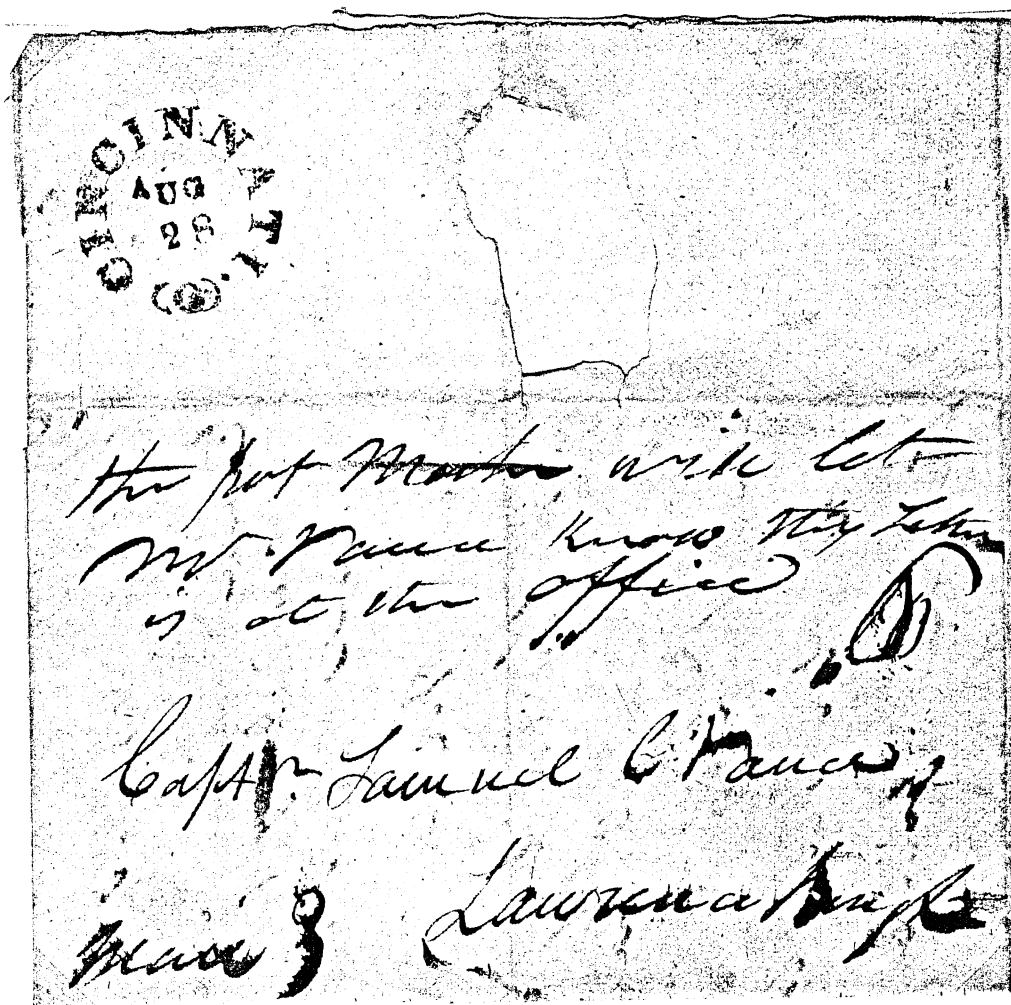


*New York 14 Oct 1826*

STEAMBOAT LETTERS WERE RECOGNIZED IN THE  
POSTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN 1825, WITH  
A FEE OF 2 CENTS TO BE PAID THE STEAMBOAT  
CAPTAIN DELIVERING THE LETTER.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

THE FIRST CINCINNATI HANDSTAMP  
USED FROM 1816 TO 1830



*Deposited*  
Aug 27/1827  
Cin - O  
Mr. Samuel C. Vance

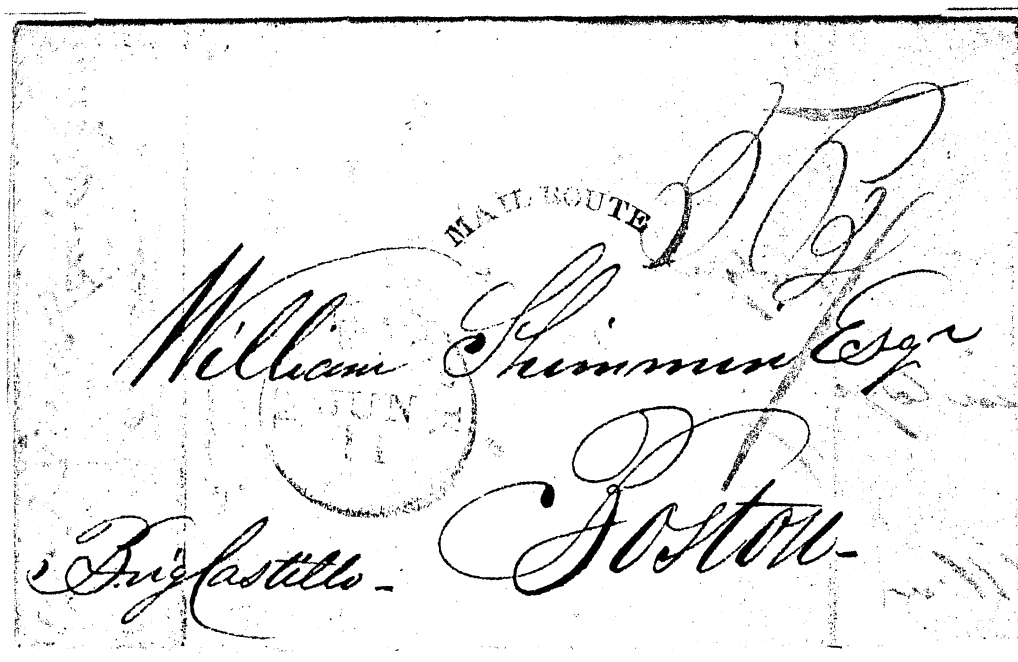
INFORMALITY SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THE ORDER OF THE DAY  
WITH THIS NOTATION, "THE POST MASTER WILL LET MR.  
VANCE KNOW THIS LETTER IS AT THE OFFICE".

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

MAIL ROUTE PER BRIG CASTILLO

TRIPLE LETTER -  $56\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS

MAIL ROUTE - NEW YORK -  $56\frac{1}{2}$



*per Brig Castillo -*

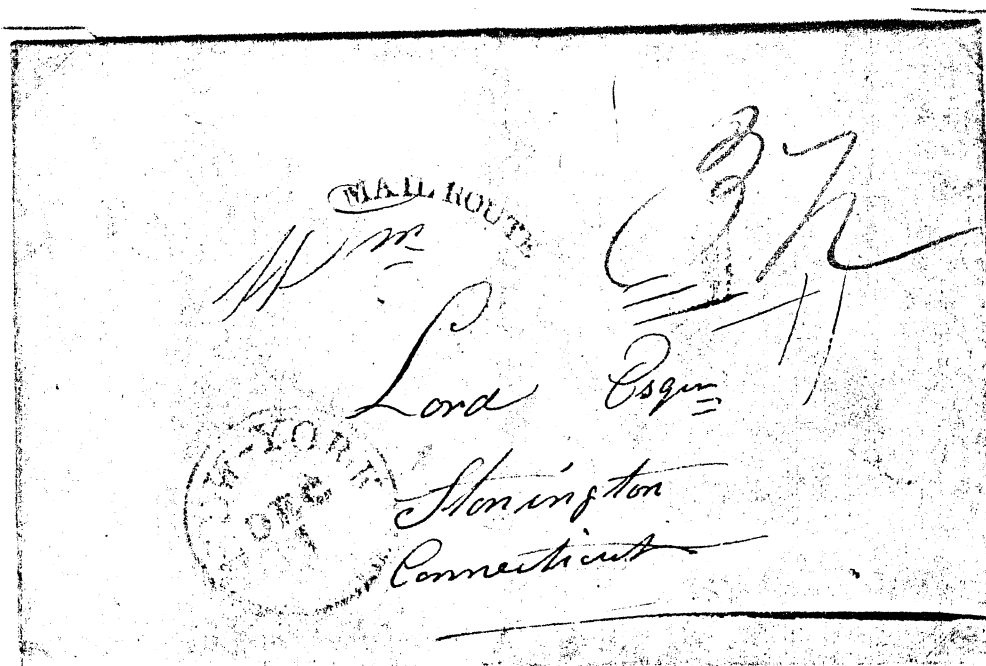
*New Orleans May 12. 1827.*

THE POSTAGE ON LETTERS CONVEYED IN COASTING VESSELS UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE POSTMASTER GENERAL IS REGULATED BY THE DISTANCE THEY ARE CONVEYED ON MARITIME POST ROUTES

THIS LETTER WITH TWO ENCLOSURES RATED "TRIPLE" FROM STATEN ISLAND TO BOSTON  $56\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS.

POSTAL, MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

NEW ORLEANS - STONINGTON, CONN.  
PER PACKET - 37 CENTS  
MAIL ROUTE



*New Orleans November 7<sup>th</sup> 1827*

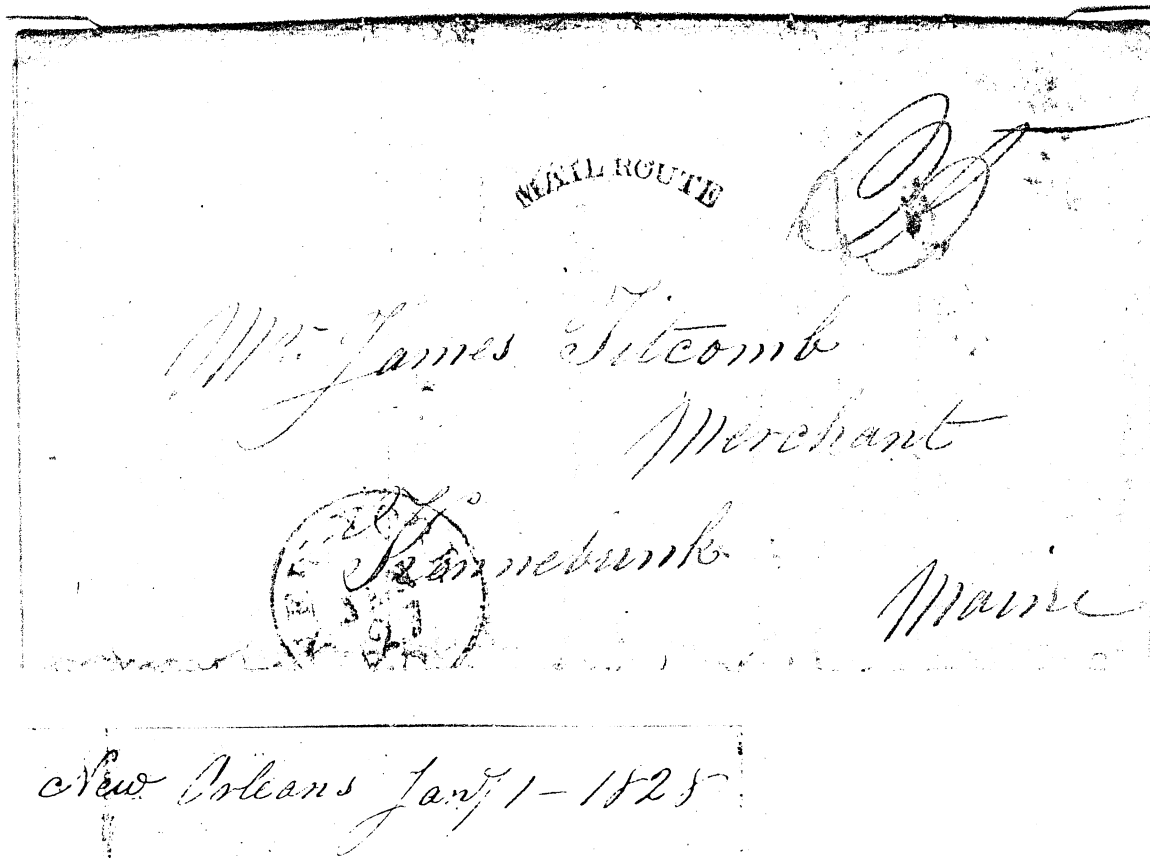
PER P.M.G. McLEAN'S DIRECTIVE:

NEW ORLEANS - BALIZE	12½¢
STATEN ISLAND - NEW YORK	6 ¢
NEW YORK - STONINGTON, CONN	<u>18½¢</u>
	37¢



POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

MAIL ROUTE PER PACKET  
SINGLE LETTER - 25 CENTS  
MAIL - NEW YORK - 25



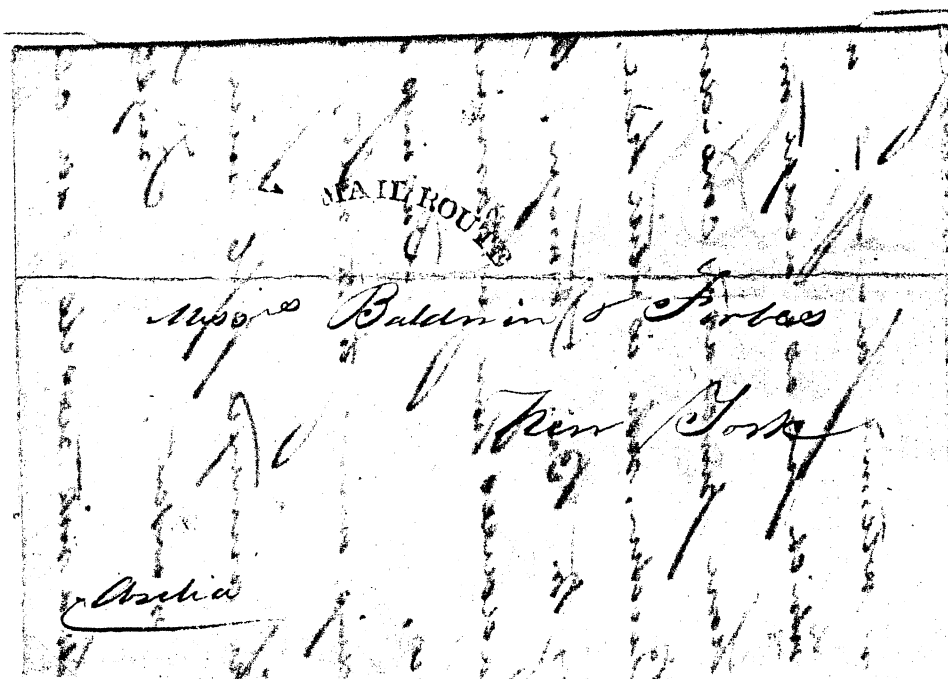
POSTMASTER GENERAL McLEAN--NO CHARGE IS ORDERED FOR LETTERS TRANSPORTED OVER THE "MAIN" SEAS" OR "WATERS WITHOUT THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES", AND THAT CHARGES ARE LIMITED TO THE DISTANCE ON "WATERS WITHIN U.S. JURISDICTION AND WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED BY LAW AS POST ROADS.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

PER PACKET ASILIA

80 - 150 MILES  $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS

MAIL ROUTE

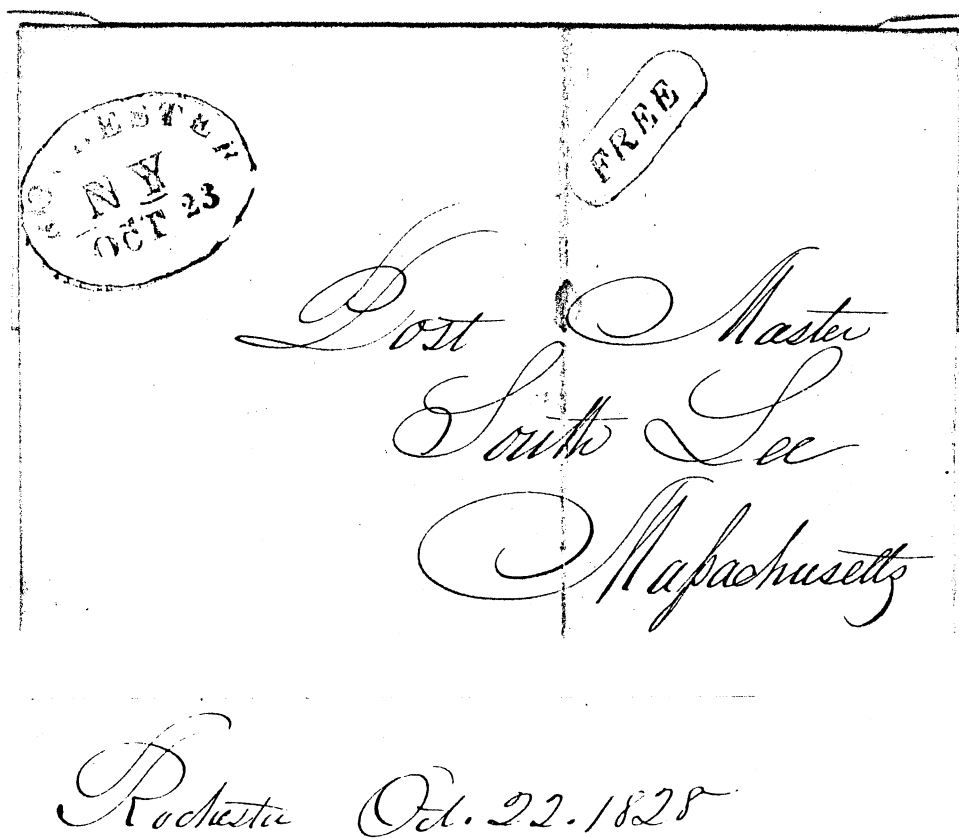


**NEW-ORLEANS WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT...MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1828.**

LETTERS ARRIVING BY SEA FROM NEW ORLEANS TO  
NEW YORK WERE CHARGED ON THE BASIS OF 100 MILES  
LAND POSTAGE, THE DISTANCE FROM NEW ORLEANS  
TO THE MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND 30 MILES  
FROM STATEN ISLAND TO NEW YORK CITY.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

FREE FRANKED TO A POSTMASTER  
ROCHESTER, N.Y., OCT. 23, 1828



ACT OF MARCH 3, 1825  
PROVIDES THAT LETTERS TO AND FROM THE  
FOLLOWING OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES  
SHALL BE RECEIVED AND CONVEYED FREE OF POSTAGE.

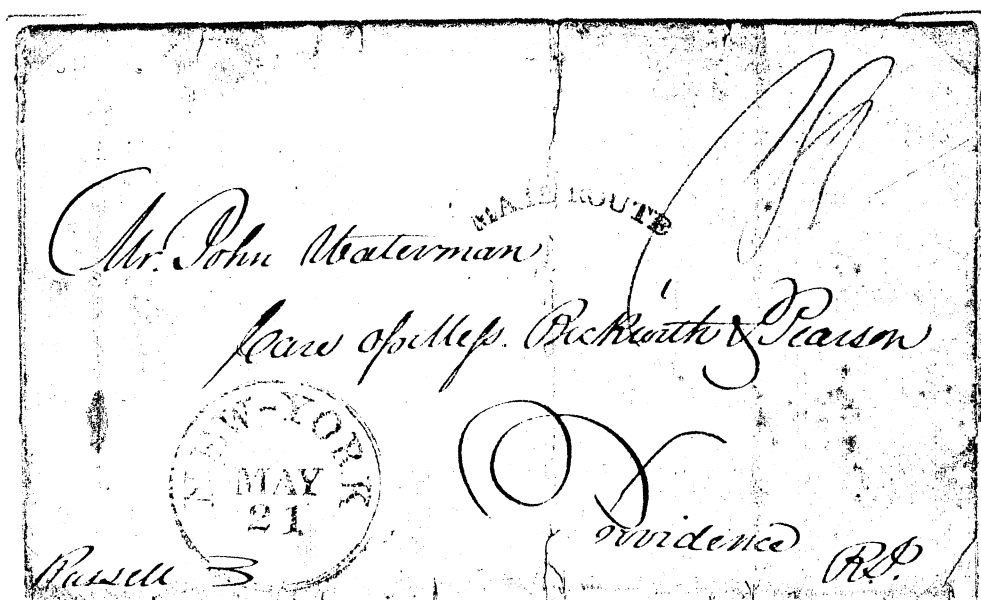
EACH POSTMASTER, LETTERS NOT EXCEEDING ONE-HALF  
OUNCE IN WEIGHT.....

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

NEW ORLEANS, LA. - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

PER PACKET - 18 3/4 CENTS

MAIL ROUTE

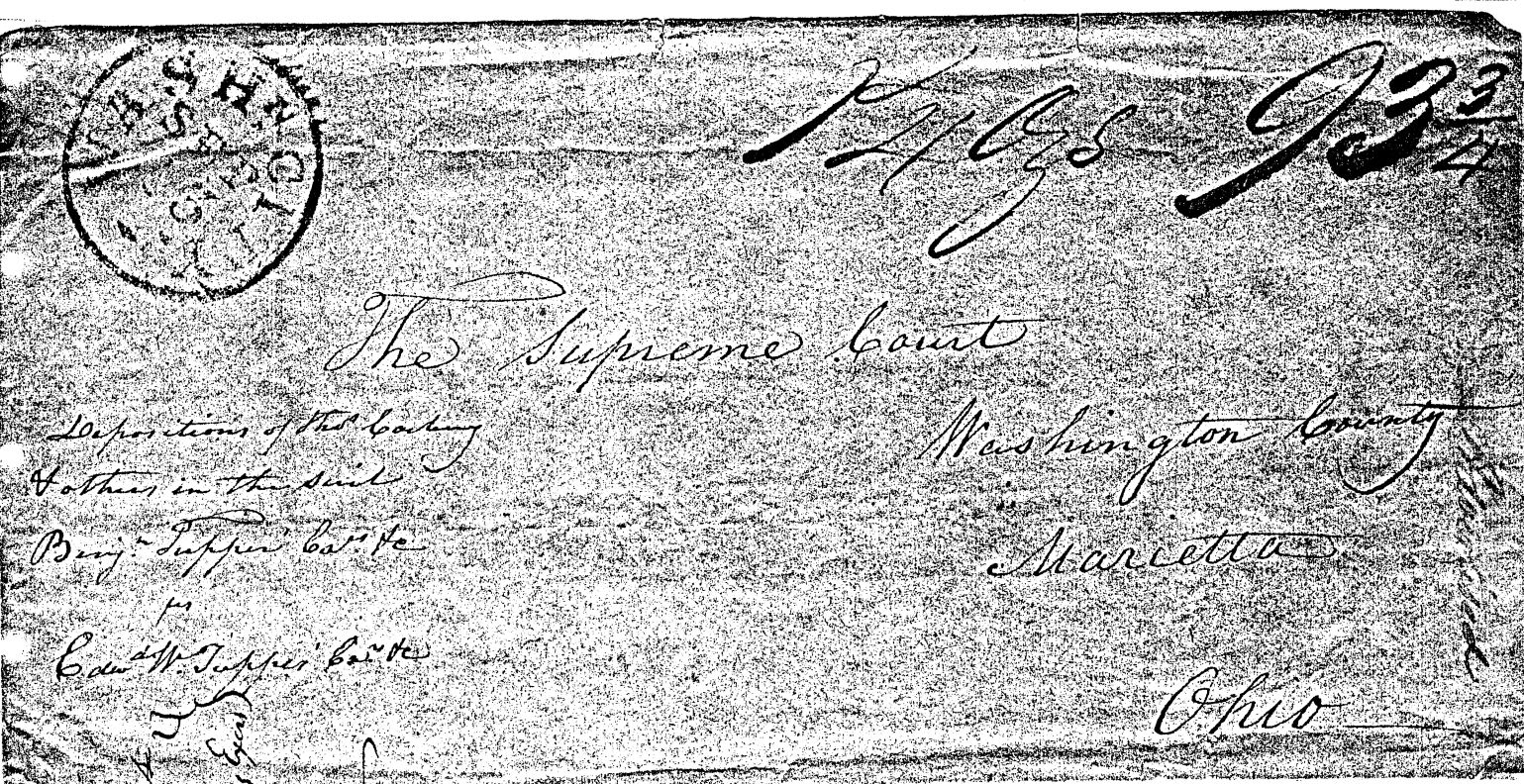


*New Orleans 1 May 1829*

MAIL ROUTE MARKINGS WERE USED IN THE 1827-30 PERIOD ON COASTAL MAIL FROM NEW ORLEANS TO NORTHERN PORTS. THEY DESIGNATE LETTERS CARRIED BY SHIPS OVER WATERS, THE WHOLE OF WHICH HAD BEEN DECLARED POST ROADS.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BY STAGE COACH AND RIVER BOAT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. - MARIETTA, OHIO  
5 TIMES 18 3/4 CENT RATE, 93 3/4¢



