

LOUISIANA POSTAL HISTORY

1804 - 1865

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A postal history of present-day Louisiana, beginning with initial mail service by the United States and continuing through the Civil War.

The development of the U. S. postal system during the pre-territorial and territorial periods is shown through town markings, rates and postal routes. The later pre-war periods emphasize important town markings, varying rates, use of adhesives, and postal services such as steam, way, express and ocean mails, city and local posts, route agents, auxiliary services and private express mails.

The Civil War period focuses on Independent and Confederate State usages prior to the establishment of the Confederate postal service, followed by CSA stamp usages and markings. Also included are covers showing U. S. occupation mails, as well as private mail services. Examples of efforts to communicate by letter mail between North and South throughout the war are included.

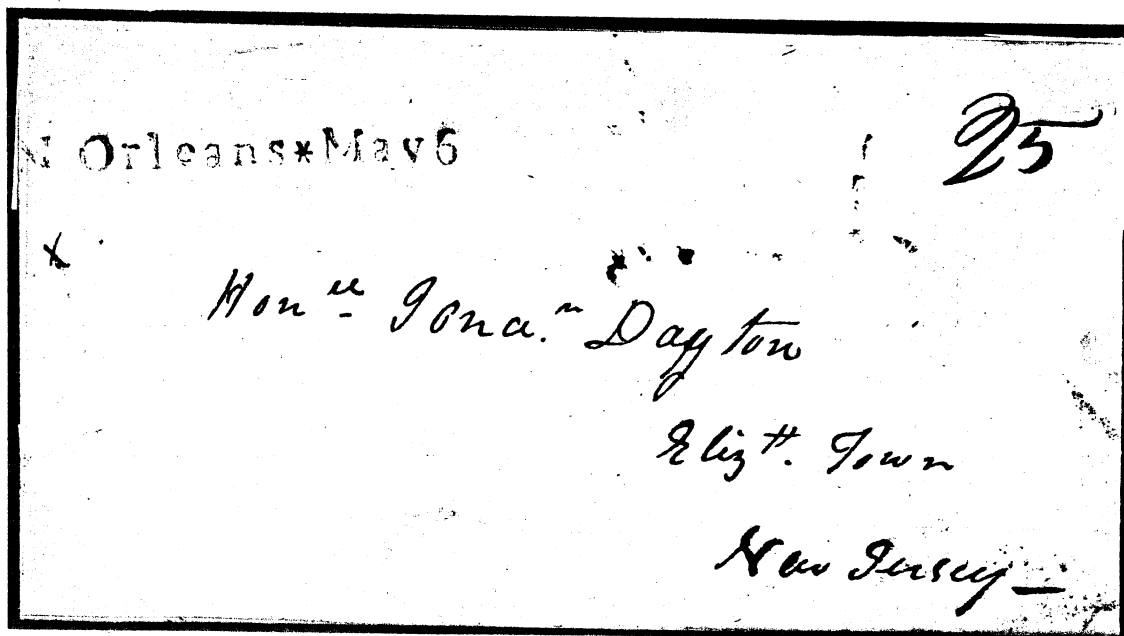
"Note-worthy"

Included in the territorial section are the single recorded examples of overseas usages of New Orleans "straightline" and "small circle" cancels. Original research keyed in this section includes United States mail services in Spanish West Florida, especially the "delivered way mail" system developed by the New Orleans post office. Within this area is shown one (of two recorded) postally marked covers delivered within the Republic of West Florida.

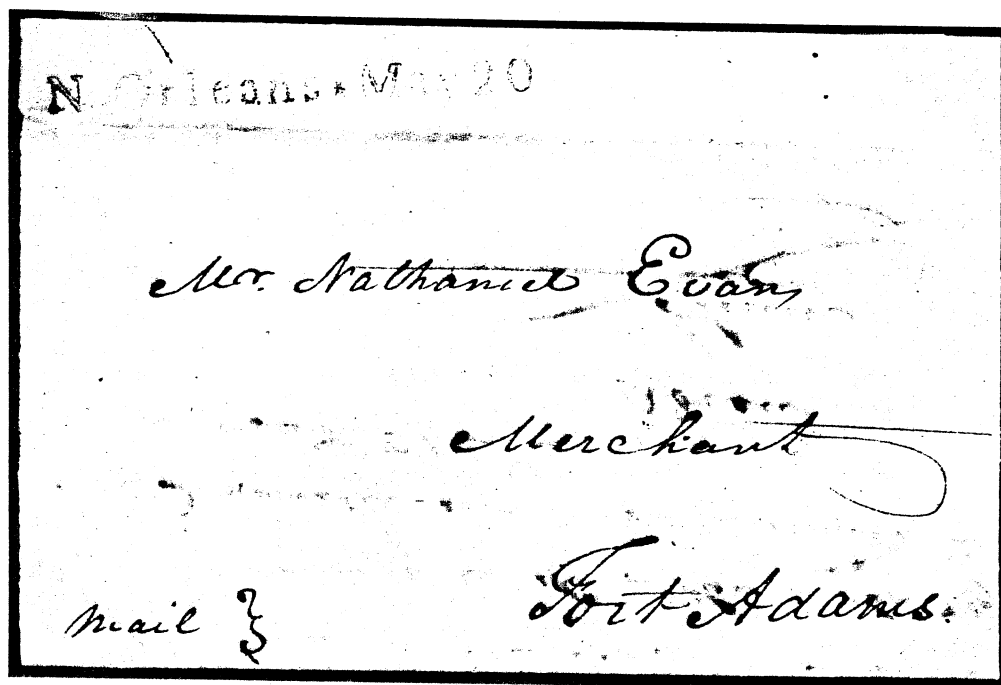
Statehood period markings include the only recorded examples of straightline cancellations from Baton Rouge (1813), Harrisonburg (1836), Iberville (1833), Natchitoches (box, 1824), St. Franciscille (1815), and St. Cloud (1851).

Additional "note-worthy" items include the two recorded examples of Mississippi River 1815 "9¢ steamboat" war rate; listing or earliest use examples of other straightline, oval and circle cancellations; single recorded used block of first printing New Orleans Confederate provisional adhesives; printed "30 day return" notice Confederate usage; and earliest civilian mail from New Orleans after occupation.

UNITED STATES: PRE-TERRITORIAL

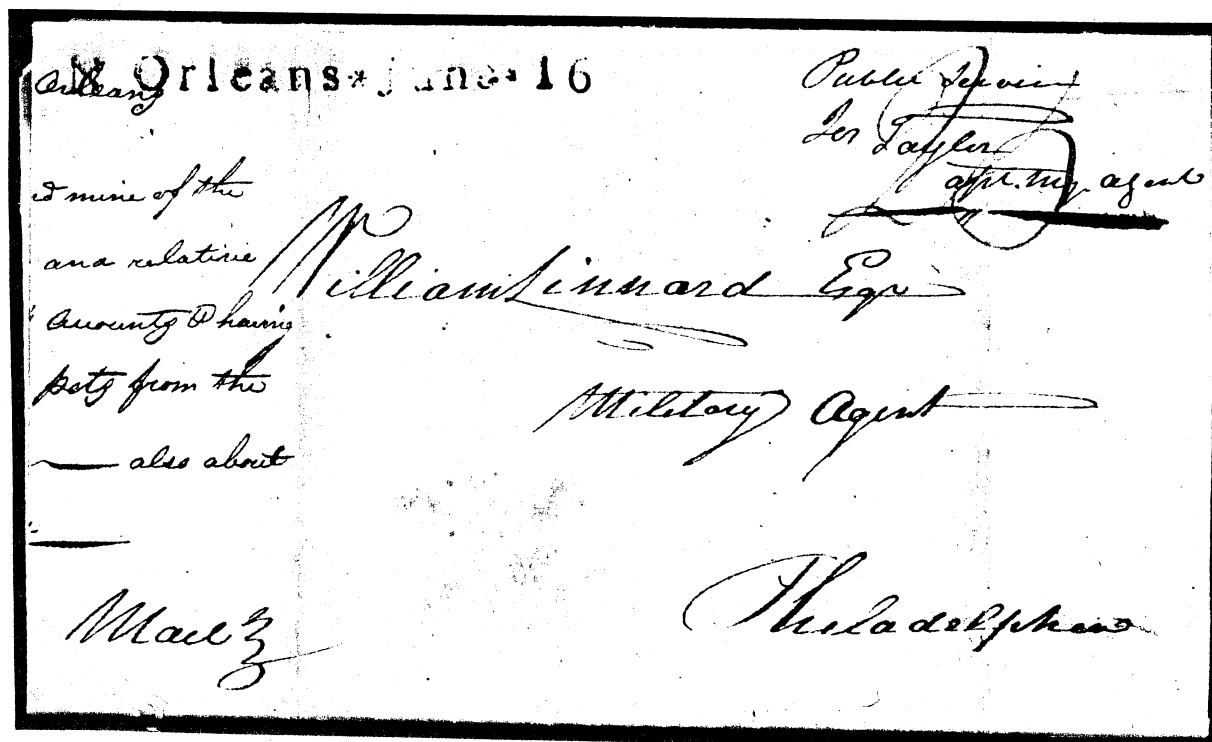


New Orleans - Elizabethtown, N. J. (May 6, 1804)
(Earliest date of use of this type cancel.)



New Orleans - Ft. Adams, Miss. Territory (May 20, 1804)

UNITED STATES: PRE-TERRITORIAL

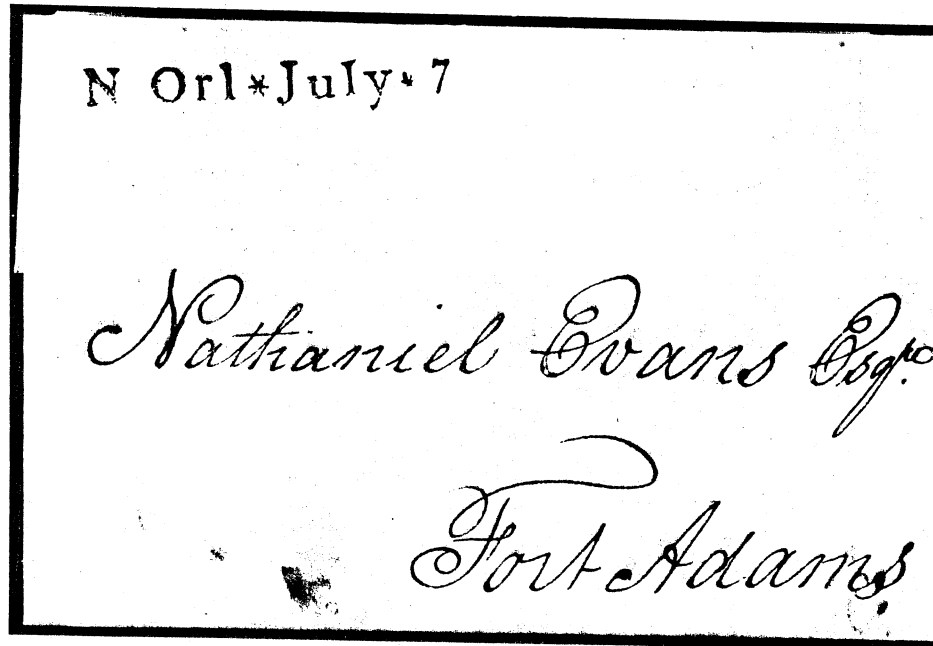


New Orleans - Philadelphia (Jun 16, 1804)
Endorsed "Public Service"; charged 25¢ single letter rate.

N Orleans*June*16

39½ x 5 mm. cancel, one star,
excluding date.

UNITED STATES: PRE-TERRITORIAL



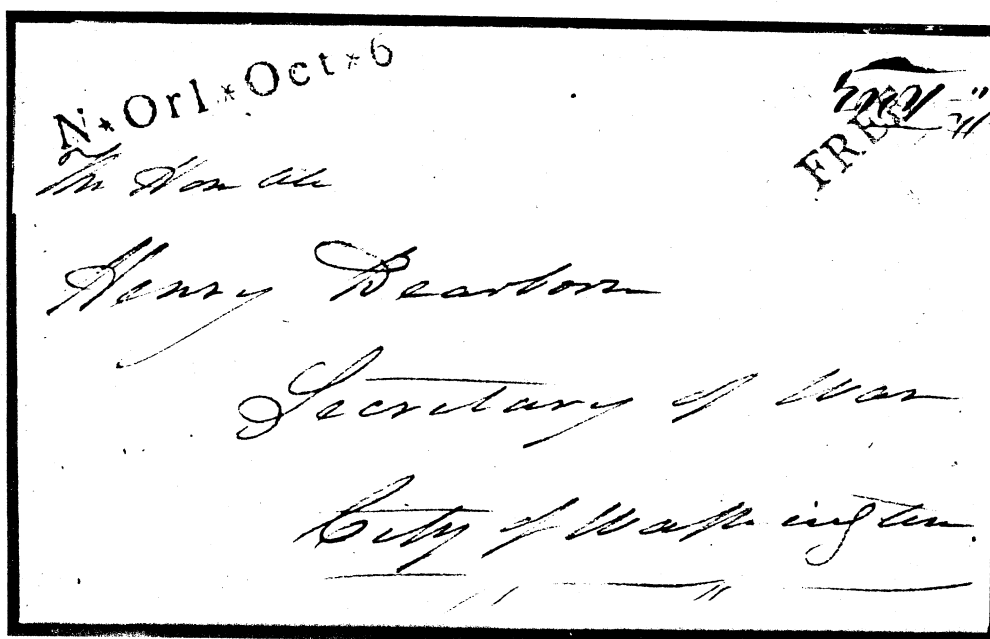
New Orleans - Ft. Adams, Miss. Territory (Jul 7, 1804)



25 x 5 mm. cancel, one star.
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From Hilary Baker, acting postmaster at New Orleans, to
Ft. Adams postmaster concerning condition of mail bags.

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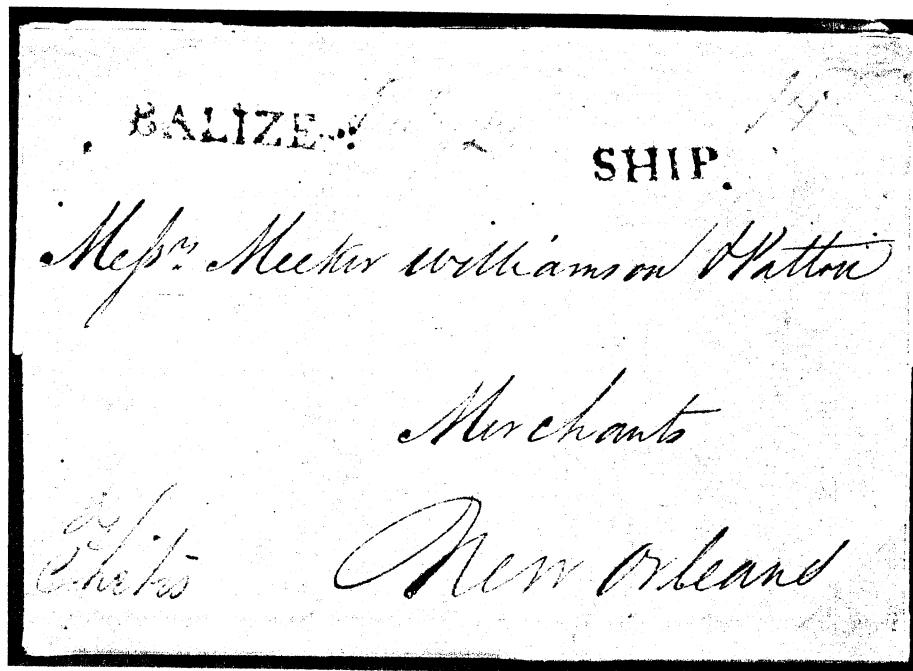
New Orleans - Washington (Oct 6, 1804)
Holograph letter of Gov. Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
regarding extra compensation due him.

N*Orl*Oct*6

25 x 5 mm.; two stars.

Orleans Territory created October 1, 1804.
First territorial mail dated October 6.

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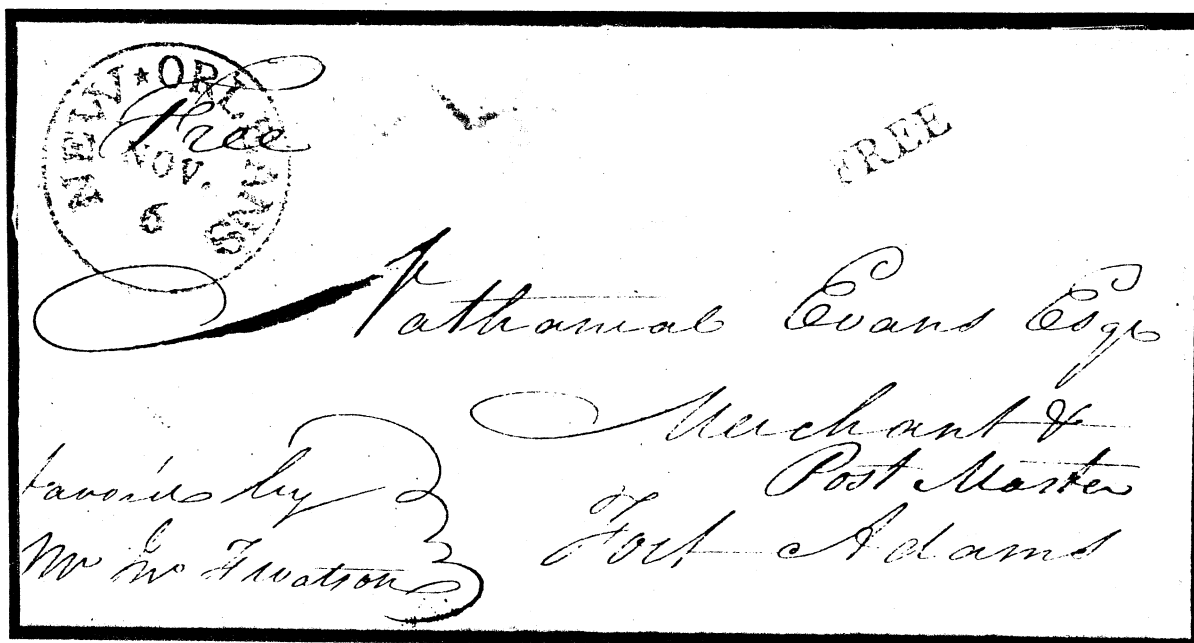


(Elizabethtown) - Balize - New Orleans (Jul 28, 1808)
Out of the mails (per Thetis) to Balize.

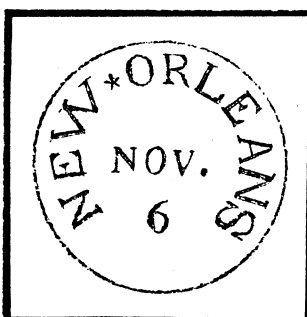
BALIZE-:

25 x 5 mm. cancel;
(30 mm. including dots).

ORLEANS TERRITORY

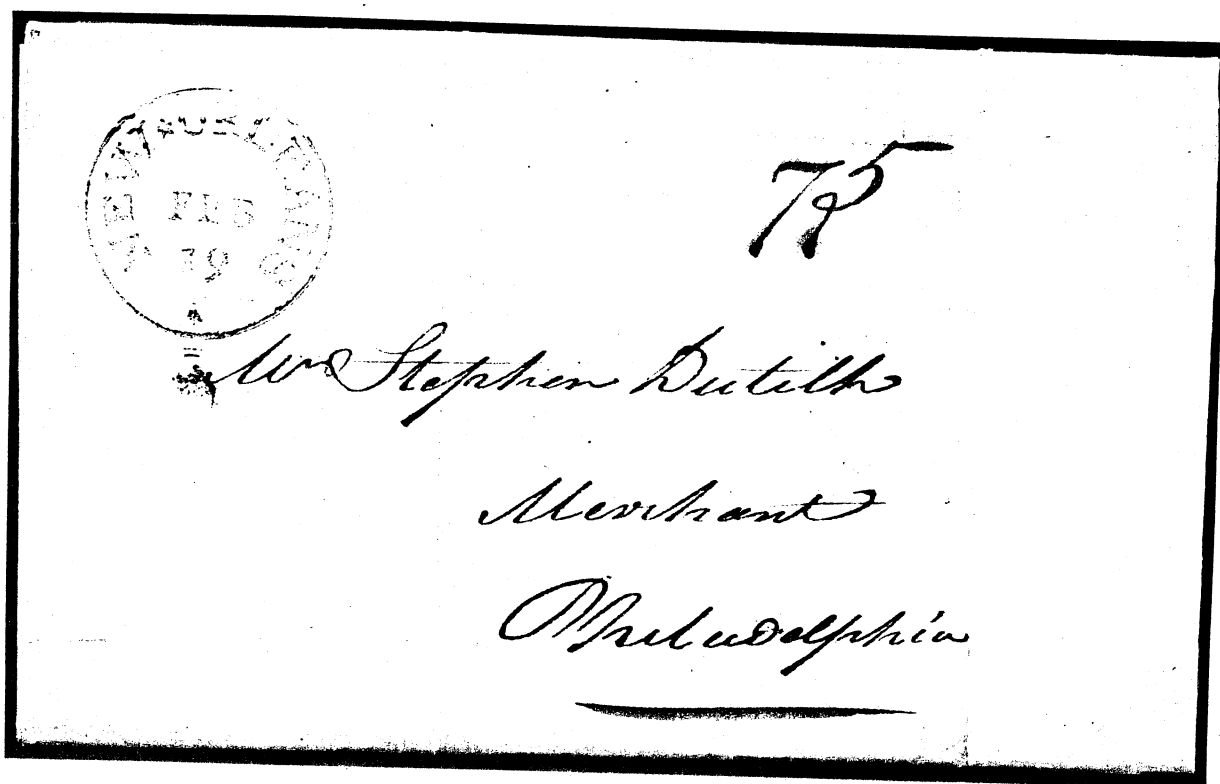


New Orleans - Ft. Adams, Miss. Territory (Nov 6, 1804)



32½ mm. cancel, no star at base.
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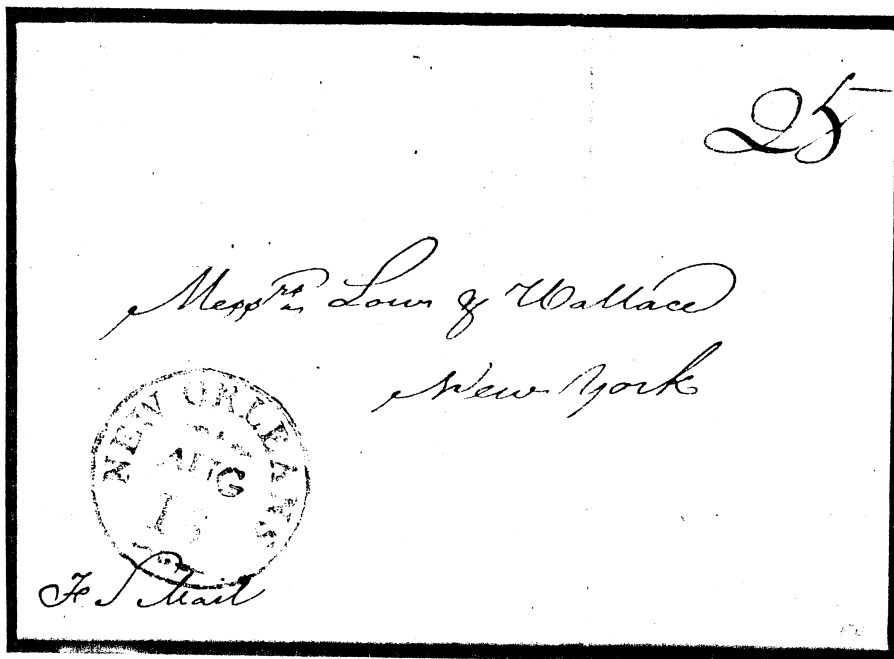
ORLEANS TERRITORY



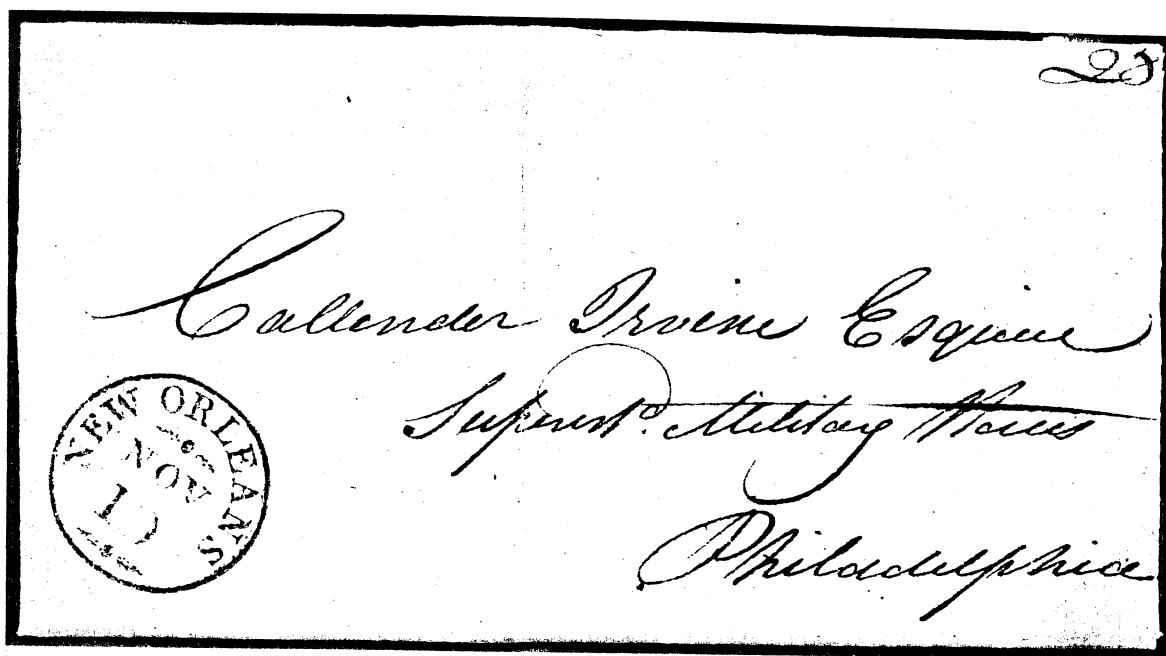
New Orleans - Philadelphia (Feb 19, 1805)
Carried on the "northern" route, via Natchez and Nashville.

32½ mm. cancel, star at base.

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New Orleans - New York (Aug 16, 1806)
"Small circle" cancel red usage from 1806.



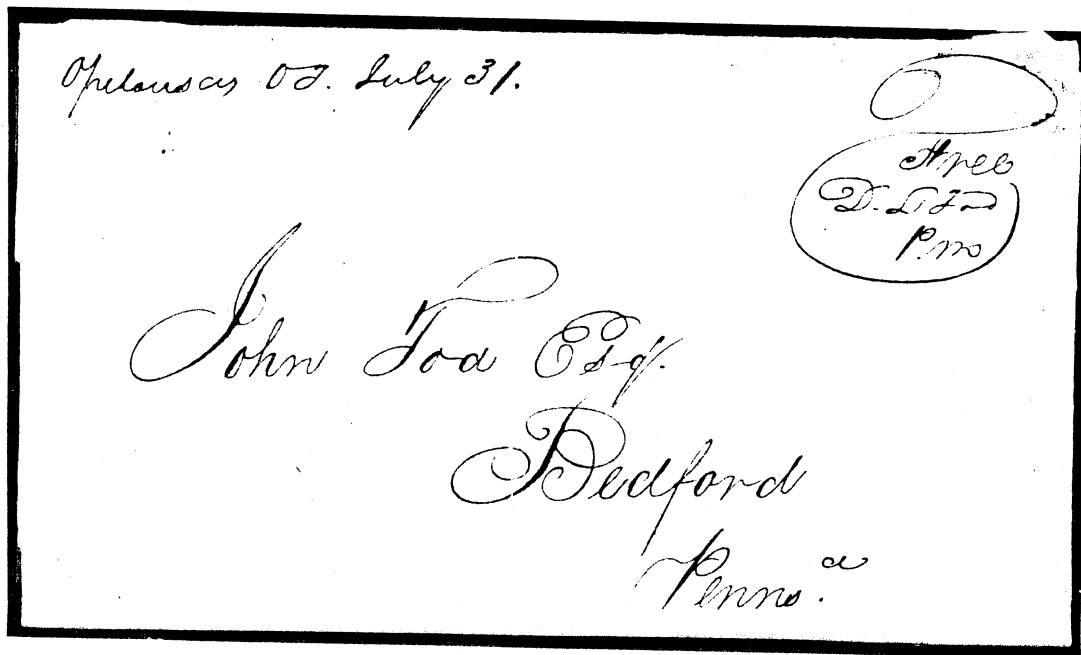
New Orleans - Philadelphia (Nov 19, 1807)

MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY - ORLEANS TERRITORY

Fort Adams
2nd Dec 1811
17
17
34
J. G. Perry
Lieut. Wm. I. Hamilton
Fort Stoddert
Fort Stoddert

Fort Adams - New Orleans (Mar 2, 1811)
 Forwarded to Fort Stoddert.
 Fort Stoddert - New Orleans (Mar 29, 1811)

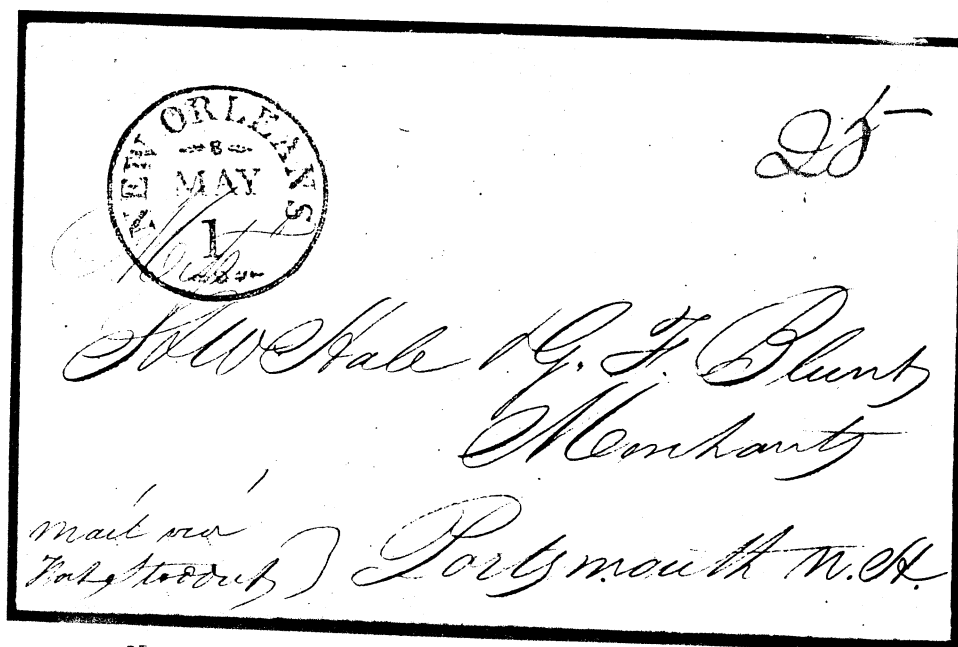
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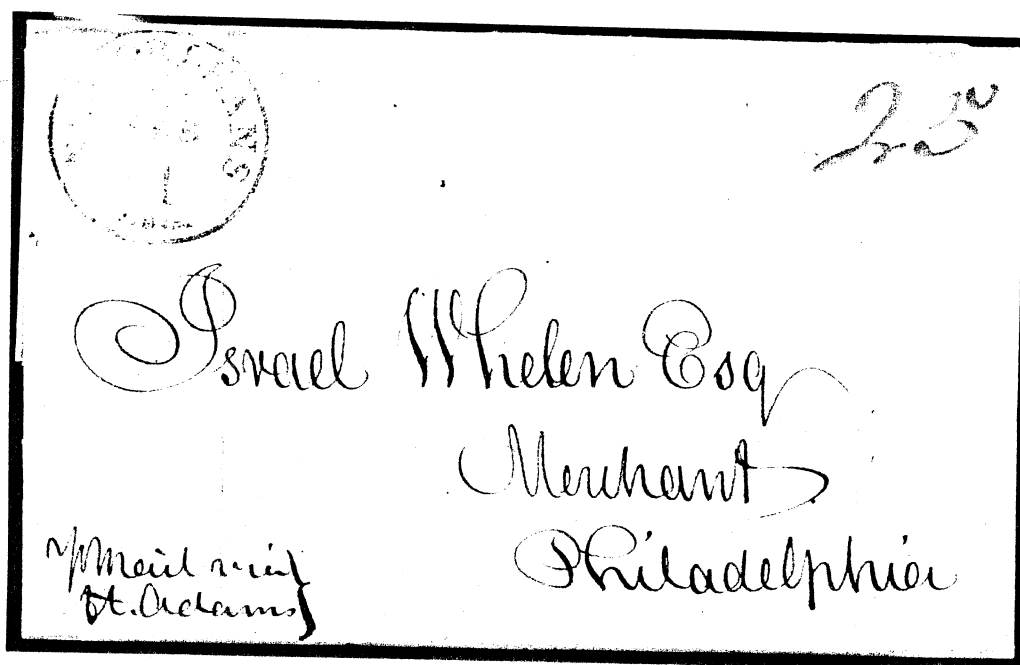
Opelousas - Bedford, Pa. (Jul 31, 1811)

Mr. Tod proposes to "carry the mail from
the Fourche to Natchitoches, on the route
as at present established..."

ORLEANS TERRITORY

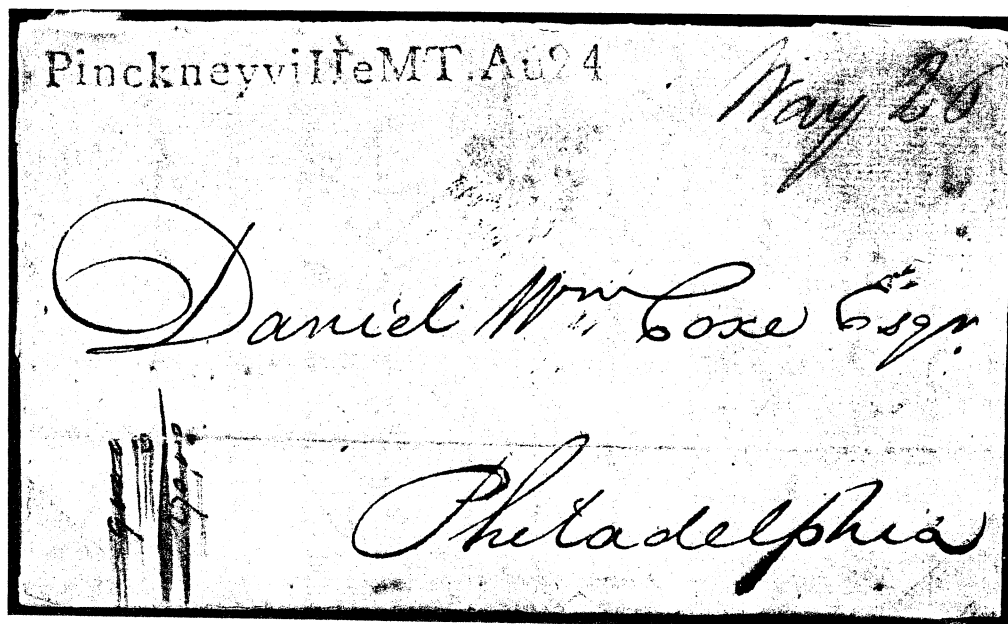


New Orleans - Portsmouth, N. H. (May 1, 1809)
 "Mail via Fort Stoddert", the Southern route.

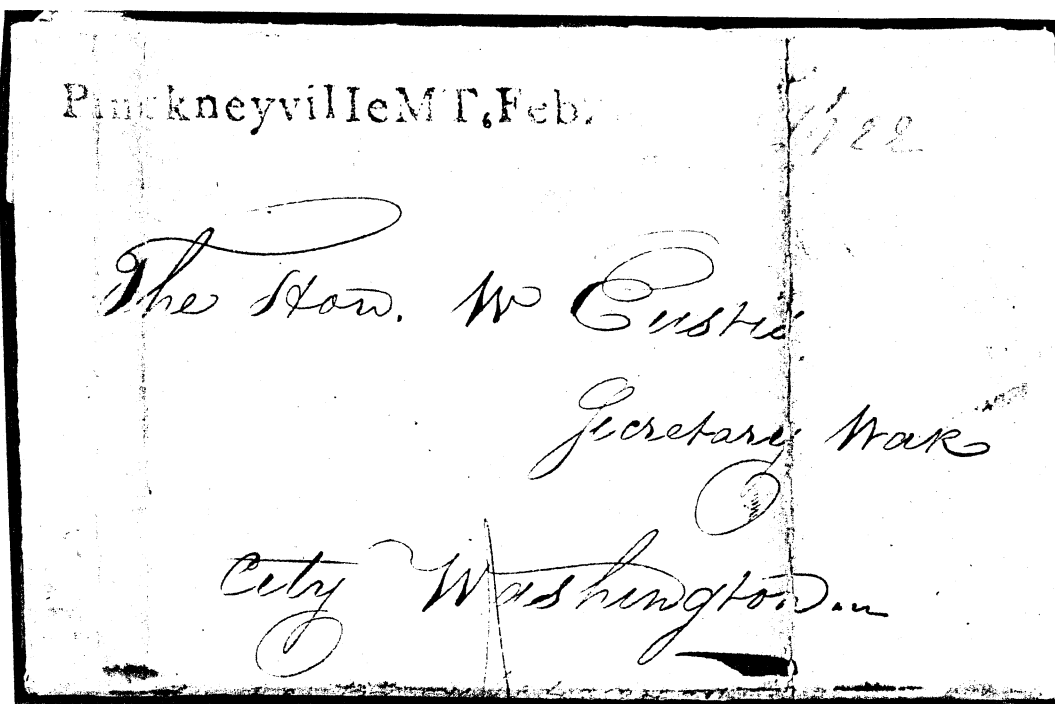


New Orleans - Philadelphia (Feb 1, 1811)
 "Per Mail via Ft. Adams", the Northern route.

ORLEANS TERRITORY
(Mail Through Spanish West Florida)

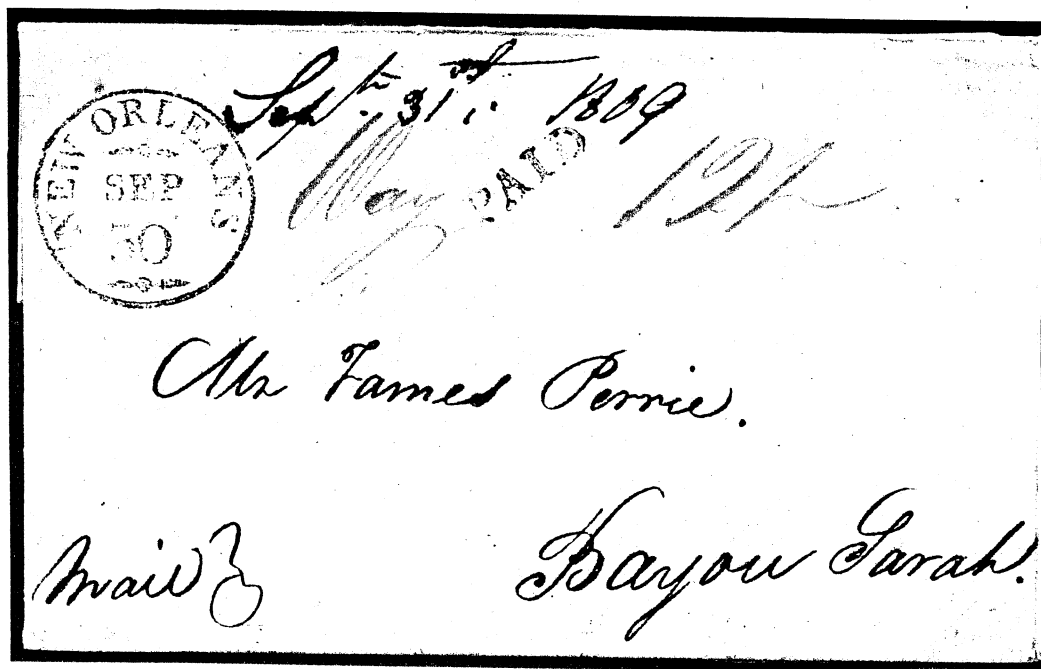


(Houmas) - Philadelphia (Aug 11, 1807)
Way mail via Pinckneyville, M. T.



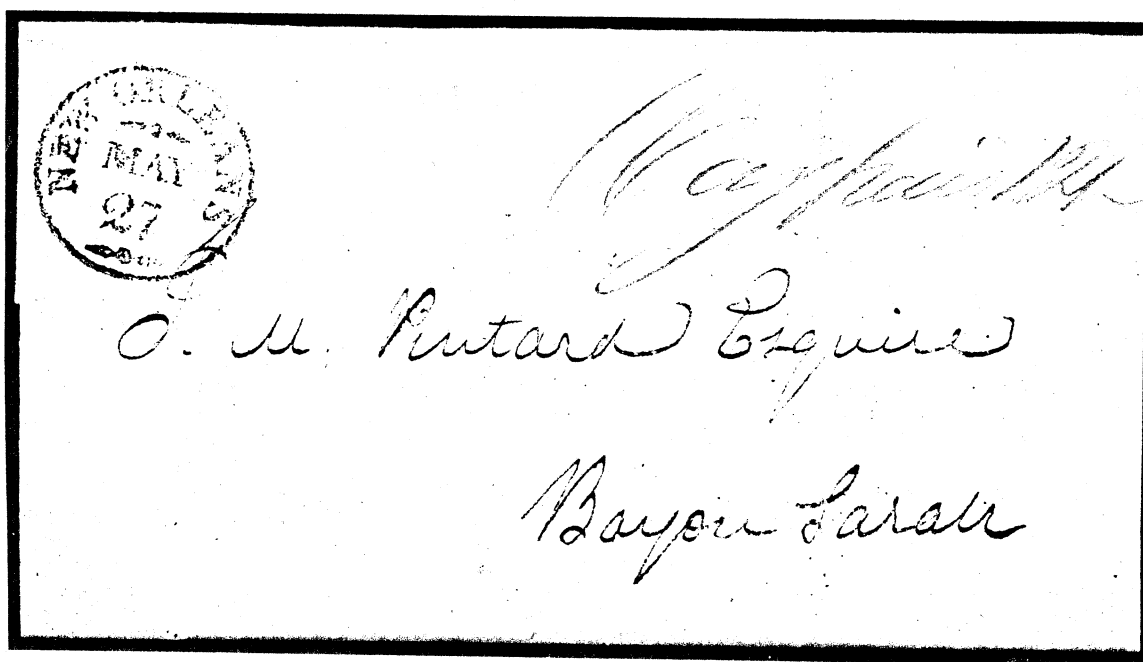
(Point Coupee) - Washington (Nov 16, 1809)
Free (way) mail via Pinckneyville, M. T.

ORLEANS TERRITORY - SPANISH WEST FLORIDA



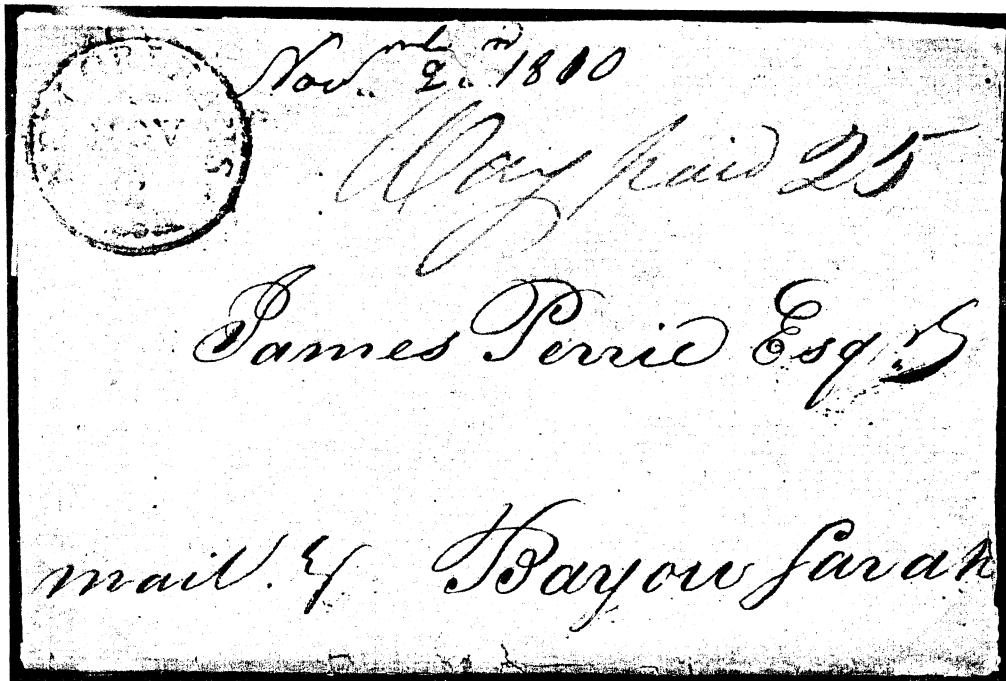
New Orleans - Bayou Sarah (Sep 30, 1809)
"Way PAID 12½"

Pre-payment required at New Orleans for delivery by the
U. S. mail carrier passing through Spanish West Florida.
"Delivered way mail"



New Orleans - Bayou Sarah (May 27, 1809)

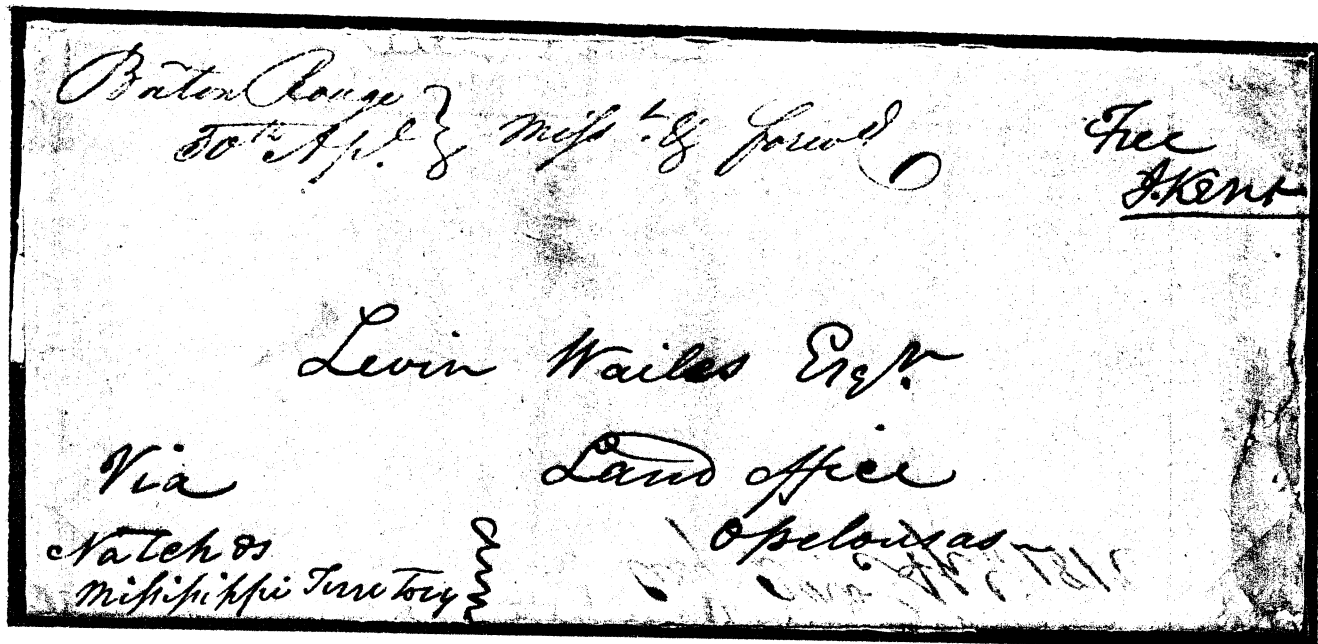
ORLEANS TERRITORY - REPUBLIC OF WEST FLORIDA



New Orleans - Bayou Sarah, West. Fla. Republic (Nov 2, 1810)
"Delivered way" mail, prepaid at New Orleans for delivery
on the mail route to Natchez.

The West Florida Republic was declared on Sep 26, 1810 and
annexed by the United States on Dec 10, 1810.

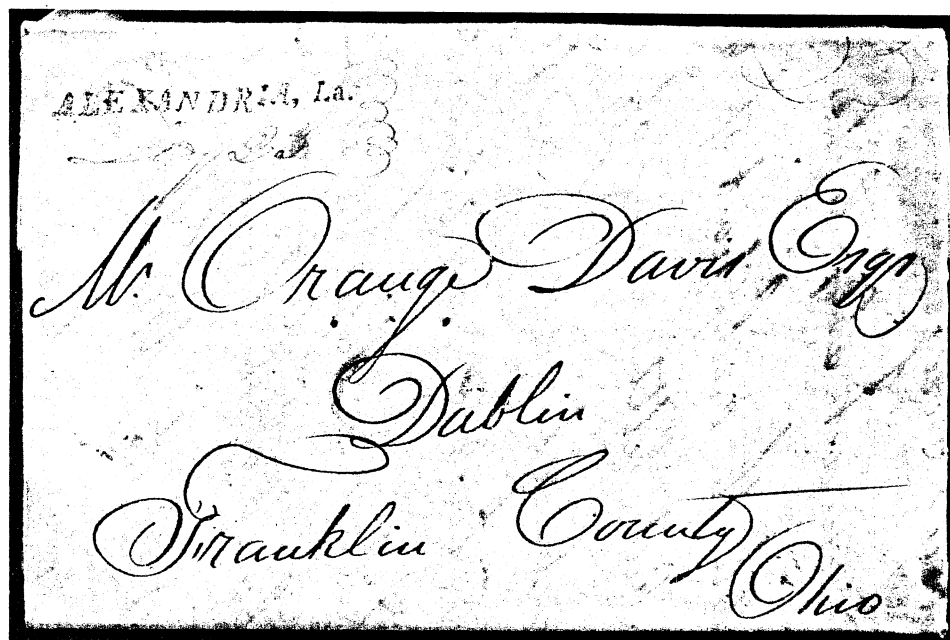
WEST FLORIDA: ORLEANS TERRITORY



"Baton Rouge" and "Misst. & forwd" (Apr 30, 1812)
Washington City to Opelousas via Natchez.

Louisiana became the 15th state on May 1, 1812

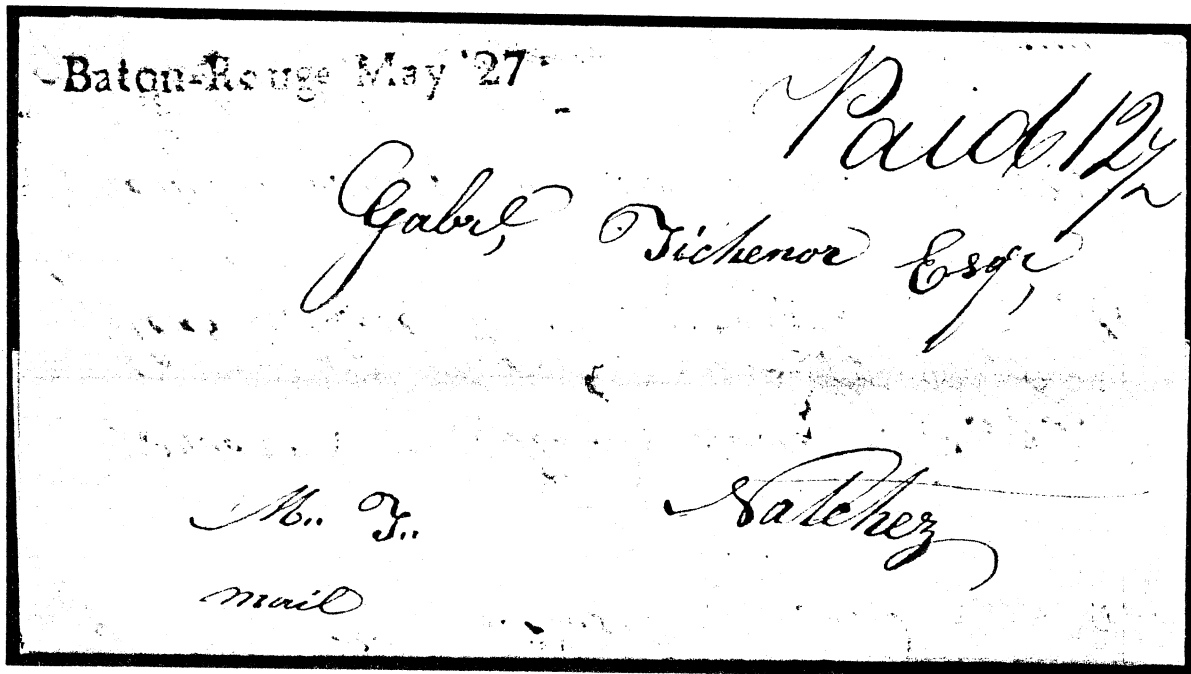
STATEHOOD PERIOD: TOWN MARKINGS



Alexandria - Dublin, Ohio (Jan 23, 1833)
Established during territorial period; "first return" July 1, 1806.

ALEXANDRIA, La.

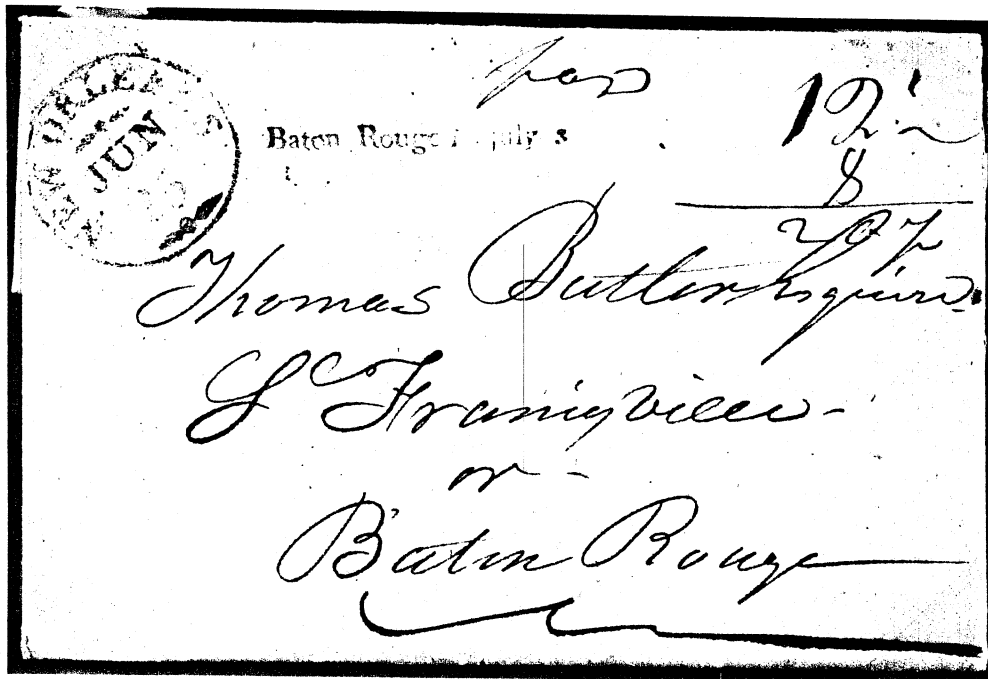
39 x 3 mm.



Baton Rouge - Natchez, M. T. (May 27, 1813)
Established during territorial period; "first return" Jan 1, 1812.

Baton-Rouge May 27

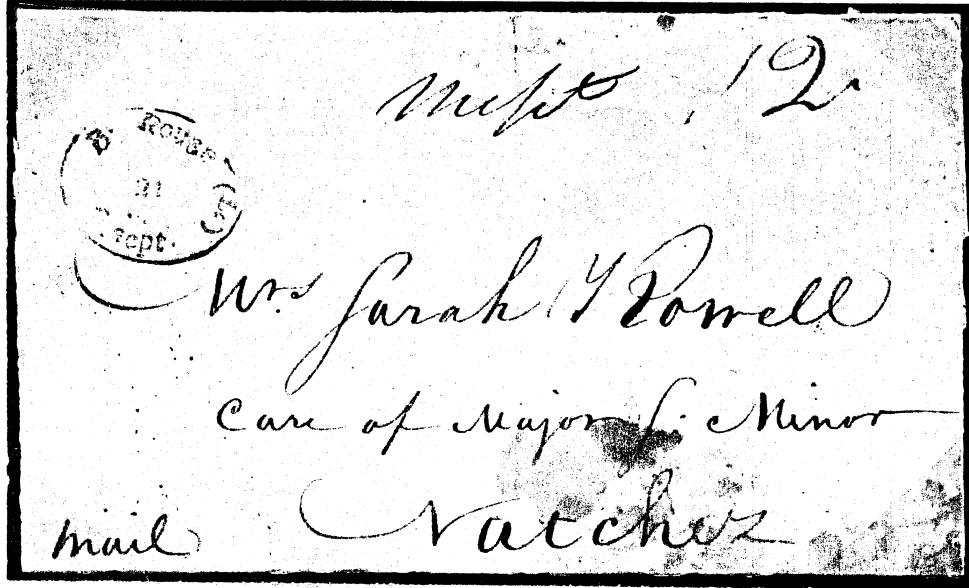
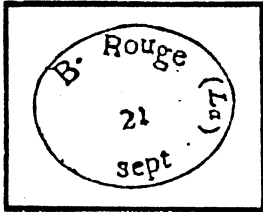
36 x 5 mm.



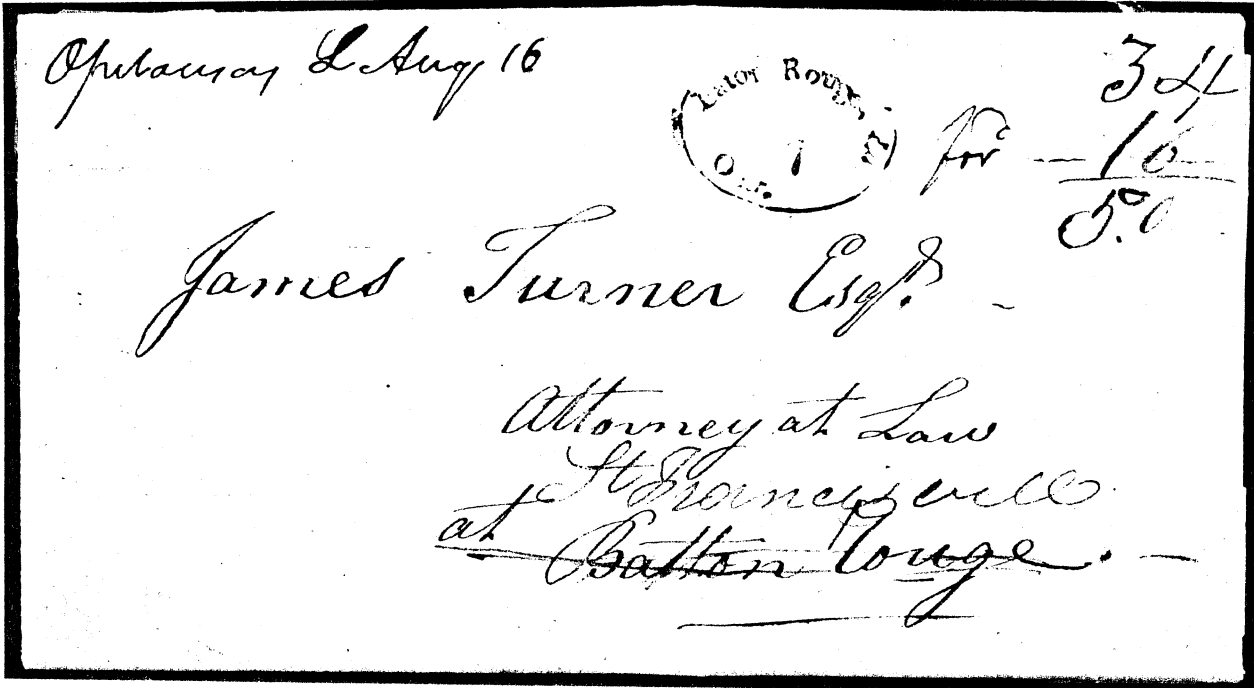
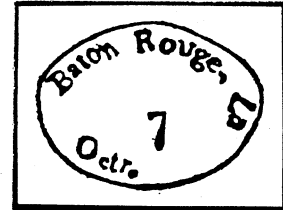
New Orleans - Baton Rouge - St. Francisville (Jul 3, 1814)

Baton Rouge La July 3

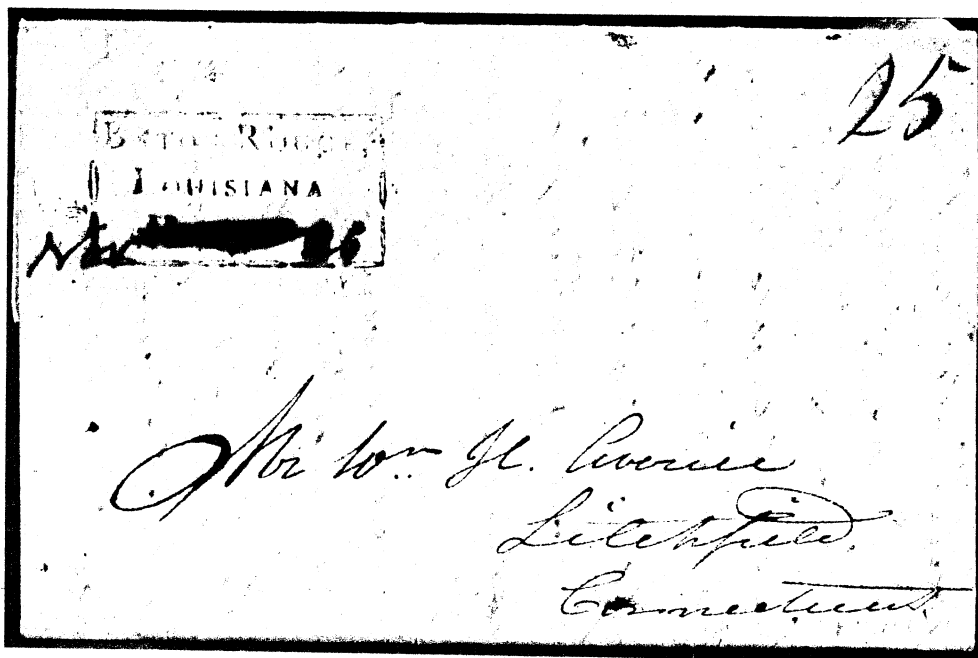
28 x 3 mm.



Baton Rouge - Natchez (Sep 21, 1814)
25 x 21 mm. "rough" oval.



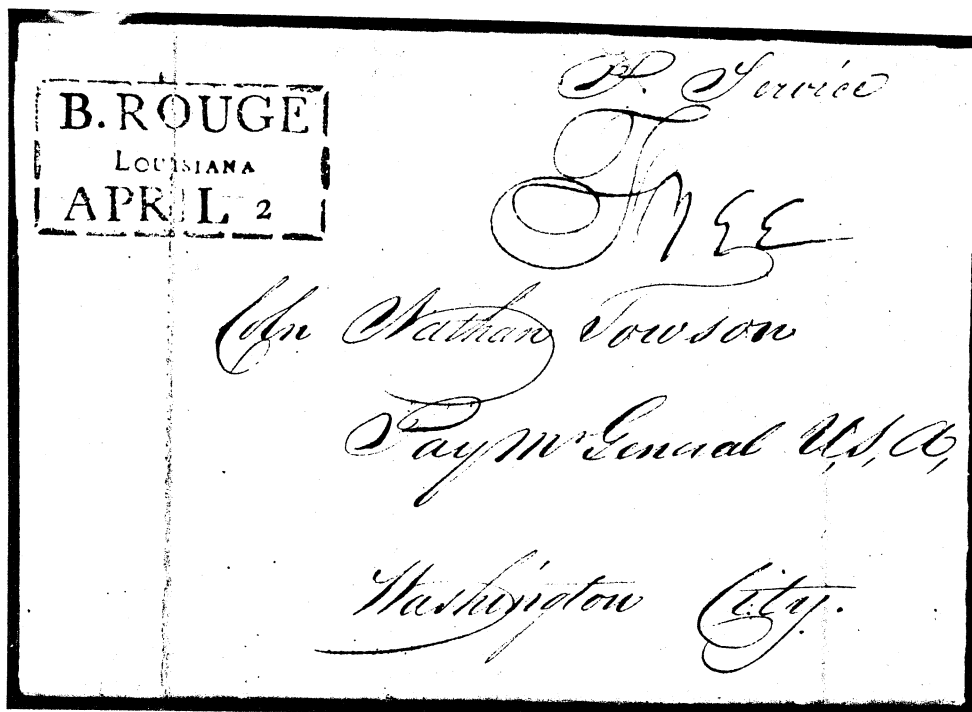
Opelousas - Baton Rouge - St. Francisville (Oct 7, 1815)
28 x 21 mm. "rough" oval.



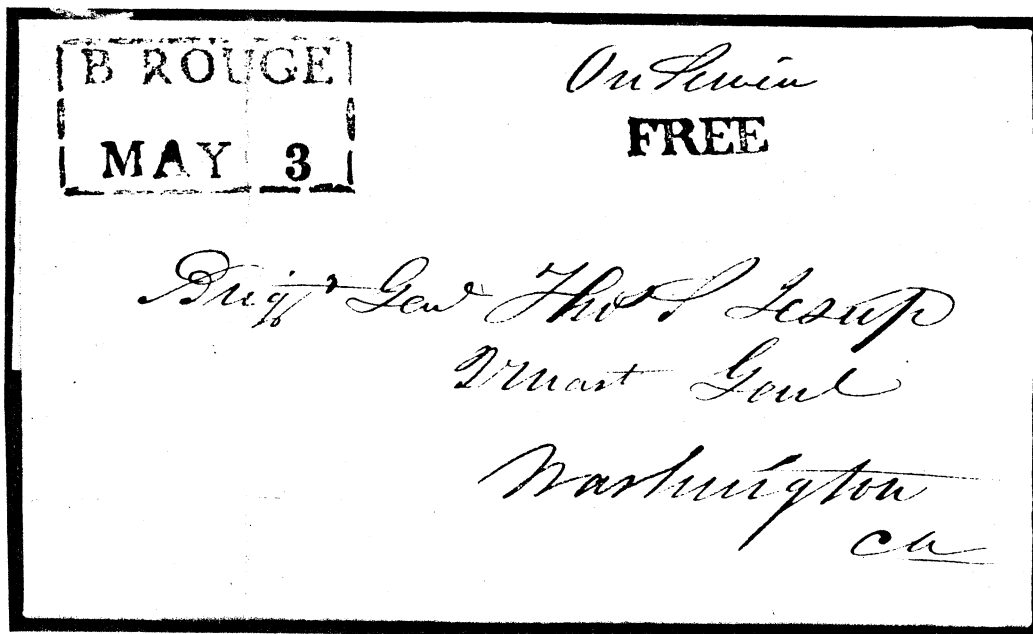
Baton Rouge - Littlefield, Conn. (Nov 26, 1817)
(Brown or red ink)

38 x 20 mm. "segmented" box.

