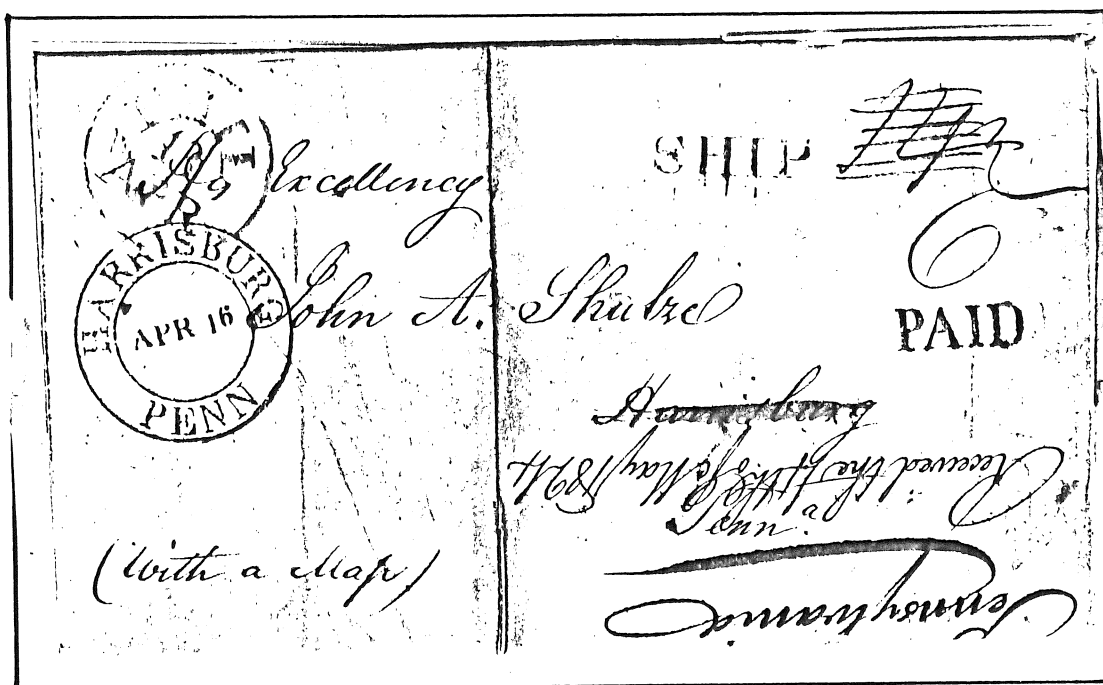
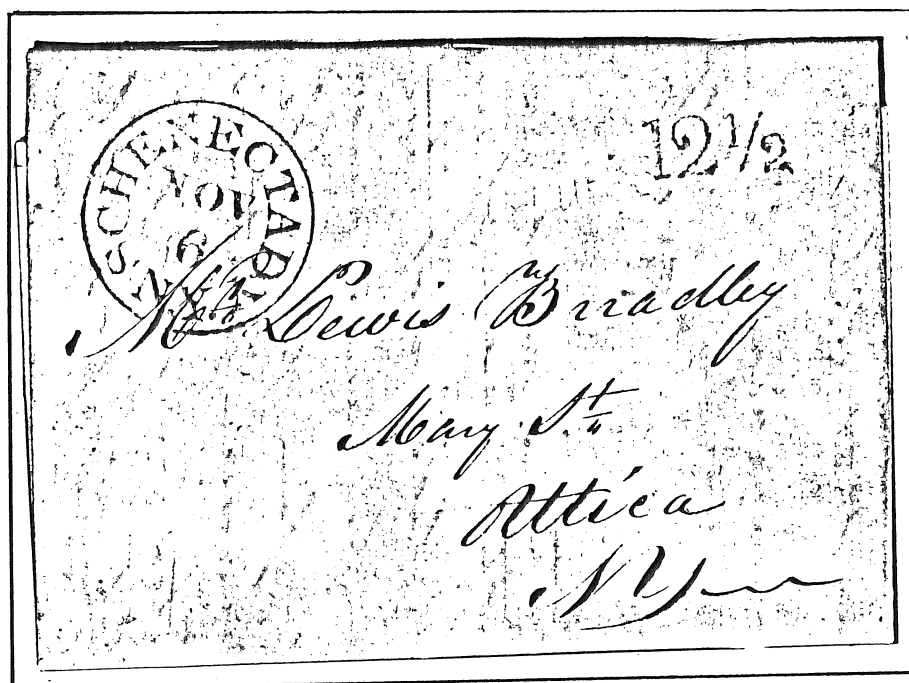


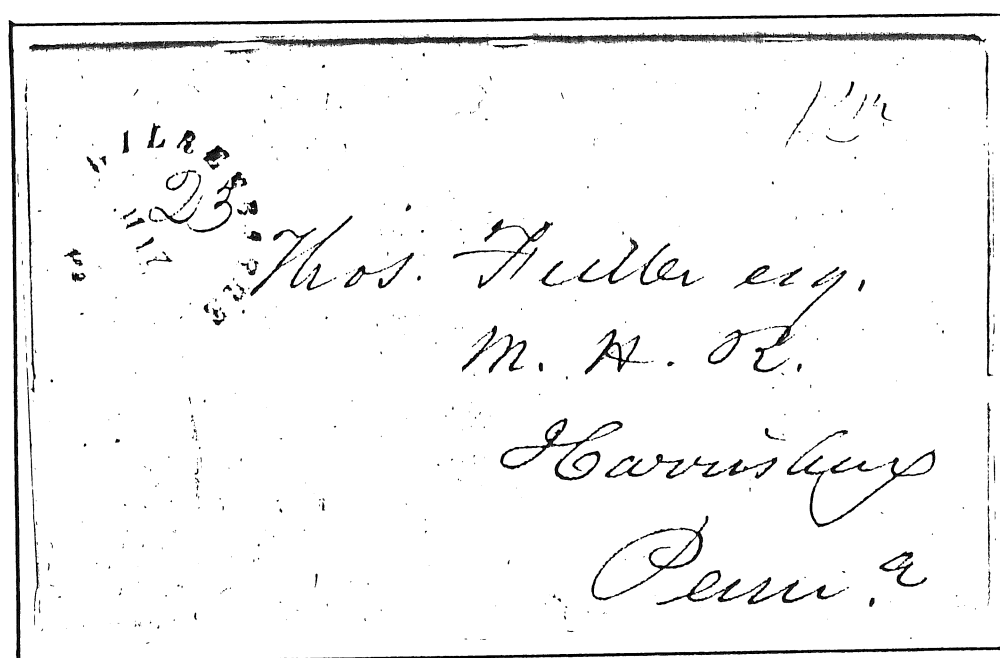
WAY LETTER ( $12\frac{1}{2} + 1\text{¢}$ ) FOR 80-150 MILES ~ ACT OF 1816  
 DATELINED "STOCKHOLM" JULY 17 1838 ~ ENTERED MAIL "LAWRENCEVILLE N.Y."



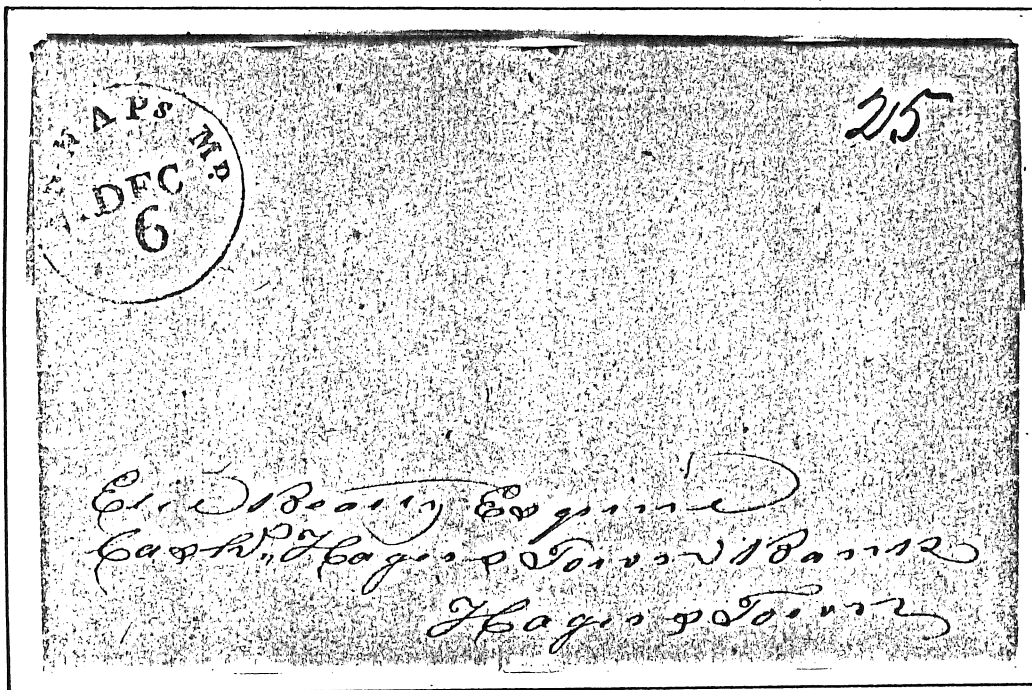
DOMESTIC SHIP LETTER ( $12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} + 2\text{¢} = 14\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ ) & FORWARDED ~ ACT OF 1816  
 DATELINED "CHARLESTON, MARCH, 27, 1824"



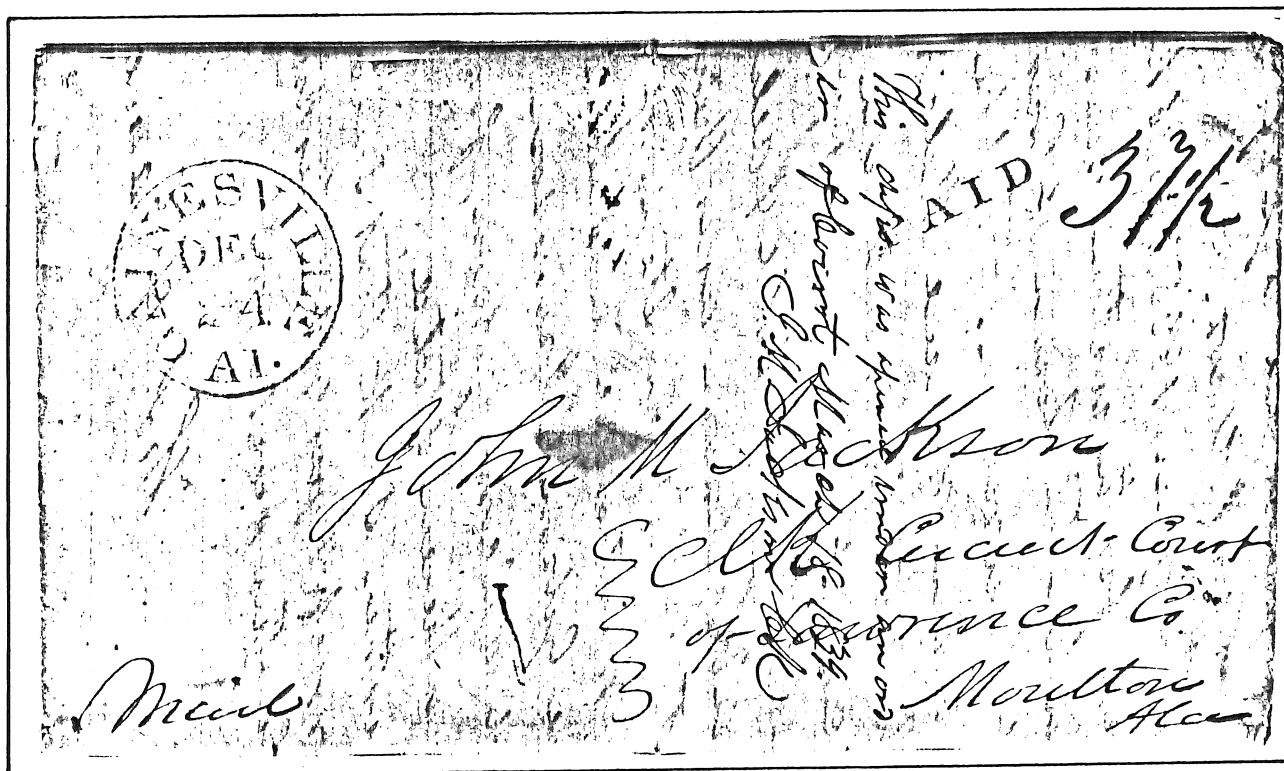
HANDSTAMPED RATE OF  $12\frac{1}{2}$  w "SCHENECTADY N.Y. NOV 6" 1836  
SINGLE SHEET RATE FOR 80-150 MILES ~ ACT OF 1816



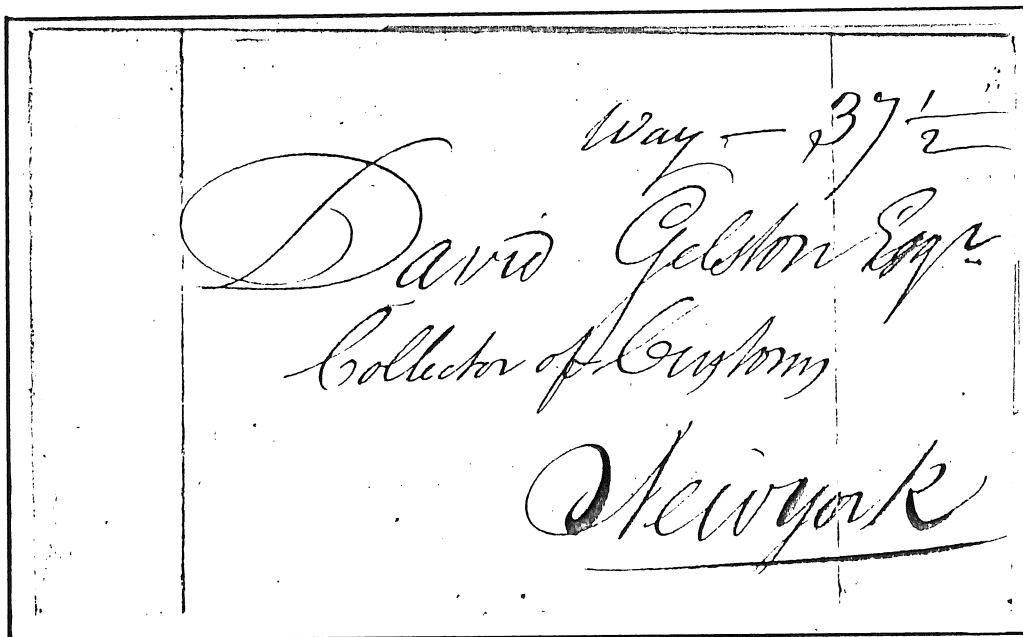
RIMLESS ARC "WILKESBARRE" (1832) ~ ITALICISED ~  $12\frac{1}{2}$  RATE ~ #2



DOUBLE SHEET RATE OF 25¢ (80-150 MI) ~ "ANNAPOLIS MD/DEC/6" (1824).

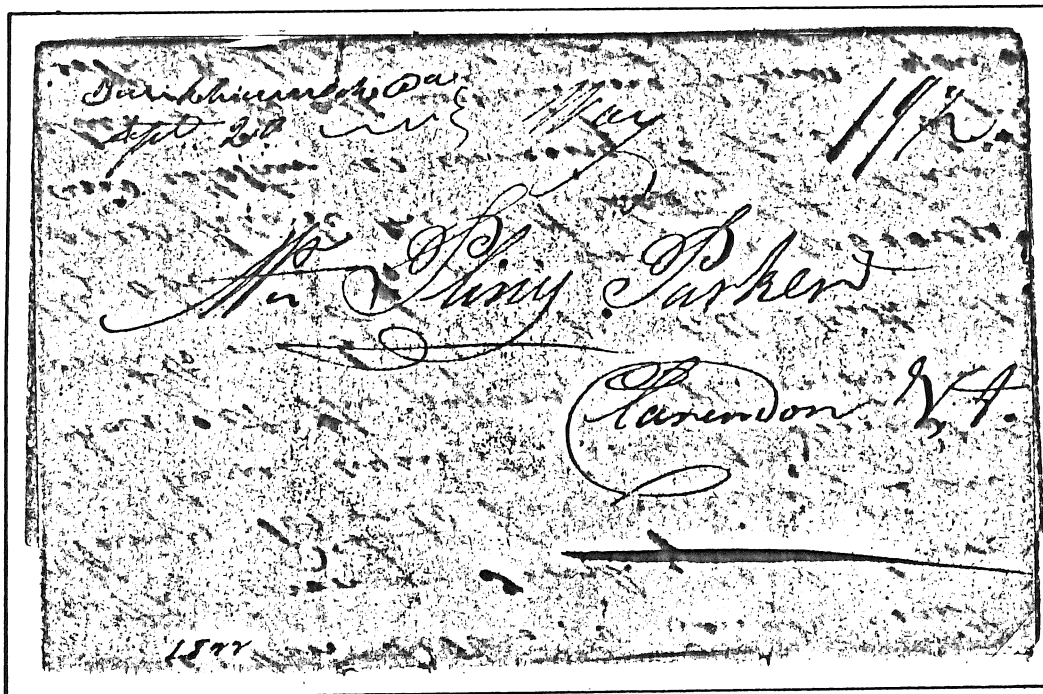


~ TRIPLE SHEET RATE FOR 80-150 MILES (1838) ~



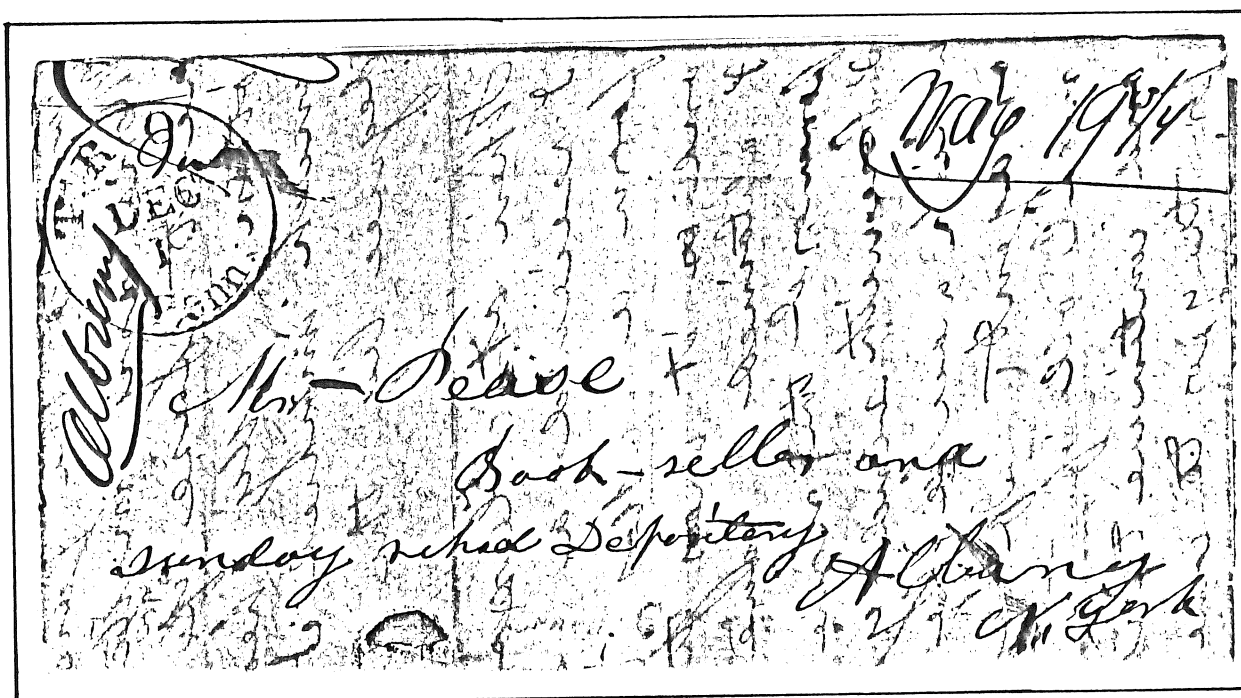
TRIPLE SHEET WAY LETTER ~ 12 1/2 X 3 + IMPLIED FEE ~ ACT of 1816  
~ DATELINED & DOCKETED 1819 ~