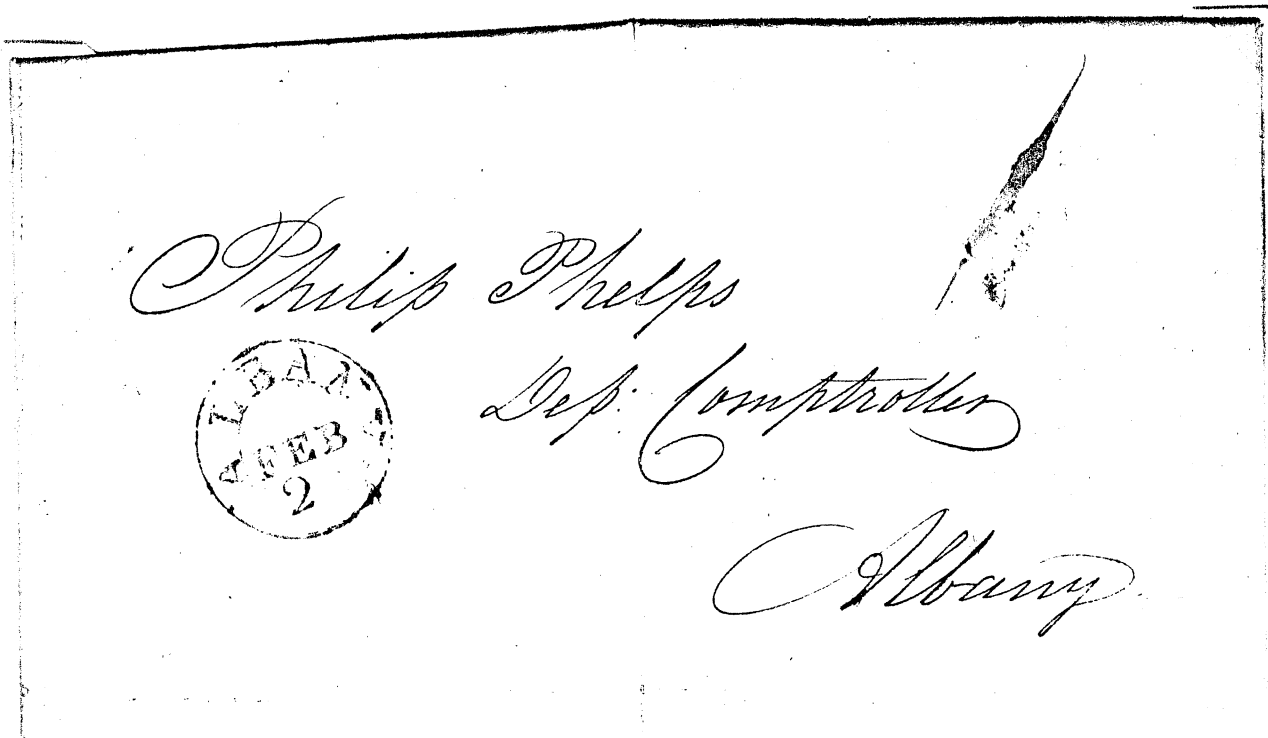
Act of 24th 1828:  
Geo. Duntley, Clerk

ACT OF MARCH 1825:  
150 MILES AND NOT EXCEEDING 400 MILES, 18 3/4¢  
AND FOR EVERY PACKET COMPOSED OF FOUR OR MORE  
PIECES OF PAPER, AND WEIGHING 1 OUNCE AVD.  
QUADRUPLE SAID RATES, AND IN THAT PROPORTION  
FOR ANY GREATER WEIGHT. 1 1/4 OZ. 5x18 3/4¢.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

LOCAL DELIVERY

DROP LETTER RATE, 1 CENT



ALBANY, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 2, 1829

DROP LETTERS

LETTERS PLACED IN ANY POST OFFICE, NOT FOR  
TRANSMISSION BUT FOR DELIVERY ONLY.

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1825

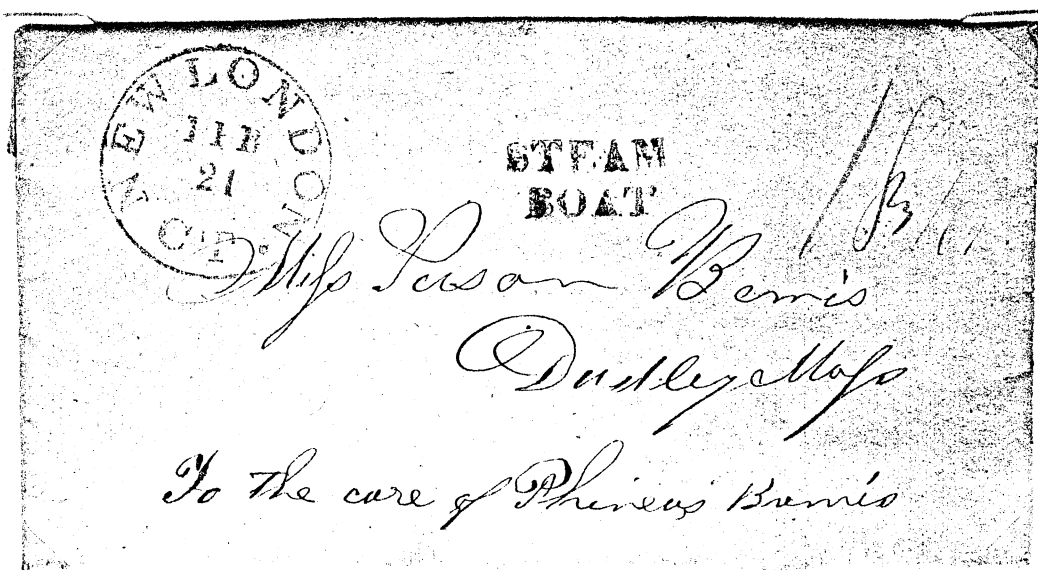
THE POSTAGE ON DROP LETTERS IS FIXED AT 1 CENT EACH

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

PER STEAMBOAT LONG BRANCH

18 3/4 CENT RATE

CIRCA 1830



*On board the Long Branch*

ON BOARD THE LONG BRANCH, FEB 18

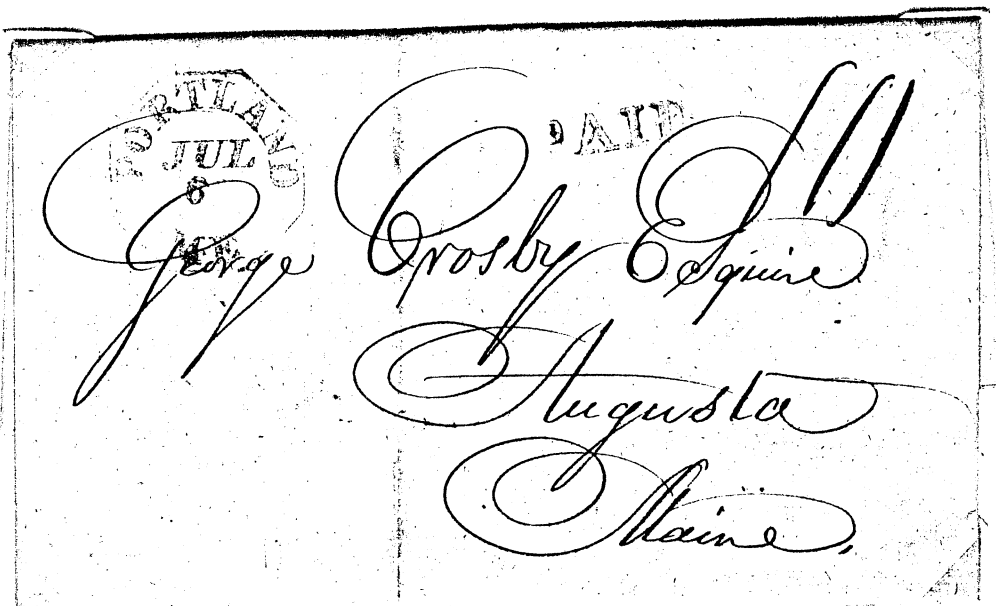
THE MARK STEAMBOAT WAS APPLIED BY THE  
RECEIVING POST OFFICE TO LETTERS DELIVERED  
BY THE CAPTAIN OF A STEAMBOAT HAVING NO  
MAIL CARRYING CONTRACT.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

OCTAGONAL CANCELLATION

PORTLAND, ME., JULY 6

PROBABLE CARRIER, RIVER BOAT OR STAGECOACH



Treasury Office  
Treasury Office, July 5. 1830.  
Dear Sir,  
This day received your communication

ACT OF MARCH 1825:

SINGLE LETTER RATE, 30 TO 80 MILES 10 CENTS

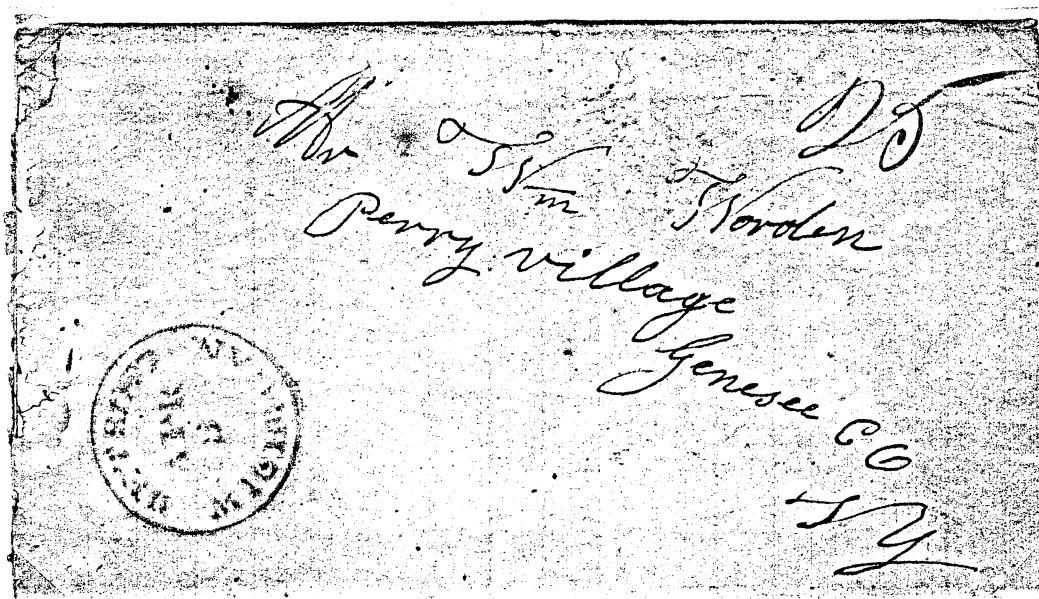


POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

DETROIT, MICHIGAN TERRITORY

25 CENTS, OVER 400 MILES

CIRCA 1831

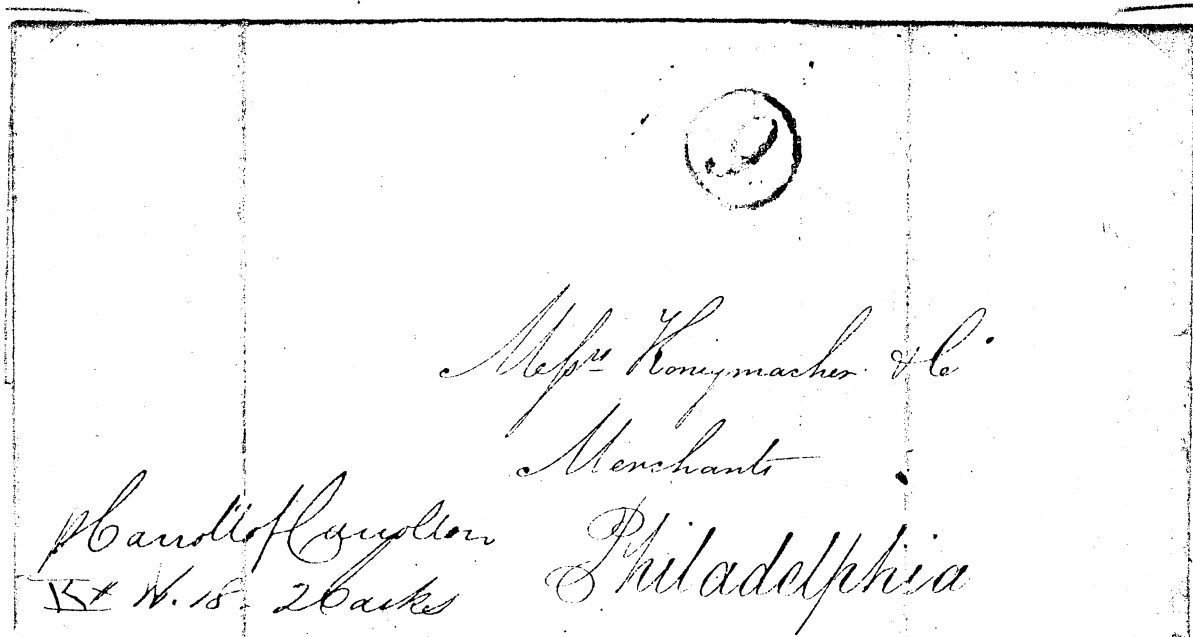


CARRIED BY SHIP FROM DETROIT TO BUFFALO, N.Y.  
THEN BY POST RIDER OR STAGE COACH TO PERRY  
VILLAGE.

THE CANCELLATION IS FROM THE FIRST CIRCULAR  
DEVICE USED BY THE DETROIT POST OFFICE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND - PHILADELPHIA  
PER SHIP CARROLL OF CARROLLTON  
SHIP LETTER 6 CENTS



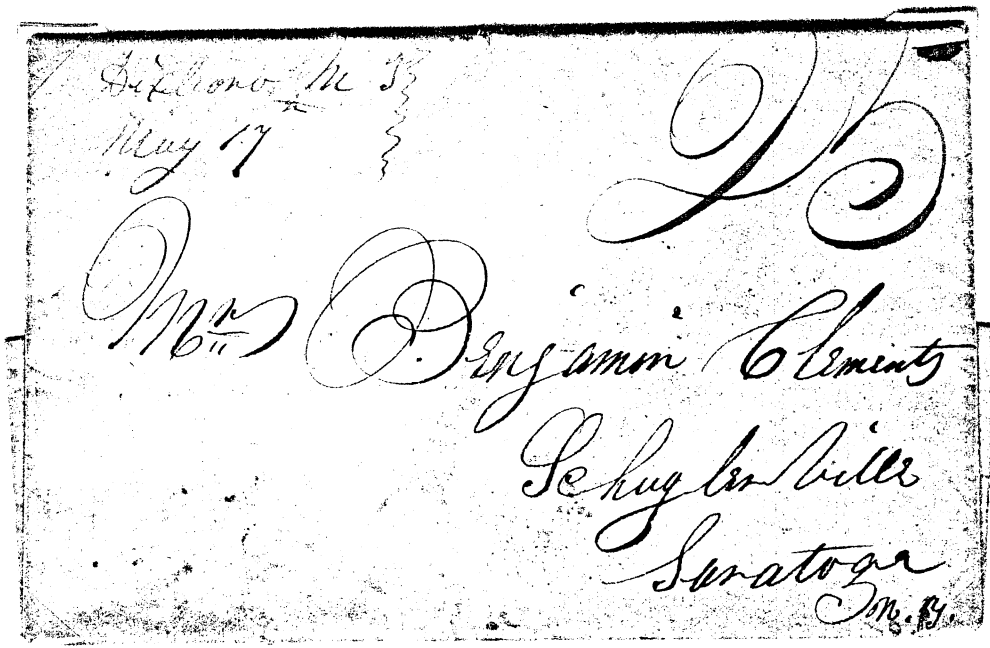
A LETTER DELIVERED BY THE CAPTAIN OF A U.S.  
OWNED SHIP FROM ABROAD HAVING NO MAIL  
CARRYING CONTRACT.

THESE LETTERS WERE CARRIED BY THE CAPTAIN  
AS A FAVOR TO THE SENDER AND HE RECEIVED A  
FEE OF 2 CENTS PER LETTER FOR HIS SERVICES.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

MICHIGAN TERRITORY

DIXBORO, M.T., MAY 15, 1833



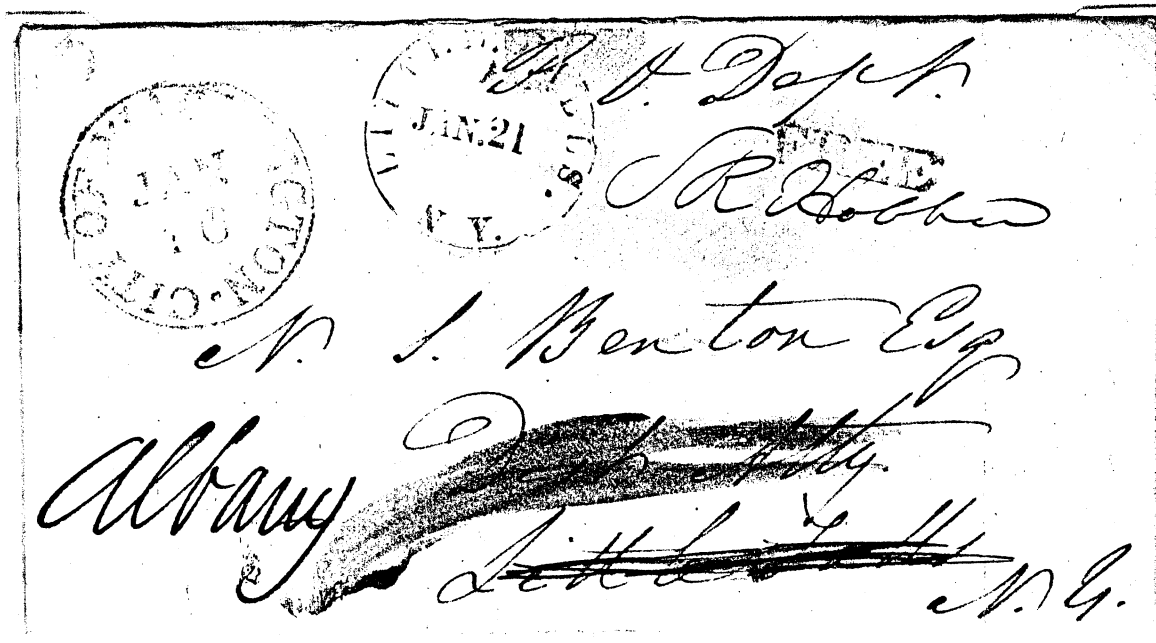
ACT OF MARCH 3, 1845: OVER 400 MILES, 25 CENTS

CUT FROM INDIANA TERRITORY. ORIGINALLY IN THE "TERRITORY NORTHWEST OF THE RIVER OHIO". CREATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JANUARY 11, 1805.

CARRIED BY RIVER BOAT AND STAGE COACH.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CITY OF WASHINGTON - LITTLE FALLS, N.Y.  
FORWARDED TO ALBANY, N.Y.  
FREE - P. O. DEPT.



CITY OF WASHINGTON, JANUARY 16, 1834

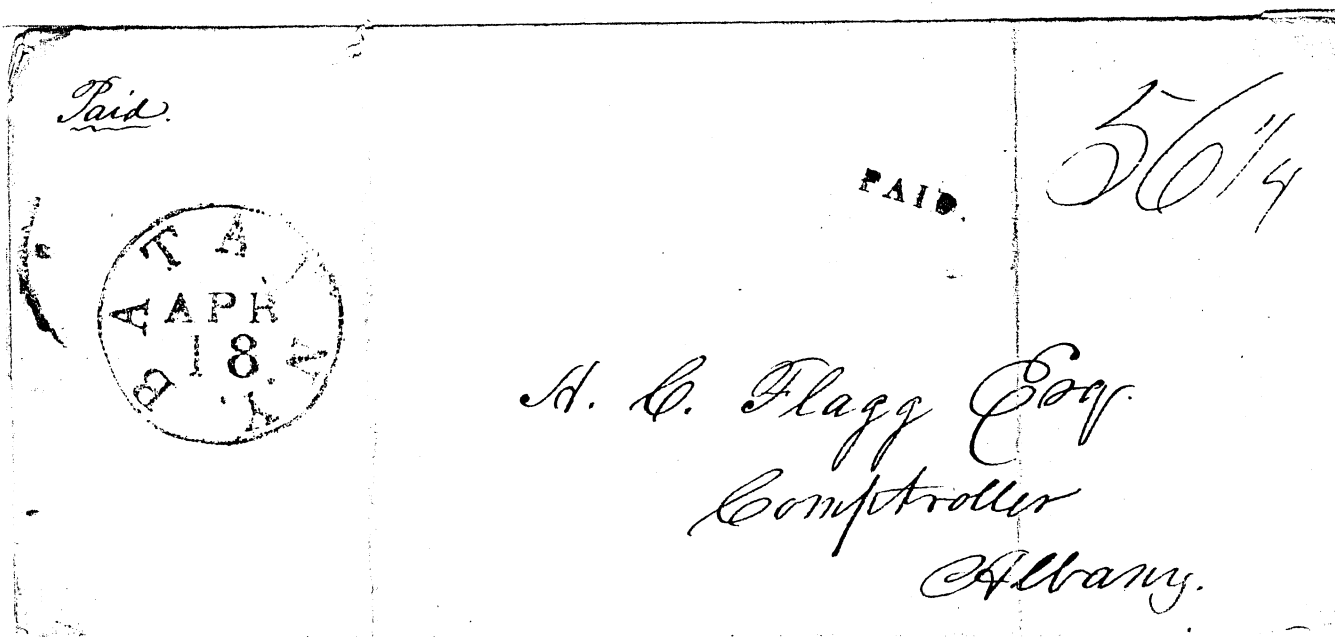
SELAH R. HOBBIE WAS NAMED 2nd ASS'T POSTMASTER  
GENERAL IN 1829 AND FIRST ASS'T P.M.G. IN 1836.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

PAID

TRIPLE 18 3/4 CENT RATE

BATAV (BATAVIA) N.Y.



ACT OF MARCH, 1825:

SINGLE LETTER RATE, 150 TO 400 MILES,  
18 3/4 CENTS.