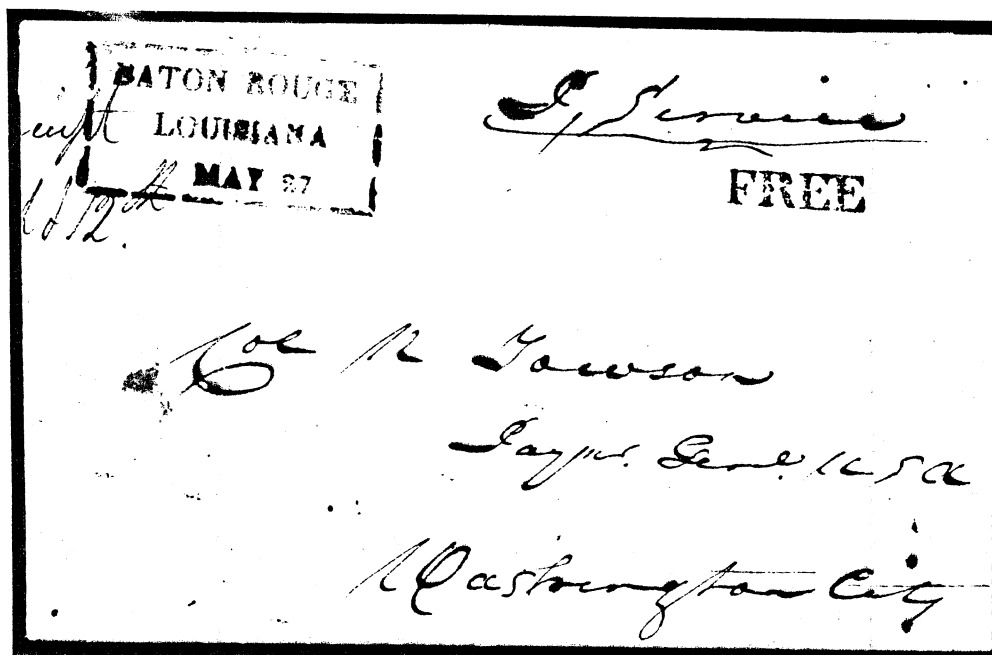
Note: Same box used with four different type arrangements.



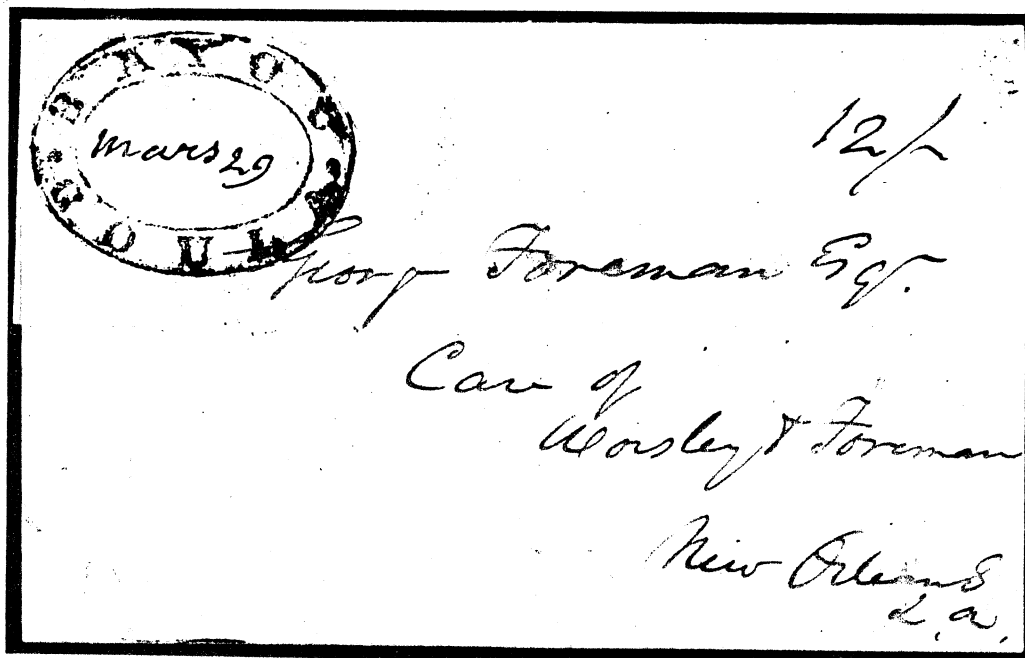
Baton Rouge - Washington City (Apr 2, 1821)



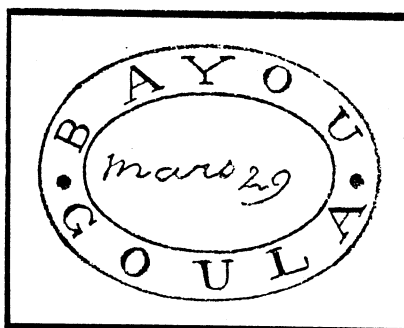
Baton Rouge - Washington (May 3, 1822)



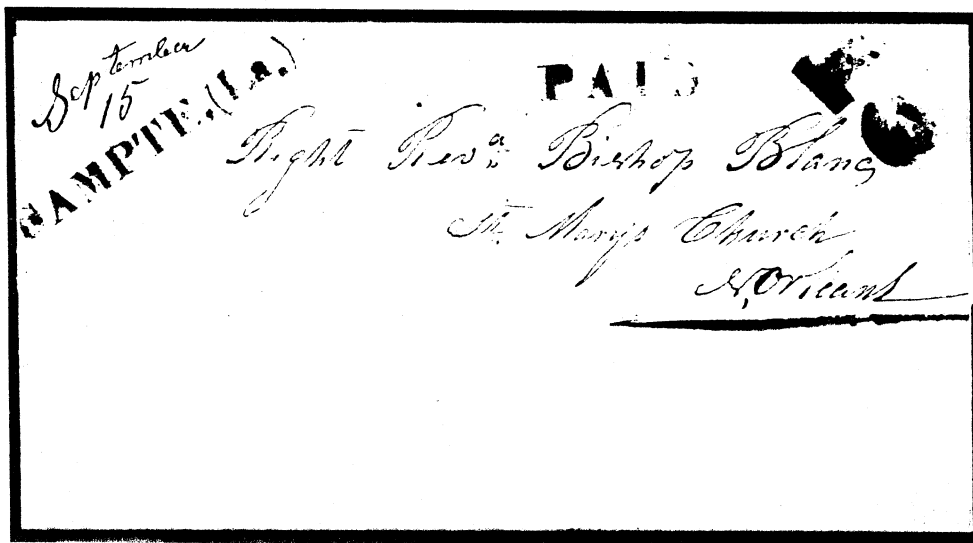
Baton Rouge - Washington City (May 27, 1823)



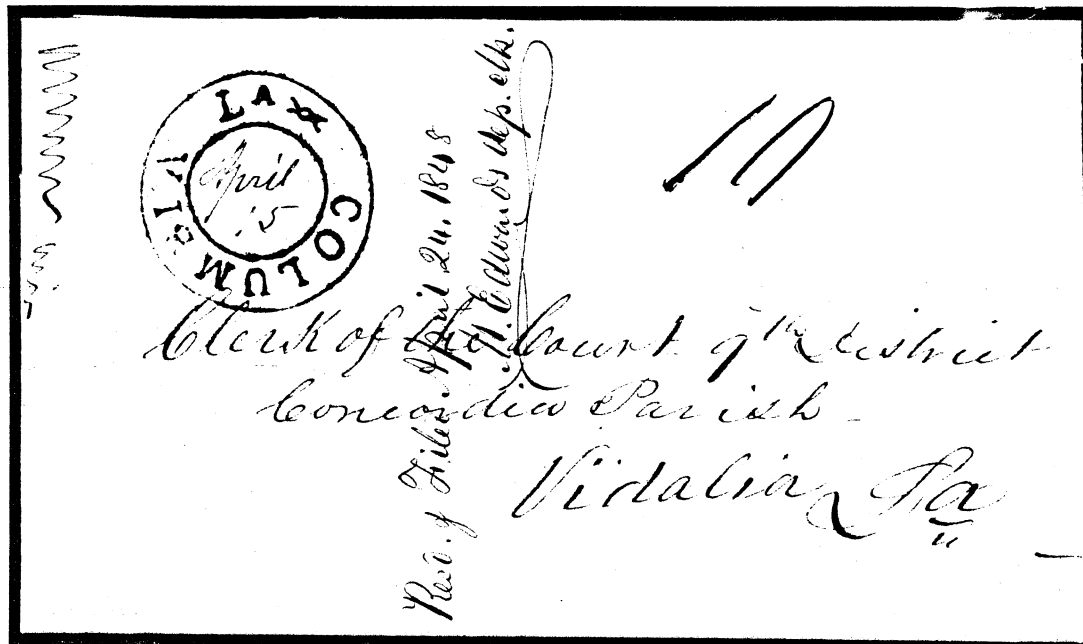
Bayou Goula - New Orleans (Mar 29, 1842)
Post office changed from Khorassan April 1, 1837.



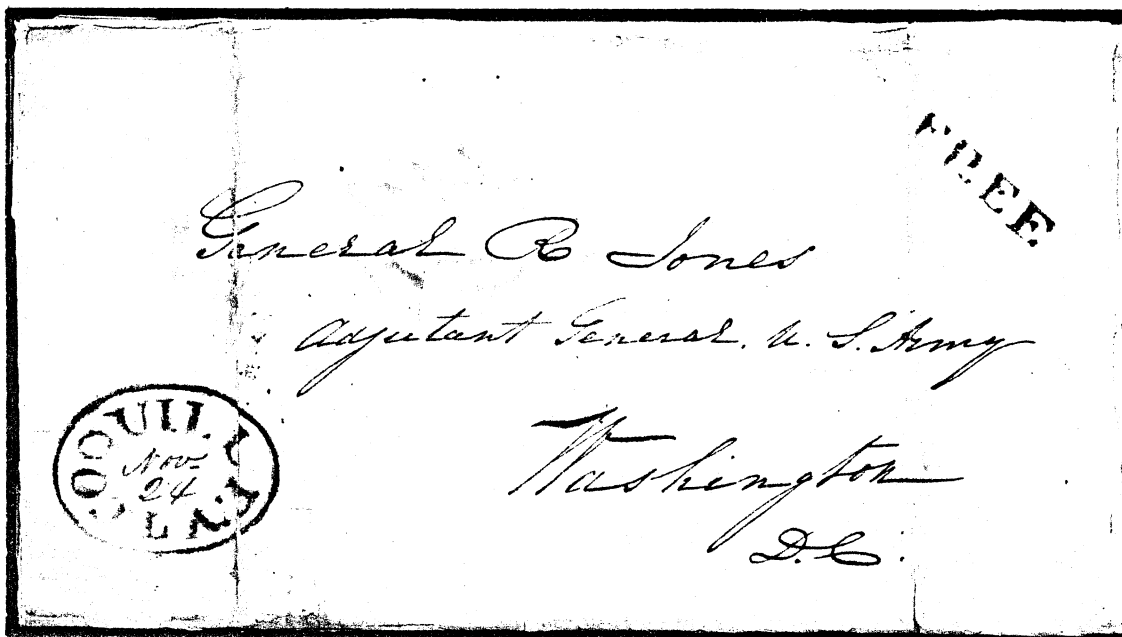
42 x 32 mm. double oval



Campte - New Orleans (Sep 15, 1846)
 Established April 13, 1830.



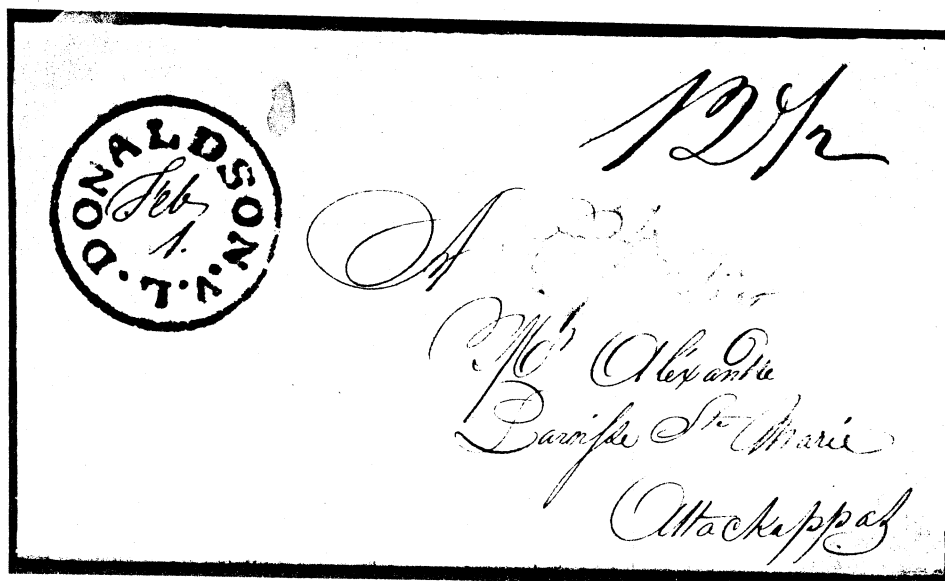
Columbia - Vidalia (Apr 15, 1848)
 Established August 9, 1837.



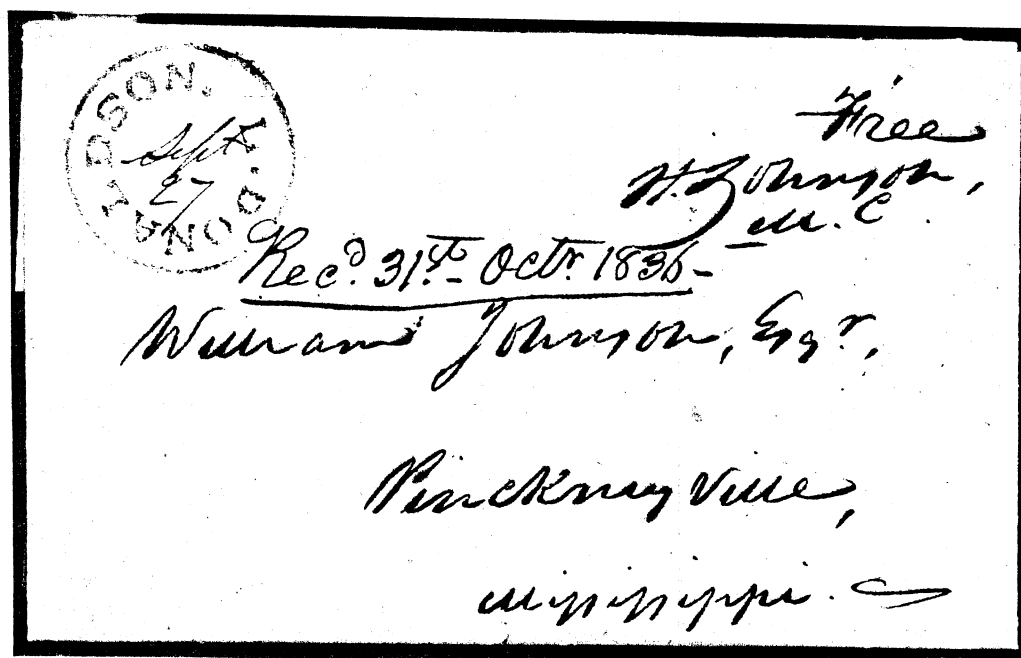
Coquille - Washington (Nov 24, 1835)
 Post office changed from Petite Coquille January 23, 1828.
 Letter headed "Fort Woods"

30 x 22 mm. oval

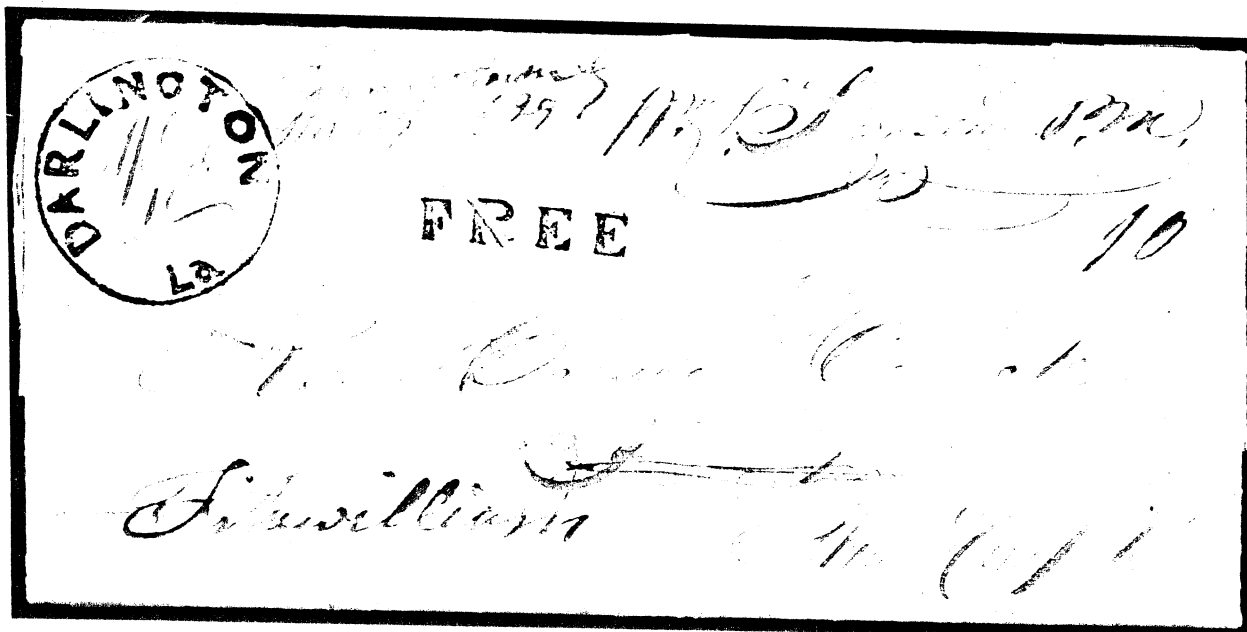




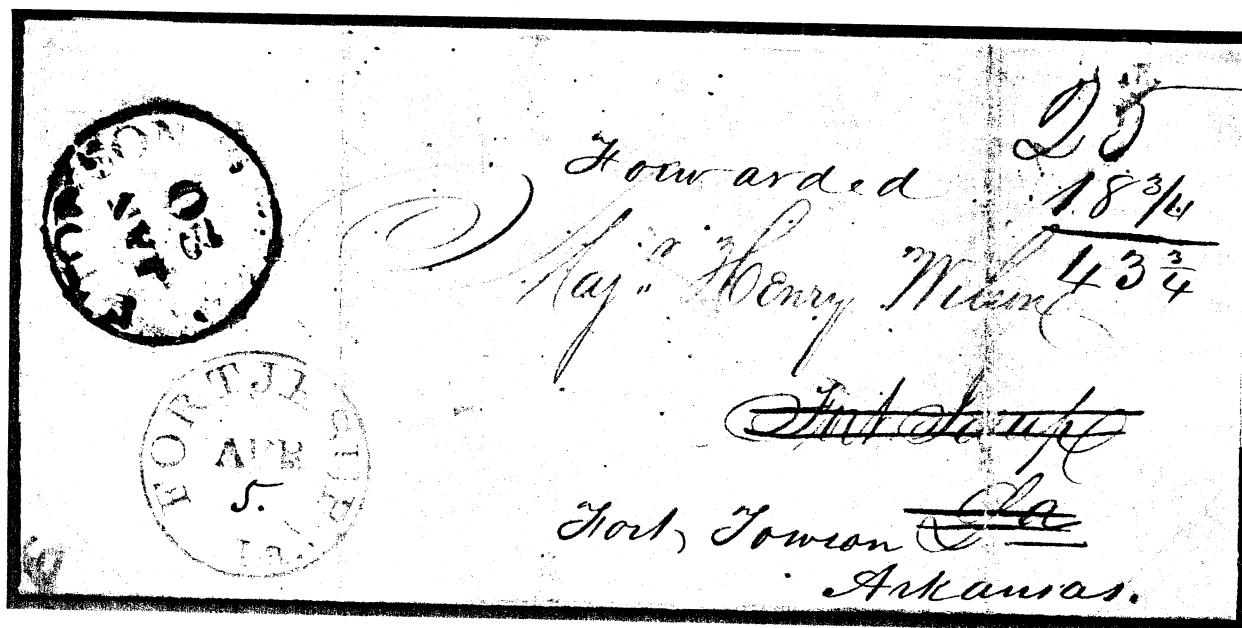
Donaldsonville (30 mm.) - Attakappas (Feb 1, 1828)



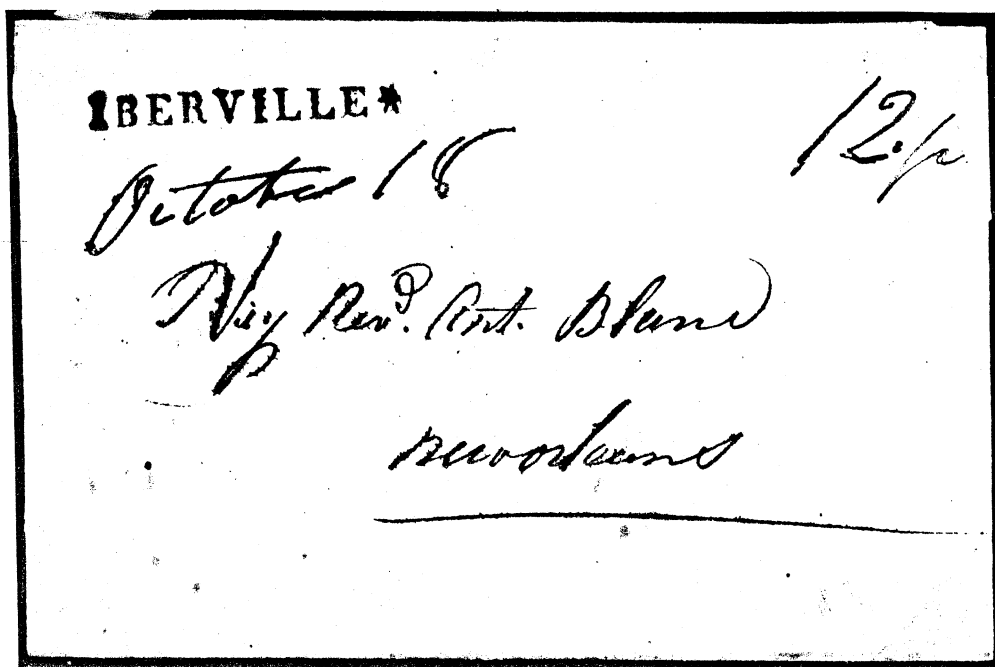
Donaldsonville ("V." removed) - Pinckneyville, Miss. (Sep 27, 1836)



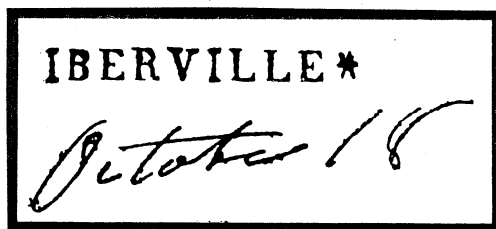
Darlington - Fitzwilliam, N. H. (Apr 10, 1844)
 Changed from Amite November 16, 1836.



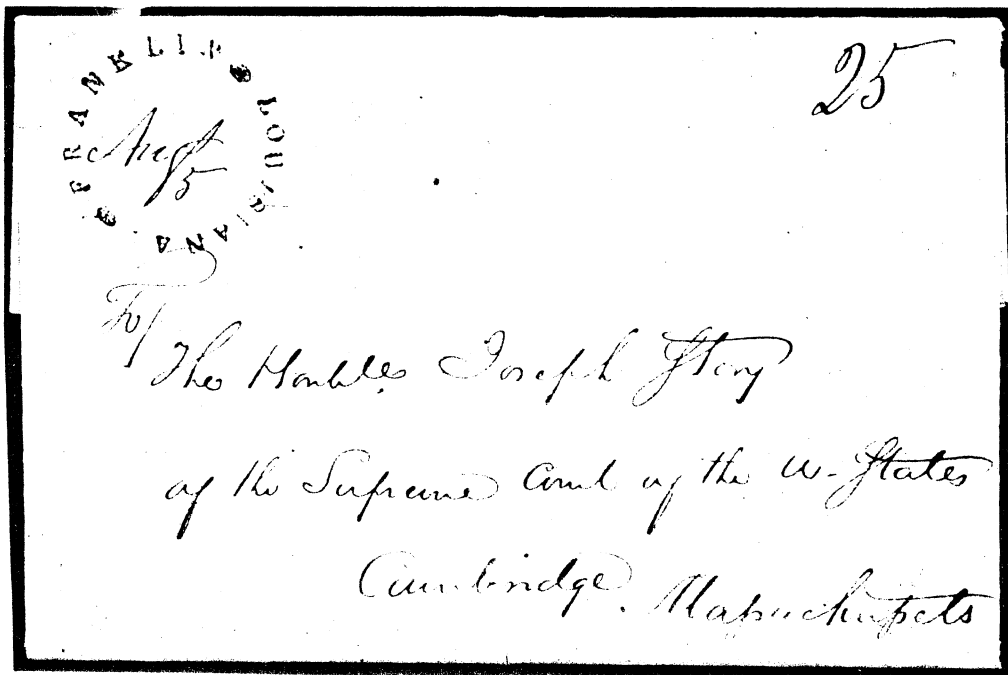
Fort Towson, Choctaw Nation - Fort Jesup
 Forwarded to Ft. Towson (Apr 5, 1840)
 Changed from Cantonment Jesup April 15, 1833.



Iberville - New Orleans (Oct 18, 1833)
Post office established December 1, 1813.



41 x 4 mm.

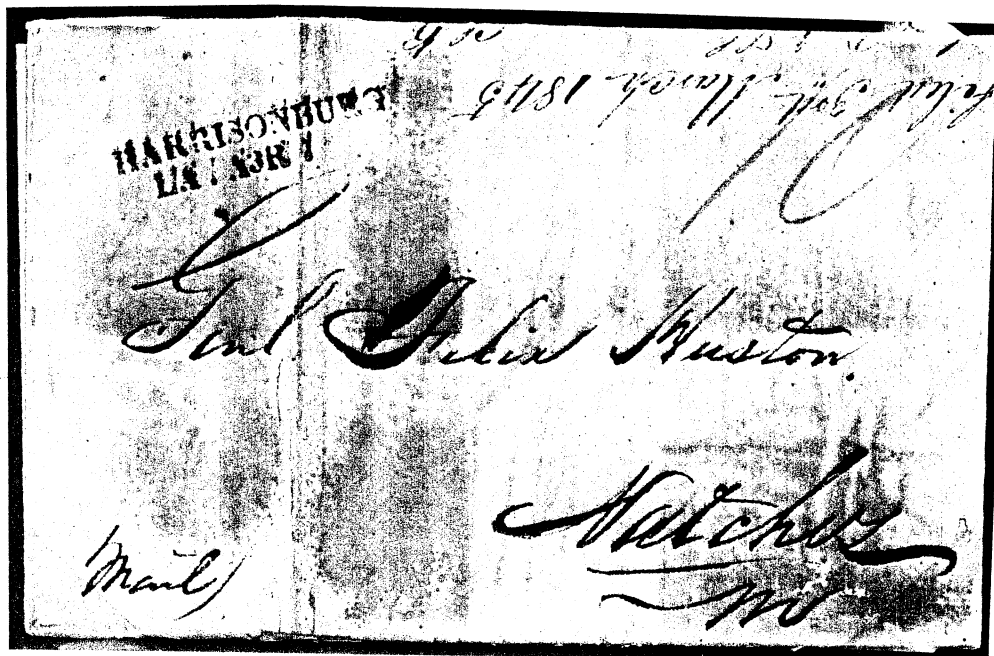


Franklin - Cambridge, Mass. (Aug 5, 1832)
 Changed from Carlin Settlement April 26, 1817)

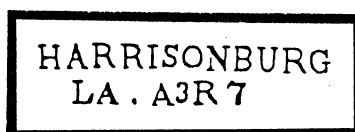


30 mm.
 (no outer rim)

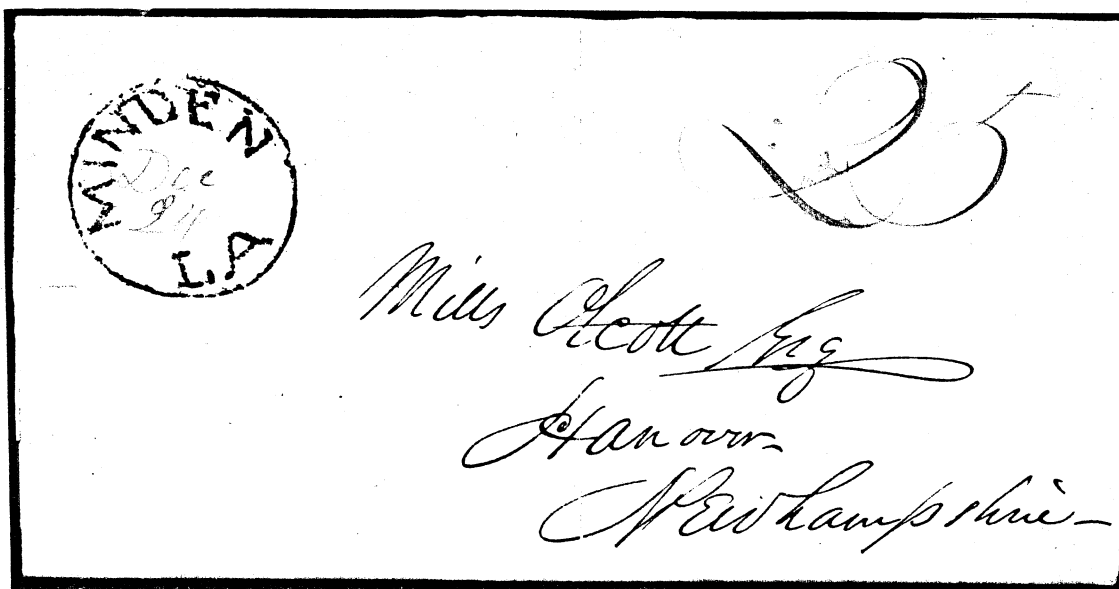
"Alick, you are going to a new country (Louisiana)
 . . . You will find a different people (there)."
 (Gen. Andrew Jackson, advice to Alex. Porter)



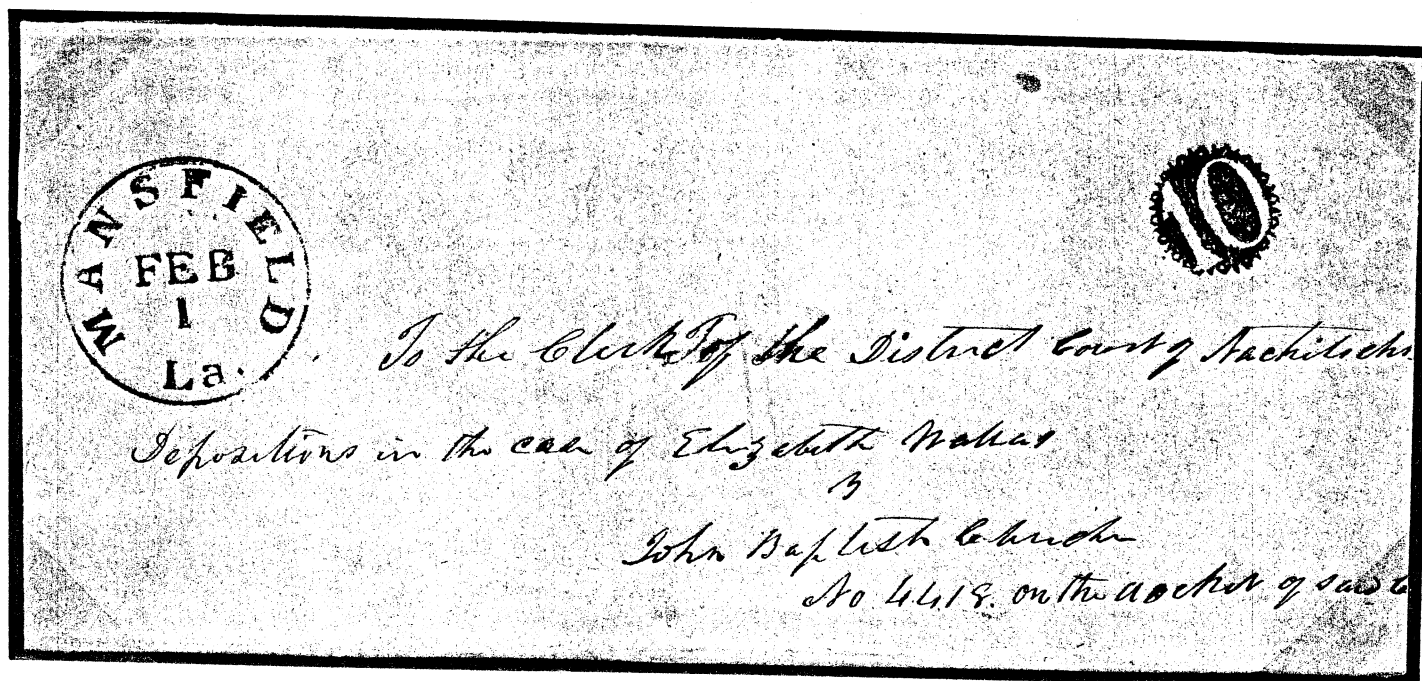
Harrisonburg - Natchez, Miss. (Apr 7, 1836)
Post office established July 11, 1822.



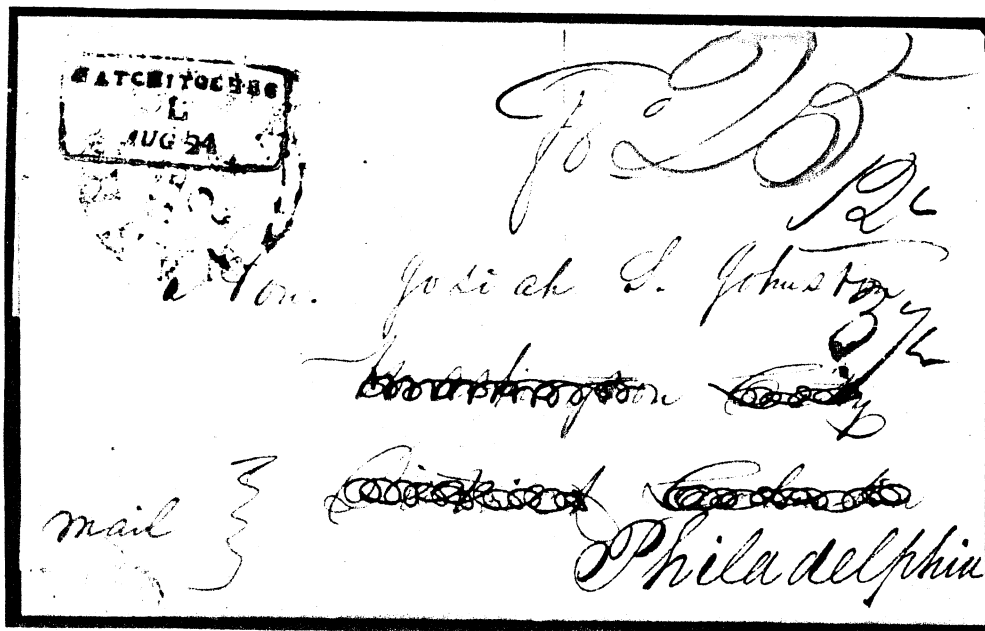
37 x 8 mm.



Minden - Hanover, N. H. (Dec 24, 1839)
Post office established Feb 9, 1839.

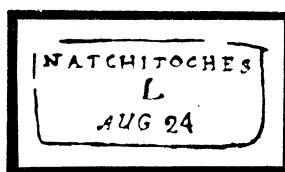


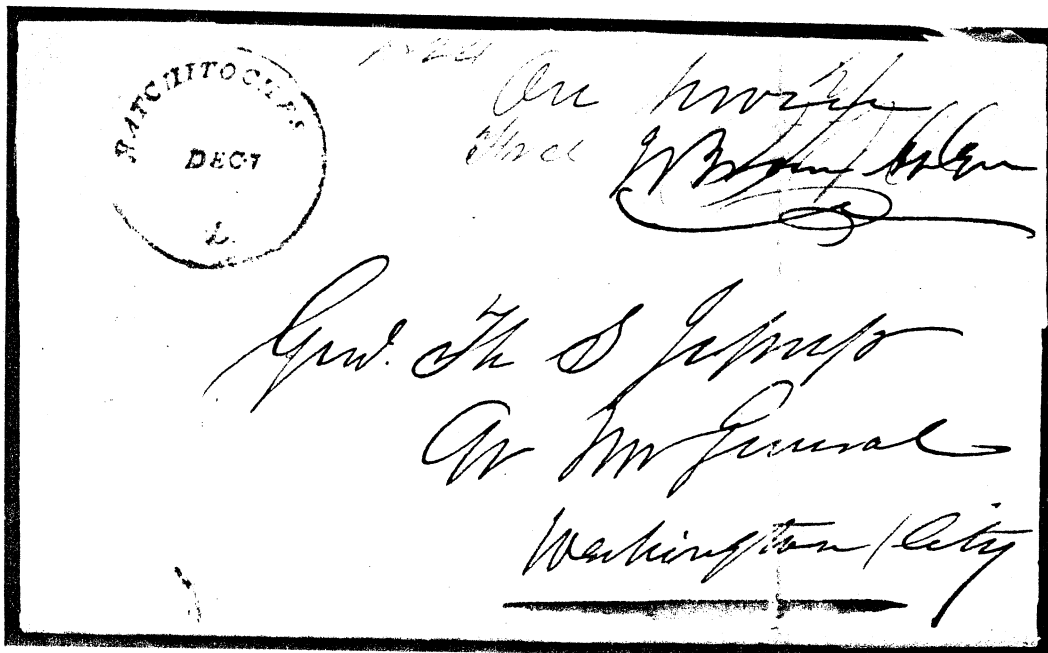
Mansfield - Natchitoches (Feb 1, c. 1853)
Post office established Nov 30, 1844.



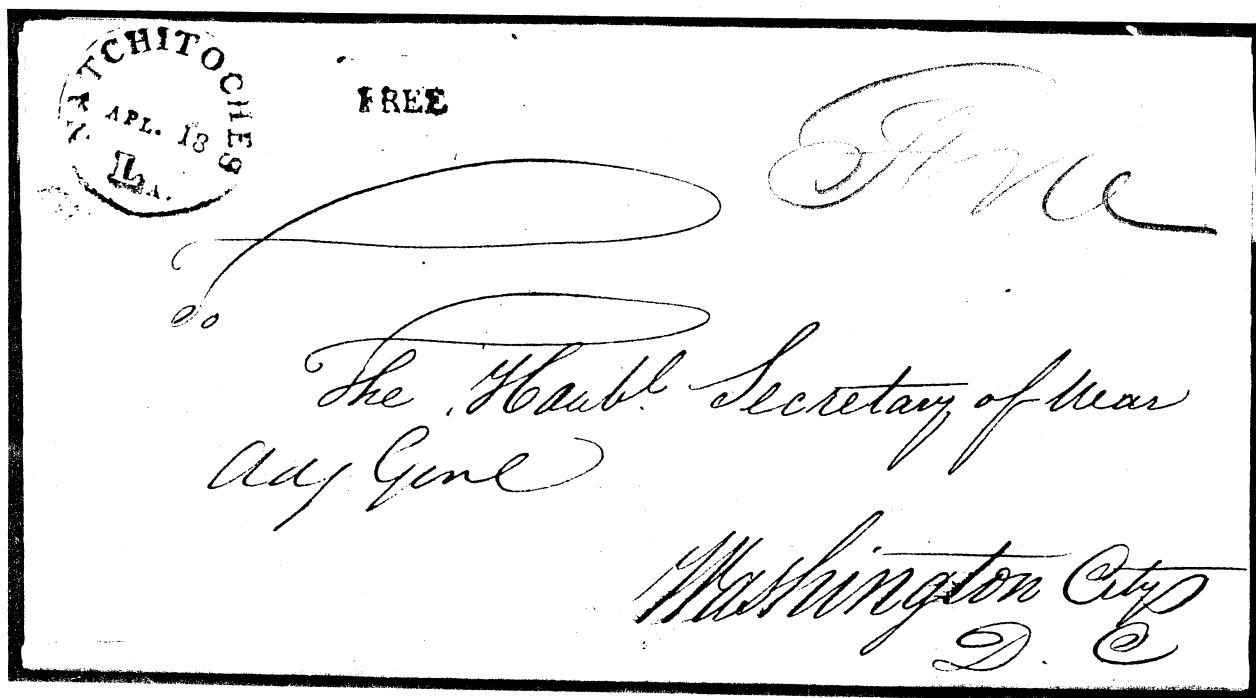
Natchitoches - Washington City (Aug 24, 1824)
Forwarded to Philadelphia.

24 x 14 mm. box.

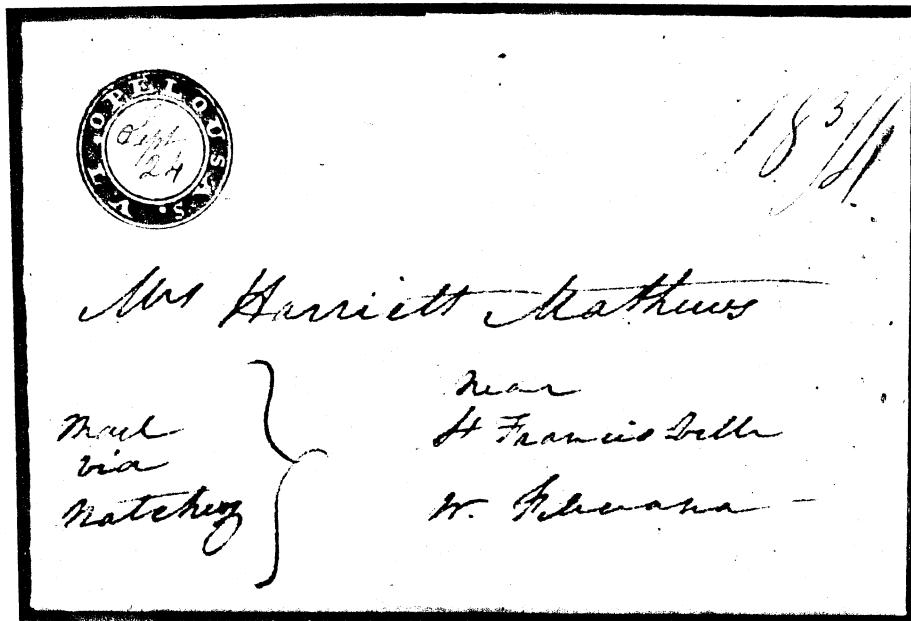




Natchitoches - Washington (Dec 7, 1824)
"On Service Free J(acob) Brown"



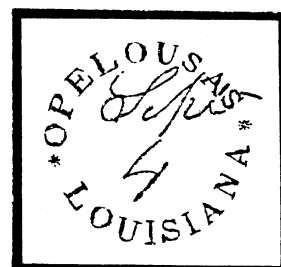
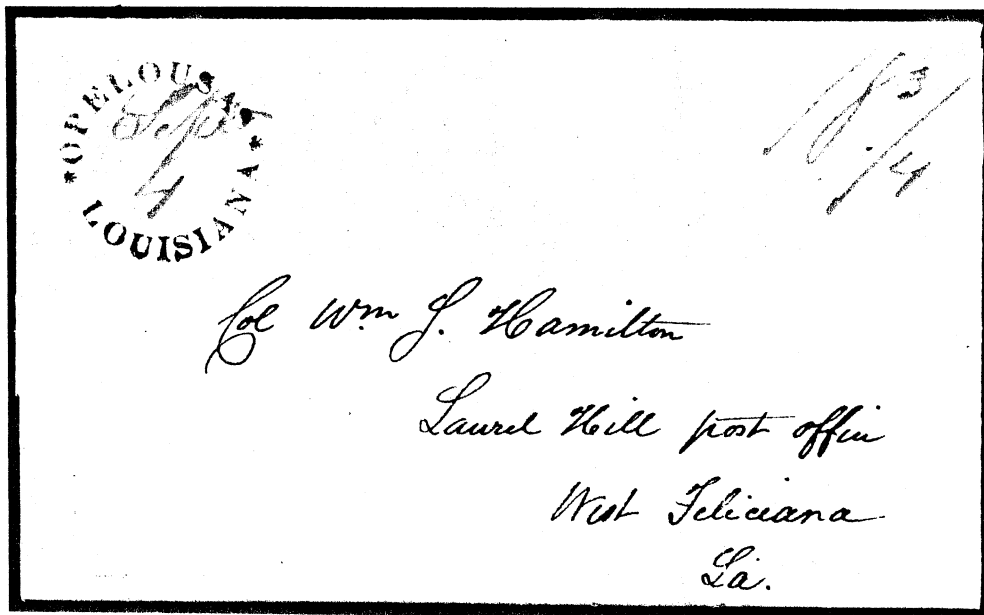
Natchitoches - Washington (Apr 18, 1826)
Headed "Cantonment Jesup"



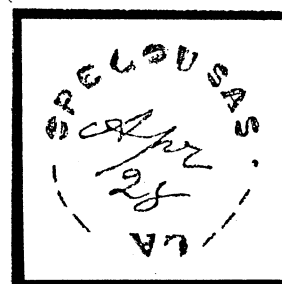
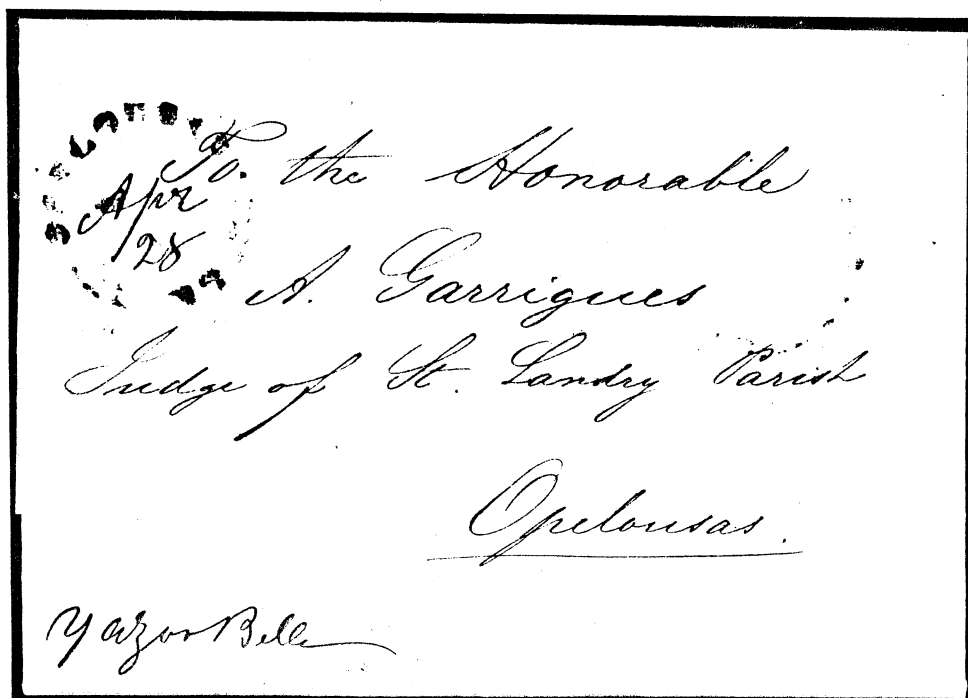
Opelousas - St. Francisville (Sep 24, 1828)



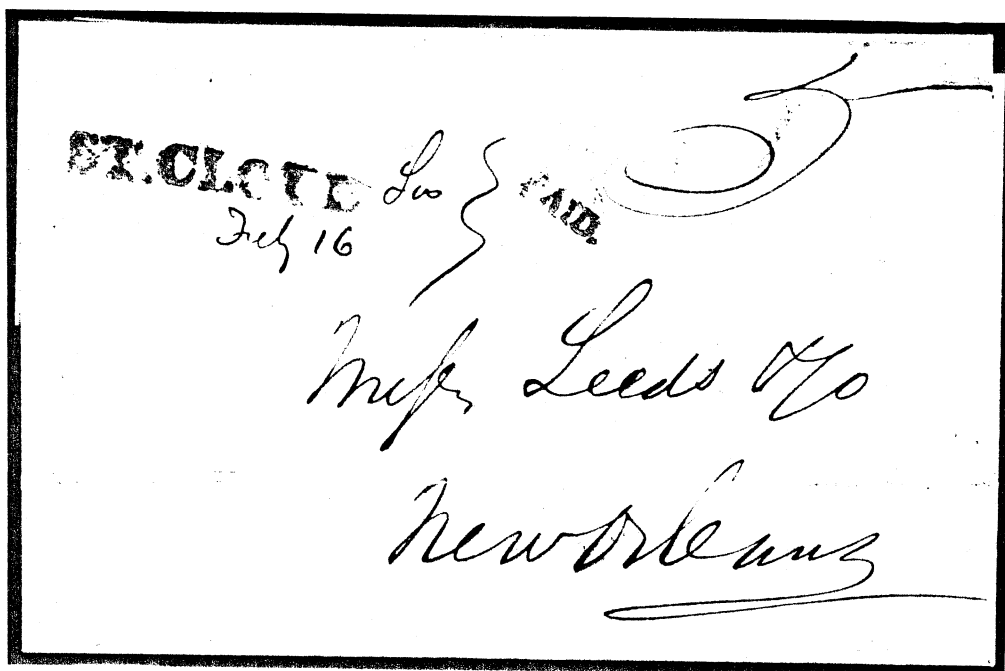
20½ mm. cancel;
"negative" letters.



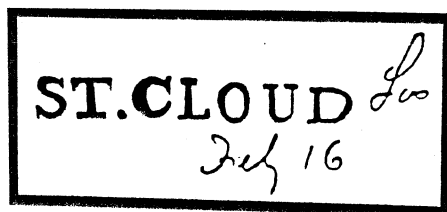
26 mm.
(no outer rim)



29 mm.
(no outer rim)



St. Cloud - New Orleans (Feb 16, 1851)
Established September 10, 1850.



40 x 5 mm.

St. Francisville, (L)
February 12, 1815.

12.

Mr. Mayor Duncan
Ellis Ferry

mail

M. I.

St. Francisville - Ellis Ferry
(36 x 2½ mm.)

St. Francisville, (L)
February 2, 1815.

St. Francisville, (Lou,)
February 15, 1815.

St. Francisville - New Orleans
(40 x 2½ mm.)

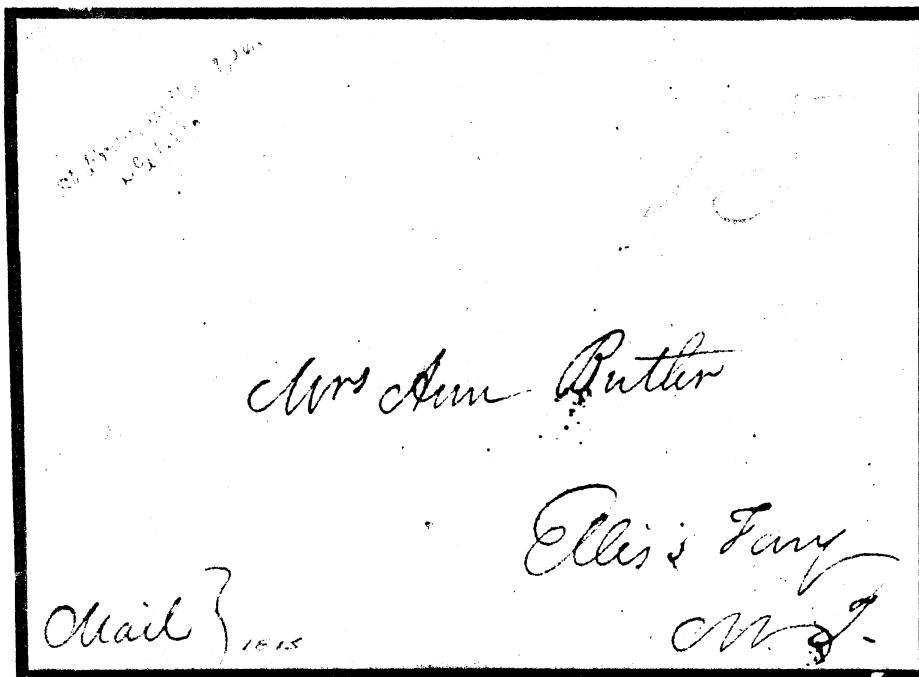
St. Francisville, (Lou,)
February 15, 1815.

25½

Doctor M. A. Haynie:

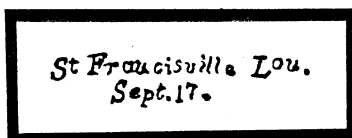
By mail

City M. Orleans

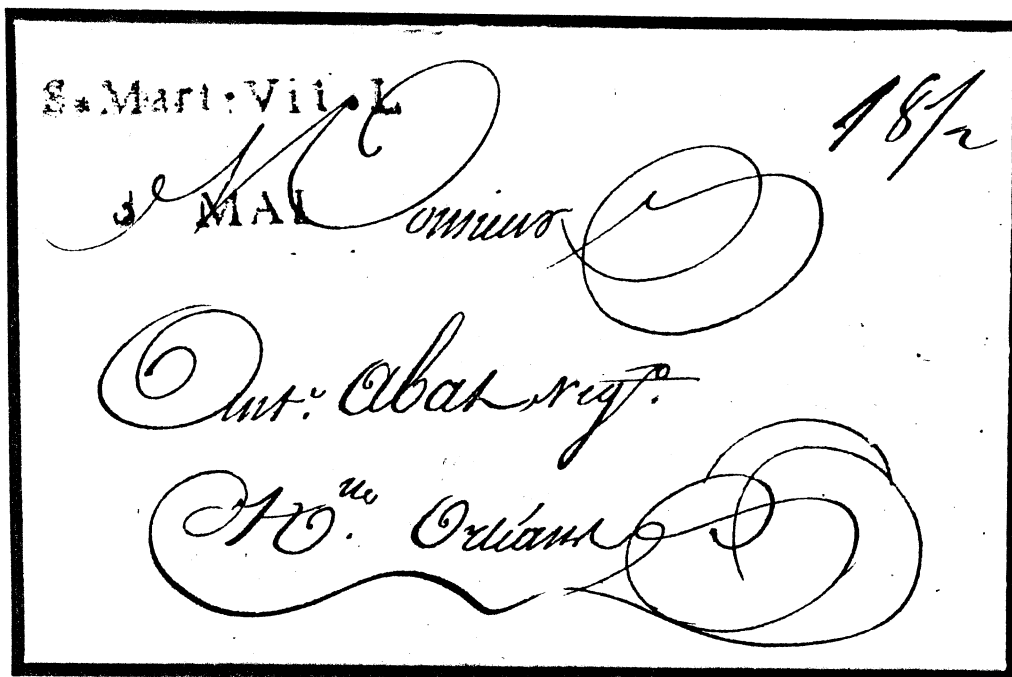


St. Francisville - Ellis's Ferry, Miss. Terr. (Sep 17, 1815)

"St Francisville"

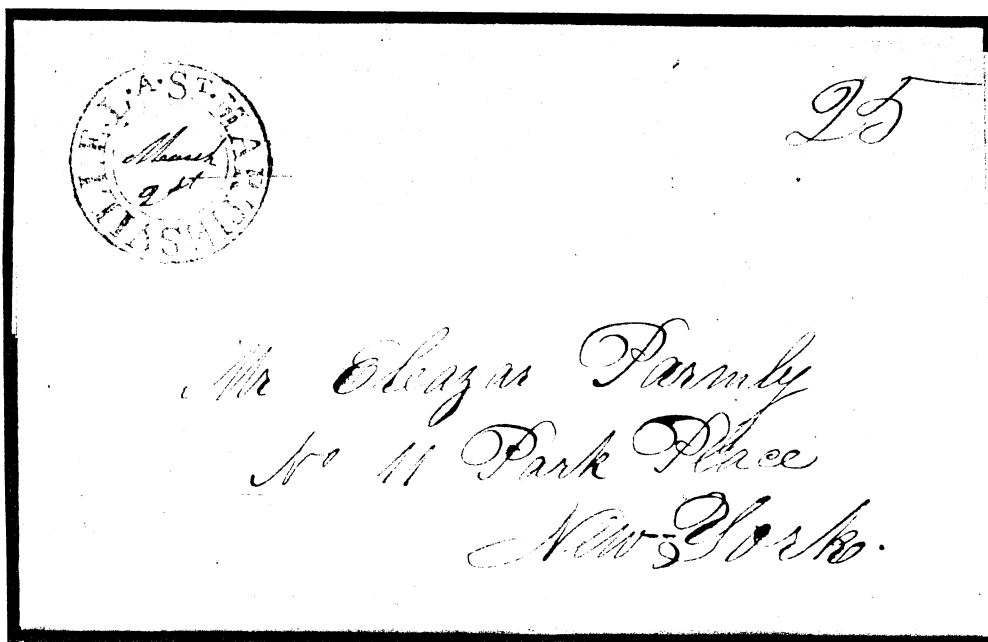


33 x 2½ mm.

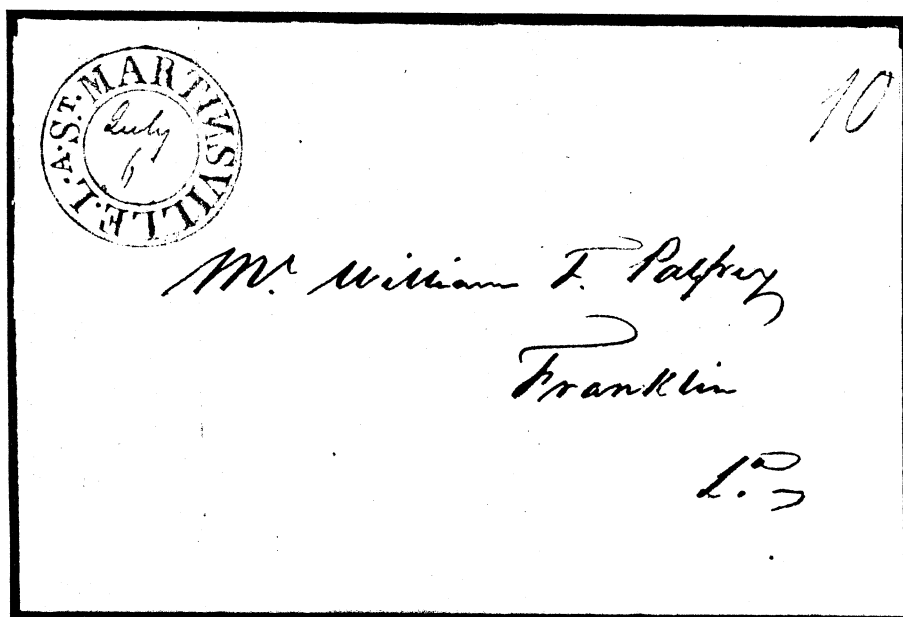


St. Martinsville - New Orleans (May 3, 1823)
47 x 4½ mm. straightline cancel.

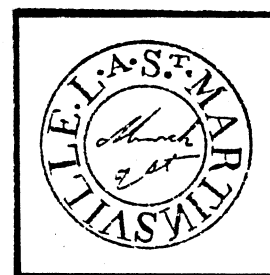




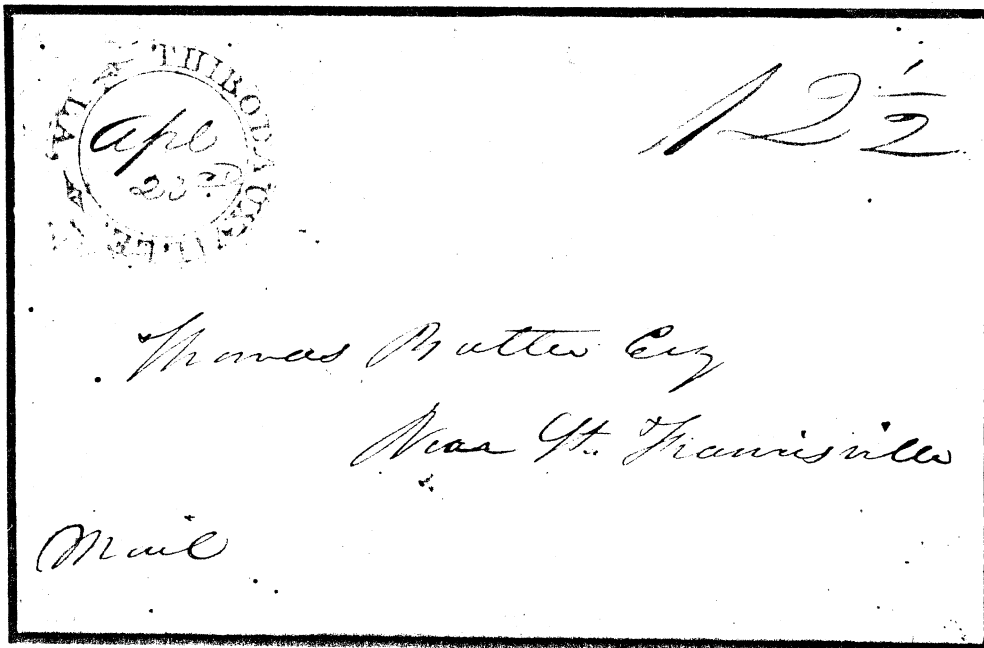
St. Martinsville - New York (Mar 2, 1831)



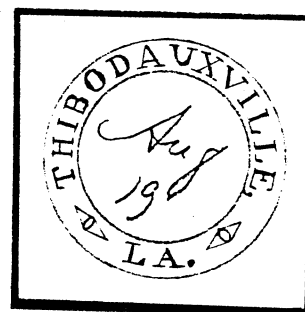
St. Martinsville - Franklin (Jul 6, 1832)



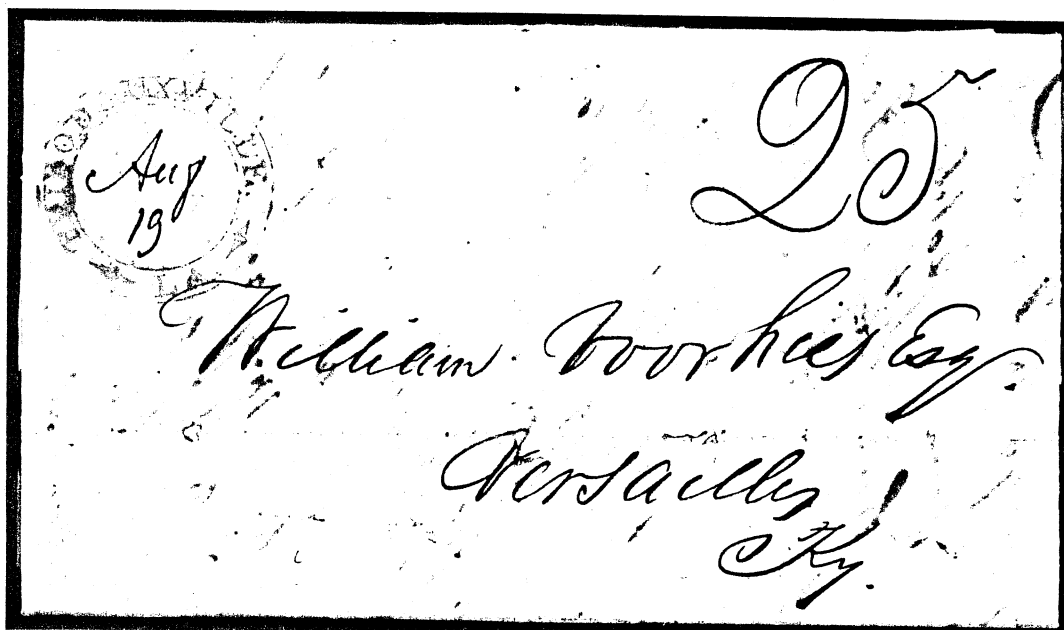
26 mm.
("N" reversed)



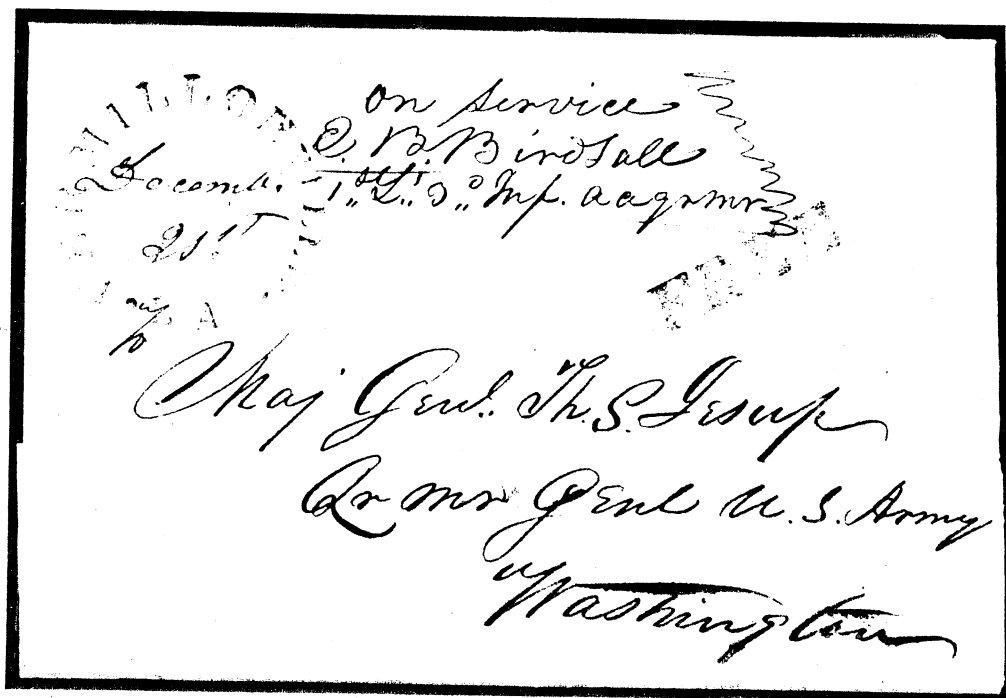
Thibodauxville - St. Francisville (Apr 23, c. 1831)
Established December 13, 1827.



31 mm.



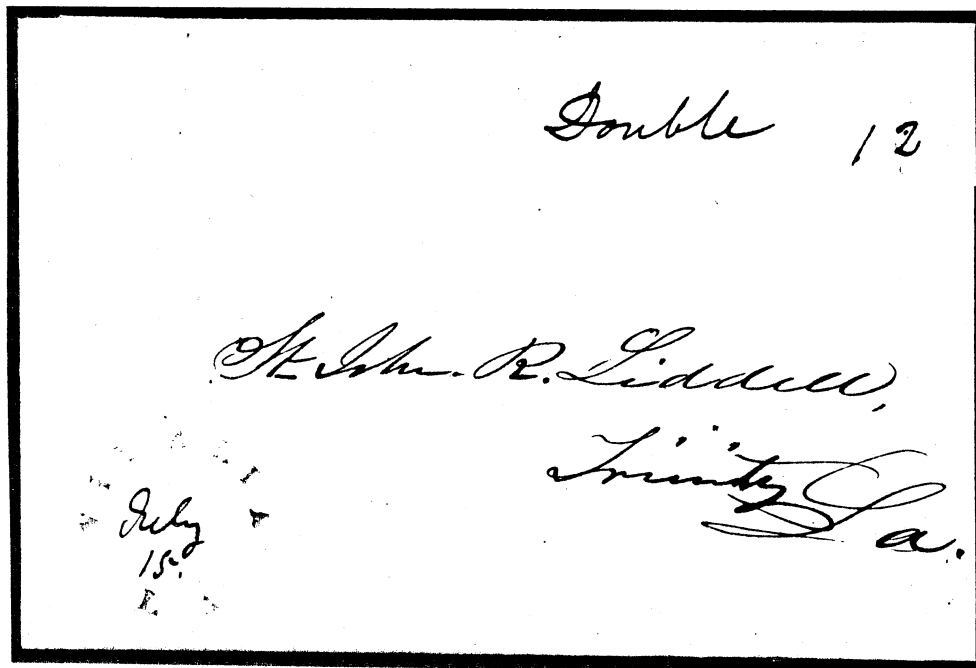
Thibodauxville - Versailles, Ky. (Aug 19, 1837)



Vermillionville - Washington (Dec 21, 1830)
 Post office changed from Vermillion Bridge April 17, 1825.