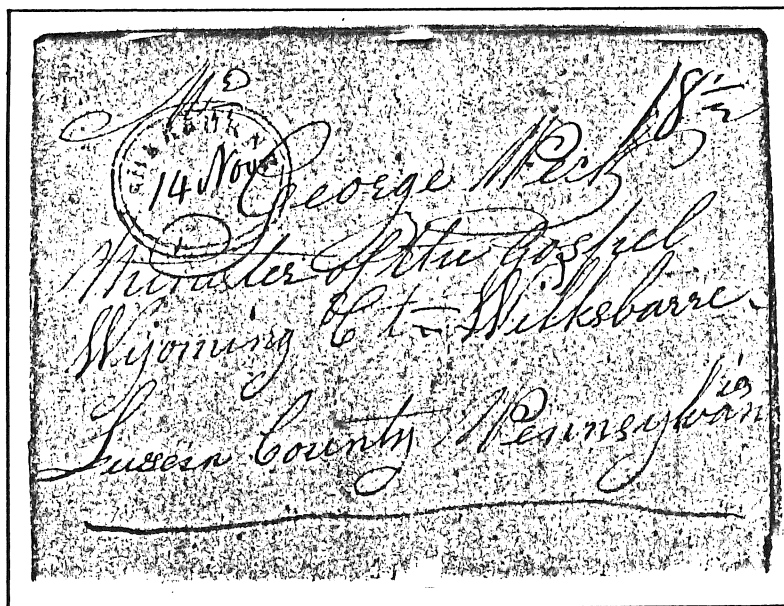


WAY LETTER  $19\frac{1}{2}$  (18 $\frac{1}{2}$ +1) RATE OF 1816 ~ DATELINED "BRAINTREM"  
(PA) SEPT. 15, 1822 ~ ENTERED MAIL AT "TUNKHANNOCK Pa SEPT 20 ~

"TELL BROTHER JOHN IF HE WOULD FETCH A DOZEN GOOD AXES WITH HIM  
MAJOR STIRLING (SIC) WOULD PAY 2 DOLLARS CASH OR PRICE FOR THEM— THEY ARE  
VERY MUCH WANTED HERE AND WOULD BE A GOOD ARTICLE TO FETCH ALMOST ANY  
QUANTITY ~

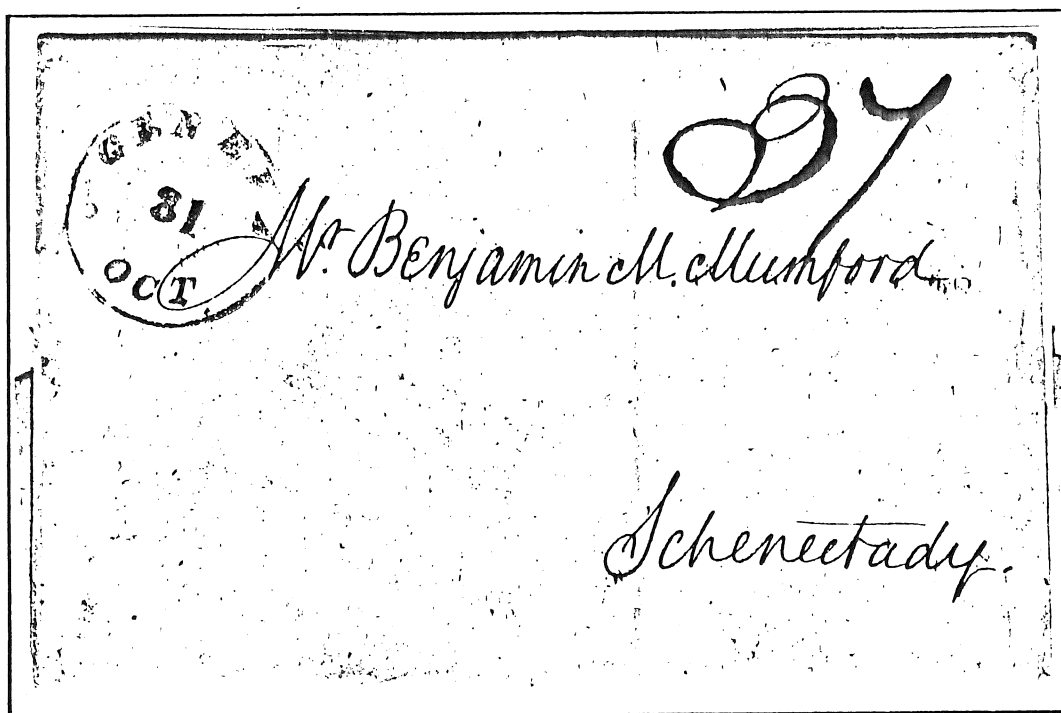


WAY LETTER  $19\frac{3}{4}$  (18 $\frac{3}{4}$ +1) RATE OF 1825 ~ DATELINED "ALEXANDRIA DC."  
ENTERED MAIL AT "TROY Penn." ~ FILED IN 1842 ~



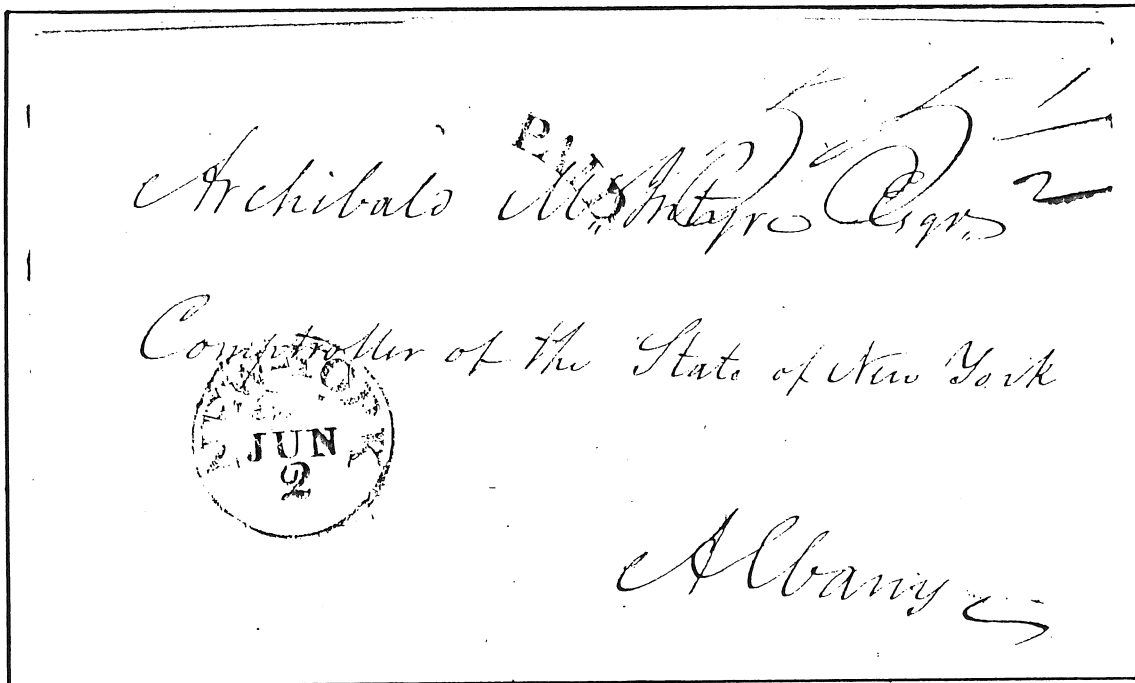
UNIQUE DLO RED "SHERBURNE" of 17 Nov. 1818 ~ 18½¢ SINGLE  
 RATE FOR 150-400 MILES ... ACT of 1816 ... TO WILKESBARRE, PA.

Geo. PECK FIND *no* *united in any*  
*oval in A.S.C.C. &*  
*9 yrs. earlier than any CDS &*  
*8 yrs. " " " mscpt.*

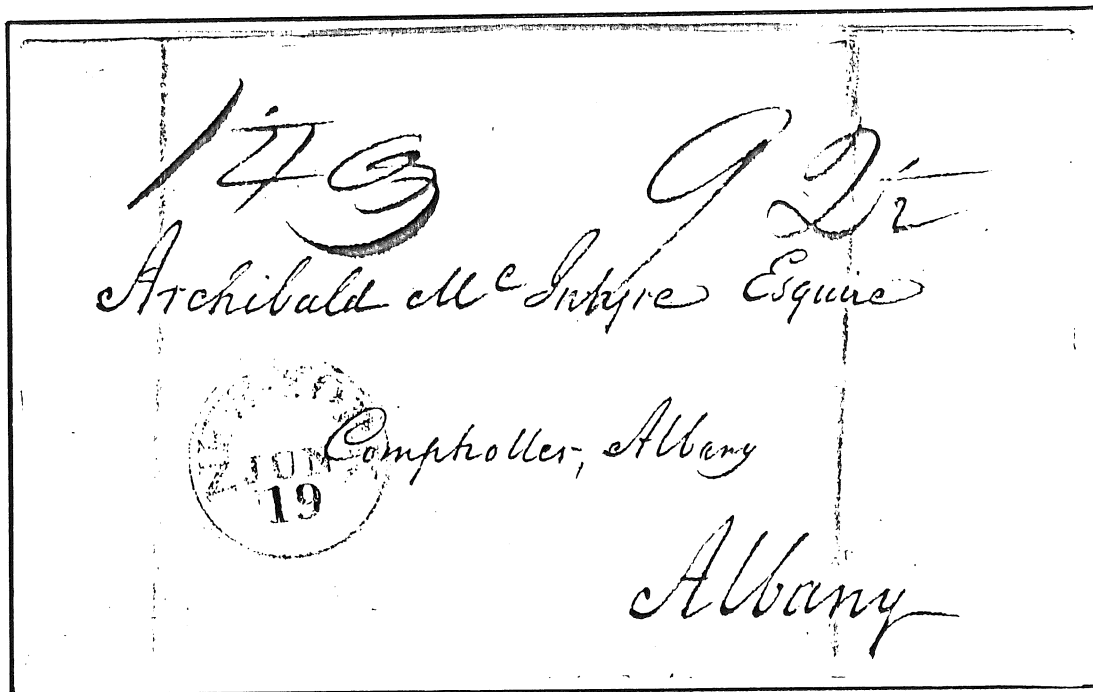


37¢ (DOUBLE 18½¢) RATE of 1816 ~ DATED "GENEVA/31/OCT" 1816 ~ *no*

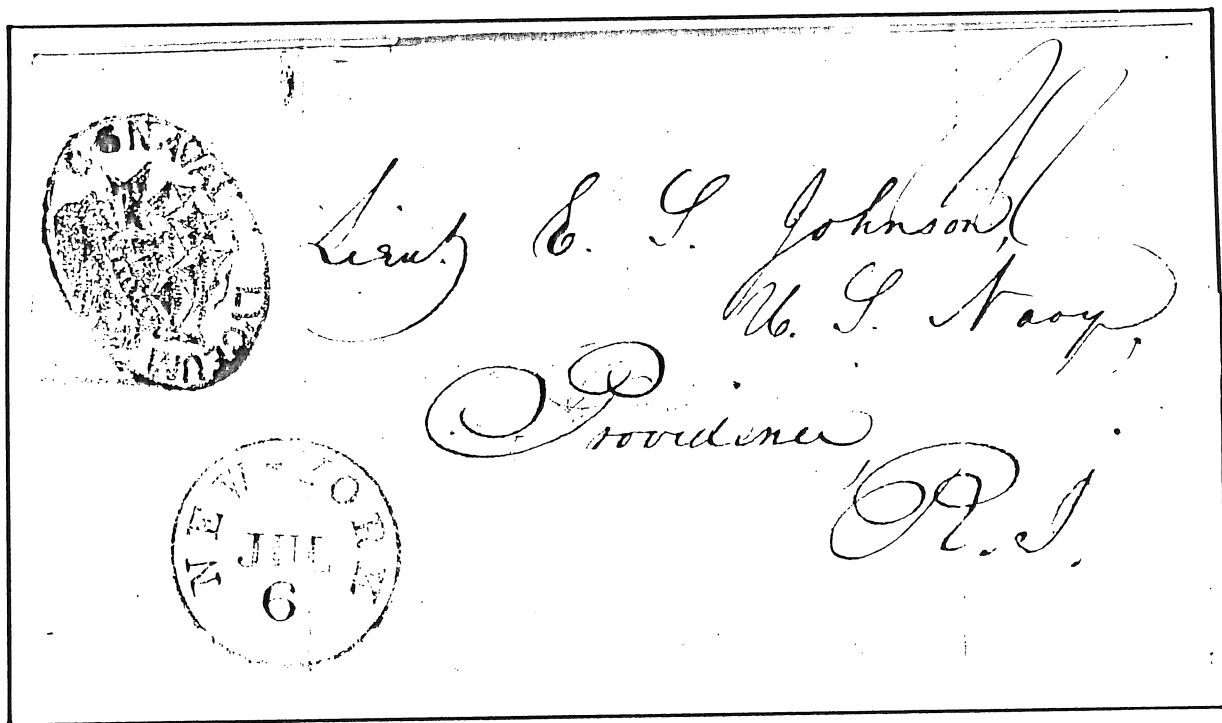
*1 yr. earlier than in A.S.C.C.*  
*Matthew Bottom.*



55  $\frac{1}{2}$  f (TRIPLE 18  $\frac{1}{2}$  f) RATE of 1816 ~ NEW-YORK/JUN/2' (1819) ~



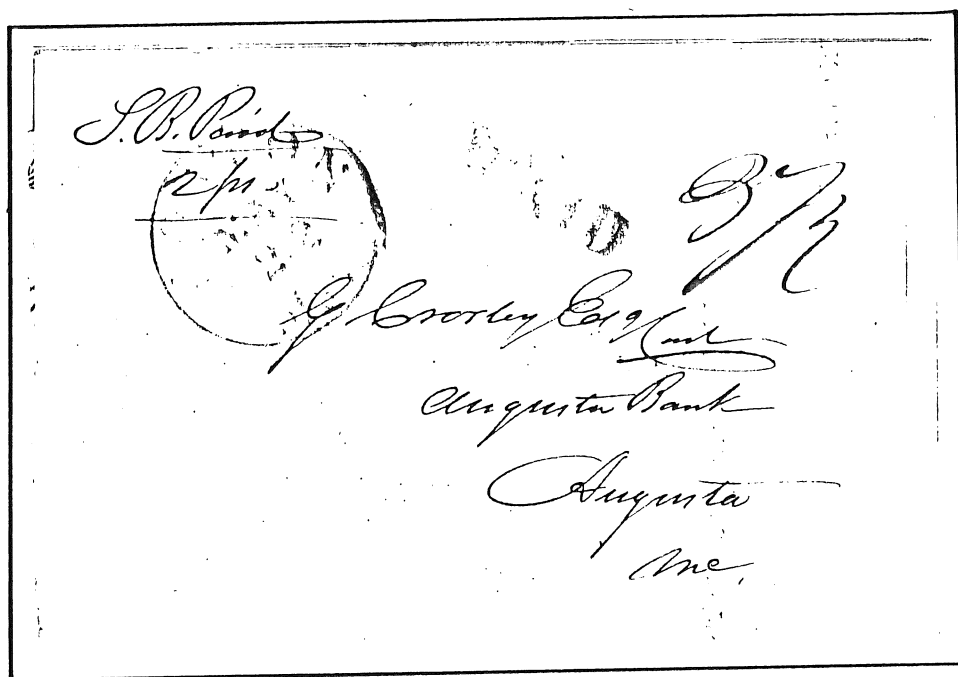
92  $\frac{1}{2}$  f (5x18  $\frac{1}{2}$  f) RATE FOR 1703 - June 19 (1819) - Act. of 1816



18  $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ RATE FOR 150-400 MILES ~ RATE WAS ALTERED TO FIT SPANISH REALES ~ Act of 1825 ~

U. S. NAVAL LYCEUM,  
NAVY YARD, NEW-YORK,  
*July 3d, 1838.*

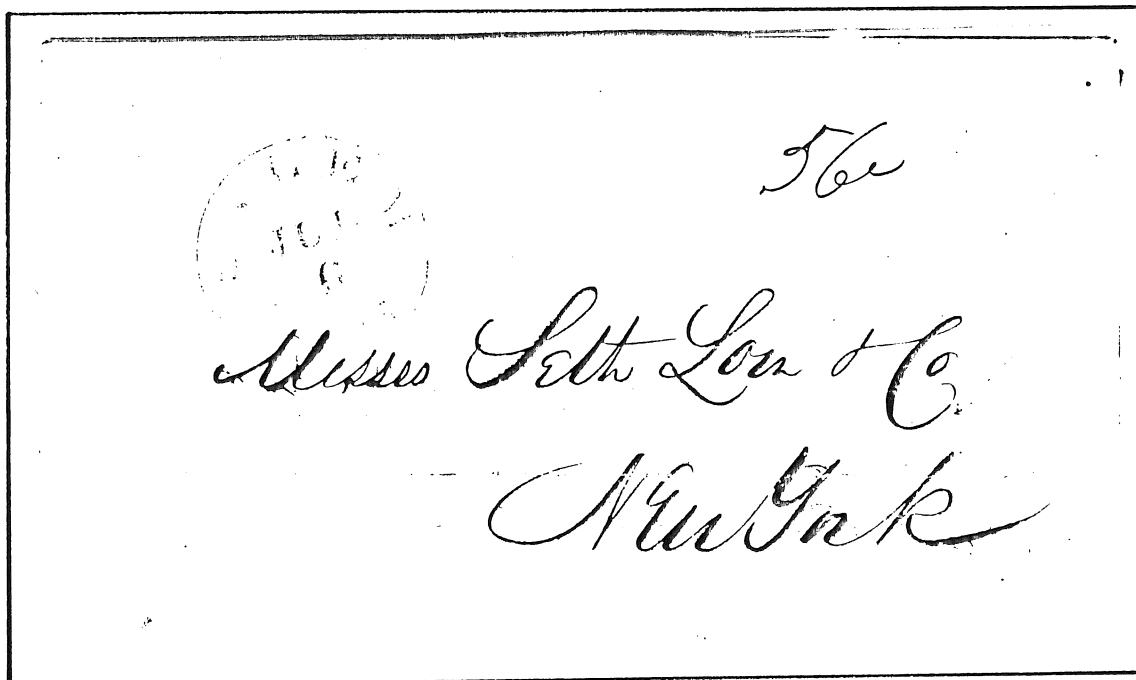
~ THIS IS THE ONLY REPORTED DOMESTIC USE OF THE NEW YORK "U.S. NAVAL LYCEUM" MARKING ~



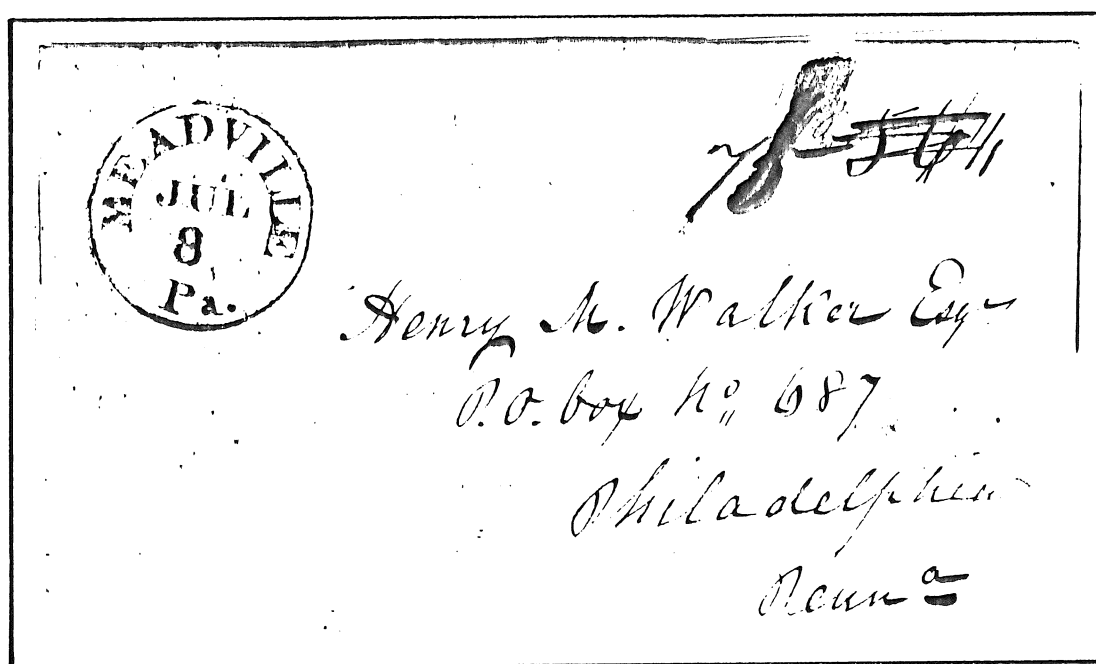
~ 37  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ DOUBLE RATE FOR ENCLOSURE ~

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TRIPLE WEIGHT RATE ( $3 \times 18\frac{3}{4} = 56\frac{1}{4}$ ) for 150-400 MILES ——— Act of 1825



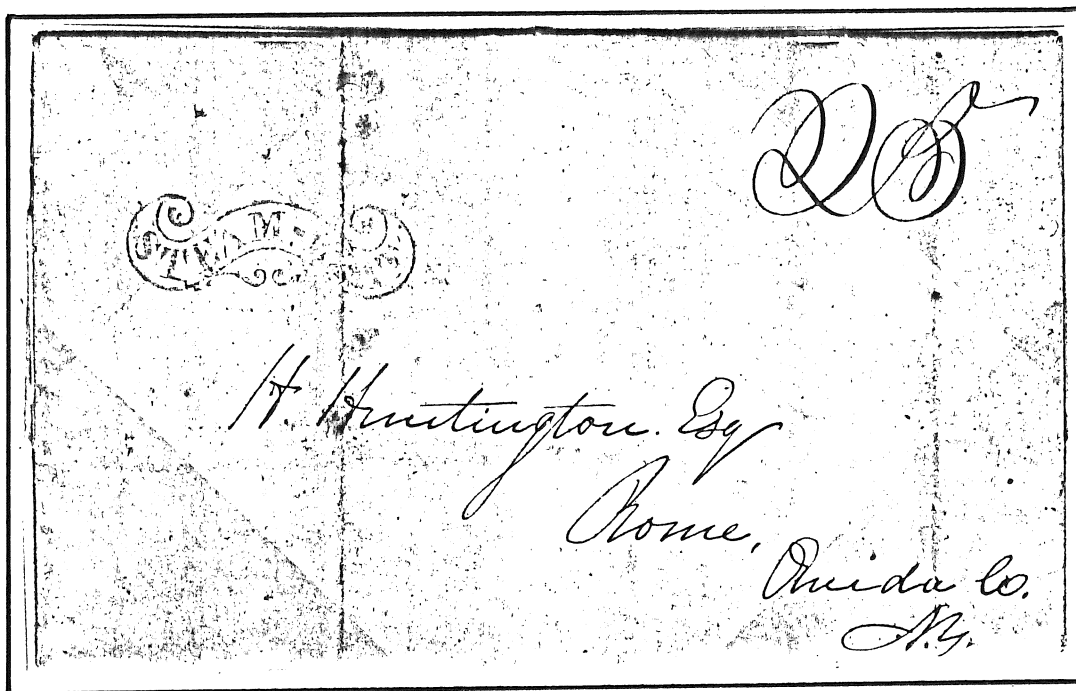
QUADRUPLE RATE ( $4 \times 18\frac{3}{4}$ ) 75¢ DATED JULY 8 (1840) ——— Act of 1825

— CORRECTED FROM TRIPLE RATE IN OFFICE OF ORIGIN —



WAY LETTER (25+1) ~ CORRECTED AT ENTRY P.O. ~ DATELINED "ADAMS, JUNE 24, 1825" & ENTERED MAILS AT LORRAINE NY. (UNLISTED IN A.S.C.C.)