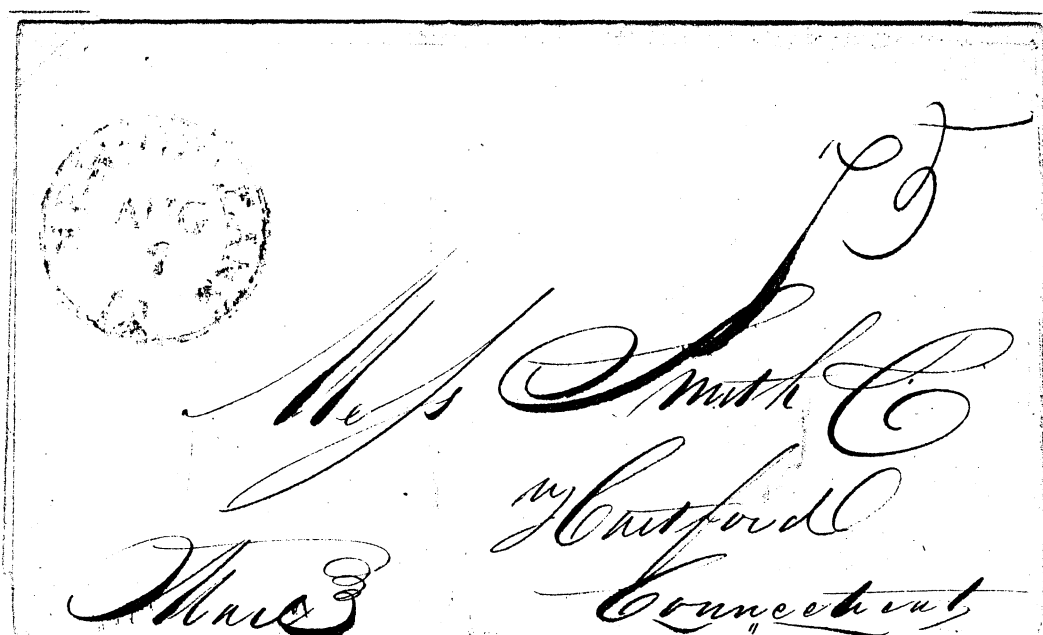
THREE PIECES OF PAPER, TRIPLE SAID RATE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BY MOUNTED RIDER AND STAGE COACH

TRIPLE 25 CENT RATE

MS. MAIL --- 75



New Orleans 4 August 1864

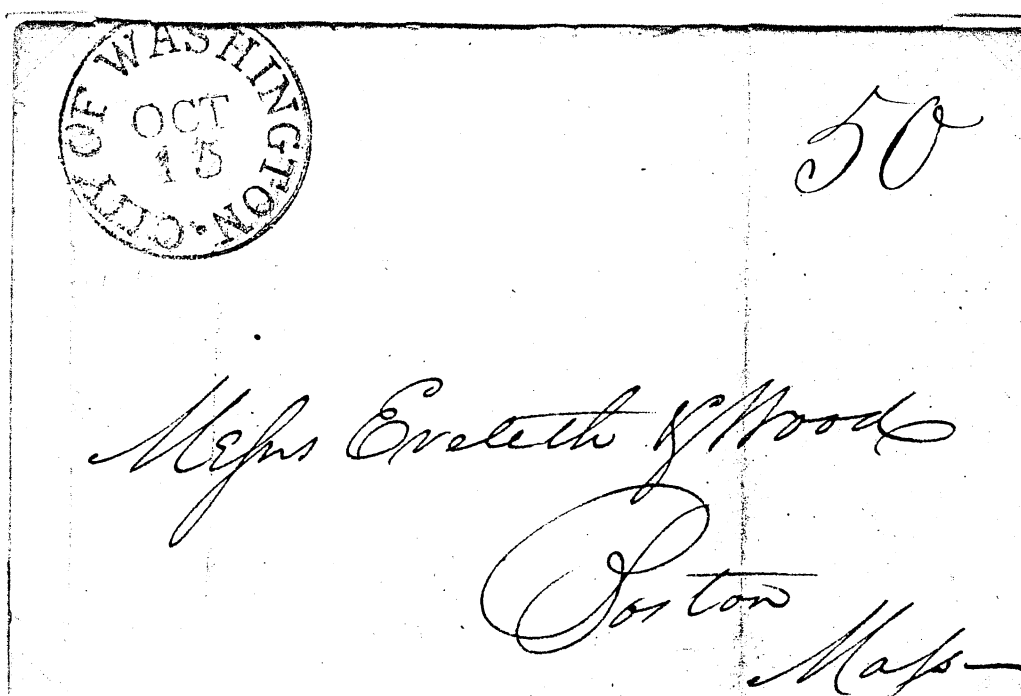
ACT OF APRIL 1816:

OVER 400 MILES 25 CENTS

LETTER WITH 2 ENCLOSEURS TRIPLE SAID RATE

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CITY OF WASHINGTON  
DOUBLE 25 CENT RATE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. - BOSTON, MASS.

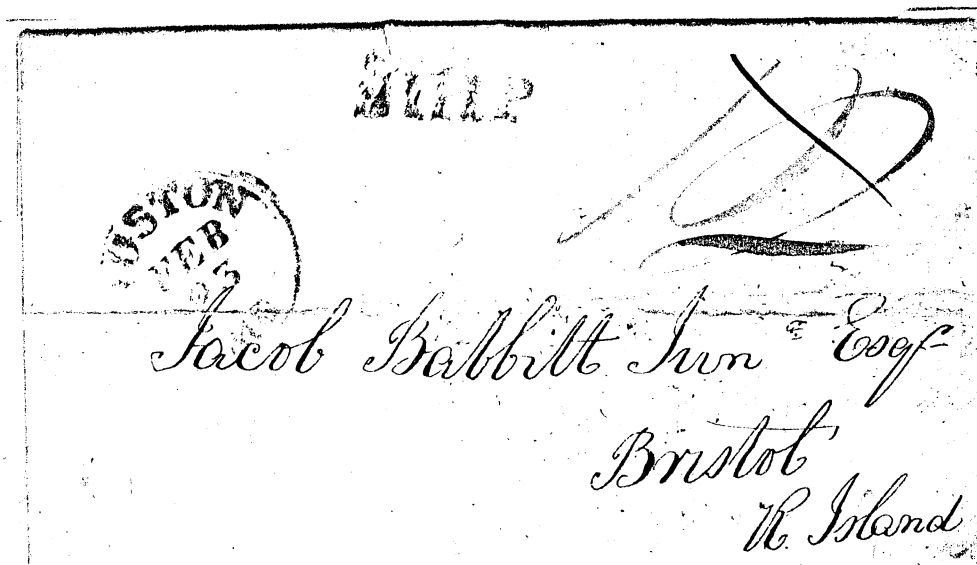


*Washington City Oct 14. 1834*

THE "CITY OF WASHINGTON" POSTMARK WAS SHORT  
LIVED AND TO DATE THE STYLE HAS NOT BEEN  
REPEATED.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES AND MARKINGS

CARRIED BY PRIVATE SHIP  
MANUSCRIPT 12 CENTS  
BOSTON, SHIP AND 12



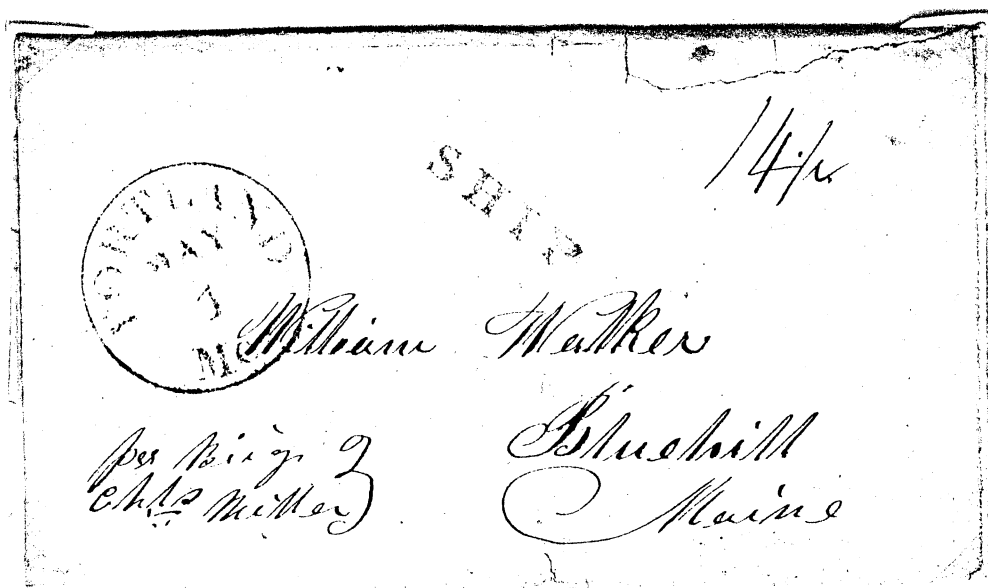
DATED 15th JAN 1835  
CAMARIOCE IS PROBABLY A PLANTATION

CARRIED BY A SHIP WITHOUT A MAIL CONTRACT  
FROM MATANZAS, CUBA TO BOSTON, RATED 2 CENTS  
TO THE SHIP AND 10 CENTS INTERNAL POSTAGE  
TO BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND



POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

PER BRIG CHAS. MILLER  
SHIP AND INLAND  $14\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS  
PORTLAND, MAINE AND SHIP



*Havana 11th April 1837*

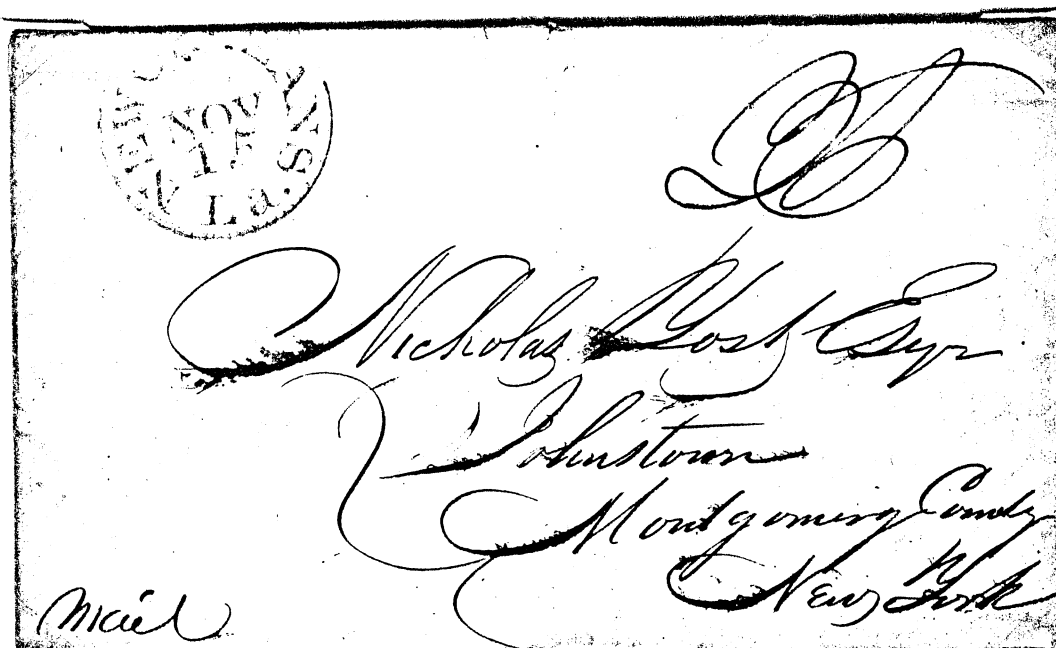
HAVANA, 11th APRIL, 1837

EVERY LETTER BROUGHT IN TO THE U.S. IN PRIVATE  
SHIP OR VESSEL, 6 CENTS; IF CONVEYED BY POST TO  
ANY OTHER PLACE, 2 CENTS ADDED TO THE ORDINARY  
POSTAGE.

SHIP LETTER 2 CENTS, INLAND POSTAGE  $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS  
TOTAL POSTAGE  $14\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

THE GREAT MAIL ROUTE  
SINGLE LETTER OVER 400 MILES  
NEW ORLEANS, NOV 15, 25



LETTER DATED NOV 13, 1836

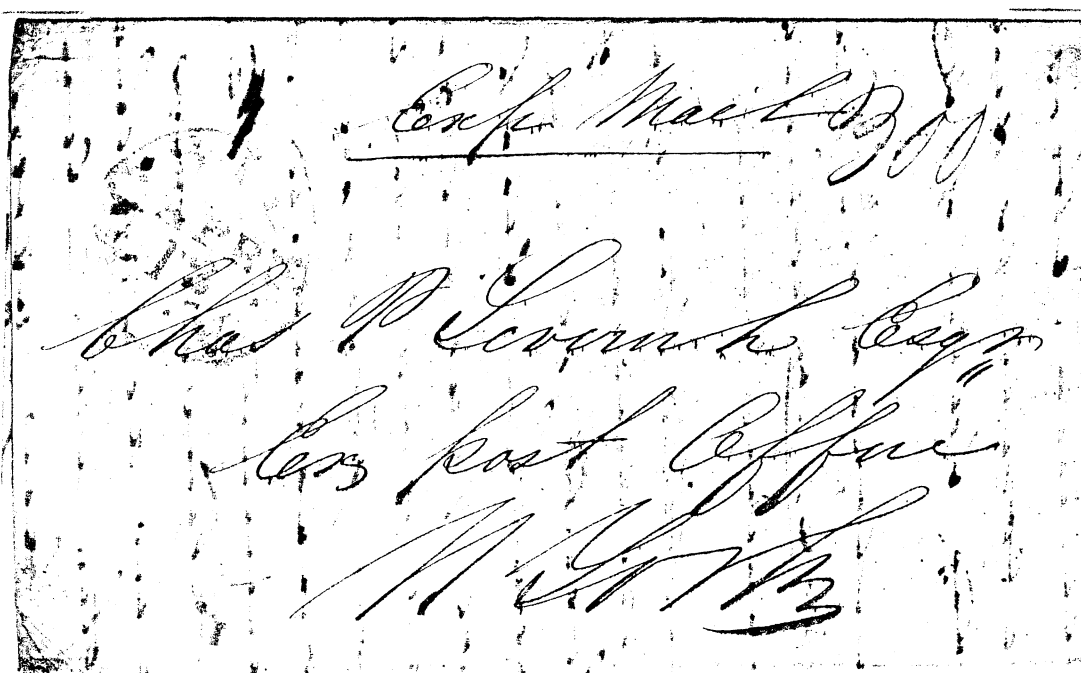
1837 POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT  
EXPRESS MAIL

THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN  
THE TIME OF TRANSMITTING INTELLIGENCE WITHIN THE  
LAST TWO YEARS, VIZ:

	1835	1837
NEW YORK - NEW ORLEANS	13DAYS 19HOURS	6DAYS 19HOURS

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
QUADRUPLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
EXPRESS MAIL



MOBILE, ALABAMA, APR 12, 1837

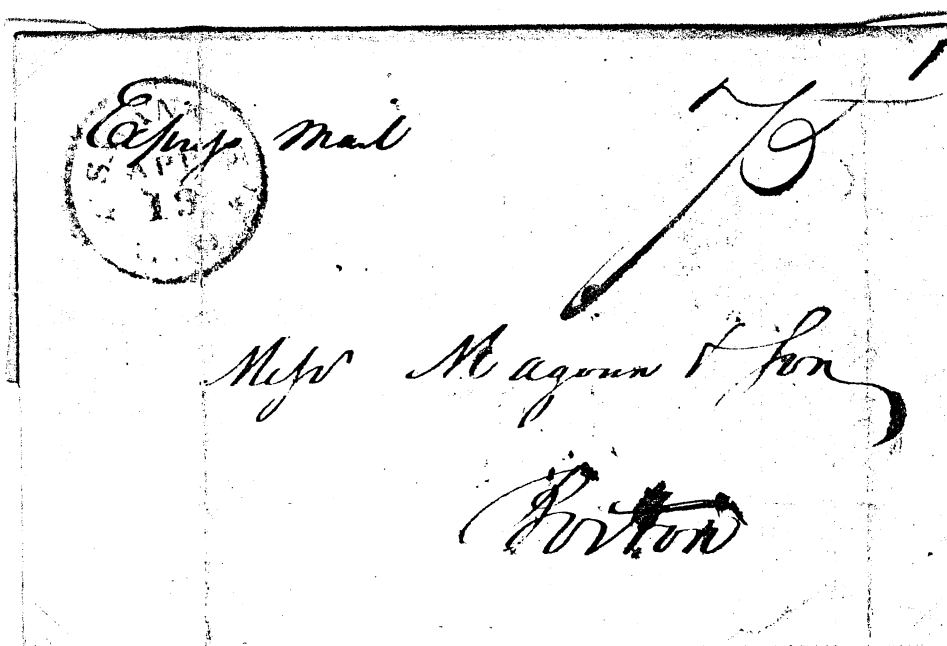
NEW YORK, N.Y., APR 19, 1837

QUADRUPLE LETTER OVER 400 MILES, \$3.00

IT WAS CLEARLY DEFINED IN THE ACT OF CONGRESS THAT  
AUTHORIZED THE EXPRESS THAT TRIPLE THE ORDINARY  
POSTAGE RATES WERE TO BE LEVELED ON THESE LETTERS.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
SINGLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
SAVANNAH, GA., EXPRESS MAIL

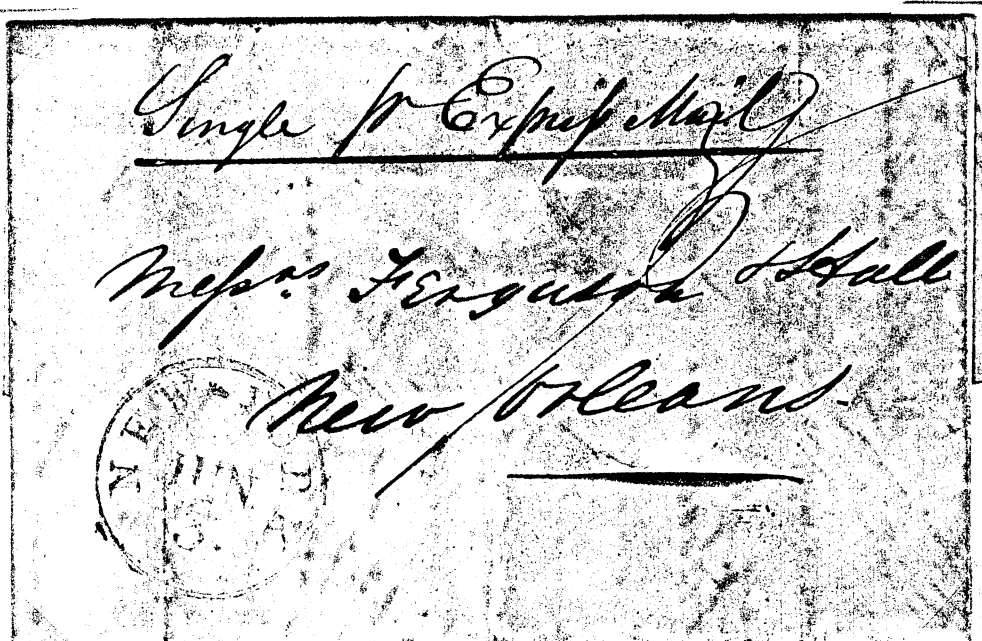


*Savannah April 19 1831*

THE CITIES ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERN COAST OF THE U.S.  
FROM WHICH EXPRESS MAIL USEAGES HAVE BEEN RECORDED  
ARE WILMINGTON, N.C., NEWBERN, N.C., CHARLESTON, S.  
C., SAVANNAH, G.A. AND BRUNSWICK, GA.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
SINGLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
EXPRESS MAIL

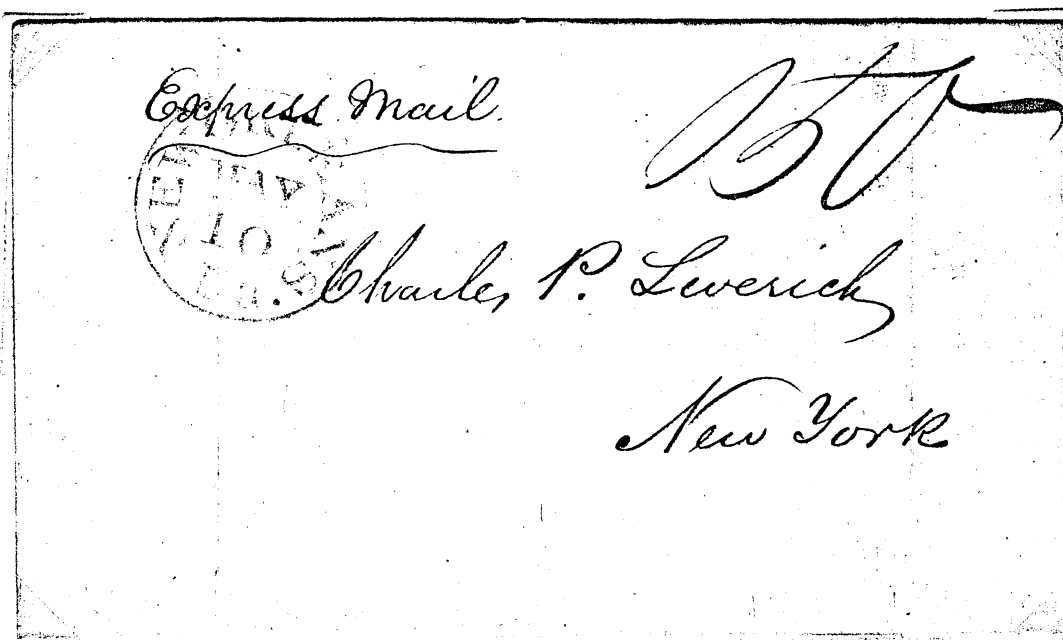


*Birmingham. April 22<sup>d</sup> 1837.*

DATELINED BIRMINGHAM, APRIL 22, 1837, THIS LETTER  
WAS CARRIED OUT OF THE MAILS TO NEW YORK WHERE IT  
ENTERED THE EXPRESS MAIL AS A SINGLE LETTER.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
DOUBLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
EXPRESS MAIL



NEW ORLEANS, LA., MAY 10, 1837

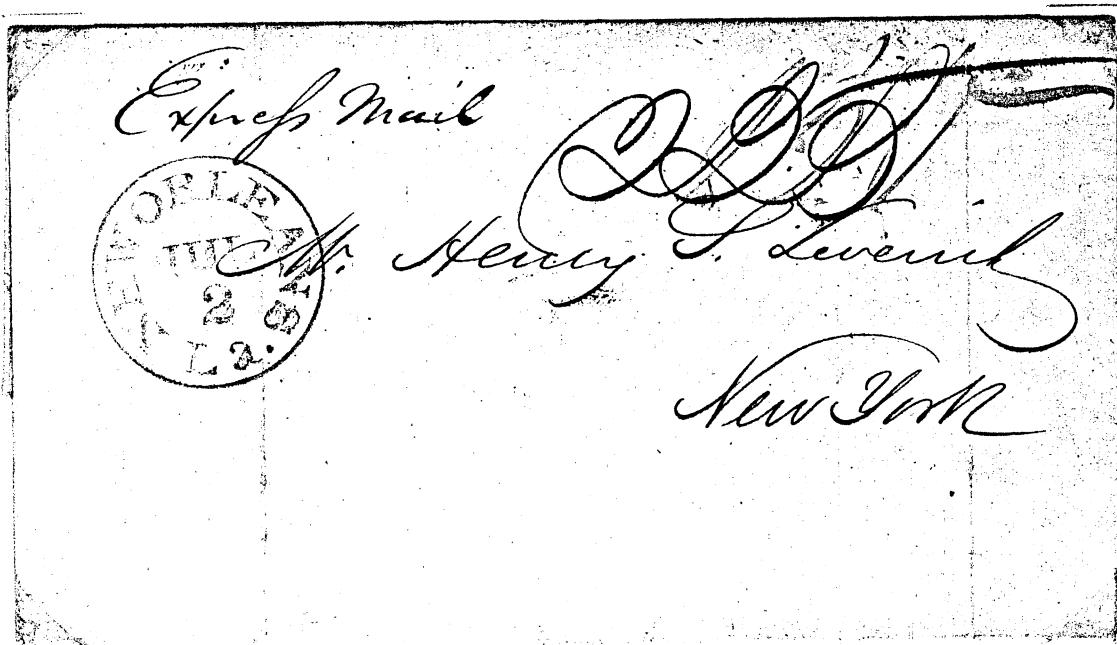
NEW YORK, N.Y., MAY 19, 1837

DOUBLE LETTER OVER 400 MILES \$1,50

EXPRESS MAIL FROM NEW ORLEANS TO NEW YORK  
CITY TRAVELED BY SHIP TO MOBILE WHERE  
THE "PONY" TOOK OVER.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
RATED TRIPLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
EXPRESS MAIL

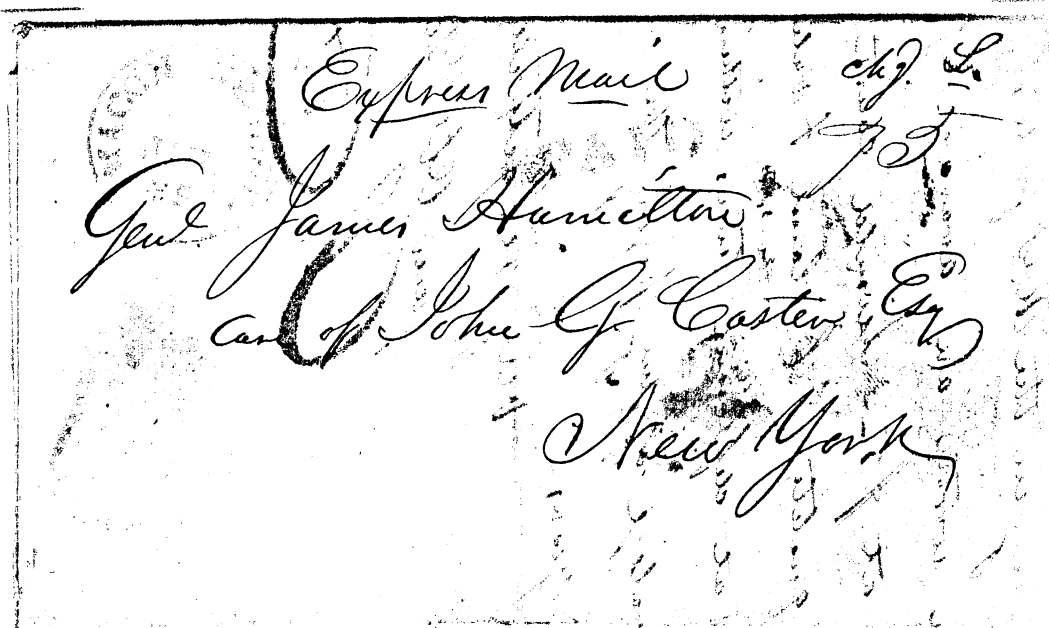


NEW ORLEANS, LA., JUL 2, 1837  
NEW YORK, N.Y., JUL 10, 1837  
TRIPLE LETTER OVER 400 MILES \$2.25

BY "PONY" FROM MOBILE TO NEW YORK CITY.  
THE 164 MILES FROM NEW ORLEANS TO MOBILE BY SHIP  
ADDED 1 FULL DAY TO THE TRANSIT TIME.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
SINGLE EXPRESS RATE  
MACON, GA., PAID, CHARGE L



Macon Geo. July 25<sup>th</sup> 1837.