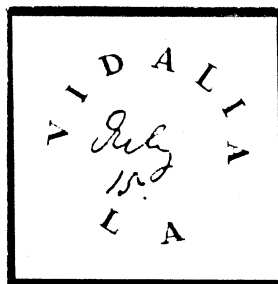


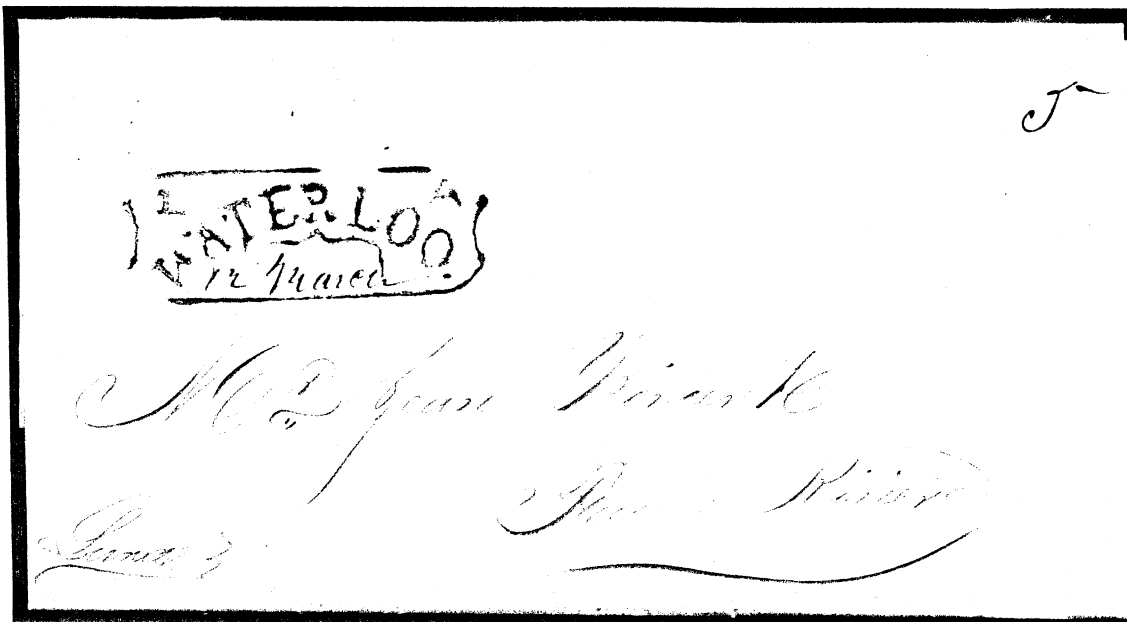
36 x 34 oval, no outer rim
 Note: Name misspelled in cancel.



Vidalia - Trinity (Jul 15, 1843 or 1844)
25 mm. cancel, no outer rim.

Post office established Jun 13, 1842.



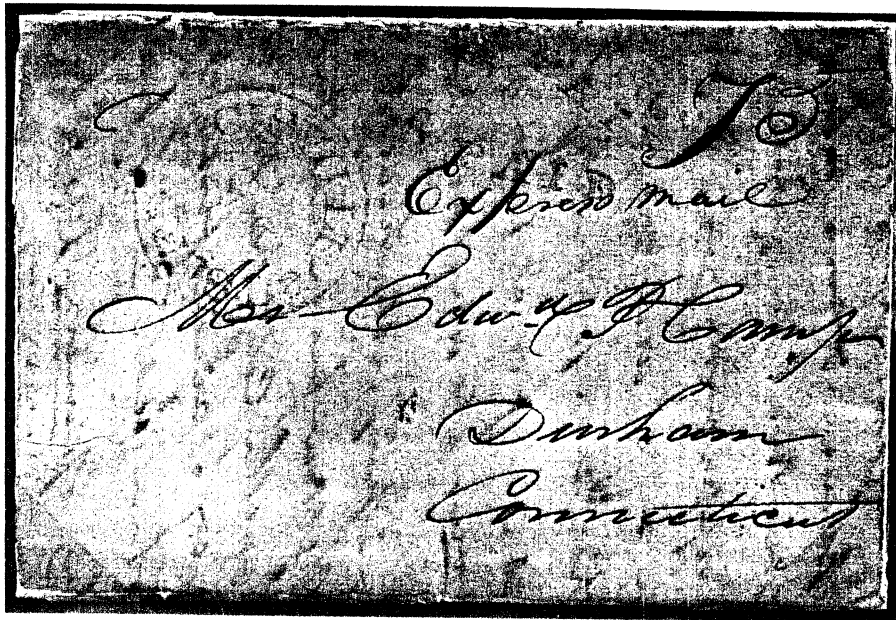


Waterloo - False River (Mar 12, 1849)
Per steamboat "Luna"; origin New Orleans.

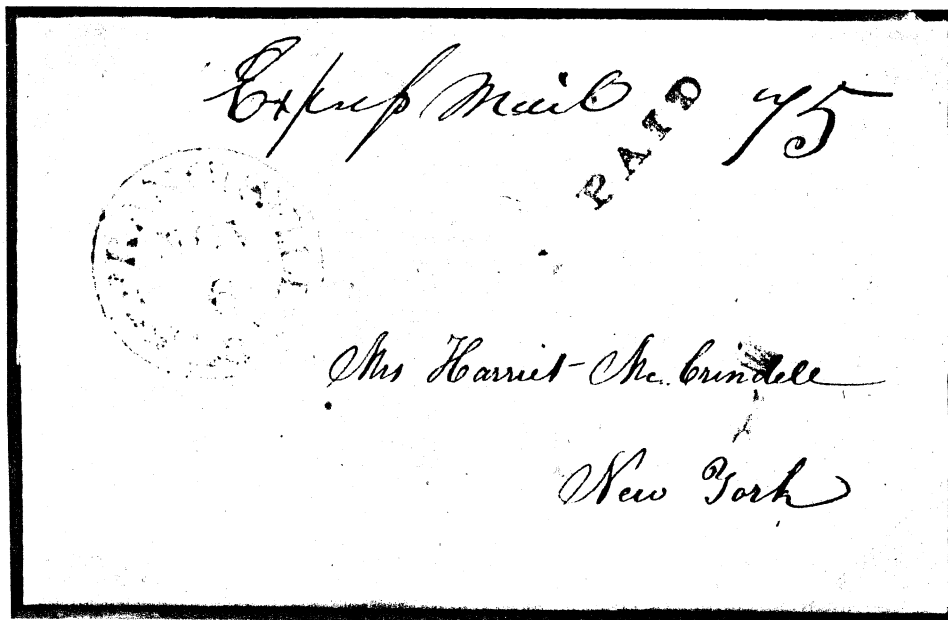


48 x 18 mm. shield type.

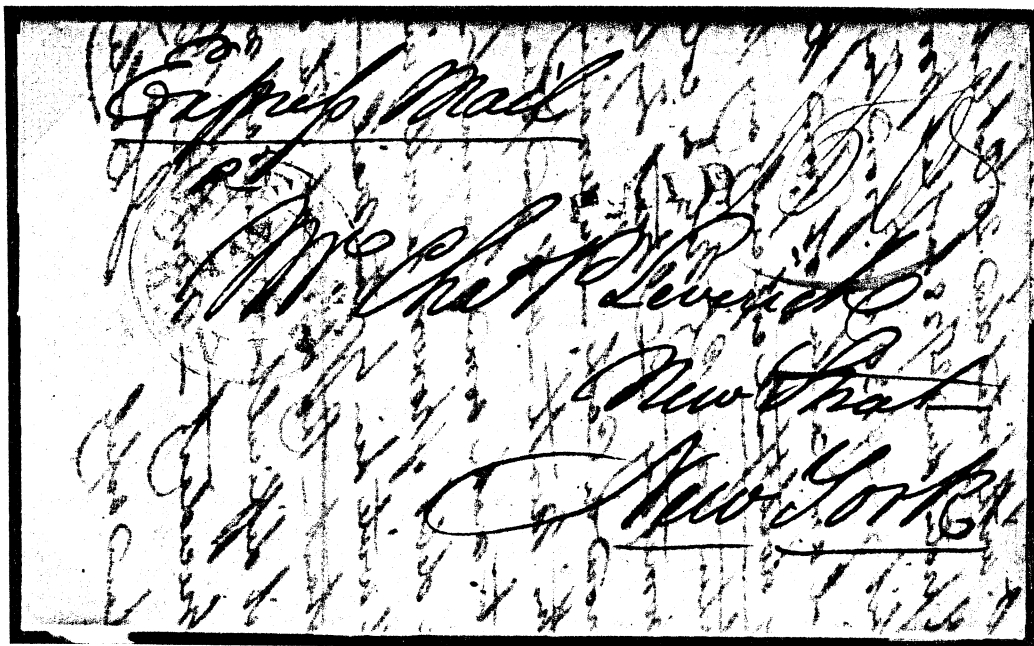
EXPRESS MAIL: 1836 - 1839



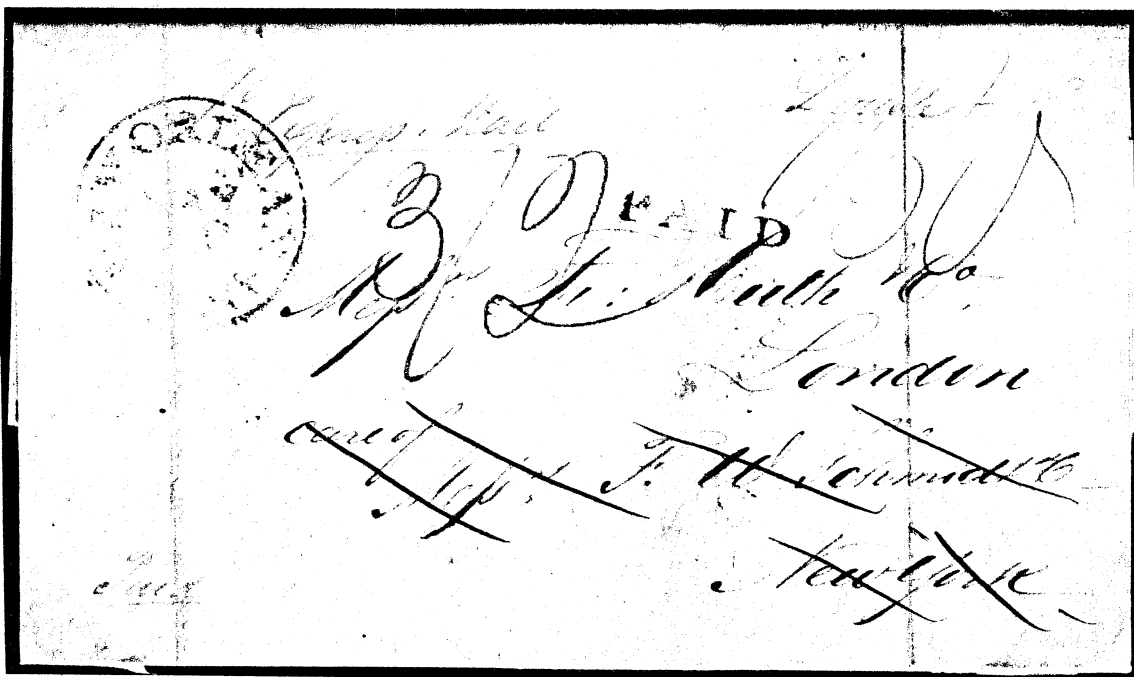
St. Francisville - Durham, Conn. (Oct 6, 1838)
Express mail rates were triple regular rates.



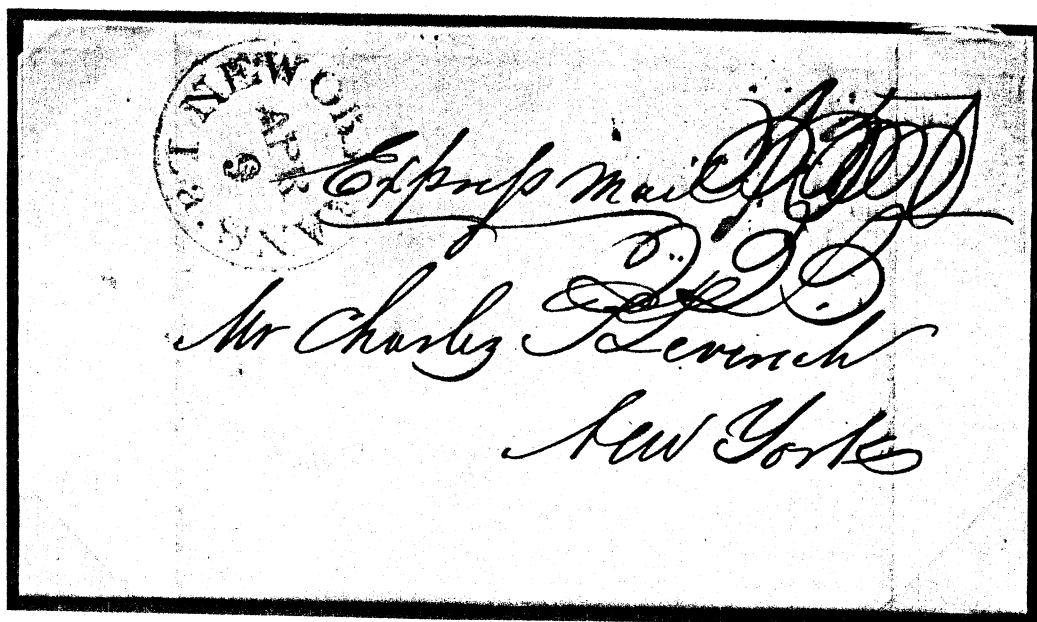
St. Francisville - New York (Nov 6, 1838)
Express mail service reduced transit time almost a week
between New Orleans and New York.



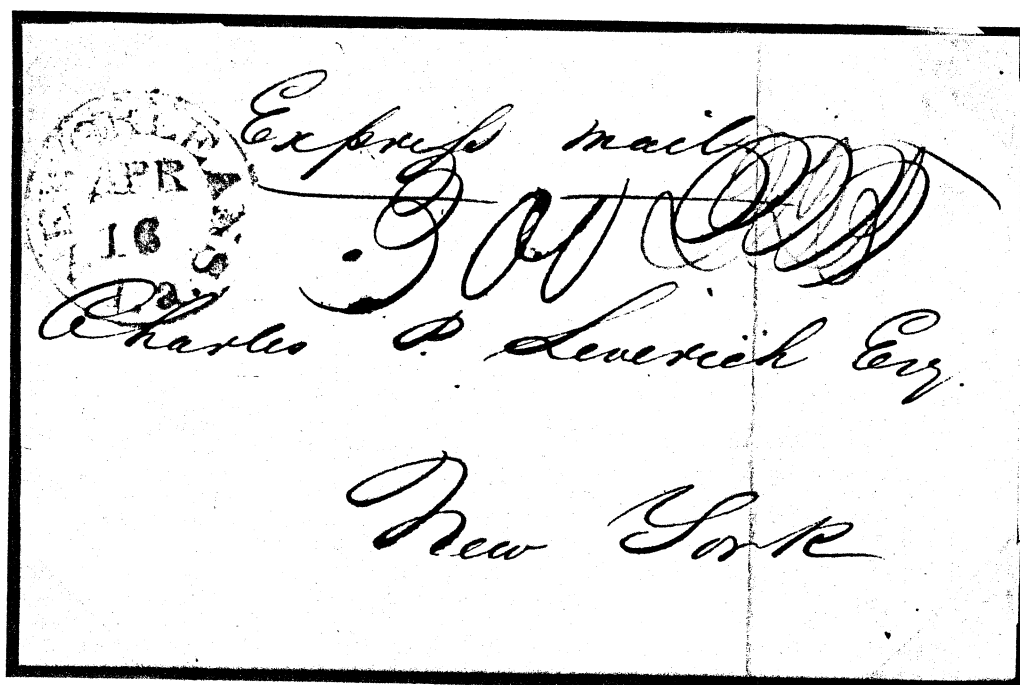
New Orleans - New York (May 3, 1837)
Double rate (\$1.50), over 500 miles; prepaid.



New Orleans - New York, forwarded to England (May 12, 1838)
\$1.50 U.S. postage + 3 shillings, 2 pence British.

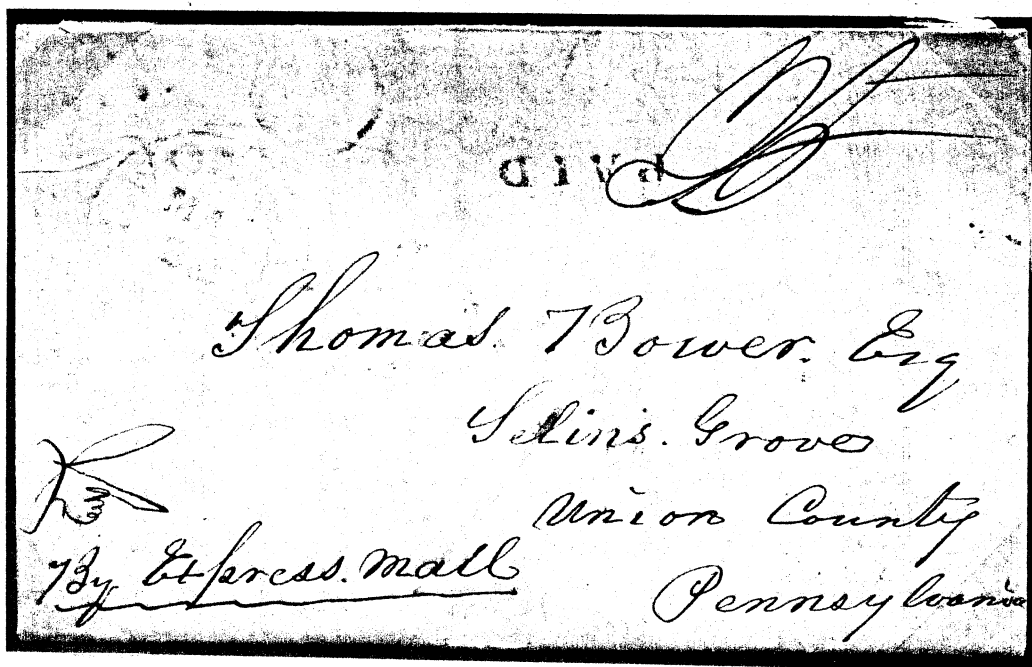


New Orleans - New York (Apr 9, 1837)
Triple rate; collect.

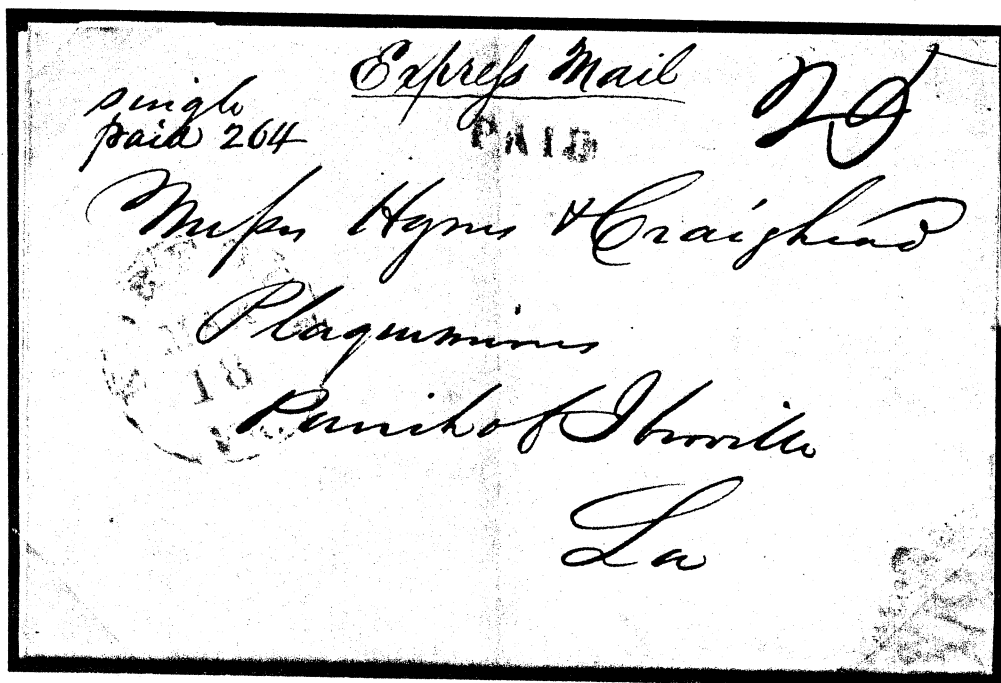


New Orleans - New York (Apr 16, 1837)
Quadruple rate; collect.

EXPRESS MAIL: 1845

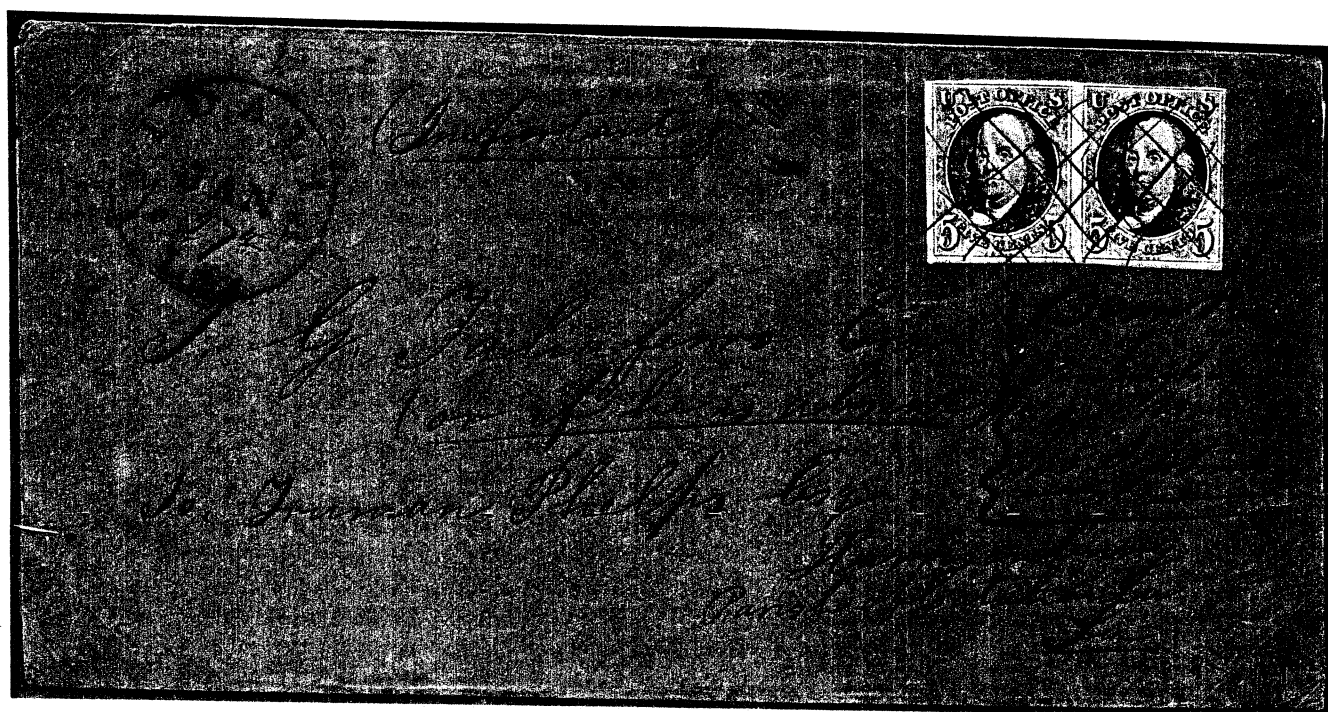


St. Francisville - Selin's Grove, Pa., via New Orleans (Mar 22, 1845)
South to North. Prepayment required; regular postal rates.

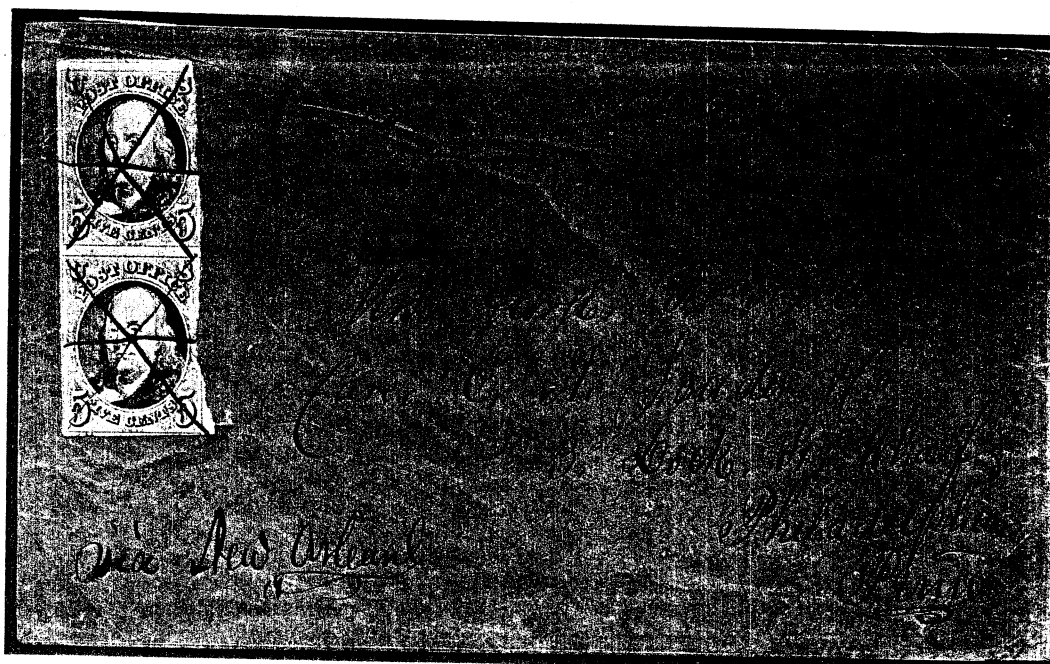


Norfolk, Va. - Plaquemine (Mar 18, 1845)
North to South; via New Orleans.

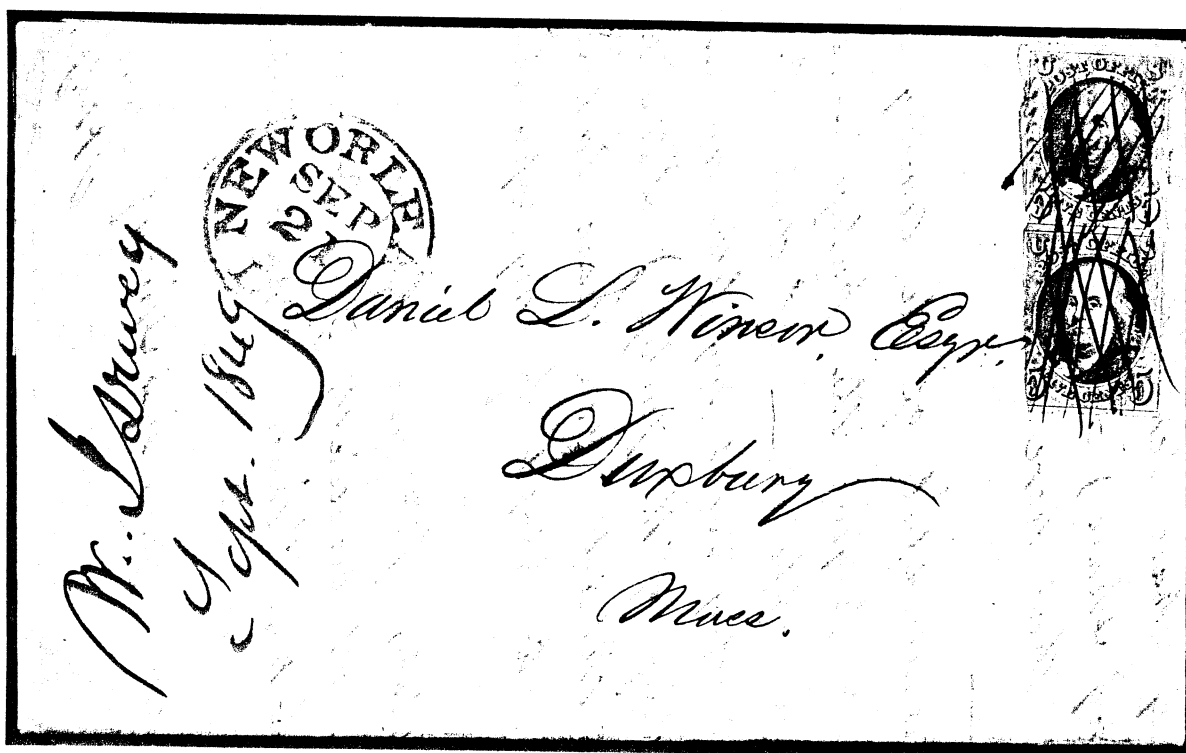
FIRST REGULAR ISSUE STAMPS



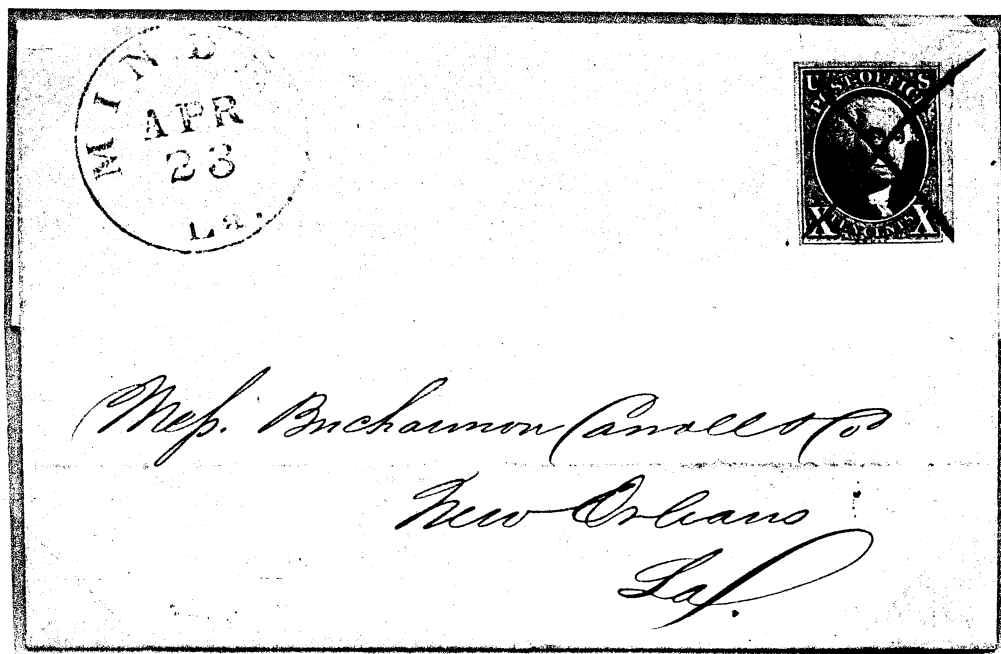
Vidalia - Harrisonburg (Jan 27, c. 1849)
Stamps probably brought in from New Orleans.



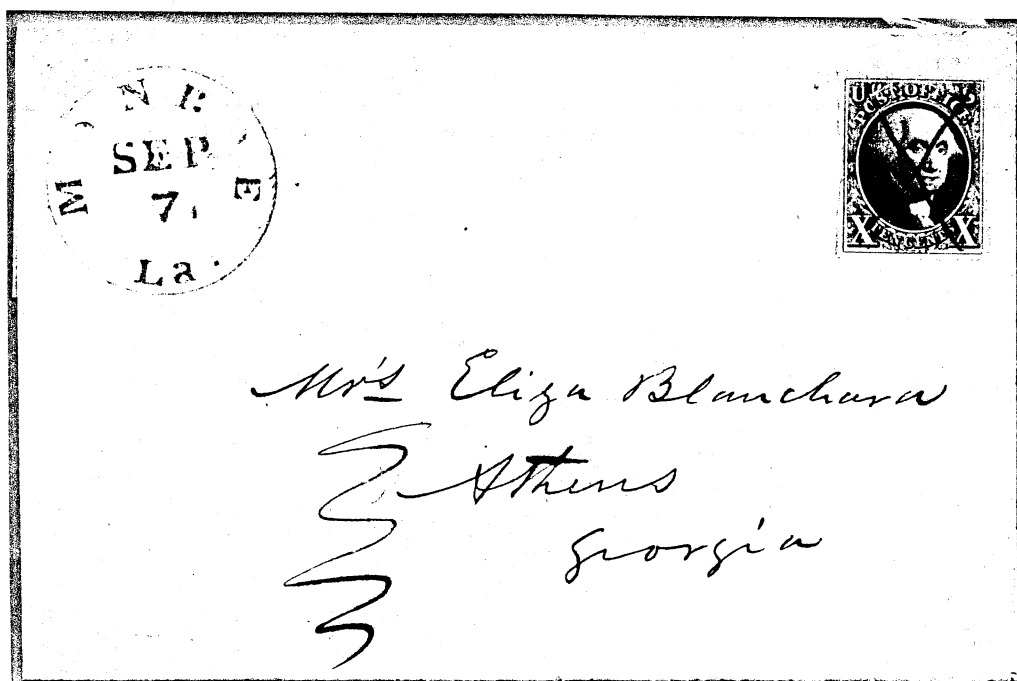
Donaldsonville - Philadelphia (May 22, 1851)



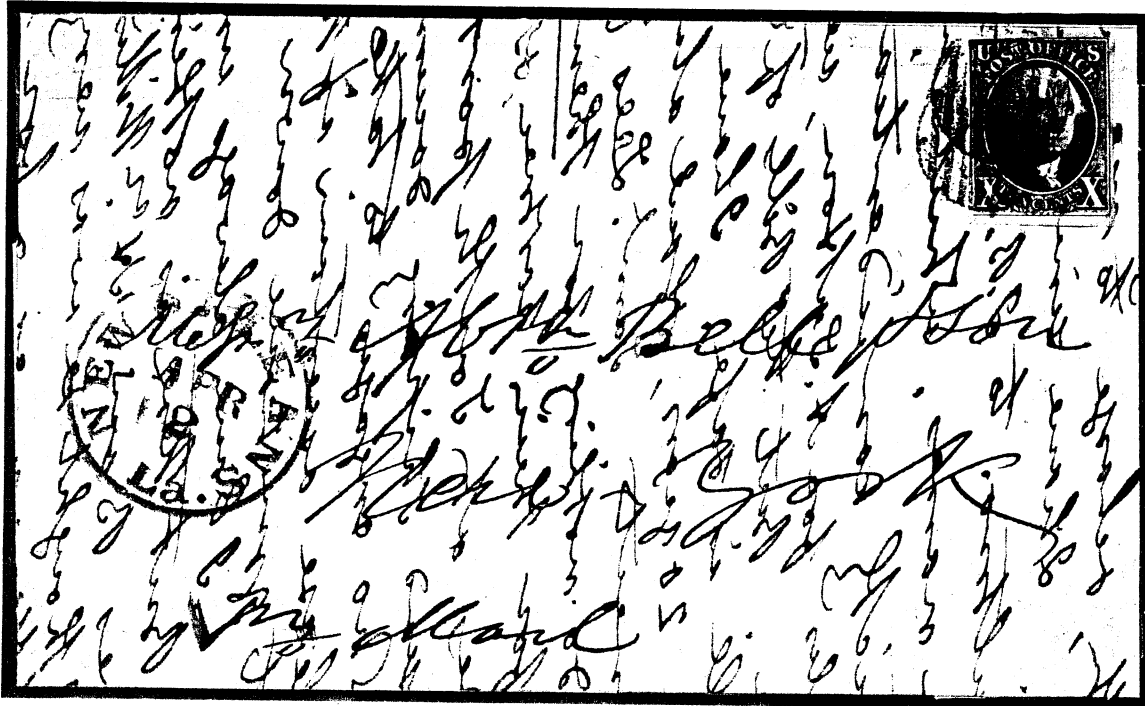
New Orleans - Duxbury, Mass. (Sep 21, 1849)



Minden - New Orleans (Apr 23, 1850)
Minden received 200 5¢ and 100 10¢ stamps.



Monroe - Athens, Ga. (Sep 7, 1849)
No 5¢ or 10¢ stamps issued to Monroe.



New Orleans - New York (Apr 2, 1851)
New Orleans received 34,500 10¢ stamps.

WAY MAIL

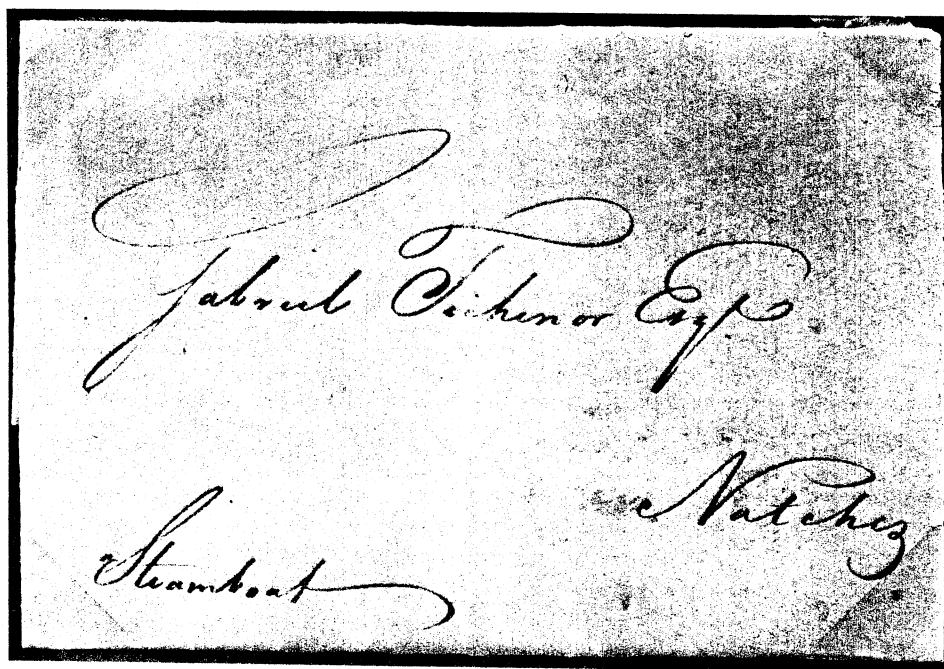
Way Letters — 13½
 Mrs E. M. Turnham
 St. Francisville

"Way letters — 13½"
 (Unknown) - St. Francisville (1808)
 Delivered in Spanish West Florida.

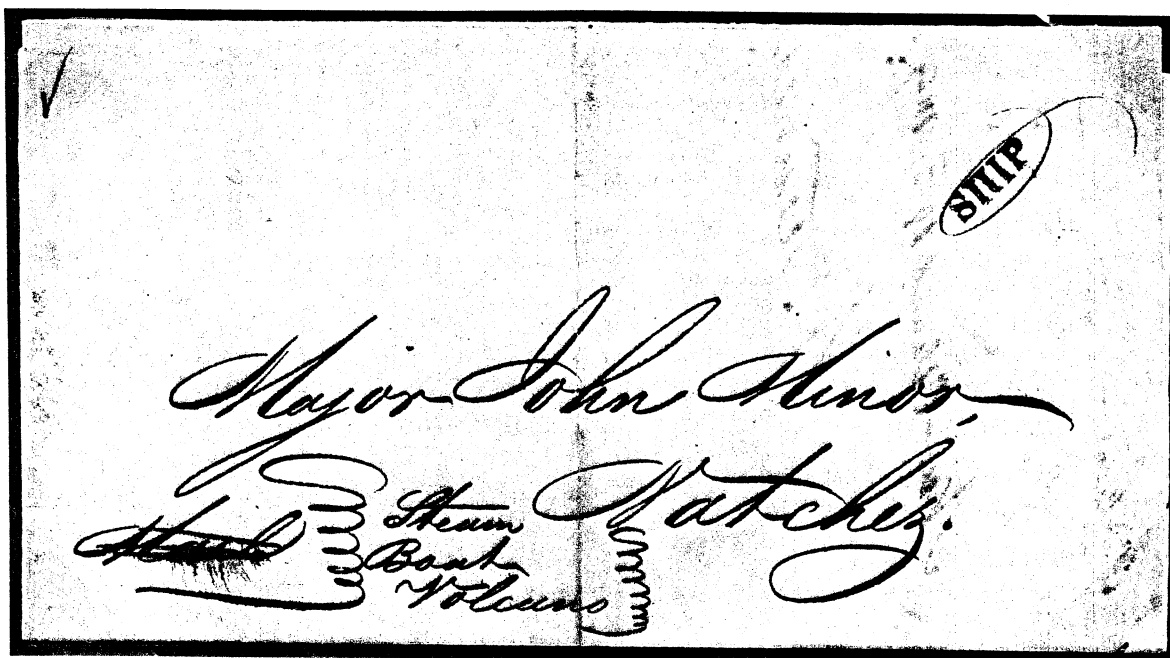
Ka German Coast La
 July 30th 3
 July 26
 Miss Elizabeth Price
 Care of Philip Price junr
 Market Street
 Philadelphia

(Belle Grove) - German Coast - Philadelphia (Jul 30, 1822)
 German Coast established April 27, 1813.

STEAMBOAT MAIL

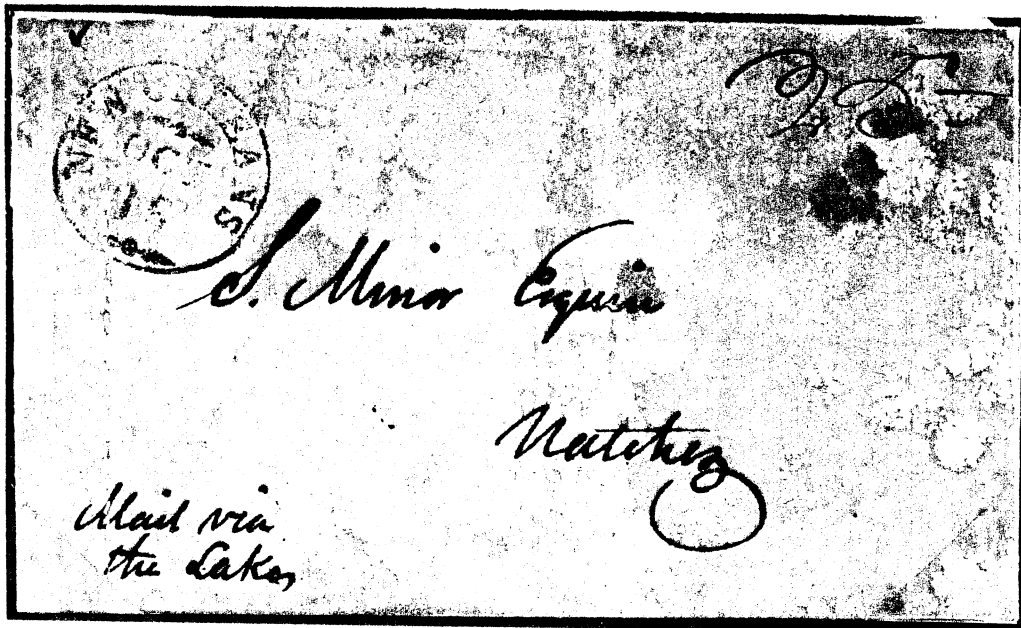


(New Orleans) - Natchez (Jun 6, 1812)
 "New Orleans", first steamboat on the Mississippi.

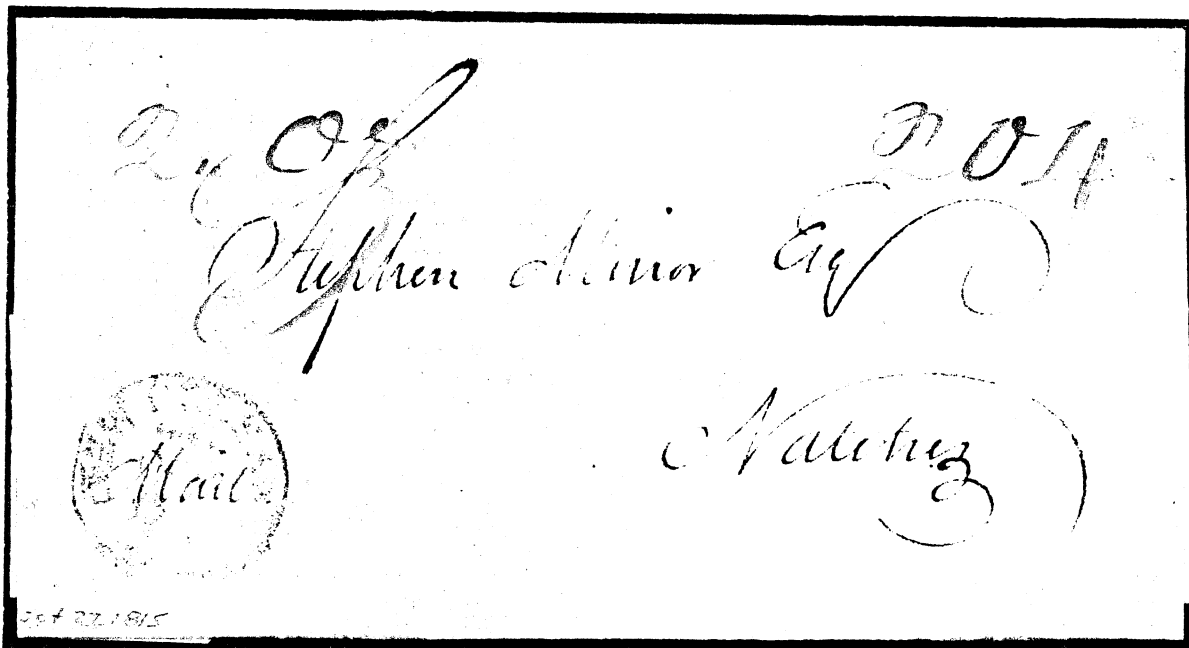


(New Orleans) - Natchez (May 19, 1820)
 Collection of ship rates on steamboat letters authorized
 by Postmaster General Granger (Apr 30, 1813)

SAILBOAT MAIL ROUTE

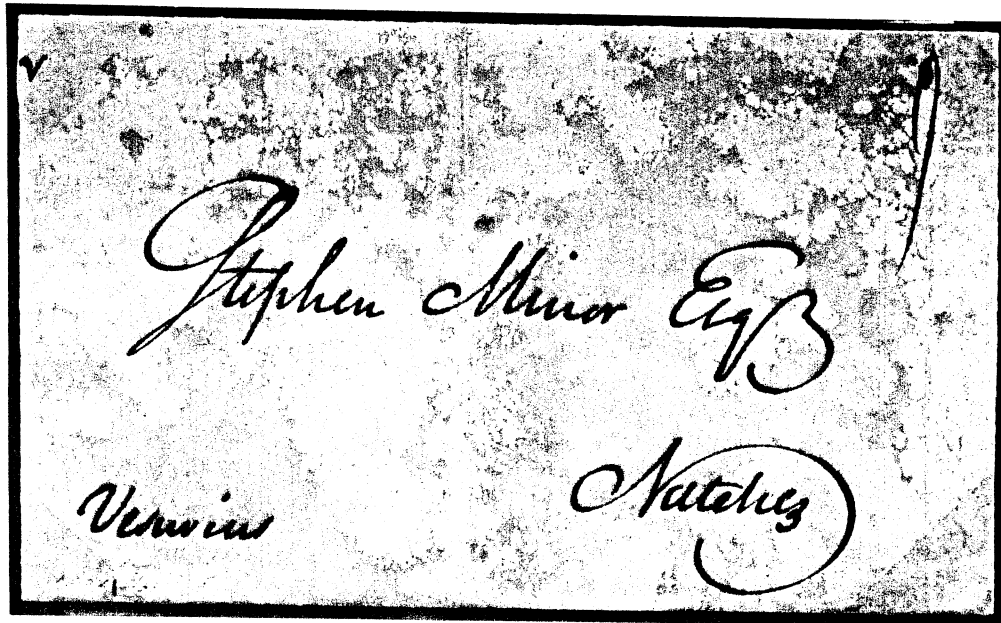


New Orleans - Natchez (Oct 16, 1815)
 "Mail via the Lake" across Lake Pontchartrain.
 War rate: 17¢ (150-300 miles) + 50%.



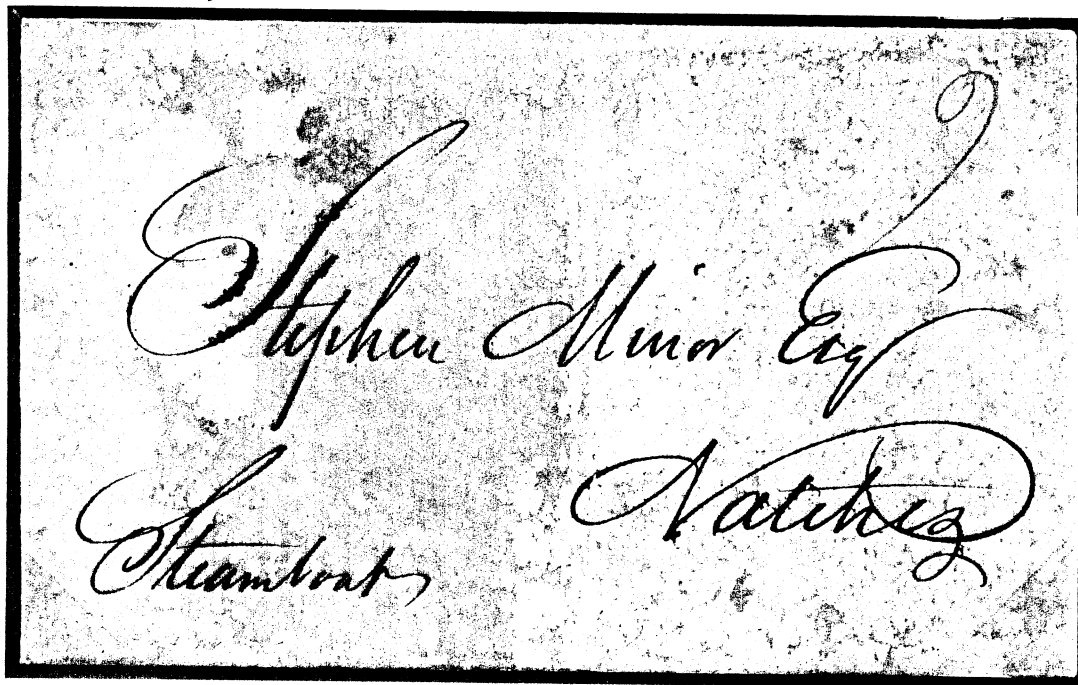
New Orleans - Natchez (Oct 27, 1815)
 War rate: Eight times 17¢ rate + 50%.

1815 WAR SURCHARGE RATES

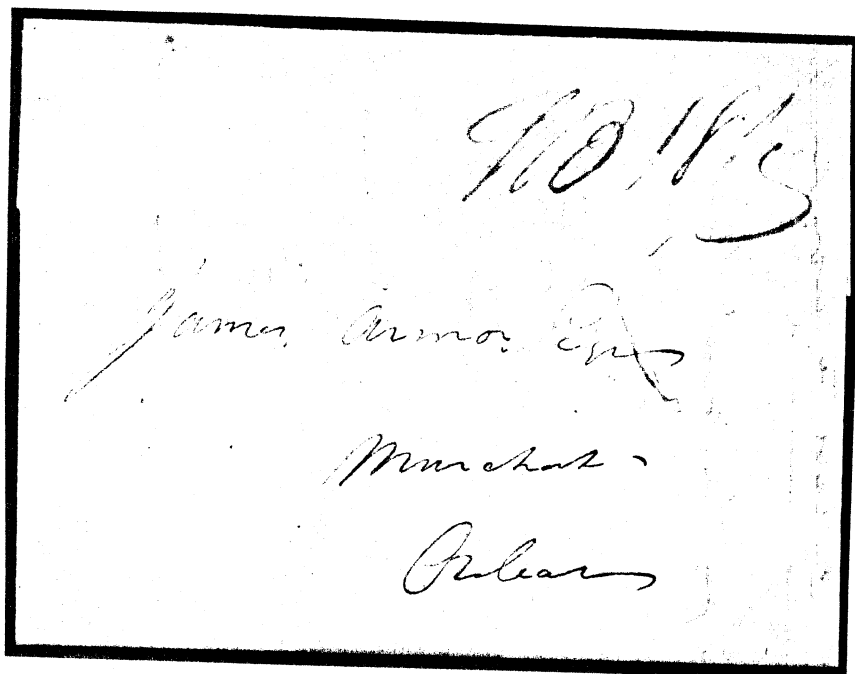


(New Orleans) - Natchez (Nov 9, 1815)

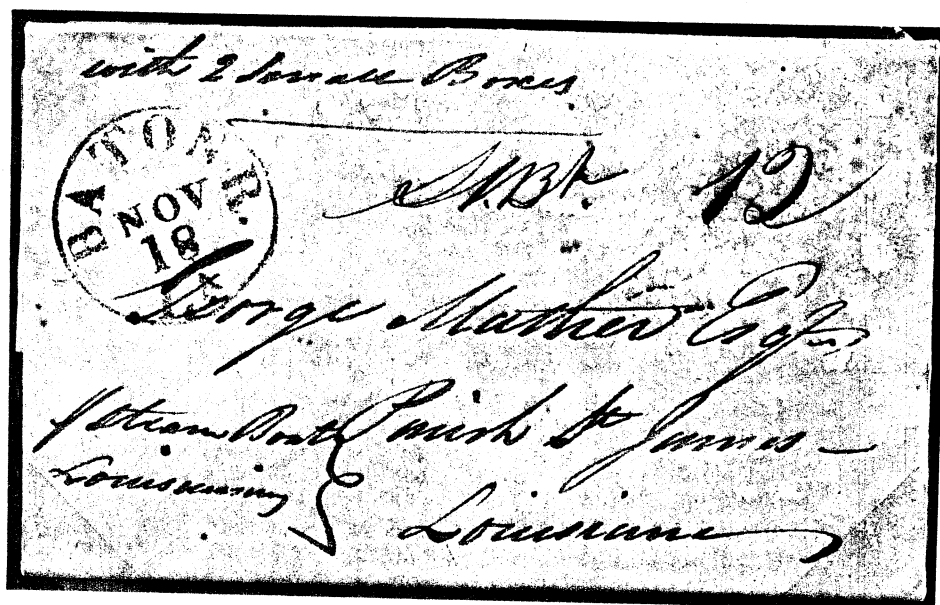
According to a circular from the Postmaster General, dated March 21, 1815, letters carried by steamboats were "chargeable with a postage of nine cents".



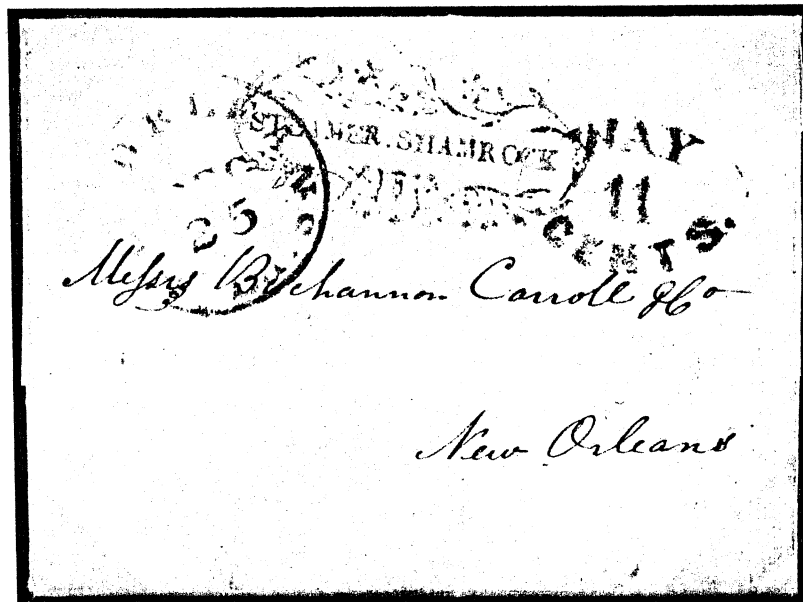
(New Orleans) - Natchez (Oct 19, 1815)



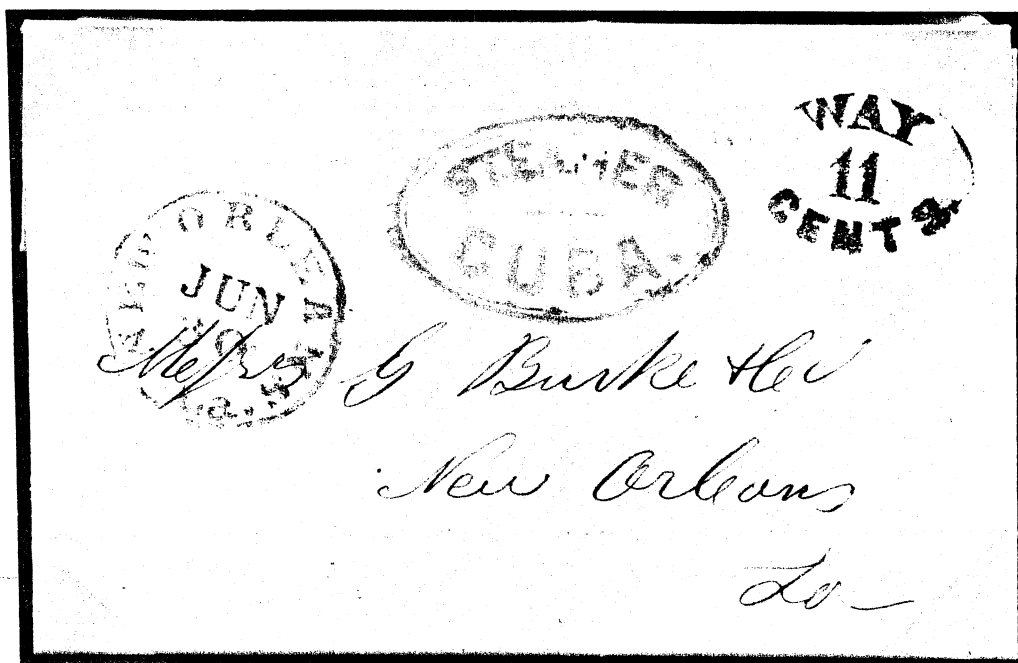
S B 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 (Pointe Coupee) - New Orleans (Oct 1, 1823)
 Rivers navigable by steamboats declared post roads
 by Act of March 3, 1823.



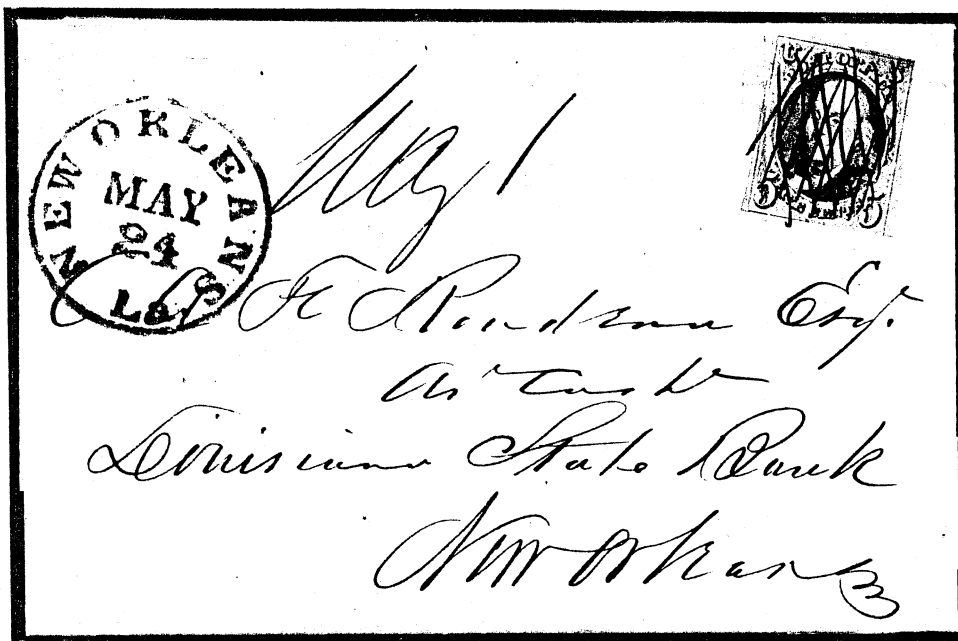
"St. Bt. 12"
 (New Orleans) - Baton Rouge - St. James (Nov 18, 1824)
 Showing practice of adding 2¢ to steamboat letters
 sent beyond port of arrival.



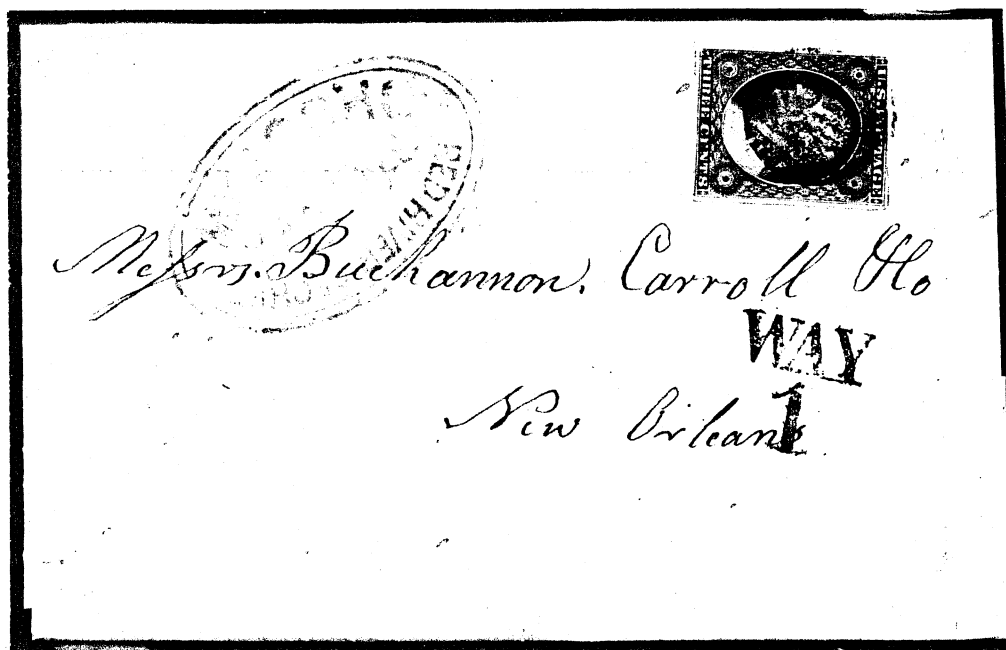
(Holstein Landing) - New Orleans (Dec 25, 1850)
"Shamrock" burned at Lake Bisteneau Jun 29, 1851.



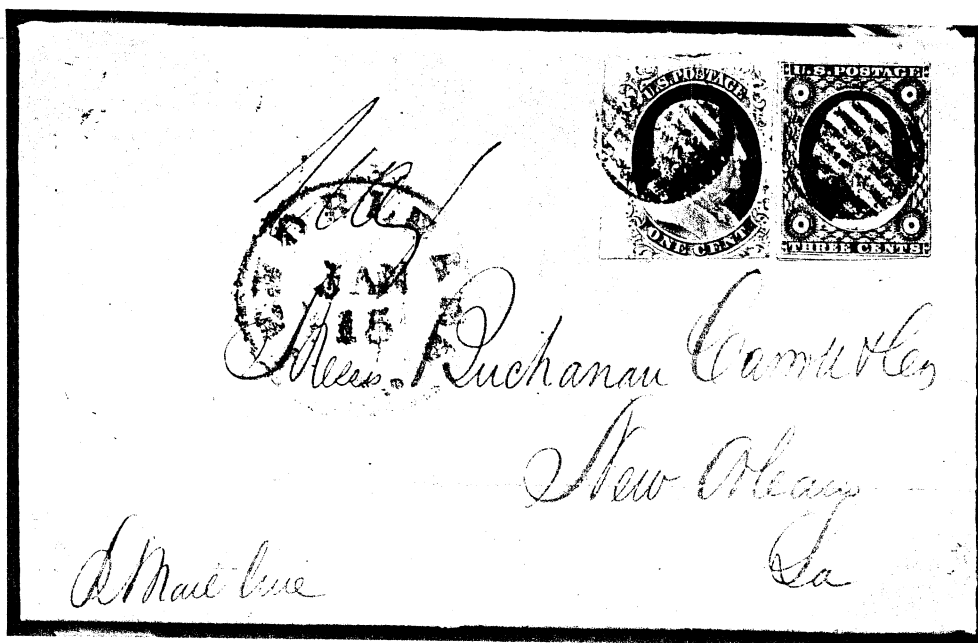
(Lake Providence) - New Orleans (Jun 30, 1851)
Last day of prepaid "5 and 10 cent" rates.



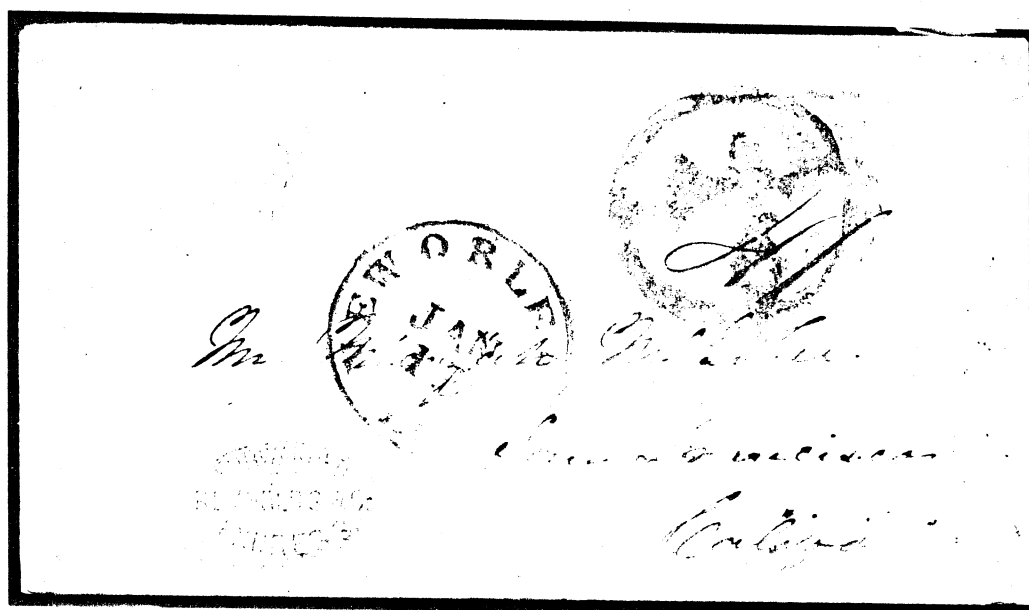
(Mobile) - New Orleans (May 24, 1851)
 Handed in to mailboat at Mobile dock.



(Bayou Boeuff) - New Orleans (Nov 14, 1851)
 Prepaid single rate + 1¢ way fee due.

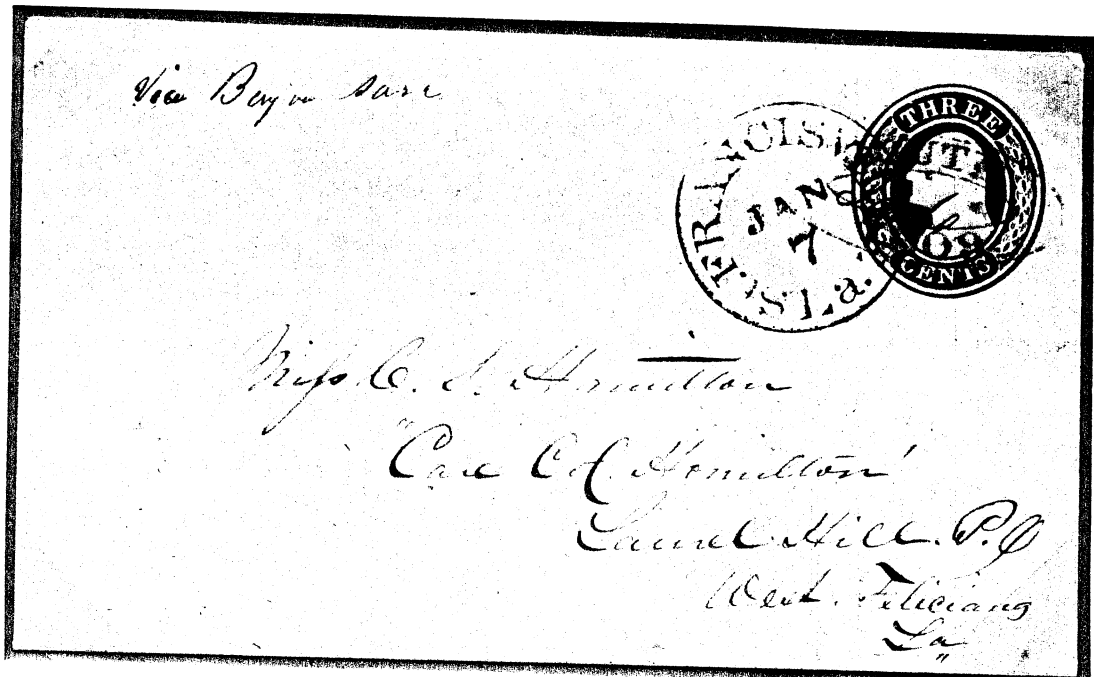


(Mobile) - New Orleans (Jan 15, 1852)
Prepaid one cent way fee.