Act. of 1816



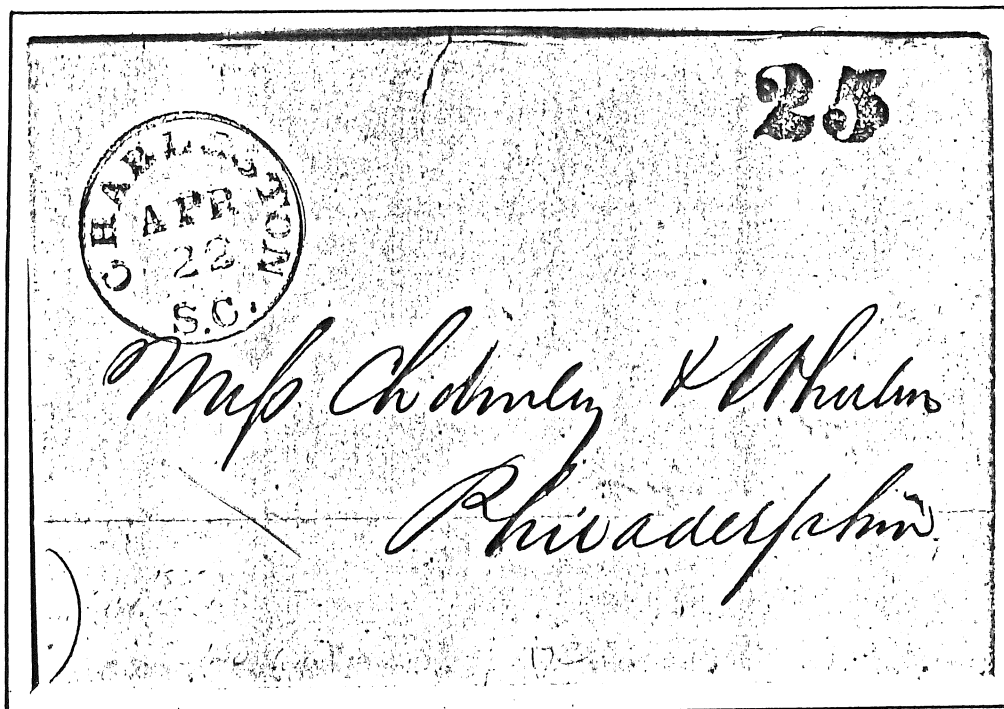
25+1 RED SCROLL "STEAMBOAT" ~ 1¢ CAPTAIN FEE IMPLIED BY BOAT MARKING, APPLIED AT BUFFALO. DATELINED "CLEVELAND O JUNE 20, 1835" ~

Act. of 1816

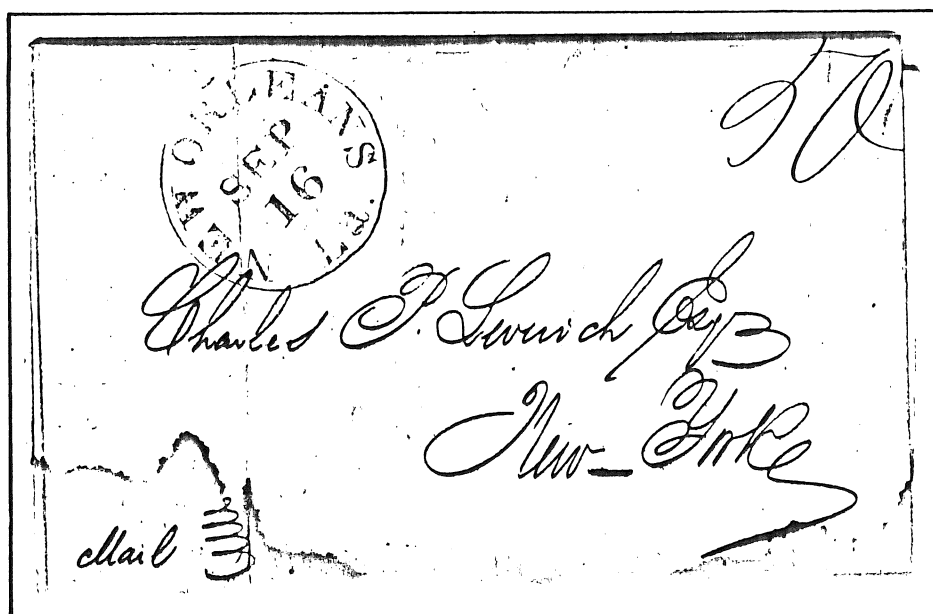
'A NORTH EAST STORM SET IN... 'THE WEBSTER' HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM THE 'NORTH AMERICAN'; THE BOAT WE CAME DOWN IN, IS REPORTED MADE GRAND RIVER IN DISTRESS' ~

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25¢ HANDSTAMPED SINGLE RATE FOR OVER 400 MILES ~ ACT OF 1816 ~



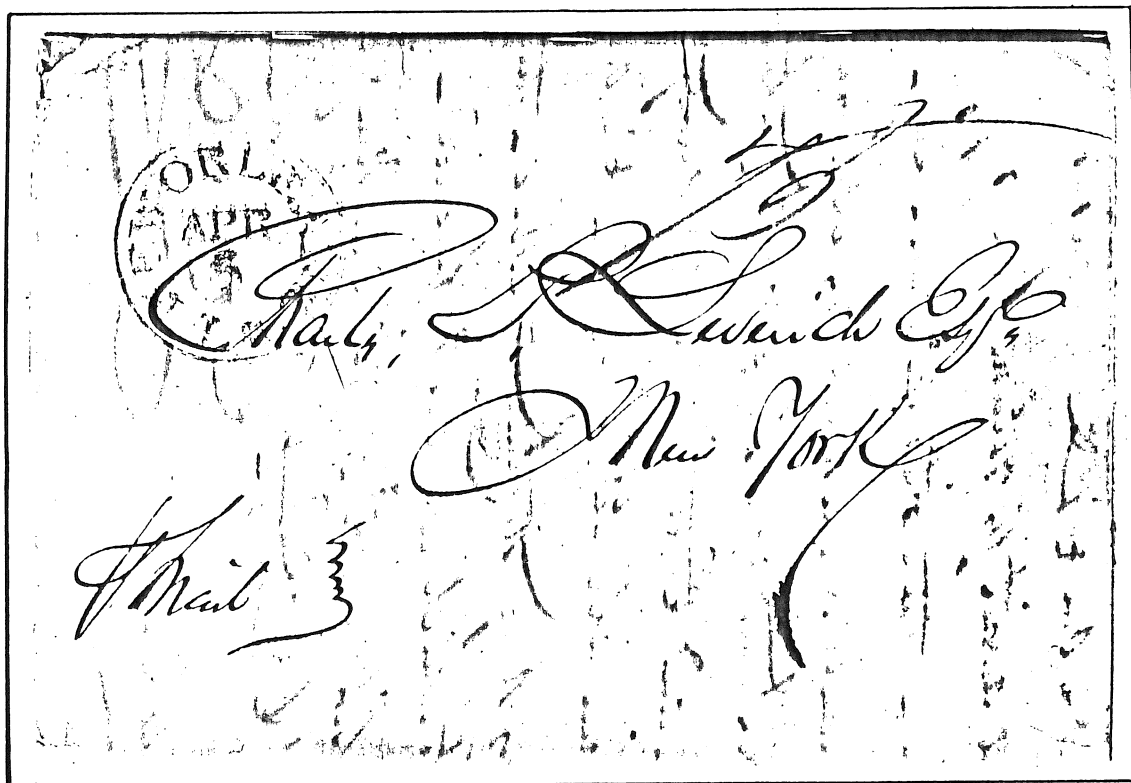
~ 50¢ DOUBLE RATE ~ SEPT. 16 (1841) ~ ACT OF 1816 ~

"THE NATCHEZ - SHE IS A LARGE ANDE VERY STRONG AND SAFE SHIP AT SEA : AND HER ACCOMODATIONS CABIN BEING ON DECKE SHE IS MUCH PLEASANTER THAN THE OTHER BOATS ~ I CANNOT SEE HOW SHE COULD STAND IT TO COME OVER THE MOUNTAINS TO PITTSBURG AND DOWN THE RIVER ... BUT IF SHE IS AFRAID TO COME BY SEA IN (A) STEAM SHIP ... THEN I CANT SEE ANY OTHER WAY THAN ONE OF THE PACKETS ~ WE MAY HAVE AN ENGLISH FLEET ON OUR COAST IN THAT EVENT .... IN THAT EVENT I PRESUME WE SHOULDE NOT HAVE MUCH TO DO IF OUR COMMERCE IS CUT OFF" (CRISES WHICH RESULTED IN HAY-ASHBURTON TREATY) ~

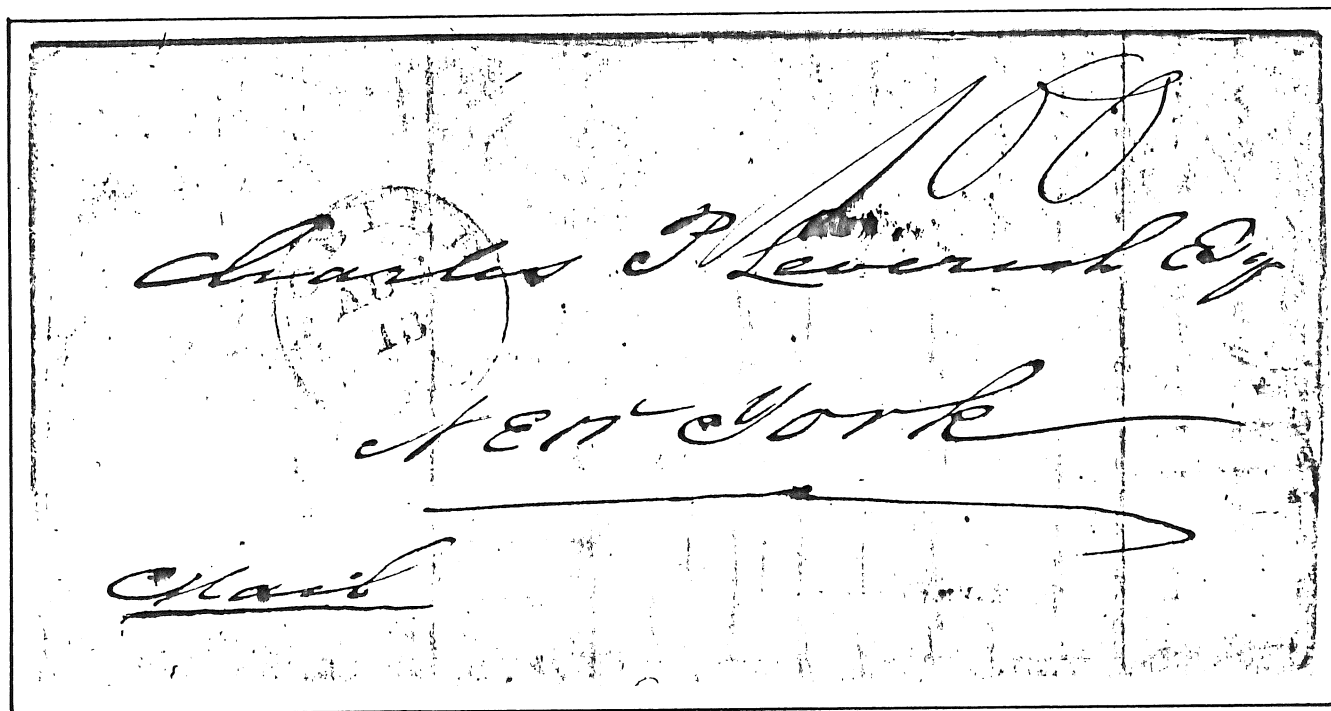
"THE YOUNG MAN WHOM I HAVE STAYING WITH ME HAS HAD THE FEVER .... FOUR OUT OF FIVE OF THE CASES THIS YEAR I THINK ARE FATAL ... THE LAST THING BRINGS ON RELAPSES, AND THEN THEY ARE SURE ALMOST TO GO ~ YOUNG MICON DIED THIS MORNING, TWO DAYS AGO IT WAS SAIDE THAT HIS FEVER WAS BROKE AND THAT HE WAS DOING WELL ~ I HOPE IT MAY SOON ENDE, WE H  
LOSE MANY MORE VALUABLE YOUNG MEN AND STRANGERS TO THE CLIMATE &  
THIS THEIR HOME " ~

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75¢ TRIPLE RATE BECAUSE OF TWO ENCLOSURES (OVER 400 MI.) ~ ACT OF 1816



QUADRUPLE WEIGHT RATE (\$1.00) FOR OVER 400 MI. (1838) ~ ACT OF 1816 ~





QUINTUPLE 25¢ RATE FOR 1¼ OUNCES ~ DATELINED 13<sup>TH</sup> FEB 1886 ~

Elmer Griffin Esq.

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1839

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by John W. Hazle Esq.  
Counsellor to  
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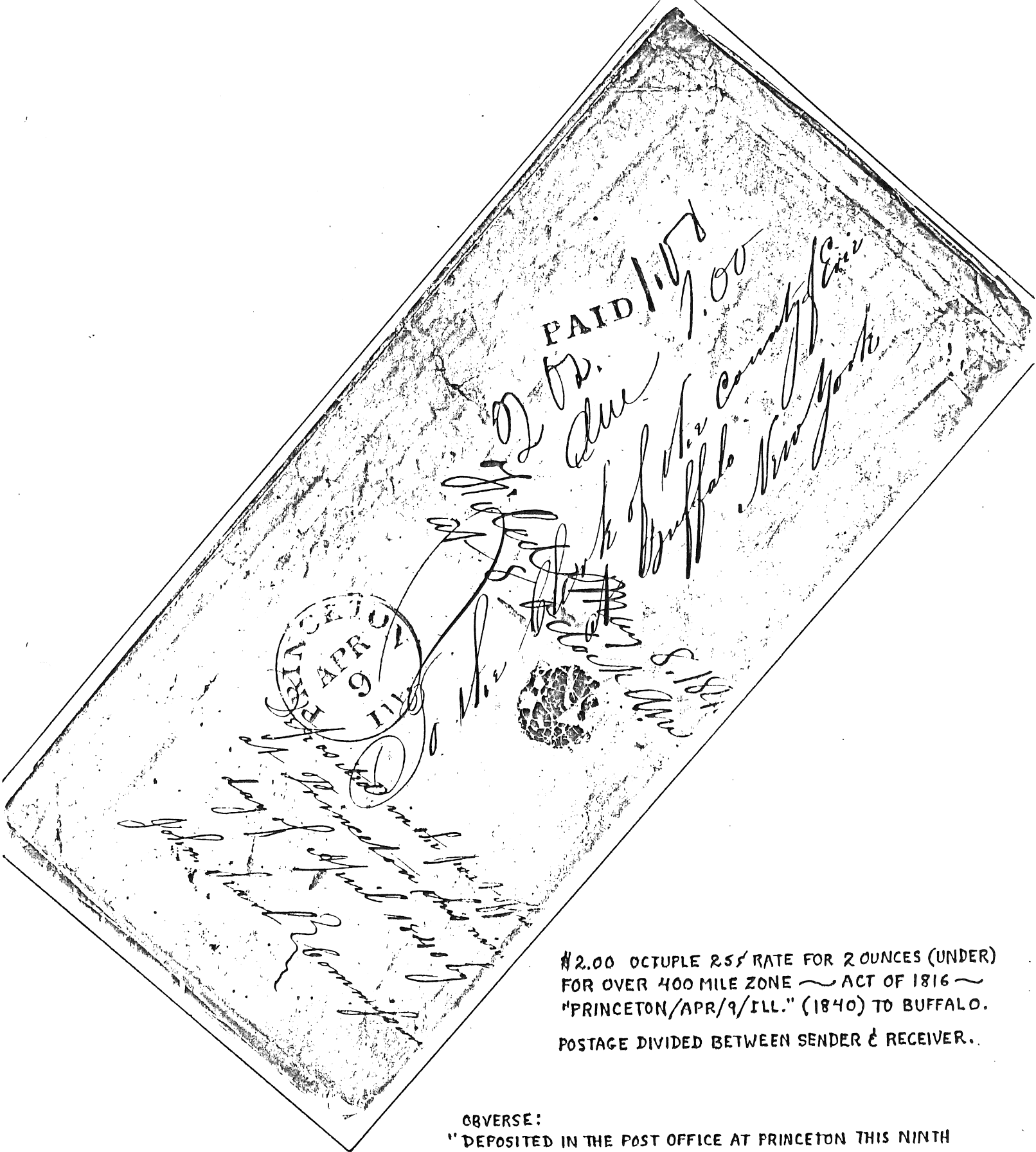


SEPTUPLE RATE FOR  $1\frac{3}{4}$  oz.  
OVER 400 MI. ~ ACT of 1816.

25¢ x 7 = \$1.75 ~  
DATED JUNE 25 (1839)

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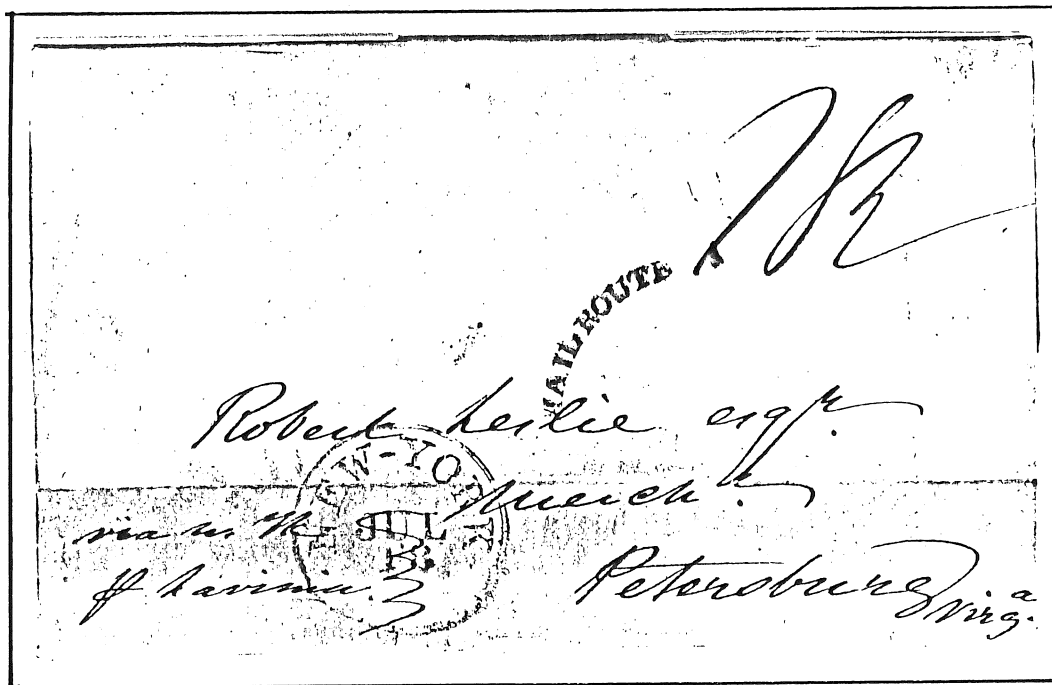
#2.00 OCTUPLE 25¢ RATE FOR 2 OUNCES (UNDER)  
FOR OVER 400 MILE ZONE ~ ACT OF 1816 ~  
"PRINCETON/APR/9/ILL." (1840) TO BUFFALO.  
POSTAGE DIVIDED BETWEEN SENDER & RECEIVER.