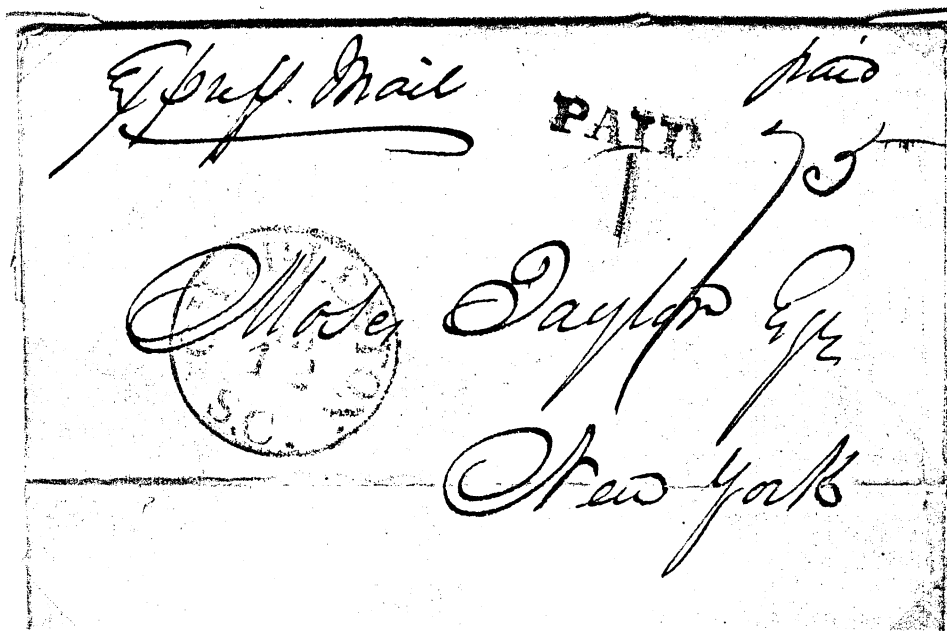
THE NEW YORK TO NEW ORLEANS EXPRESS MAIL ROUTE  
GENERALLY FOLLOWED THE GREAT MAIL ROUTE, BUT WAS  
ON A FASTER SCHEDULE.

THIS ROUTE PASSED THROUGH MACON, GA.



POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
SINGLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
EXPRESS MAIL



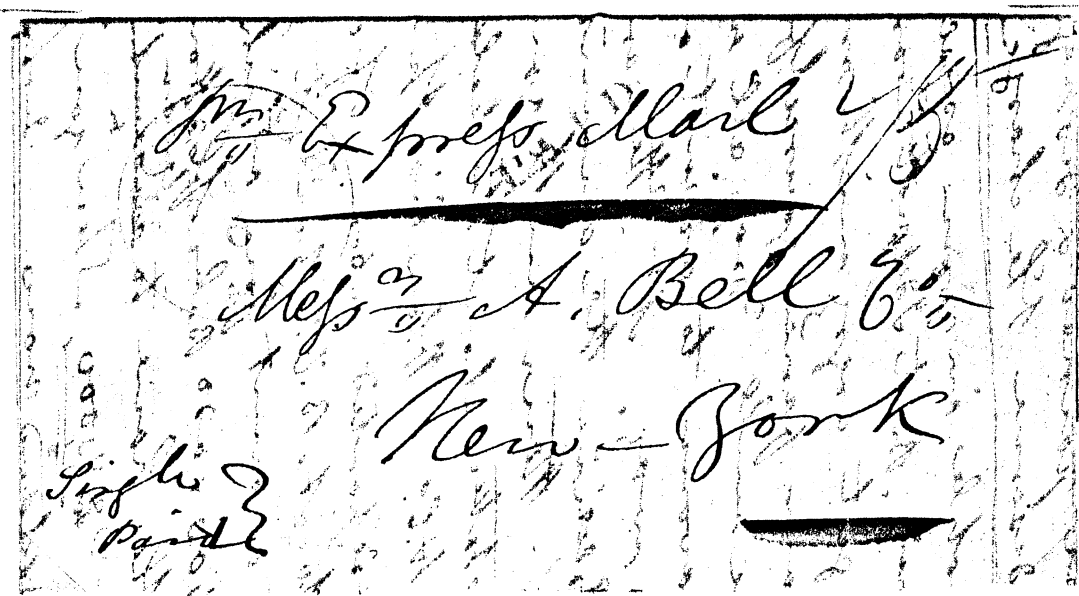
Charleston 12<sup>th</sup> Septem 1837

REGULATIONS FOR THE EXPRESS MAIL:

NO LETTERS WILL BE SENT BY THIS MAIL,  
EXCEPT SUCH AS HAVE WRITTEN UPON THEM  
THE WORDS "EXPRESS MAIL".

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
SINGLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
EXPRESS MAIL

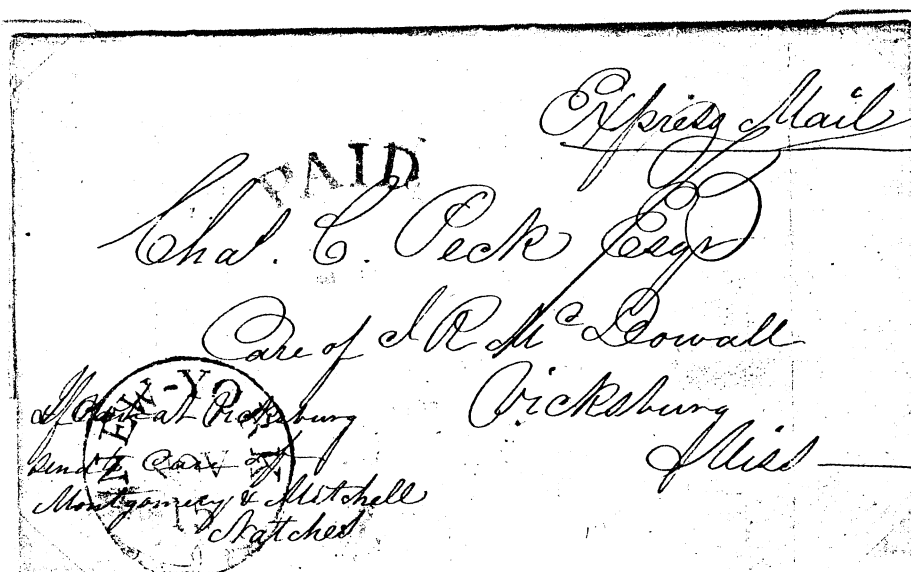


MOBILE, ALABAMA, NOV 6, 1837  
NEW YORK, N.Y. NOV 13, 1837

THE SCHEDULED TIME FOR ORDINARY MAIL WAS  
12 DAYS, 23 HOURS FROM MOBILE TO NEW YORK.  
THE EXPRESS MAIL SCHEDULE WAS 5 DAYS AND  
23 HOURS FOR THE SAME SERVICE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
SINGLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
EXPRESS MAIL

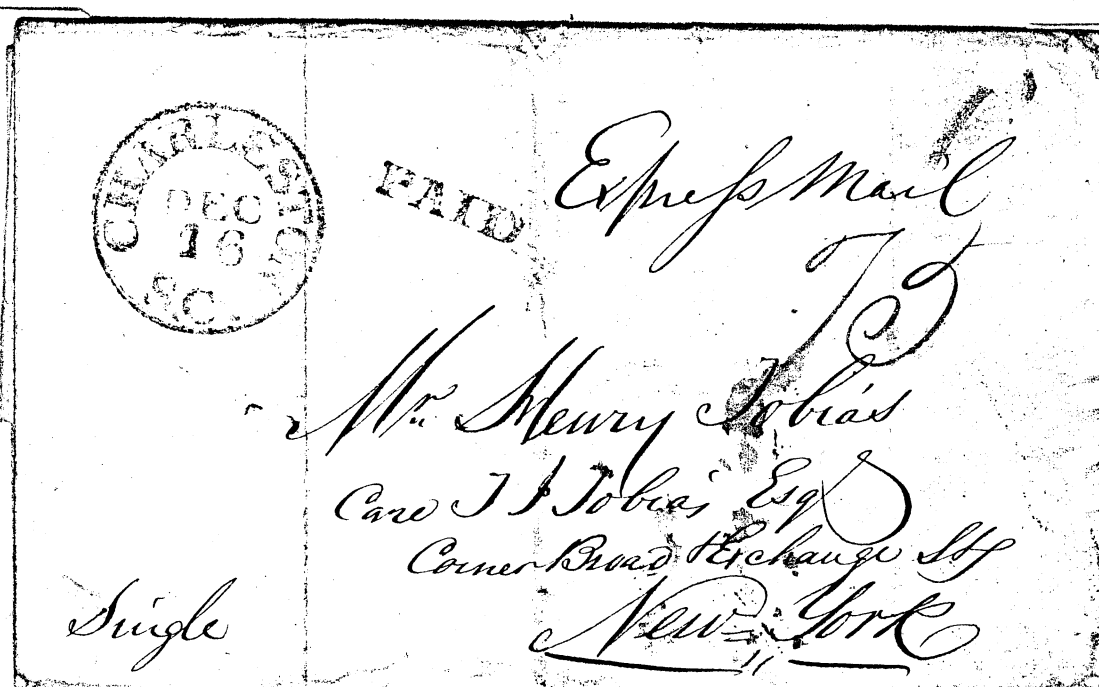


BY EXPRESS MAIL FROM NEW YORK TO NEW ORLEANS  
AND THEN BY RIVER BOAT ON TO VICKSBURG, MISS.

THE BULK OF THE NORTH TO SOUTH EXPRESS MAIL  
WAS TO MOBILE, ALABAMA OR TO NEW ORLEANS.  
EXPRESS MAIL TO VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI IS  
QUITE SCARCE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
SINGLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
EXPRESS MAIL

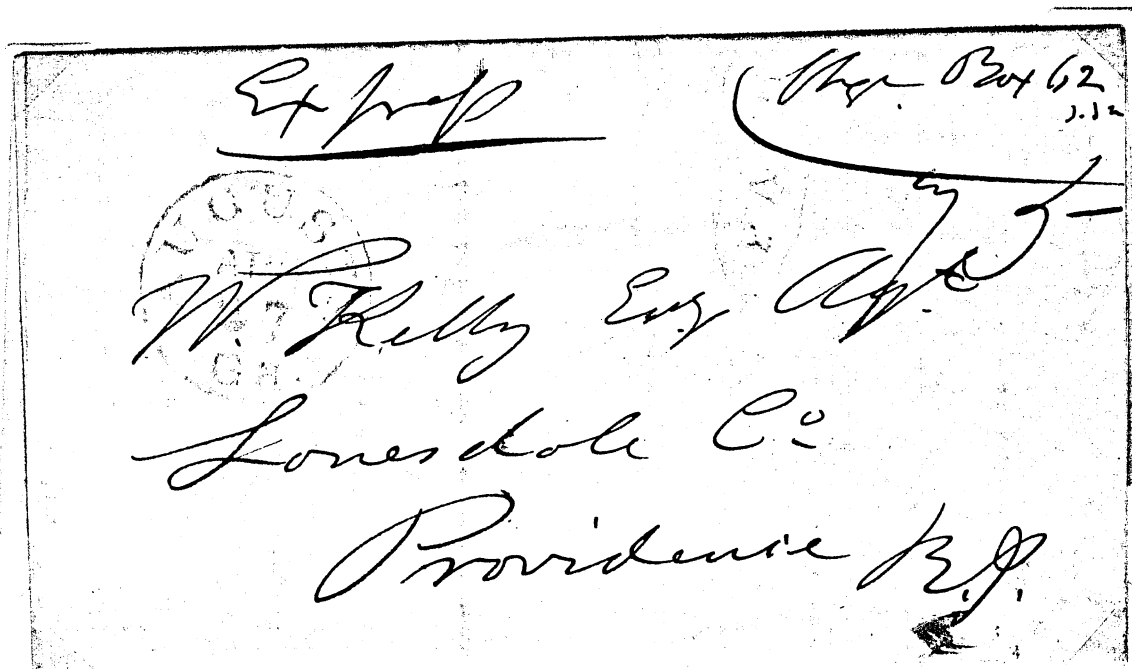


Charleston Dec 16. 1837

CHARLESTON, S.C., WAS THE ONLY CITY ON THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD WITH AN EXPRESS MAIL CONNECTION AS THE NEW YORK TO MOBILE ROUTE FOLLOWED AN INLAND COURSE. A BRANCH EXTENDED FROM COLUMBIA, S.C., TO CHARLESTON.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
SINGLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
AUGUSTA, GA., EXPRESS MAIL



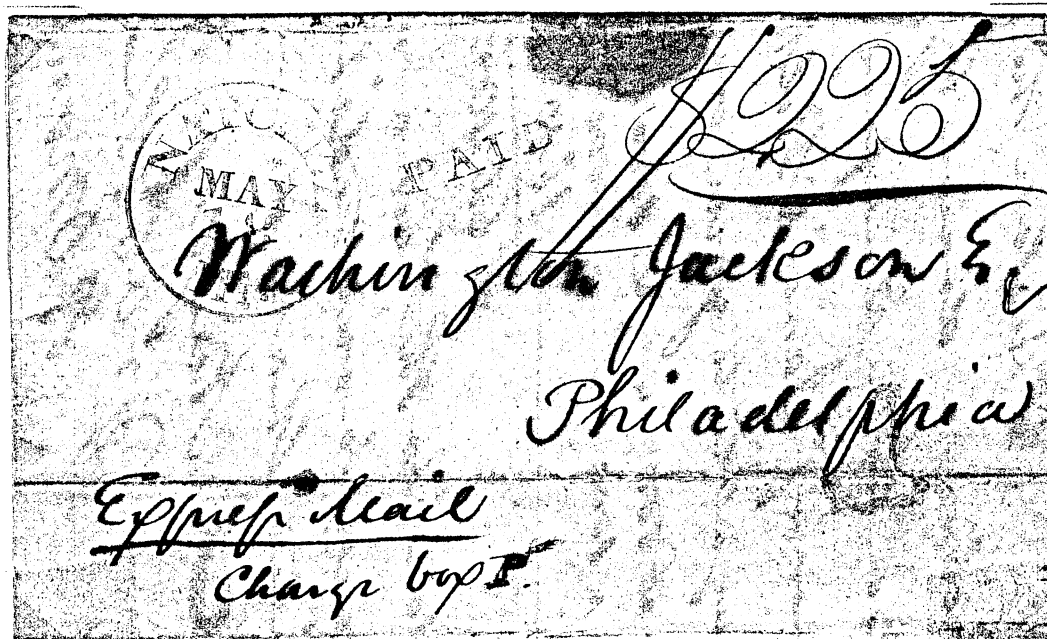
*Augusta Apr 27<sup>th</sup> 1858*

TRANSIT TIME FOR THIS LETTER WAS SIX DAYS BECAUSE  
OF THE EXTRA DAY FROM NEW YORK TO PROVIDENCE, R.I.

AUGUSTA, GA., WAS A STATION ON THE EXPRESS MAIL  
ROUTE FROM NEW YORK TO NEW ORLEANS.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
TRIPLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
EXPRESS MAIL

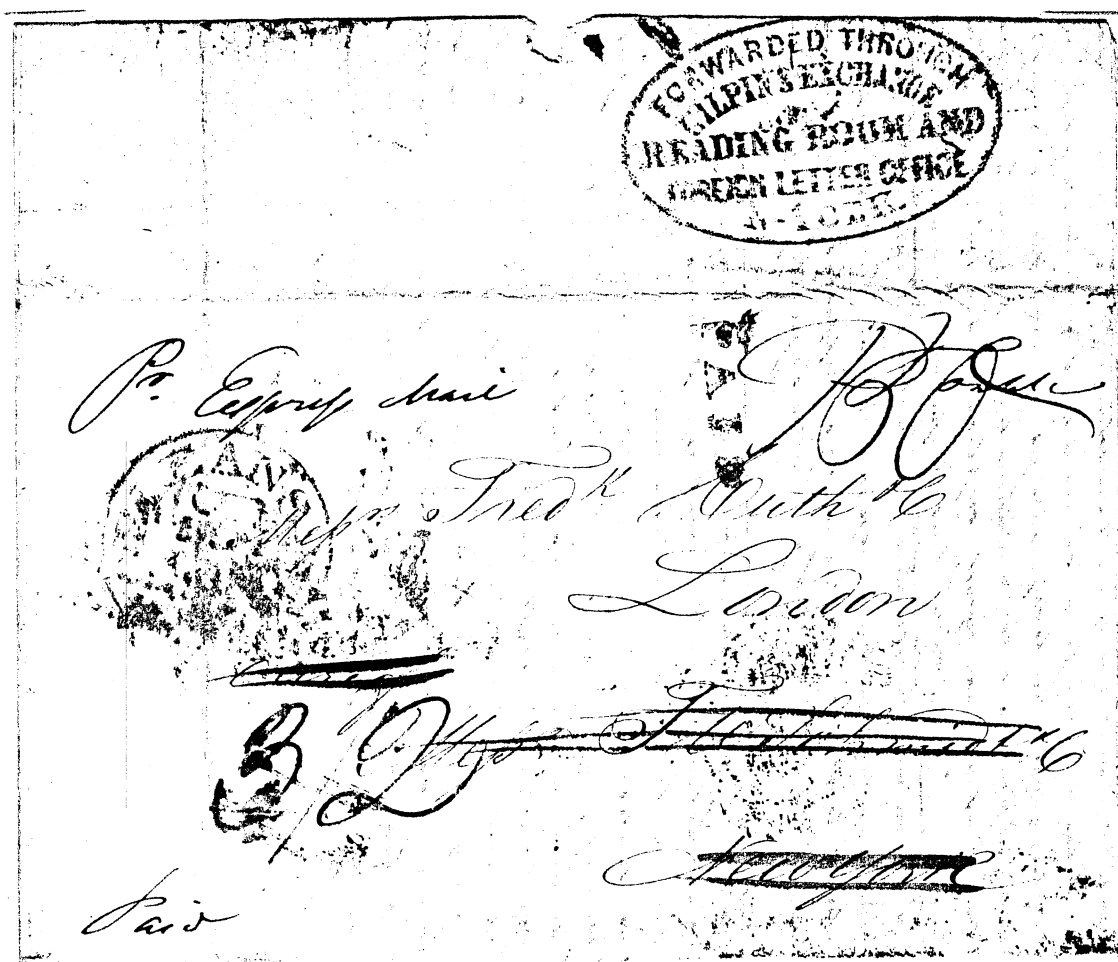


NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, MAY 18, 1838  
TRIPLE LETTER OVER 400 MILES \$2.25

THIS LETTER DID NOT ENTER THE EXPRESS UNTIL  
MOBILE, ALABAMA. IT WAS EMPHASIZED IN THE  
REGULATIONS THAT THE COMPLETE DISTANCE THAT A  
LETTER TRAVELED, AND NOT THE DISTANCE OVER  
AN EXPRESS ROUTE, WAS USED TO  
COMPUTE THE RATE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED BY MOUNTED RIDER  
DOUBLE "EXPRESS" RATE  
EXPRESS MAIL



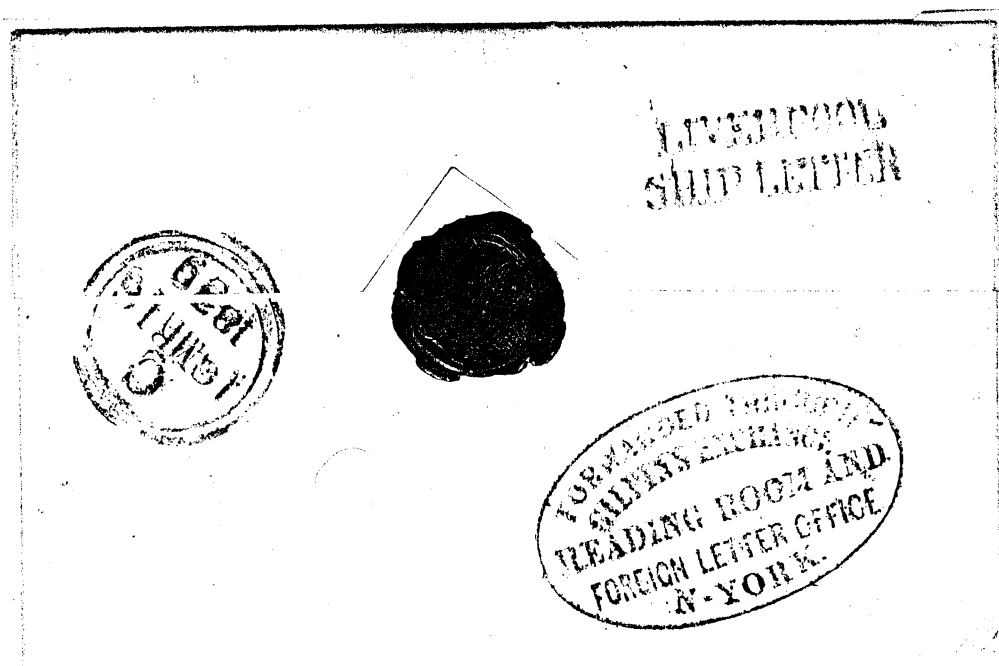
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, NOV. 16, 1838

ADDRESSED MESSRS. FREDR. HUTH & CO., LONDON, CARE  
OF MESSRS. F.W.SCHMIDT & CO., NEW YORK.