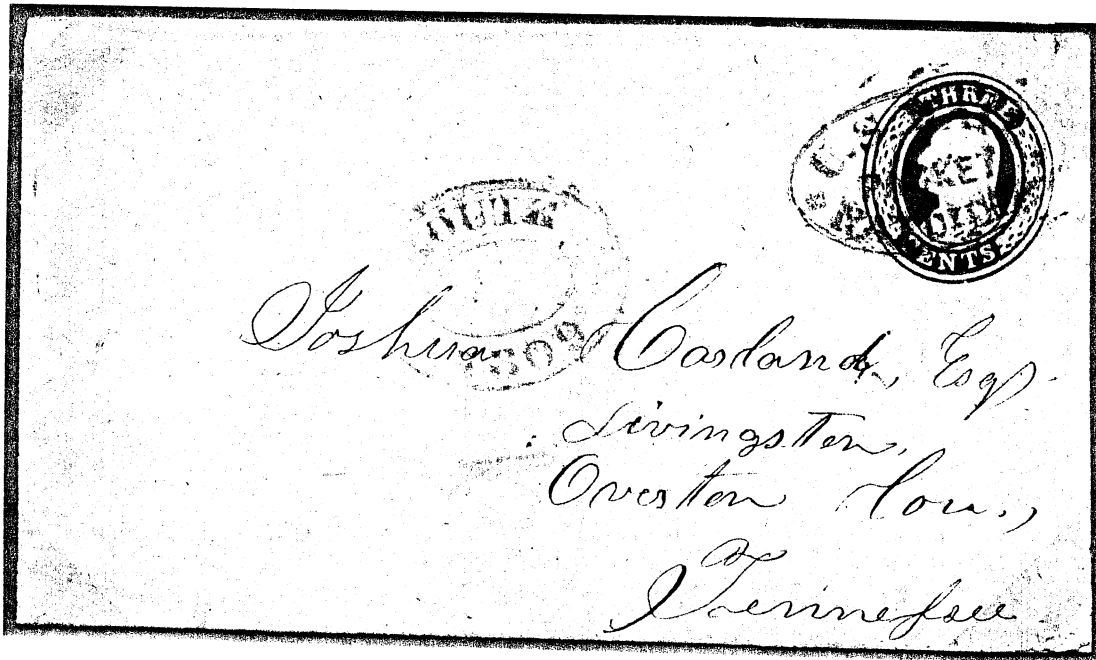


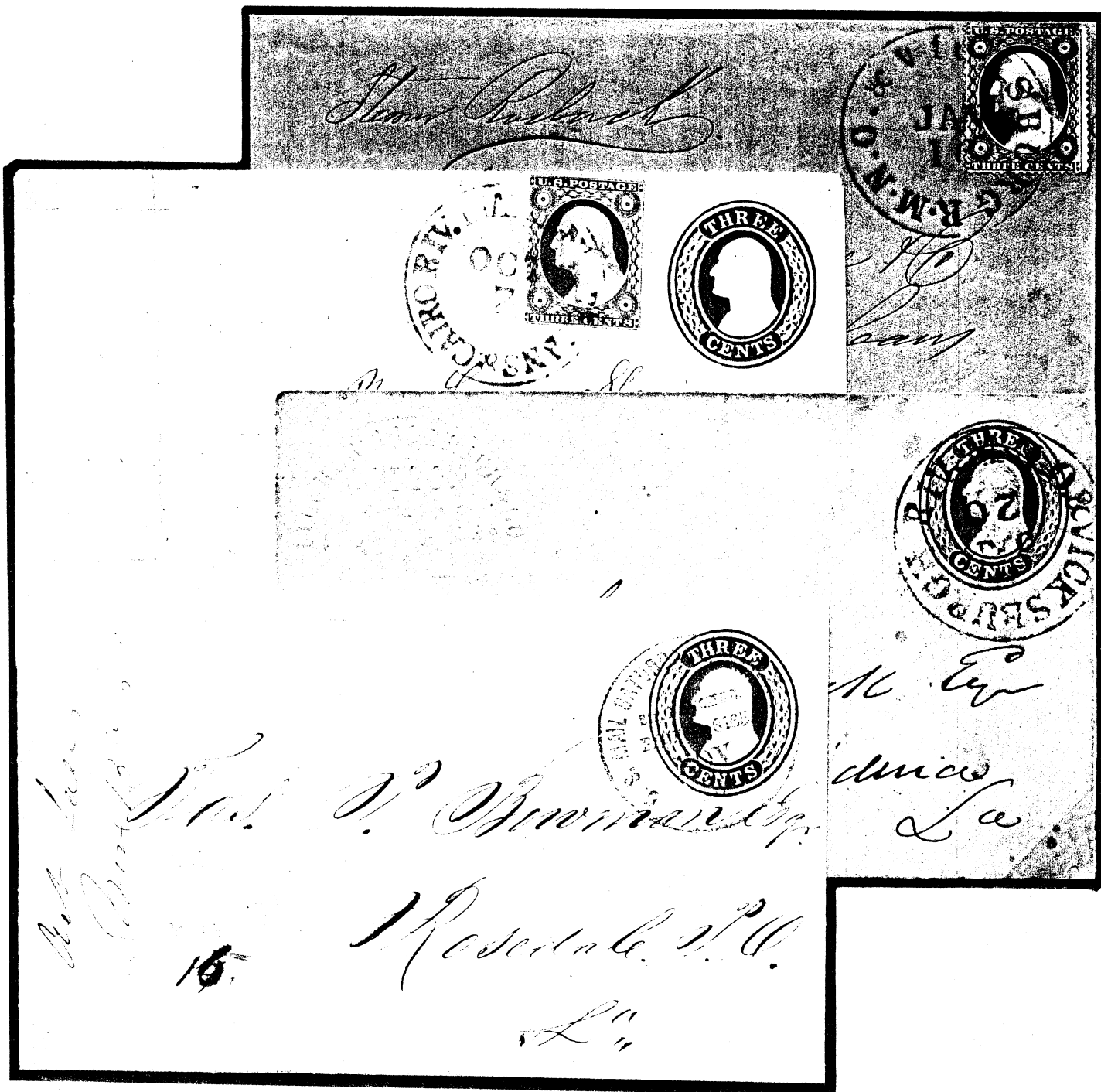
(Steamer Gipsy) - New Orleans - San Francisco (Jan 13, 1851)
WAY/6 corrected to "41" for California rate.
Forwarded by Reynolds & Co. Express.

ROUTE AGENT MARKINGS



Official Route Agent Marking
 New Orleans - Vicksburg mail route
 Jul 1, 1854 - Jun 30, 1858





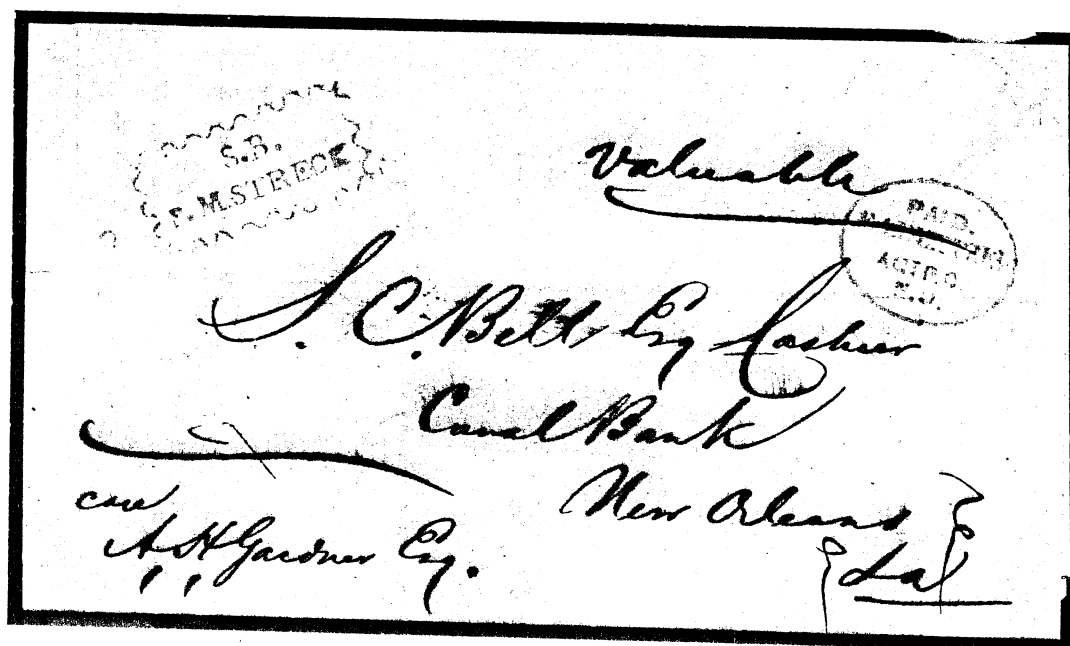
N. O. & VICKSBURG R. M. (Rte. 7309; 1854-58)

N. ORLEANS & CAIRO RIV. MAIL (Rte. 7809; 1856-58)

N. O. & VICKSBURGH RIV. M. (Rte. 8165; 1858-61)

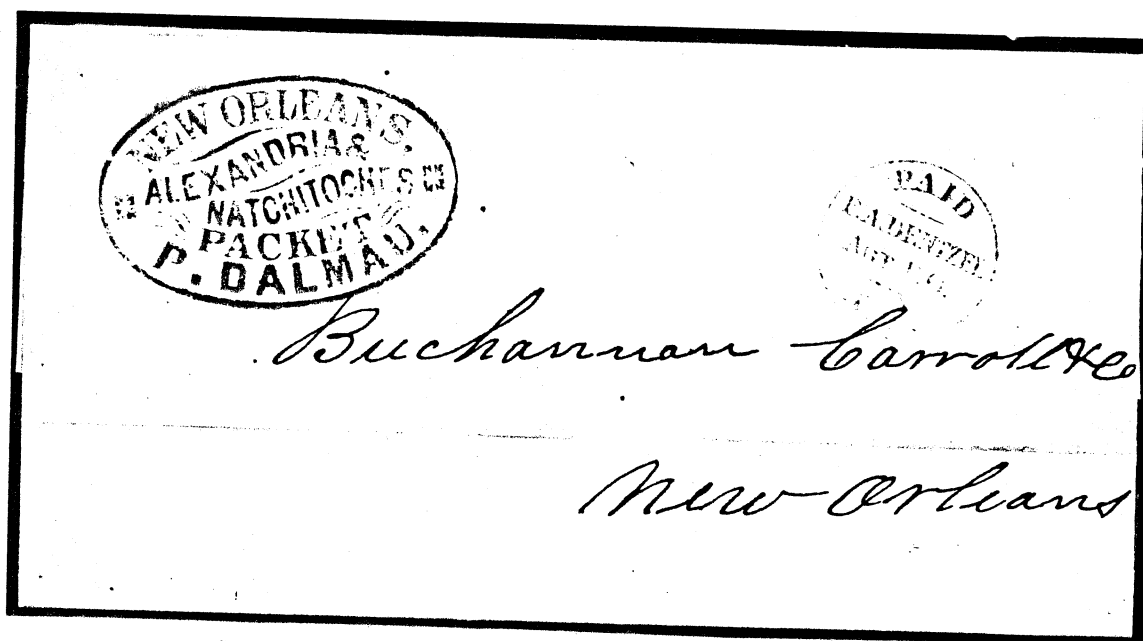
U. S. MAIL SATURDAY EVENING PACKET (Rte. 8165; 1858-61)

NEW ORLEANS MAIL AGENT

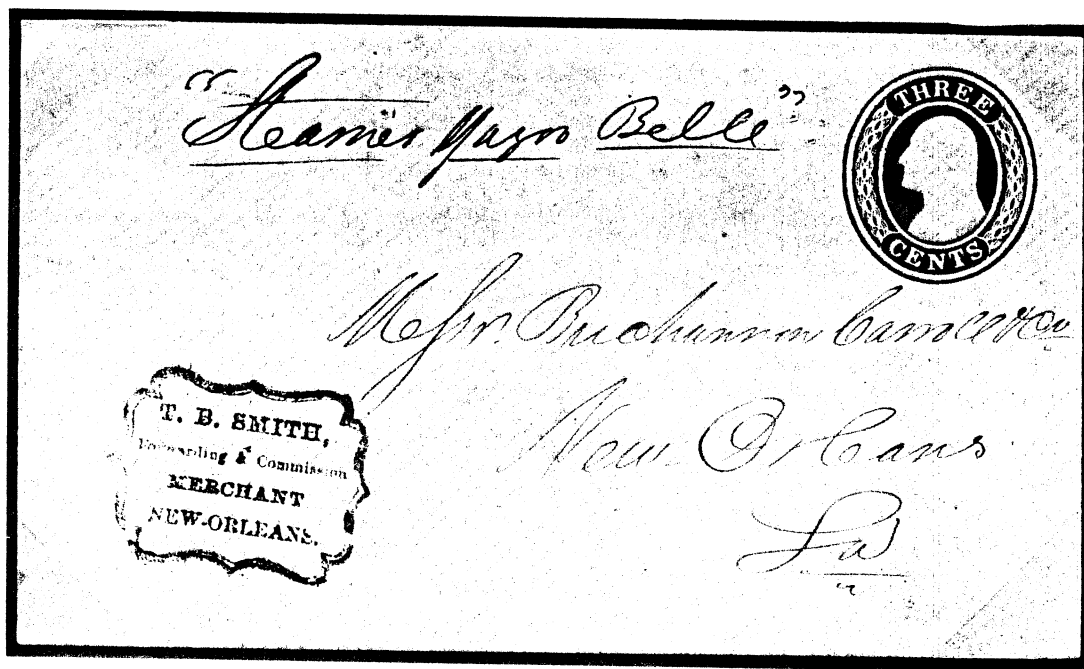


(Donaldsonville) - New Orleans (Sep 10, 1850)

F. A. Dentzel, post office agent, was authorized to collect payment for letters and permit delivery from the docks to New Orleans addressees without going through the post office.



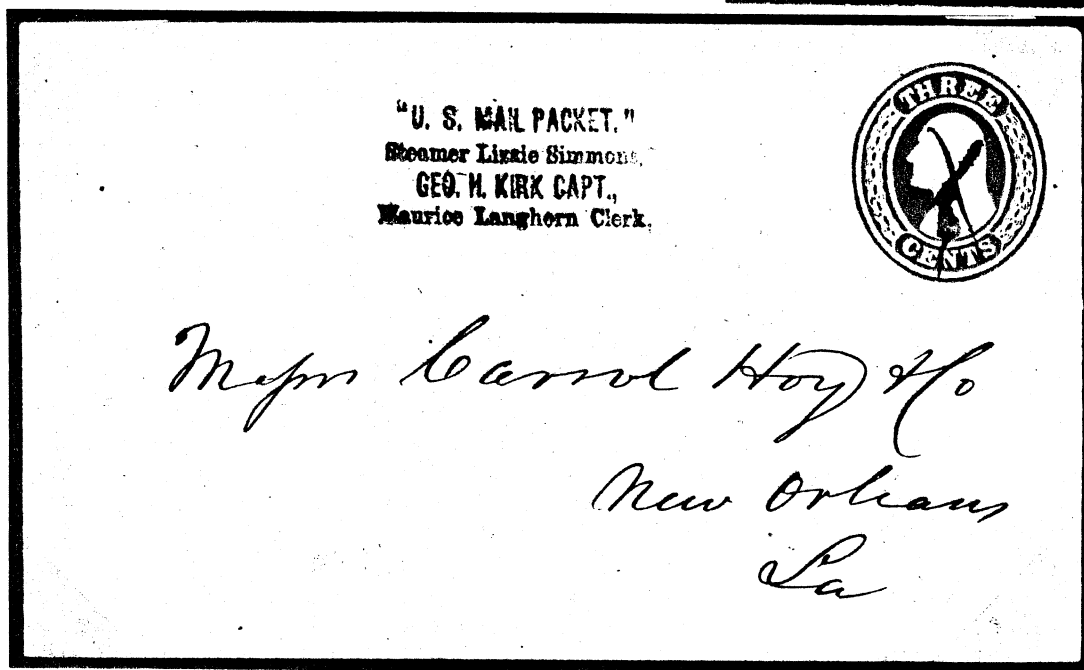
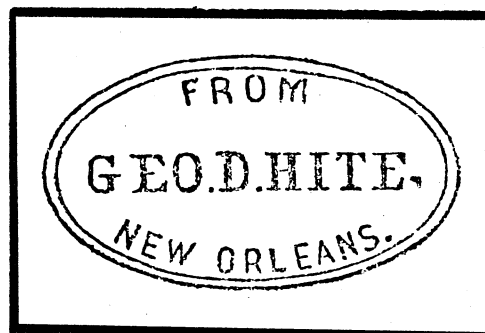
(Wilson's Landing) - New Orleans (May 10, 1852)



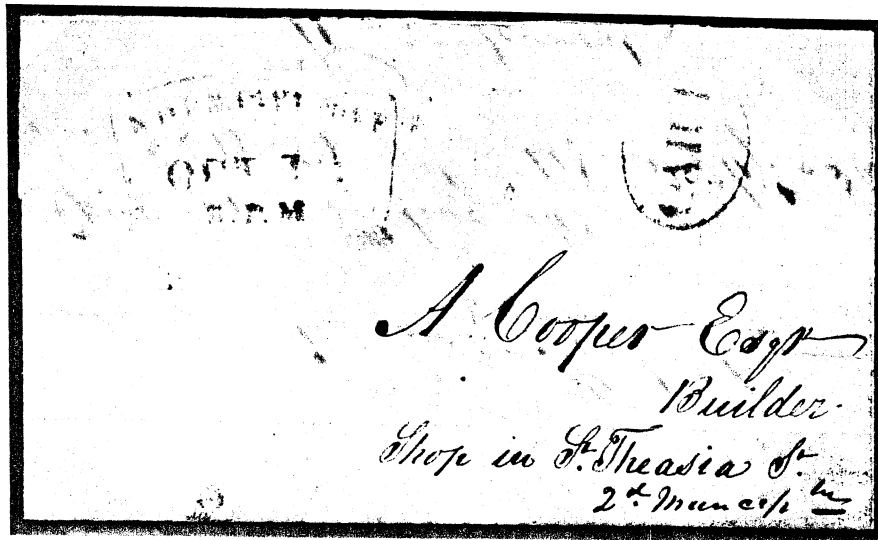
STEAMBOAT MAIL AGENTS

T. B. Smith and George D. Hite were independent boat mail forwarders who conveyed letters to and from New Orleans merchants and the river boats.

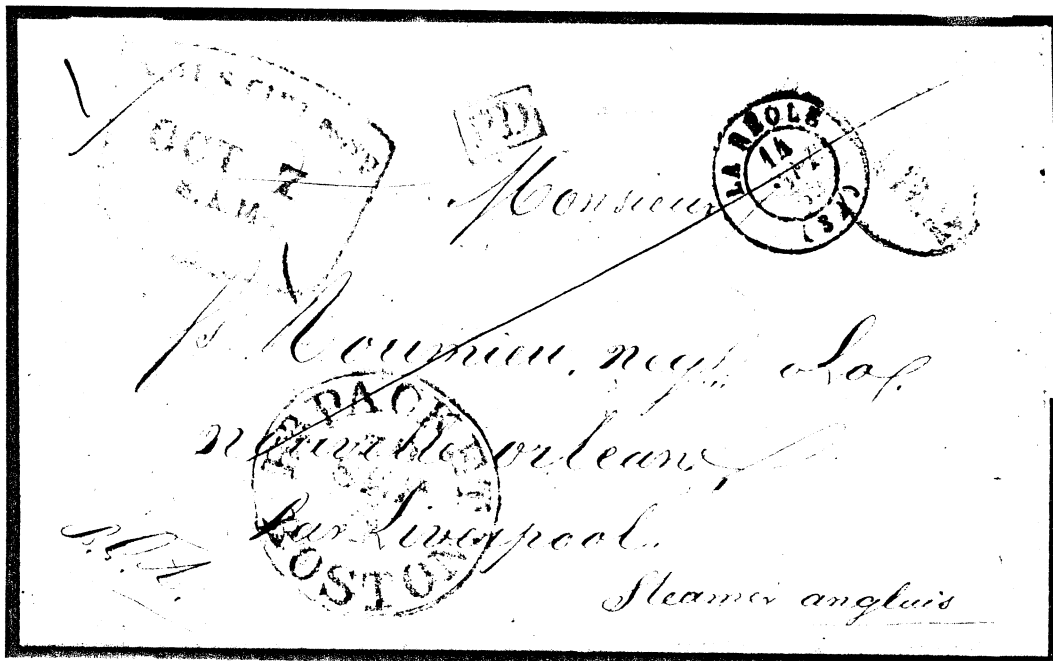
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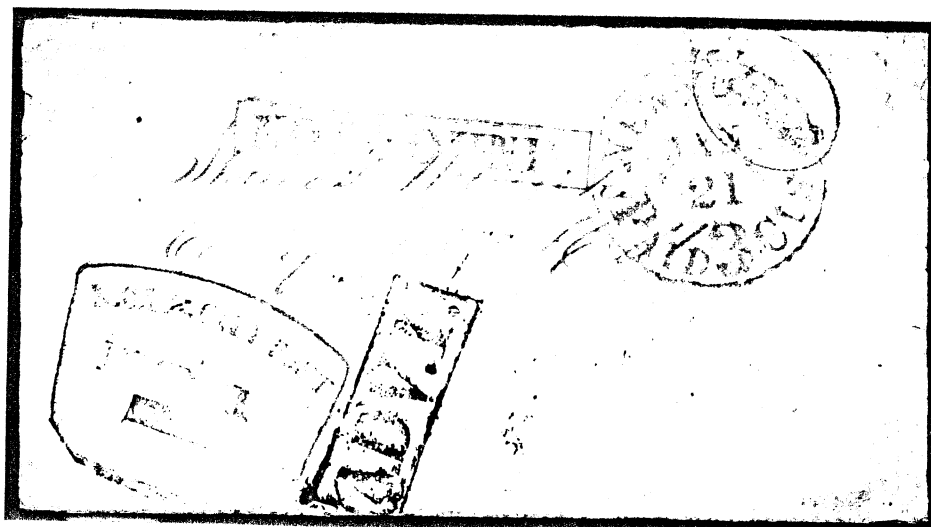
NEW ORLEANS CITY POST



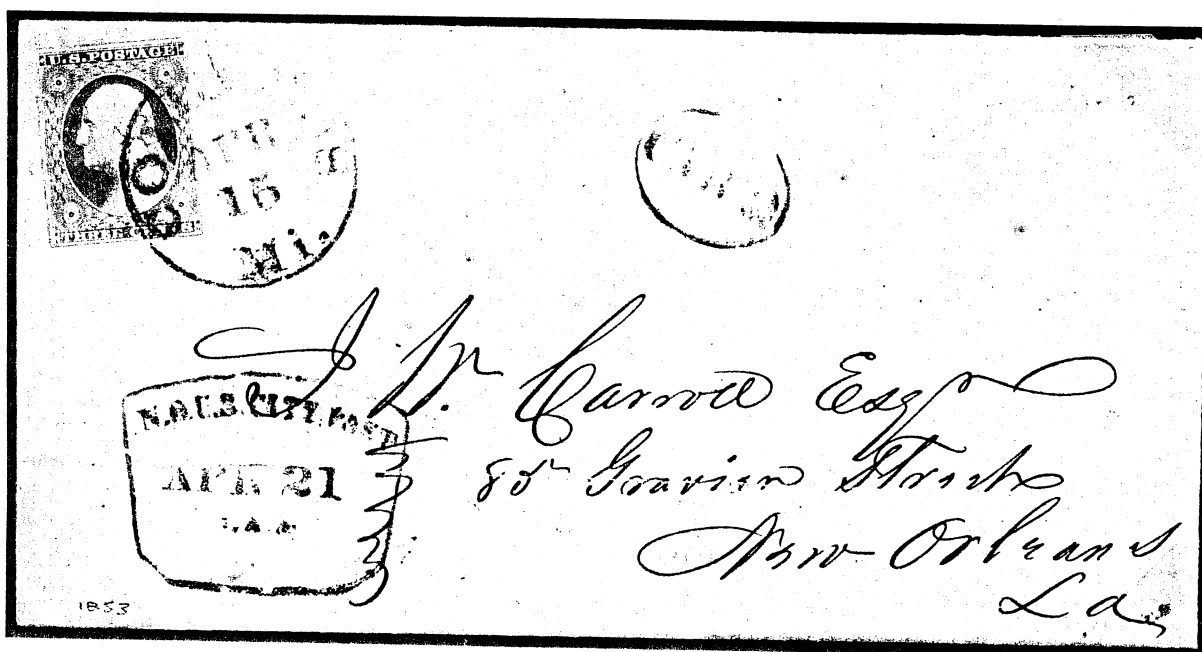
City letter - 1 cent carrier fee (Oct 12, 1852)
Picked up and delivered by City Post; no U. S. postage.



France - New Orleans, via Boston (Oct 7, 1852)
2¢ carrier fee on mail originating outside the city.

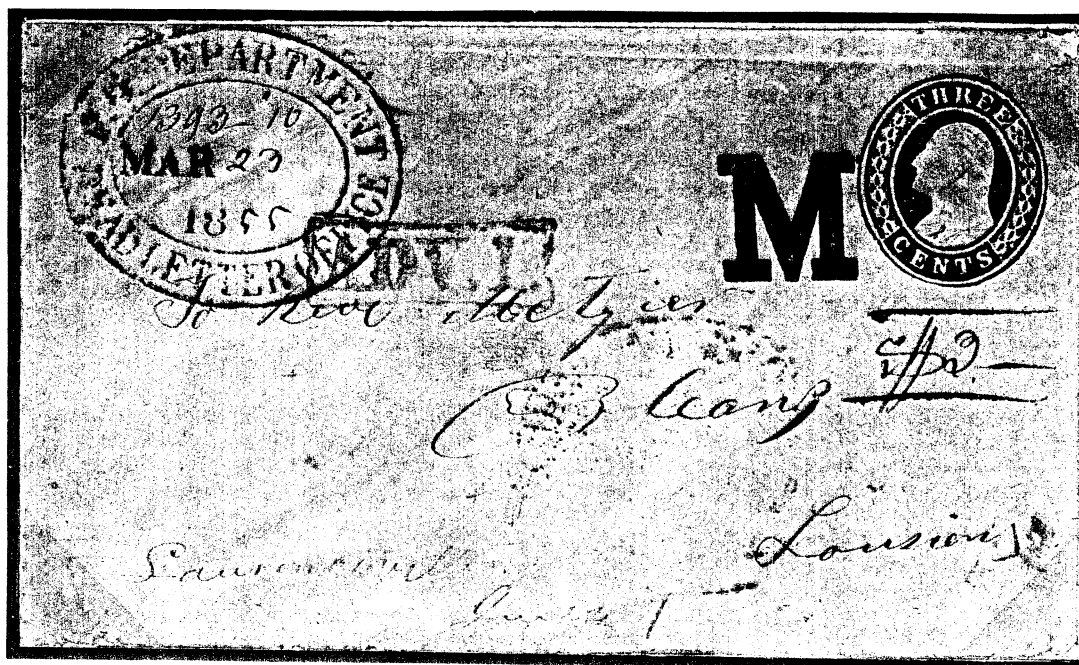


New York - New Orleans (Jan 21, 1852 or '53)
City post cancels in green; not found and advertised.



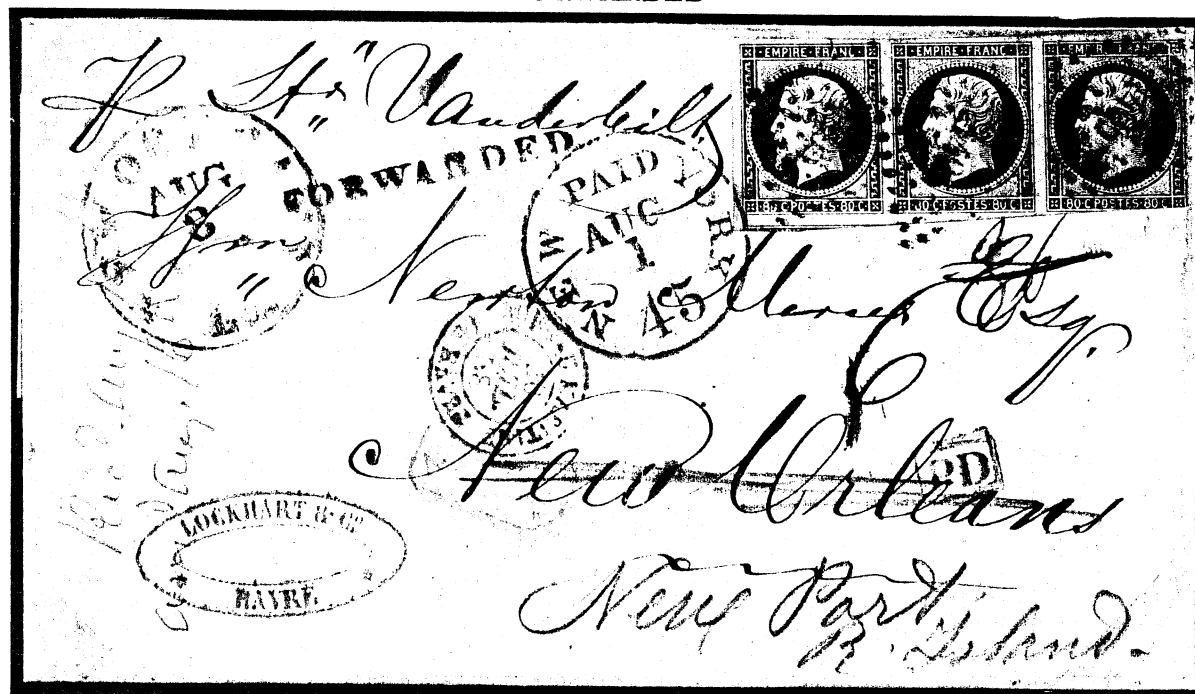
Columbus, Miss. - New Orleans (Apr 15, 1853)
City Post cancels in blue; 2¢ due from addressee.

ADVERTISED



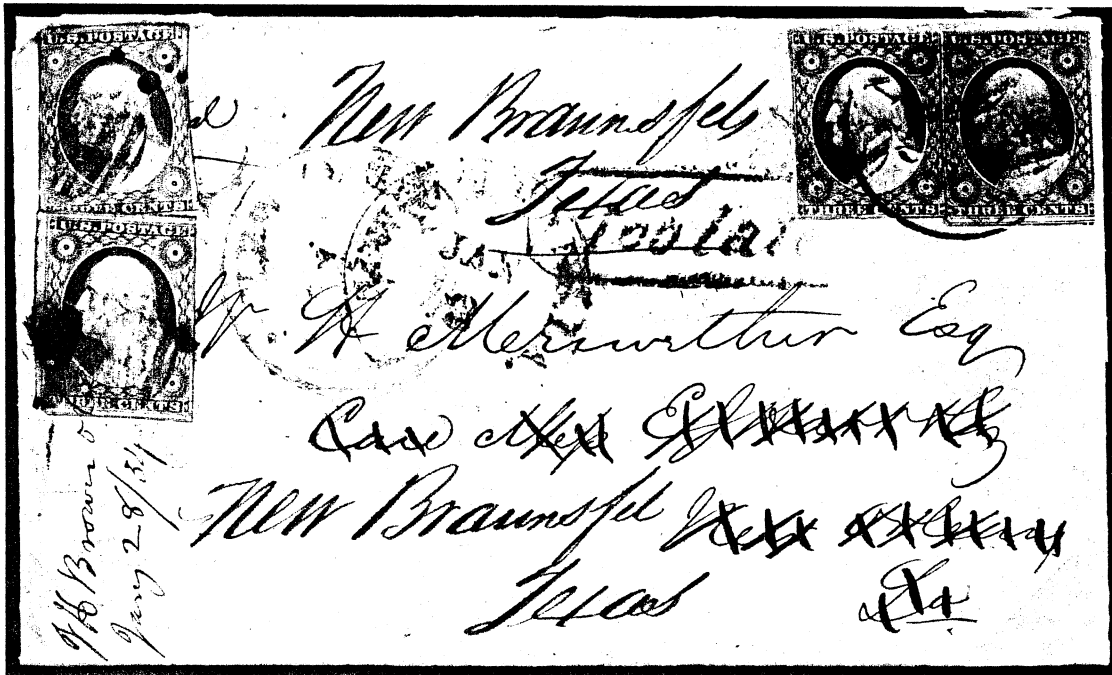
Advertised at New Orleans, not found; sent
to Dead Letter Office (Mar 23, 1855).

FORWARDED

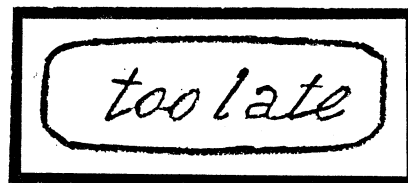


France - New Orleans (Aug 8, 1858); forwarded to Rhode Island.

TOO LATE

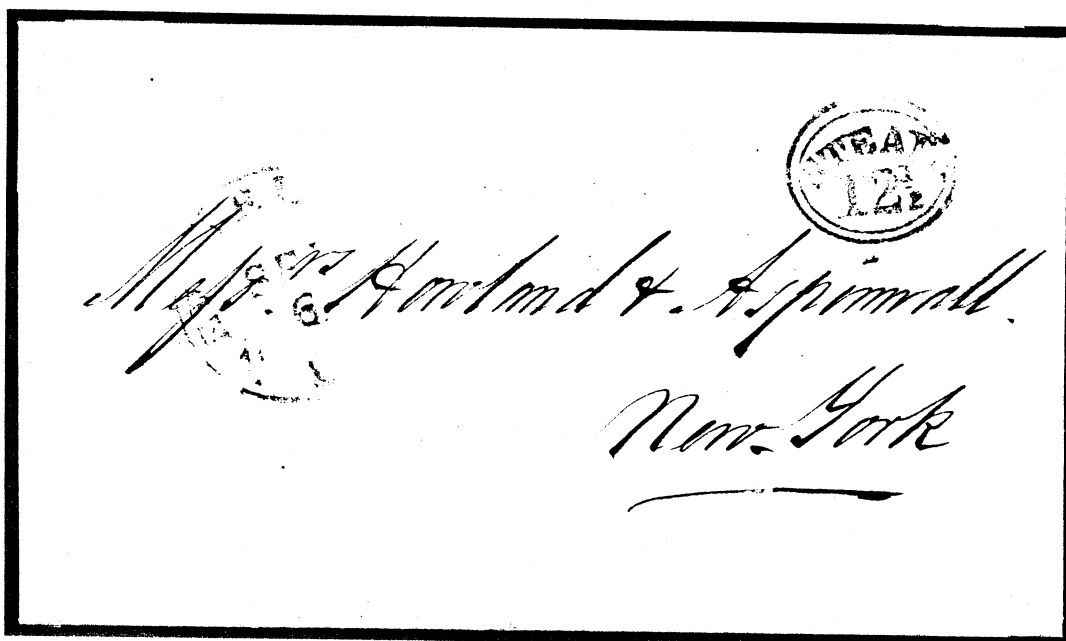


New York - New Orleans - New Braunsfel, Texas (Jan 8 - 15, 1854)
Forwarded from New Orleans, "too late" for mail of Jan 8;
dispatched on Vanderbilt Line steamer of Jan 15.

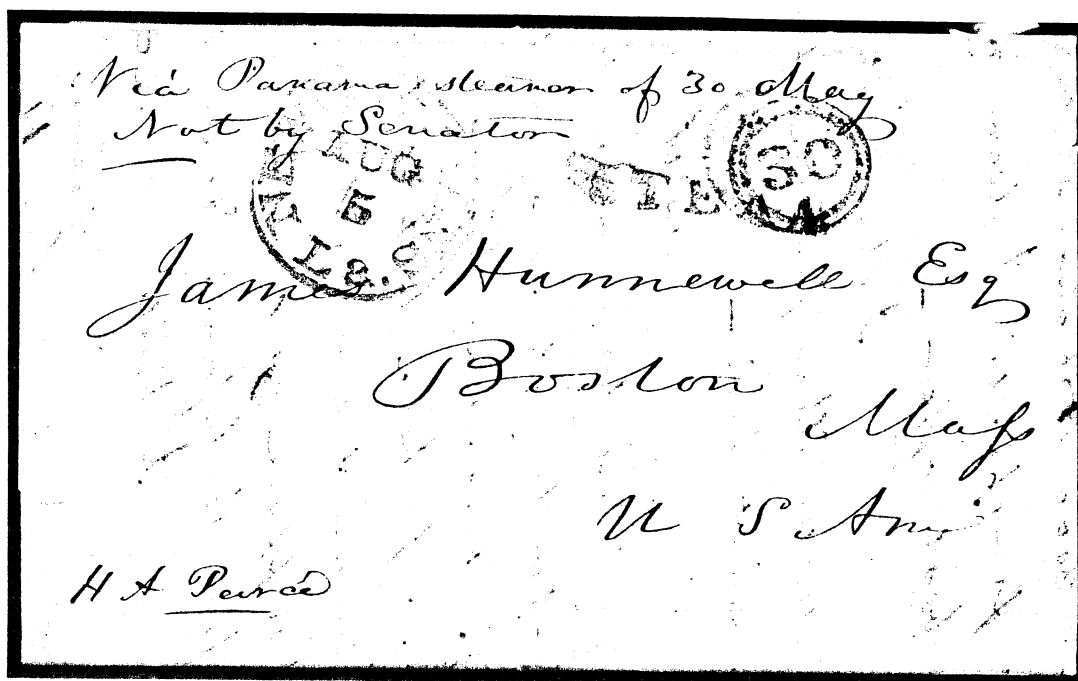


Marking used to explain excessive
delay in mail transmittal.

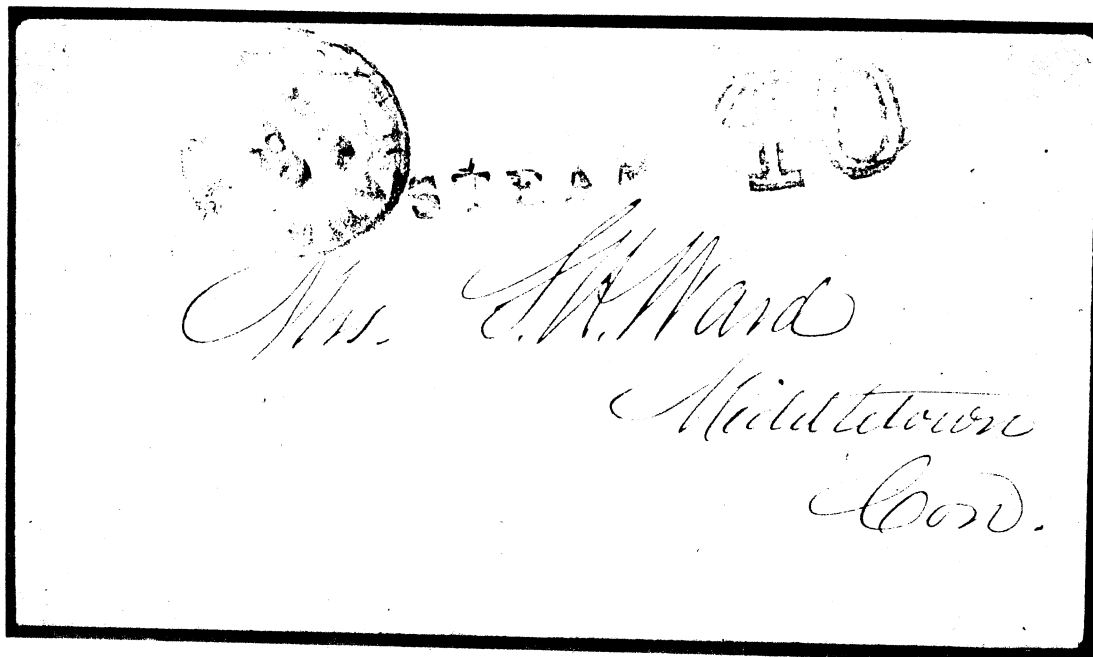
STEAMSHIP MAILS



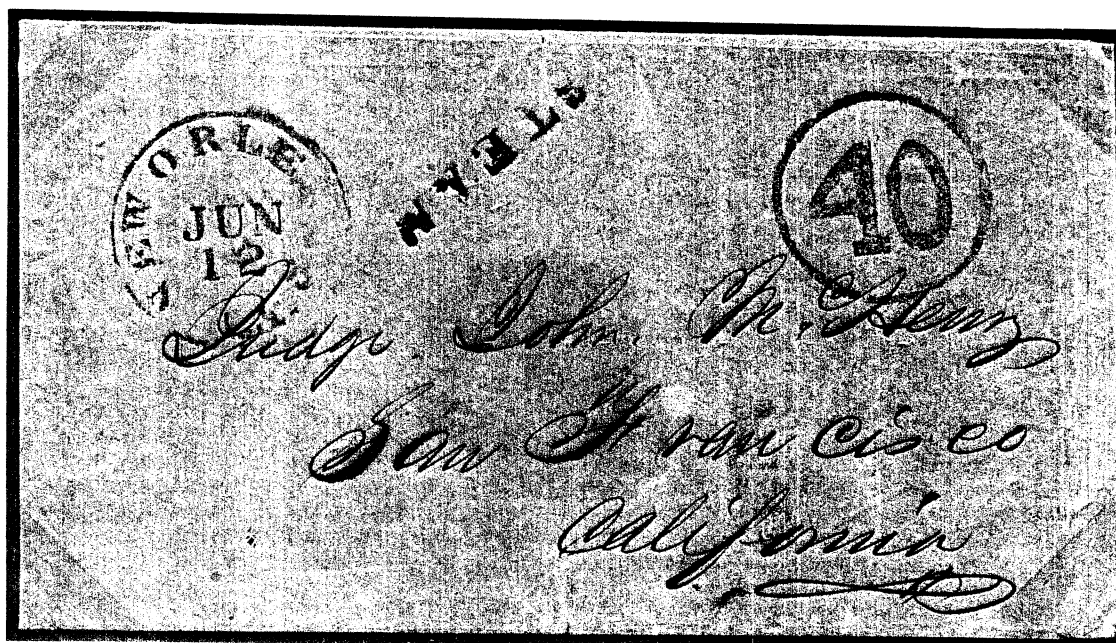
(Havana) - New Orleans - New York (Sep 6, 1849)
Marking used exclusively on steamship mails from Havana.



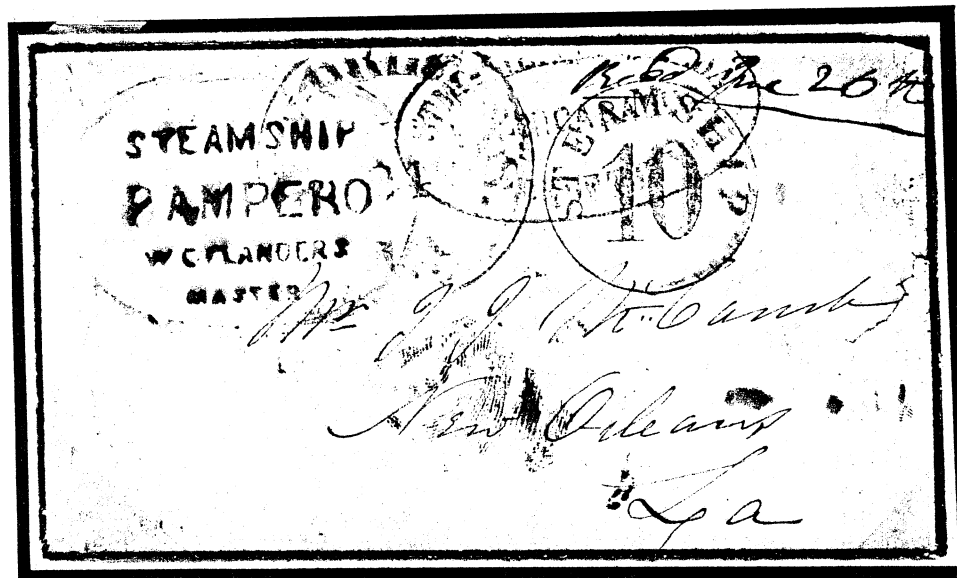
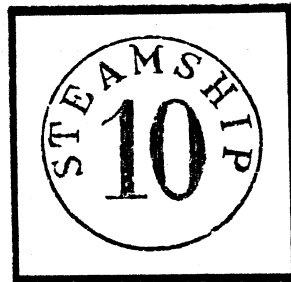
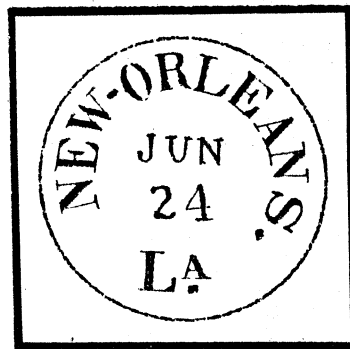
(Chile) - Panama - New Orleans - Boston (Aug 5, 1849)
Marking used exclusively on steamship mails from Panama.



(Chagres) - New Orleans - Middletown, Conn. (Mar 20, 1849)
 Double 20¢ rate from east coast of Panama.



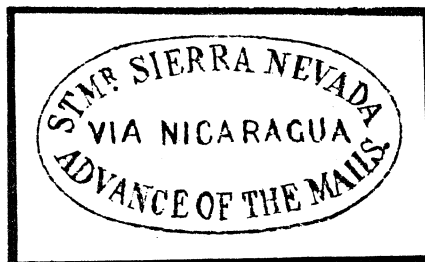
New Orleans - San Francisco (Jun 12, c. 1849)
 40¢ California rate; effective July 1, 1847.

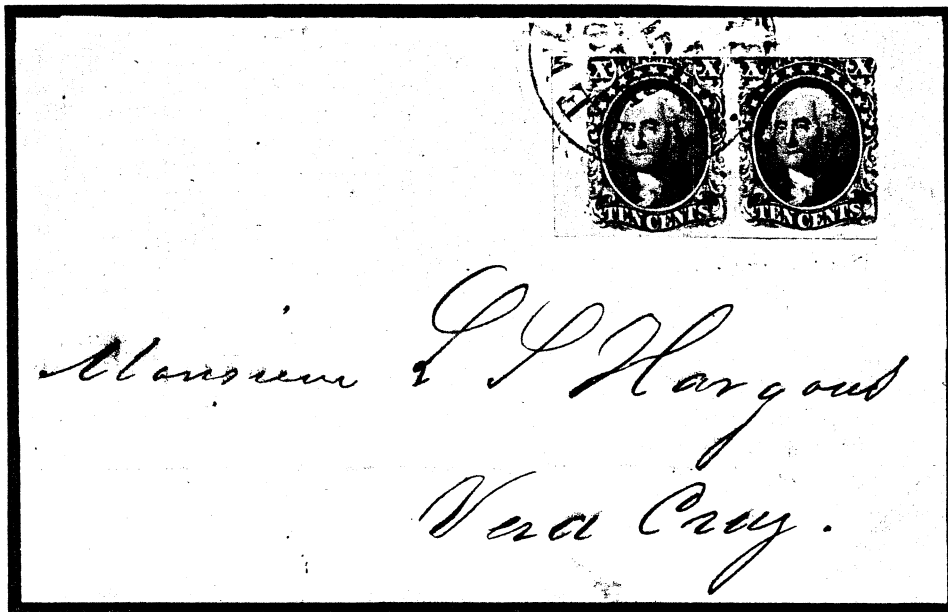


San Francisco - New Orleans (Jun 24, 1854)
Via Nicaragua, in "Advance of the Mails."

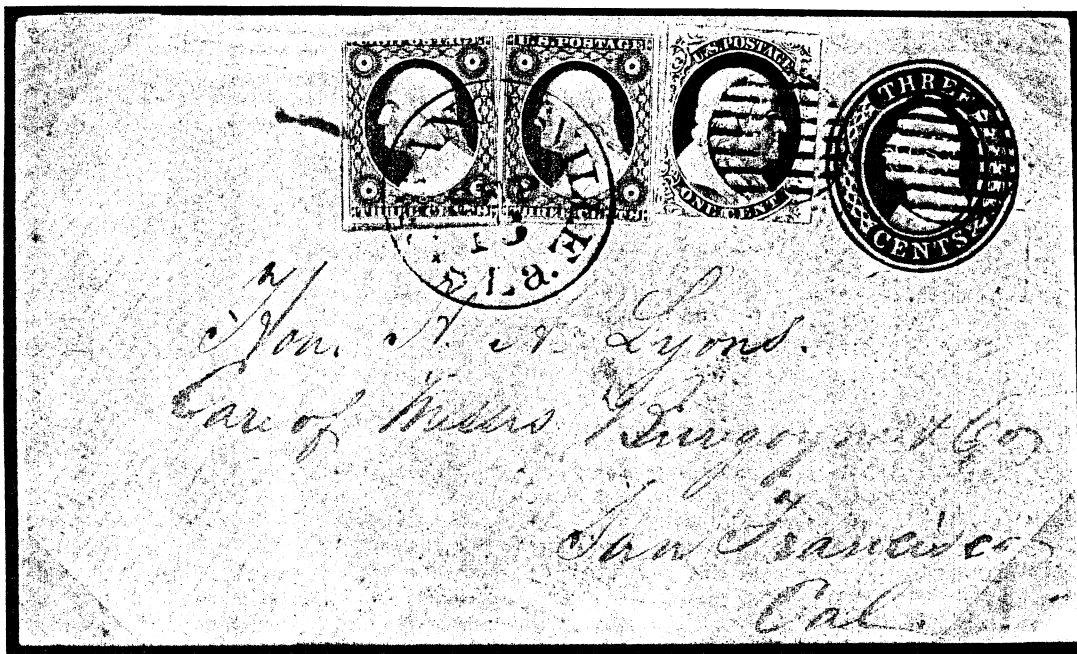
Smr. Sierra Nevada
left San Francisco
June 1, 1854.

Steamship Pampero
arrived New Orleans
June 24, 1854.





New Orleans - Mexico (Sep 15, 1857)
20¢ double weight steamship rate, under 2,500 mi.



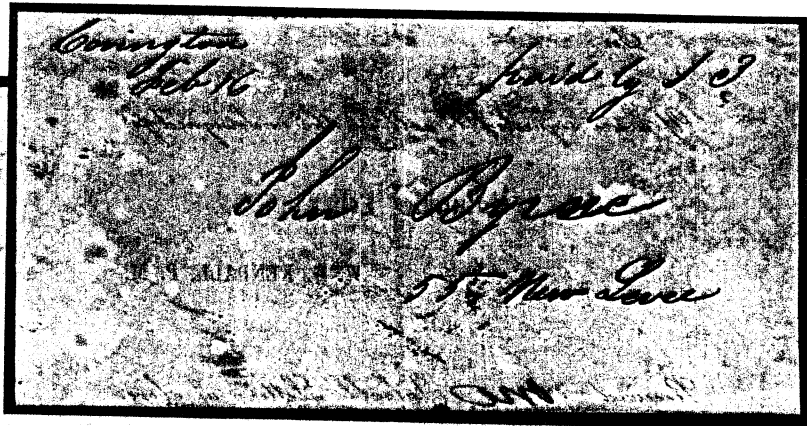
St. Francisville - San Francisco (Sep 13, @ 1857)
10¢ prepaid rate after Apr 1, 1855.

RAILROAD ROUTE AGENT & DIRECTIONAL MARKINGS



N. O. J. & GREAT NO. R. R.
 N. ORLEANS, OPELOUSAS & G. W. RAILROAD CO.
 VIA N. O. JACKSON & G. N. R. R.
 "Care of Red River R. R."

VALUABLE (REGISTERED) MAIL



NEW ORLEANS POST OFFICE,

Feb 18th 1854.

Sir:

You are requested to call on the undersigned for

Valuable Letter

W. G. KENDALL, P. M.

Received one Valuable Letter as above.

New Orleans, Feb 29th 1854.

John Byrne

Form prepared by the New Orleans Post Office to advise receipt of valuable letter from Covington, addressed to John Byrne (Feb 18, 1854).

(Photograph of address side of form.)

Covington
Feb 16

"Paid by S 3"

REGISTERED.

PAID
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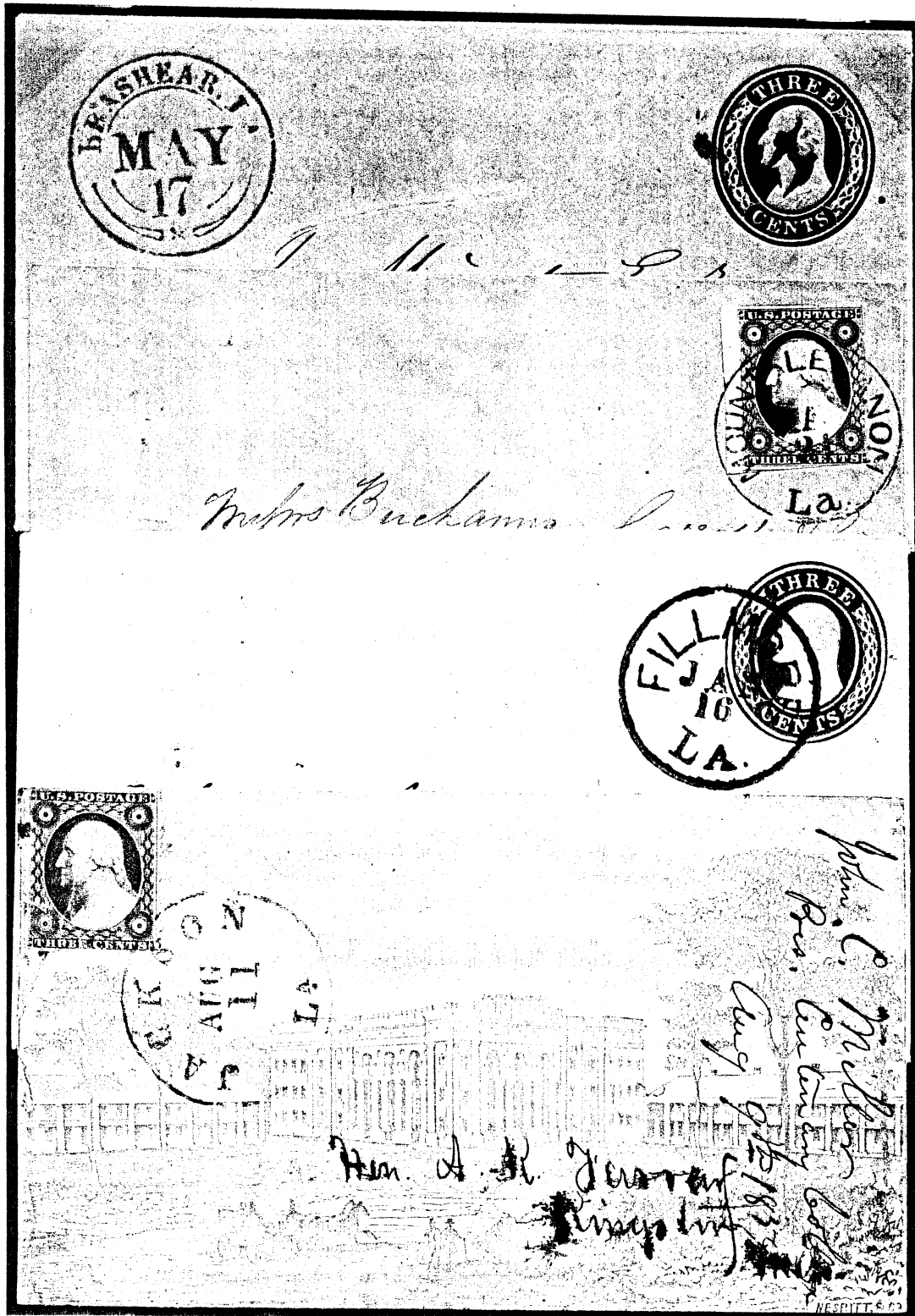
#715# Valuable
REGISTERED



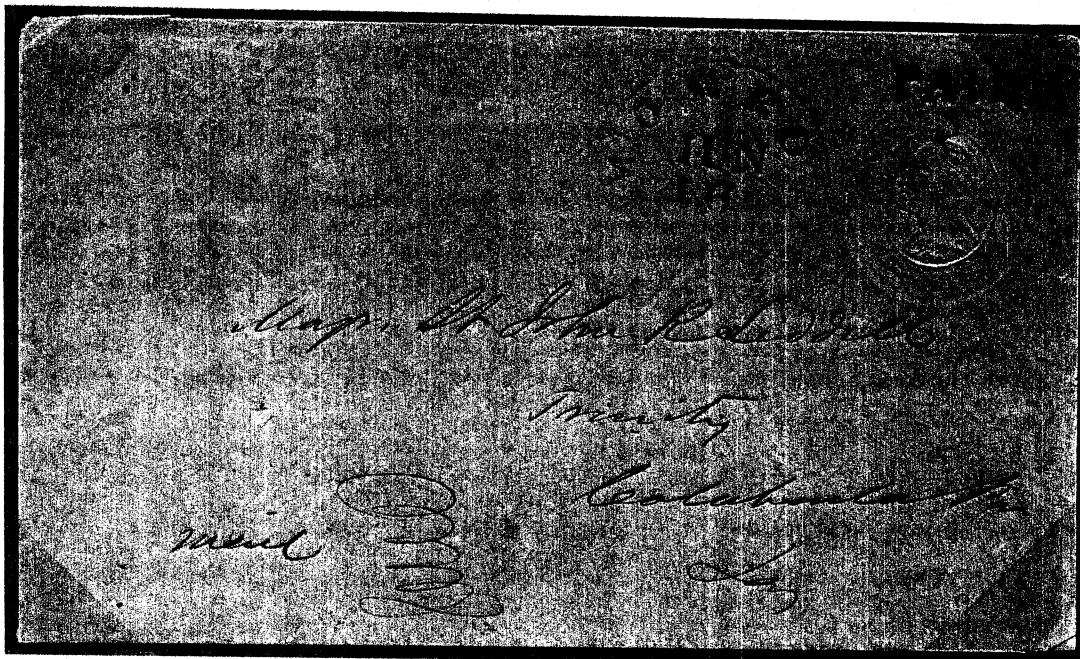
Mrs John Black
Williamsport
La.

New Orleans - Williamsport (Nov 22, 1854)
Registry service instituted prior to federal system.
Letters were recorded by post office without charge.

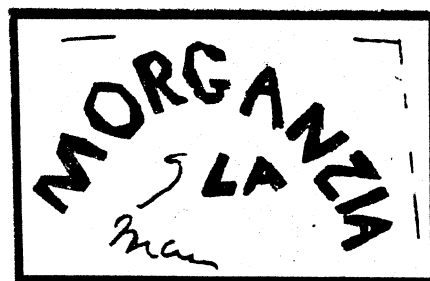
TOWN MARKINGS



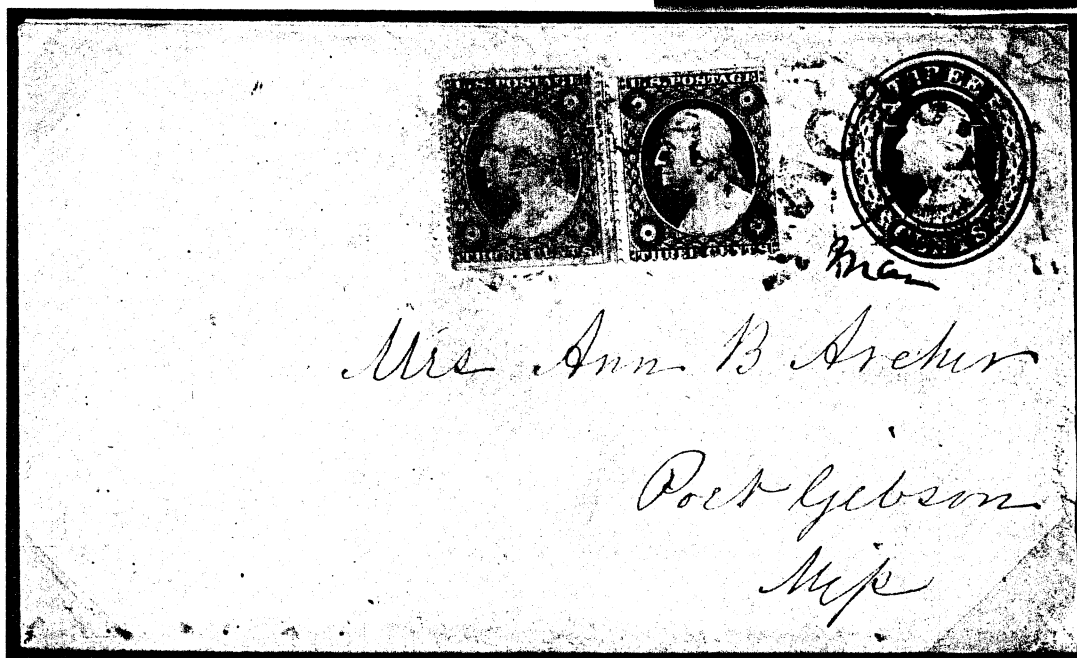
BRASHEAR, LA. (Green; 31.5 mm.)
 MOUNT LEBANON / La. (Blue; 29 mm.)
 FILLMORE / LA. (Red violet; 30 mm.)
 JACKSON / LA. (Black; 32.5 mm.)



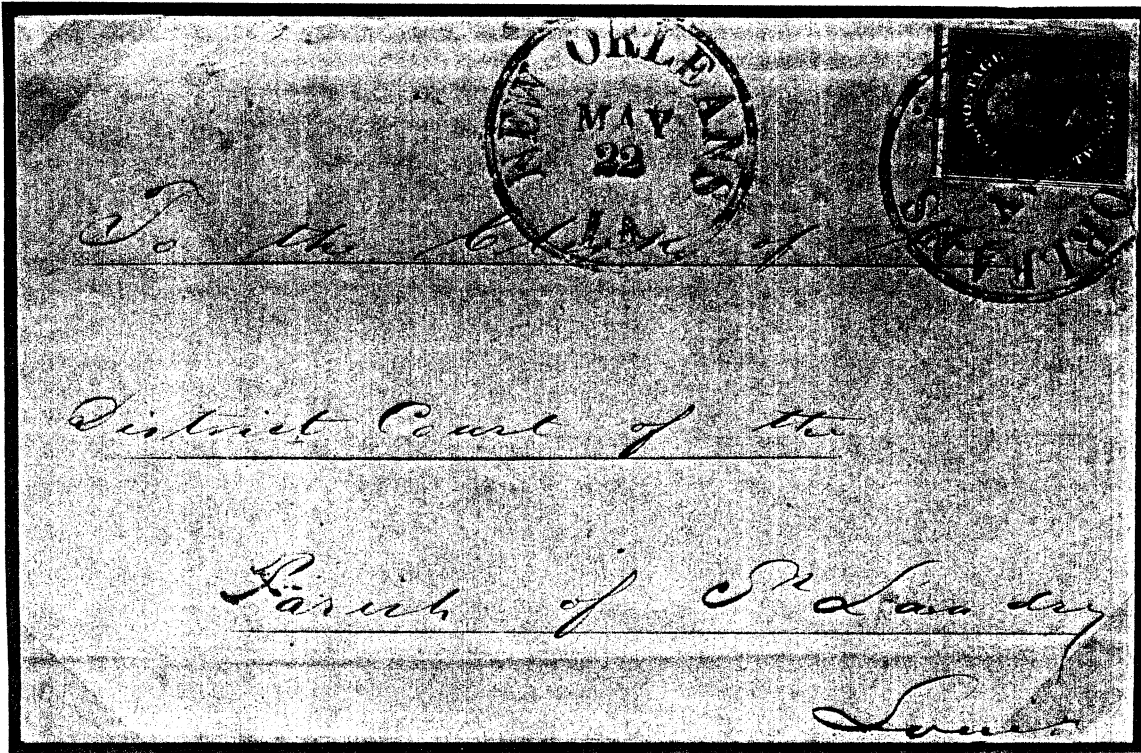
Monroe - Trinity
 "Albino" envelope with PAID
 and "3" to prove prepayment.



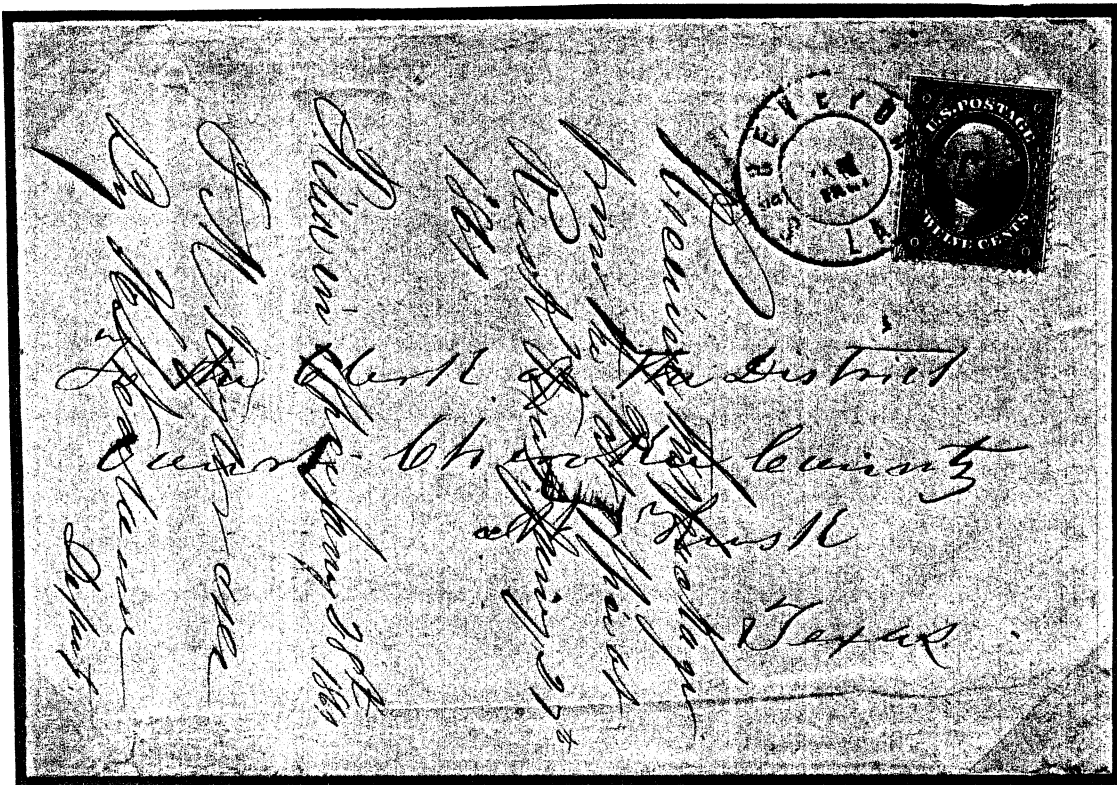
Morganzia - Port Gibson, Miss.
 Wood-cut town cancellation.