OBVERSE:  
"DEPOSITED IN THE POST OFFICE AT PRINCETON THIS NINTH  
DAY OF APRIL 1840 BY  
JOHN SEARL } COMMISSIONER "

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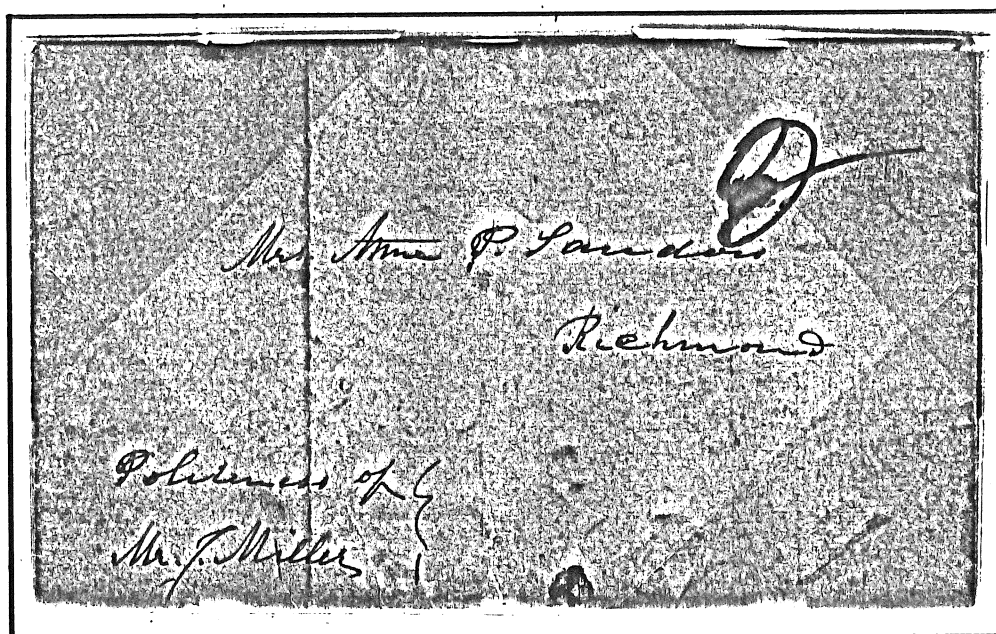


18  $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ "MAIL ROUTE" RATE FOR NEW ORLEANS TO PETERSBURG, VA, "VIA N. YORK PER LAVINIA" IN 1829 ~ PACKET POST ROAD RATE Ca. 1827-30 ~~no~~

A SHIP LETTER WOULD HAVE COST 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ INLAND + 2¢ SHIP FEE, OR 14  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. BY DECLARING RIVER ESTUARIES WITHIN THE POST-ROAD SYSTEM THE MILEAGE & HENCE THE RATE WAS INCREASED, TO THE ANNOYANCE OF NEW ORLEANS MERCHANTS ~

AS THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED BY NON-CONTRACT CARRIERS, INSTEAD OF PACKETS, THIS TREATMENT WAS QUESTIONABLE FOR IT WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS ~ ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WAS ILLEGAL FOR THOSE WITHOUT A CONTRACT & BOND WITH THE P.O.D, TO TRANSPORT MAIL ON A "POST ROAD" ~

SO, THE FICTION & AMBIGUITY, CREATED BY THE P.M.G. PERSISTED 3 YEARS ~~no~~

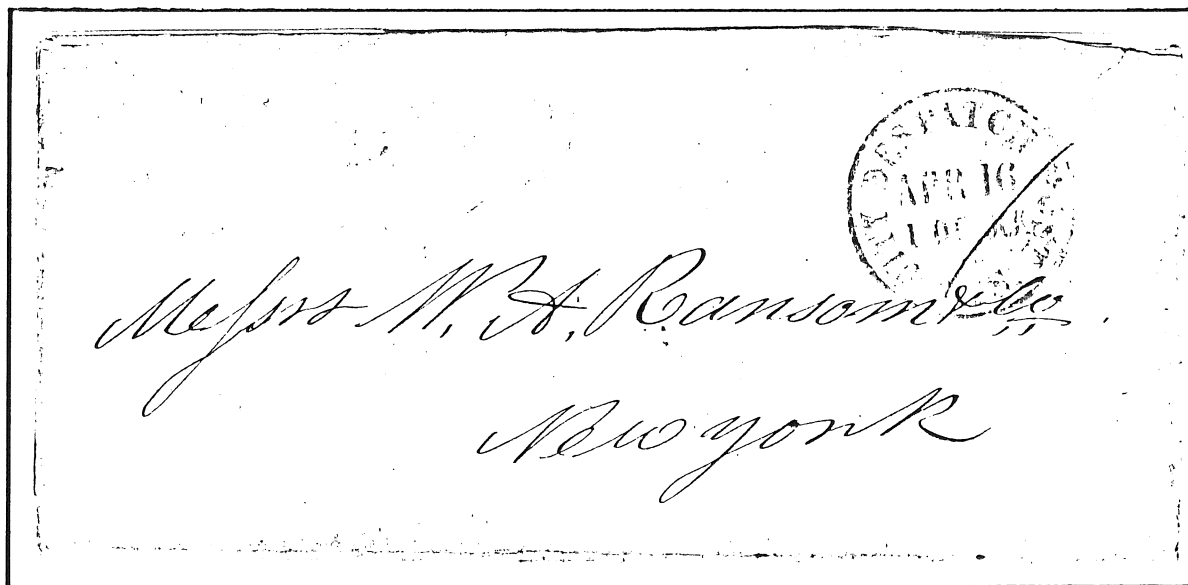


~ 2¢ CARRIER FEE ~ ACT of 1836 ~

"POLITENESS of Mr. J. Miller" TOOK THIS LETTER DATED MONDAY, NOV 18, 1839, TO THE RICHMOND, VA, POST OFFICE WHERE A LOCAL CARRIER FEE OF 2¢ WAS CHARGED TO THE ADDRESSEE UPON RECEIPT.

WAY & DROP LETTERS, AT THIS TIME, WERE 1¢ ~ ACT of 1825

WRITER EXPRESSES "MORTIFICATION FOR JUST MISSING THE POST STAGE" ~

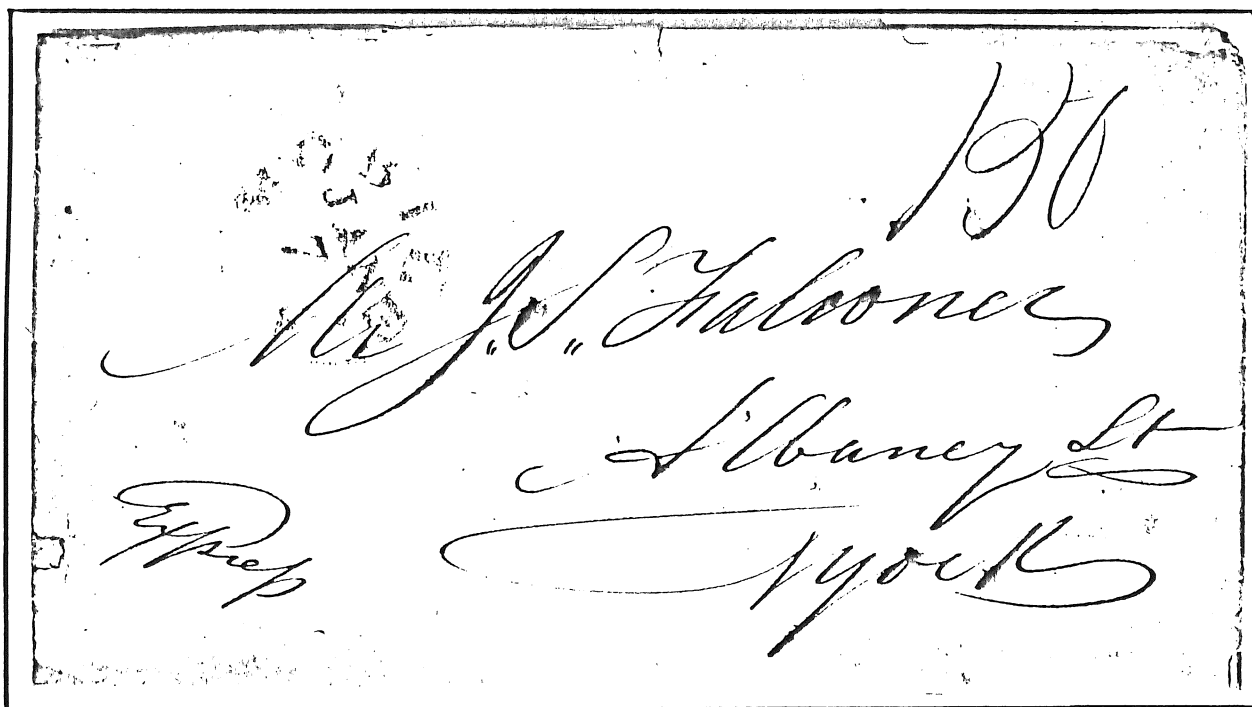


"CITY DESPATCH POST/APR 16/1 O'CLOCK/U.S." (1844)... 2 YEARS EARLIER THAN REPORTED IN A.S.C.C. ~ DATELINED "HAVENHILL APRIL 16<sup>th</sup> 1844" ~

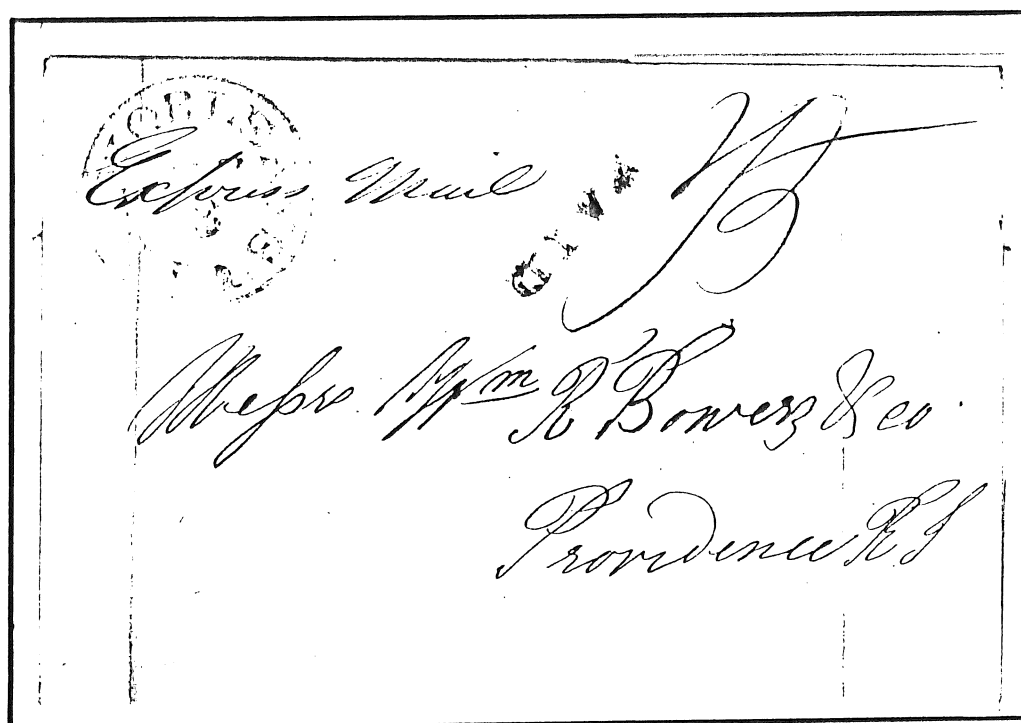
CARRIER WAS NOT PAID BY THE U.S.P.O. BUT KEPT THE 15¢ PAID ON DELIVERY BY THE ADDRESSEE ~ CARRIERS POOLED THEIR RECEIPTS. ~

THIS QUASI-OFFICIAL SERVICE EVOLVED FROM THE U.S. POST OFFICE'S OUTRIGHT PURCHASE OF A PRIVATE CARRIER, RETAINING THE EMPLOYEES, BUT NOT ON GOVT. PAYROLL.

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PRE-1845



THE "EXPRESS MAIL" of 1836-39 WAS A TRIPLE RATE SERVICE PROVIDING THE FASTEST MODES OF TRAVEL, INCLUDING RAILROADS, STEAMBOATS & EXPRESS RIDERS ~ THIS LETTER IS A DOUBLE WEIGHT OVER 400 MILE RATE (2x3x25¢) UNPAID MAILED JAN/7 (1837) FROM MOBILE TO NEW YORK ~

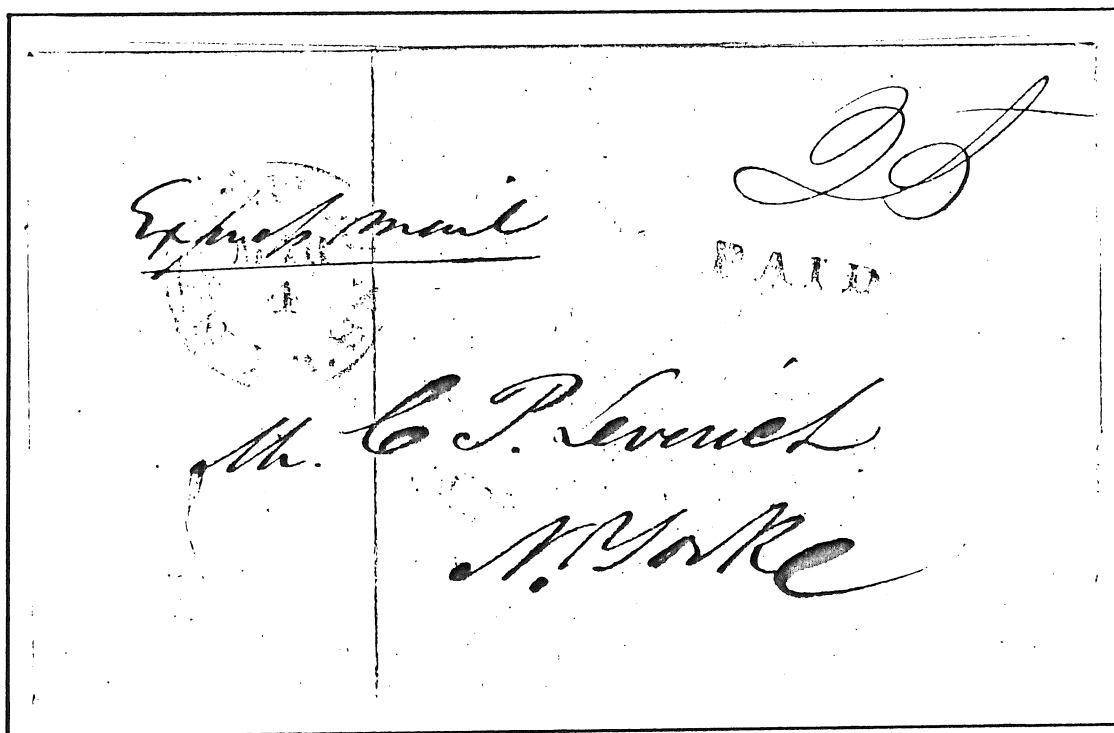


AFTER October 31, 1837, EXPRESS MAIL HAD TO BE PREPAID ~ THIS COVER SHOWS PRE-PAID TRIPLE RATE (3x25¢) FROM NEW ORLEANS, ON MAR/3 (1838) ~ DOCKETED MARCH 12 (9 DAYS LATER) ~

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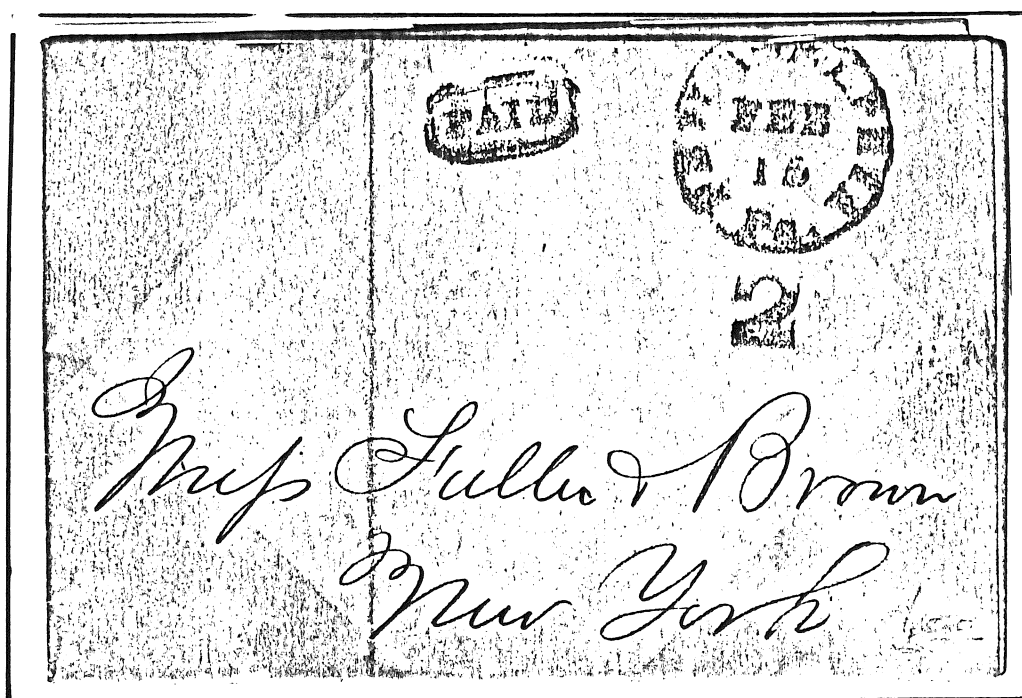




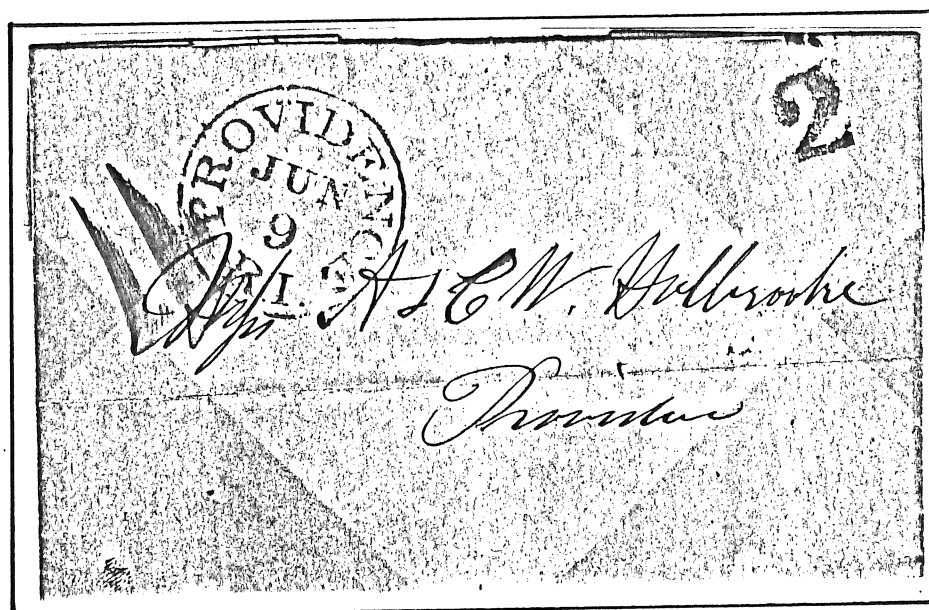
RESTORED EXPRESS MAIL of 1845 ~ MAILED MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> (1845)...REC'D MAR. 13.