THE LETTER WAS FORWARDED BY F.W.SCHMIDT & CO., BY  
GILPINS FOREIGN LETTER OFFICE. THE "3/2" SIGNI-  
FIES THE DOUBLE RATE SHIP AND INLAND POSTAGE OF 3  
SHILLINGS 2 PENCE DUE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

FORWARDED THROUGH GILPINS EXCHANGE  
READING ROOM AND FOREIGN LETTER OFFICE  
MANUSCRIPT "3/2" RATE



LETTER DATELINED FEB. 13, 1839

LETTER PLACED ABOARD THE "SOUTH AMERICA" BY  
GILPINS EXCHANGE. ARRIVED LONDON, MARCH 16, 1839

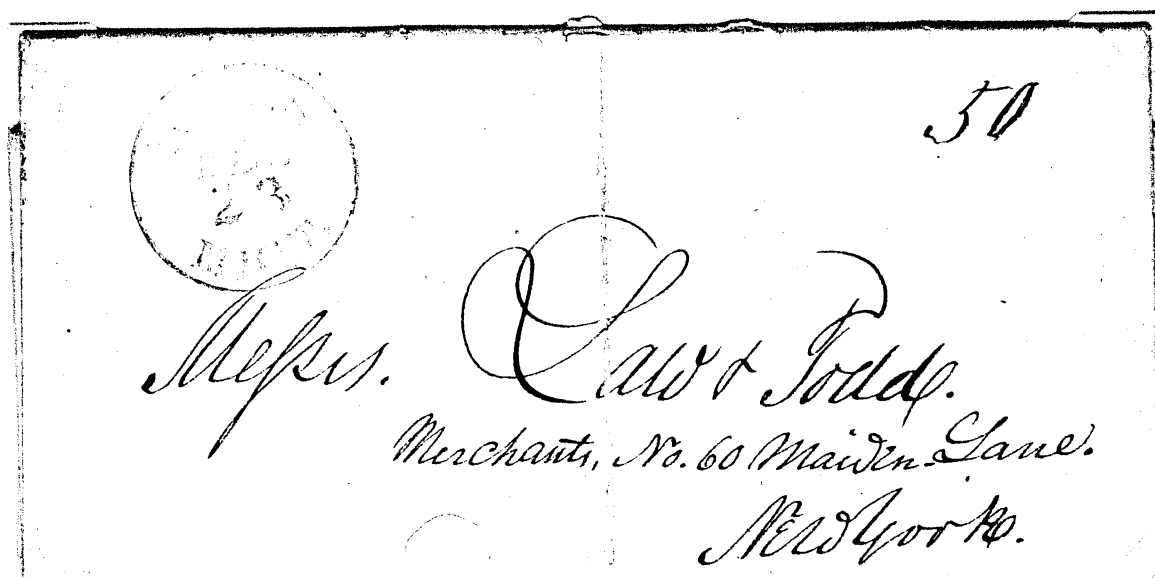


POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

MICHIGAN TERRITORY

NILES, MIC.T., FEB 23, 1839

DOUBLE LETTER RATE 50 CENTS



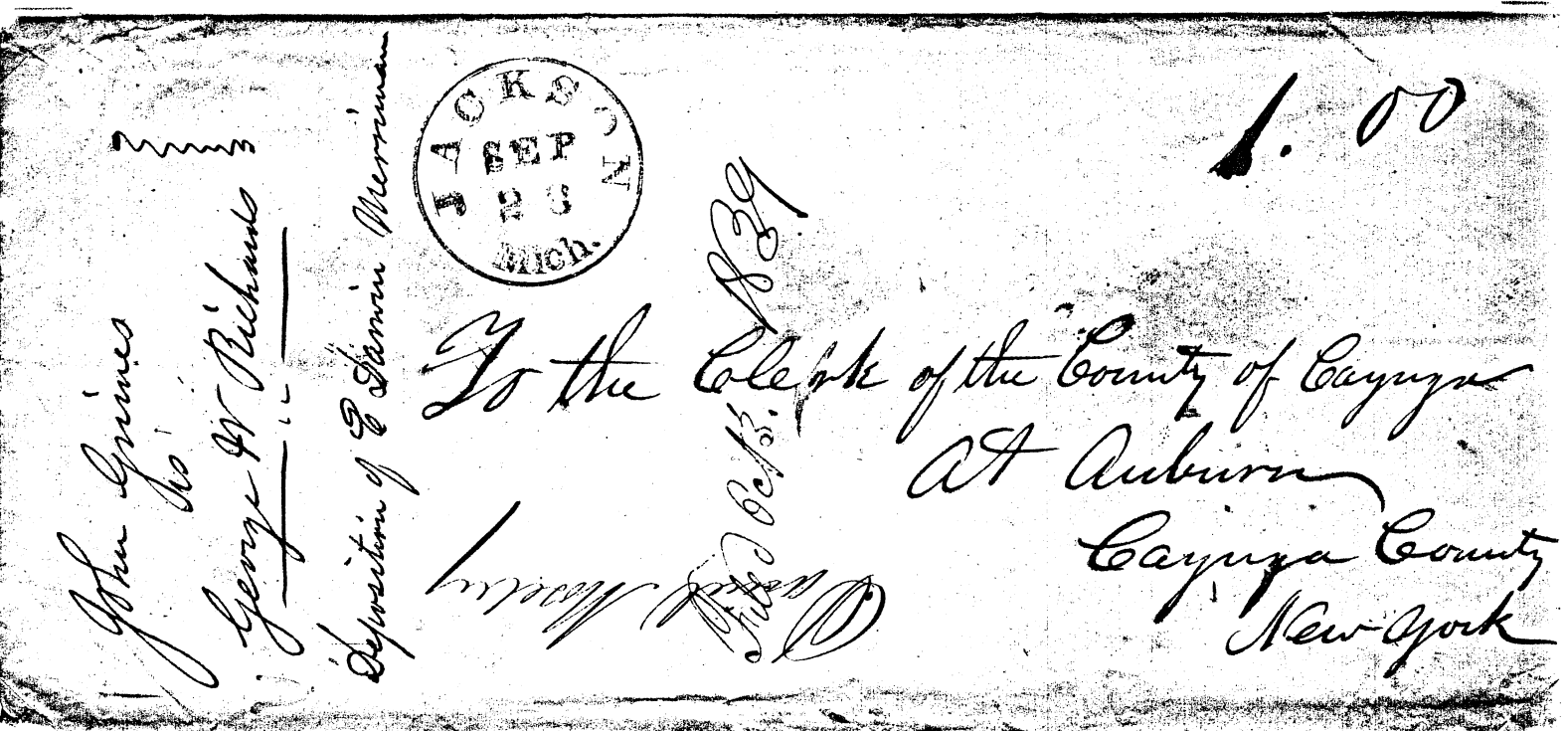
ACT OF 1825:

DOUBLE LETTER OVER 400 MILES, 50 CENTS

MICHIGAN TERRITORY CUT FROM INDIANA TERRITORY,  
ORIGINALLY IN THE "TERRITORY NORTHWEST OF THE  
RIVER OHIO."

POSTAL RATES, MEANS AND MARKINGS

BY WATERWAYS AND STAGE  
 QUADRUPLE 25 CENT  
 JACKSON, MICH. - 1.00

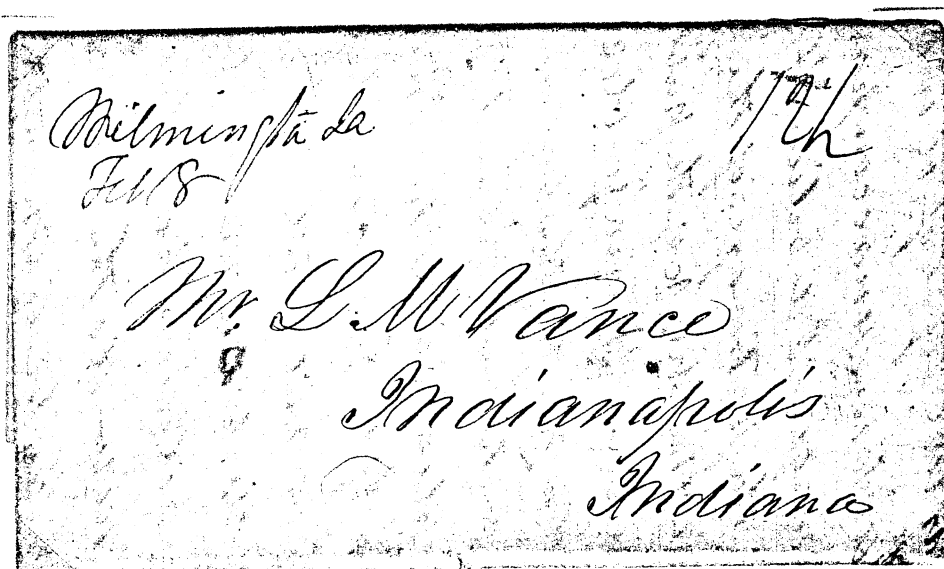


DATELINED JACKSON, MICH. SEP 28, 1839

ACT OF APRIL 1816:  
 OVER 400 MILES 25 CENTS  
 A WRAPPER CARRYING DOCUMENTS  
 FOUR TIMES 25 CENT RATE - \$1.00

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CARRIED OUT OF THE MAILS  
NEW ORLEANS - WILMINGTON, IND.  
U.S. MAIL  
WILMINGTON - INDIANAPOLIS, IND.



*New Orleans, 25 January 1840*

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1825  
SINGLE LETTER 80 TO 150 MILES  $12\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS  
WILMINGTON, INDIANA WAS AND STILL IS A VERY  
SMALL TOWN. POPULATION BETWEEN 300 AND 400.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BY BOSTON TO ALBANY RAILROAD  
RAIL ROAD CAR

RAIL ROAD CAR

*Mr Joseph Brown of  
Three Rivers  
Ms*

*Brimsfield May 19th 1841*

ACT OF JULY 7, 1838:

EACH AND EVERY RAILROAD WITHIN THE LIMITS  
OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE A POST ROUTE  
AND THE POSTMASTER GENERAL SHALL CAUSE MAIL  
TO BE TRANSPORTED THEREON.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

PROBABLY CARRIED BY RIVER BOAT

\$2.00 i.e. 8 TIMES .25

LOUISVILLE, KY., - BURLINGTON, I.T.

Rec'd S Wheatley  
17  
Jan. 11. 1816

In the District Court  
Des Moines Co.

Depositions in this case taken  
before J. S. Goddard N.P. Low

29

PAID

20

John S. Dunlap Esq.

Clerk of the District Court

Des Moines County

Burlington

Iowa Territory

Fees for taking the  
depositions within  
paid by P. H.  
Jesse A. Loring  
J. S. Goddard N.P.

Opened by order of Court Oct 14 / 1816  
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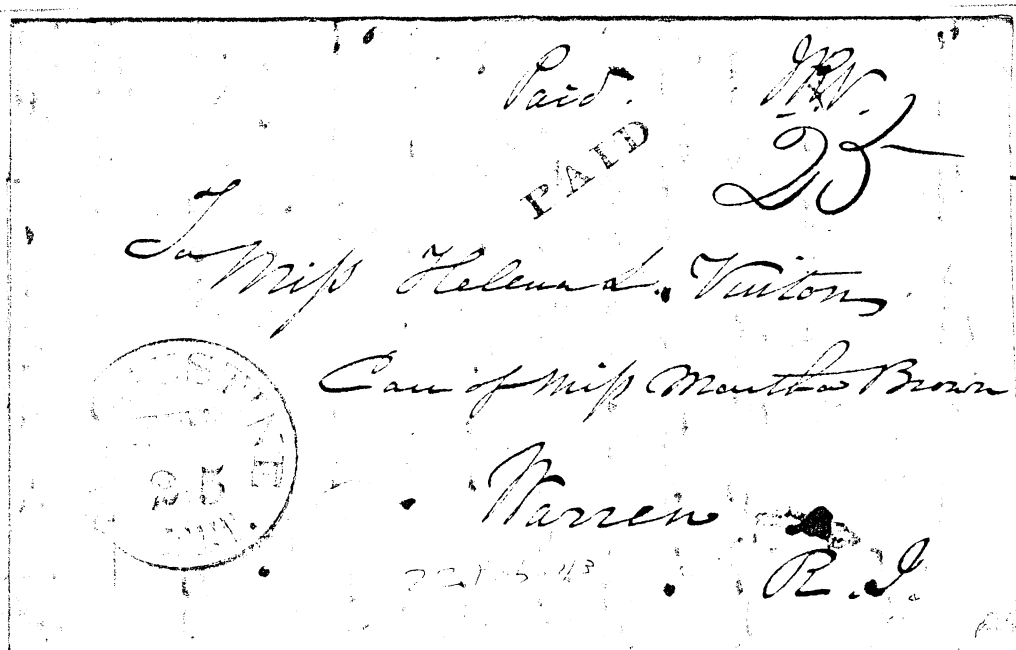
ACT OF APRIL 9, 1816:

EVERY SINGLE LETTER OVER 400 MILES .25  
AND FOR EVERY PACKET OF FOUR OR MORE PIECES  
OF PAPER WEIGHING ONE OUNCE, QUADRUPLE  
THOSE RATES, AND IN THAT PROPORTION FOR  
ALL GREATER WEIGHTS. 8X.25 -- \$2.00

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

FLORIDA TERRITORY

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL. T., FEB 25, 1843



ACT OF MARCH 1825:

SINGLE LETTER OVER 400 MILES, 25 CENTS

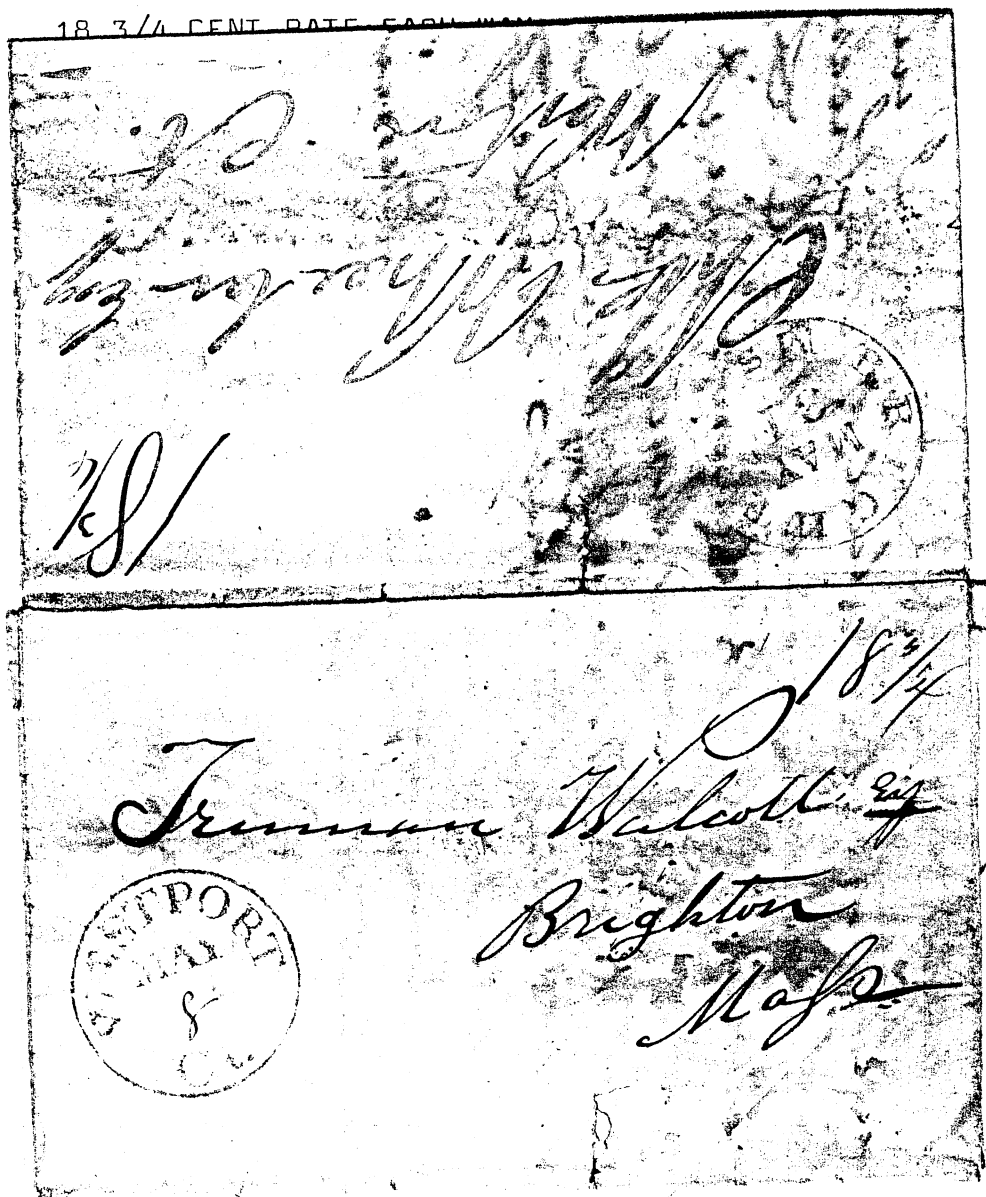
FLORIDA TERRITORIAL PERIOD, MARCH 30, 1822

THROUGH MARCH 2, 1845

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

A "TURNED" FOLDED LETTER

18 3/4 CENT RATE EAST-WAY



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT, MAY 8, 1843

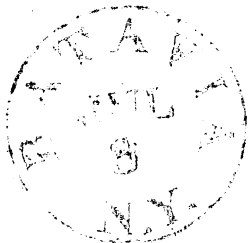
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS, MAY 31, 1843

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

PAID

QUADRUPLE 18 3/4 CENT RATE

BATAVIA, N.Y., JULY 3, 1843



75

*Asariah C. Flagg Esq*  
*Comptroller & Co*  
*Albany*

*Received office General Co*  
*Batavia July 3 1843*

ACT OF MARCH 1825:

SINGLE LETTER RATE, 150 TO 400 MILES,  
18 3/4 CENTS.

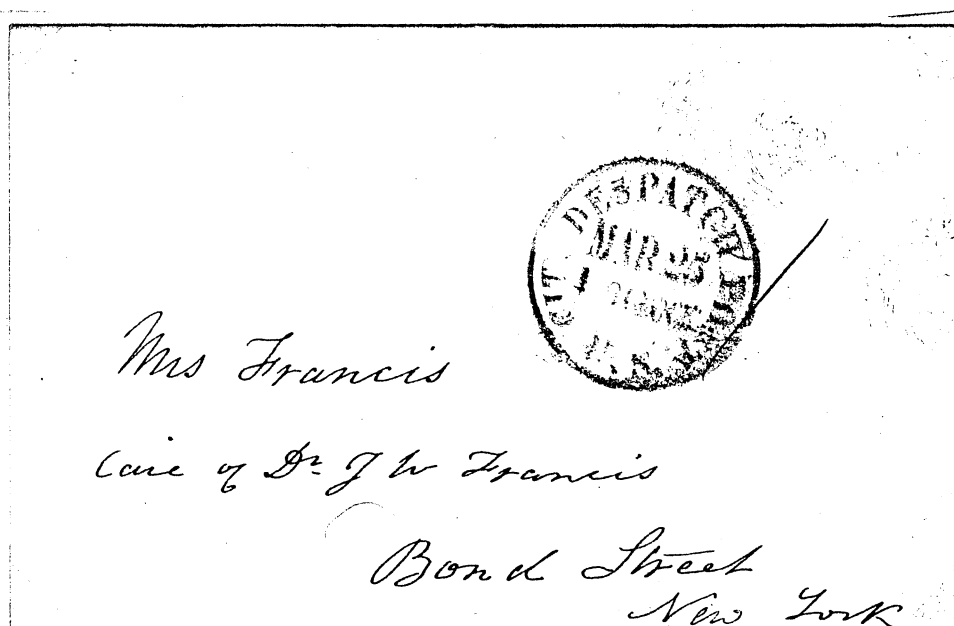
FOUR PIECES OF PAPER, QUADRUPLE SAID RATE.

CARRIED BY RAILROAD.



POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

U.S. GOVERNMENT CARRIER  
UNITED STATES CITY DESPATCH POST

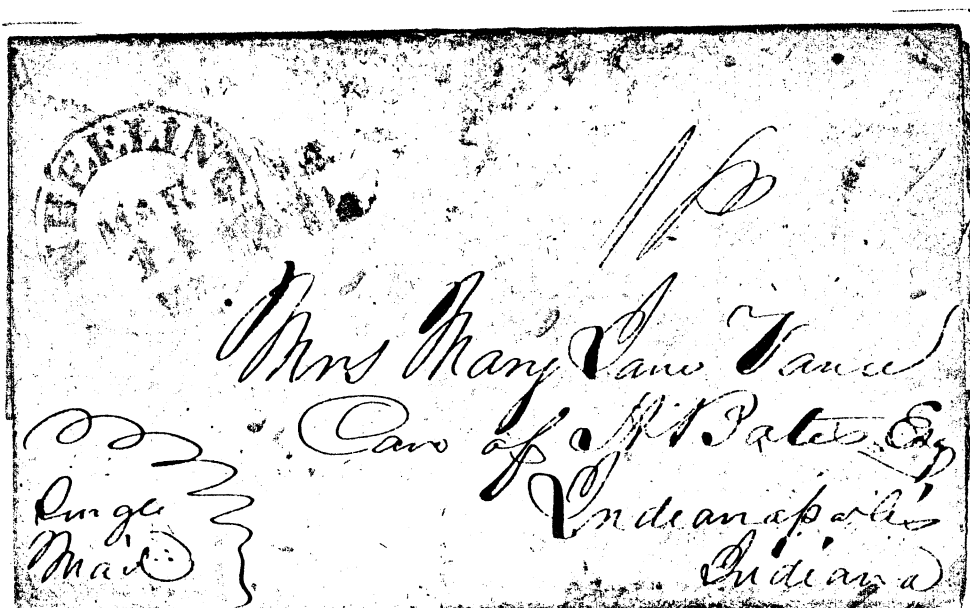


U.S. CITY DESPATCH POST, MAR 25, 1 O'CLOCK  
THIS MARKING WAS USED FROM 1844 THROUGH 1846

A HANDSTAMP, WHEN ADHESIVE STAMPS WERE NOT USED,  
WAS APPLIED TO THE COVER TO INDICATE THE CARRIER  
SERVICE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

WHEELING, VA., MAR 11  
SINGLE MAIL 18 3/4 CENTS  
BY RIVER BOAT AND STAGE COACH



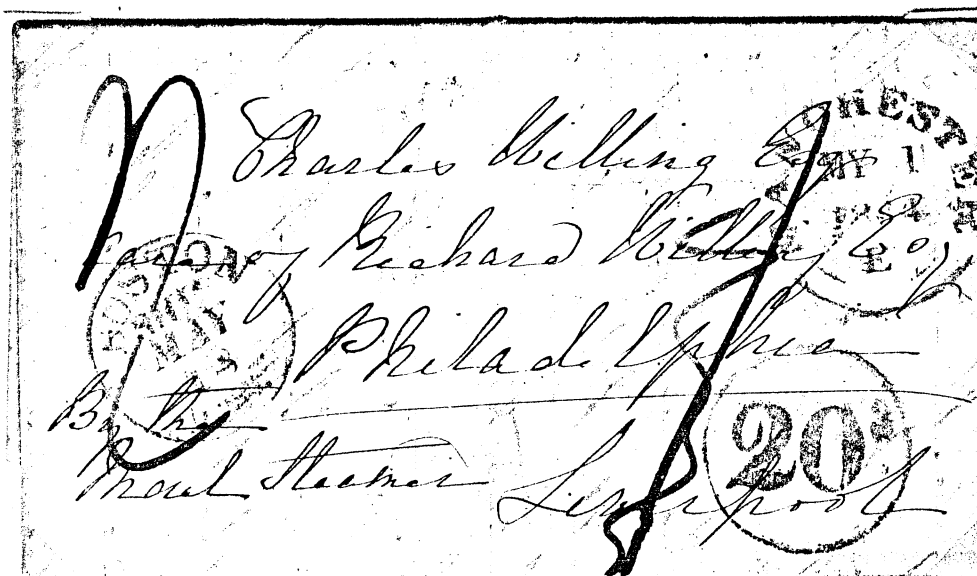
DATelINED:

STEAMER HIBERNIA SABBATH MORNING MARCH 10, 1844

WHEELING WAS A PART OF VIRGINIA FROM  
COLONIAL DAYS UNTIL THE STATE OF WEST  
VIRGINIA WAS CREATED JUNE 20, 1863.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BOSTON "SHIP", MAY 18, 1844  
BY THE MAIL STEAMER "LIVERPOOL"



DATELINED--MANCHESTER, MAY 1, 1844

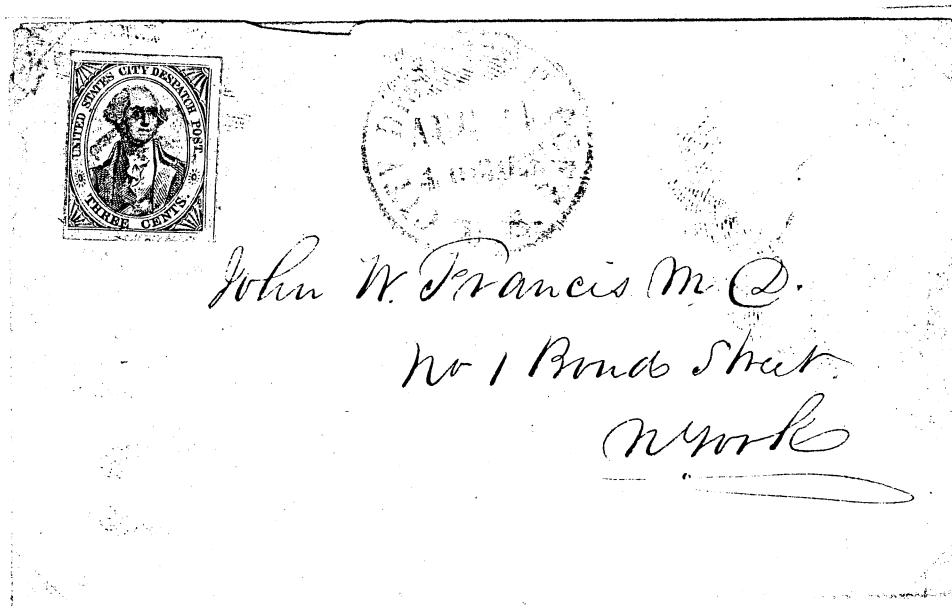
ACT OF MARCH 1825:

SINGLE LETTER, 150 TO 400 MILES, 18 3/4 CENTS

USAGE SHIP LETTER 2¢ PLUS INLAND RATES  
20 AND 3 IN CIRCLE (20 3/4 CENTS) TOTAL  
FORWARDING CHARGE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

U.S. GOVERNMENT CARRIER  
UNITED STATES CITY DESPATCH POST  
DATELINED NEW YORK, AUG 24th, 1844



NEW YORK POST OFFICE CANCELLATION

THE CARRIER SERVICE "UNITED STATES CITY DESPATCH POST" WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL AUGUST 1, 1842.