QUADRUPLE RATES



New Orleans - Opelousas (May 22, 1856)



Shreveport - Rusk, Texas (Jan 2-, 1861)
 "Received at Rusk, January 27, 1861"

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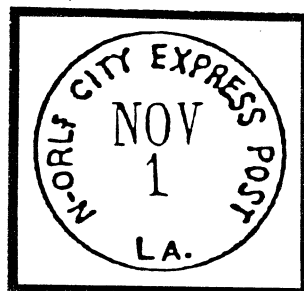
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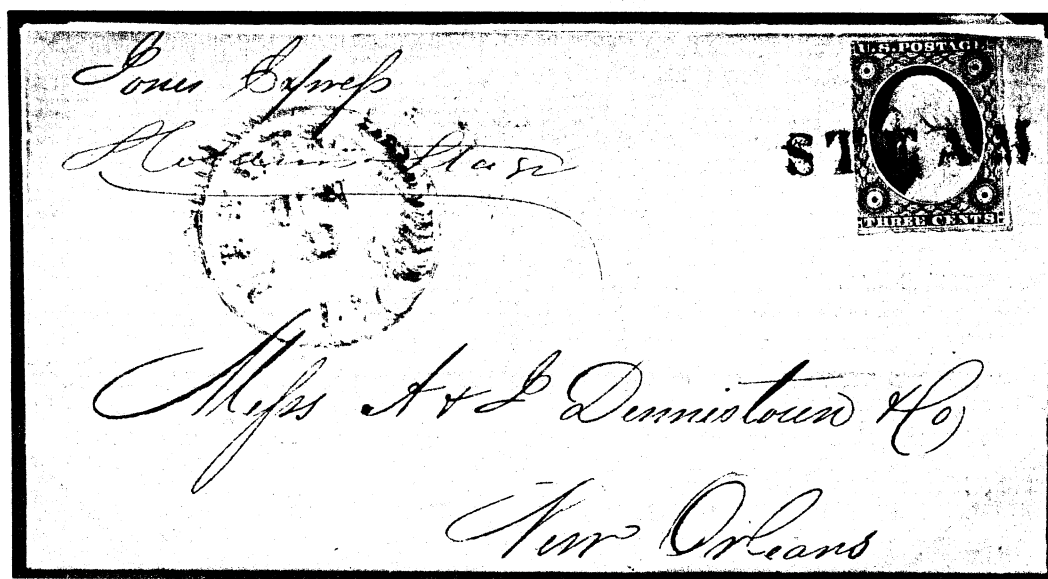
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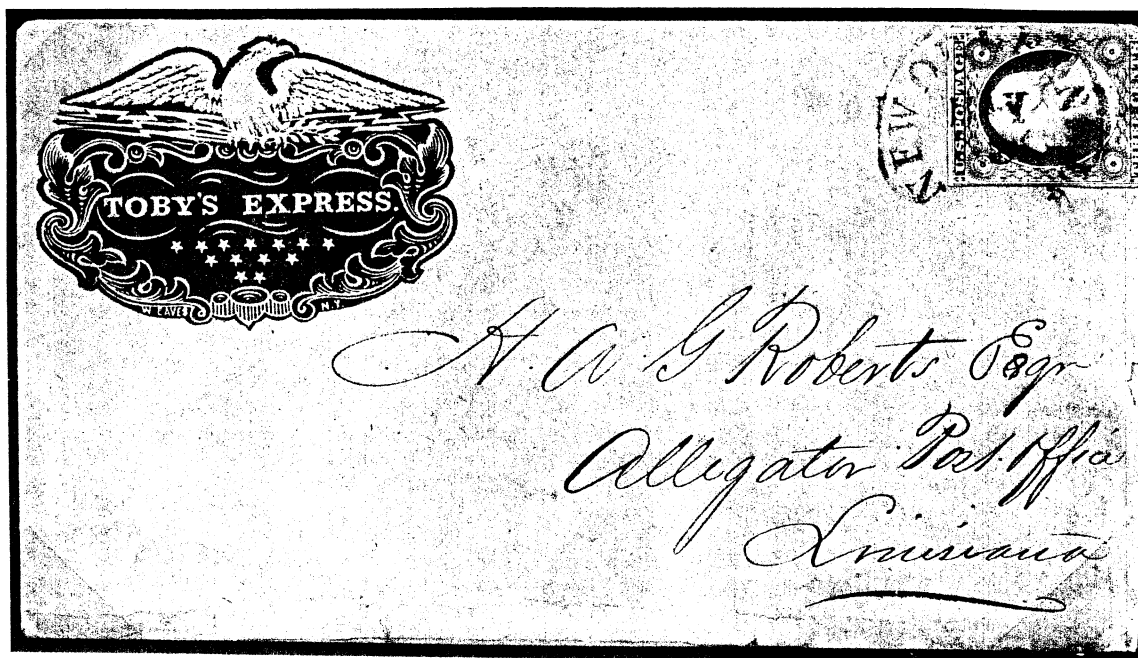


To: A. J. Lincoln, Lafayette Street, New Orleans (Nov 1, 1850)

PRIVATE EXPRESS SERVICES



(Acadie Plantation, Bayou Lafourche) - New Orleans (Jun 2, 1856)
Double carriage, Holden's Stage & Jones Express.



New Orleans - Alligator (May 9, 1856)
Express operated between New Orleans and Brashear.

MARITIME MAILS



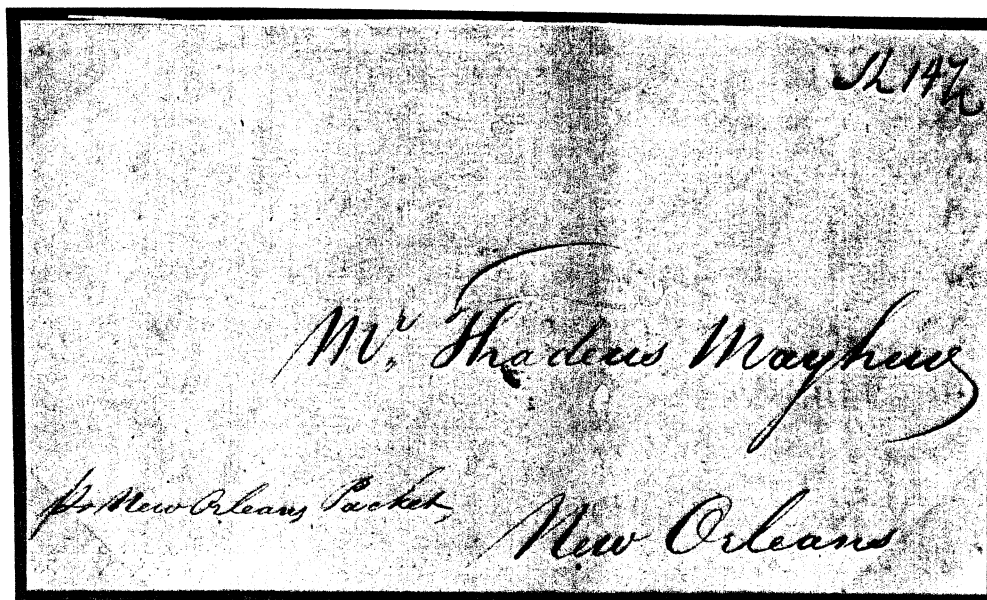
France - New Orleans (Mar 25, 1804)
Written May 16, 1803; carried by private ship and entered U. S.
mails at Natchez. Rated 17¢ for postage to New Orleans.



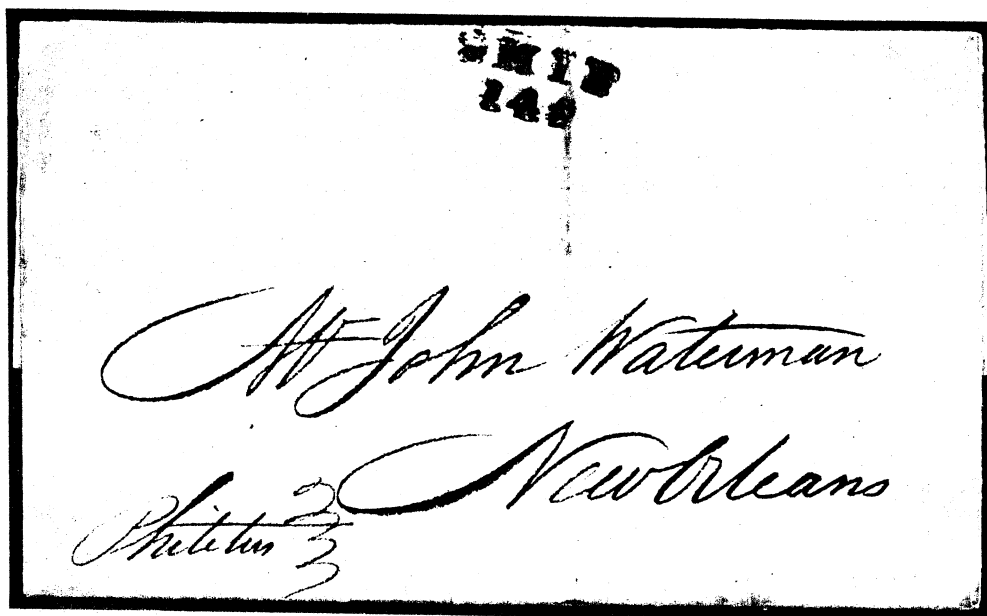
New Orleans - France (Oct 11, 1805)
Via New York; arrived Paris Jan 9, 1806.



England - Baton Rouge (Sep 1, 1805)
Entered U. S. mails at New York; "SHIP" and "27".
Addressed to "Baton Rouge, Mississippi".

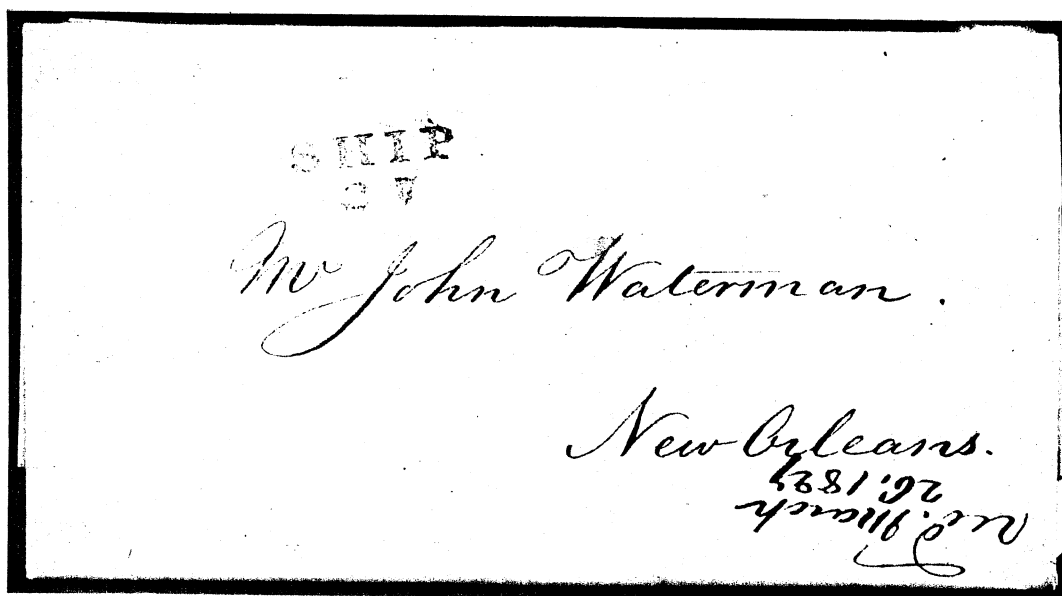


Balize - New Orleans (Jun 11, 1810)
"Pr. New Orleans Packet"; rated "Sh(ip) 14½" at Balize.

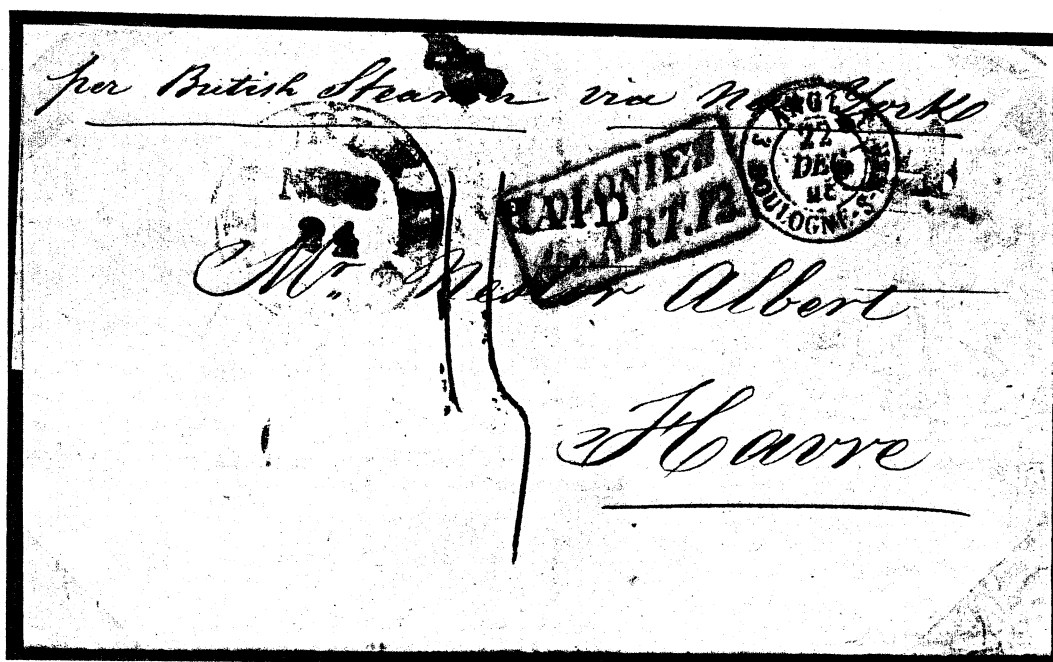


(Providence) - Balize - New Orleans (Nov 10, 1827)
 12½¢ + 2¢ ship rate (based on 102 mile river distance, Balize - New Orleans).

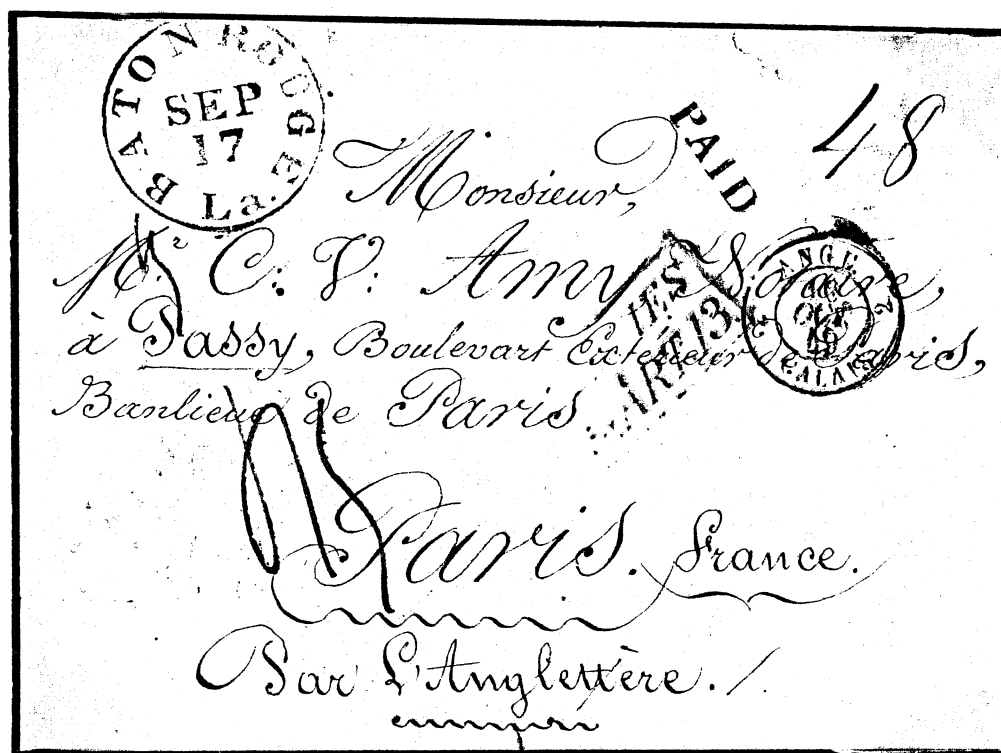
Mail destined for New Orleans could be charged higher rates
 when removed from incoming ships by the New Orleans
 mail agent at the Balize.



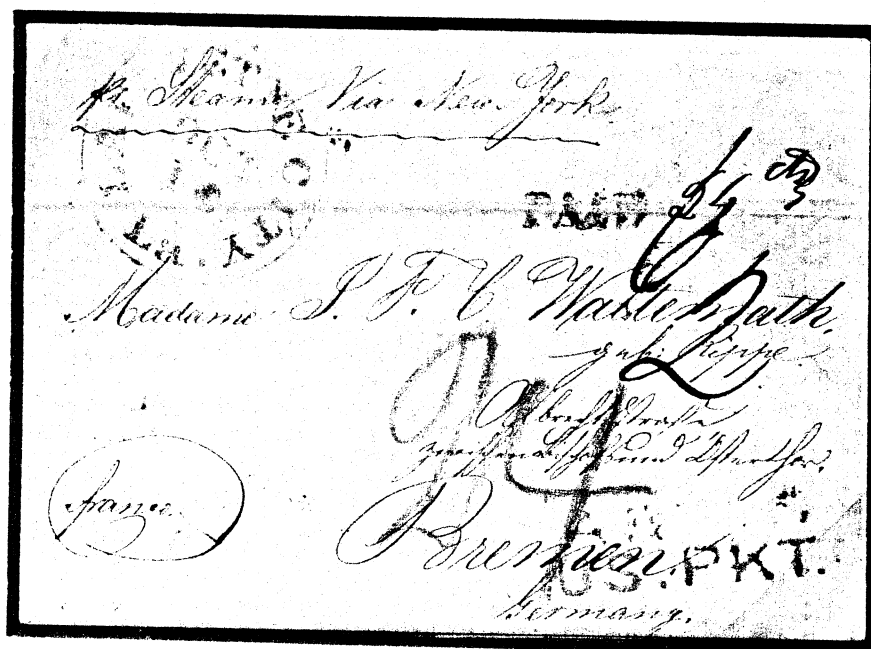
(Boston) - Balize - New Orleans (Feb 7, 1827)
 Two sheets - charged double 12½ rate plus 2¢ ship letter fee.



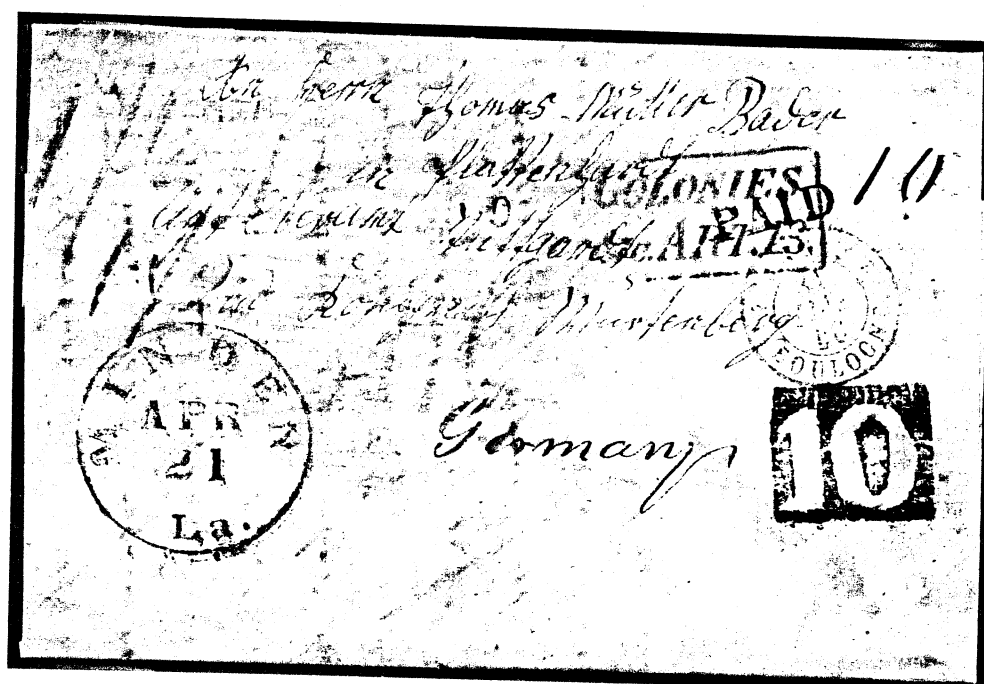
PAID 34 - Retaliatory rate
New Orleans - France, via England (Nov 24, 1848)



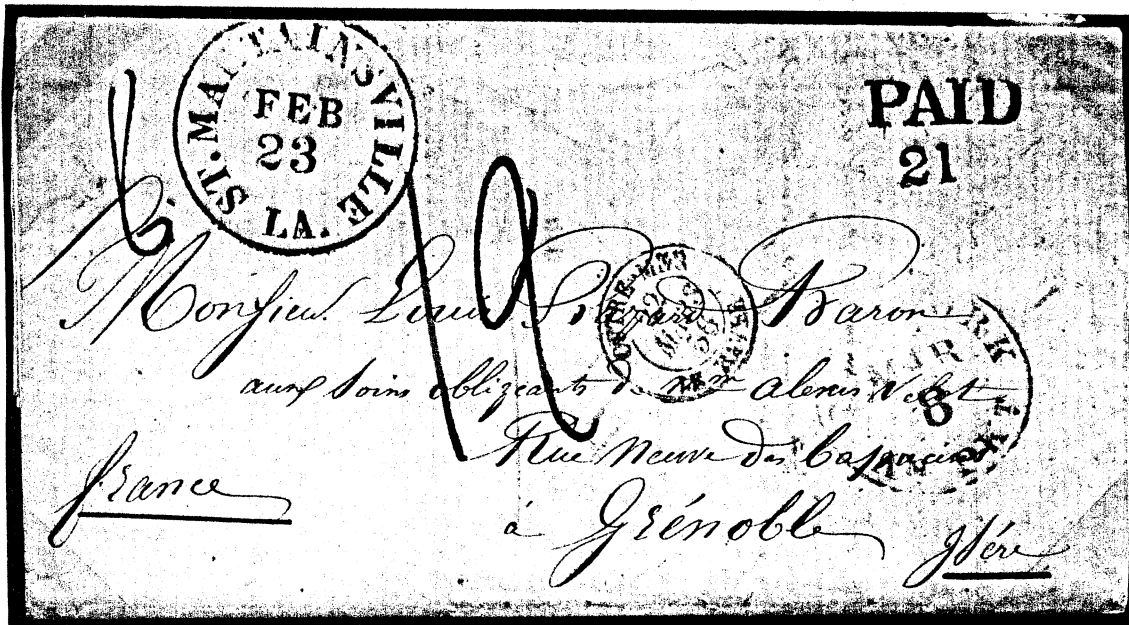
Baton Rouge - France, via England (Sep 17, 1849)
Double 24¢ rate prepaid; yet, rated 45 decimes due.



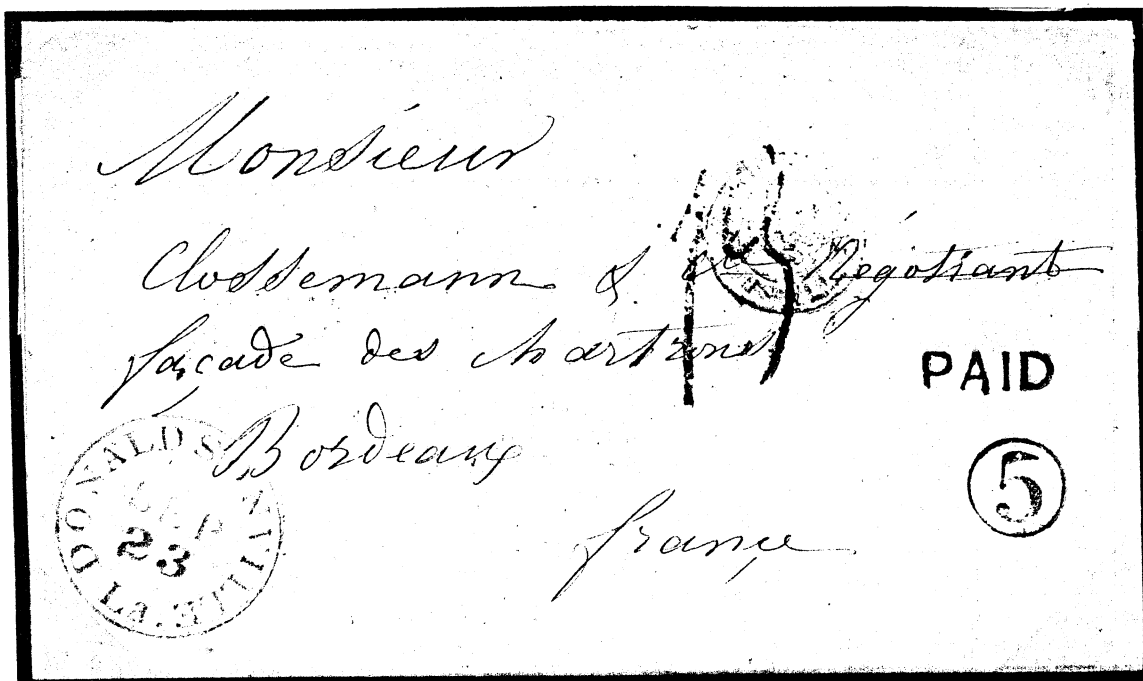
Lafayette City - Germany (Oct 10, 1851)
 "PAID 24 cts"; via New York and U.S. packet to England.



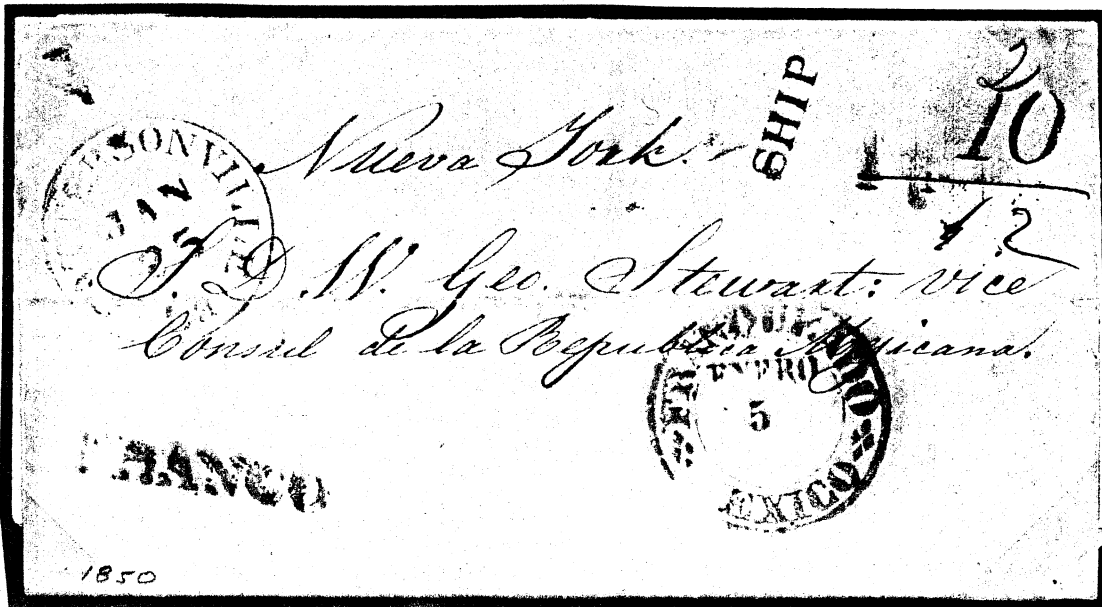
Minden - Germany (Apr 21, 1846)
 "PAID, 10"; routed through England and France.



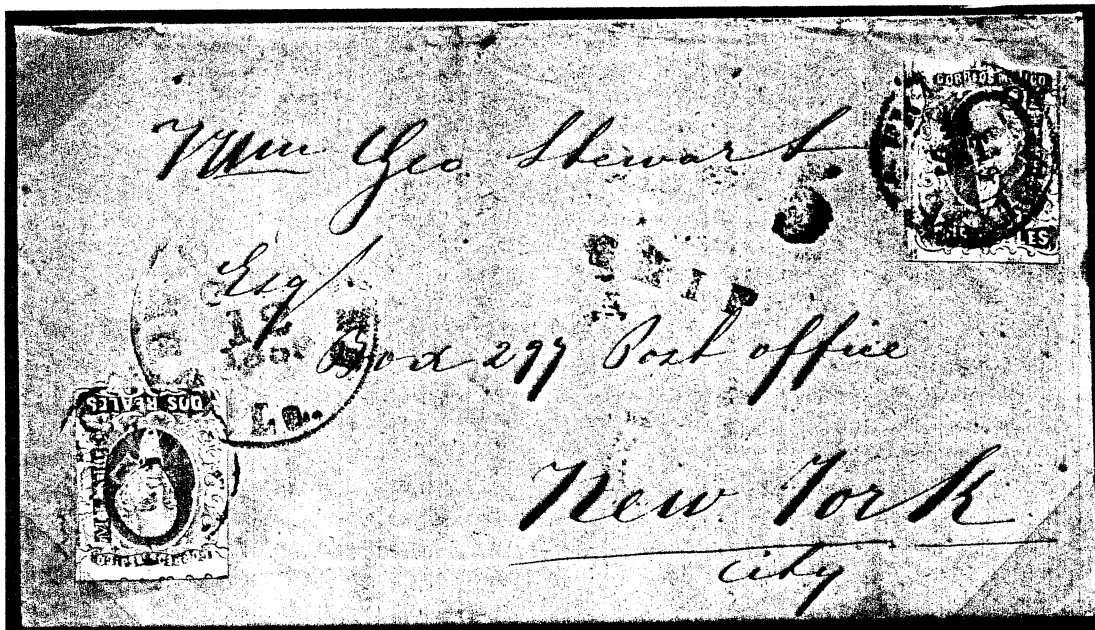
St. Martinsville - France (Feb 23, 1856)
U.S. packet service; inland and sea postage prepaid.



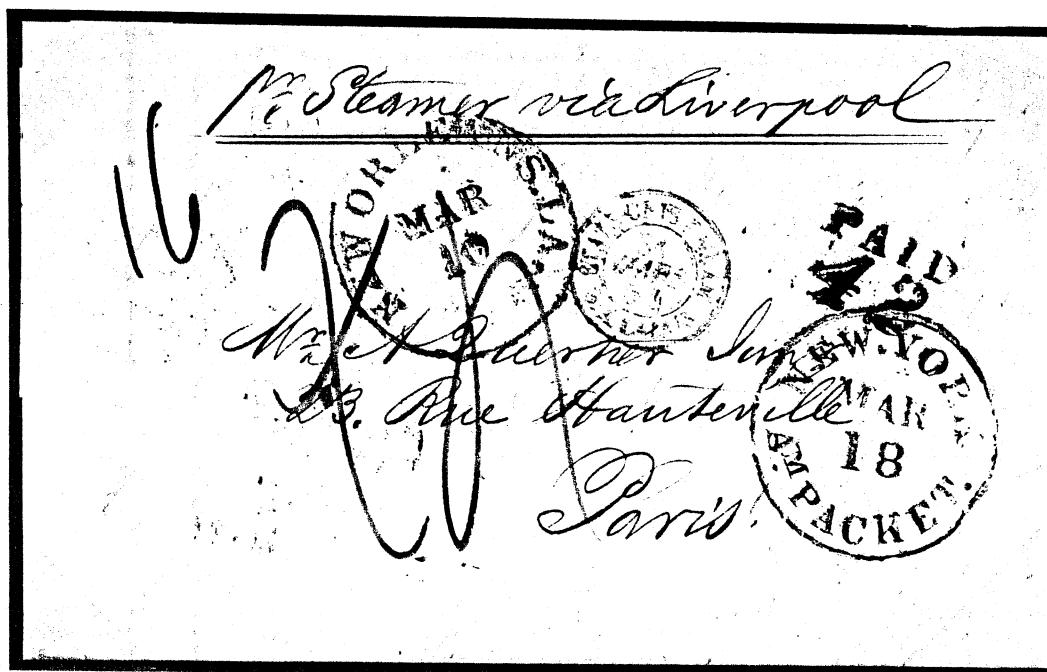
Donaldsonville - France (Sep 23, 1852)
British packet service; inland postage only prepaid.



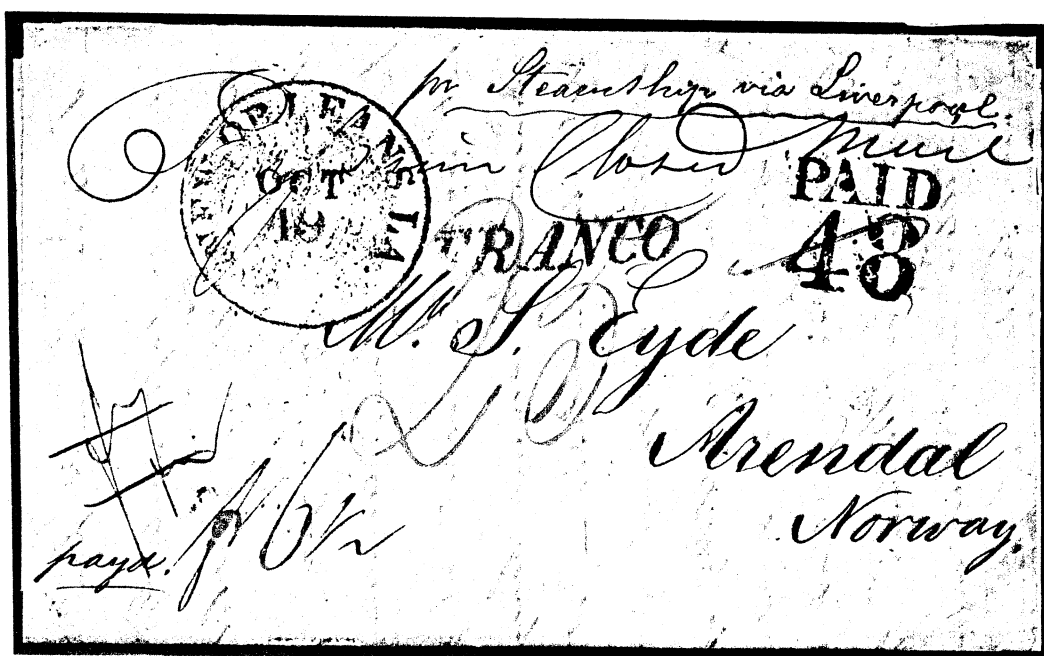
Mexico - Pattersonville - New York (Jan 25, 1850)
Pattersonville a small town on Bayou Teche.



Mexico - New Orleans - New York (Oct 12, 1858)



New Orleans - France (Mar 10, 1854)
 "PAID / 42"; double rate, via American packet.



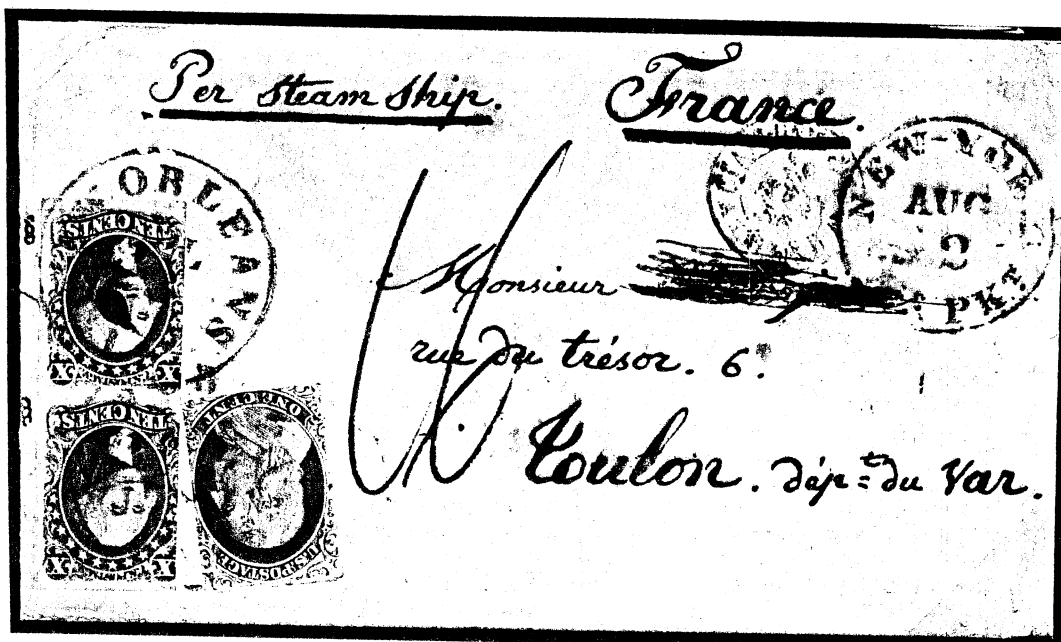
New Orleans - Norway (Oct 19, 1854)
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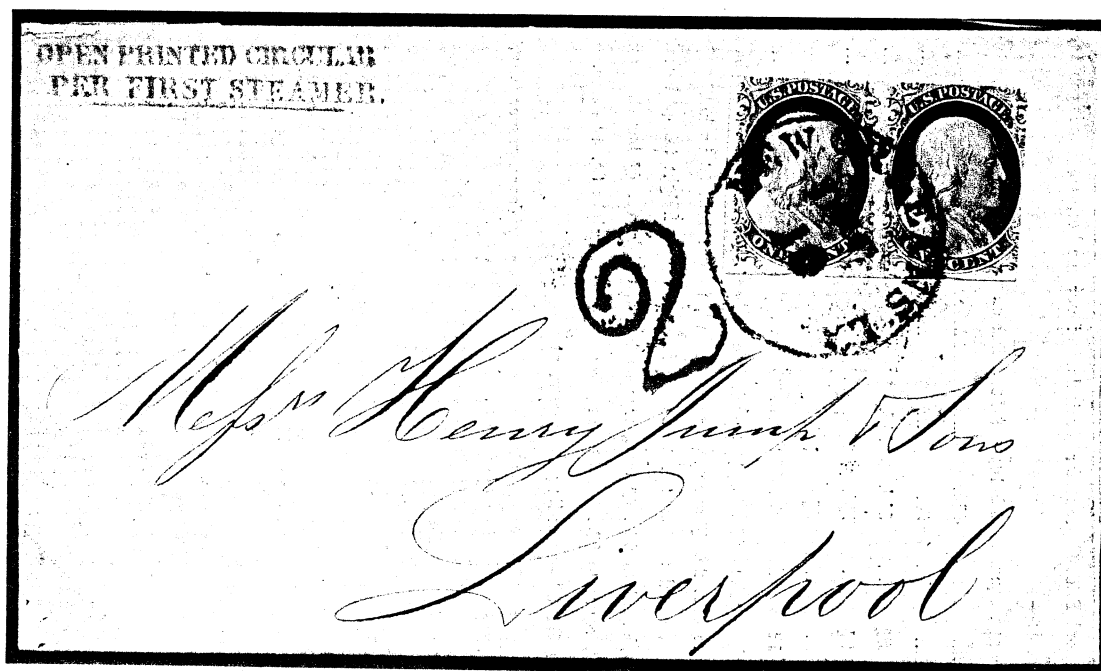
Lake Charles - England (Mar 6, 1859)
 "Paid 24 cents / P. M."



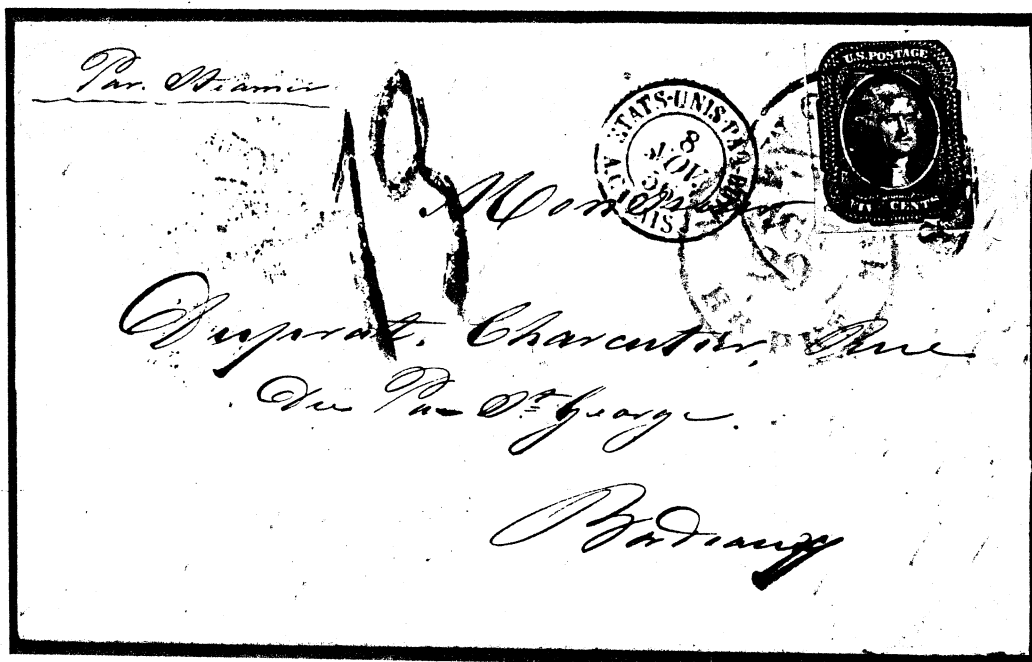
Evergreen - England (Oct 22, 1855)
 24¢ International rate, per U.S. - British treaty.



New Orleans - France (Jul 23, 1856)
 Prepaid 21¢ American packet rate to France.
 (Ten cent stamps Types II and III).



New Orleans - Liverpool (Dec 10, 1855)
 2¢ printed matter rate, prepayment required.



New Orleans - France (Oct 21, 1856)
Inland postage prepaid by Type I 5¢ stamp.



Breaux's Bridge - France (Oct 27, 1856)
Inland postage prepaid by Type III 10¢ stamp.

For Sch. "Robert Speedden"
SHIP

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For Mr. Stewart Esq.
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SHIP 11



Mrs. Franklin Chase

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Messrs Robt. G. Maitland & Co
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Via N Orleans

New York

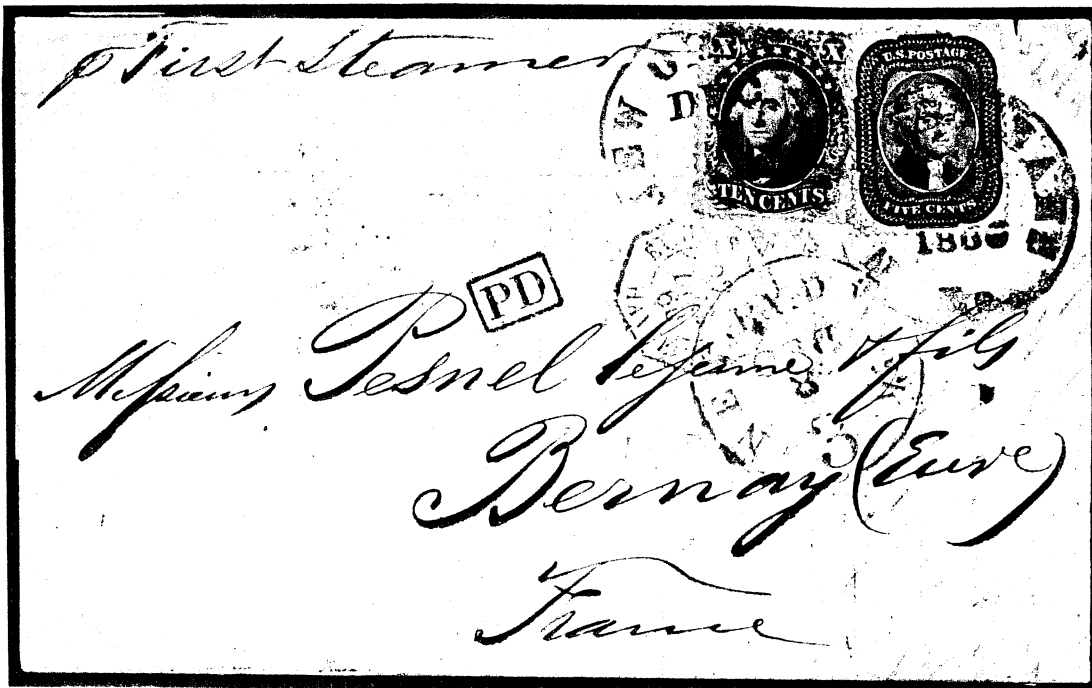
SHIP RATES (Mexico - New Orleans or beyond)

SHIP / 6 / CENTS (1853; to port of arrival)

SHIP / 7 (1851; 5¢ not prepaid rate + 2¢ ship fee)

SHIP, 8 (1859; double 3¢ rate + 2¢ ship fee)

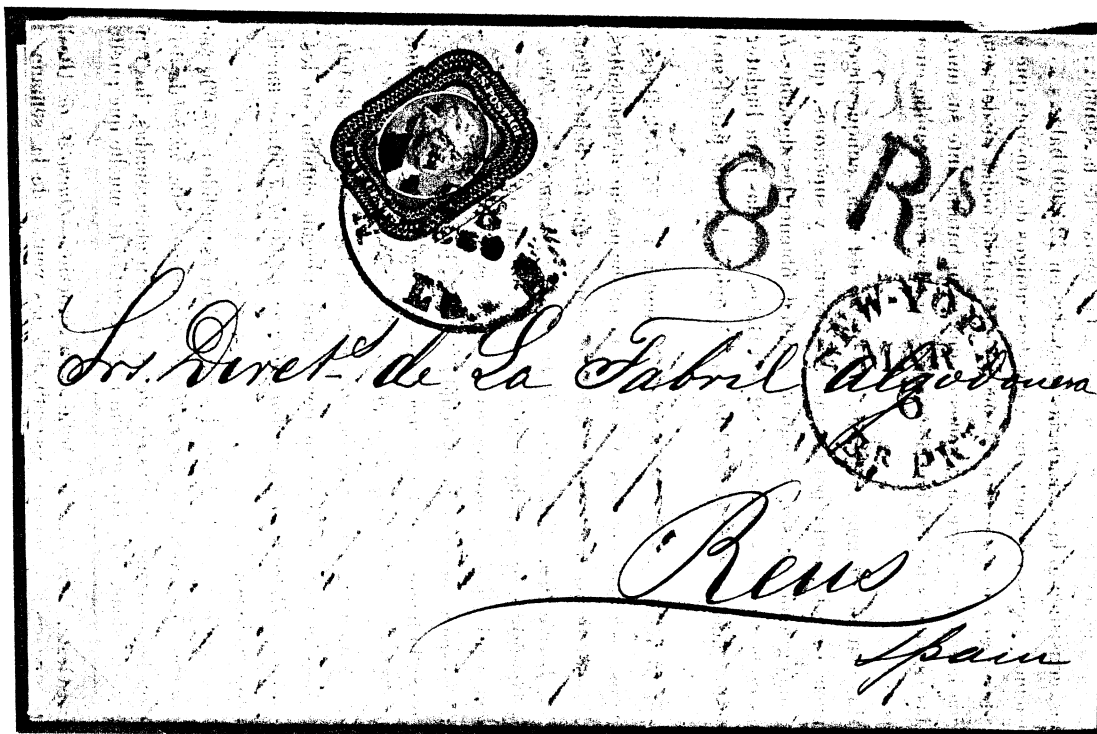
SHIP, 11 (1858; triple 3¢ rate + 2¢ ship fee)



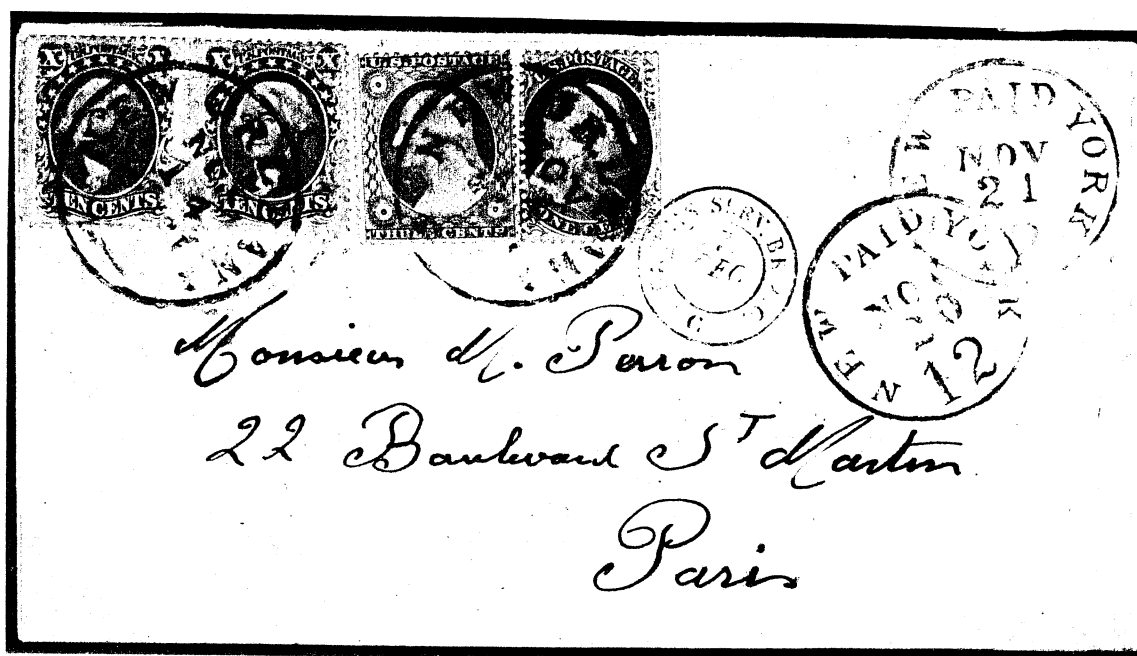
New Orleans - New York - France (Dec 1, 1860)
U.S. packet service, New York - Havre line.



New Orleans - New York - France (Nov 11, 1860)
Direct mail to France by U.S. packet.



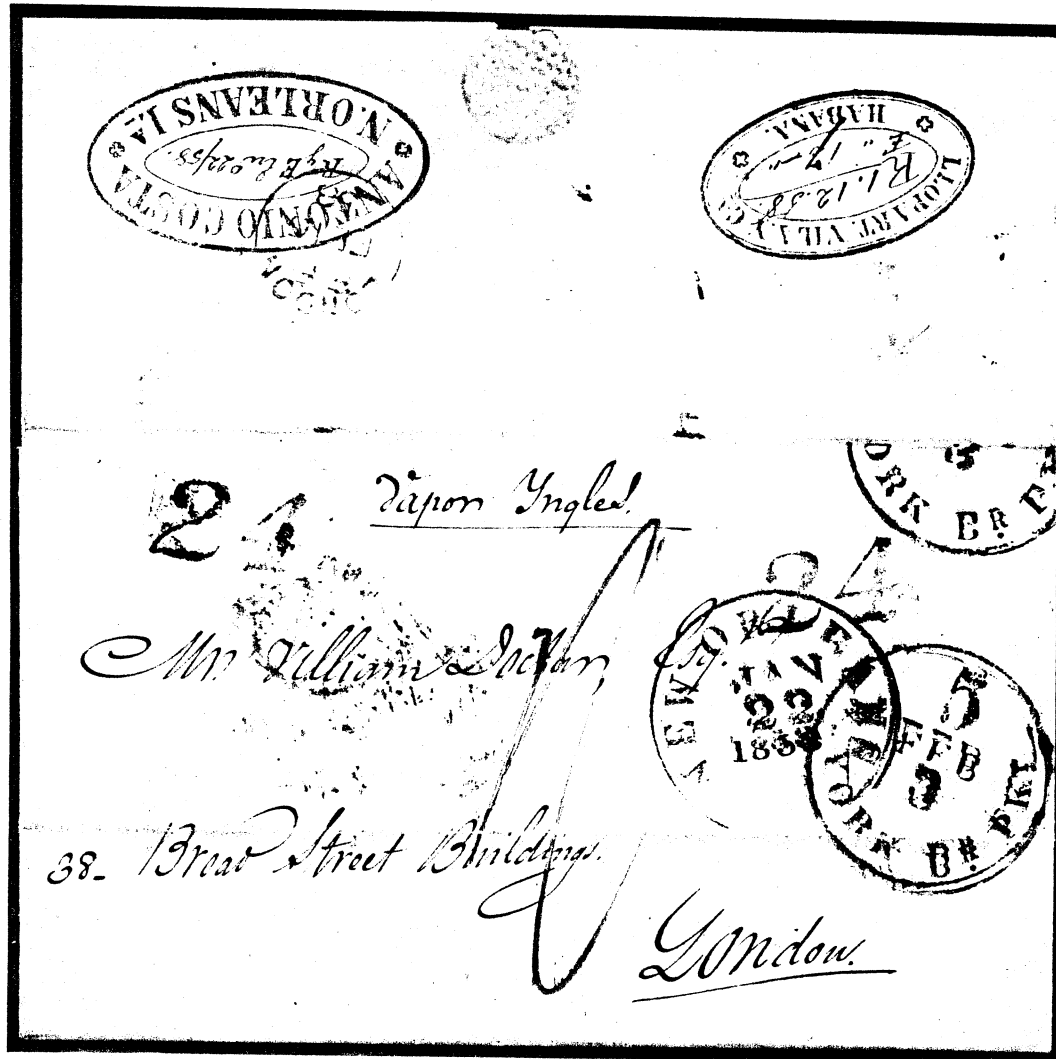
New Orleans - Spain, via England (Feb 28, 1860)
5¢ inland postage only prepaid.



New Orleans - France (Nov 14, 1860)
Prepaid 24¢ British service rate.

PRIVATE SHIP MAIL FORWARDERS

Antonio Costa (Jan 22, 1858)

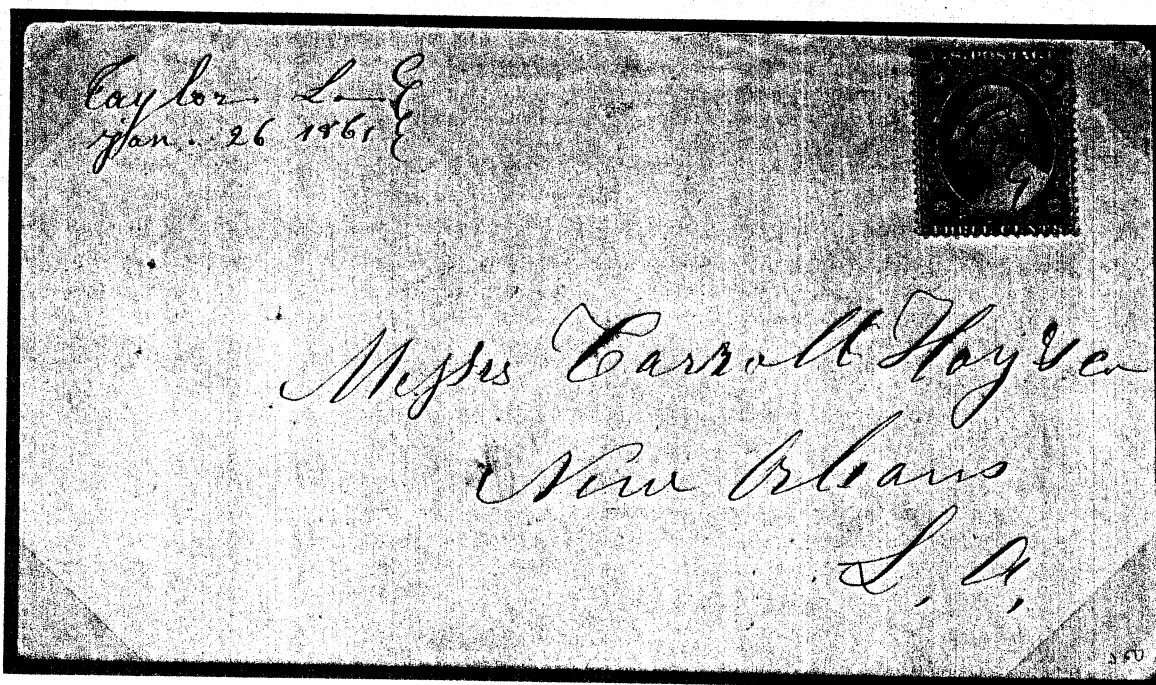


Transit Schedule

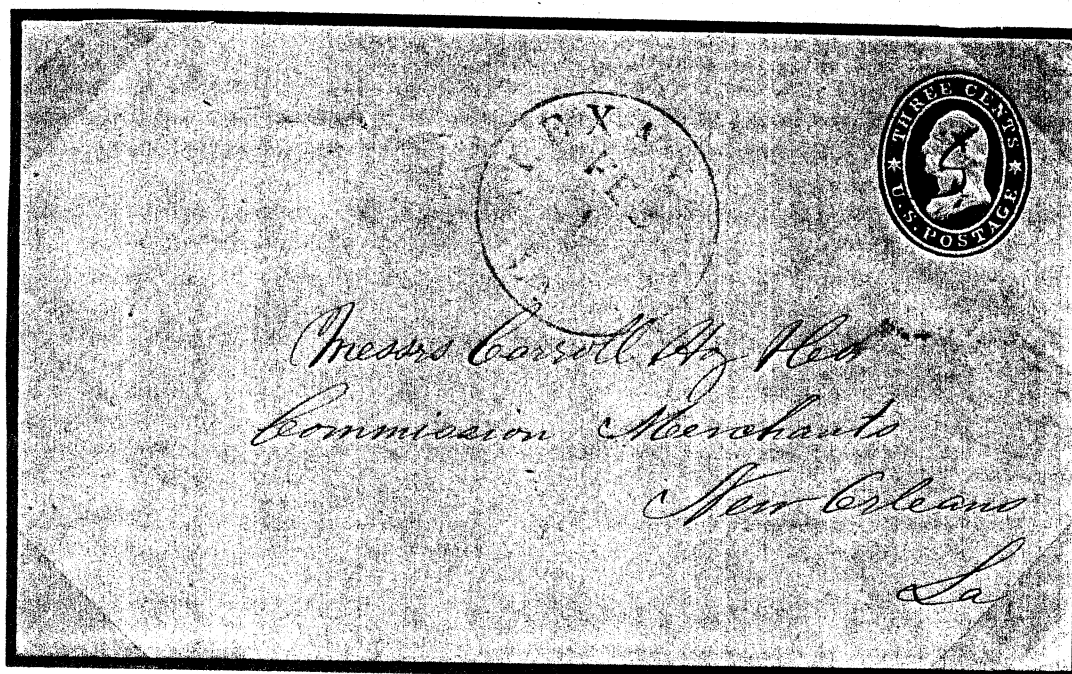
Havanna - New Orleans - New York - London

Havanna - New Orleans	= 10 days
New Orleans - New York	= 12 days
New York - London	= 13 days
Total transit	= 35 days

INDEPENDENT STATE: Jan 26, 1861 - Feb 3, 1861

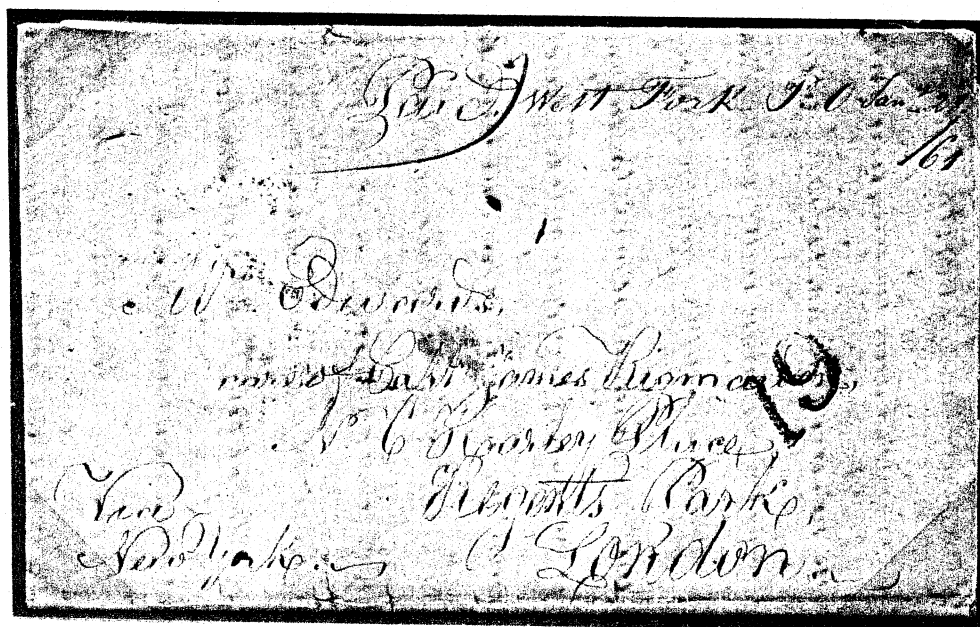


Taylor - New Orleans (Jan 26, 1861)
(First day of Independent Statehood)



Alexandria - New Orleans (Feb 1, 1861)
(Seventh day of Independent Statehood)

OVERSEAS MAIL



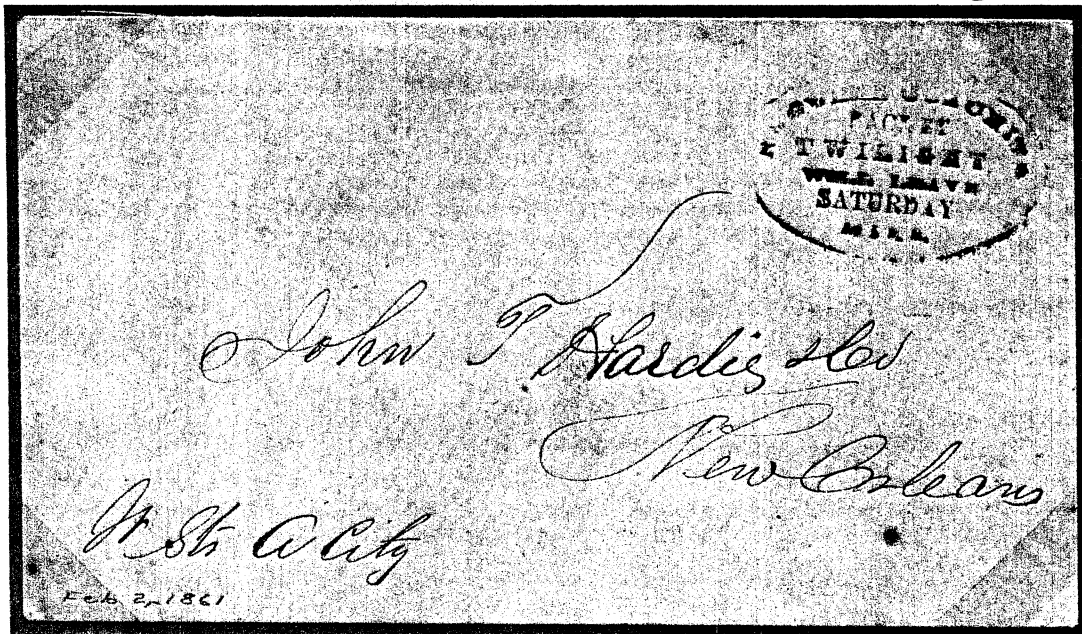
West Fork - London, England (Jan 28, 1861)

"The North are much stronger than we are,
and should war ensue..."

STEAMBOAT MAIL

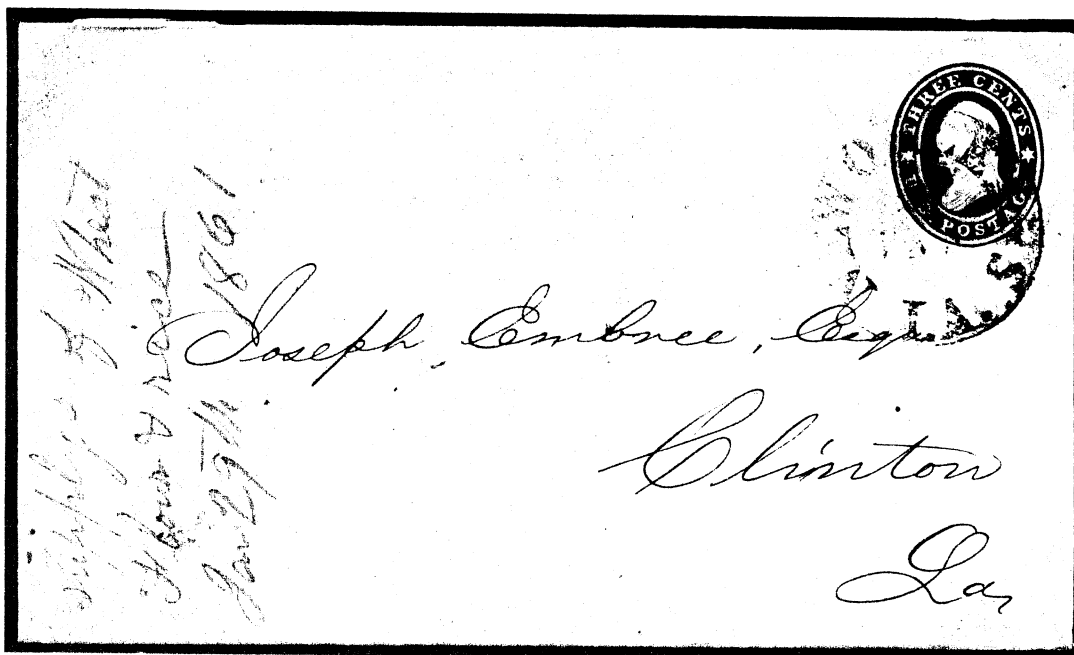
Ouachita City July 21 1861

Steamer **TWILIGHT**, Jr.