THIS "REVIVED SERVICE" WAS PERFORMED FOR REGULAR RATES IN EFFECT ~  
AND LASTED ONLY FROM JAN. 29 TO MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> IN 1845 ~

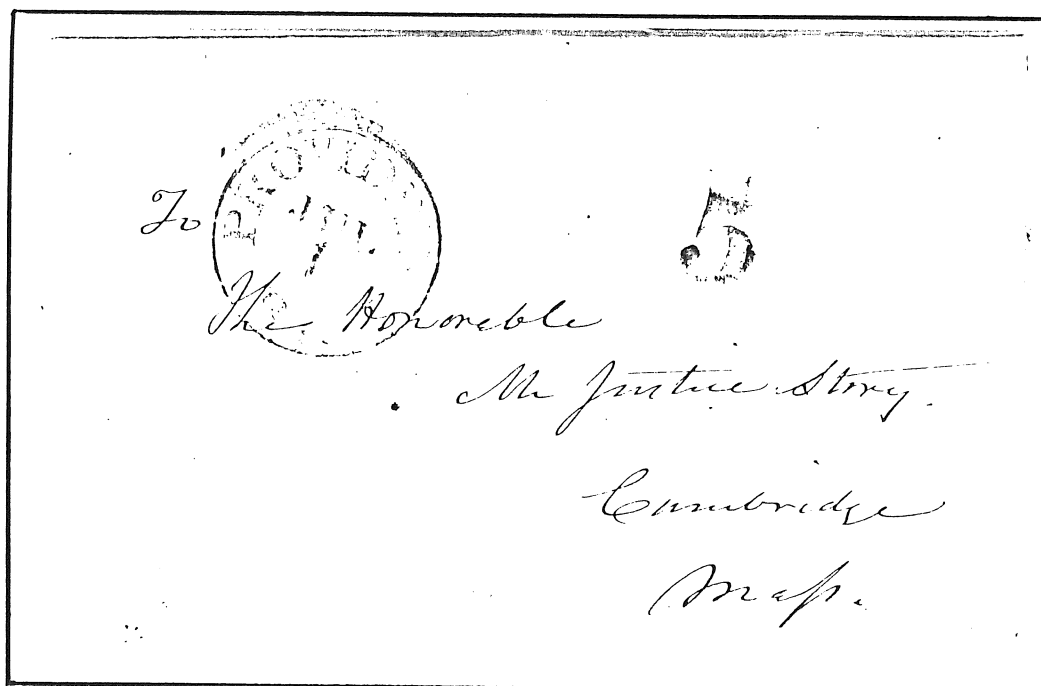
*very rare  
restored rate*



2¢ CIRCULAR RATE ~ LAST MONTH OF USE, DATED FEB 1847 ~ ACT of 1845  
 ~ PREPAYMENT REQUIRED ~



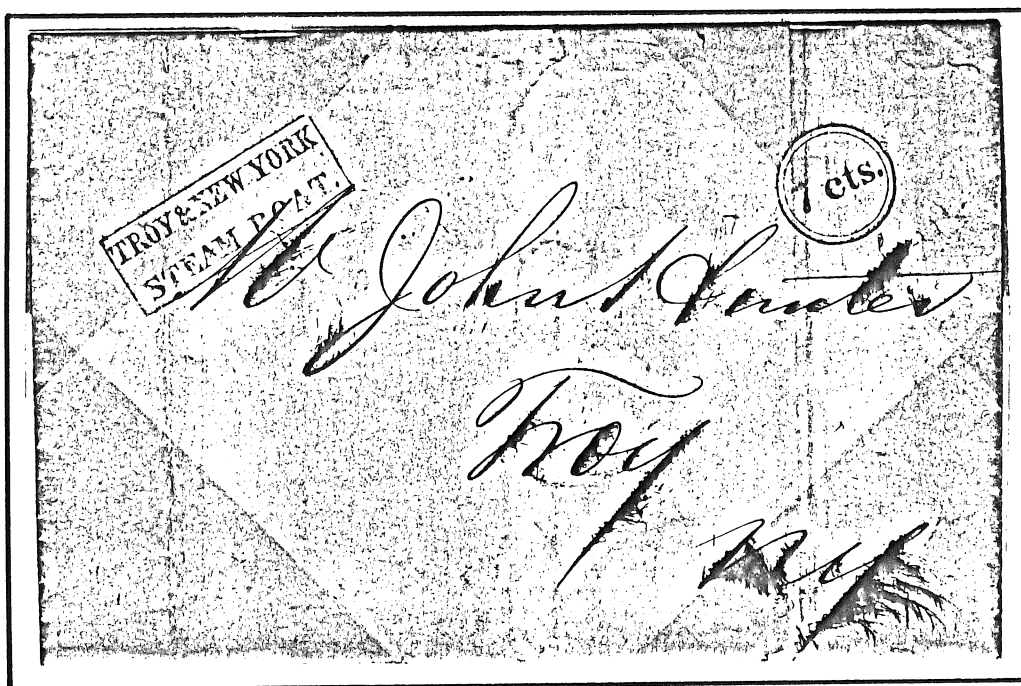
2¢ DROP LETTER ~ DATED JUNE 9, 1848 ~ ACT of 1845  
 UNLIKE CIRCULARS, THIS USE-RATE WAS NOT AMENDED IN 1847 ~  
 ~ PREPAYMENT NOT REQUIRED ~



F.D.C. 5¢ UNDER 300 MILE RATE ~ JULY 1 1845 ~ ACT. of 1845

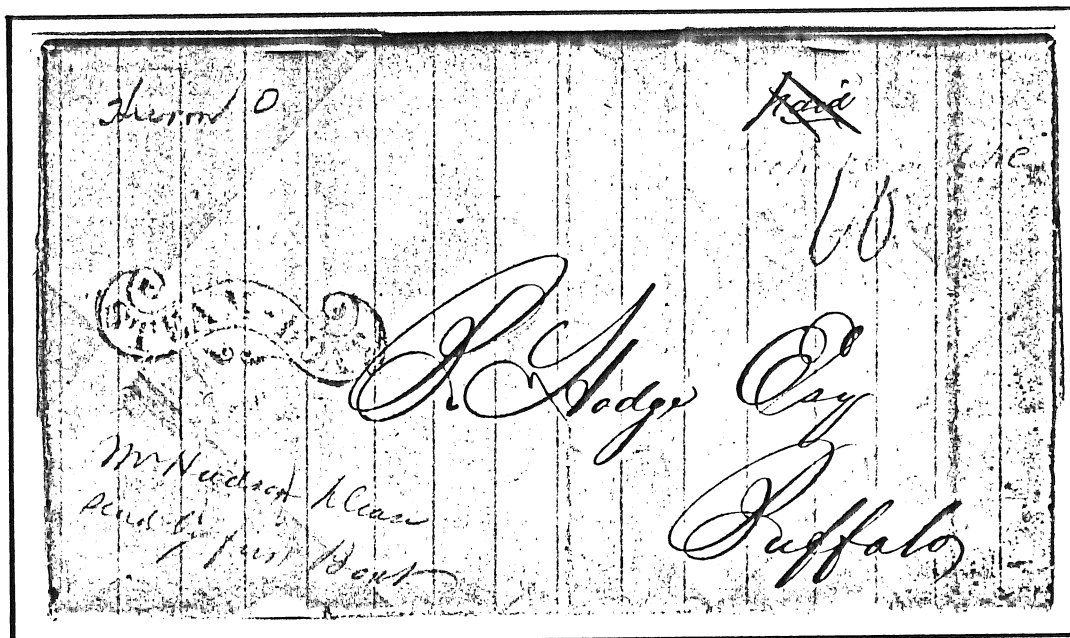
*Providence June 30 1845*

Blue →



7¢ (5¢ + 2¢ FOR CAPTAIN), MAY 24, 1848 USAGE ~ DISTANCE FROM ORIGIN (NYC)  
DETERMINED THE UNDER 300 MILE RATE ~ Act. of 1845

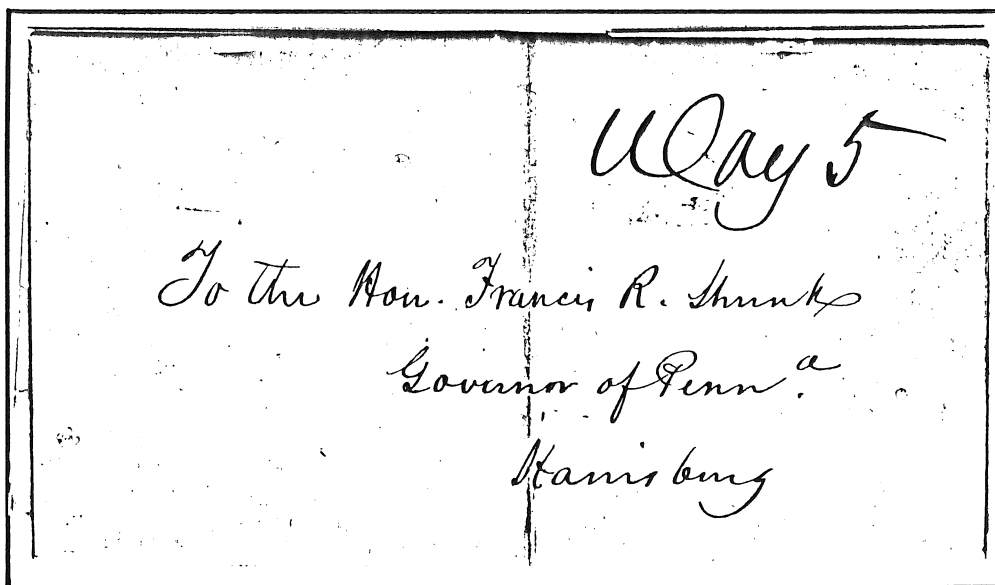
VERY FEW STEAMBOAT COVERS OF THE 1840'S INCORPORATE THE CAPTAIN'S FEE  
INTO THE RATE ~ ALSO, TROY NY WAS ONE OF VERY FEW TOWNS THAT  
ALLOWED THE 2¢ FEE ~ MOST PLACES USED 1¢ ~ LAW PERMITTED 2¢.



10¢ (5¢ x 2) DOUBLE WEIGHT STEAMBOAT COVER "HURON, O" TO BUFFALO NY ~  
THE BUFFALO P.M. CHARGED THE ADDRESSEE 1¢ "FOR THE CAPTAIN"...THE CUSTOMARY  
CHARGE ON LAKE ERIE ~ THE BLUE SCROLL "STEAM BOAT" SERVED NOTICE FOR FEE.

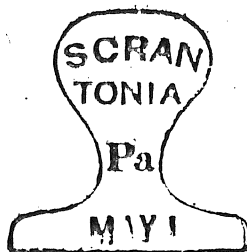
DATELINED "HURON O MAY 12 1848" ~ INSCRIBED ON BOTTOM LEFT  
PLEASE SEND BY FIRST BOAT" ~ LISTS STEAMBOATS "INDIANA,  
BALTIMORE & CLINTON" AS STOPPING AT HURON...ONE EACH EVE

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WAY LETTER ~ 5¢ PLUS 1¢ IMPLIED BY THE WORD "WAY"....HANDED  
TO THE POSTRIDER BETWEEN CARLISLE & THE DESTINATION POST OFFICE OF  
HARRISBURG, CONSEQUENTLY NO TOWN MARK. ——— ACT. of 1845

~ DATELINED "CARLISLE PENN<sup>a</sup> / JULY 20<sup>th</sup> 1847 ~



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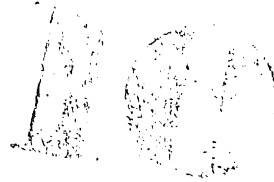
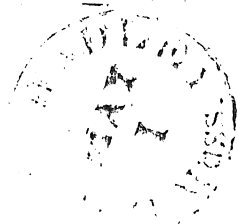
Philip H. Mattes  
Easton  
Pa

red

5¢ UNDER 300 MILE RATE PER  $\frac{1}{2}$ 03 ~ NO LONGER CHARGED BY SHEET ~ ACT OF 1845.

"SCRAN/TONIA/PA/MAY 1" TYPE 1 ~ OFFICE OPENED APRIL 1 1850 ... NAME CHANGED TO "SCRANTON" ON JAN 23, 1851 ~ "TONIA" WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE FAMILY. EARLIEST USE APRIL 1 ... LATEST USE JULY 20.

~ ONE OF 13 RECORDED ~



Miss Margaret Atkinson.

Falls Port.

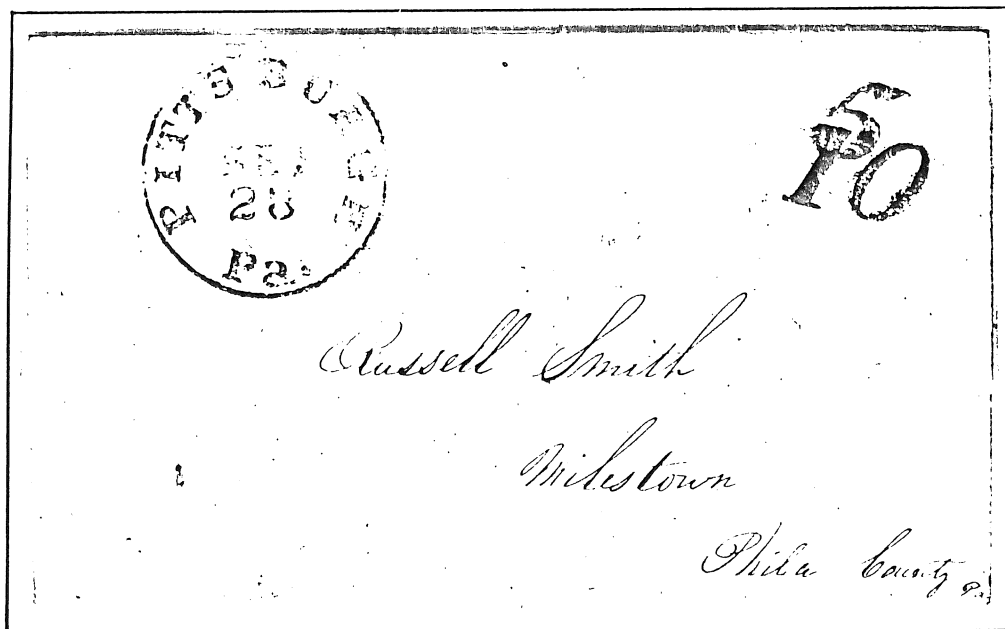
Wayne Co. Pa.

green

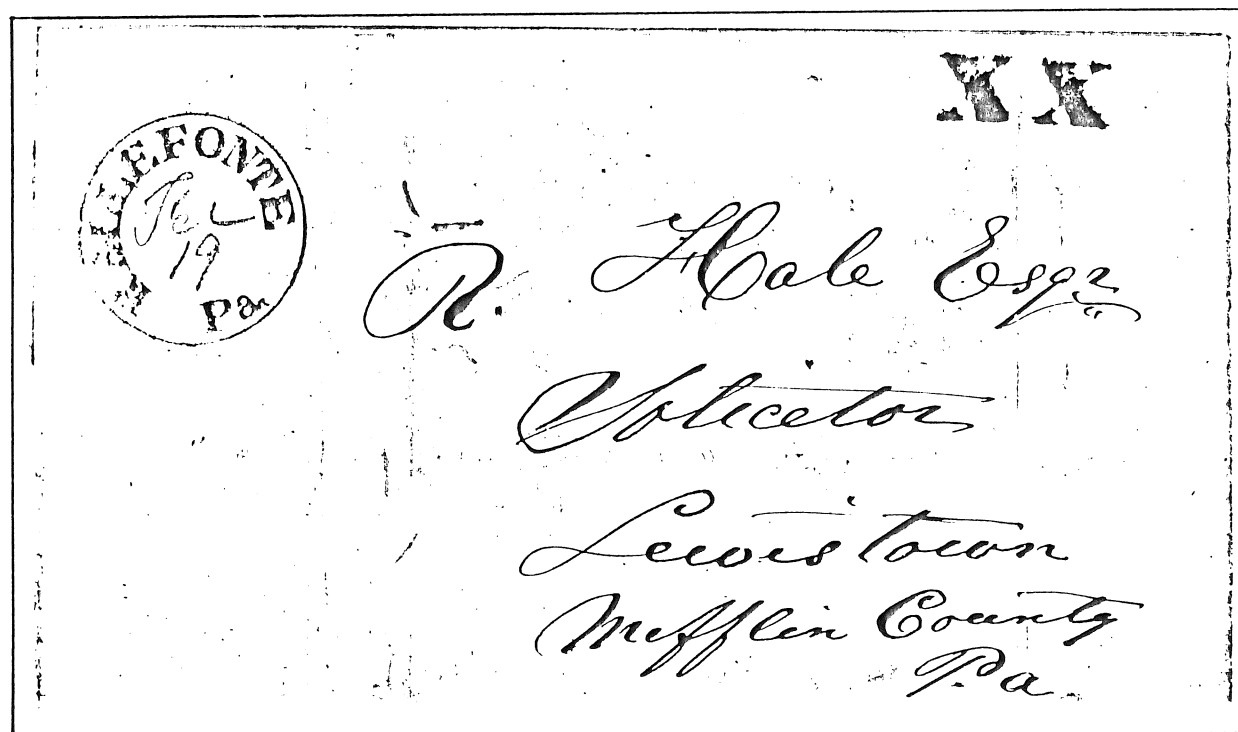
10¢ UNDER 300 MILE RATE FOR OVER  $\frac{1}{2}$ 03 ~ DOUBLE RATE ~ ACT OF 1845

"FALLS PORT" (NOW 'HAWLEY') EXISTED ONLY FROM MAR 6, 1848 TO OCT. 22, 1849

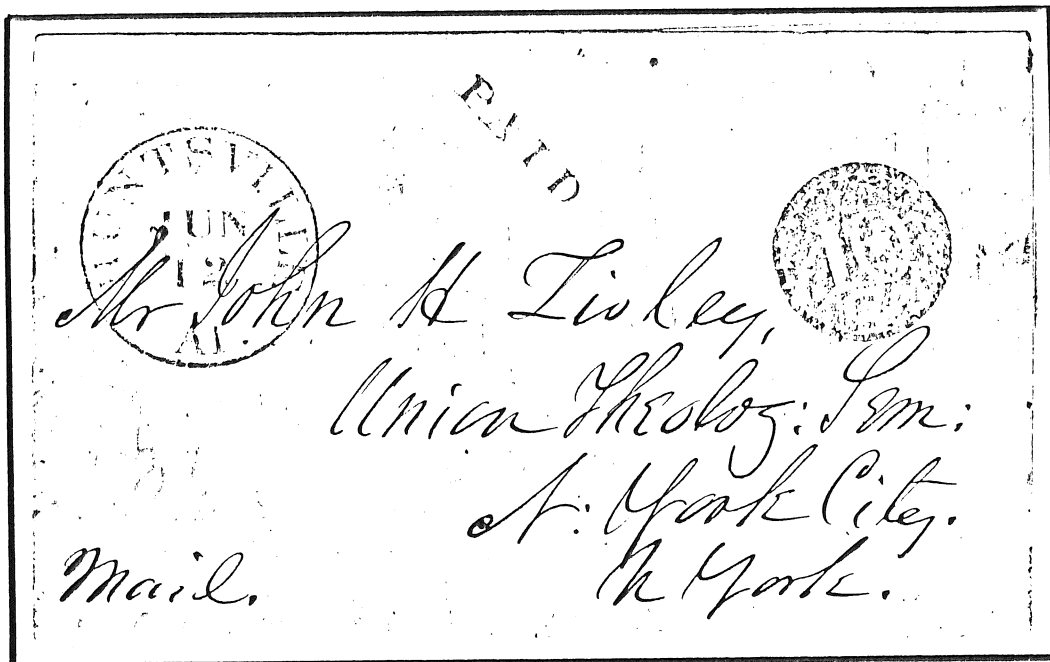
MARGARET ATKINSON WAS SISTER OF WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF, JOSEPH ATKINSON, AND BRIDE OF IRA DANIESES, THE FIRST MARRIAGE IN THE TOWN OF HAWLEY



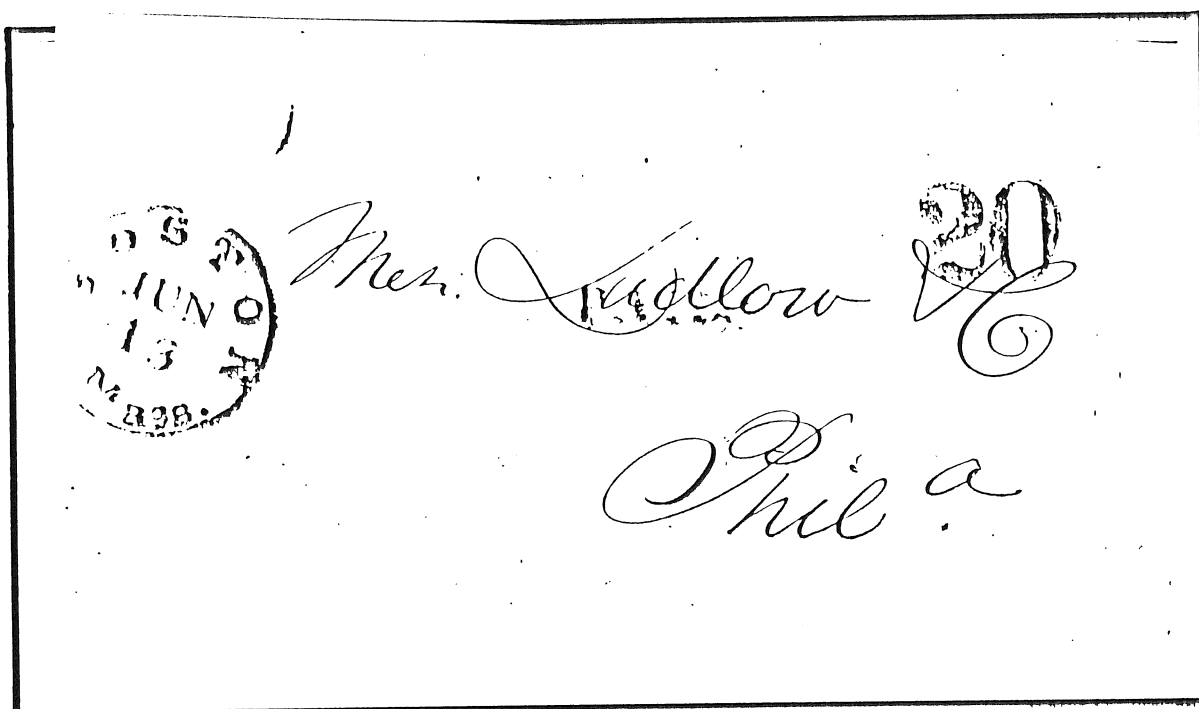
15¢ TRIPLE RATE (UNDER 300 MI) FOR OVER 103 BUT UNDER 1½03 ~  
 ~ WEIGHT VERIFIED ~ ACT OF 1845 ~