THE 3¢ STAMP INCLUDED 1 CENT IN LIEU OF DROP LETTER POSTAGE AND THE MAXIMUM LEGAL CARRIER FEE OF 2 CENTS.

## POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

FREE FRANKED

AUDITOR'S OFFICE OF THE TREASURY

AUDITOR'S Office of the Treasury  
For the POST OFFICE DEPT.

Postmaster  
Middletown  
Maine

**AUDITOR'S OFFICE OF THE TREASURY,  
FOR THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.**

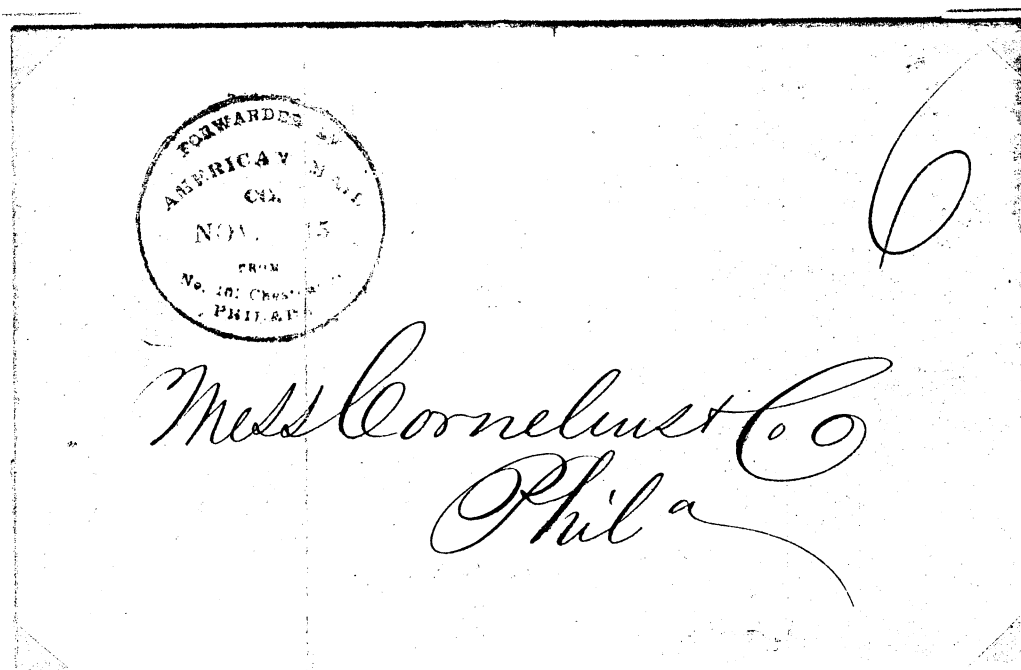
19 Oct 1844

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1791:

ALL LETTERS TO AND FROM.....AUDITOR OF  
THE TREASURY.....SHALL BE RECEIVED AND  
CONVEYED BY THE POST FREE OF CHARGE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

INDEPENDENT LETTER MAIL COMPANY  
PROFESSIONAL FORWARDING AGENTS



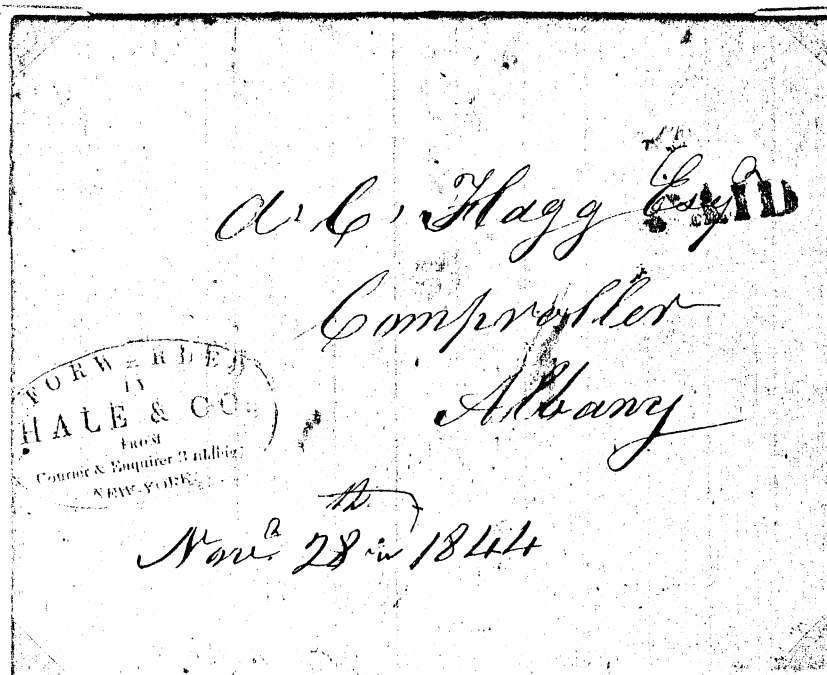
NOVEMBER 14, 1844, NEW YORK

FORWARDED BY  
AMERICAN MAIL CO.  
NO. 101 CHESTNUT STREET  
PHILADELPHIA

6 CENTS DUE

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

INDEPENDENT LETTER MAIL COMPANY  
PROFESSIONAL FORWARDING AGENTS



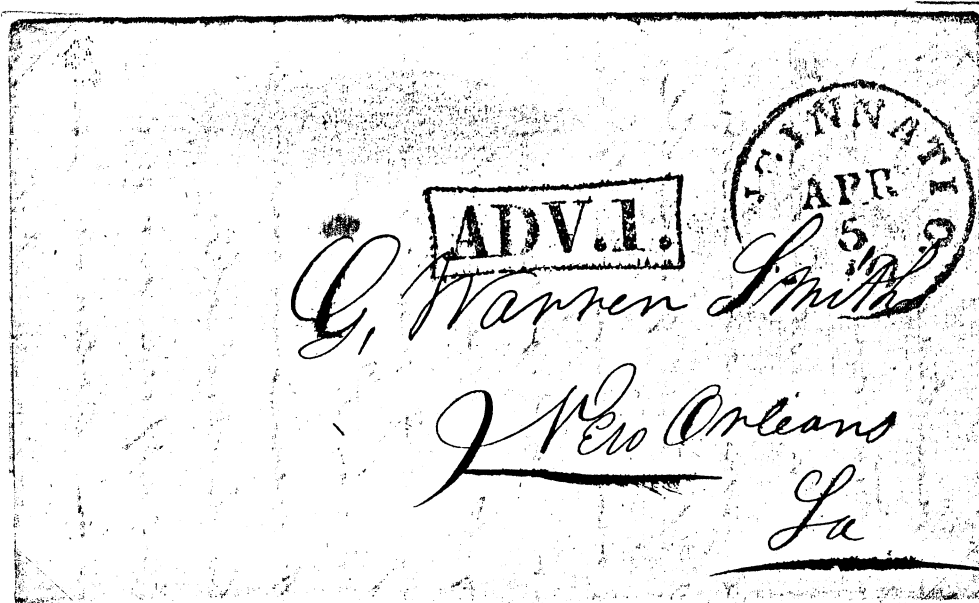
NOVEMBER 28, 1844, NEW YORK

FORWARDED BY HALE & CO.  
COURIER & ENQUIRER BUILDING  
NEW YORK

PREPAID

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BY RIVER BOAT  
ADVERTISED  
NEW ORLEANS, LA.



CINCINNATI, OHIO, APR 5, PAID 10

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1845:

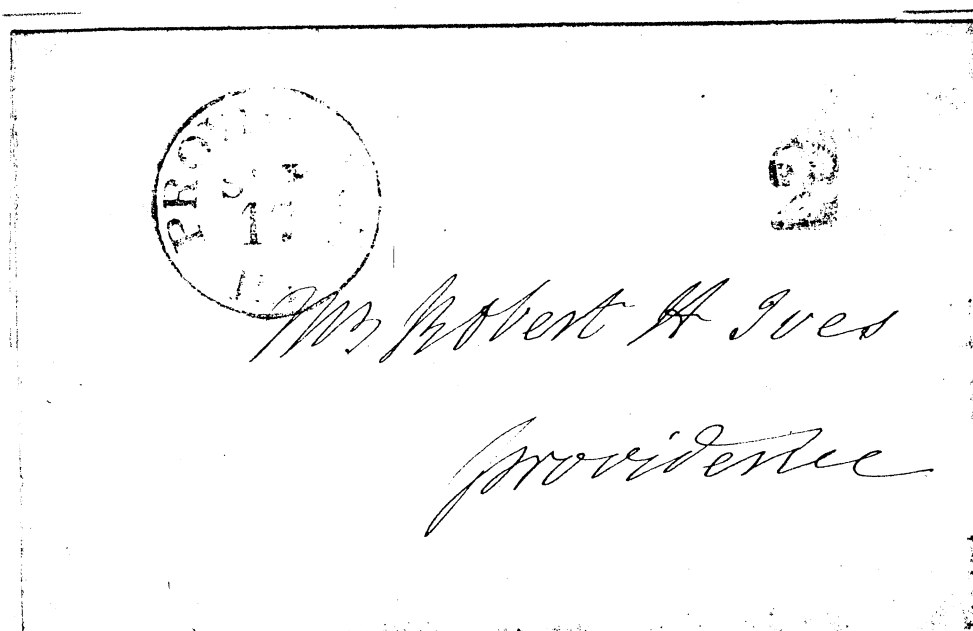
ADVERTISED MAIL, WHEN DELIVERED OUT, WILL BE  
CHARGED THE COST OF ADVERTISING IN ADDITION  
TO POSTAGE IF ANY BE DUE.

ADVERTISING 1 CENT, NO POSTAGE DUE.



POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

DROP LETTER RATE  
LOCAL DELIVERY



CIRCA 1845, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

DROP LETTERS

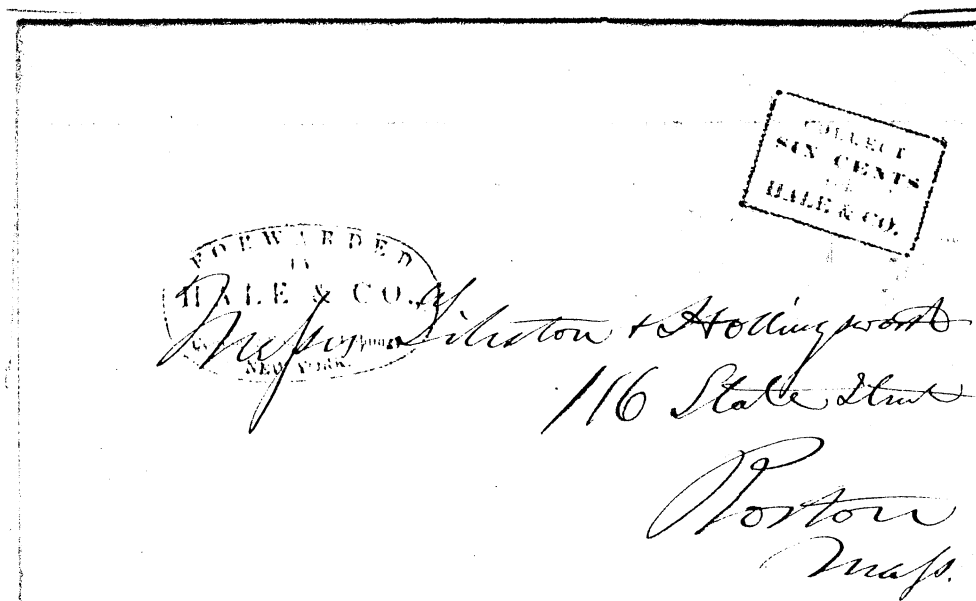
LETTERS PLACED IN ANY POST OFFICE, NOT FOR  
TRANSMISSION BUT FOR DELIVERY ONLY.

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1845

DROP LETTERS SHALL BE CHARGED A POSTAGE  
RATE OF 2 CENTS EACH.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

INDEPENDENT LETTER MAIL COMPANY



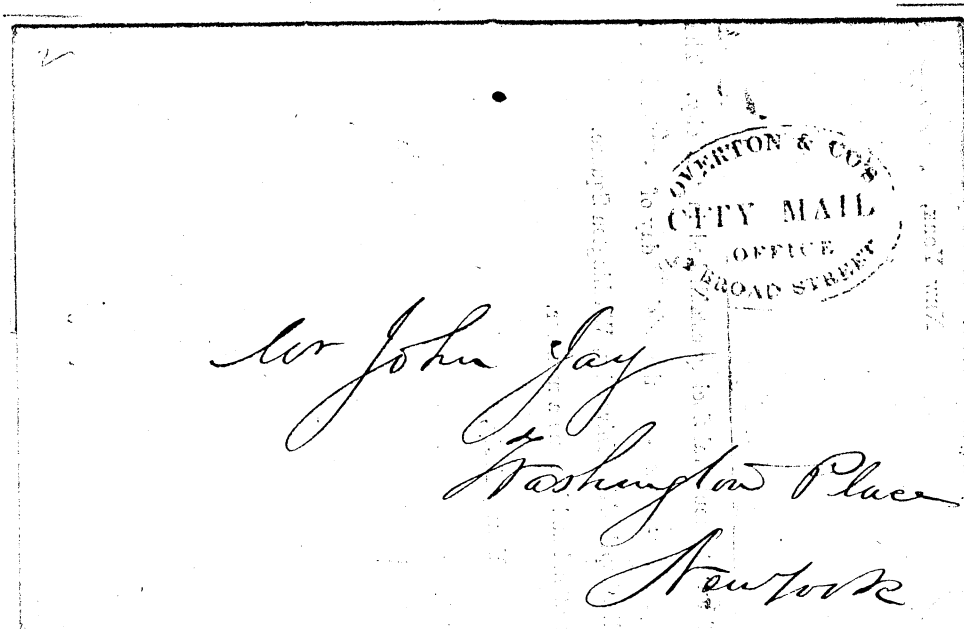
JANUARY 21, 1845, NEW YORK

FORWARDED BY HALE & CO.  
COURIER & ENQ. BUILDING  
NEW YORK

COLLECT SIX CENTS FOR HALE & CO.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

PRIVATE LOCAL POSTAL SERVICE  
NEW YORK CITY AND BOSTON

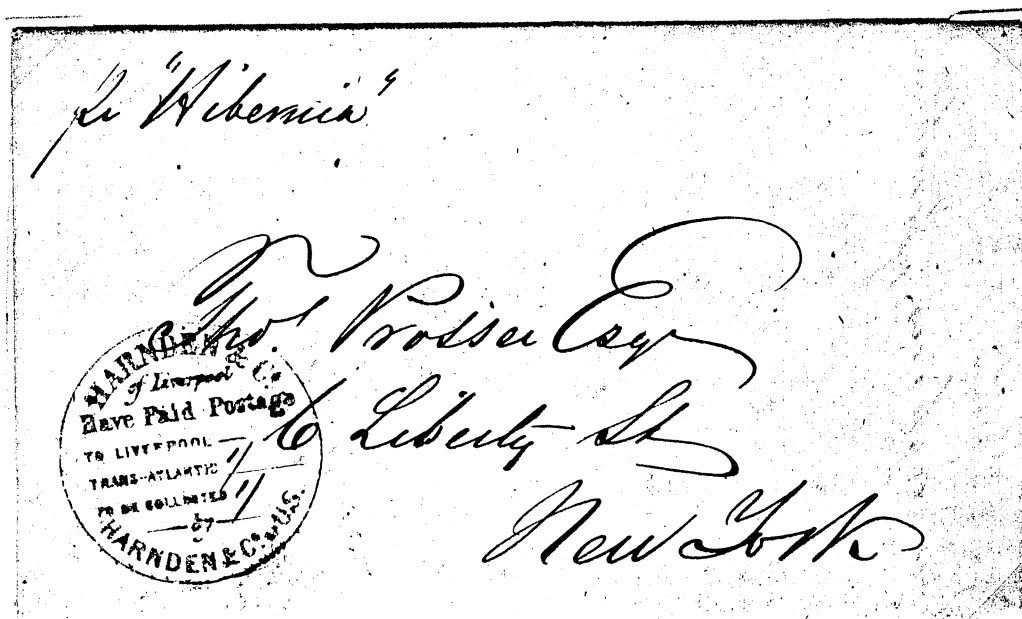


NEW YORK, *Jan'y 29<sup>th</sup> 1845*

DELIVERED BY OVERTON & CO'S CITY MAIL OFFICE  
3 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK CITY

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

FORWARDED BY HARNDEN & CO., LIVERPOOL  
PER "HIBERNIA"  
TRANS-ATLANTIC 1 SHILLING



*Liverpool, January 1. 1846*

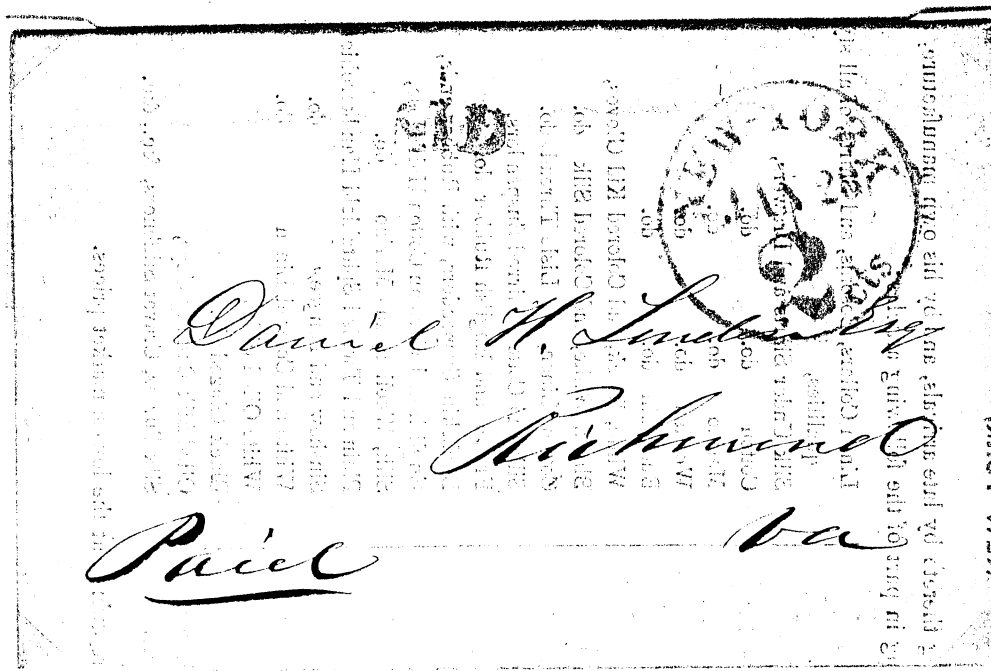
HARNDEN & CO., OF LIVERPOOL DELIVERED THE  
LETTER TO THE "HIBERNIA" FOR TRANSPORT TO  
NEW YORK WHERE HARNDEN & CO., NEW YORK  
DELIVERED THE LETTER TO THE ADDRESSEE AND  
COLLECTED THE DELIVERY FEE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CIRCULAR RATE, 2 CENTS

NEW YORK CITY - RICHMOND, VA.

JANUARY 3, 1846



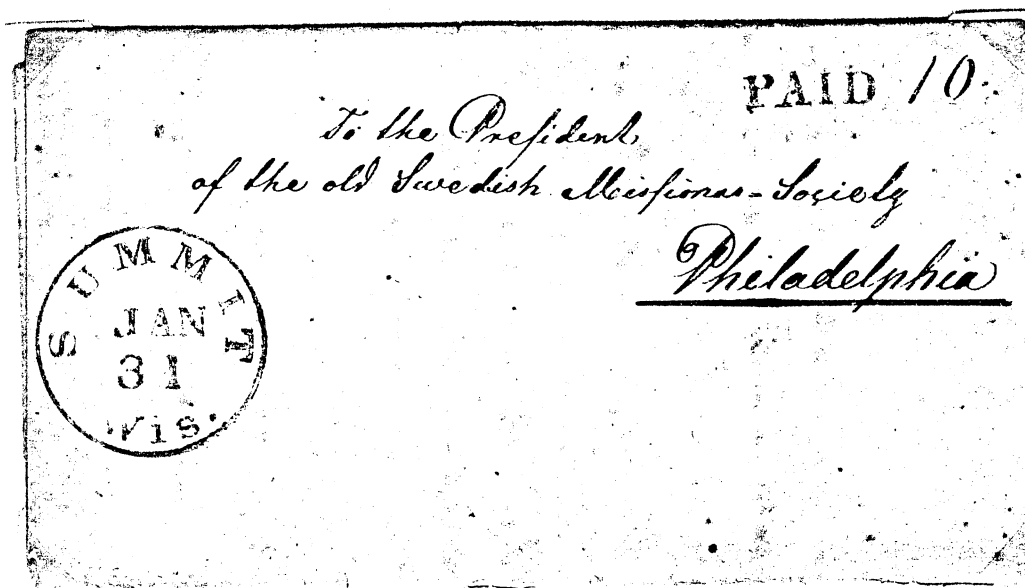
WHILE THE CIRCULAR RATE AND THE DROP  
LETTER RATE ARE THE SAME, 2 CENTS, THEY  
SERVE DIFFERENT PURPOSES.