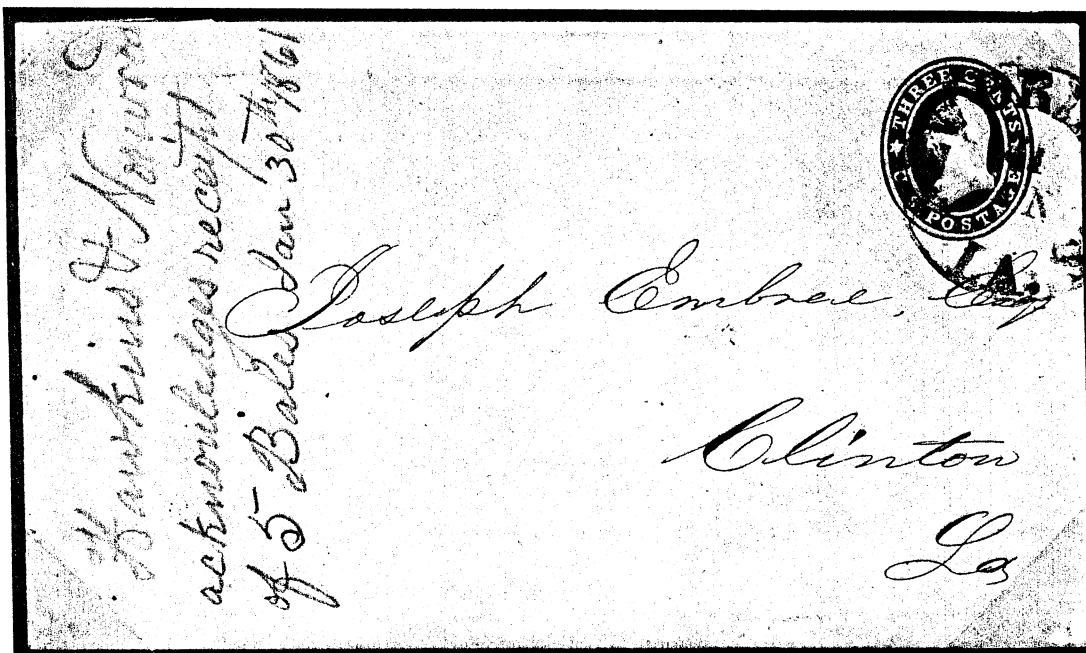


Ouachita City - New Orleans (Feb 2, 1861)

(Eighth day of Independent Statehood)



New Orleans - Clinton (Jan 29, 1861)
(Fourth day of Independent Statehood)

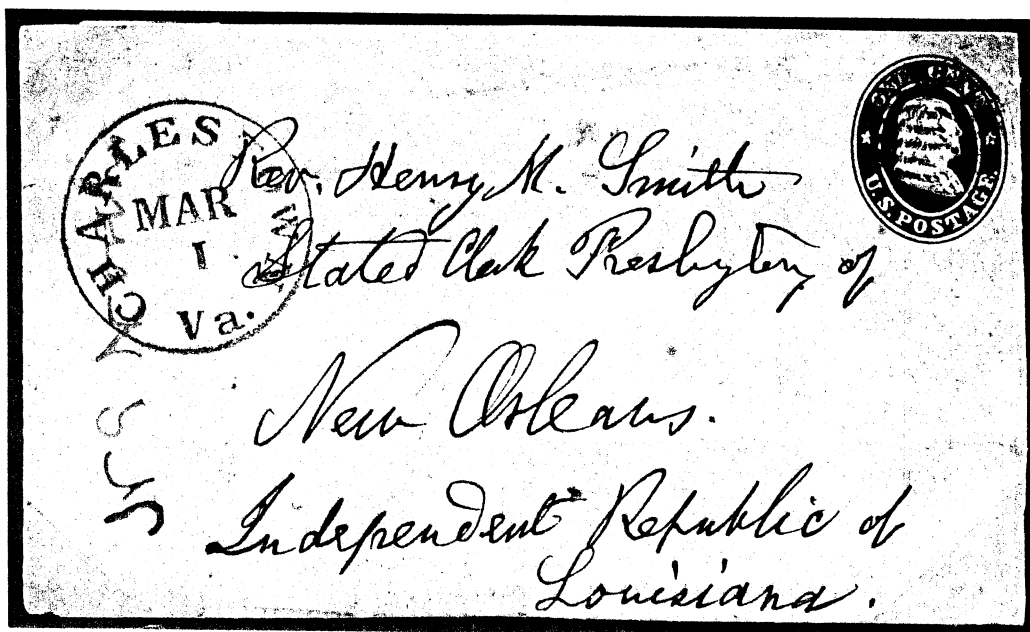


New Orleans - Clinton (Jan 31, 1861)
(Sixth day of Independent Statehood)

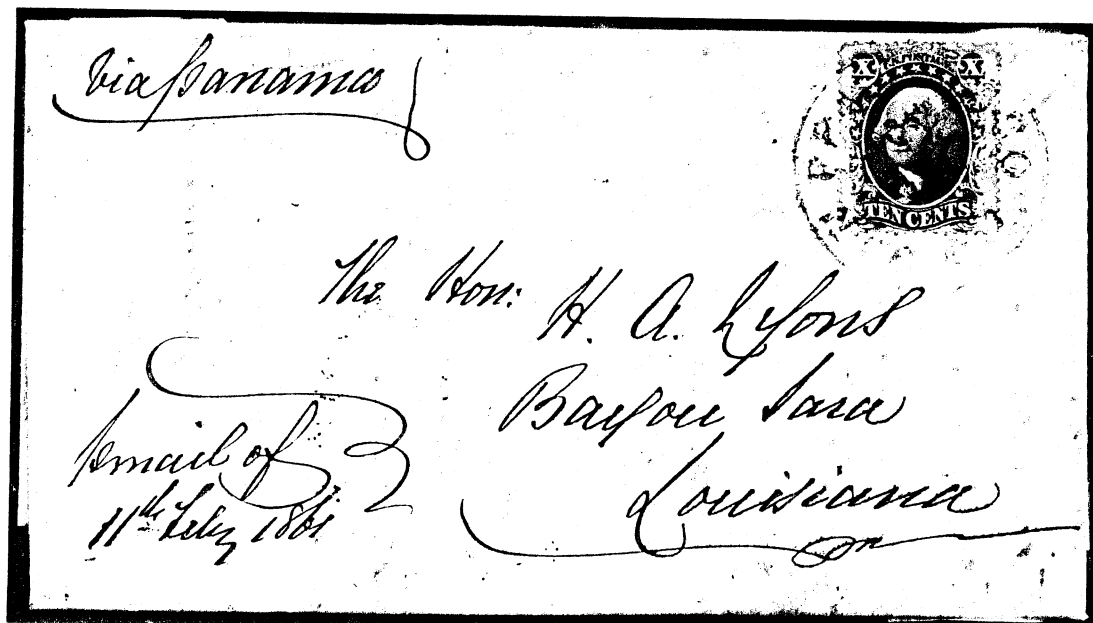
CONFEDERATE STATE: U. S. Stamps and Rates
February 4, 1861 - May 31, 1861



Mexico - New York, via New Orleans (Feb 4, 1861)
Private ship letter; not rated.
(First day of Confederate Statehood)



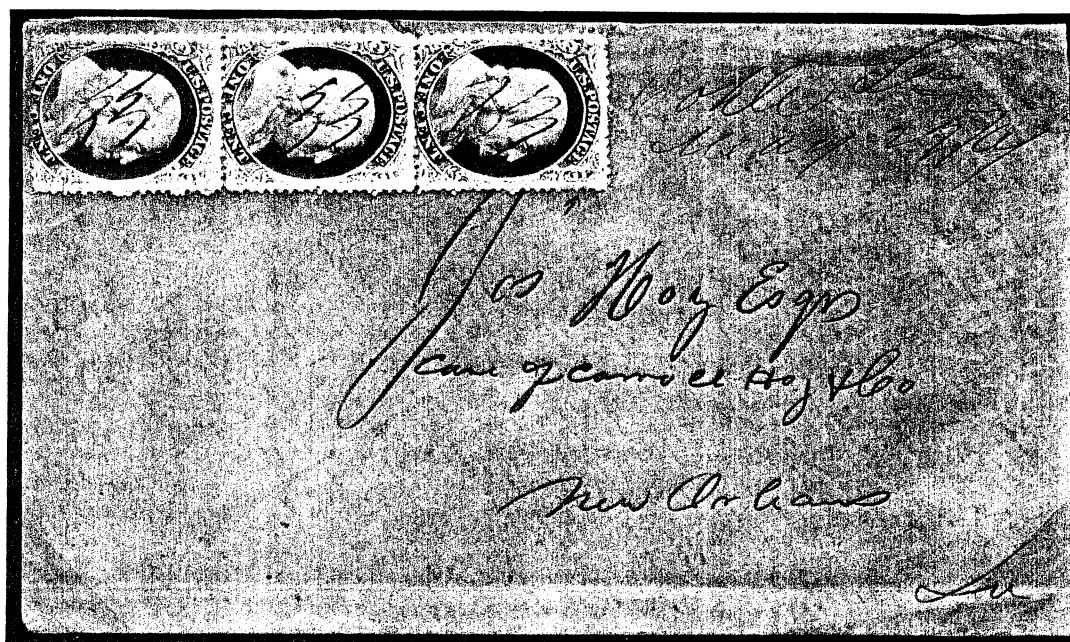
Charlestown, (West) Va. - New Orleans (Mar 1, 1861)
"Independent Republic of Louisiana"



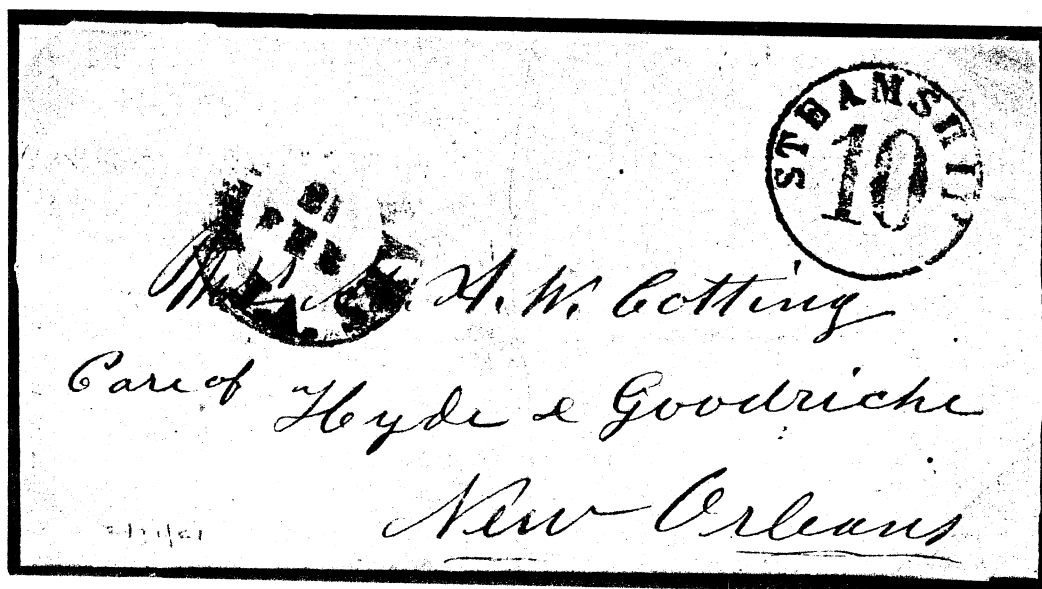
San Francisco - Bayou Sara (Feb 11, 1861)
"Via Panama"



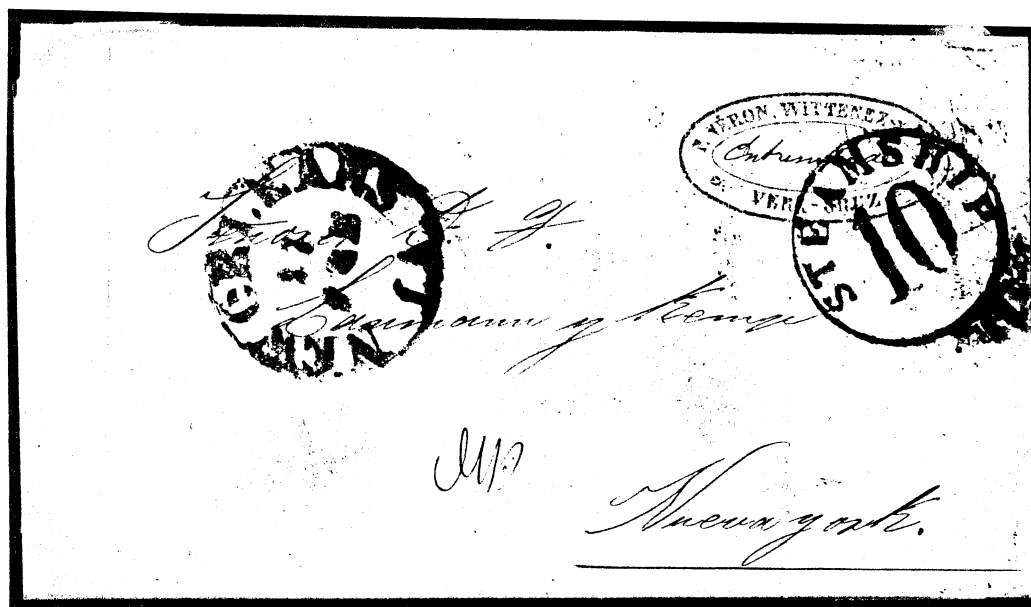
New Iberia - London (Feb 5, 1861)
Overpayment of 24¢ rate.



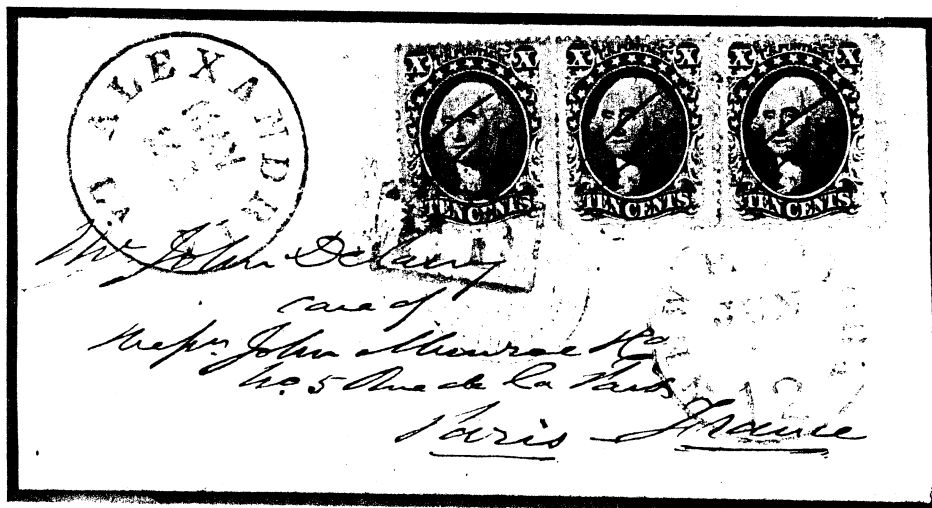
Cotile - New Orleans (May 27, 1861)
(Plate crack along right side of top stamp.)



Mexico - New Orleans (Feb 21, 1861)
Transit by contract mail steamship.



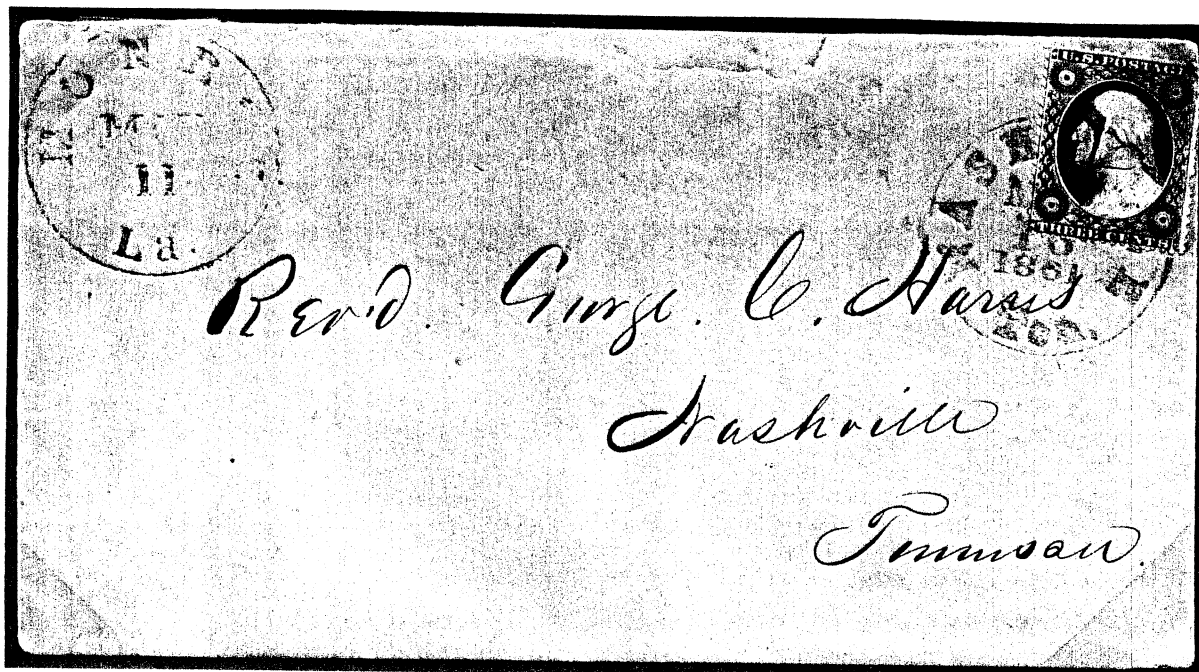
Mexico to New York, via New Orleans (Feb 27, 1861)
10¢ steamship rate, single letter, regardless of distance.



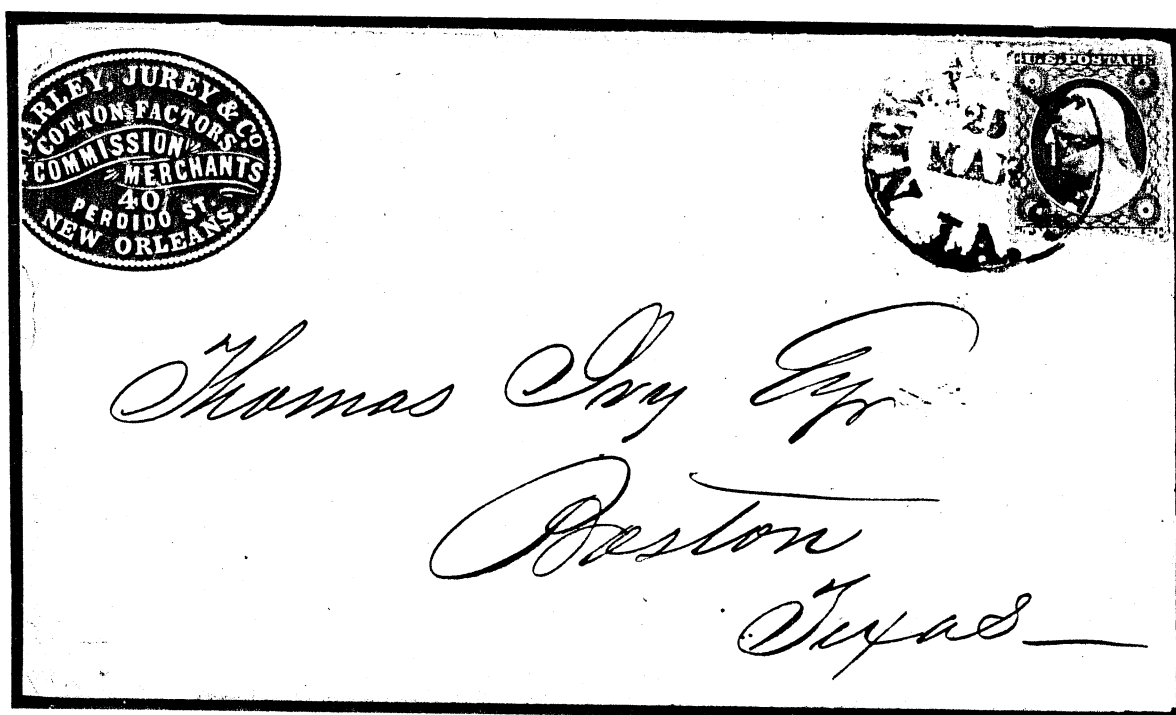
Alexandria - New York - France (May 21, 1861)



New Orleans - New York - France (Mar 2, 1861)
 "C. Lionnet & Co. / New Orleans" in embossed oval.

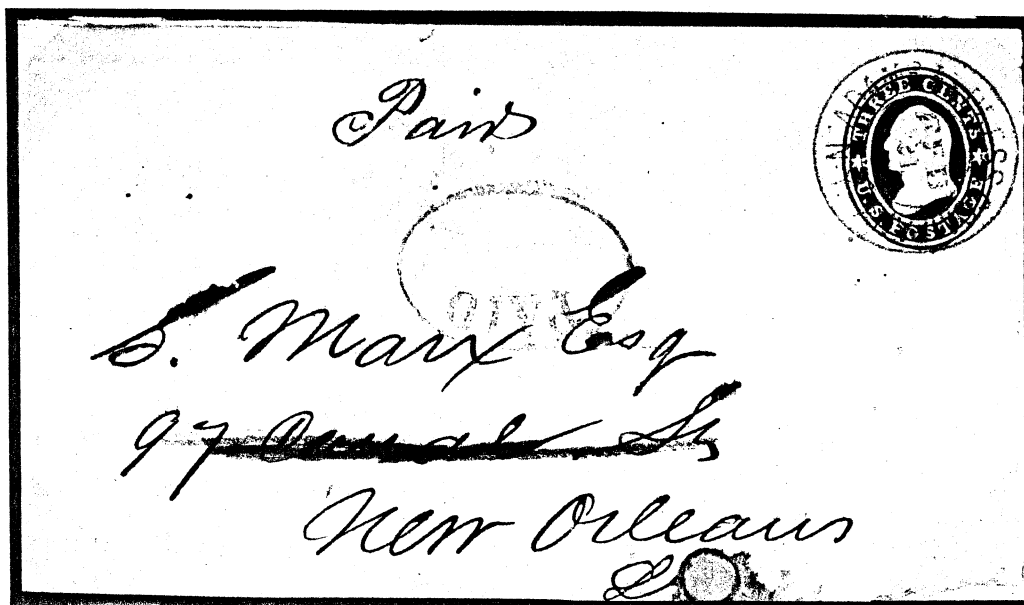


Monroe - Nashville (May 11, 1861)
Prior to secession of Tennessee



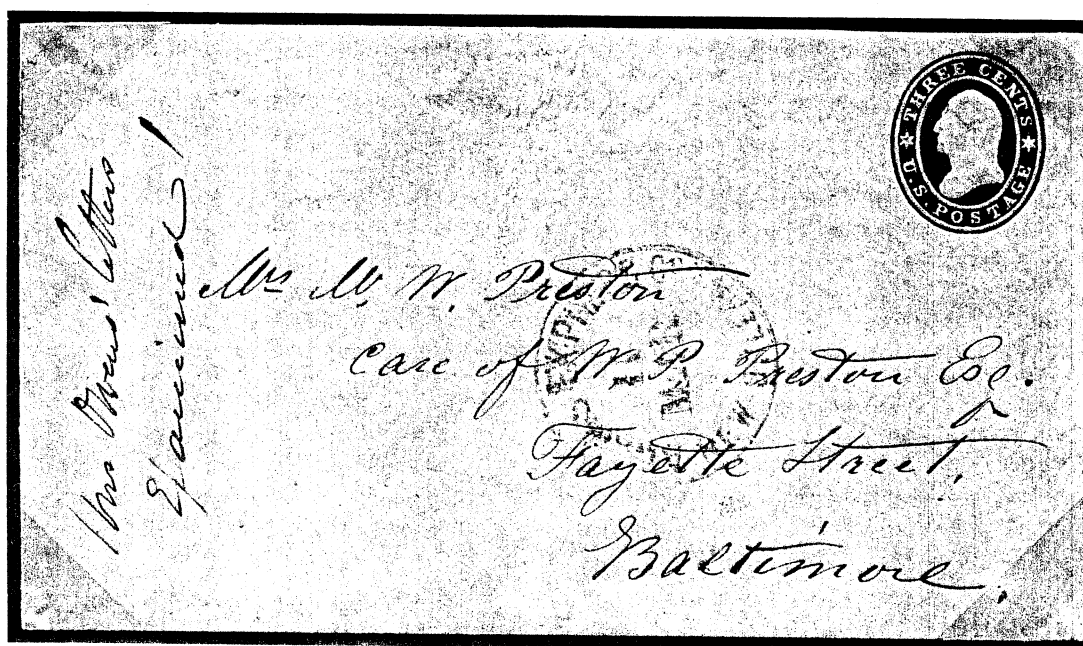
New Orleans - Boston, Tex. (Mar 25, 1861)

PRIVATE EXPRESS SERVICES



ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY / N. Y.
(Feb 21, 1861)

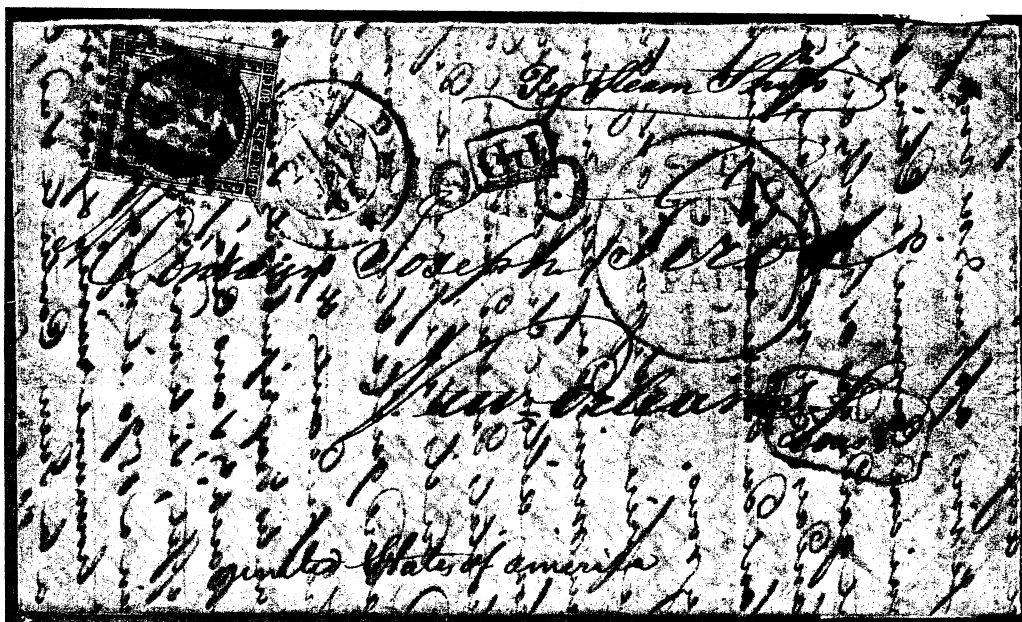
Star die envelope front used as package
label on shipment to New Orleans.



ADAMS EXPRESS CO / NEW-ORLEANS
(Mar 11, 1861)

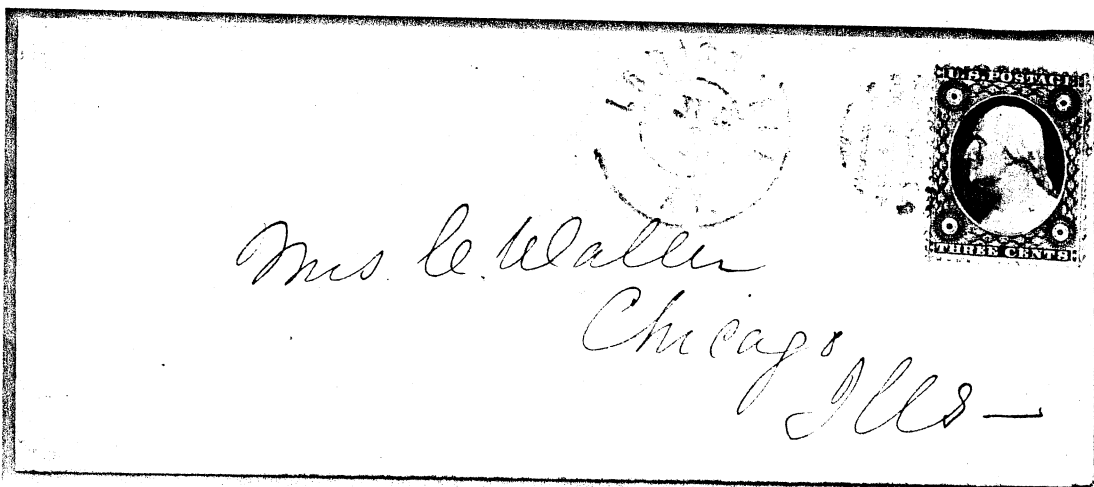
"Mrs. Owens' letters examined!"

NORTH TO SOUTH
(After Mail Suspension)



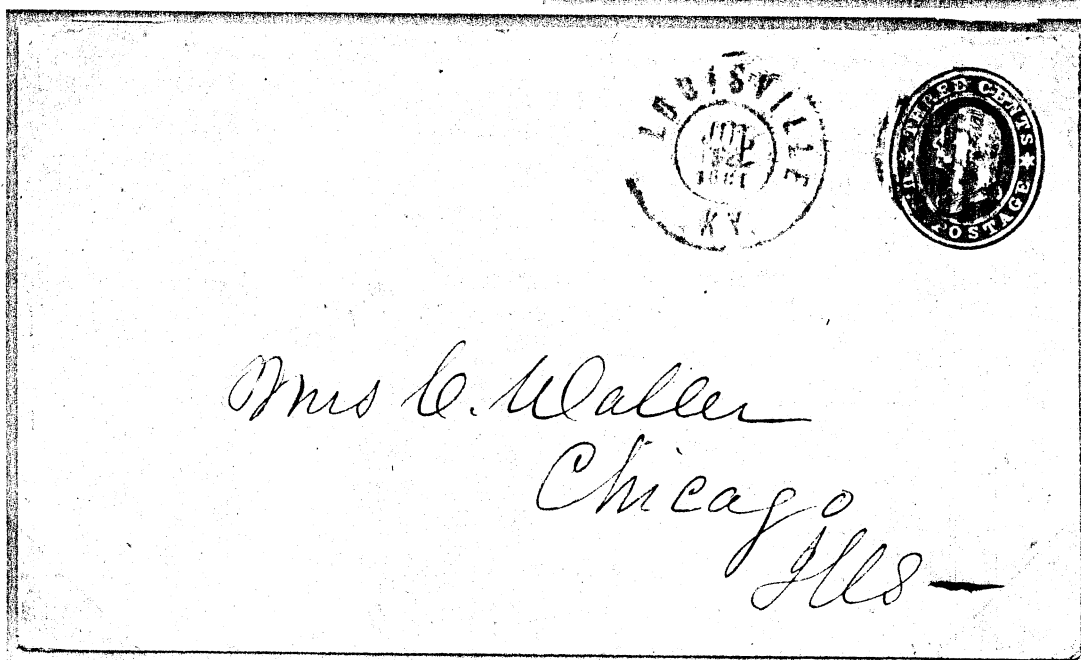
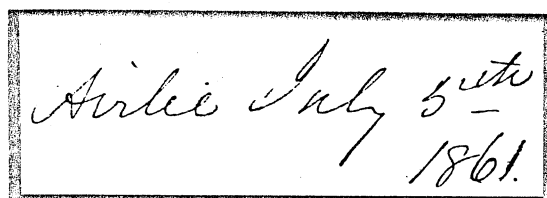
France - Boston (Jun 1, 1861)
Sent on to New Orleans, where "due 10"
handstamp for Confederate postage applied.

SOUTH TO NORTH (After Mail Suspension)



(Pecan Grove) - Louisville - Chicago (Jul 7, 1861)
"Airlie" plantation at Pecan Grove.

Privately carried to Louisville
and allowed into the mails
without added postage.



(Pecan Grove) - Louisville - Chicago (Jul 14, 1861)
Backstamped "Chicago July 16".

NORTH TO SOUTH
(Intercepted Mail)



France - New York (Sep 11, 1861)
"For Adams & Co. Express / N. Y."

Sent to Dead Letter Office; received
in New Orleans after occupation.

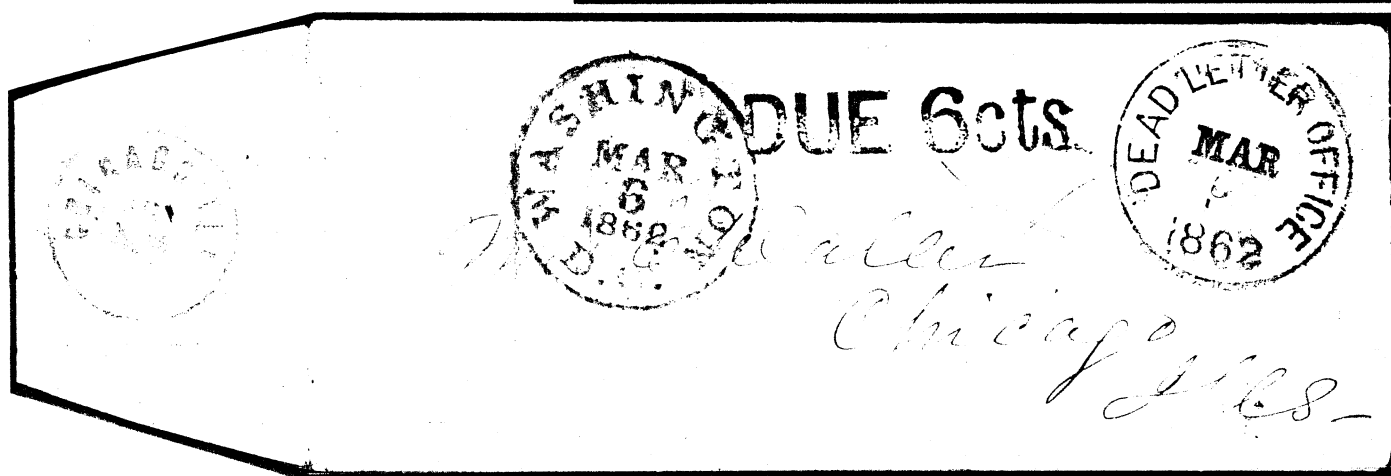
Reçu le 25 juin 1862

(Reverse)



THROUGH THE LINES

Airlie La Jan 30th 1862 -



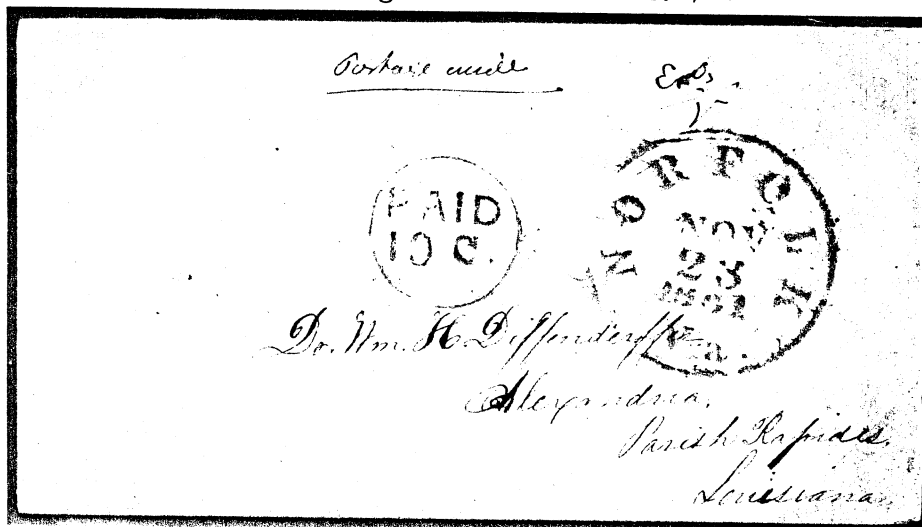
Airlie - Washington, D. C. - Chicago (Mar 6, 1862)

Probably intercepted at Louisville. Sent to Dead Letter Office (March 5). Examined (ms. "X"), sent to Washington post office, marked "DUE" and forwarded to Chicago, arriving March 8.

CIVILIAN "FLAG OF TRUCE" MAIL

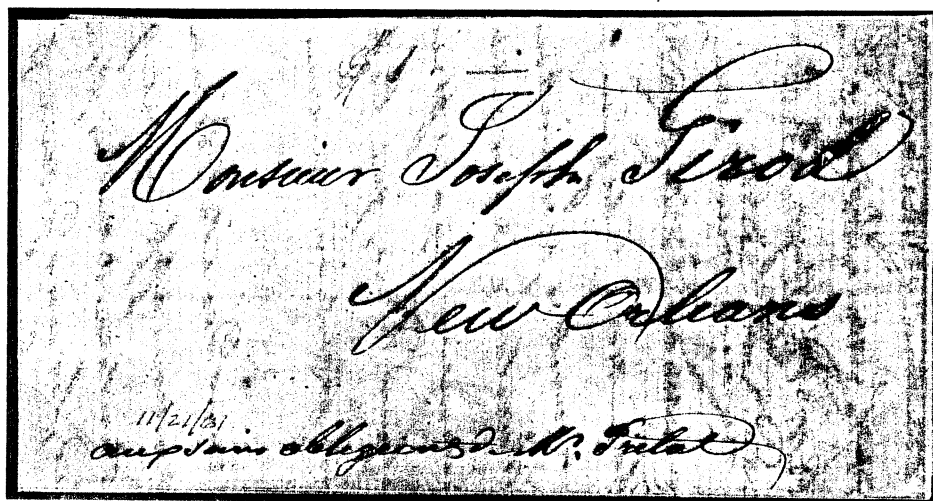
"Postage inside"

"Ex^D / V"



(Northern Origin) - Norfolk - Alexandria (Nov 23, 1861)
Originally enclosed in outer envelope; sealed
at Norfolk and forwarded to Louisiana.

GULF OF MEXICO "BLOCKADE-RUN" MAIL



France - New Orleans (Nov 21, 1861)
"(Politeness of) Mr. Pretal"

Ms. "\$1.-" and "Rue du Maine 72" (on reverse).

PRIVATE EXPRESS SERVICES

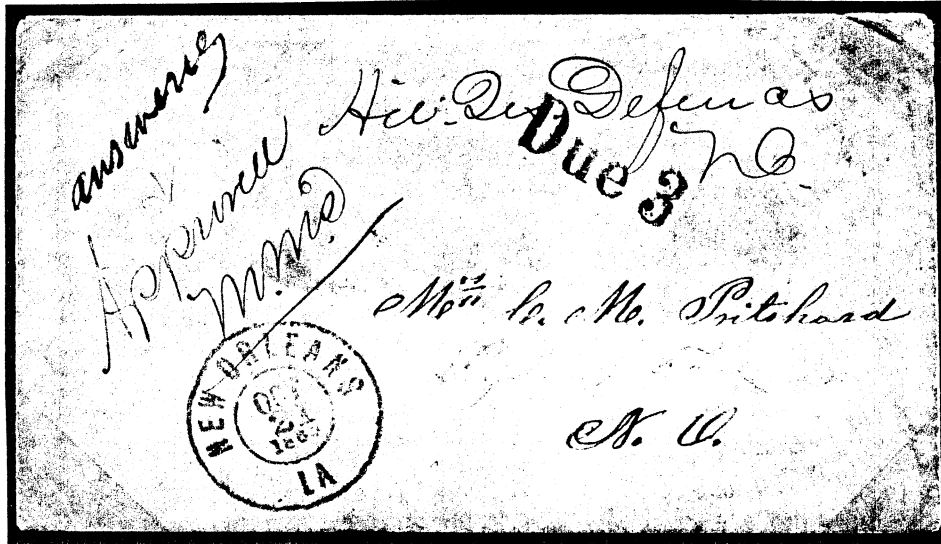
ADAMS EXPRESS CO.



New Orleans - Augusta, Ga. (Jul 2, 1861)
Second use Greenville, S.C. - Macon, Ga.

Also with Macon "ADVERTISED" and
Augusta "ADAMS EXPRESS CO." blue oval.

PRISONER'S MAIL

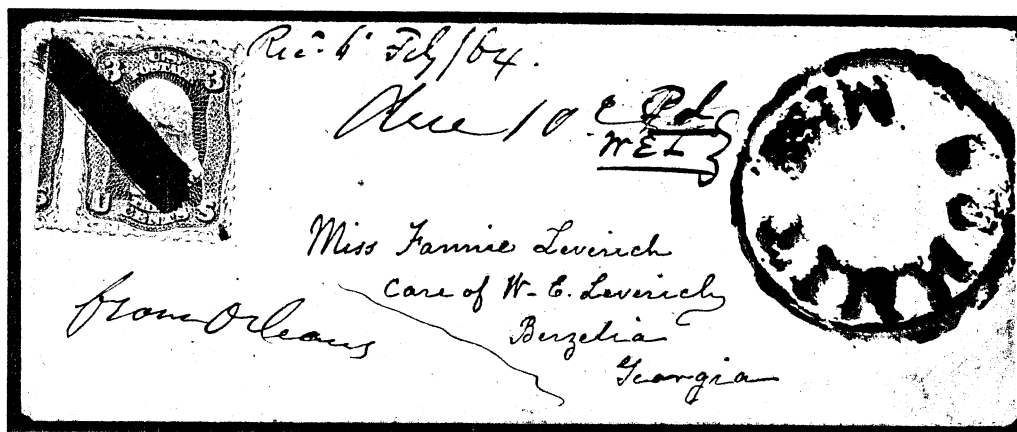


Hd-Qrs. Defences / N. O. - New Orleans (Oct 21, 1863)
 To Mrs. Pritchard, Confederate sympathizer
 imprisoned at Prytania Asylum.



Reverse: New Orleans CDS (Oct 30) and ADV..

THROUGH THE LINES

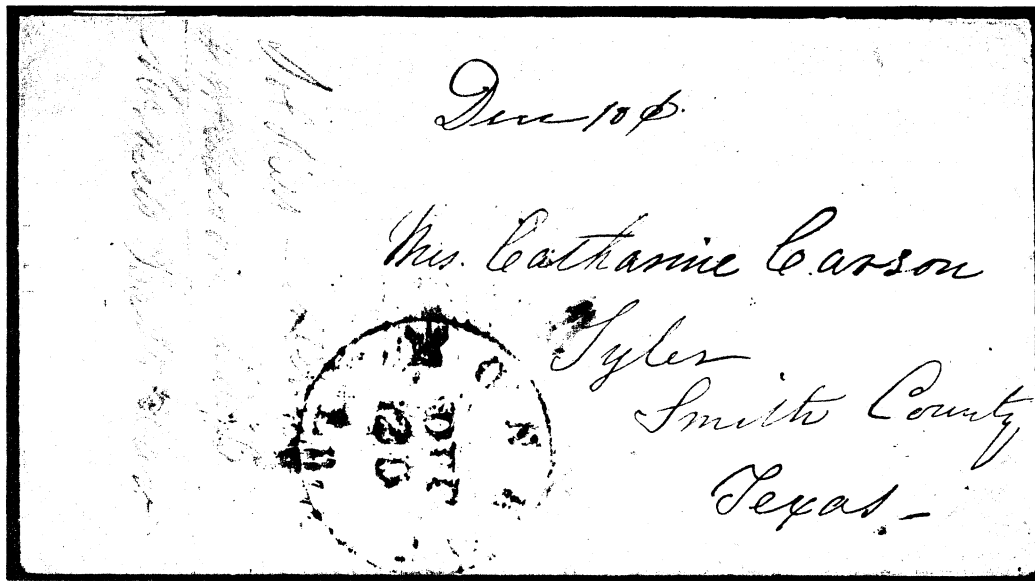


(New Orleans) - Summit, Miss. - Berzelia, Ga. ("Recd Feb / 64")
 "due 10¢" (ms.)

Probably smuggled out of New Orleans and sent on the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern R. R. to Summit. Then in the Confederate mails from Summit to Berzelia.

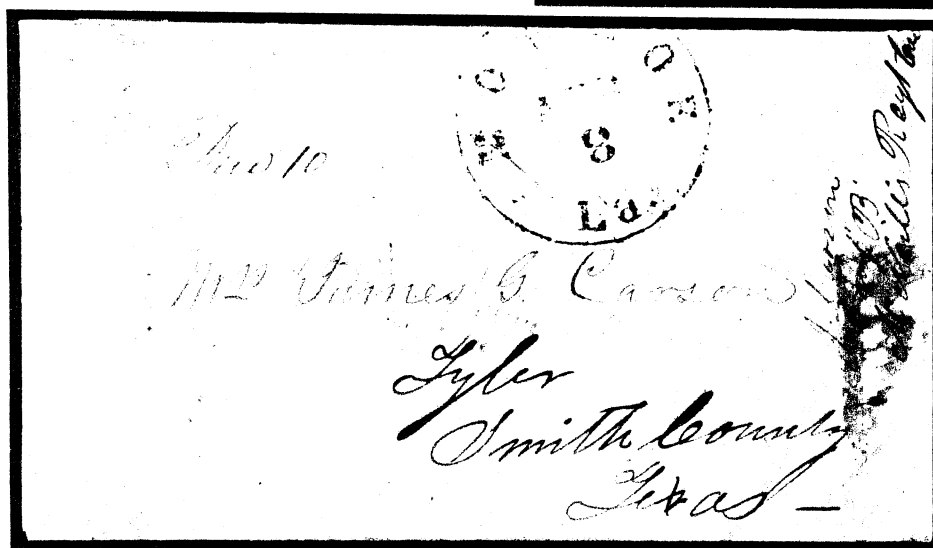
Note: One other cover with "brush" obliterator and Summit cancel without logos known.

THROUGH THE LINES VIA MONROE



New York - Monroe - Tyler, Tex. (Dec 20, 1863)
 Endorsed by W. W. Carson, McNeil's Batt. Cav.

Chicago, Ill.
Feb. 17. 1865.

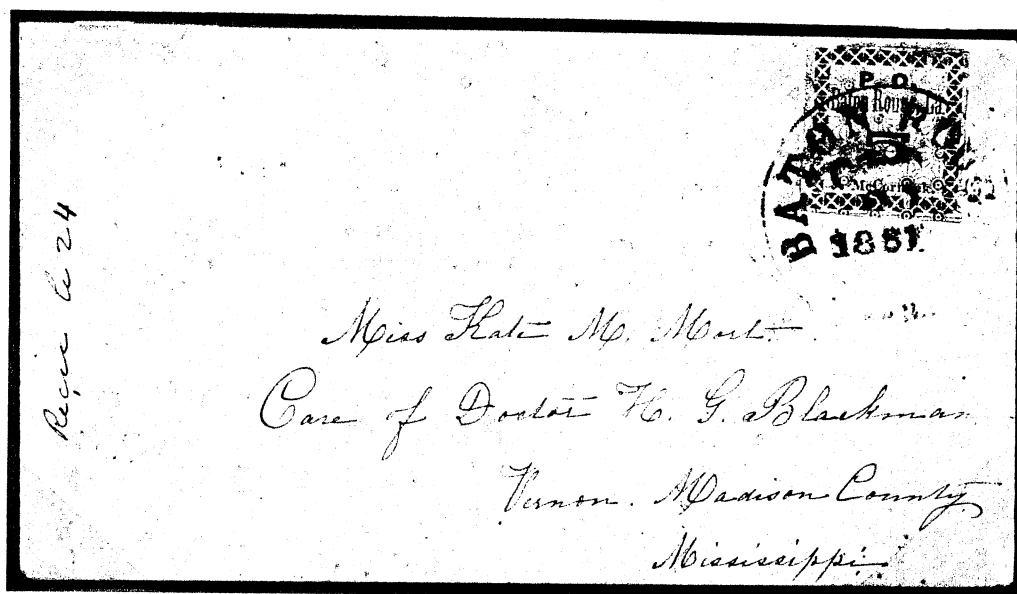


Chicago - Monroe - Tyler, Tex. (Apr 8, 1865)
 Endorsed by J(oseph) Carson, McNeil's Regt. Cav.

POSTMASTERS' PROVISIONAL ISSUES

Adhesives

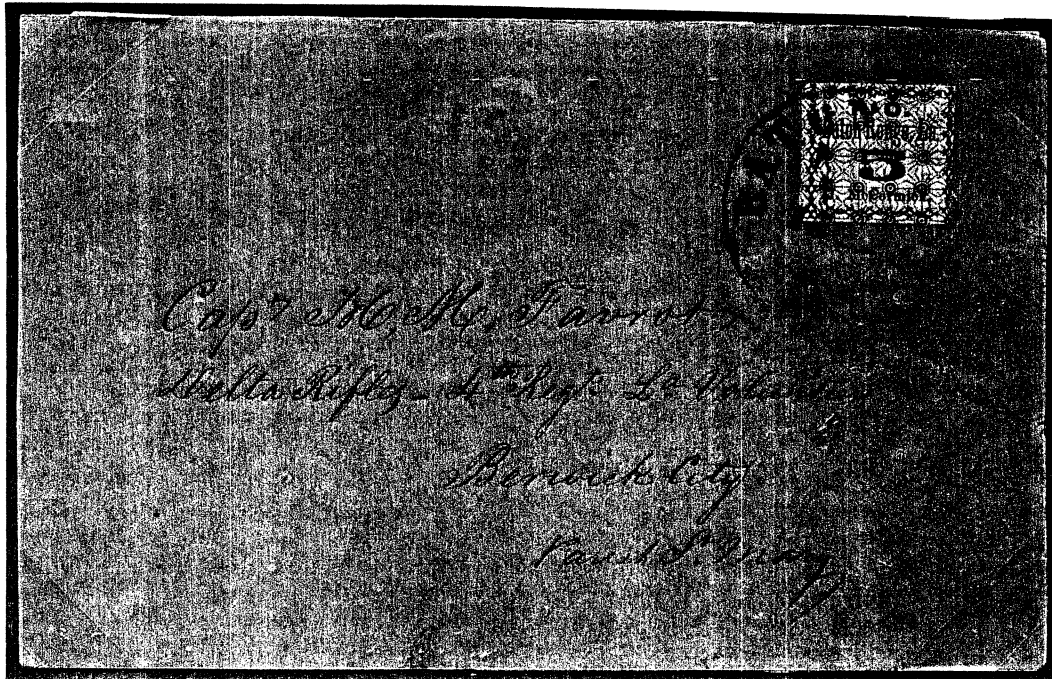
BATON ROUGE



Baton Rouge - Vernon, Miss. (Oct 20, 1861)
"Maltese cross" border ornaments

BATON ROUGE

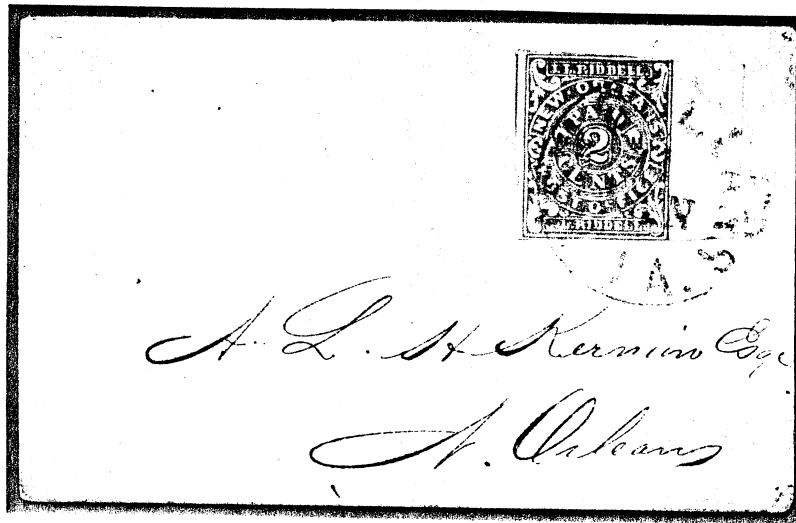
"Criss-cross Border Ornaments"



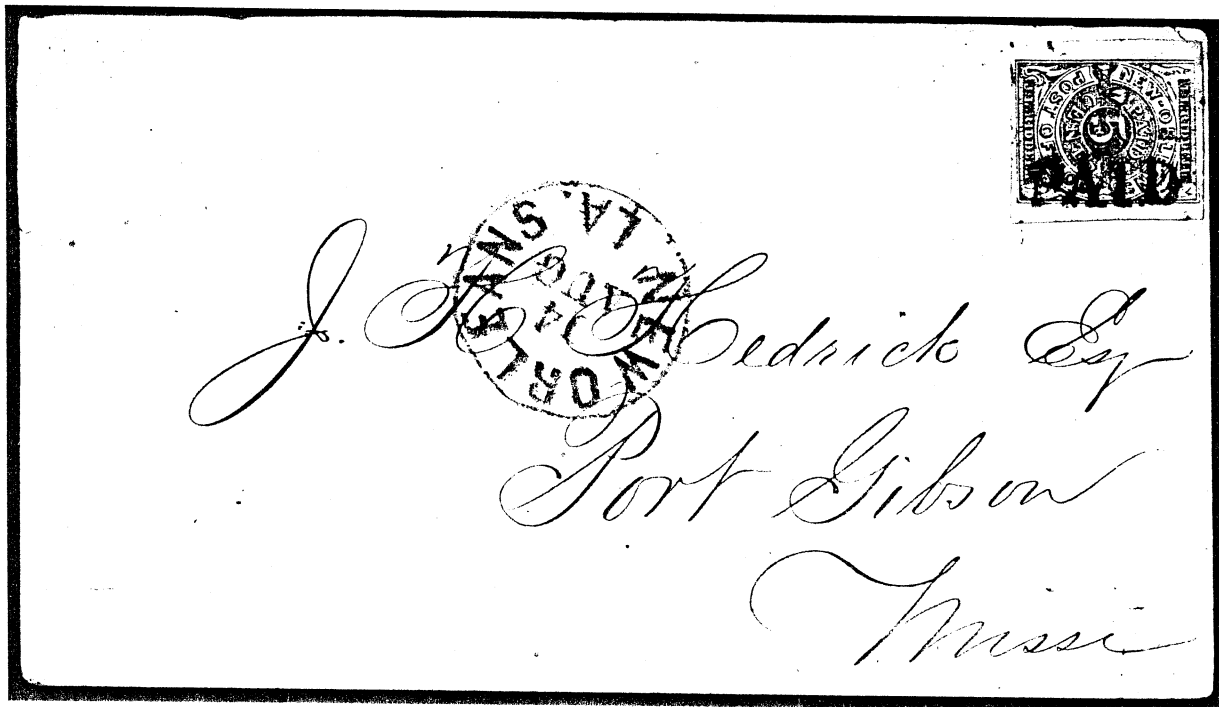
Baton Rouge - Berwick City (Nov 1-, 1861)
(ex-Caspary, Seybold)

4th Regiment Louisiana Volunteers on guard duty
at Atchafalaya River and Bayou Teche from
October, 1861 to February, 1862.

NEW ORLEANS

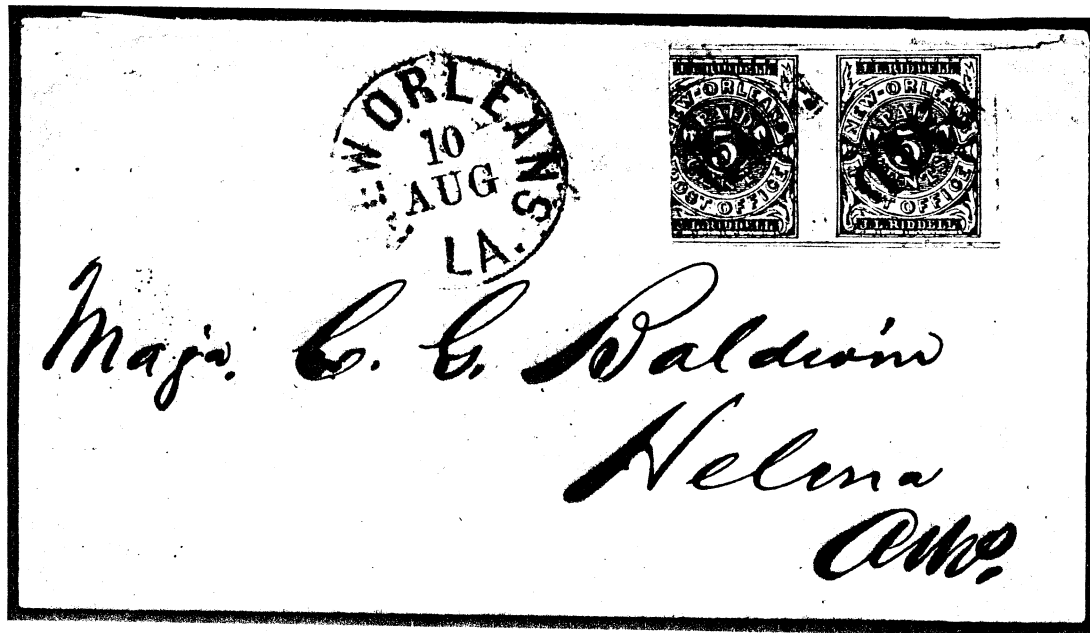


Drop letter, prepaid with 2¢ Riddell stamp.
(Jan 11, 1862)

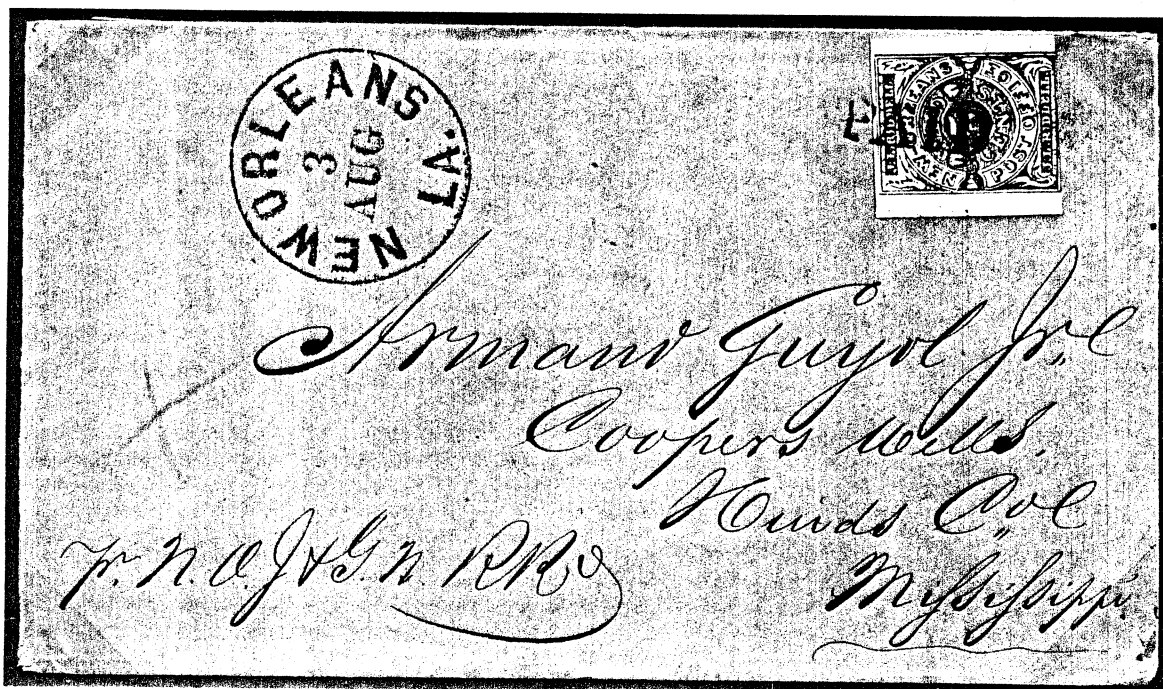


New Orleans - Port Gibson, Miss. (Aug 14, 1861)
First printing, 5¢ brown on white paper.

FIRST PRINTING

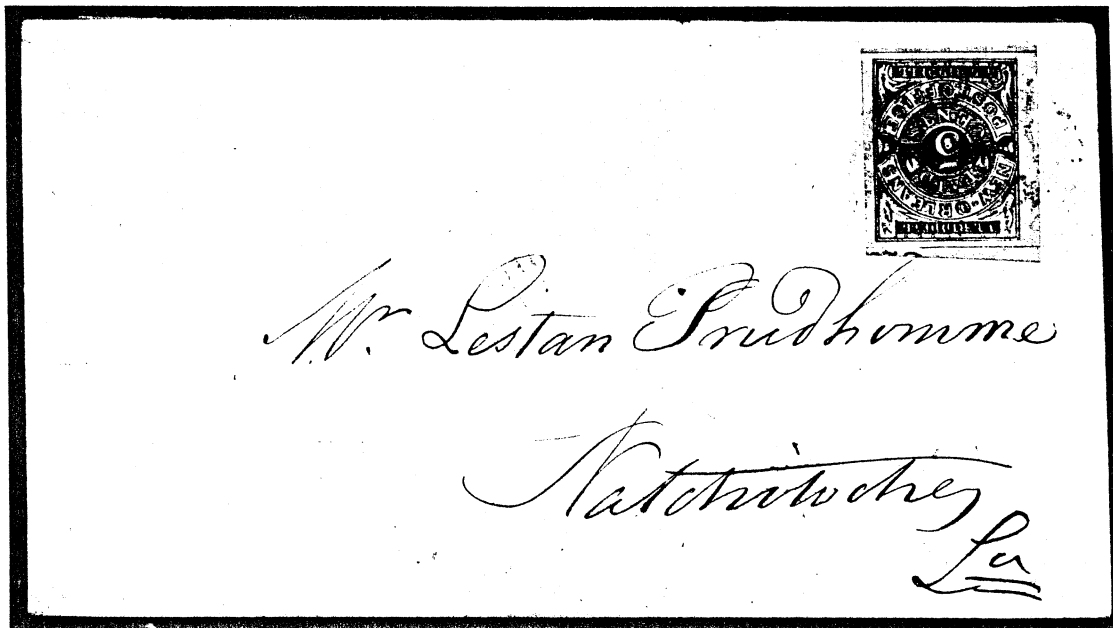


New Orleans - Helena, Ark. (Aug 10, 1861)
Brown on white paper.

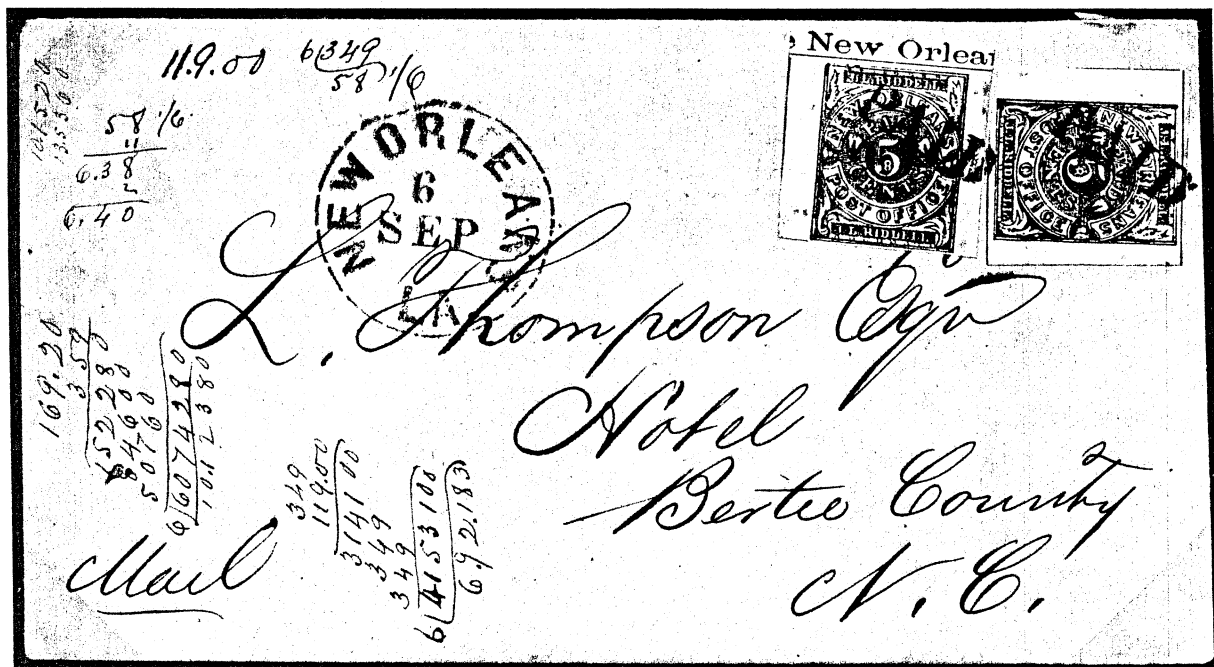


New Orleans - Cooper's Wells, Miss. (Aug 3, 1861)
"New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern Railroad"

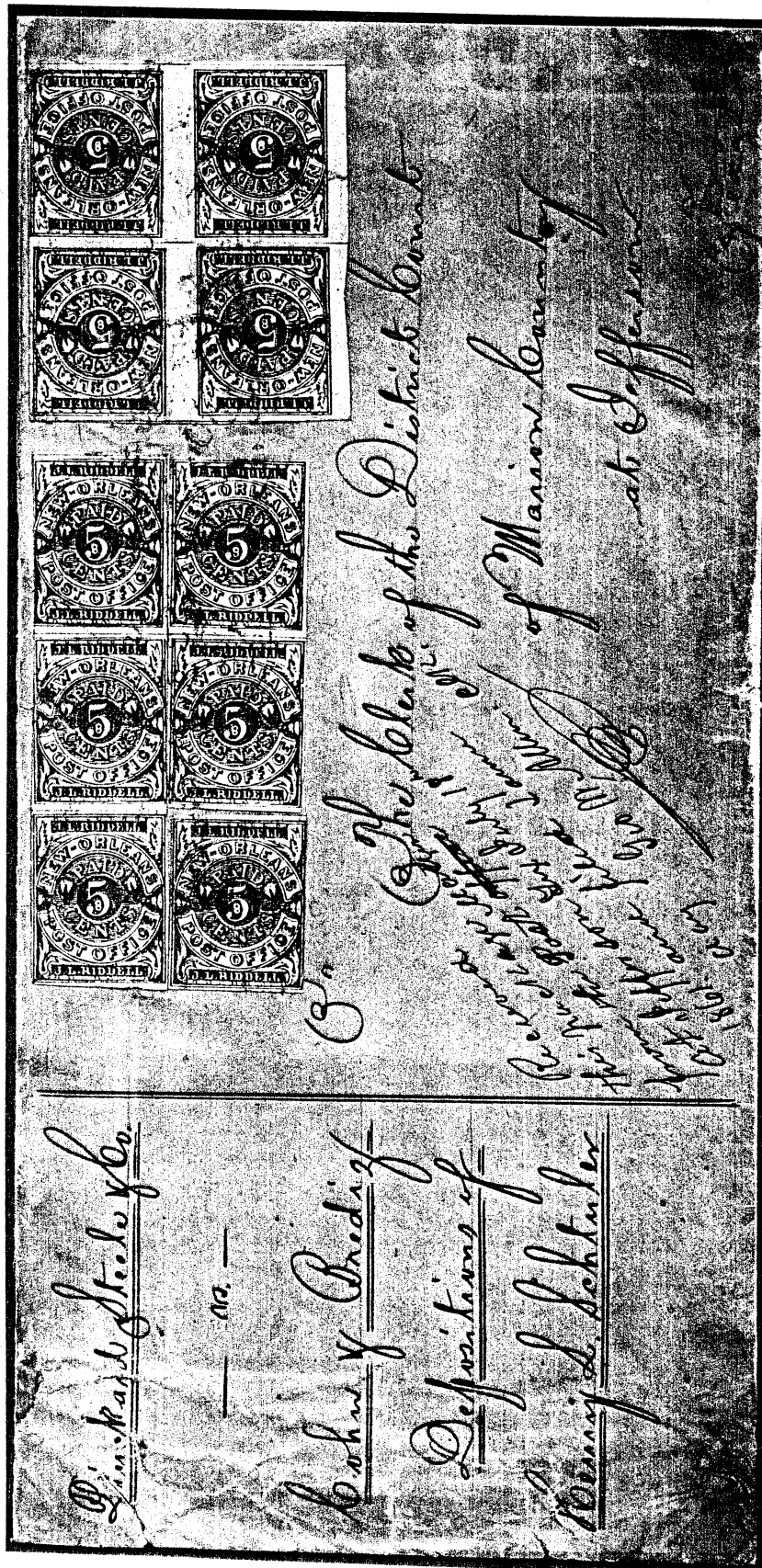
MARGINAL IMPRINTS

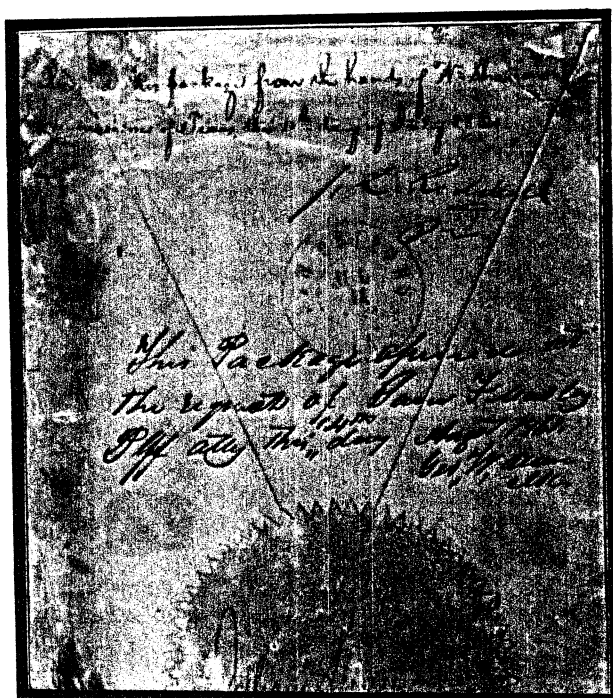


Portion of Imprint "Usa-" on first printing.
New Orleans - Natchitoches (Jun-Aug, 1861)



Portion of Imprint "-e New Orlean-" on second printing.
New Orleans - Hotel, N. C. (Sep 6, 1861)





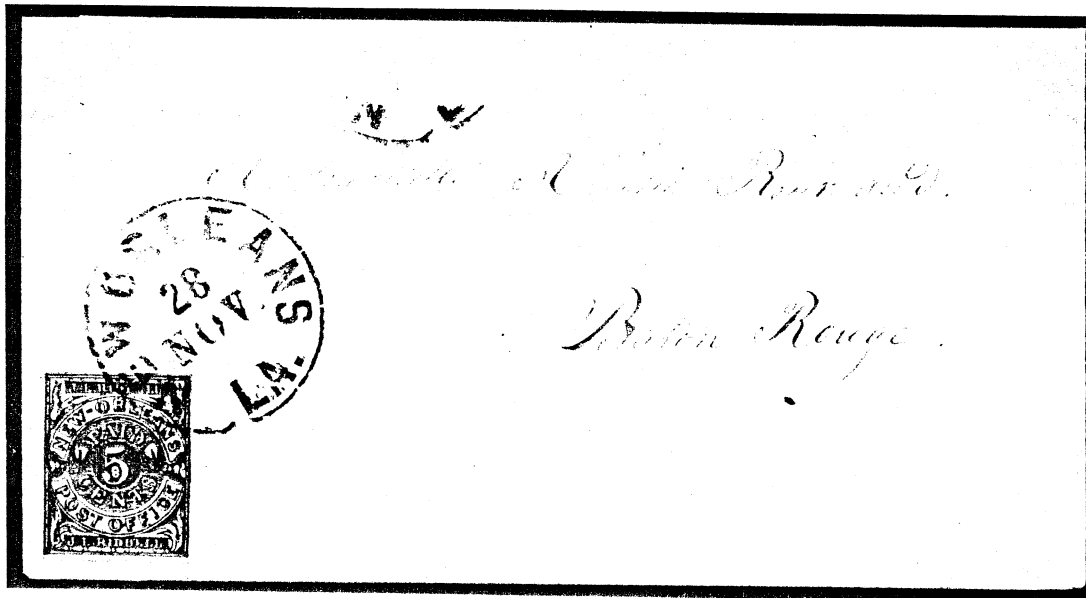
(Photograph of reverse)

"Received this package . . . 11th day
of July 1861"

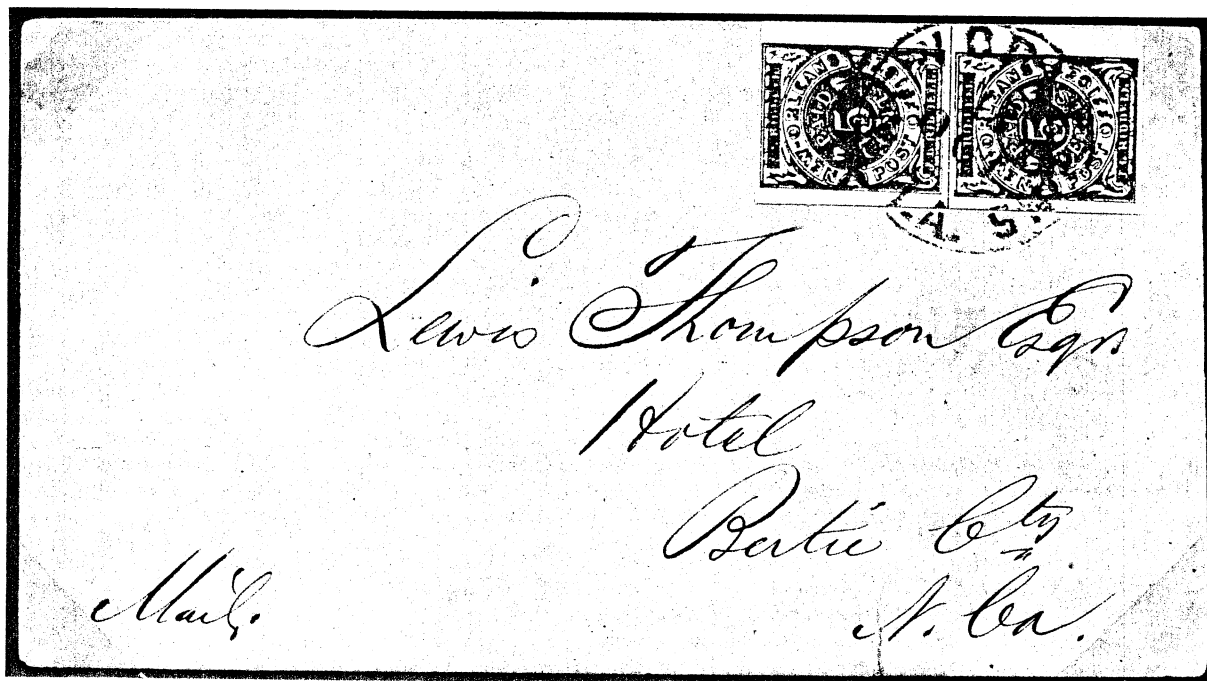
J. L. Riddell
P M

(New Orleans DC cancel in red ink)

SECOND PRINTING



New Orleans - Baton Rouge (Nov 28, 1861)
Brown on bluish paper

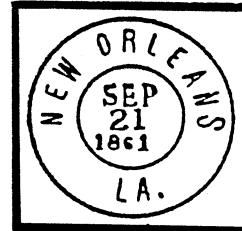


New Orleans - Hotel, N. C. (Oct 18, 1861)

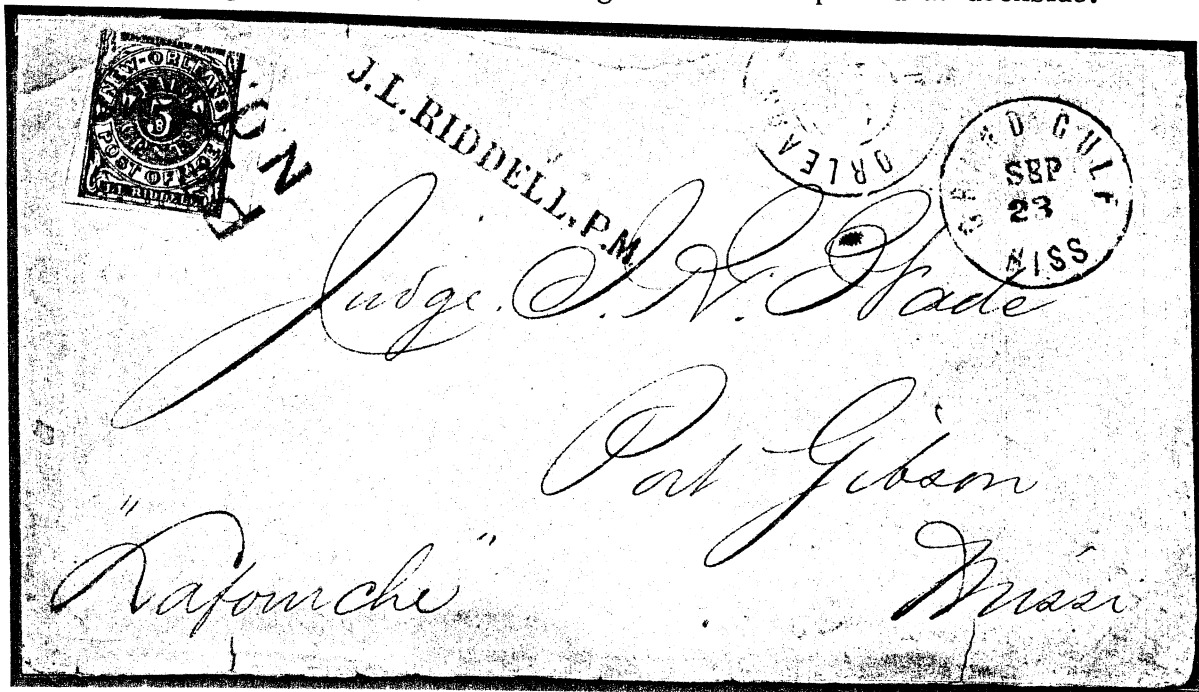
NEW ORLEANS RIVER MAIL

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N.O.P.O.