~ 20¢ QUADRUPLE RATE (UNDER 300 MI) ~ ACT OF 1845 ~

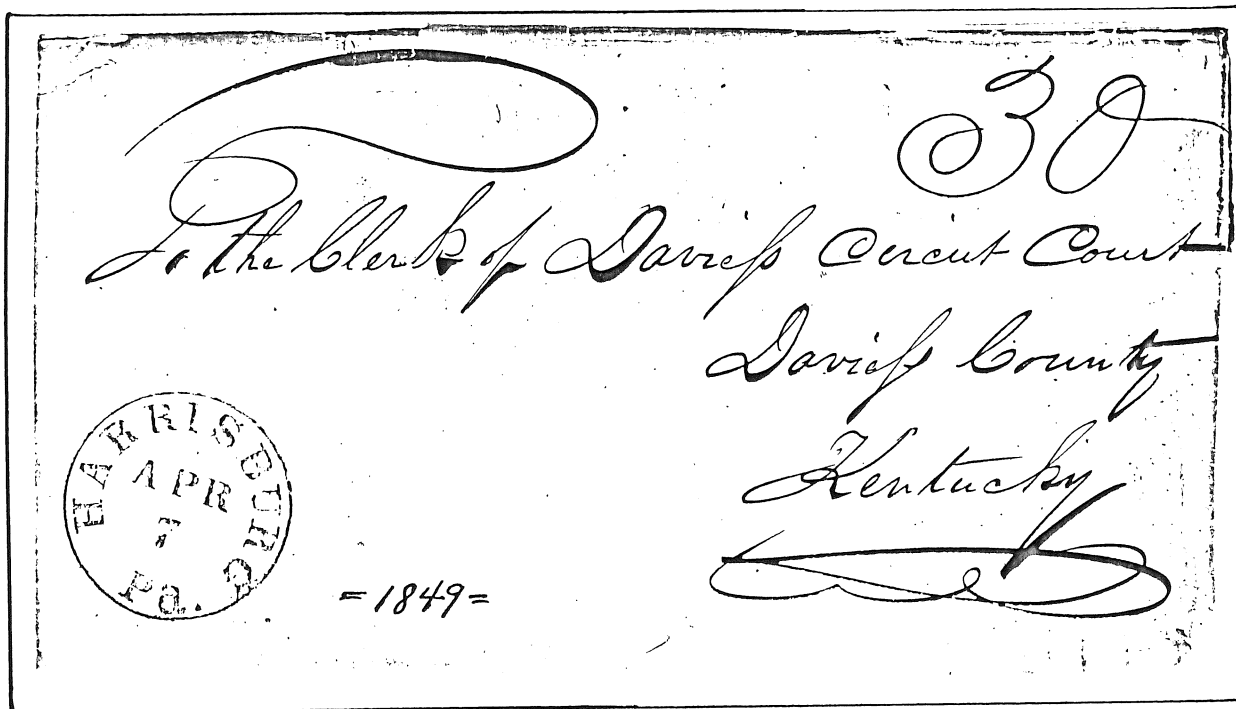


10¢ OVER 300 MI RATE FOR UNDER  $\frac{1}{2}$  03 — ACT of 1845 —

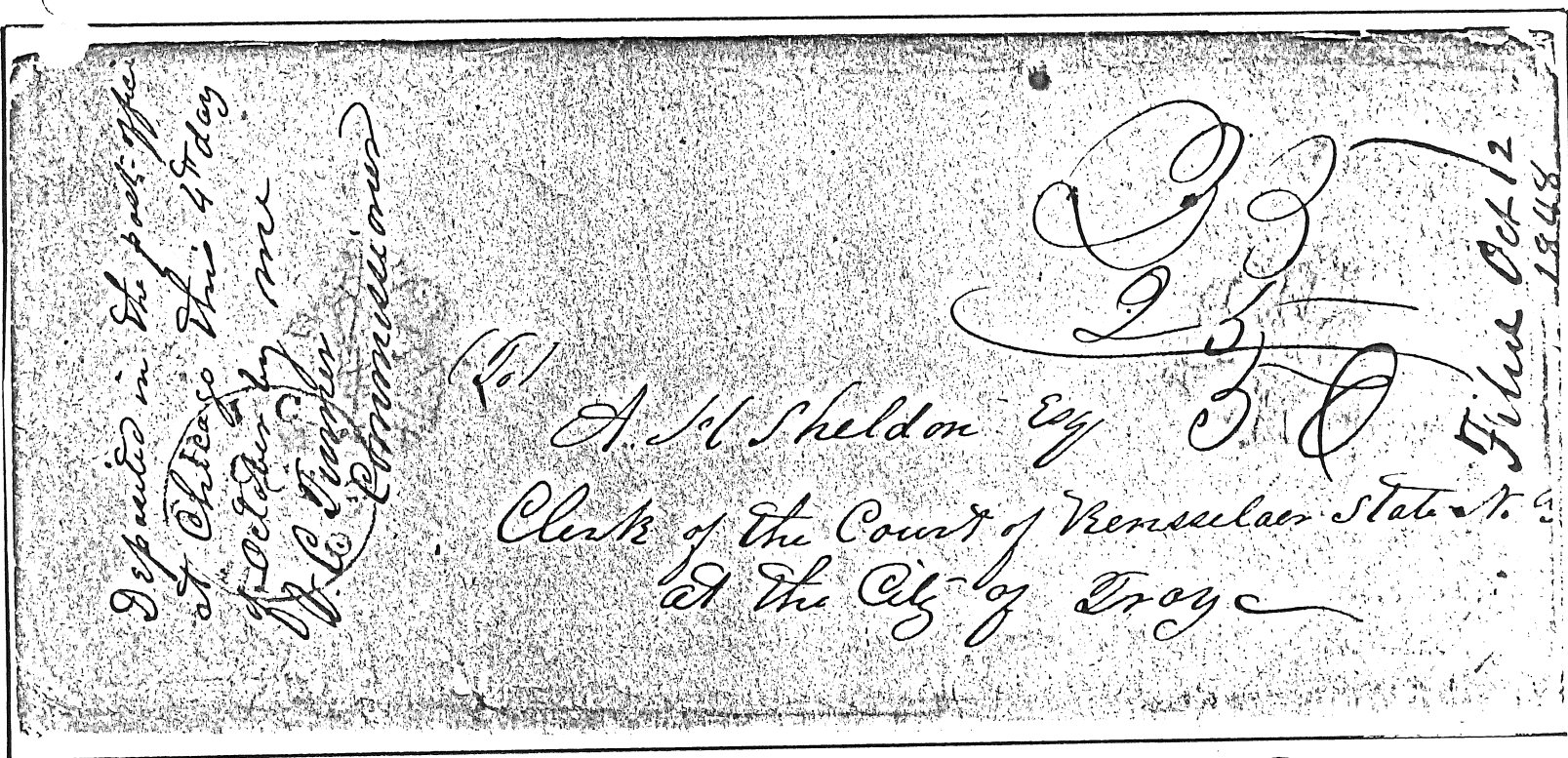


20¢ OVER 300 MI RATE FOR OVER  $\frac{1}{2}$  03 — ACT of 1845 —





TRIPLE 10¢ RATE FOR OVER 103 BUT UNDER 1½03 - 300+ MILES DISTANCE - ACT OF 1845.  
 THIS RATE WAS AMENDED IN SUMMER OF 1849, ELIMINATING TRIPLE RATES.



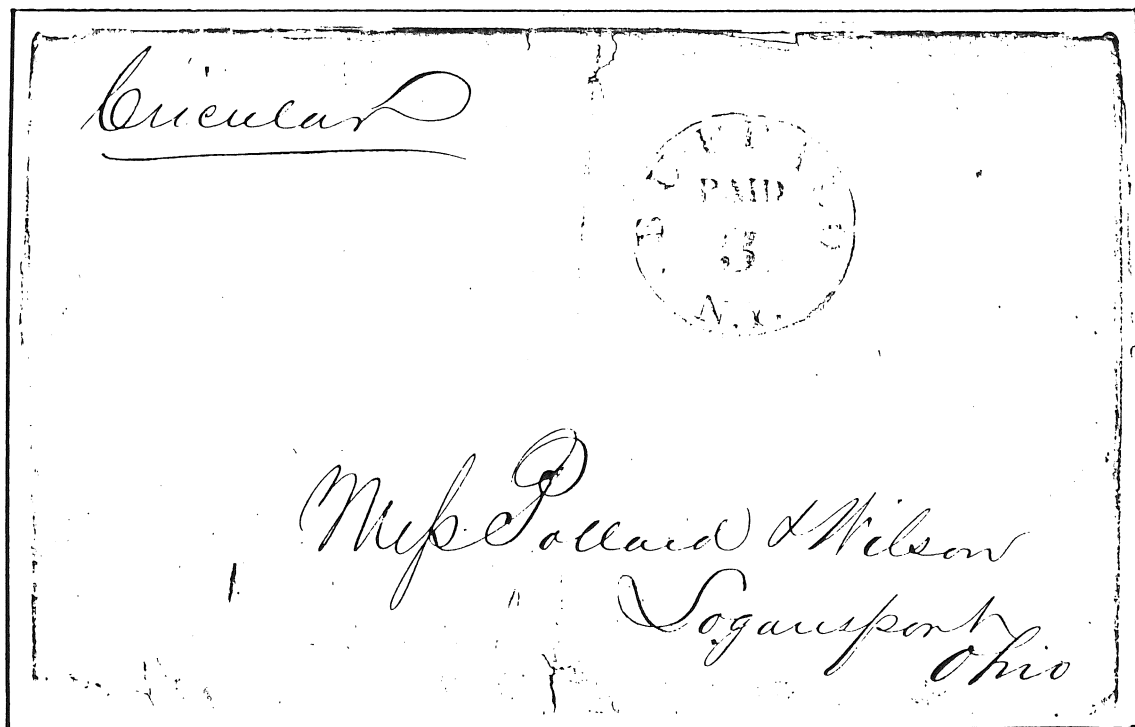
QUINTUPLE RATE FOR OVER 203. - CORRECTED FROM 25¢ to 50¢  
 BY RECEIVING P.O. FOR OVER 300 MILE ZONE RATE



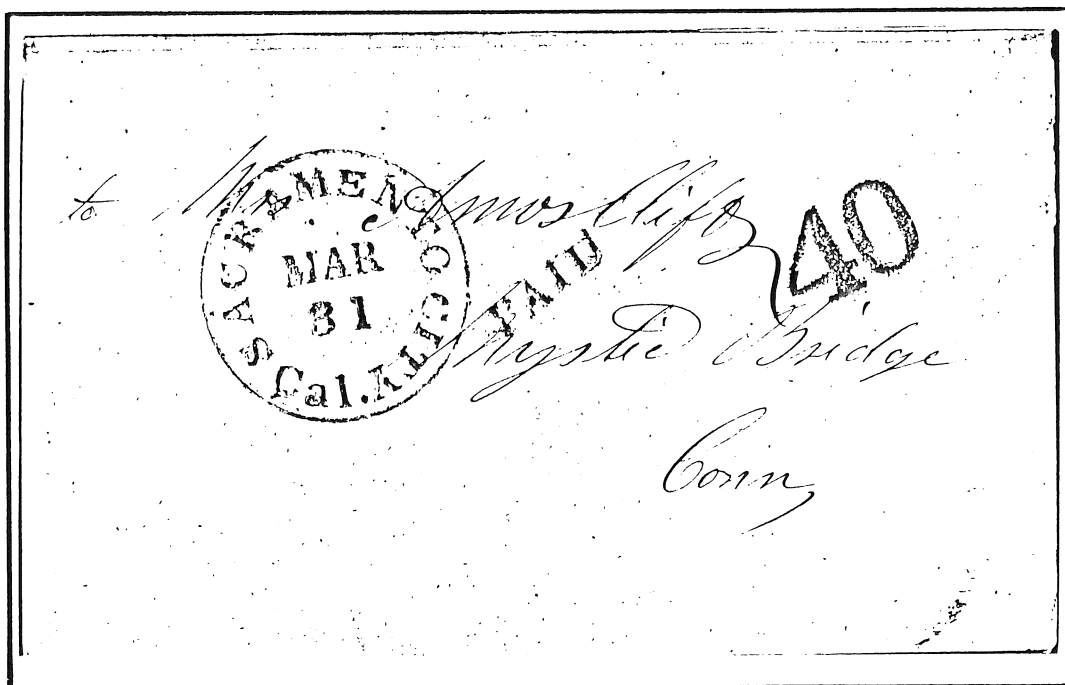
SEAL ON REVERSE →

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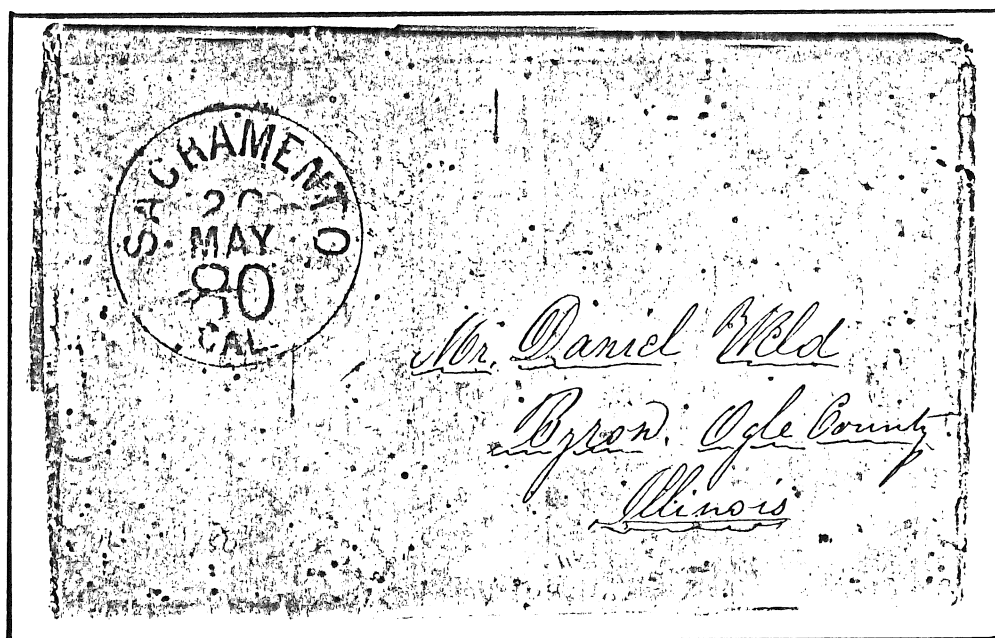
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3¢ PREPAID CIRCULAR RATE WAS SHORT LIVED ~ FROM MARCH 1847 TO JUNE 1851,  
~ ACT of MARCH 3, 1847 ~



40¢ COAST-TO-COAST RATE ~ Act of 1848 ~ Eff. AUG 19, 1848 To June 30, 1851

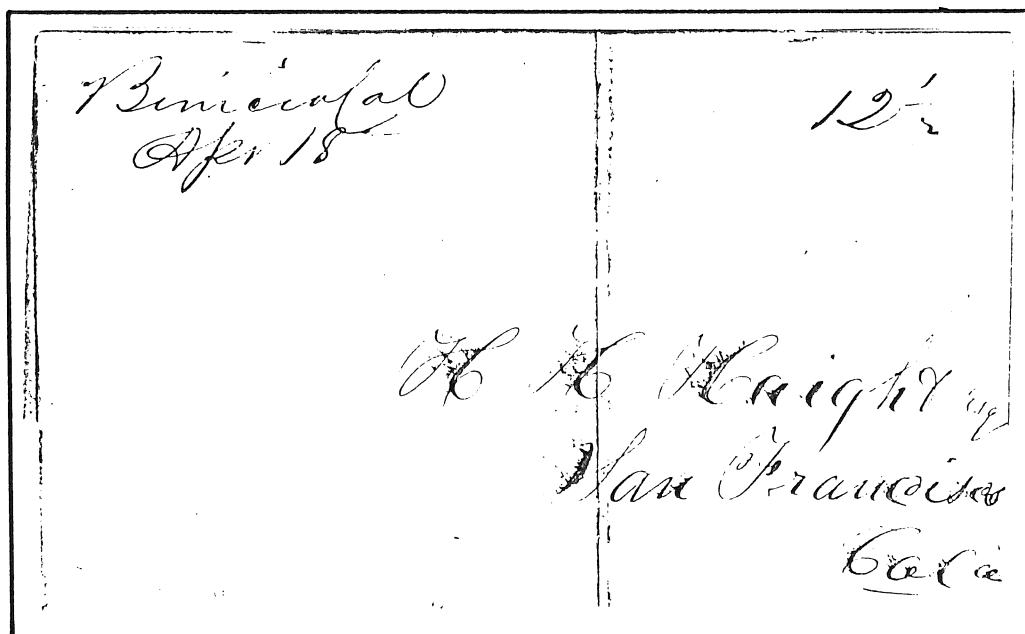


80¢ DOUBLE WEIGHT ~ 20 MAY (1850)  
 ~ THIS IS THE EARLIEST REPORTED "SACRAMENTO / 80 / CAL." ~

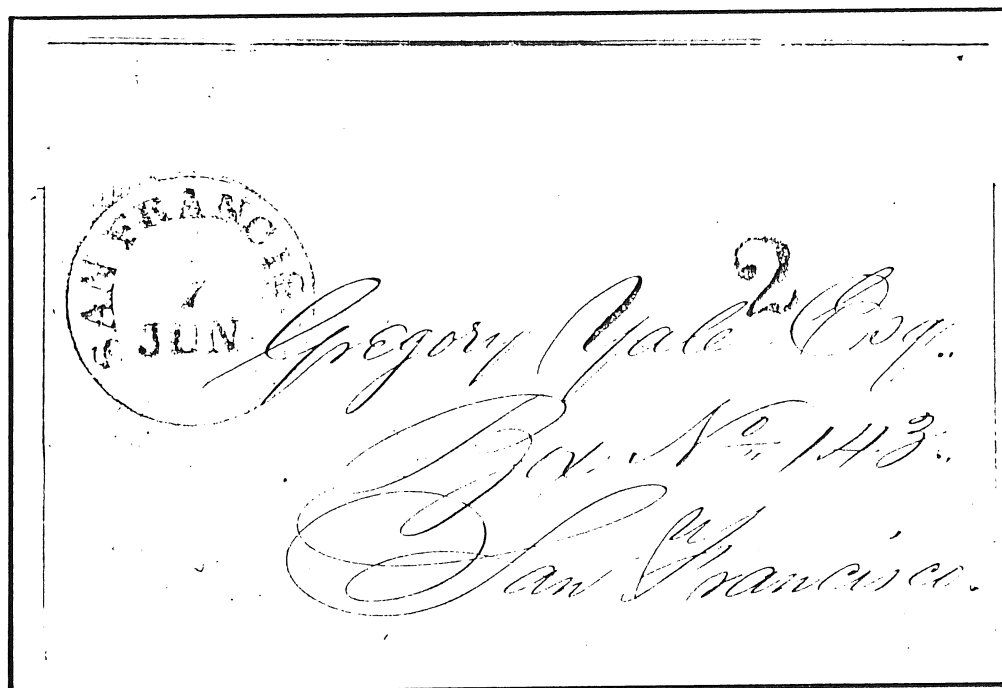
"TWO MEN HAVE DUG 10 POUNDS OF GOLD IN 8 DAYS" .... "THERE IS  
 PLENTY OF DIRT THAT WILL PAY 6¢ TO THE PAN FULL .... NO MORE THAN  
 6¢ PER DAY" ..... "BUTCHERED & SOLD HIM (OUR OX) FOR 1¢ A POUND  
 AND MADE EXPENSES"

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12 1/2¢ "WITHIN CALIFORNIA" RATE ~ EFF. JULY 14, 1848 TO JUNE 30, 1851.  
 ~ BENICIA CAL/AP18 (1850) ~



~ 2¢ CALIFORNIA DROP LETTER ~

THOUGH THE U.S. HAD A DROP LETTER RATE BY THE ACT OF 1845, THE  
 P.O.'S IN CALIFORNIA DERIVED RATES FROM THE ACT. OF 1848. ~



PAID

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Miss Lucy C. Reed  
Abington  
Mass.