THE CIRCULAR RATE IS FOR PRINTED ADVERTISING  
MATTER WITHOUT DISTANCE LIMITATION.

THE DROP LETTER RATE IS FOR LOCAL DELIVERY  
FROM THE LOCAL POSTOFFICE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

WISCONSIN TERRITORY  
SUMMIT, WIS., JAN 31, 1846



*Delafite in Milwaukee, Wis.  
Jan 26, 1846*

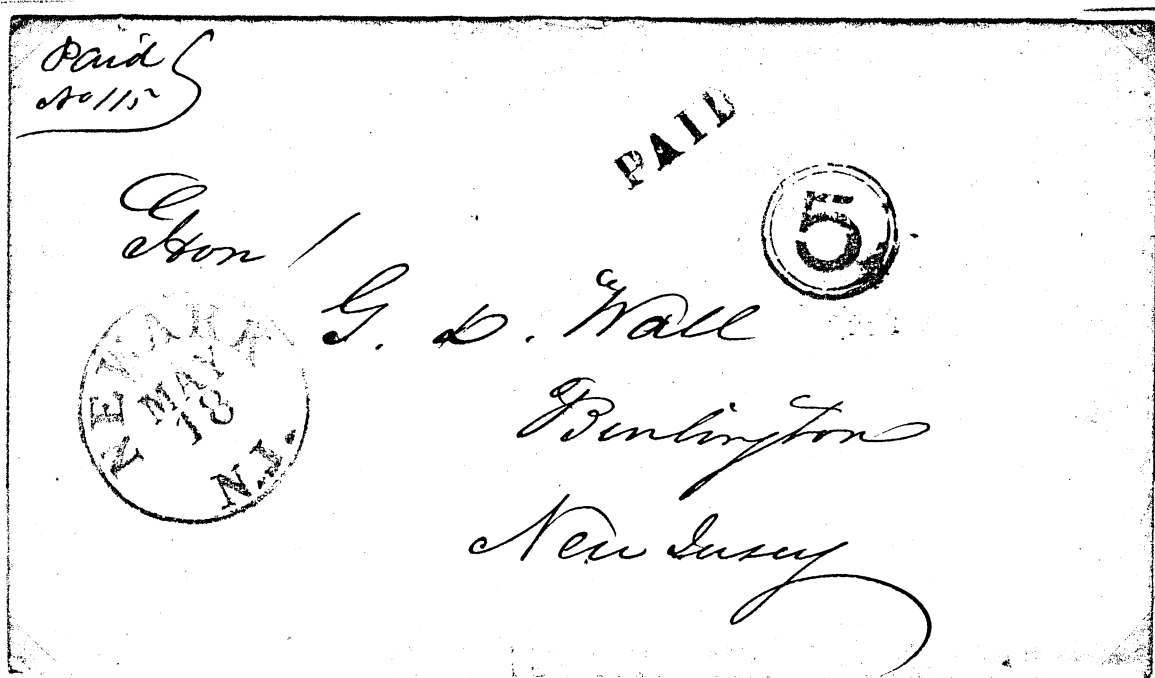
DELAFIELD IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY OF  
WISCONSIN TERRITORY, JAN 26, 1846

WISCONSIN TERRITORY CUT FROM MICHIGAN TERRITORY  
APRIL 20, 1836.

ORIGINALLY IN THE "TERRITORY NORTHWEST OF THE  
RIVER OHIO."

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

POSTAL CHARGE ACCOUNT  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY  
BOXHOLDER NO. 115



NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, MAY 18, 1846

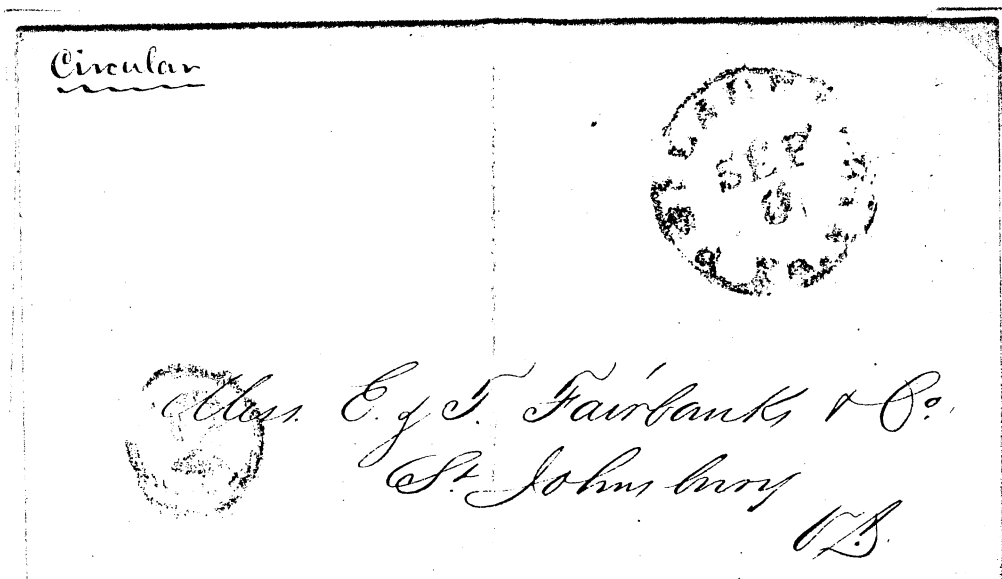
DURING THE STAMPLESS ERA MANY POST OFFICES SET UP  
CHARGE ACCOUNTS FOR THEIR BOXHOLDERS WHEREBY THEY  
COULD PREPAY OUTGOING MAIL AND RECEIVE INCOMING  
MAIL WITH THE CHARGES BILLED TO THEIR BOXES.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

CIRCULAR RATE, 2 CENTS

PHILADELPHIA - ST. JOHNSBURY, VT.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1846



*To the Manufacturers of Hardware and Cutlery in the United States:*

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ACT OF MARCH 3, 1845

ALL PRINTED OR LITHOGRAPHED CIRCULARS PRINTED  
ON QUARTO-POST OR SINGLE CAP PAPER...2 CENTS  
FOR EACH SHEET, WITHOUT REGARD TO DISTANCE.



POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

POSTAL CHARGE ACCOUNT

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY

QUADRUPLE 5 CENT RATE



WASHINGTON CITY, D.C., NOVEMBER 21, 1846

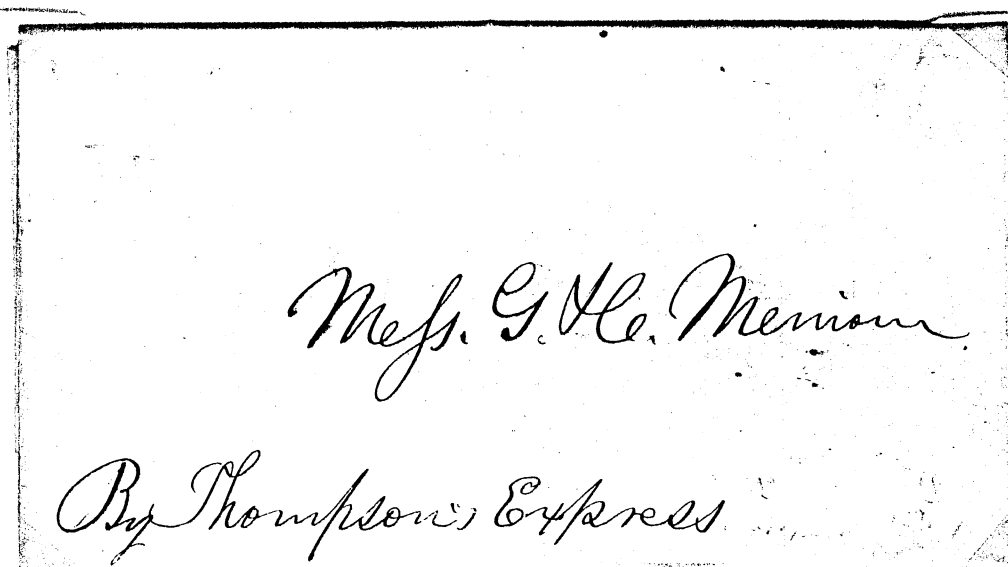
ACT OF MARCH 3, 1845

REPEALED ALL PRIOR ACTS CONFERRING...THE RIGHT  
TO RECEIVE AND TRANSMIT...FREE OF POSTAGE...ETC

REQUIRES OF ALL OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO  
KEEP ACCOUNT OF POSTAGE CHARGED...UPON LETTERS  
...AND SAID ACCOUNTS SHALL BE PAID QUARTERLY...

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

GREENFIELD, MASS. - NEW YORK, N.Y.  
CARRIED OUTSIDE THE MAILS  
BY THOMPSON'S EXPRESS



*Greenfield, March 9, 1897*

AT ABOUT THIS TIME THE U.S. GOVERNMENT  
WAS TAKING VIGOROUS ACTION TO SUPPRESS  
PRIVATE MAIL CARRYING AND ESTABLISH THE  
POST OFFICE MONOPOLY.

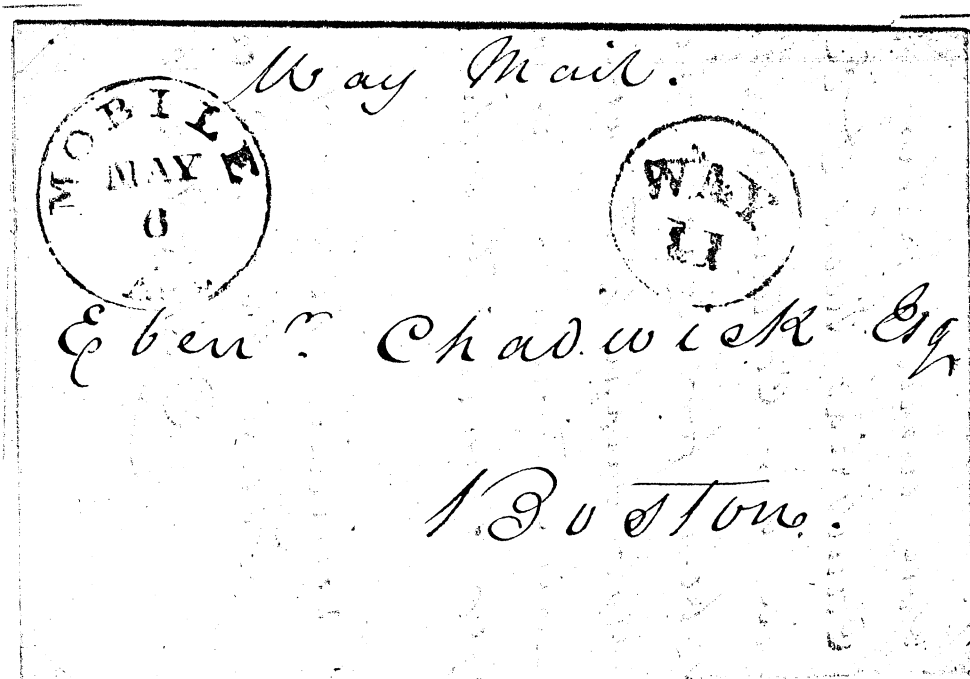
G. & C. MERRIAM CO. WAS AND STILL IS THE  
PUBLISHER OF THE WEBSTER DICTIONARY.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BY RAILROAD AND STAGE COACH

WAY 11 CENTS

WAY MAIL



MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY 6, 1847

GIVEN TO A MAIL CARRIER BETWEEN NEW ORLEANS  
AND MOBILE, ALABAMA, WHERE IT ENTERED THE MAIL.

INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTMASTERS:

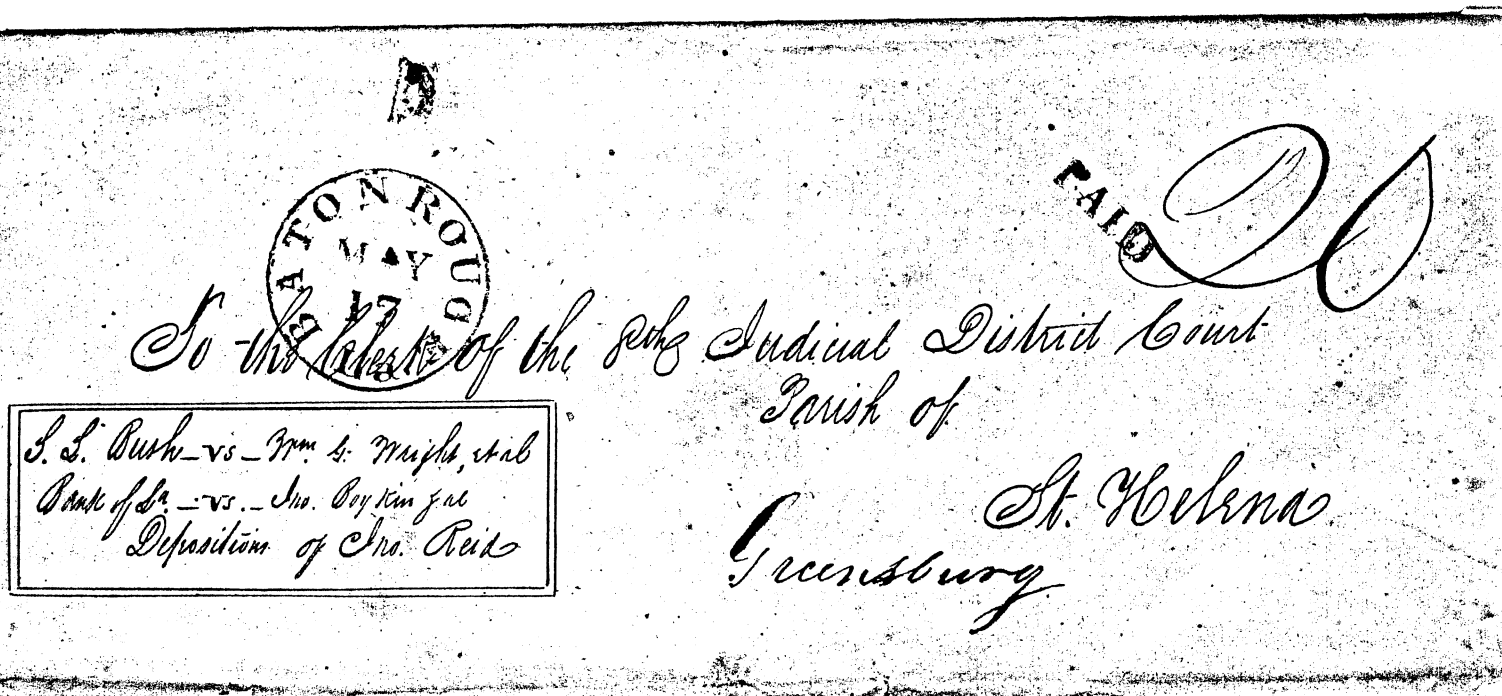
YOU ARE TO PAY THE POST RIDER ONE CENT FOR EACH  
WAY-LETTER AND ADD THAT CENT TO THE ORDINARY  
POSTAGE ON THE LETTER.

WAY 1 CENT - POSTAGE OVER 300 MILES 10 CENTS

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

QUADRUPLE RATE WRAPPER

BATON ROUGE - GREENSBURG, LA.



BATON ROUGE, LA., MAY 17, 1847

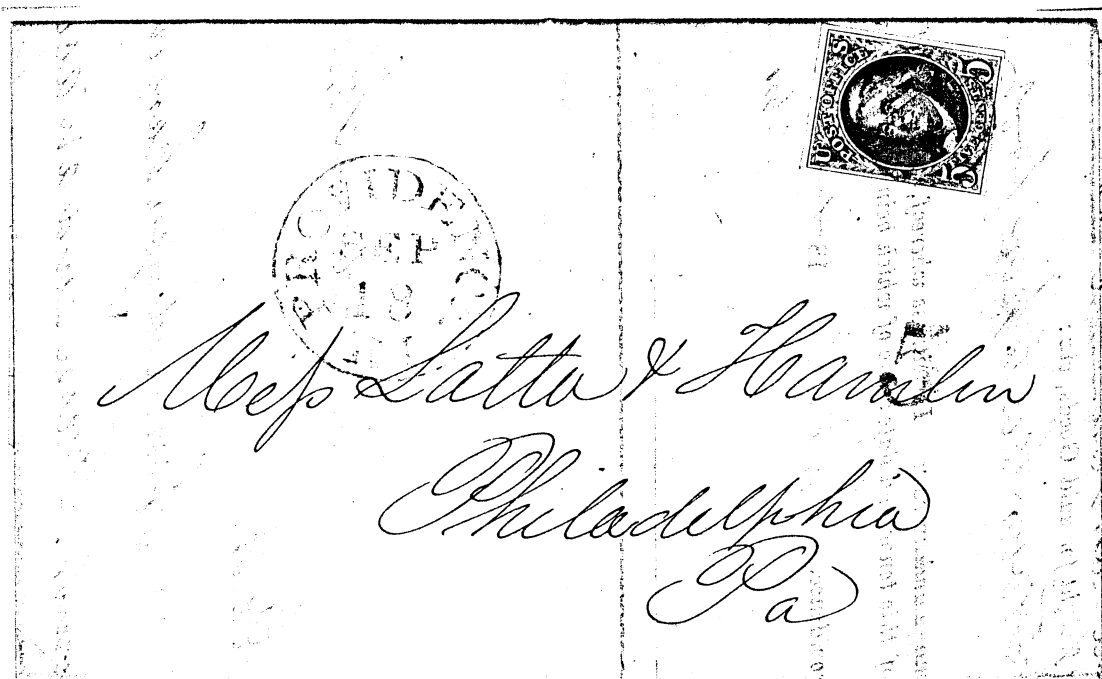
ACT OF MARCH 3, 1847

SINGLE LETTER UNDER 300 MILES 5 CENTS AND EVERY  
PARCEL NOT EXCEEDING  $\frac{1}{2}$  OUNCE SHALL BE DEEMED A  
SINGLE LETTER AND EVERY ADDITIONAL WEIGHT OF  $\frac{1}{2}$   
OUNCE OR LESS AN ADDITIONAL RATE.

FOUR TIMES 5 CENTS = 20 CENTS

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

THE FIRST GENERAL ISSUE POSTAGE STAMP  
ISSUED JULY 1, 1847



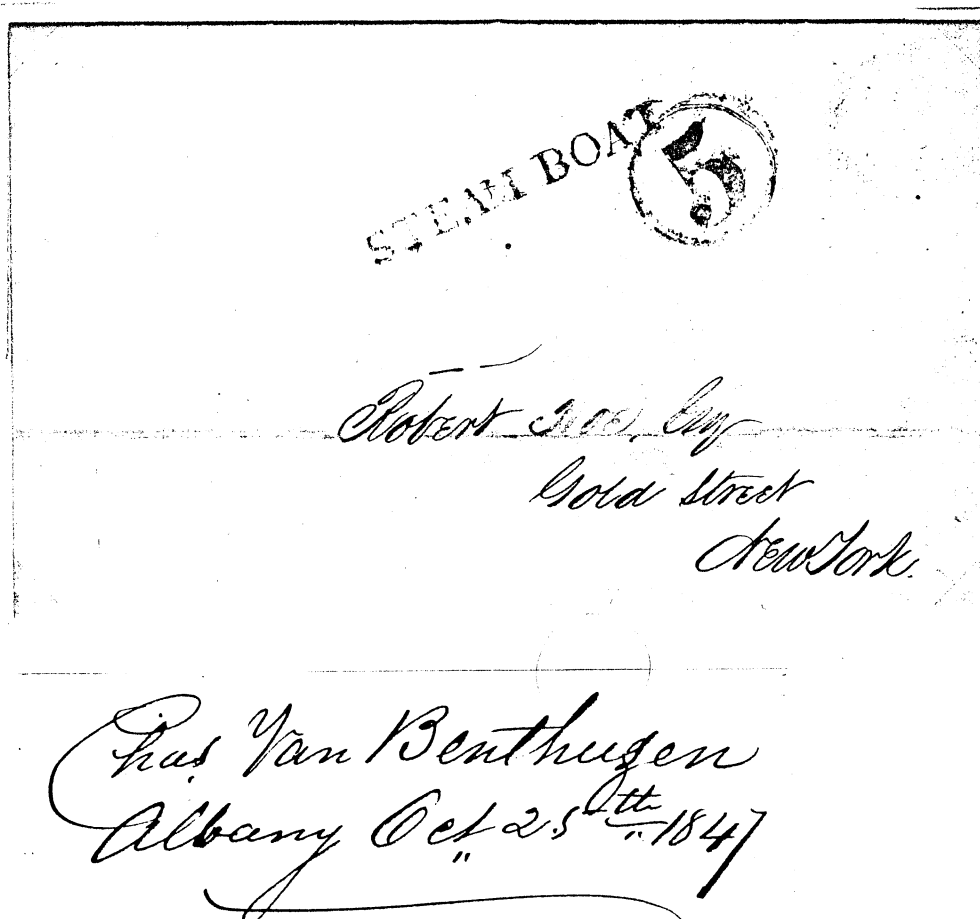
PROVIDENCE, R.I., SEP 18, 1847

WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THIS, THE FIRST GENERAL  
ISSUE POSTAGE STAMP, THE PREPAYMENT OF POST-  
AGE BY THE USE OF STAMPS WAS MADE POSSIBLE.

THE USE OF POSTMASTERS STAMPS OR ANY OTHER  
UNAUTHORIZED ISSUES BECAME ILLEGAL.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

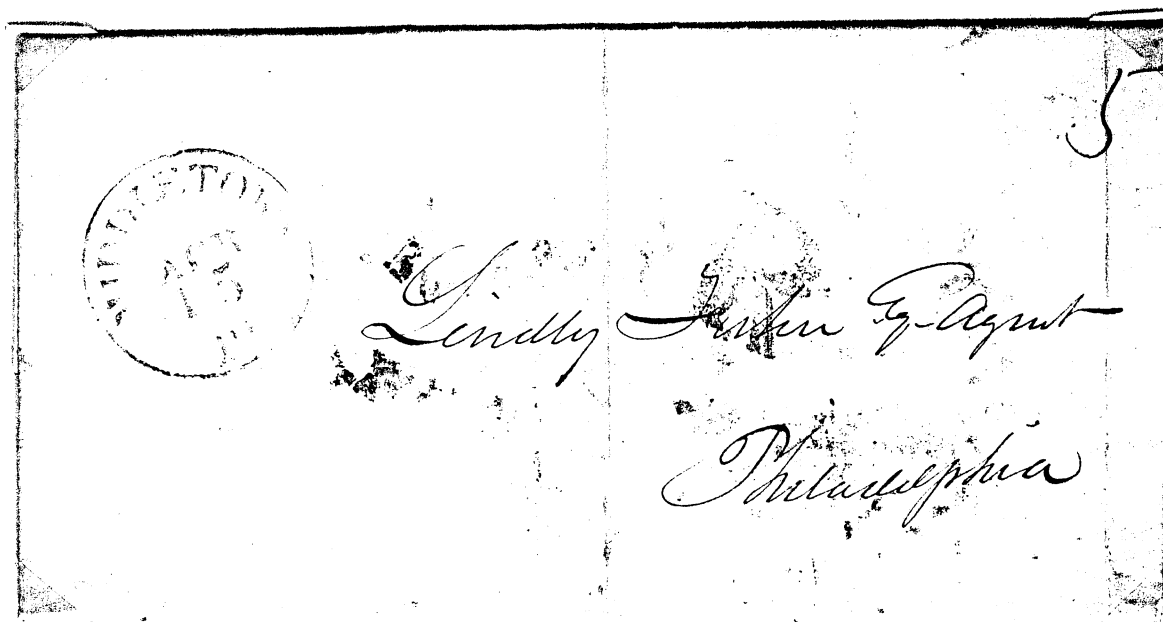
INLAND WATERWAYS STEAM BOAT  
ALBANY, N.Y. - NEW YORK CITY



THE MARK "STEAMBOAT" WAS APPLIED BY THE  
RECEIVING POST OFFICE TO LETTERS DELIVERED  
BY THE CAPTAIN OF A STEAM BOAT HAVING NO  
MAIL CARRYING CONTRACT WITH THE P.O. DEPT.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

REGISTERED  
COLLECT 5 CENTS  
MIDDLETOWN, PA.