J.L.RIDDELL.P.M.

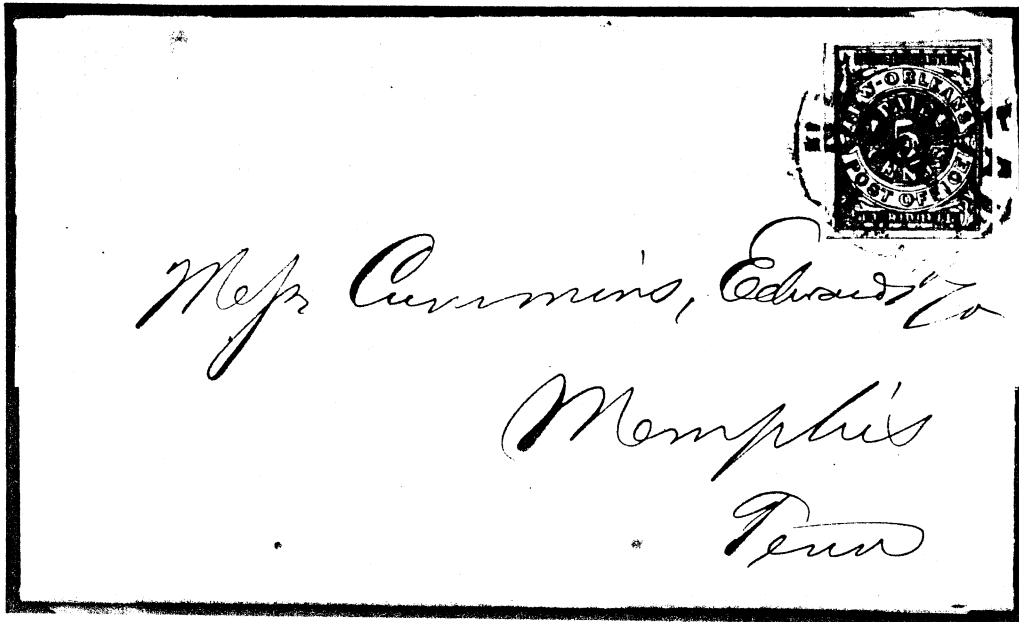


Markings (black ink) used during Confederate period at dockside.



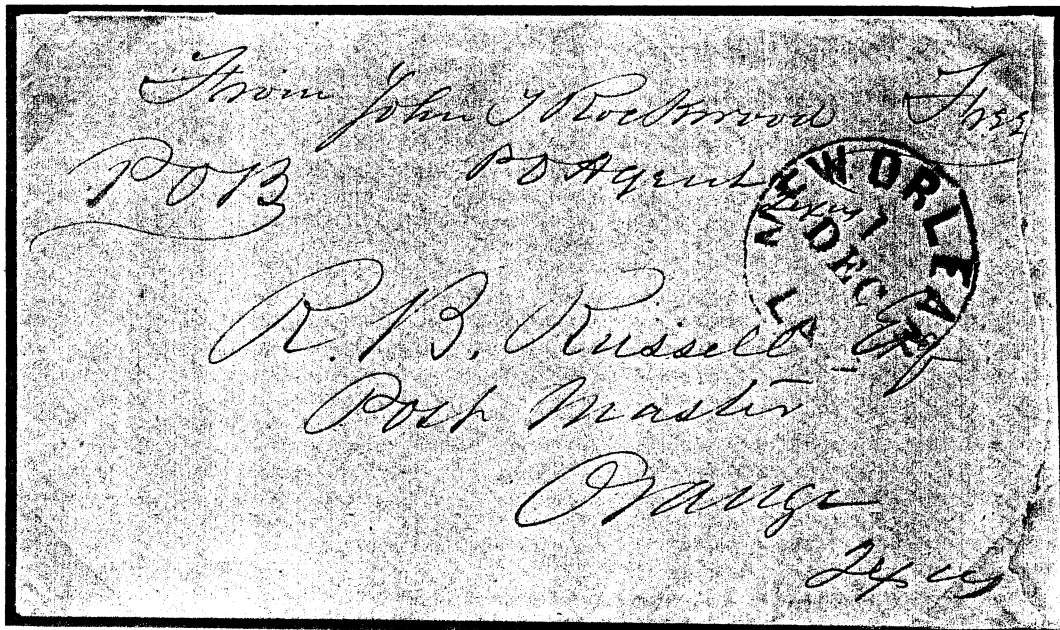
New Orleans - Grand Gulf - Port Gibson, Miss. (Sep 21, 1861)
Steamboat "Lafourche"

THIRD PRINTING



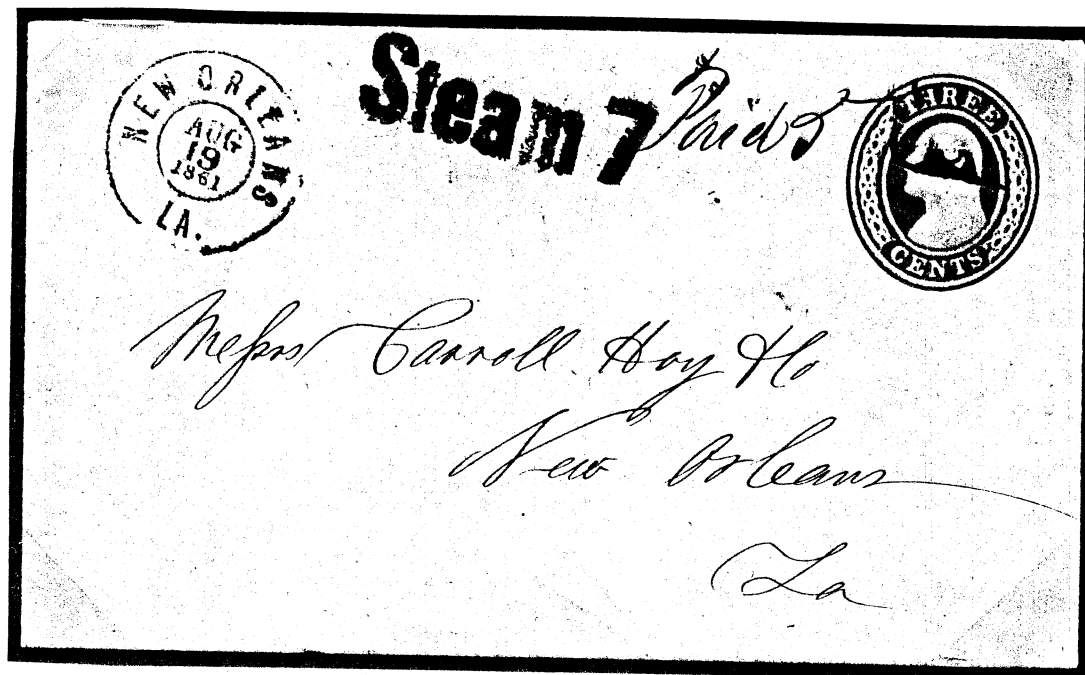
New Orleans - Memphis (Dec 10, 1861)
Brown on off-white paper

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



New Orleans - Orange, Tex. (Dec 1, 1861)
"John T. Rockwood, P. O. Agent, Texas"

STEAMBOAT MAIL

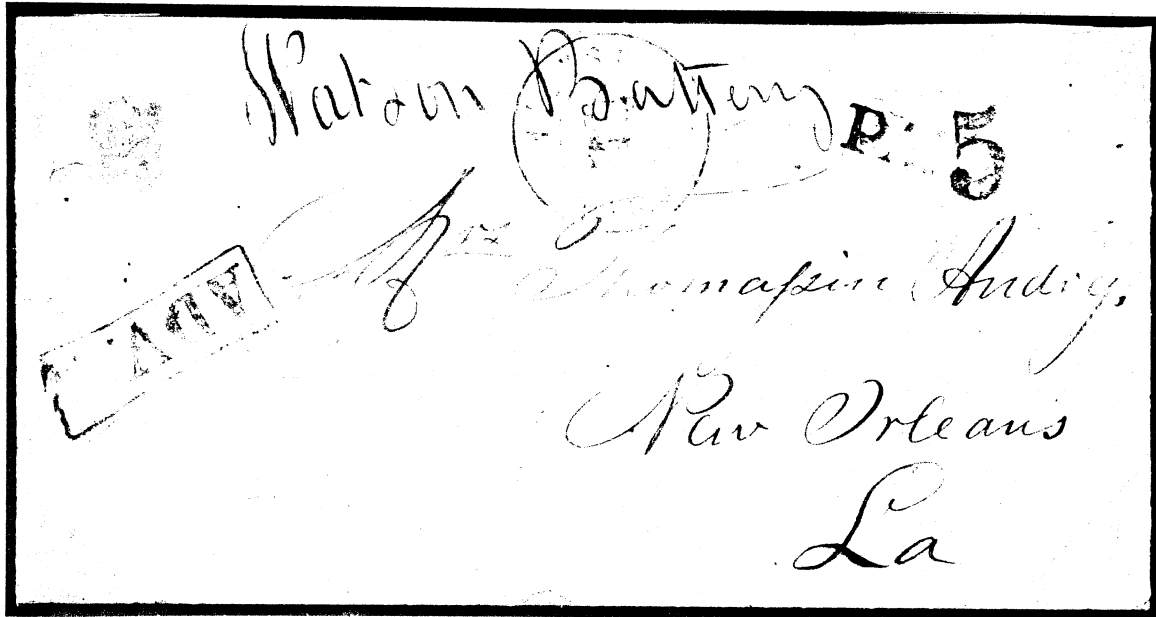


(Unknown) - New Orleans (Aug 19, 1861)
Mail carried by non-contract steamboat charged
regular 5¢ (under 500 miles) rate + 2¢ boat fee.

POSTAGE PAID BY COIN

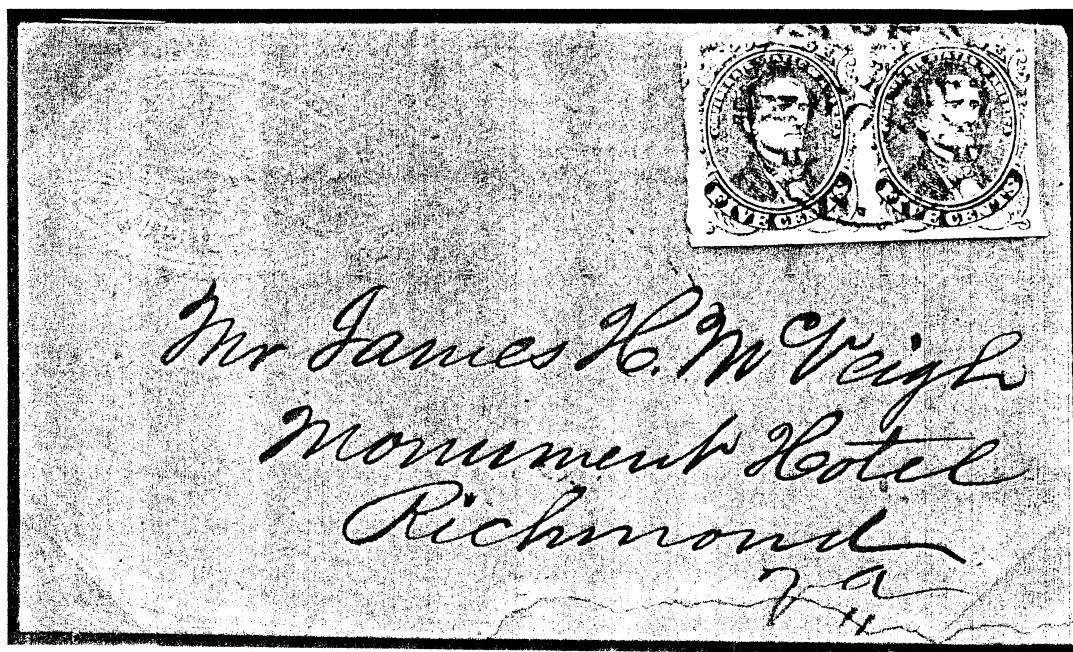


In board the Gen Quitman



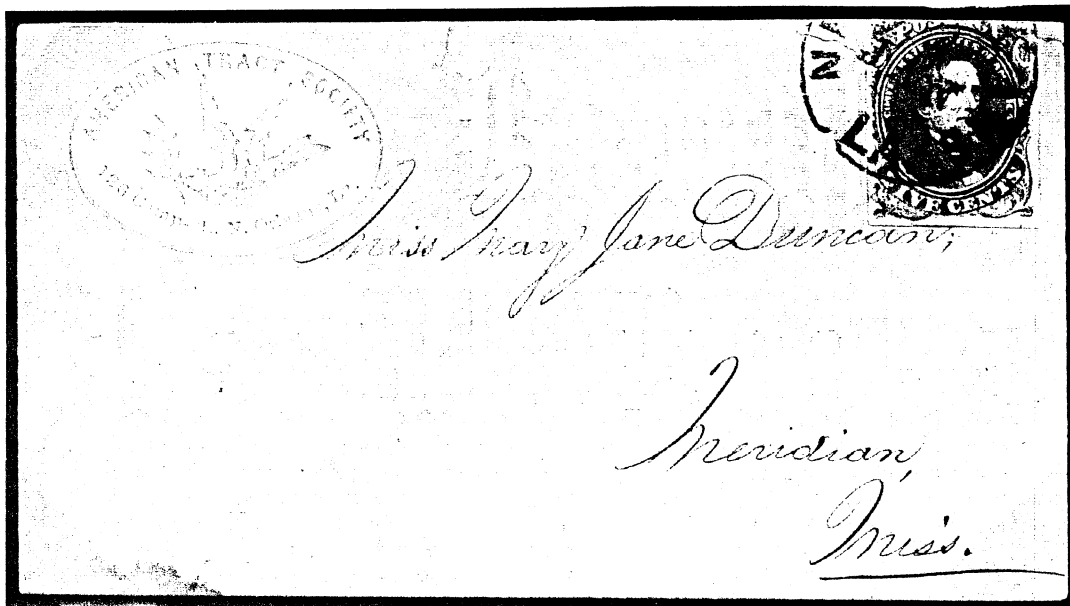
Vicksburg - New Orleans (Sep 14, 1861)
Postage paid with "Half Dime" attached to
envelope with wax.
Advertised at New Orleans.

REGULAR ISSUE CONFEDERATE STAMPS

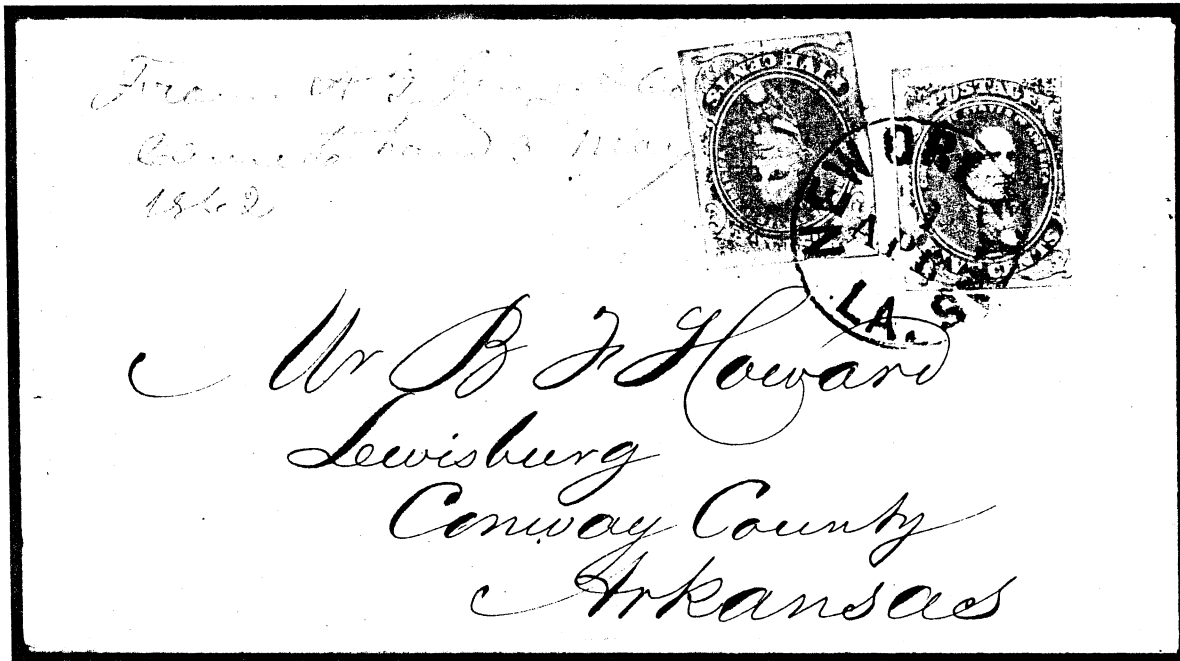


New Orleans - Richmond (Nov 17, 1861)
Embossed CITY HOTEL.

Note: New Orleans had not received any Confederate stamps at this time; these five cent greens brought into the city privately.

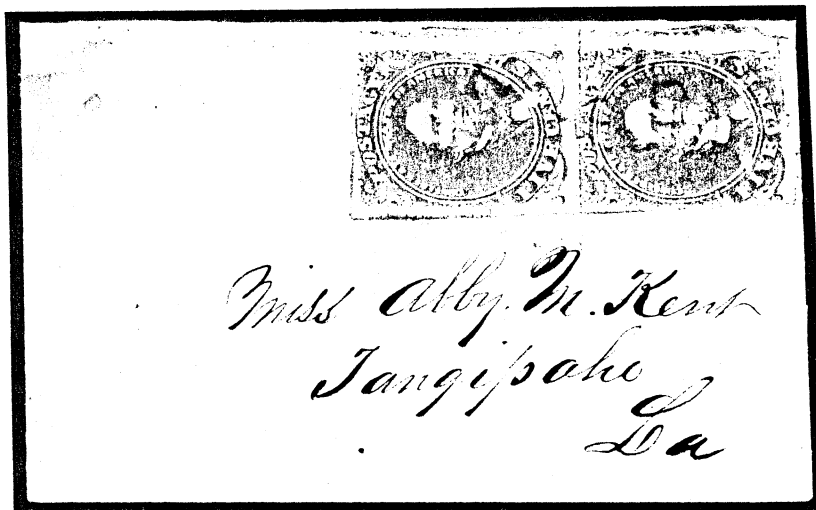


New Orleans - Meridian, Miss. (Jan 4, 1862)
Single, under 500 mile rate.



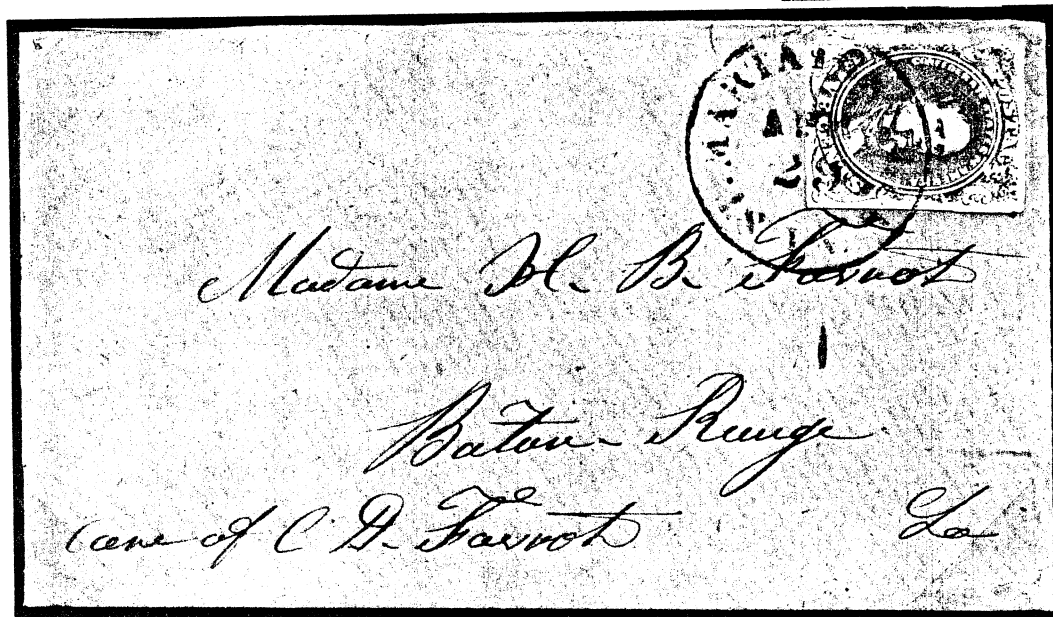
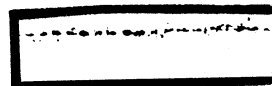
New Orleans - Lewisburg, Ark. (Apr 1, 1862)
Single, over 500 mile rate.

UNOFFICIALLY ROULETTED



Ponchatoula - Tangipahoe (Oct 1, 1862)
Rouletted on all four sides.

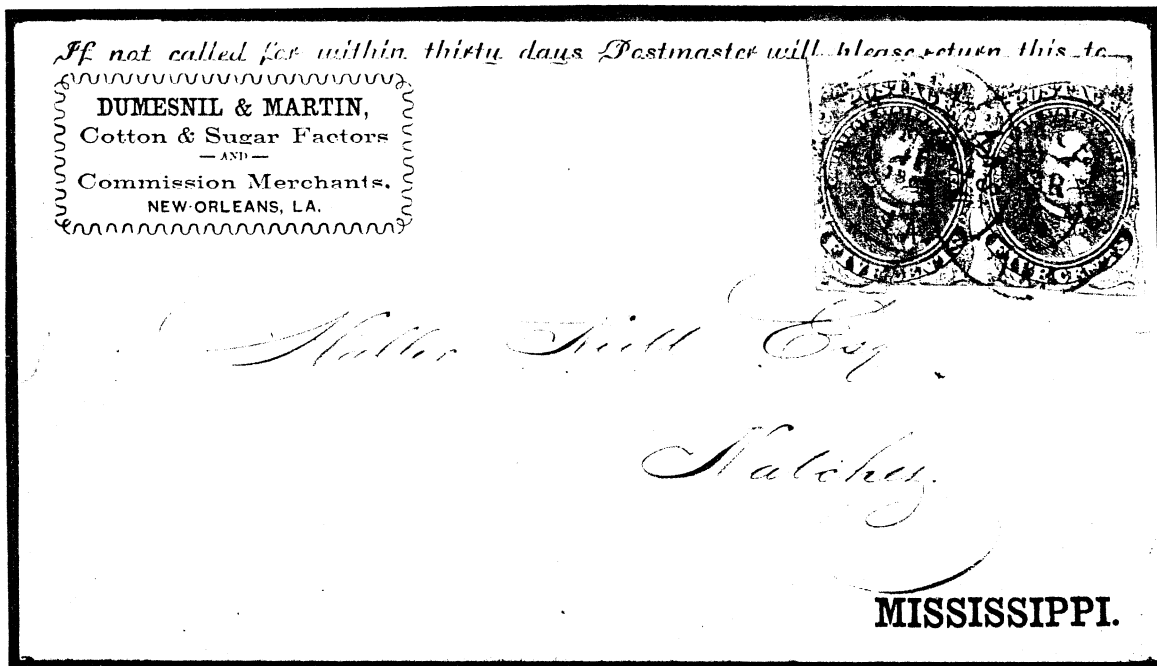
Portion of roulette (enlarged)



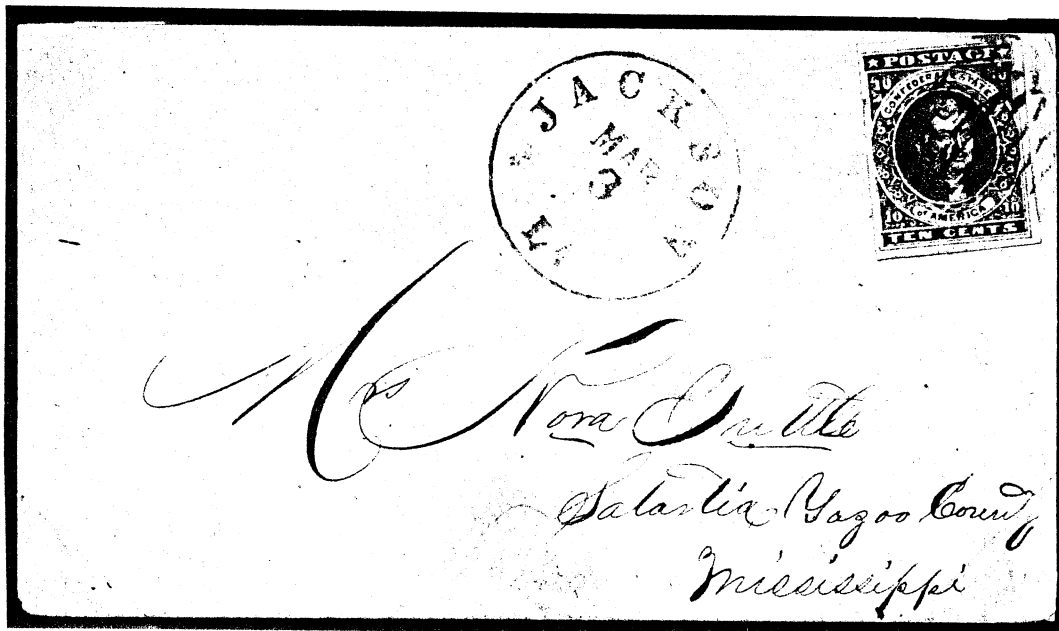
St. Martinsville - Baton Rouge (Apr 29, 1862)
Rouletted on three sides.

NEW ORLEANS RIVER MAIL

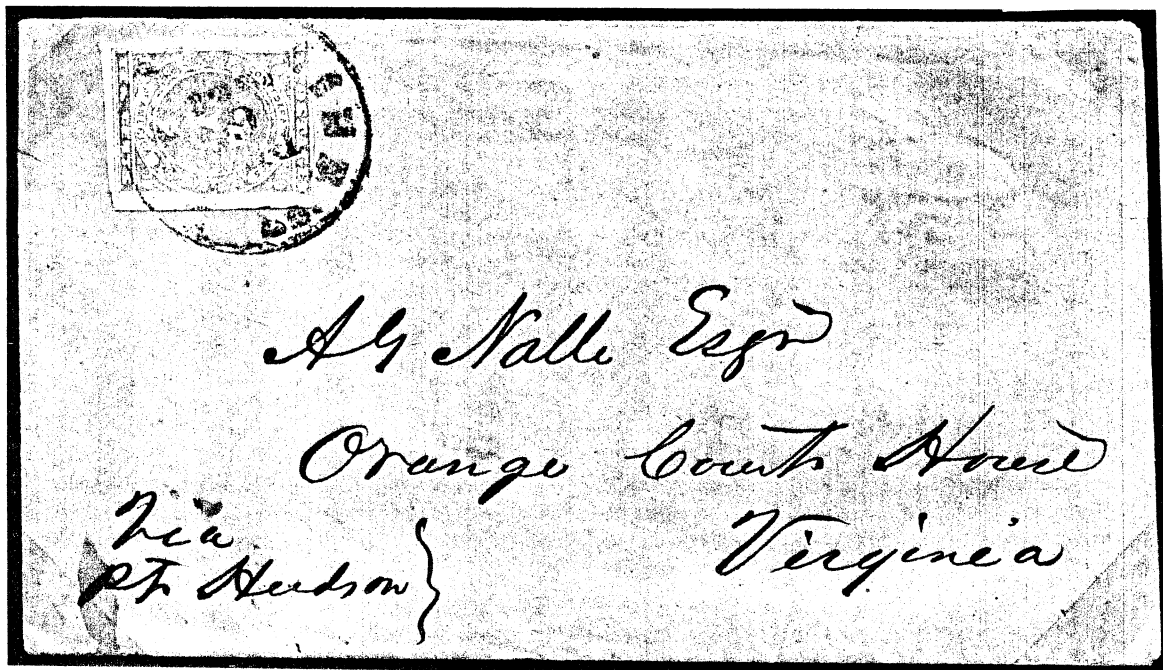
Printed "30 day return" Notice



New Orleans - Natchez (Mar 11, 1862)
Double circle marking in black used exclusively on loose mail
handled at the river front by postal mail agent.



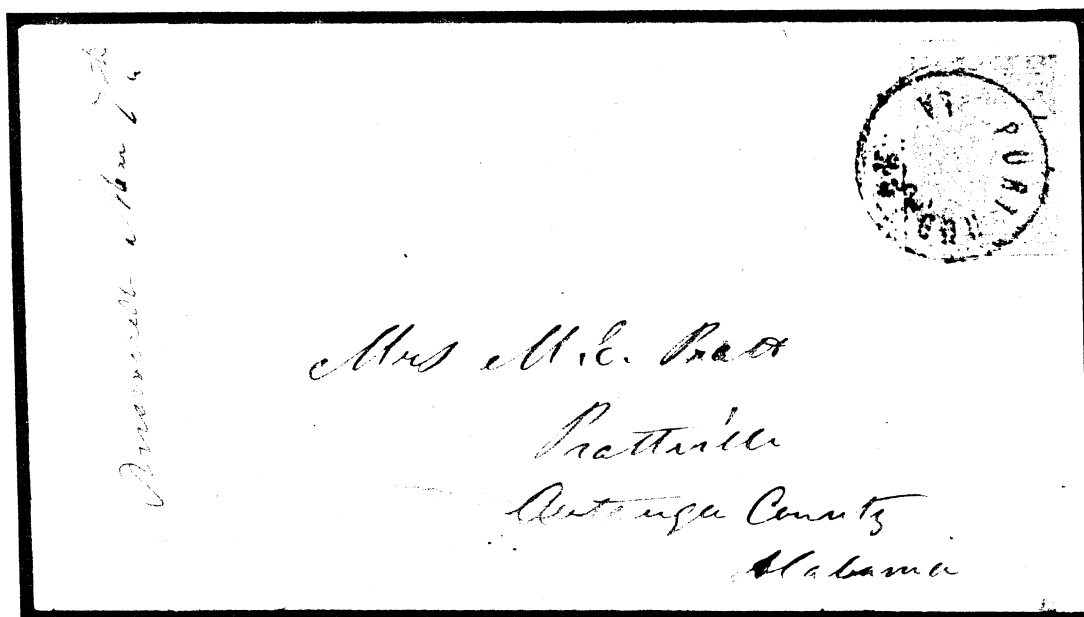
Jackson - Sartartia, Miss. (Mar 3, 1862)
Hoyer & Ludwig printing.



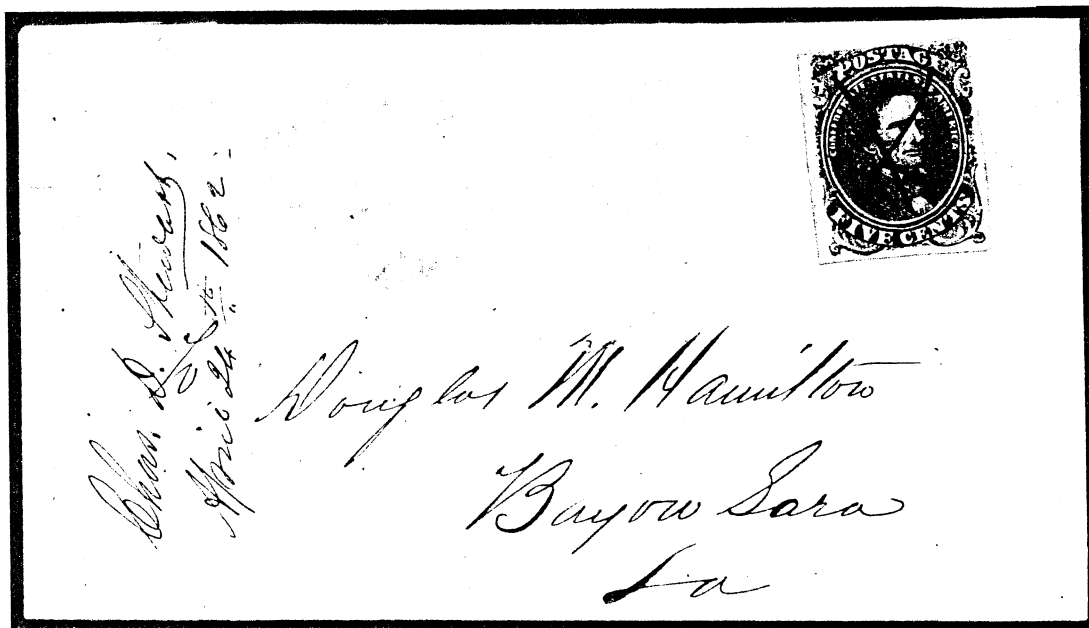
Plaquemine - Orange C. H., Va. (Dec 6, 1862)
J. T. Paterson printing.
"Via Pt. Hudson"



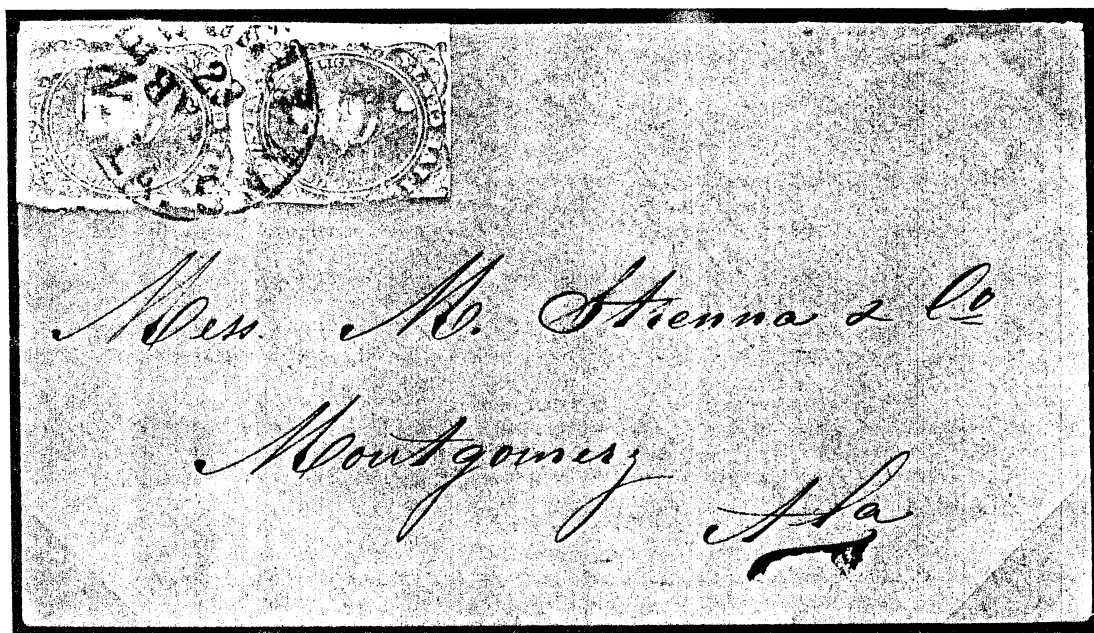
Clinton - Summit, Miss. (Oct 8, 1862)
Patterson printing, light blue.



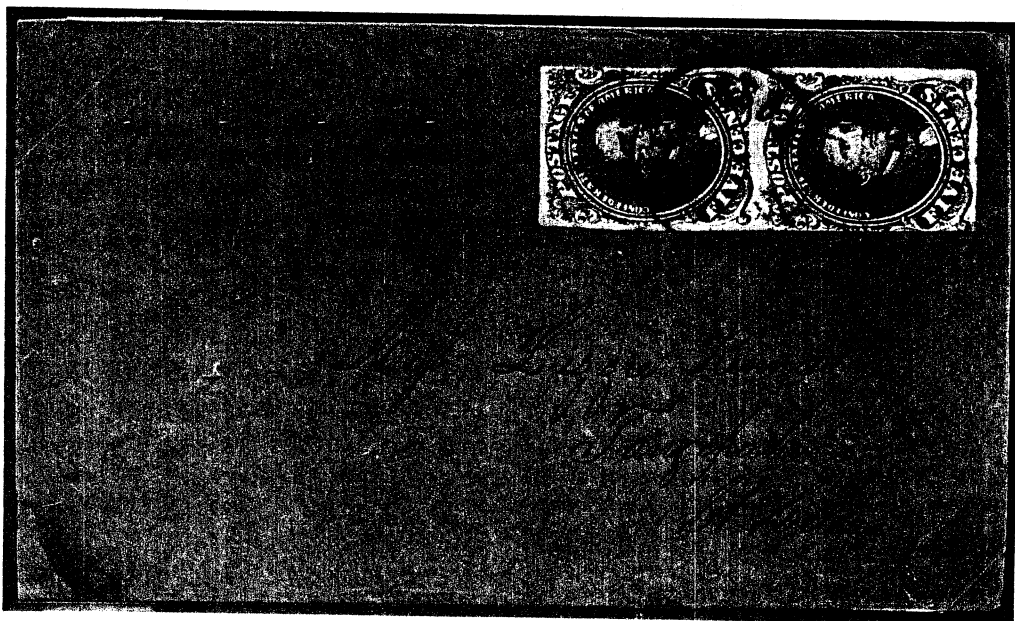
Port Hudson - Prattville, Ala. (Mar 7, 1863)
Stone Y, light milky blue.



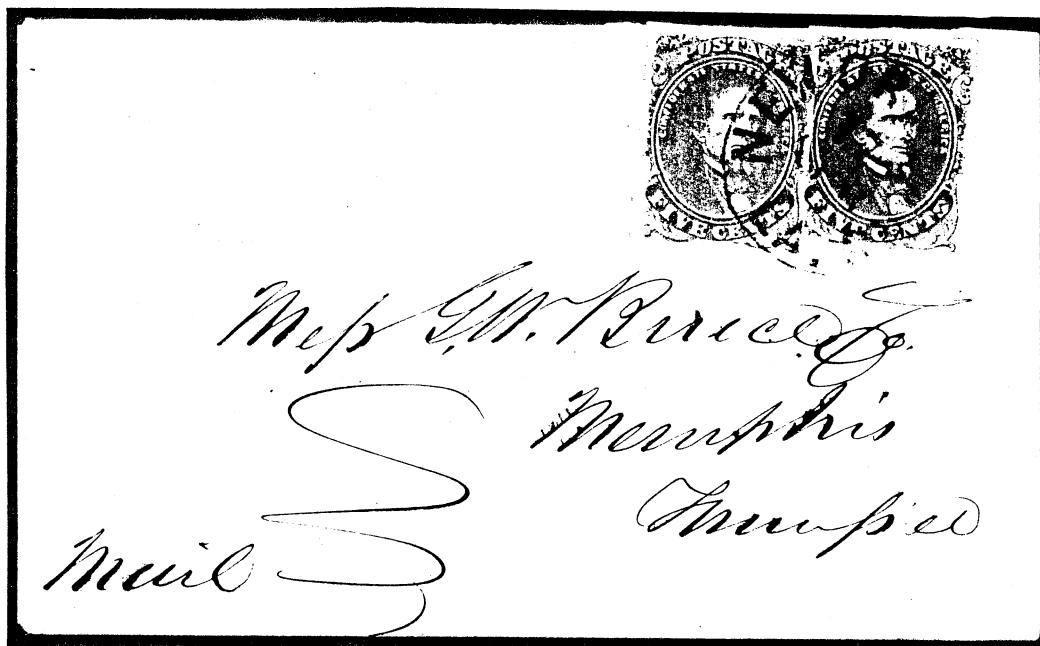
Red River Landing - Bayou Sara (Apr 25, 1862)
Dark blue, first printing, Stone 2.



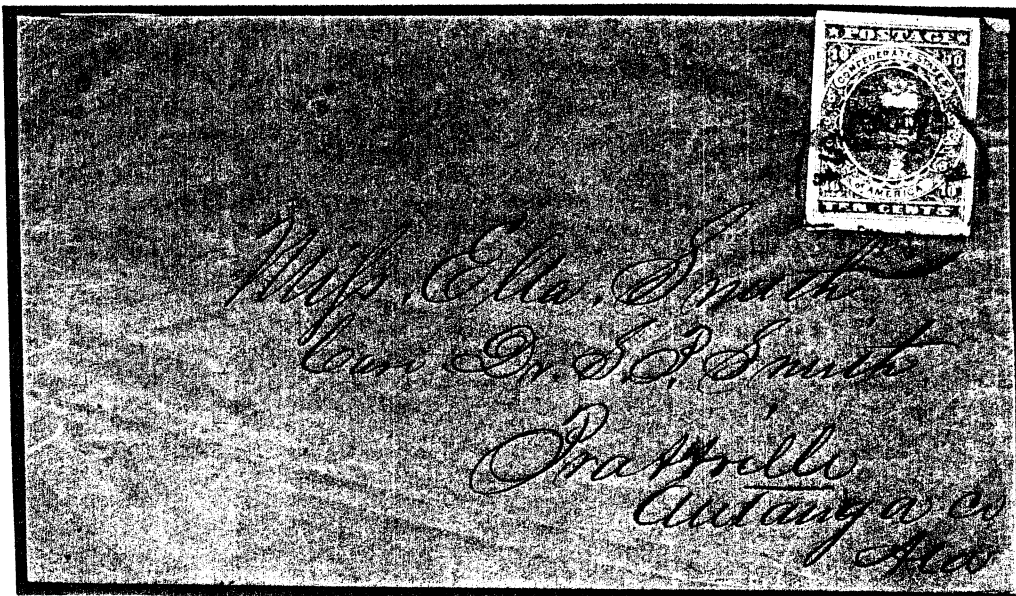
New Orleans - Montgomery, Ala. (Mar 23, 1862)
"Short transfer at top of upper stamp"



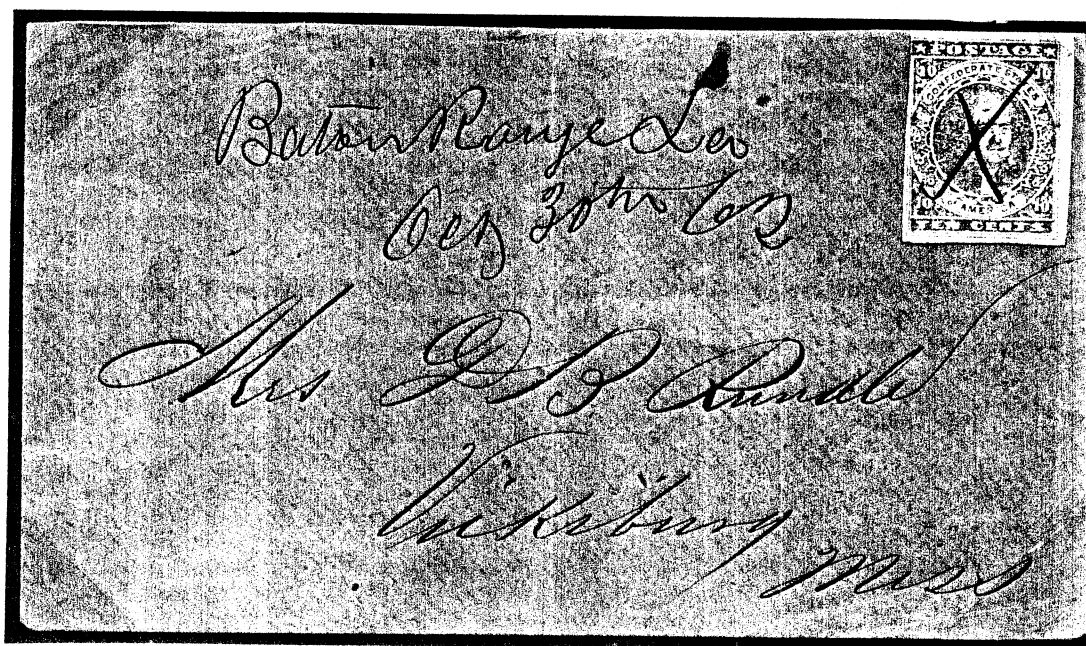
Port Hudson - Tangipahoe (Oct 22, 1862)



New Orleans - Memphis (Apr 17, 1862)
Dull blue and clear bright blue shades.



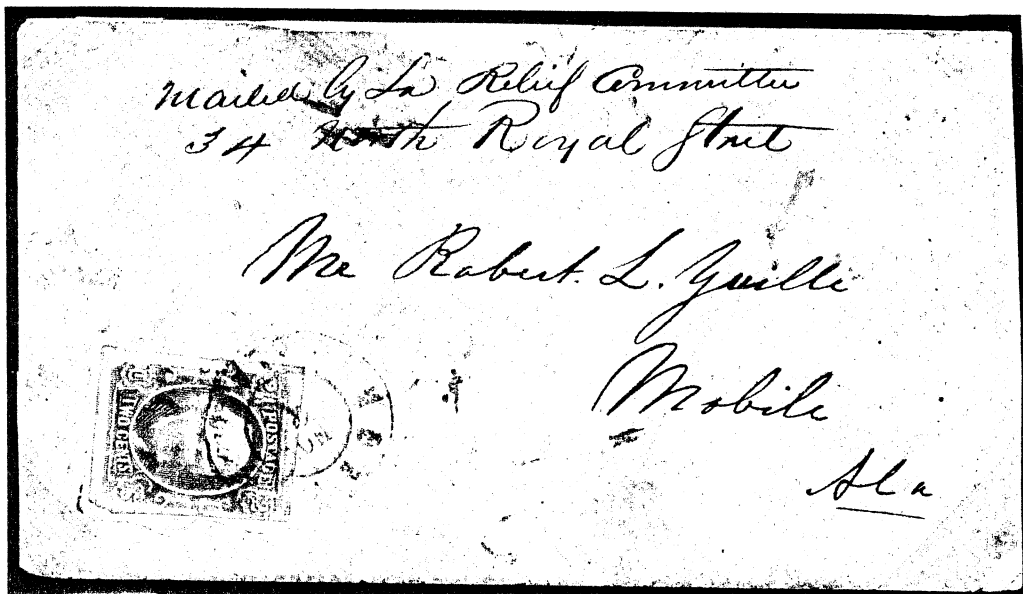
Port Hudson - Prattville (c. Apr, 1863)
 No date logos used during period of seige.



Baton Rouge - Vicksburg (Oct 30, 1862)
 Used during period of Confederate re-capture.

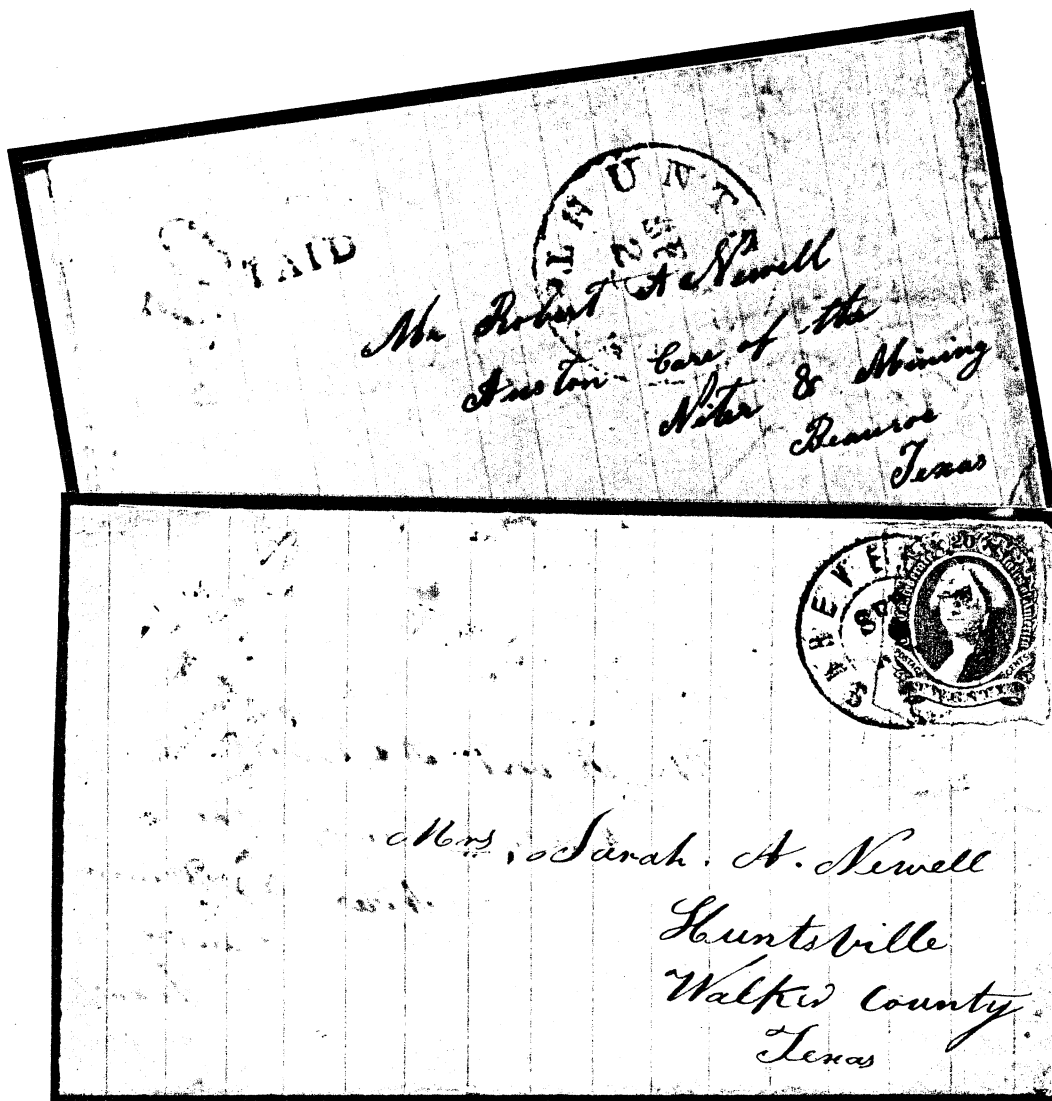
BLOCKADE-RUN MAIL

"Mailed by La Relief Committee
34 North Royal Street"



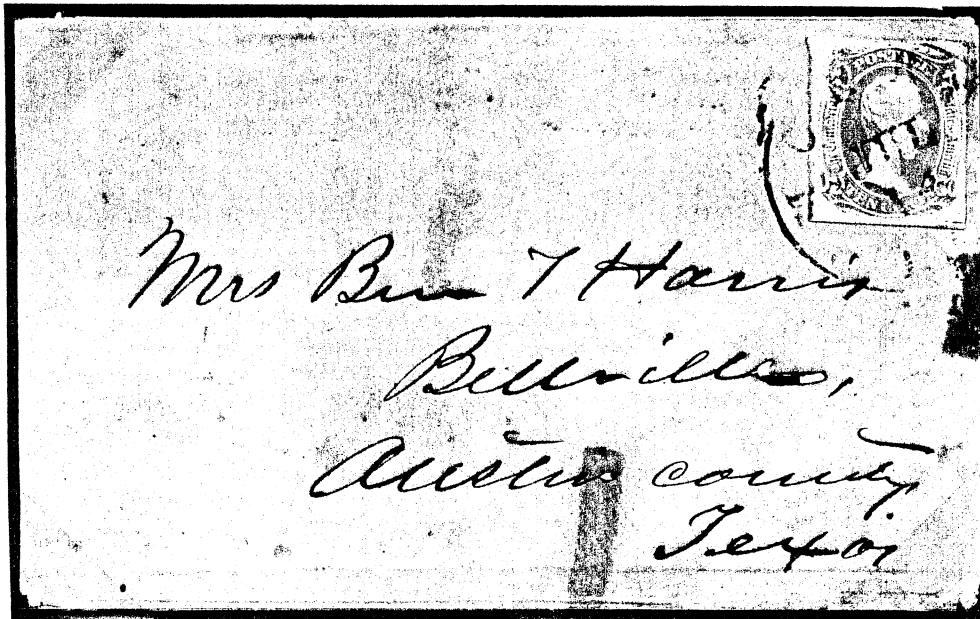
New Orleans - Mobile (Nov 21, 1863)

The Louisiana Relief Committee received and
forwarded mail smuggled past the Federal blockade.



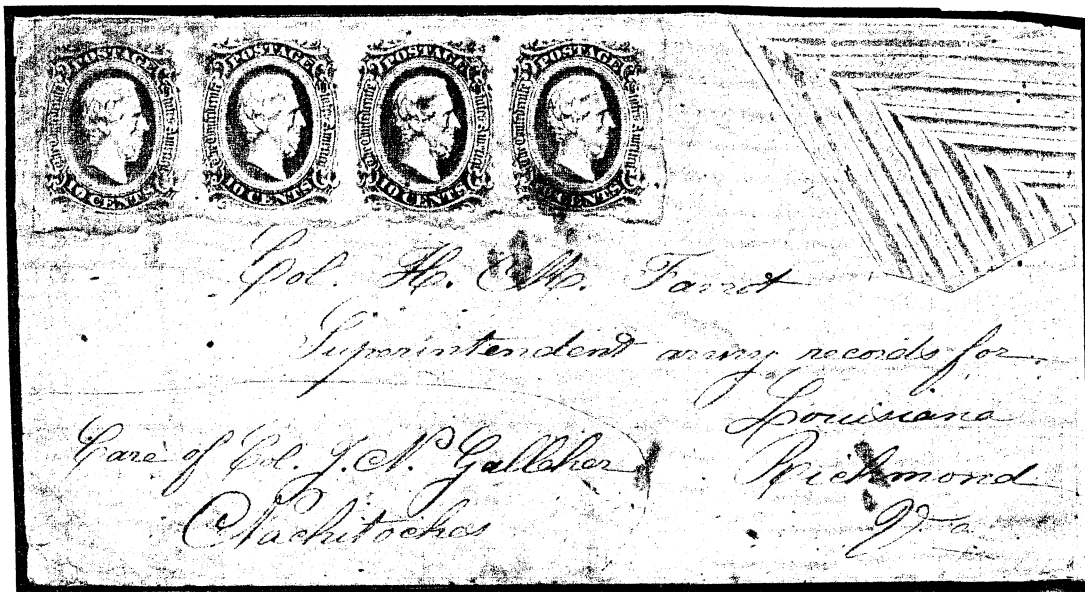
Shreveport - Huntsville, Tex. (Sep 9, c. 1863)
Second use (photo): Huntsville - Austin; PAID, 10.

"T-E-N"



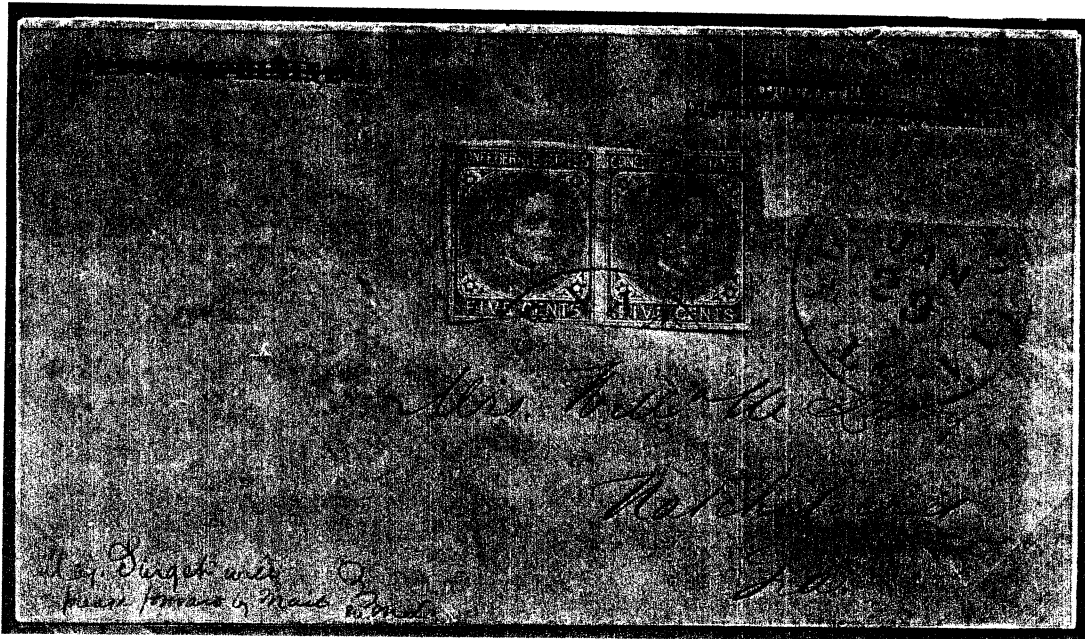
Monroe - Bellville, Tex. (Jul 12, 1863)

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI MAIL

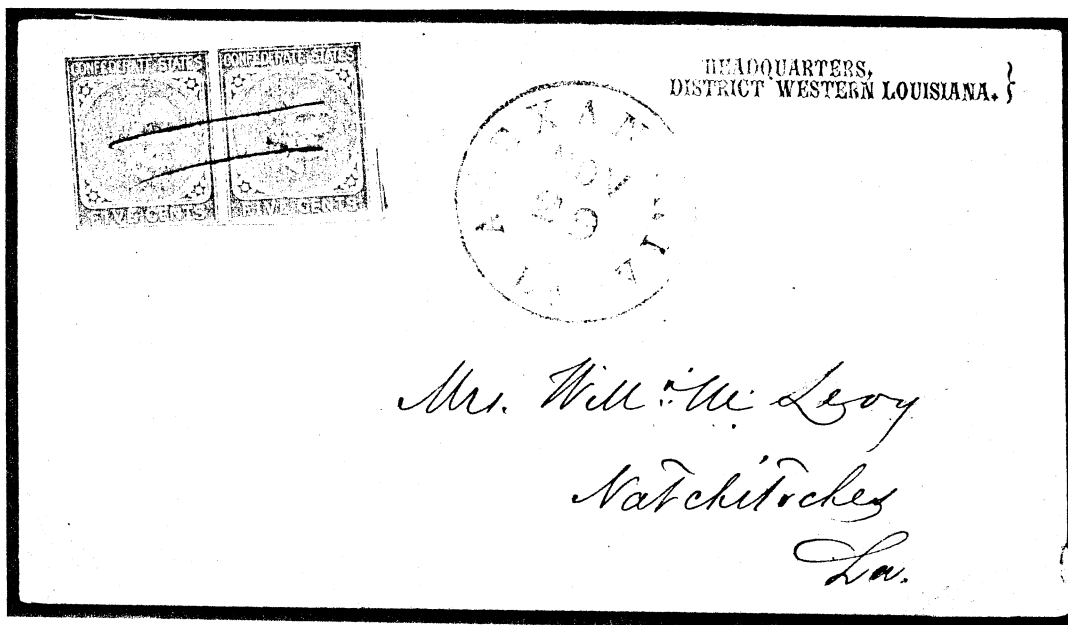


Natchitoches - Richmond (c. December, 1864)
Carried by army courier and therefore uncanceled.
(ex-Richey, Antrim)

IMPRINTED ENVELOPES

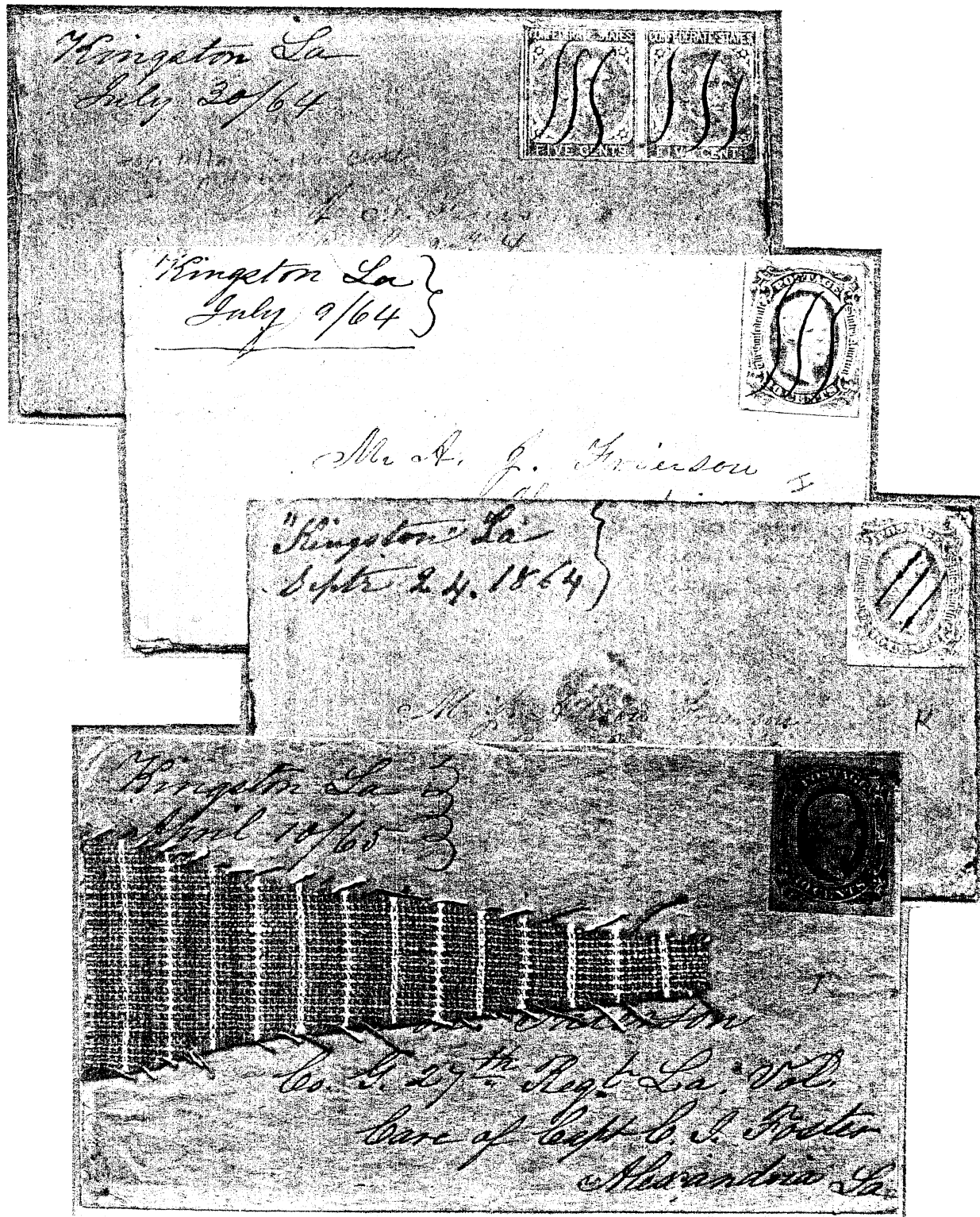


Alexandria - Natchitoches (Jan 29, 186-)
Only imprint in blue ink recorded used in the Confederate period.
(Stamps moved to show full imprint.)