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1851

long as I was requested,  
I am in the case a fortnight.  
I'm sure in a  
few weeks more to a  
ing at the residence with  
a, I prefer upon that, with  
being worth sending to and  
in I believe that are in  
a prospect or are due to  
then informed of my well  
a few days back it  
with to-day it has been  
only possible chance  
now is to sit at the mi-  
not to receive company  
I don't see that come

FIRST DAY OF 35¢ PREPAID RATE, JULY 1. DATELINED "CAMBRIDGE JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> 1851" *HD*

# MERCHANTS WAY FREIGHT LINE.

EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF

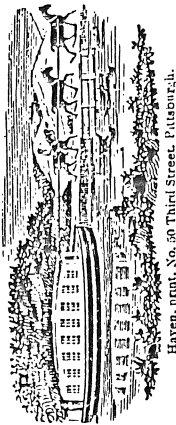
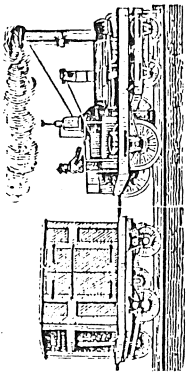
WAY FREIGHT

BETWEEN

PITTSBURGH, BLAIRSVILLE,

JOHNSTOWN, HOLLIDAYSBURG,

And all intermediate places.



Haven, port, No. 50 Third Street, Pittsburgh.

Proprietors, E. G. STITT & BRO'S. Blairsville.

AGENTS.

JOHN MILLER, Hollidaysburg.

C. A. MANULTY & Co. Canal Basin, Pittsburgh.

R. E. CANAN, Johnstown. J. MILLER, Hollidaysburg. E. G. STITT & BRO'S. Blairsville.

Pittsburgh, June 24<sup>th</sup> 1851

Received of *M. Mitchell* the following packages, in apparent good order, marked as per margin, which we promise to transport by Canal and Rail Roads and deliver in the order, (the dangers of the Rail Roads, and Canal Navigation, Fire in Boats, Cars, and transshipping Depots, and incidental delays excepted, of which the certificate of a Supervisor, Collector or Dockkeeper, or the affidavit of a Boat Captain, or Car Master shall be evidence,) to *John Miller* on presentation of this receipt, and payment of freight at *Blairsville* within *—* days, (Sundays excepted,) at the following rates:

Sundries, *37 1/2* per 100 lbs. Flour, *—* per bbl. Whiskey, *1.02* per bbl.

MARKS.

ARTICLES.

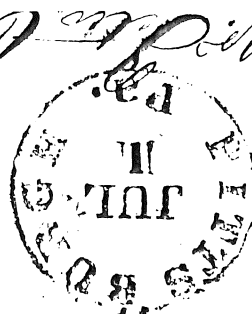
WEIGHT.

*Peter O'Hagan*  
*Hendry*  
*Blair Co*

*8 Bbls Whiskey*  
*1 " Brandy*

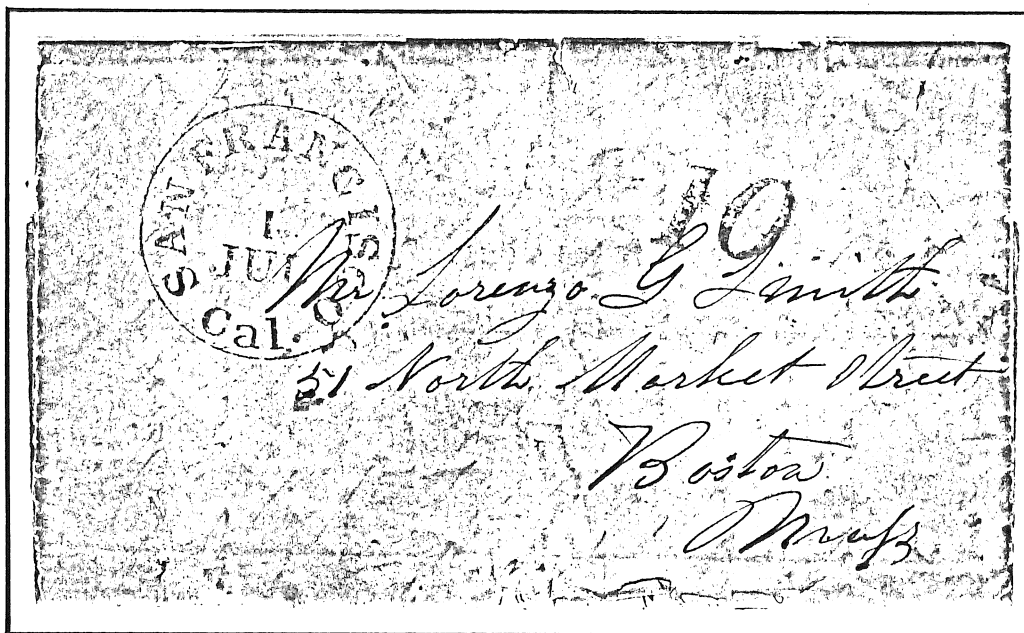
*2880*  
*350*

*C A Manully & Co*  
*By J. Miller*

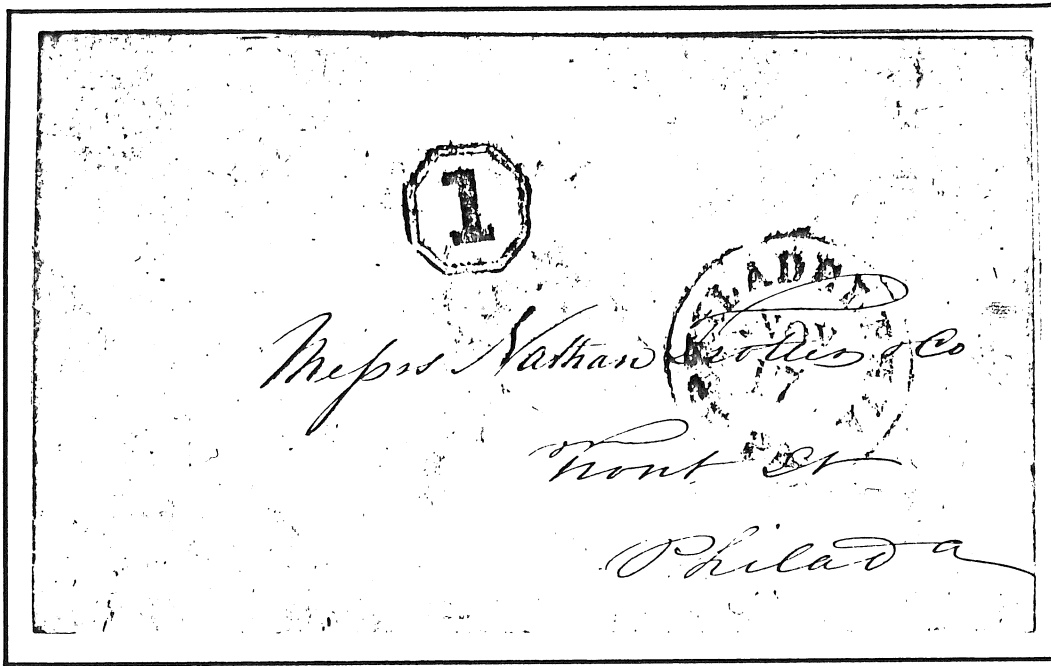


*Mitchell O'Hagan*

DAY OF 1851 5¢ PENALTY UNPAID RATE (PREPAID RATE OF 3¢) *no* SHIPPING FOLDED LETTER FOR 88 BL. RYE WHISKEY & 13 BL. CORN BRANDY  
JULY 1, 1851

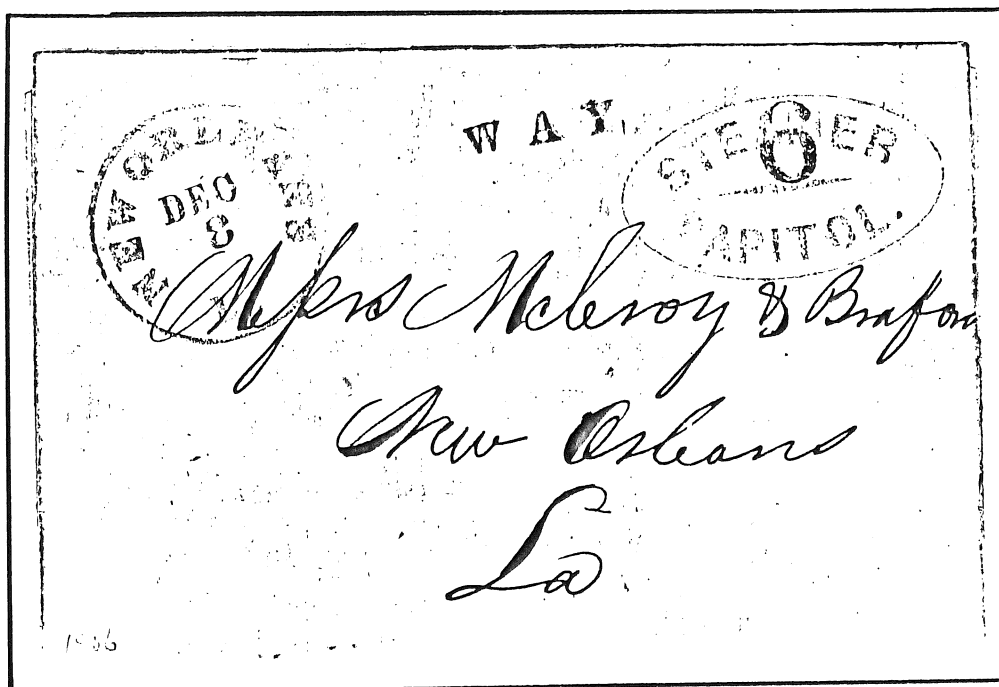


JULY 1, 1851 ~ FIRST DAY OF 10¢ UNPAID (PENALTY) RATE FOR OVER  
 3000 MILES ROUTE ~ DATELINED "SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 29, 51" *HP*

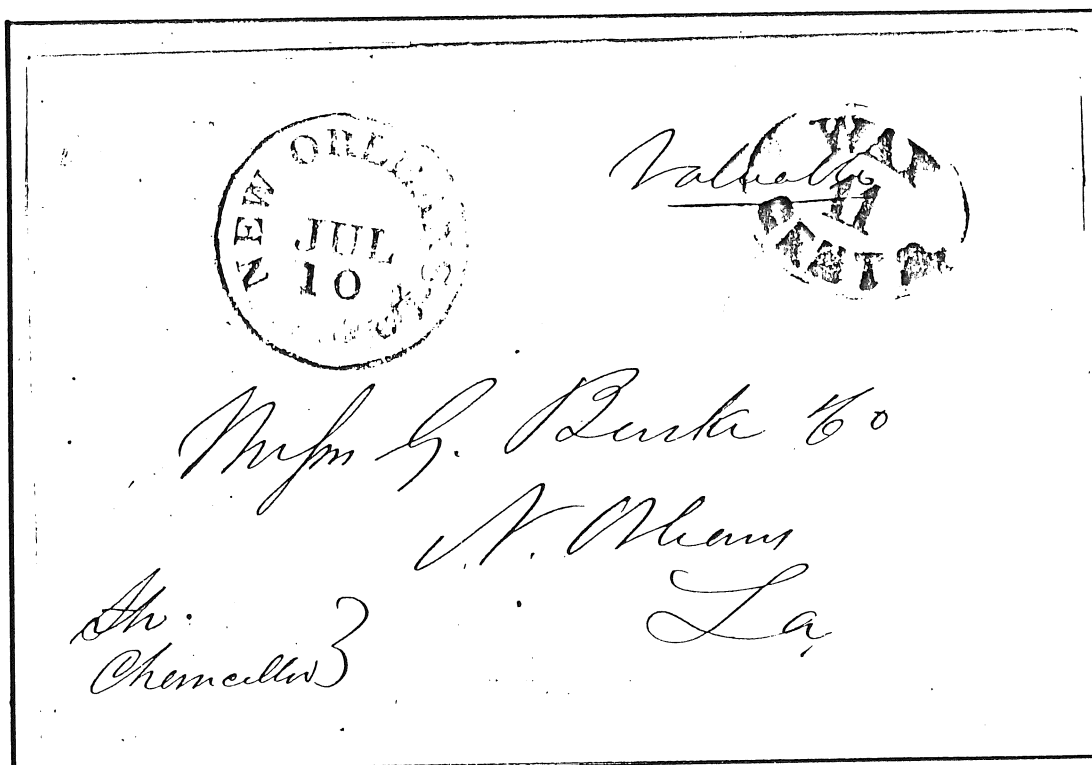


~ 1¢ DROP LETTER RATE ~ ACT. of 1851 ~





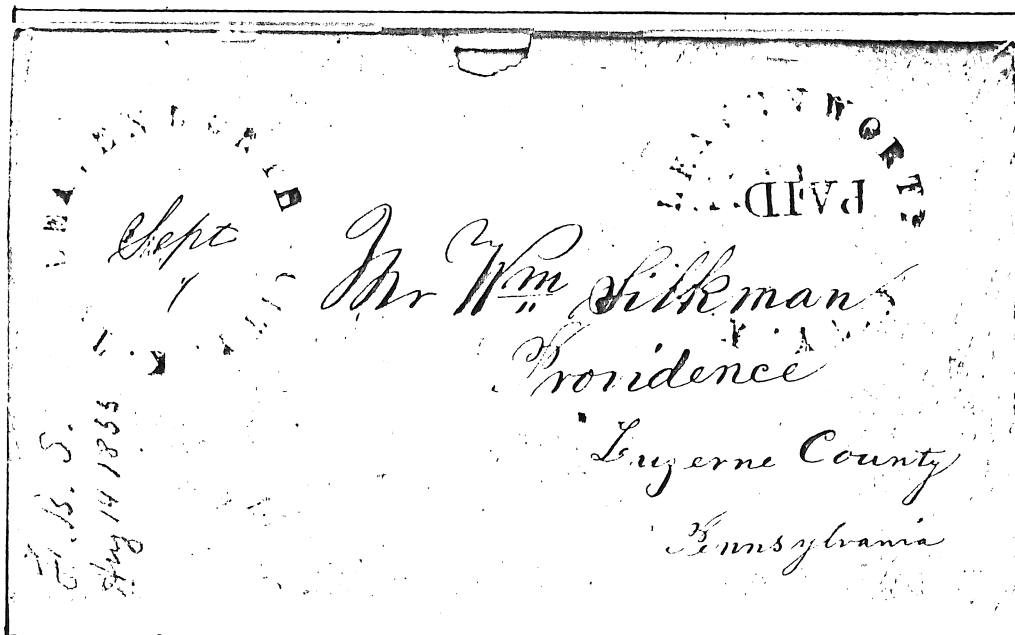
"WAY" & "6" ENTERED MAIL IN NEW ORLEANS FROM THE "STEAMER/  
CAPITOL" ~ 5¢ UNPAID RATE & 1¢ WAY FEE MAKES RATE ~ ACT OF 1851



"WAY/11/CENTS" ~ DOUBLE WEIGHT UNPAID & 1¢ WAY FEE MAKES RATE ~  
FIRST MONTH OF RATE (DATE LINED 1851) ~ "STR. CHANCELLI

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TERRITORIAL USE OF 3¢ RATE IN 1855 ~ "LEAVEN WORTH CITY K.T." IN RIMLESS 35mm CIRCLE : STRUCK TWICE, FIRST AS A C.D.S., AND SECOND WITH "PAID" IN CENTER AS A STAMP SUBSTITUTE

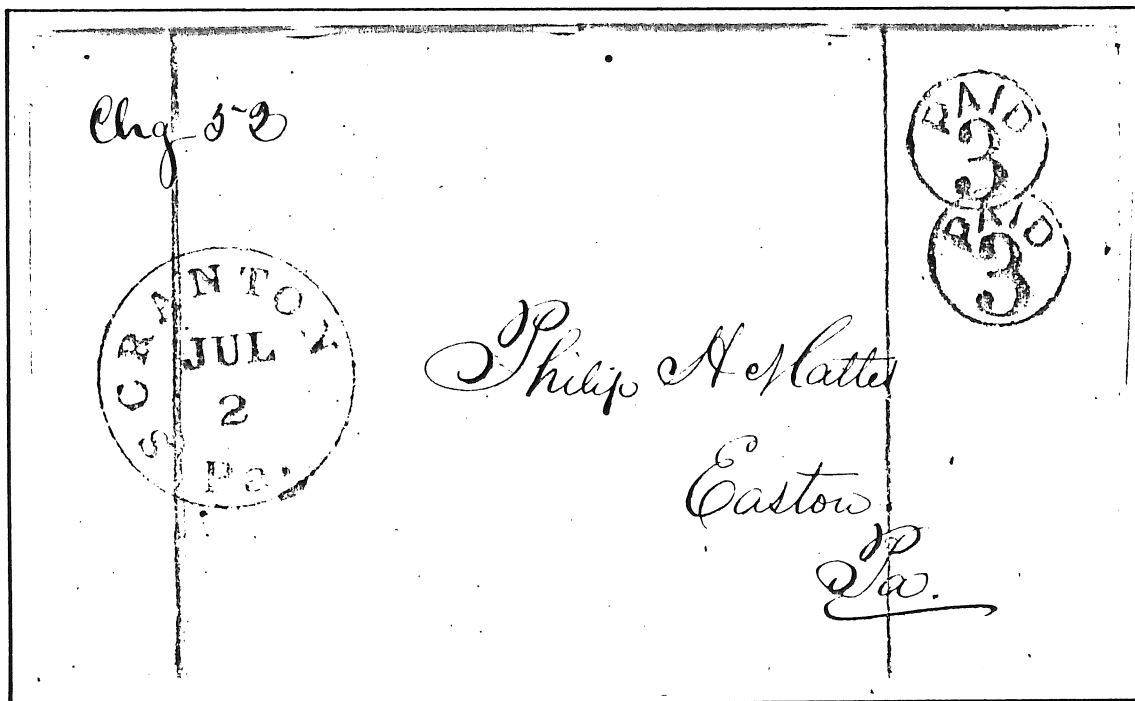
THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN STAMPLESS COVER WITH THIS STRIKE. OF SIX STAMPED COVERS (ALL WITH SINGLE STRIKES ON PEN CANCELLED 3¢ REDS) 2 ARE IN PHILATELIC HANDS, ONE IN STATE ARCHIVES, AND THREE REMAIN WITH "SILKMAN" HEIRS. SIX OF THE SEVEN KNOWN COVERS WERE ADDRESSED TO WILLIAM SILKMAN of PROVIDENCE PA FROM HIS SON, FRANCIS ~ ALL DATE BETWEEN AUGUST & DECEMBER, 1855

"I WAS DOWN TO THE DELAWARE MISSION YESTERDAY — WAS IN SEVERAL OF THE INDIANS HUTS — THEY WERE VERY SOCIABLE — THE CHIEFS WIFE WENT OUT AND GOT ME SOME NICE PLUMS, THE BEST I EVER ATE IN MY LIFE, THEN AT ANOTHER PLACE THEY GAVE ME WATERMELLONS. I AM ACQUAINTED WITH NEARLY ALL OF THEM, THEY COME UP TO THE STORE QUITE OFTEN!"

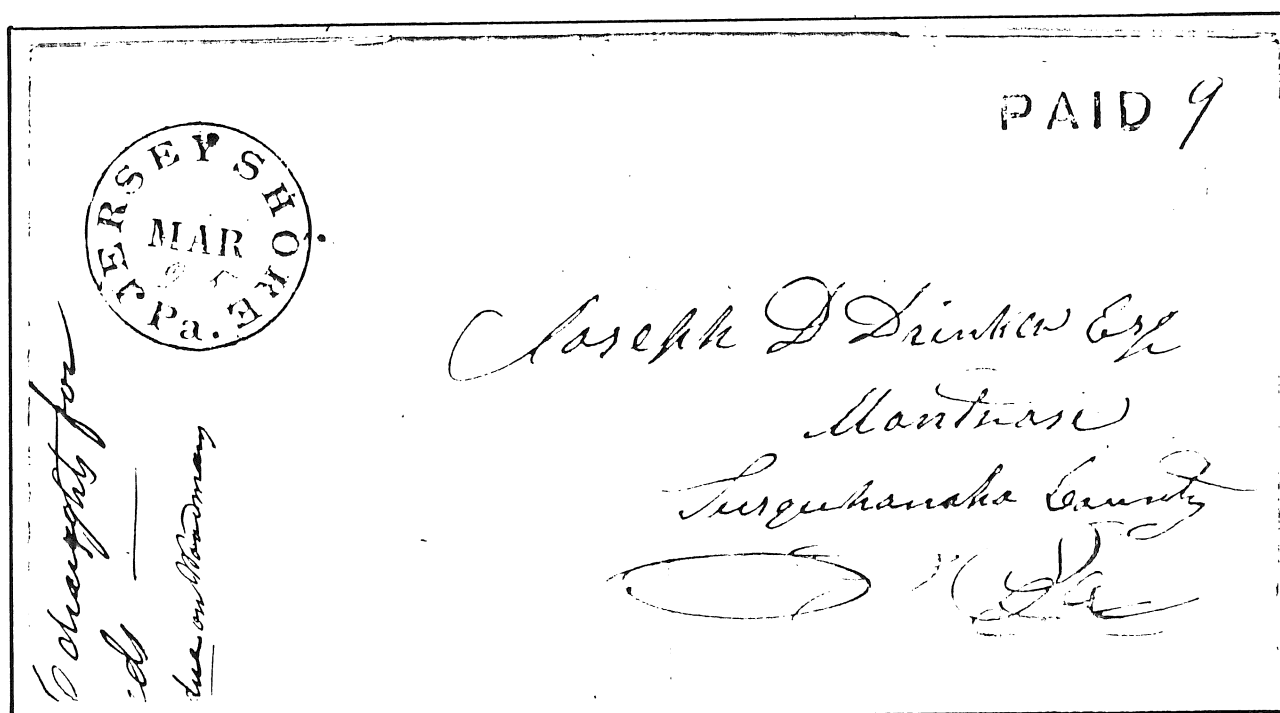
"THE MISSOURI RIVER IS UP NOW SO THE BOATS CAN RUN UP WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE ON ACCOUNT OF SAND BARS ~ THIS TOWN IS GROWING QUITE FAST, IT AVERAGES NEARLY A HOUSE A DAY, THE PLASTERERS GET 35 CENTS A YARD FOR LATHING & PLASTERING"

"WE HAVE VERY LARGE FISH IN THIS RIVER. I HAVE CAUGHT SOME BETWEEN 50 & 75 LBS, THE LARGEST I EVER CAUGHT WAS 73½ LBS, IT WAS A CAT FISH. YOU MAY THINK THIS IS A LARGE FISH STORY, BUT IT IS SO."