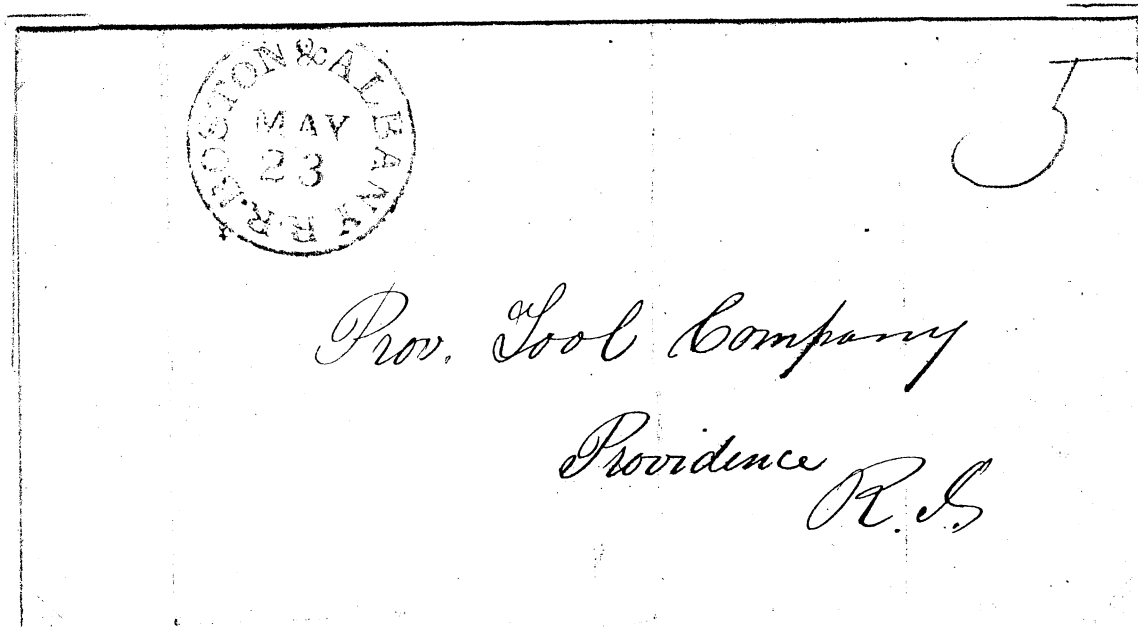
*Paul J. Middleton*  
*April 14 1848*

PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1855, THERE WAS NO POST OFFICE  
REGISTRY SYSTEM.

"REGISTERED" OR "MONEY" LETTERS UPON ARRIVAL AT  
PHILADELPHIA WERE HANDSTAMPED WITH THE LATTER  
"R".

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

RAILROAD ROUTE POSTMARK  
BOSTON & ALBANY R.R.



DATelINED SPRINGFIELD, MAY 23, 1848

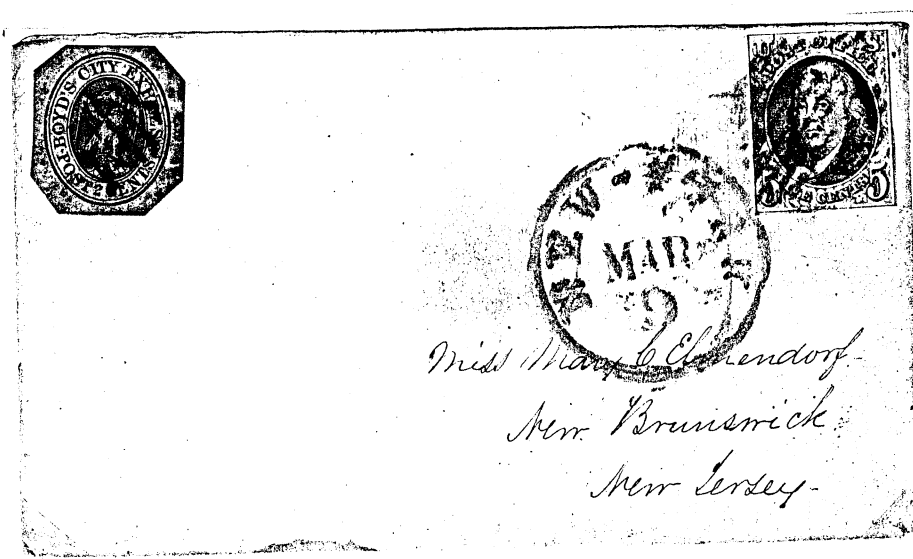
THE NAMES IN THE POSTMARK ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF A RAILROAD. THEY ARE OFTEN THE NAMES OF CITIES AT EACH END OF A RAILROAD POSTAL DISTRICT.

THE LINES MAKING UP THIS ROUTE WERE THE BOSTON & WORCESTER R.R. AND THE WESTERN R.R.



POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

PRIVATE LETTER DELIVERY COMPANY  
BOYD'S CITY EXPRESS  
POST 2 CENTS



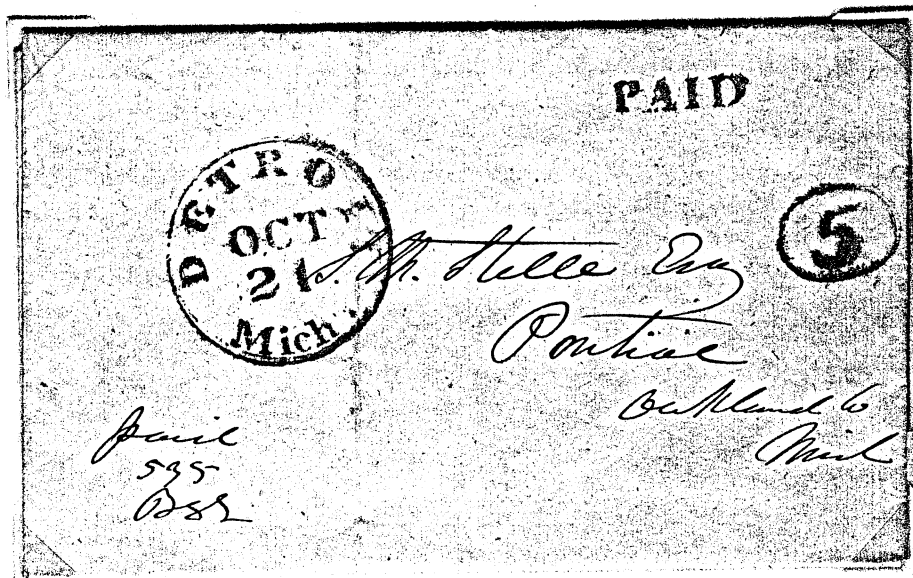
CIRCA 1848, NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

U. S. MAIL 5 CENTS  
PRIVATE COLLECTION 2 CENTS

A LETTER DELIVERY COMPANY COMPLETELY  
OUTSIDE OF THE U.S. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.  
THE OPERATION WAS LIMITED TO THE COLLECTION AND  
DELIVERY OF MAIL LOCALLY TO THE ADDRESSEE OR  
THE POST OFFICE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

POSTAL CHARGE ACCOUNT  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
BOXHOLDER NO. 535



*Barstow & Lockwood*  
*Oct 20/08*

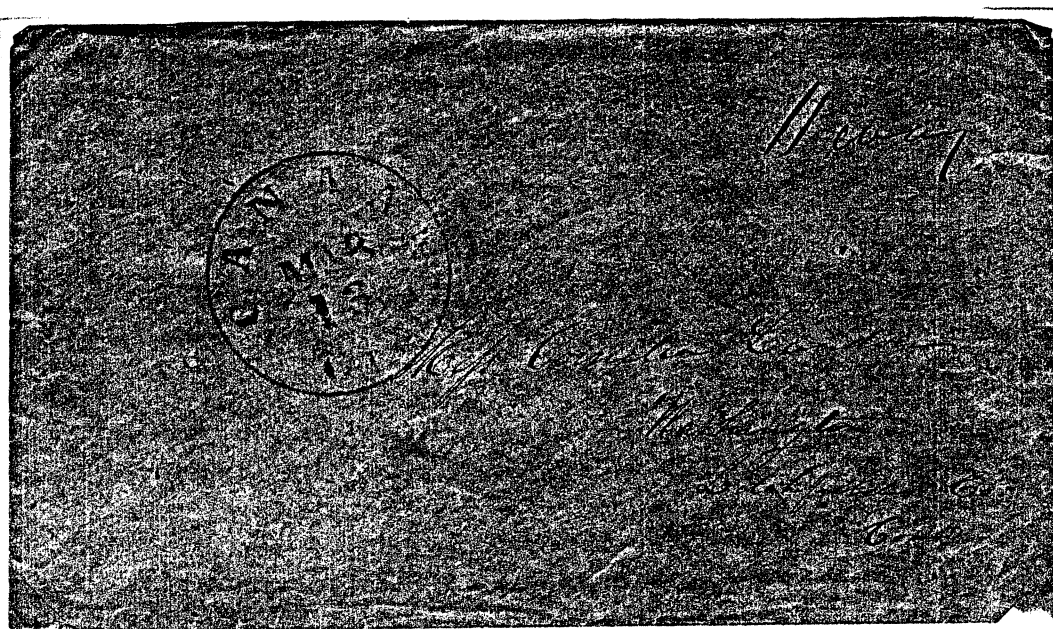
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOXHOLDER CHARGE  
ACCOUNT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN AT THE DISCRETION  
OF THE POSTMASTER AND HIS RESPONSIBILITY.  
NO OFFICIAL RULES OR REGULATIONS GOVERNING  
THIS TYPE OF SERVICE HAVE BEEN FOUND.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BY RAILROAD

WAY 1¢, DOUBLE 5¢ RATE

WAY MAIL



CANAAN, CONN.--WASHINGTON, CONN., MAR 13, 1849

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1845:

SINGLE LETTER UNDER 300 MILES, 5 CENTS

THIS IS AN UNUSUAL RATING IN THAT THE  
ENVELOPE AND THE LETTER SHEET ARE RATED  
AS A DOUBLE LETTER UNDER 300 MILES @10 CENTS  
PLUS THE 1 CENT "WAY" FEE.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

NORWICH & WORCESTER R.R. (61 MILES)

PREPAID 5 CENTS

RAILROAD POSTMARK



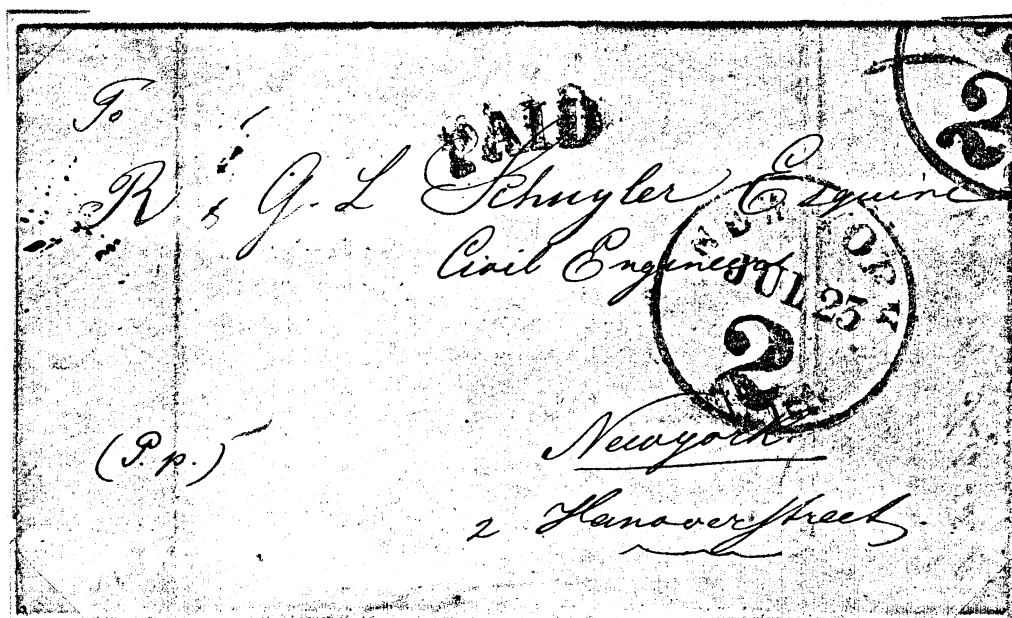
East Brooklyn March 26th 1849

KNOWING THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER THE  
NOTATION "PLEASE FORWARD THIS IN  
HASTE & OBLIGE" IS ASKING FOR WHAT IS  
NOW SPECIAL DELIVERY.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

DROP LETTER RATE

LOCAL DELIVERY



JULY 23, 1849, NEW YORK

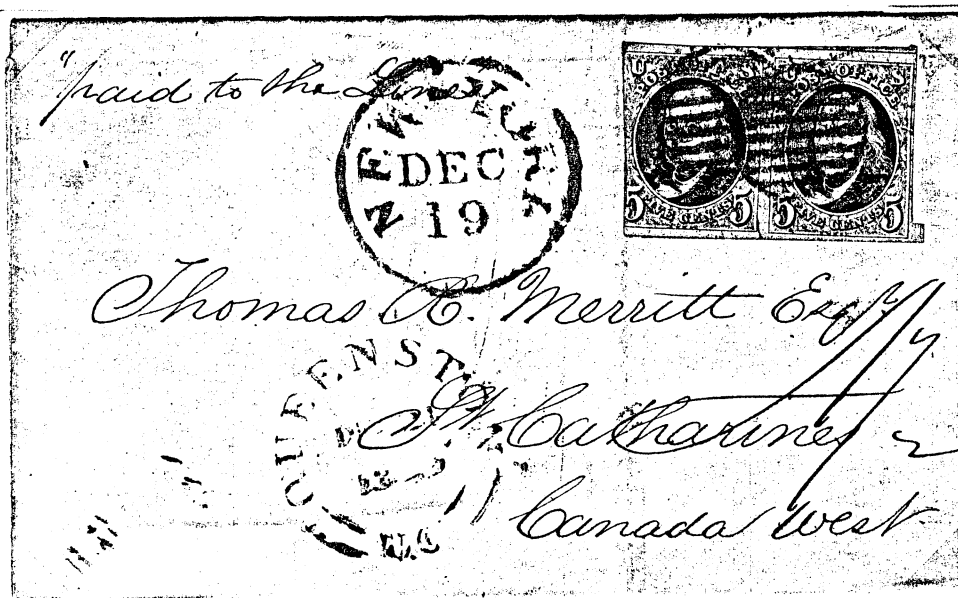
ACT OF JULY 2, 1836:

----FOR DELIVERY OF LETTERS---NOT EXCEEDING  
2 CENTS----SUCH RECEIPTS SHALL CONSTITUTE A  
FUND FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE CARRIERS.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

"PAID TO THE LINES"

NEW YORK - CANADA WEST



NEW YORK, DEC 19, 1849, 10 CENTS

OVER 300 MILES PREPAID

QUEENSTON, U.C., DEC 21, 1849

4½ CENTS COLLECT

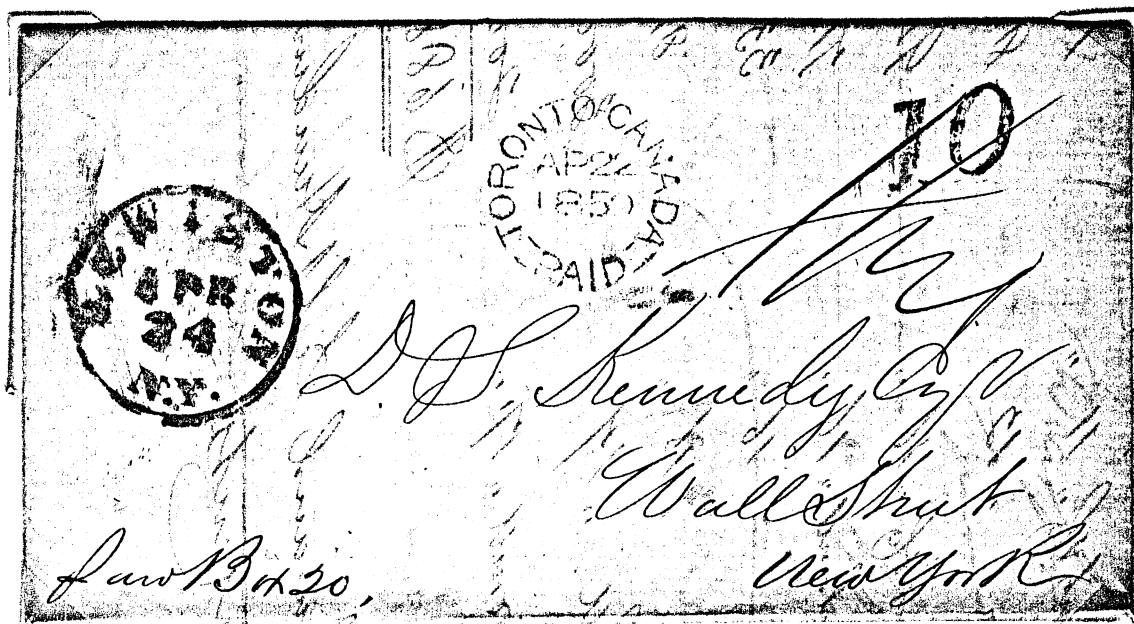
PRIOR TO 1851 U.S. MAIL TO CANADA COULD ONLY BE PREPAID TO THE BORDER AS THERE WAS NO POSTAL TREATY COVERING PREPAYMENT NOR WERE CANADIAN STAMPS AVAILABLE UNTIL 1851.

MAIL WAS EXCHANGED BETWEEN LEWISTON, N.Y. AND QUEENSTON, UPPER CANADA.

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

"PAID TO THE LINES"

TORONTO, CANADA - NEW YORK CITY



TORONTO, CANADA, APRIL 22, 1850

4½ CENTS PAID BY BOX 20

LEWISTON, NEW YORK, APRIL 24, 1850

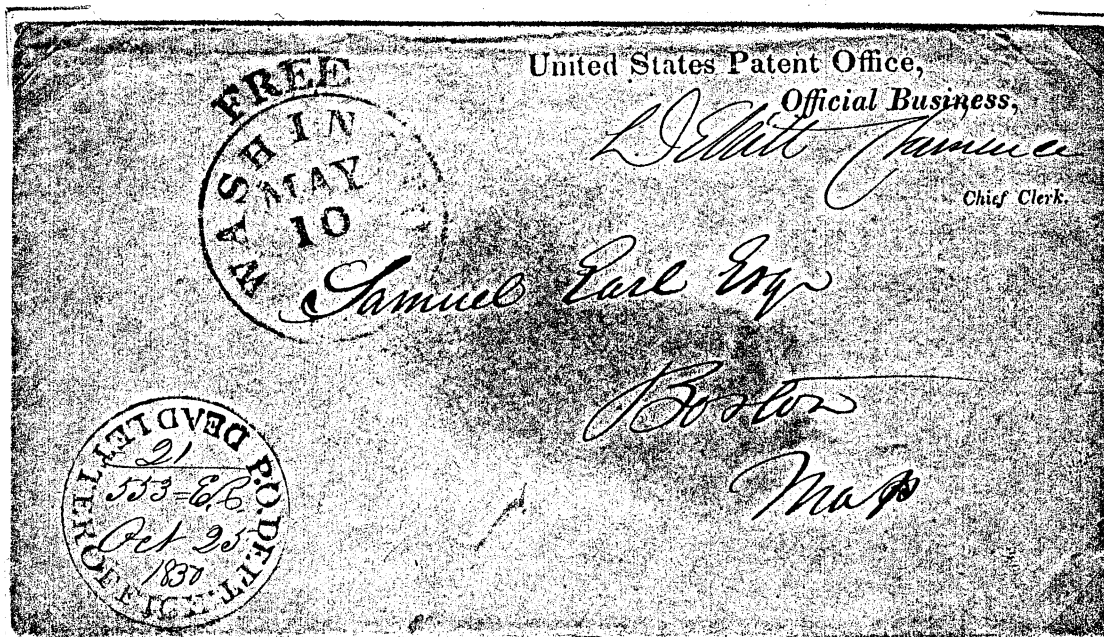
10 CENTS COLLECT

POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

BY RAILROAD

FREE - OFFICIAL BUSINESS

DEAD LETTER OFFICE



PATENT OFFICE,

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1850

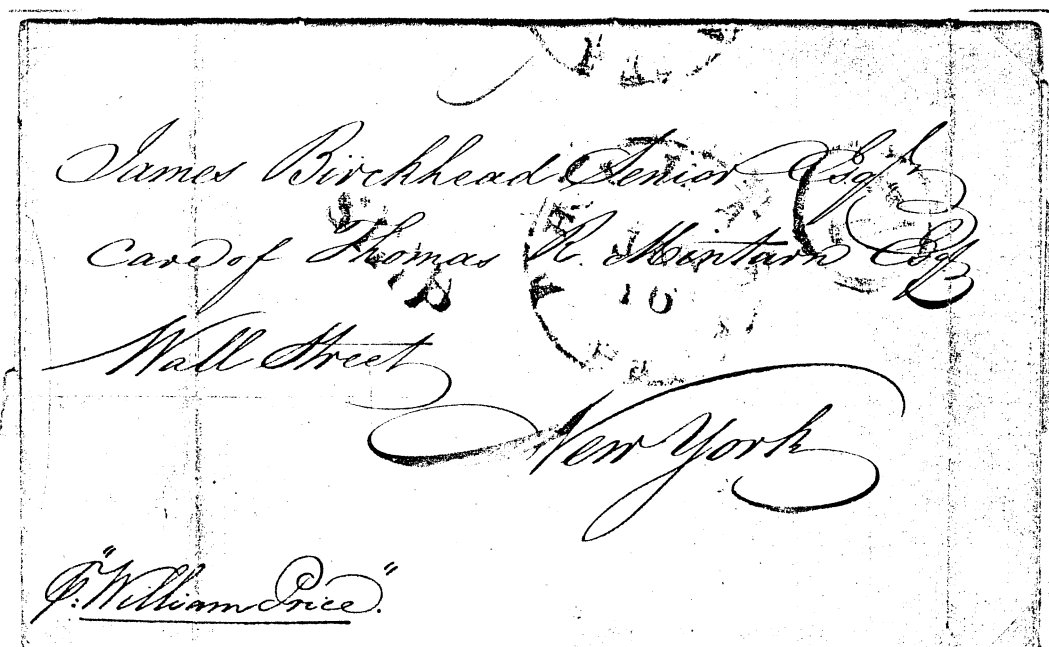
ADDRESSED TO SAMUEL EARL AT BOSTON, MASS.,  
THIS LETTER FROM THE U.S. PATENT OFFICE WAS  
RETURNED TO THE D.L.O.

IT WAS RETURNED TO THE U.S. PATENT OFFICE BY  
THE D.L.O. IN OCTOBER 1850.



POSTAL MEANS, RATES & MARKINGS

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL - PHILADELPHIA  
PER SHIP WILLIAM PRICE  
SHIP LETTER 7 CENTS COLLECT



Rio de Janeiro 18<sup>th</sup> November 1850.

A LETTER DELIVERED BY THE CAPTAIN OF A U.S.  
OWNED SHIP FROM ABROAD HAVING NO MAIL  
CARRYING CONTRACT.

IF ADDRESSED BEYOND THE PORT OF ENTRY,  
THE SHIP FEE WAS 2 CENTS PLUS REGULAR  
INLAND POSTAGE OF 5 CENTS.