Alexandria - Natchitoches (Nov 29, 186-)
Same imprint in black ink.

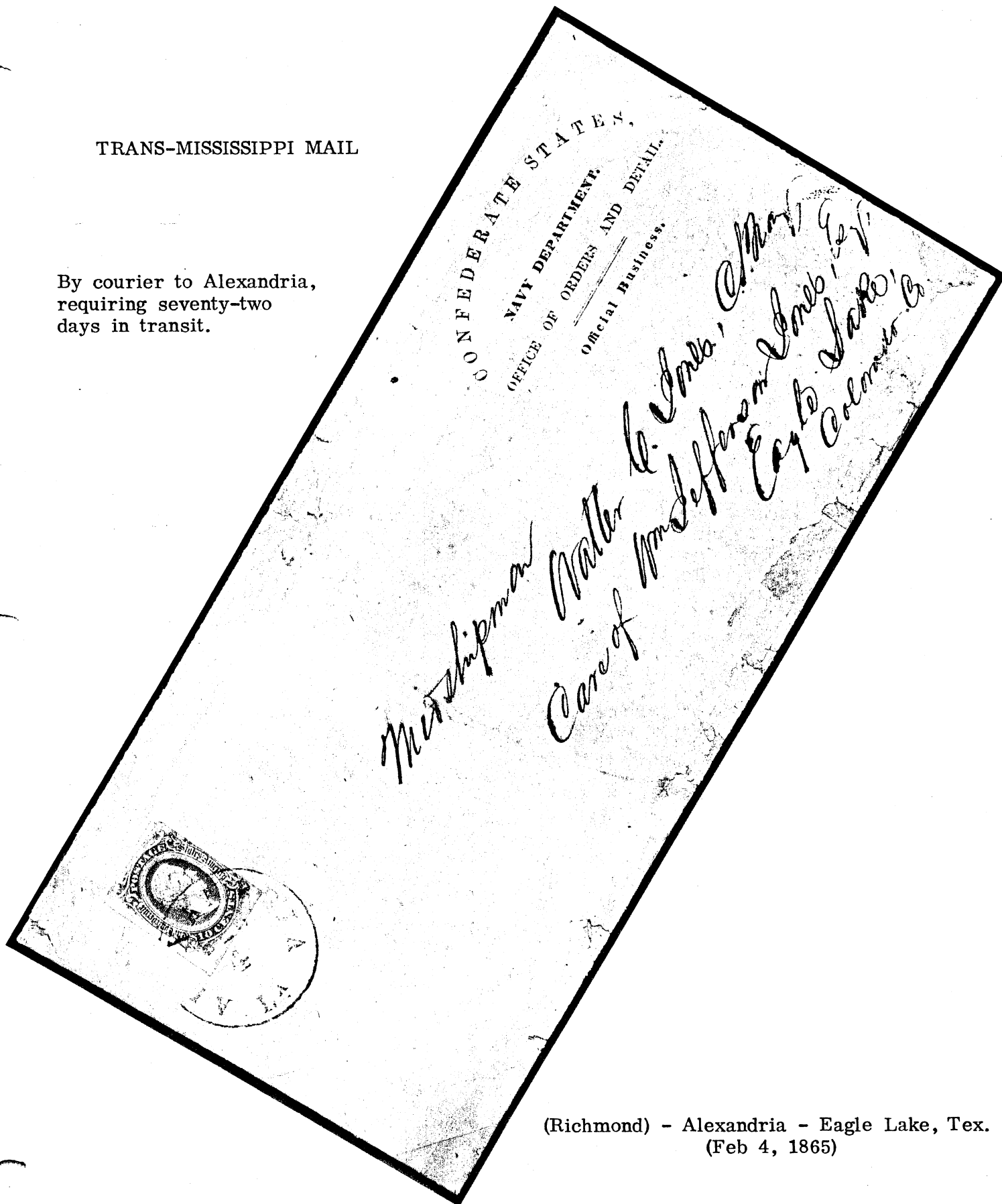
THE FRIERSON CORRESPONDANCE



Kingston - Alexandria (Jul 9, 1864 - Apr 10, 1865)
Showing the use of a variety of stamps and home-made envelopes,
and a sample of dress cloth.

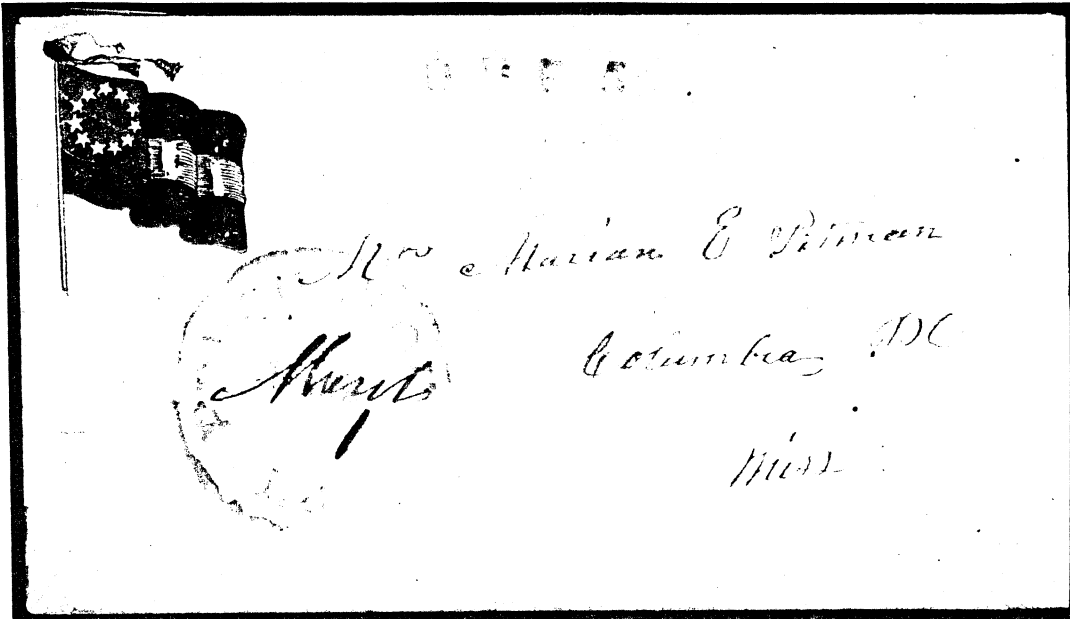
TRANS-MISSISSIPPI MAIL

By courier to Alexandria,
requiring seventy-two
days in transit.



(Richmond) - Alexandria - Eagle Lake, Tex.
(Feb 4, 1865)

DUE MAIL



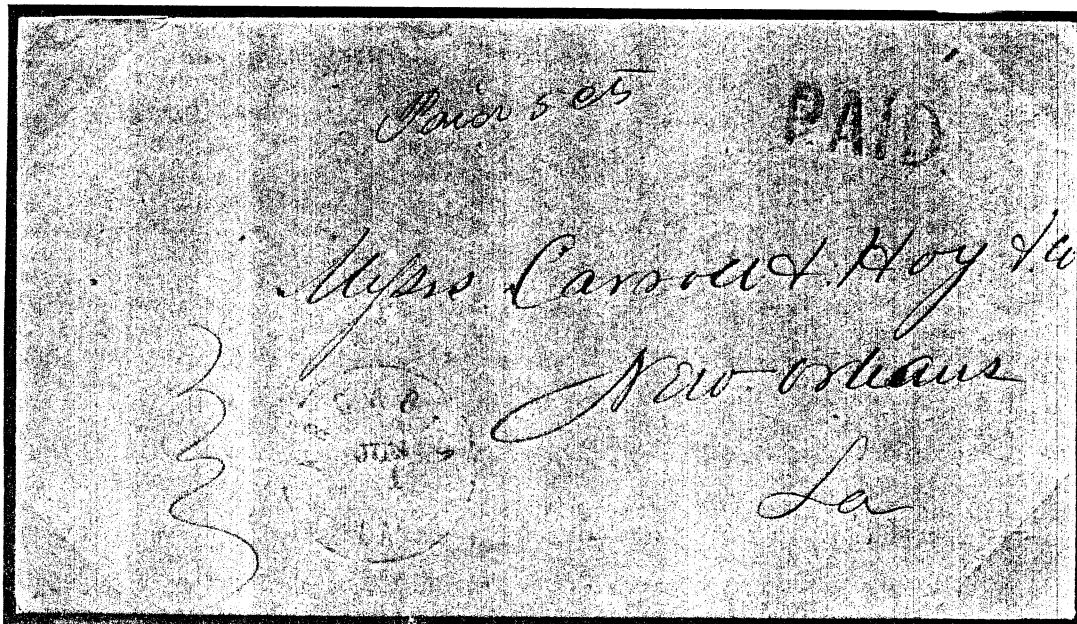
Ponchatoula - Columbia, Miss. (Mar 1, 1862)
Soldier's mail not properly endorsed.



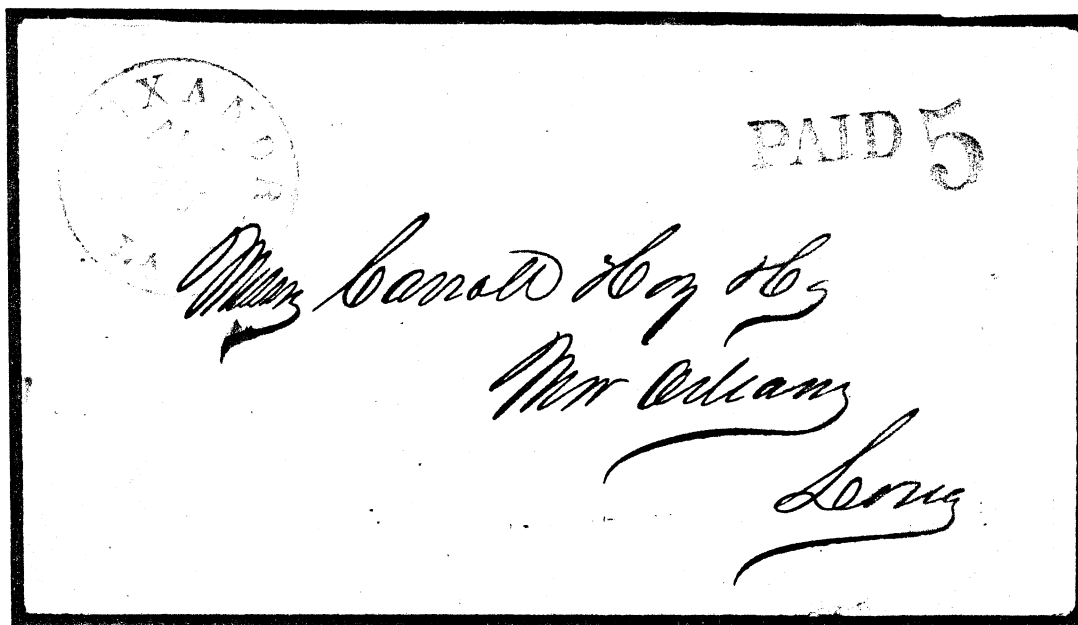
Holly Springs, Miss. - Bayou Chicot (Apr 8, 1862)
"Pvt. C. Tatman, Co. H, 16th Reg't. La. Voln."

POSTMASTERS' PROVISIONALS
Handstamp and Manuscript Markings

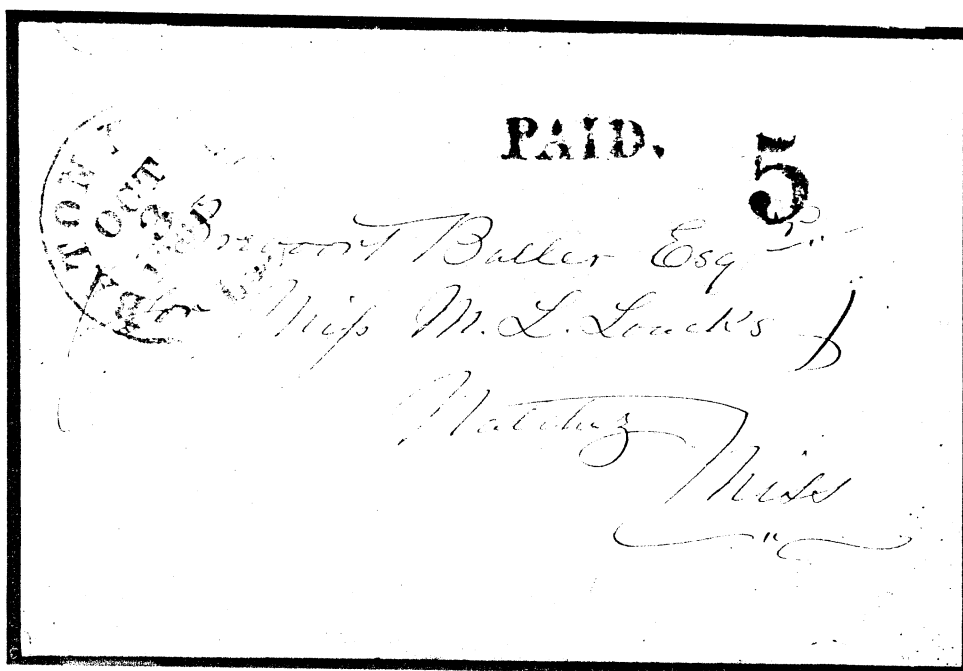
First day Confederate Postal Service



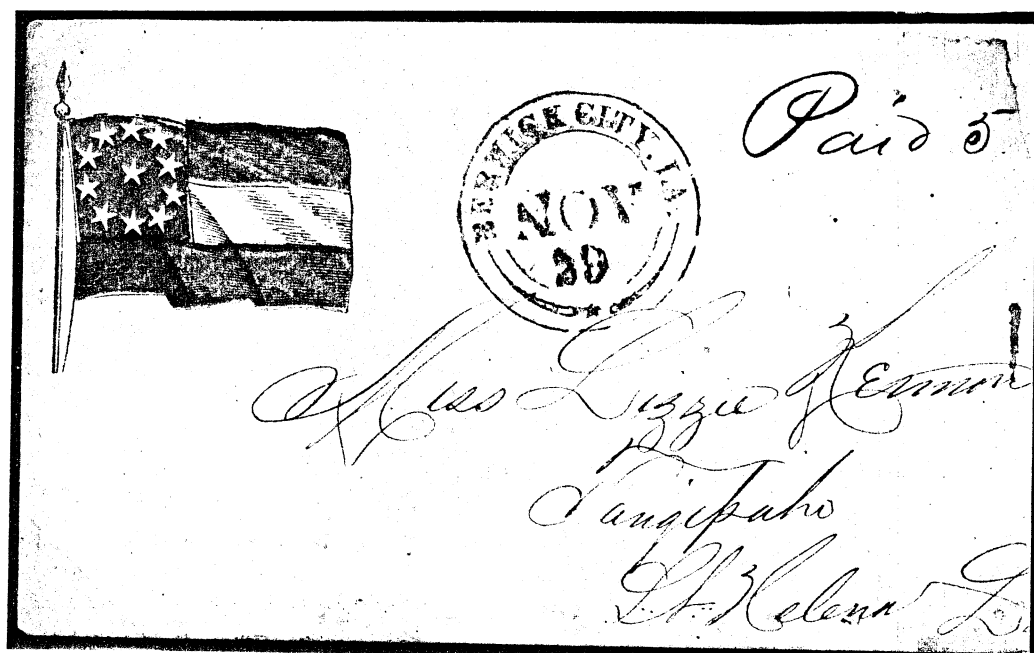
Arcadia - New Orleans (Jun 1, 1861)
PAID; Paid 5 cts (ms.)



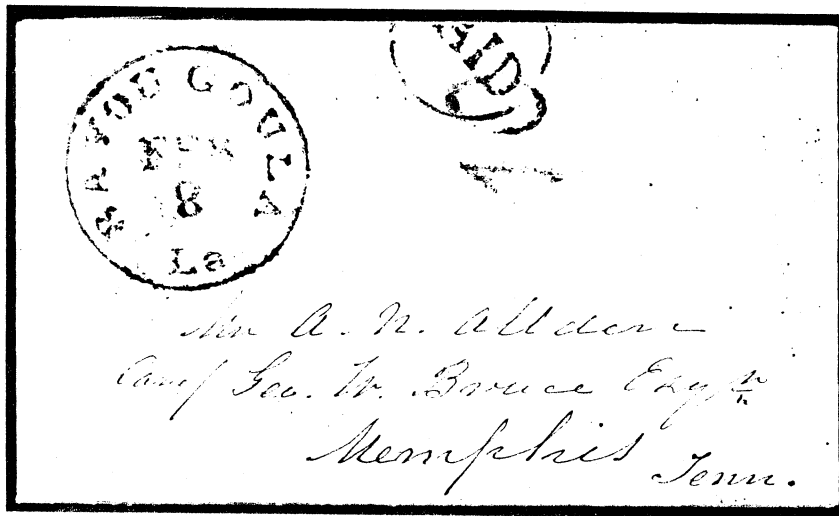
Alexandria - New Orleans (Aug 27, 1861)
Red ink; PAID, 5



Baton Rouge - Natchez (Oct 3, 1861)
 PAID., 5



Berwick City - Tangipahoe (Nov 29, 1861)
 11-star flag honoring admission of Tennessee
 to the Confederacy.

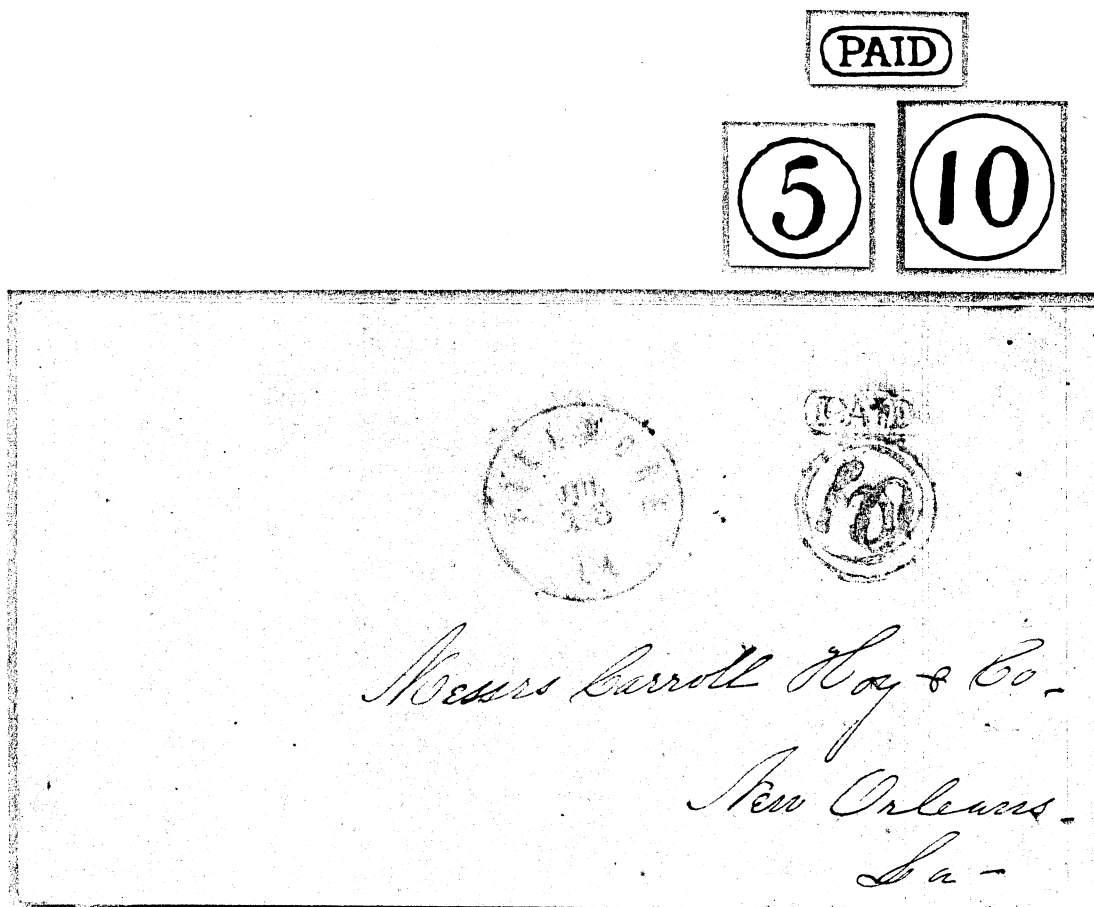


Bayou Goula - Memphis (Feb 8, 1862)
PAID (circle), 10

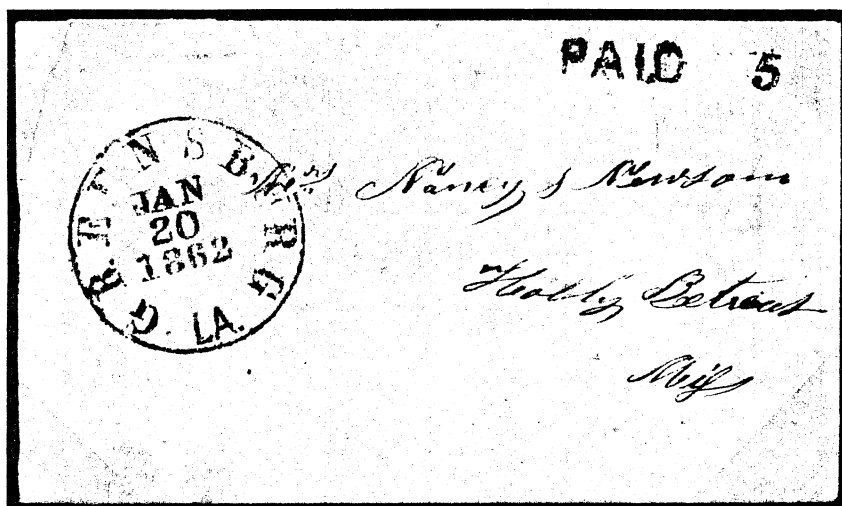


Camppti - New Orleans (Jun 22, 1861)
CDS altered from "CAMPTE" to "CAMPPTI".

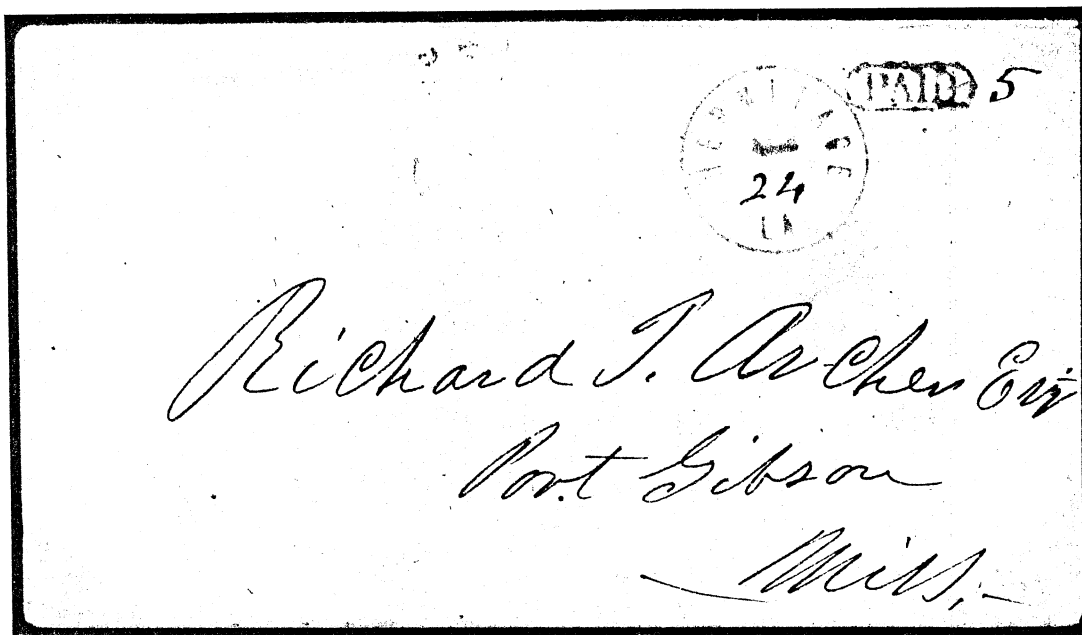
REVALUED RATE



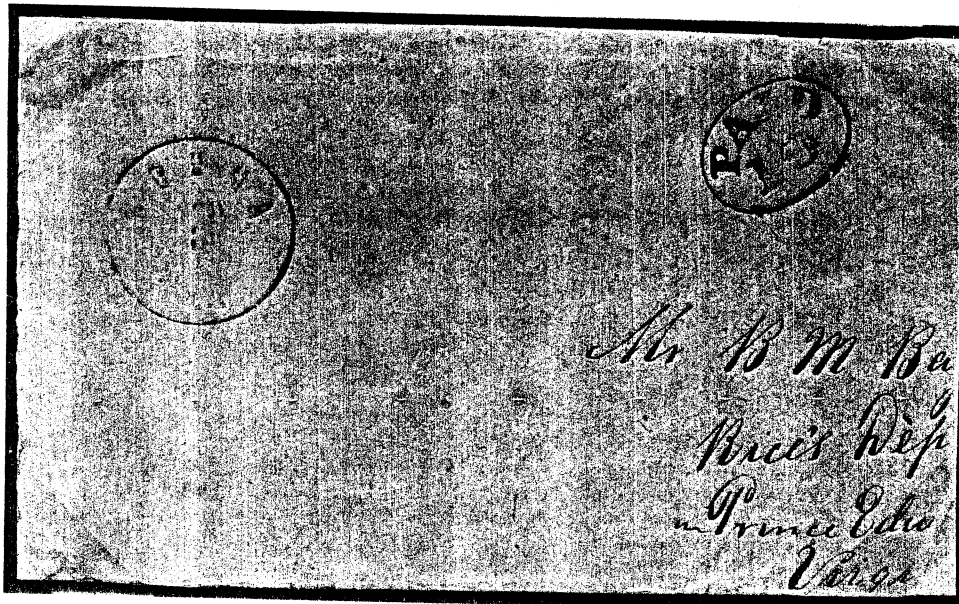
Fillmore - New Orleans (Jul 13, 1861)
Violet ink; PAID (box), 5 (circle),
overstruck 10 (circle).



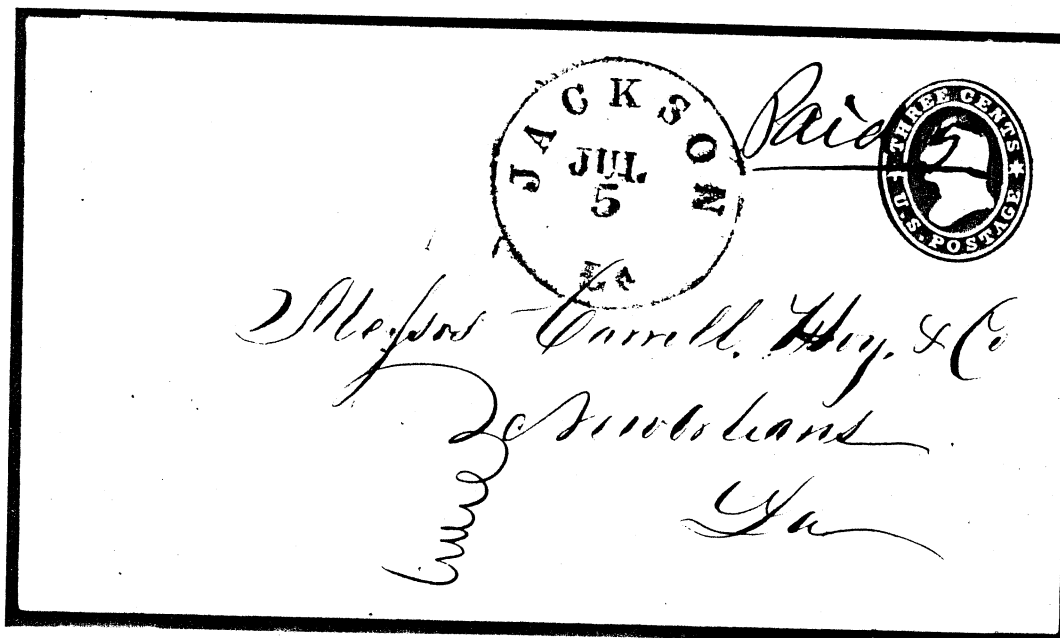
Greensburg - Holly Retreat, Miss. (Jan 20, 1862)
PAID, 5



Hermitage - Port Gibson, Miss. (Apr 24, 1862)
Red ink; PAID (box), 5 (ms.)



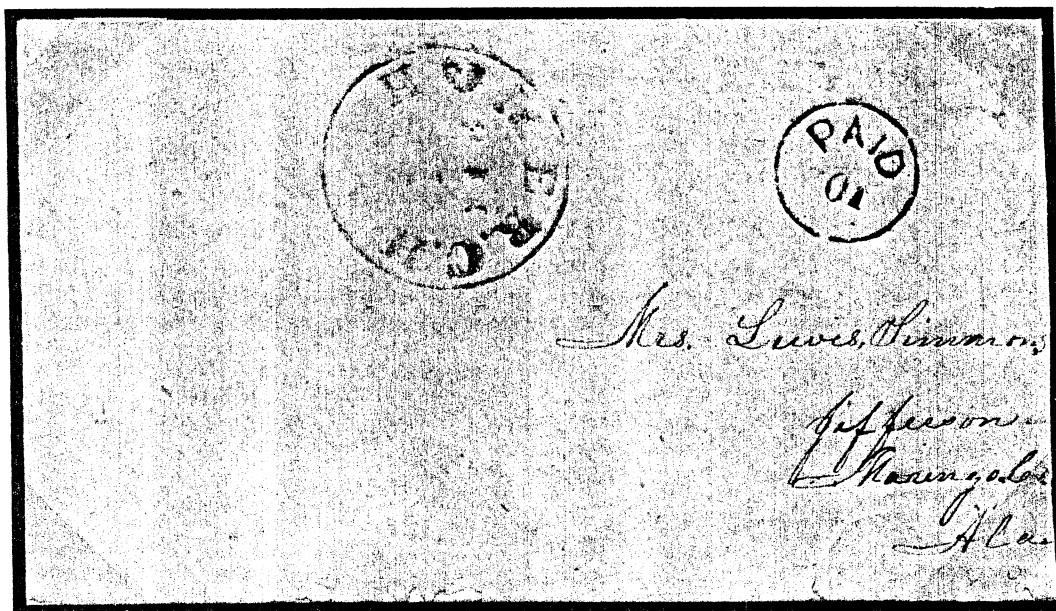
Houma - Rice's Depot, Va. (Feb 3, 1862)
 PAID (arc) / 10, in oval



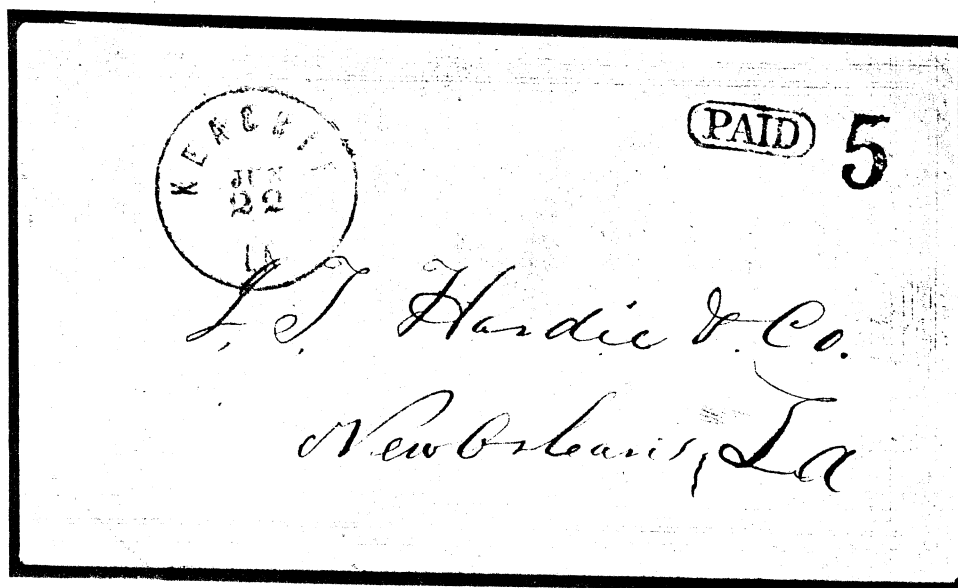
Jackson - New Orleans (Jul 5, 1861)
 Paid 5 (ms.)

(U. S. stamped envelope invalid for postage.)

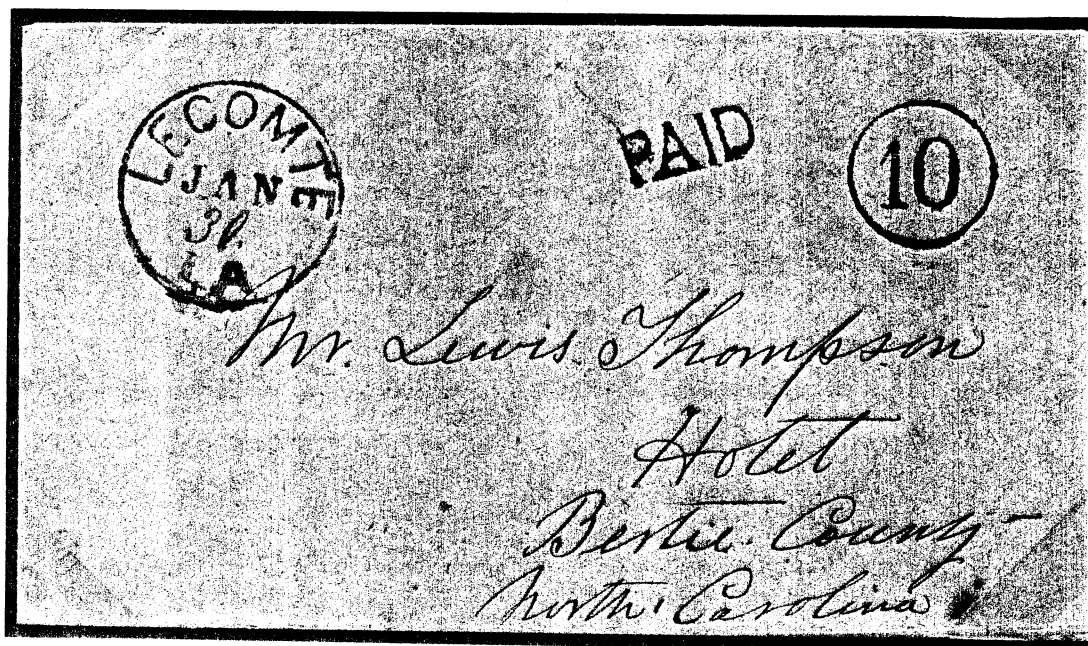
INVERTED NUMERAL



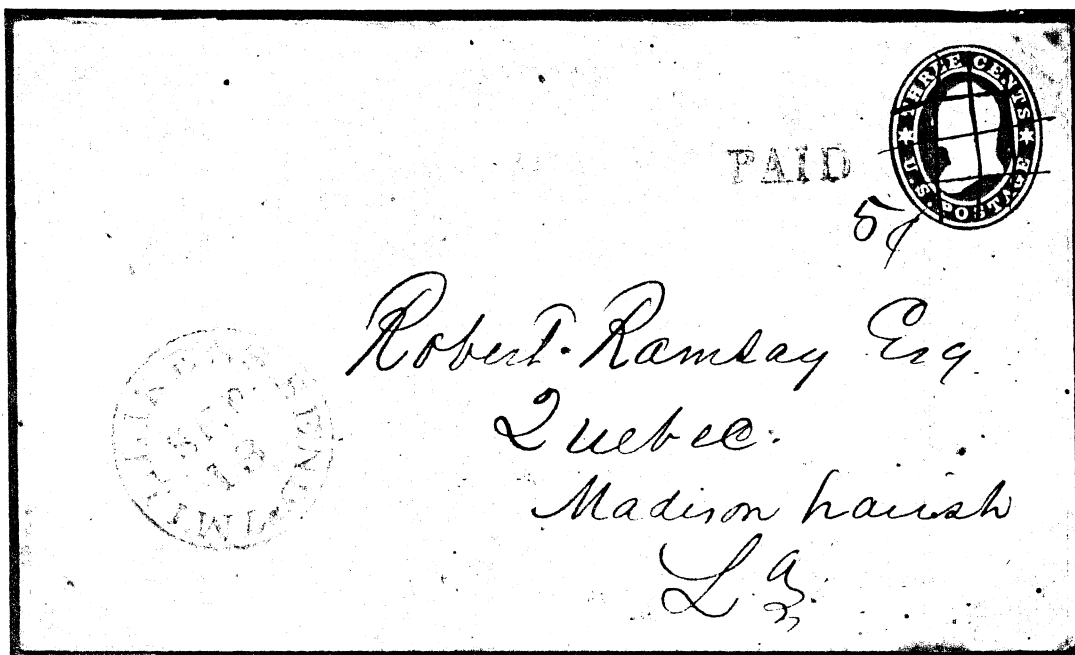
Homer - Jefferson, Ala. (Feb 10, 1862)
PAID / 01 (circle)



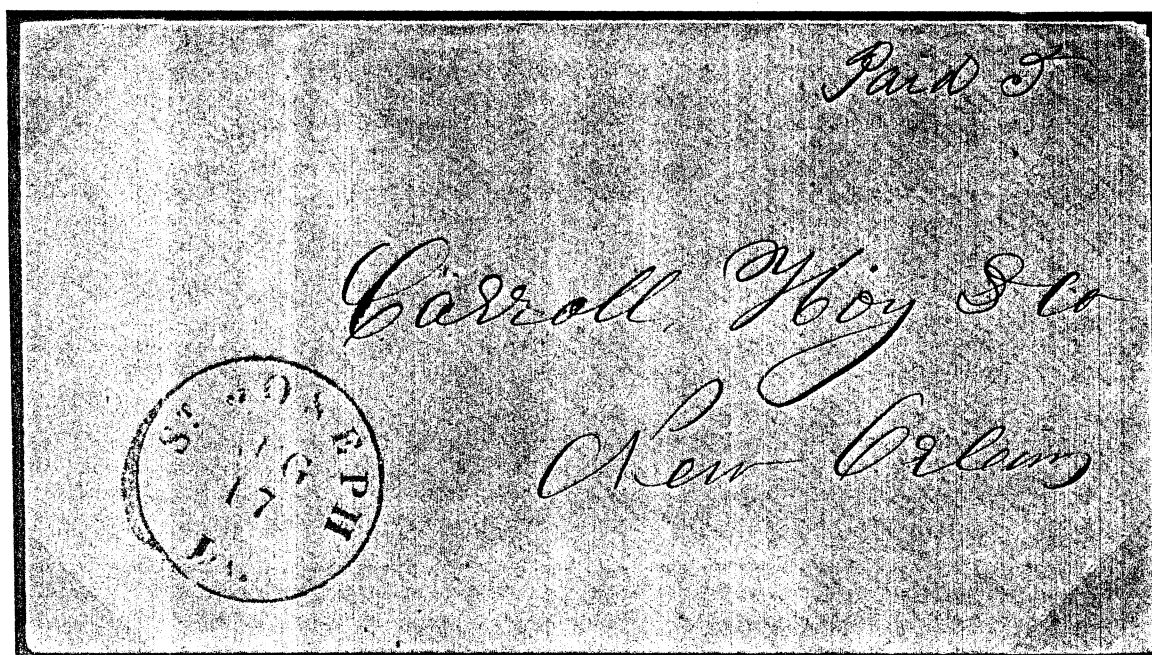
Keachie - New Orleans (Jun 22, 1861)
PAID (box), 5



Lecompte - Hotel, N. C. (Jan 30, 1862)
PAID, 10 (circle)

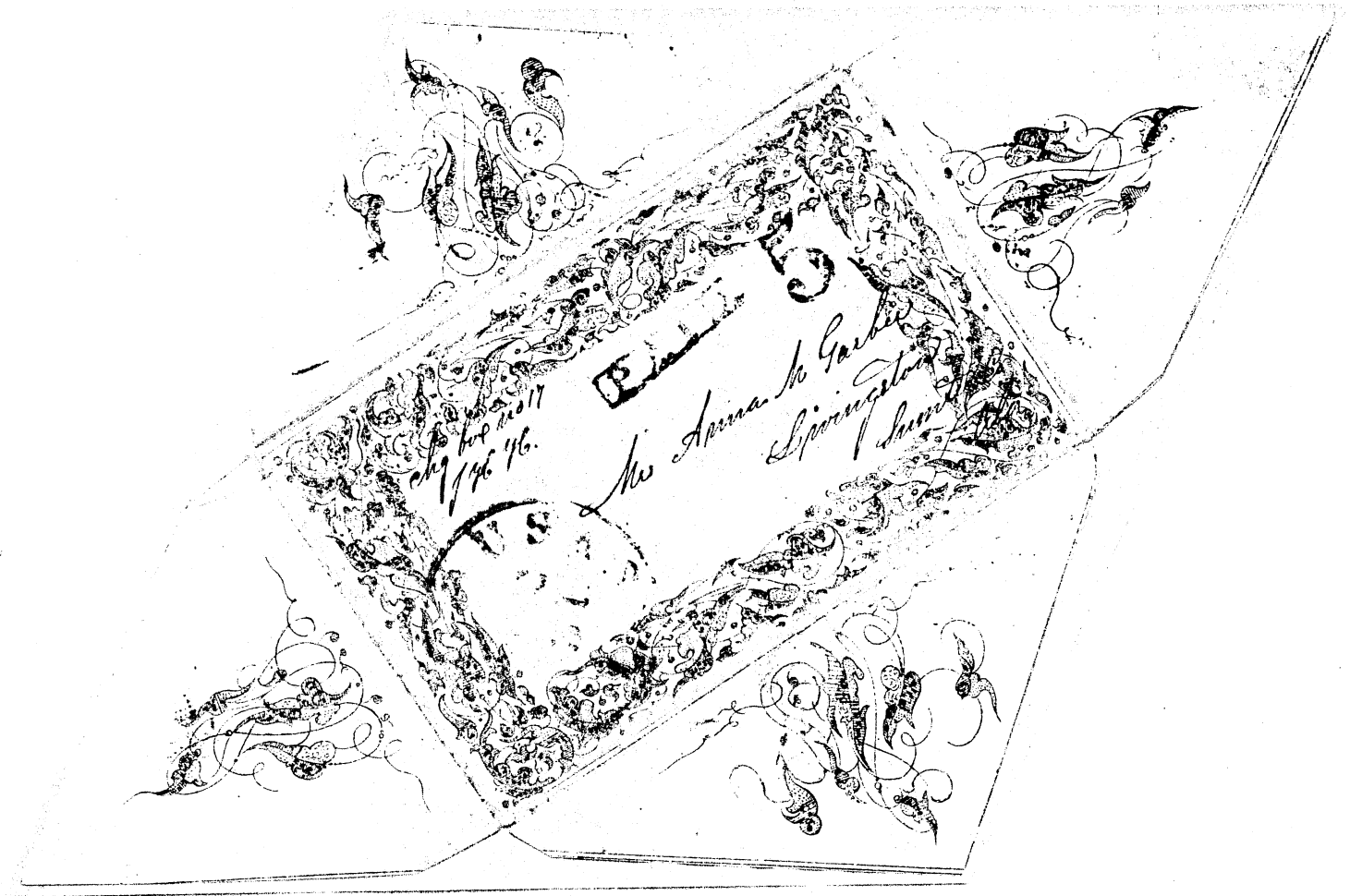


Millikens Bend - Quebec (Sep 13, 1861)
PAID, 5 (ms.)



St. Joseph - New Orleans (Aug 17, 1861)
Paid 5 (ms.)

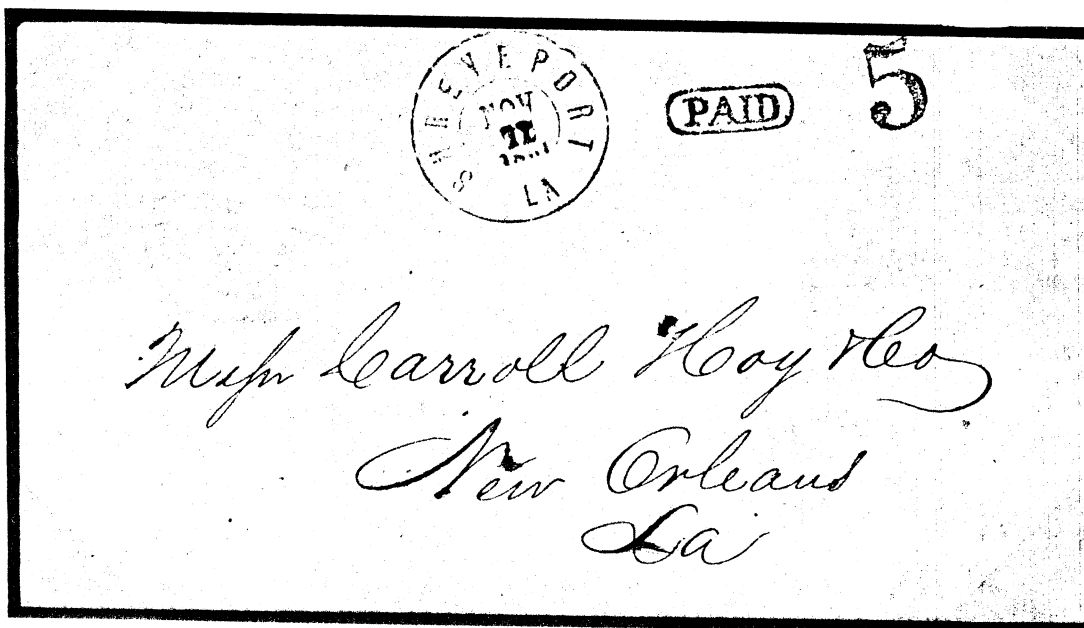
"FANCY LADIES' ENVELOPE"



Opelousas - Livingston, Ala. (Dec 31, 1861)

PAID in rectangle, 5

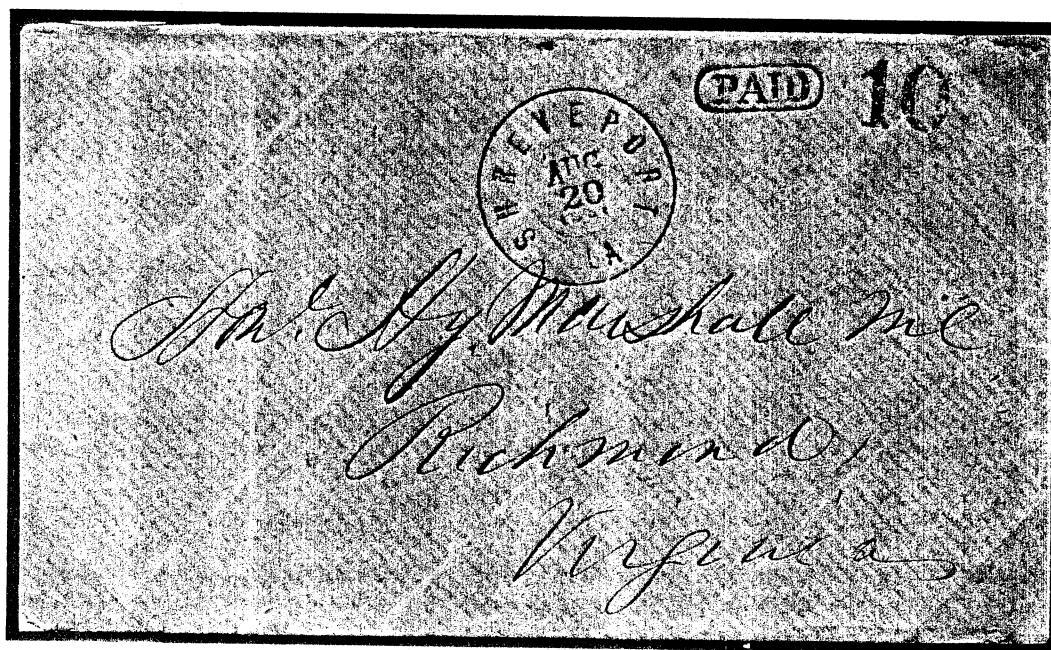
"Chg box No 17"



Shreveport - New Orleans (Nov 11, 1861)

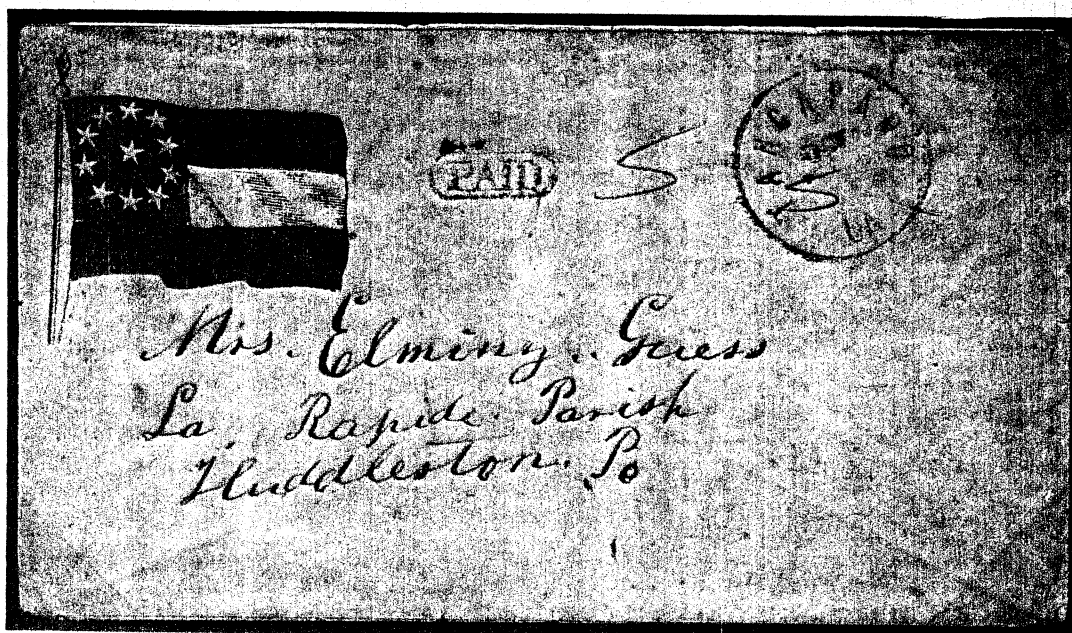
PAID (box), 5

Embossed c.c. "Jefferson City, Texas"

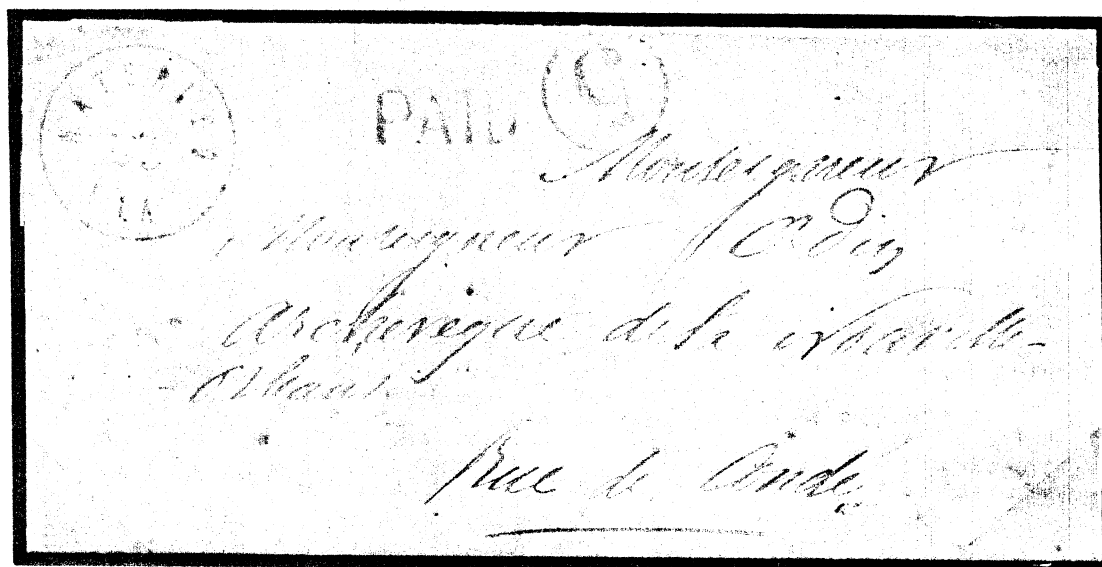


Shreveport - Richmond (Aug 20, 1861)

PAID (box), 10

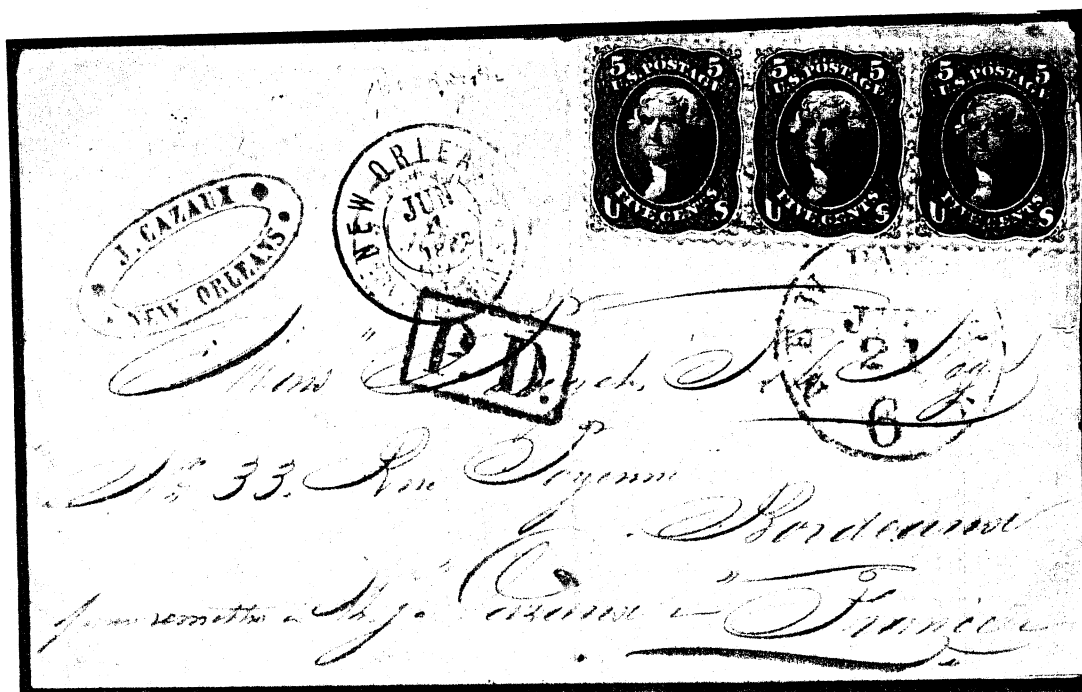


Tangapaho - Huddleston (Oct 5, 1861)
PAID (box), 5 (ms.)

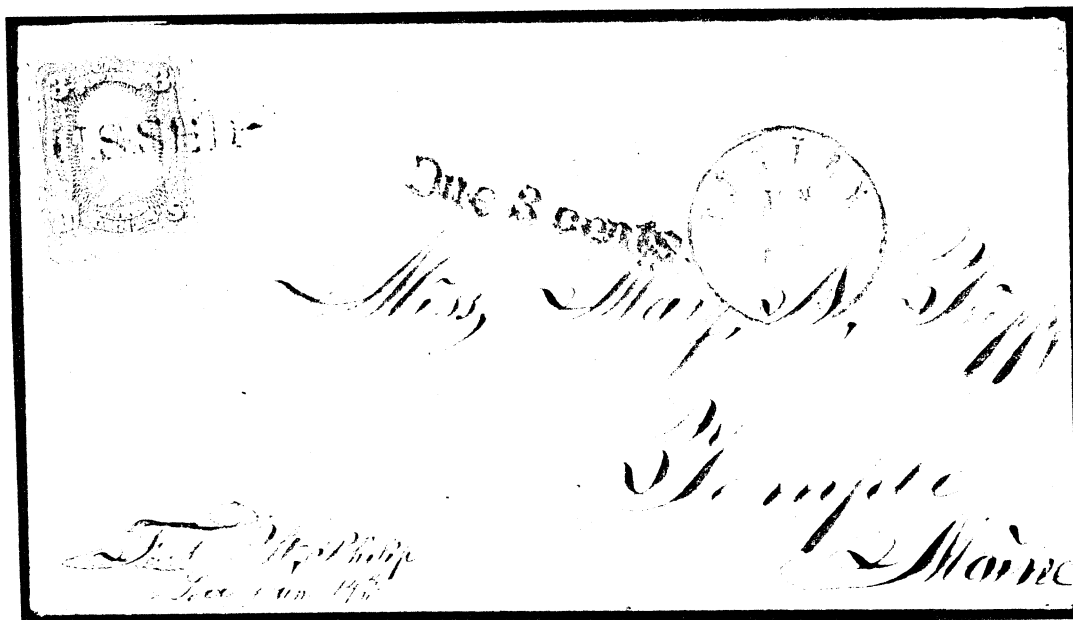


Waterloo - New Orleans (Nov 23, 1861)
Red ink; PAID, 5 (circle).

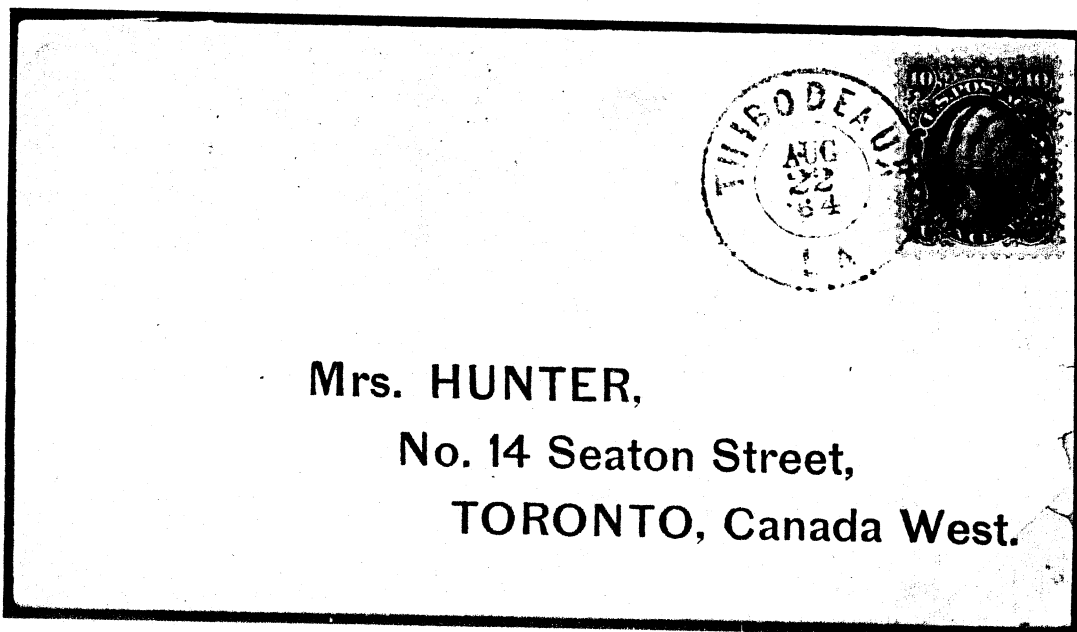
MILITARY OCCUPATION: 1862 - 1865



New Orleans - France, via New York (Jun 4, 1862)
First civilian mail cancelled at re-opened post office.



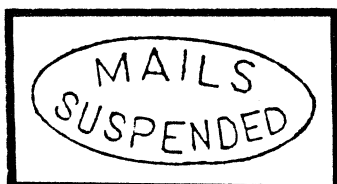
Fort St. Philip - Boston - Temple, Me. (Jun 14, 1862)
Soldier's letter, carried by military steamship.



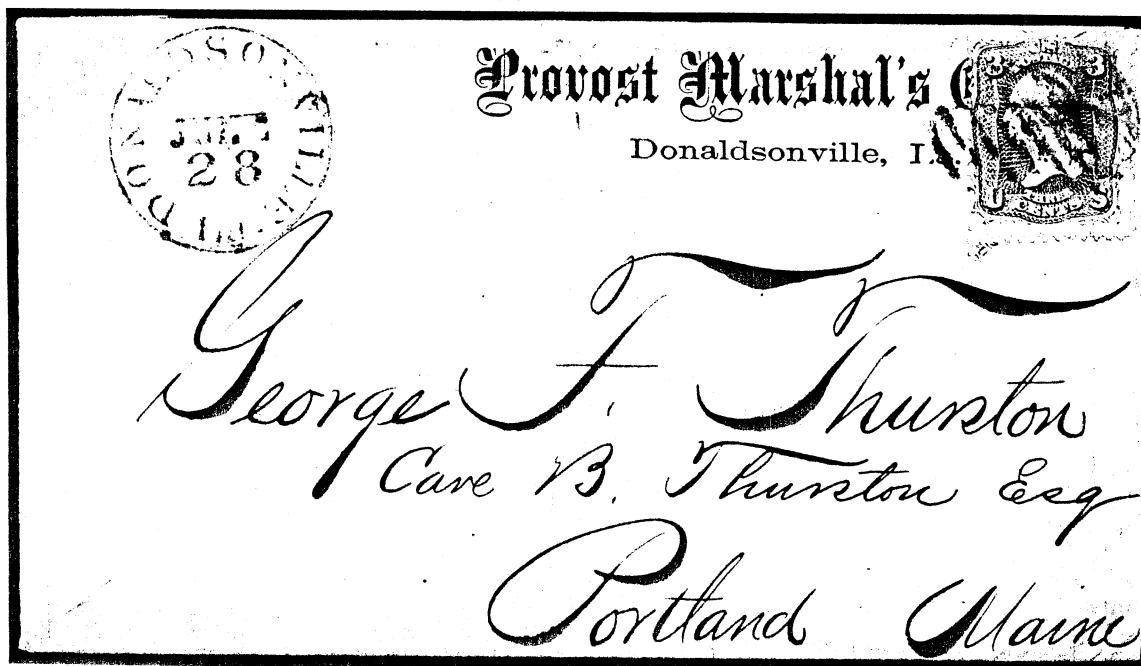
Thibodeaux - Toronto, Canada (Aug 22, 1864)
Post office re-opened February, 1863.



New Orleans - New Britain, Conn. (Aug 26, 1862)
Post office re-opened June, 1862.

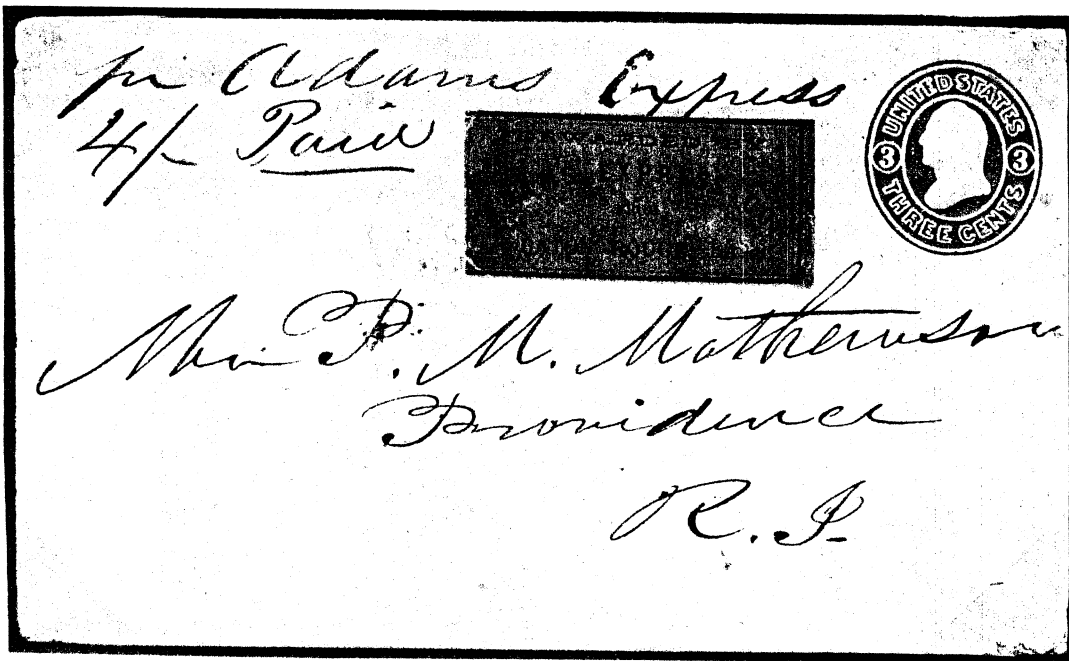


Alexandria, Va. - Donaldsonville (Jul 17, 1863)
Donaldsonville post office re-opened June, 1863.
(Stamp replaced)

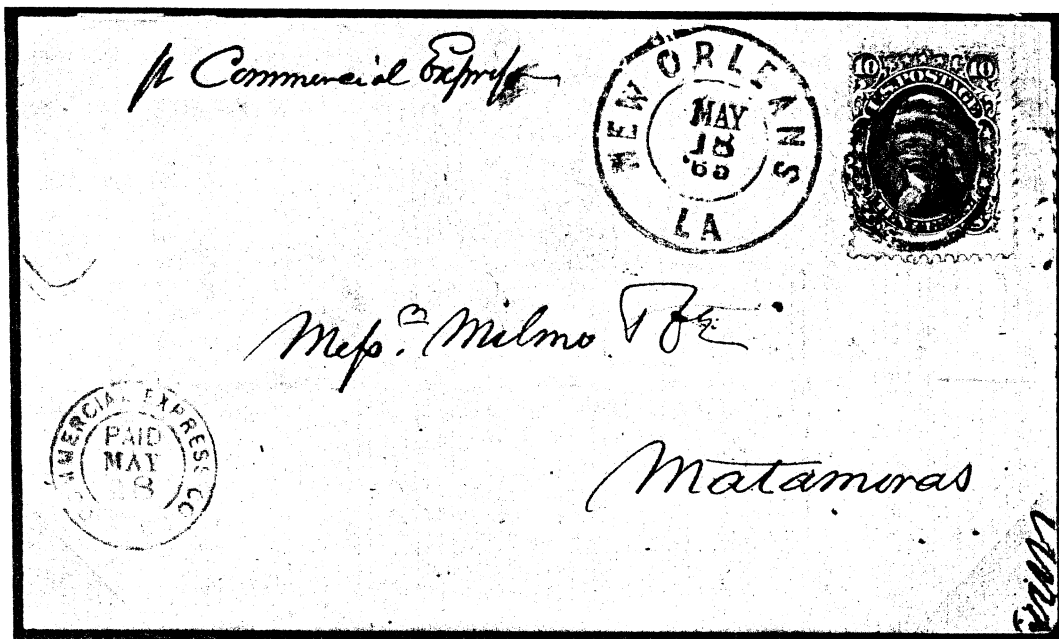


Donaldsonville - Portland, Me. (Jun 28, 1864)
Pre-war and Confederate date stamp used during occupation.

PRIVATE EXPRESS SERVICES



ADAMS EXPRESS CO. / BATON ROUGE, LA.
Baton Rouge - Providence, R. I. (Aug 30, 1863)



COMMERCIAL EXPRESS CO. / N. O.
Confederate forces west of the Mississippi River surrendered
on May 26, 1865, ending the war in Louisiana.