F.B. SILKMAN

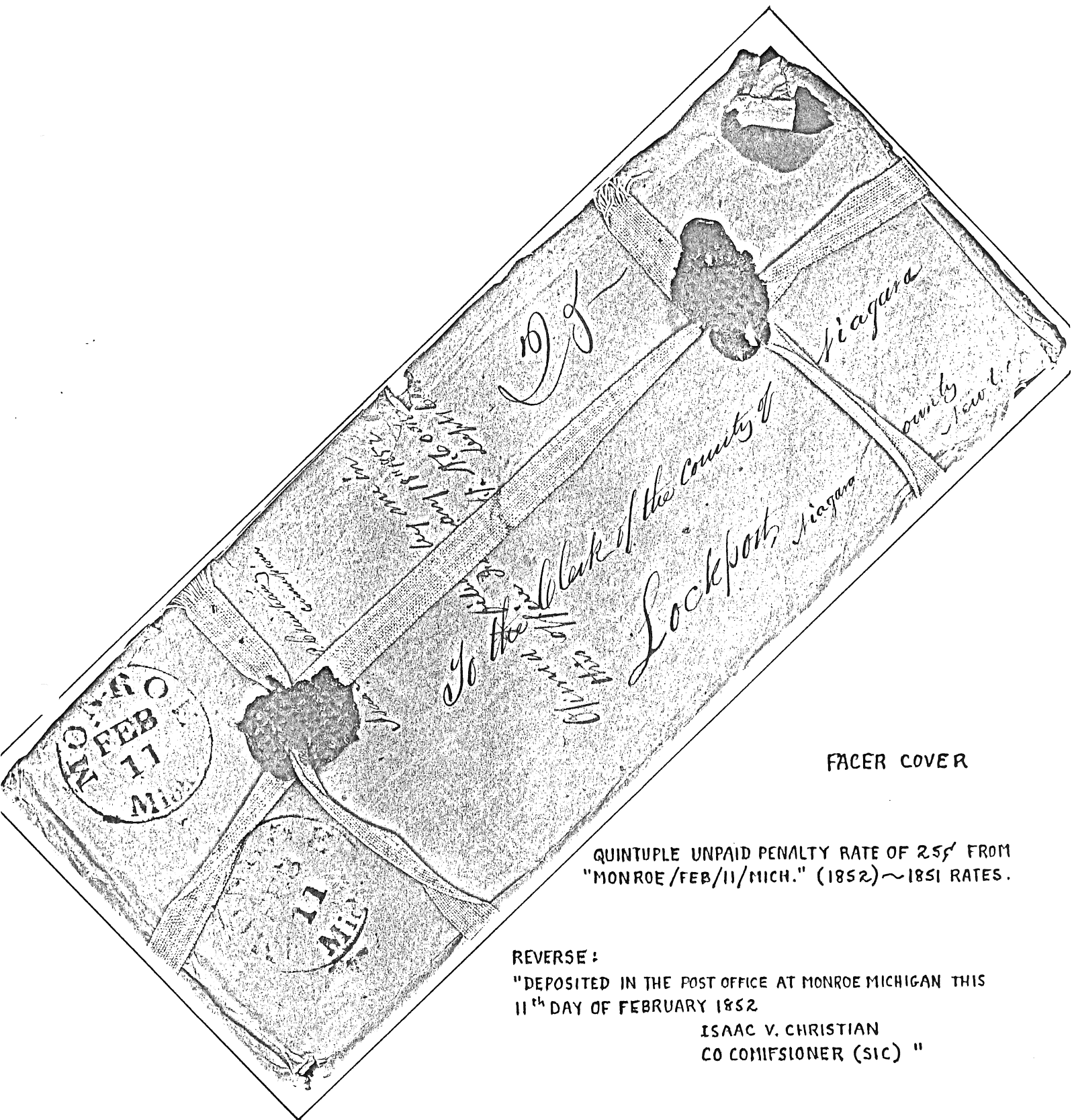


6¢ DOUBLE RATE (FOR UNDER 3,000 mi) ~ GREEN SCRANTON JUL/2 (1852)



9¢ TRIPLE RATE (FOR UNDER 3,000 mi) ~ MAR 25 (1852)

~ NO ACT. of 1851 RESTORED THE TRIPLE RATE ~ NO



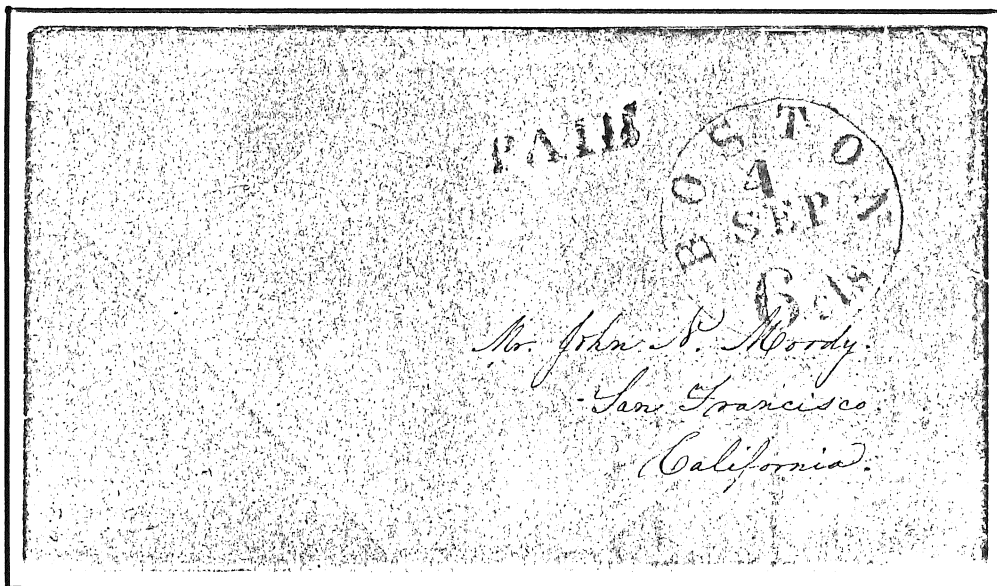
FACER COVER

QUINTUPLE UNPAID PENALTY RATE OF 25¢ FROM  
"MONROE/FEB/11/MICH." (1852)~1851 RATES.

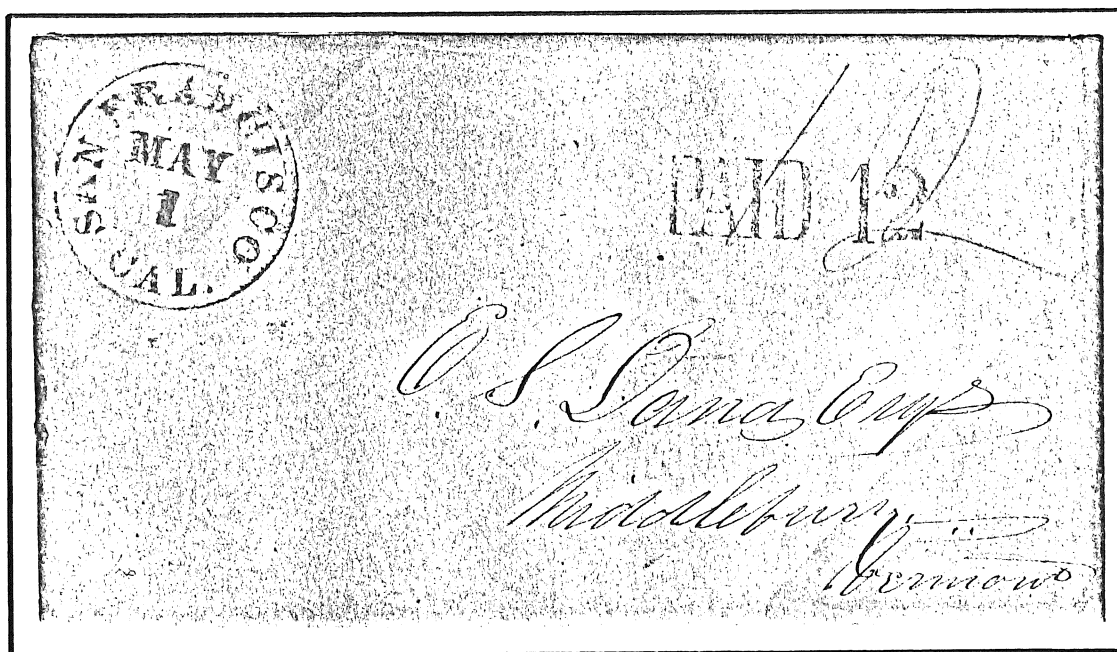
REVERSE :

"DEPOSITED IN THE POST OFFICE AT MONROE MICHIGAN THIS  
11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 1852

ISAAC V. CHRISTIAN  
CO COMMISSIONER (SIC) "



6¢ PREPAID WESTCOAST RATE (OVER 3000 MILES) ~ Act. of 1851



12¢ PREPAID DOUBLE WESTCOAST RATE (OVER 3,000 MILES) ~ Act. of 1851

Pittsburgh, March 1, 1859.

Sir:---In visiting our city to lay in your Stock of Goods for the coming season. I would be pleased to see you at my **HAT AND CAP ESTABLISHMENT**, and would like to show you my Spring and Summer Stock of Hats and Caps; also, every description of **STRAW GOODS**, as I feel confident I can make it to your advantage to purchase your goods in our line from me. My Stock is large and all fresh, bought this Spring principally for cash, consisting in part of---Fashionable Silk and Beaver Hats, Cloth, Cassimere and Glazed Caps, Men's and Boys' Wool Hats of every description, Men's and Boys' Soft Cassimere Hats of all shapes and colors, Panama, Maracailo, Caraco and Granada H. Ruland, Canton and Florence Braid Hats **LEGHORN HATS** ALL COLORS, Children's Hats and Caps, Ladies and Misses' Hats.

All

at low prices.

Yours,

**CHAS. H. PALUSON,**

next to corner of Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.

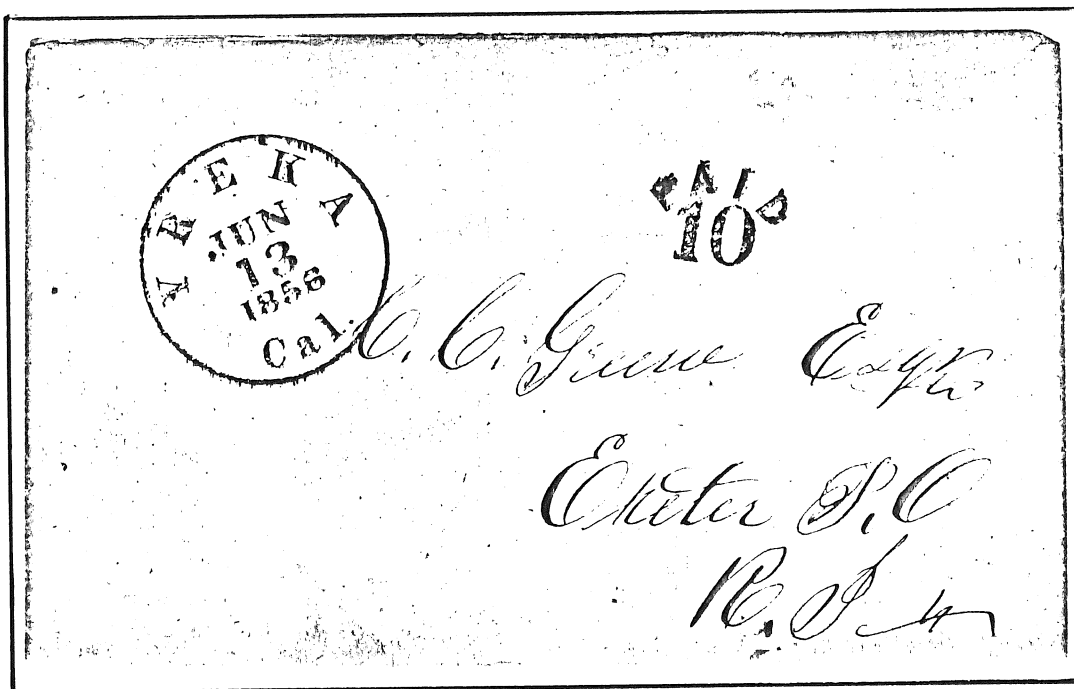


Mr R M Ayer  
Furniture  
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15 PAID UNSEALED

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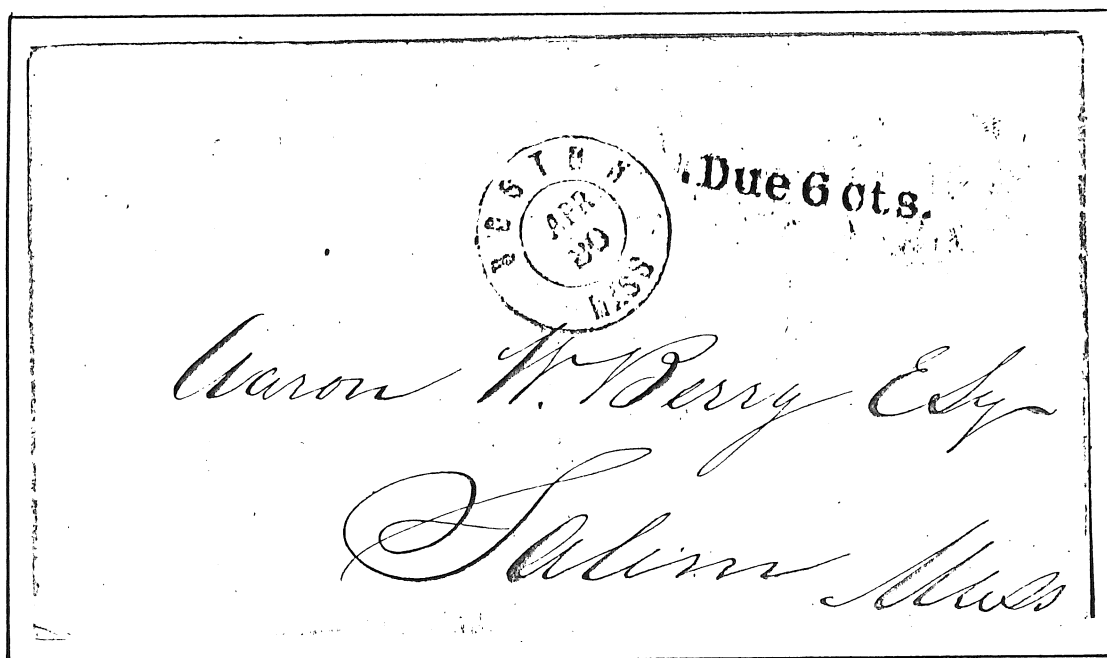
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ON APRIL 1, 1855, THE PREPAID OVER 3000 MILE RATE WAS CHANGED  
FROM 6¢ TO 10¢, per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. *Act of 1855*

PREPAYMENT WAS MADE MANDATORY BY THIS ACT.

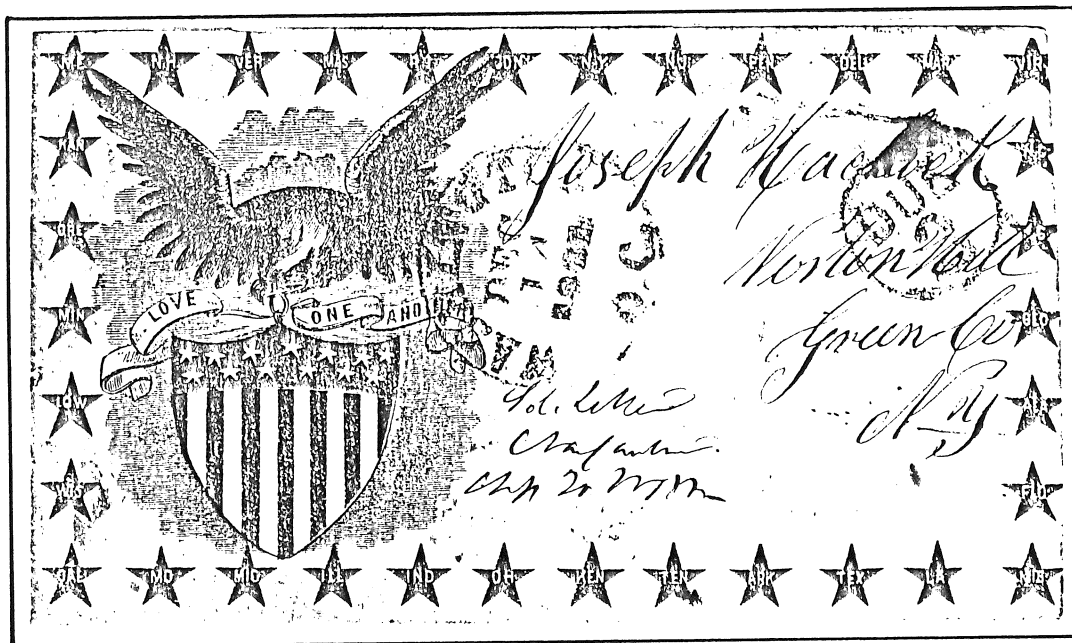
"YREKA/JUN/13/1856/Cal." with "PAID/10" Arc. *—*



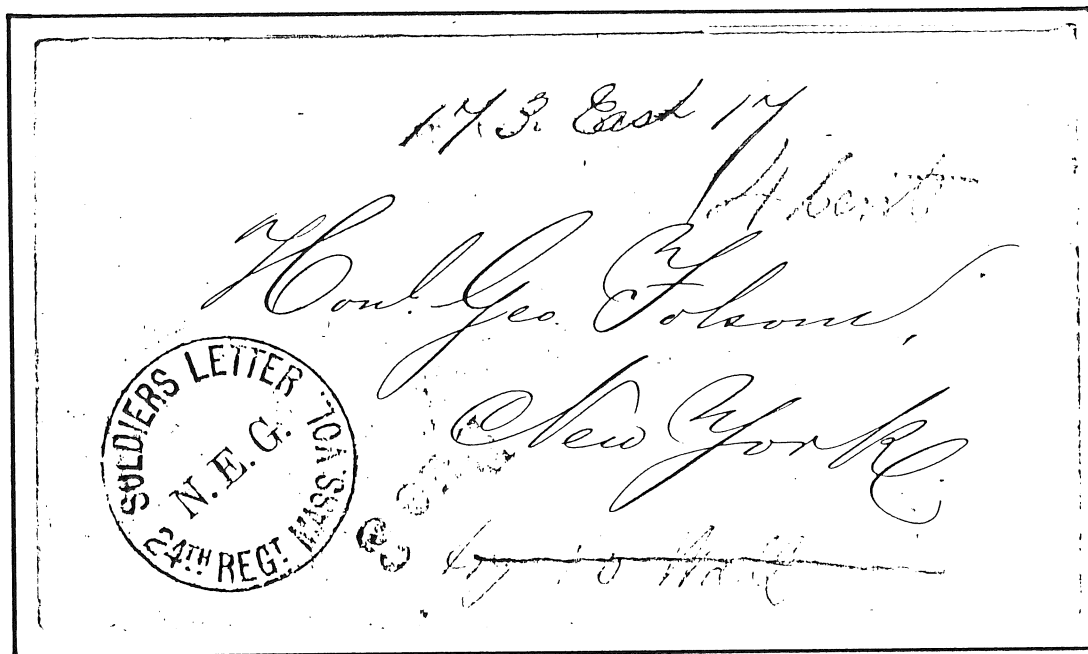
~ 1861 CIVILIAN UNPAID PENALTY RATE OF ".DUE 6 Cts." ~

Act. of 1861





THE POSTAL ACT of 1861 GAVE SOLDIERS ON ACTIVE DUTY (P.O.W.s EXCLUDED!) THE RIGHT TO SEND LETTERS COLLECT AT THE PREPAID RATE OF 3¢, RATHER THAN THE CIVILIAN PENALTY RATE OF 6¢ ~~~~~

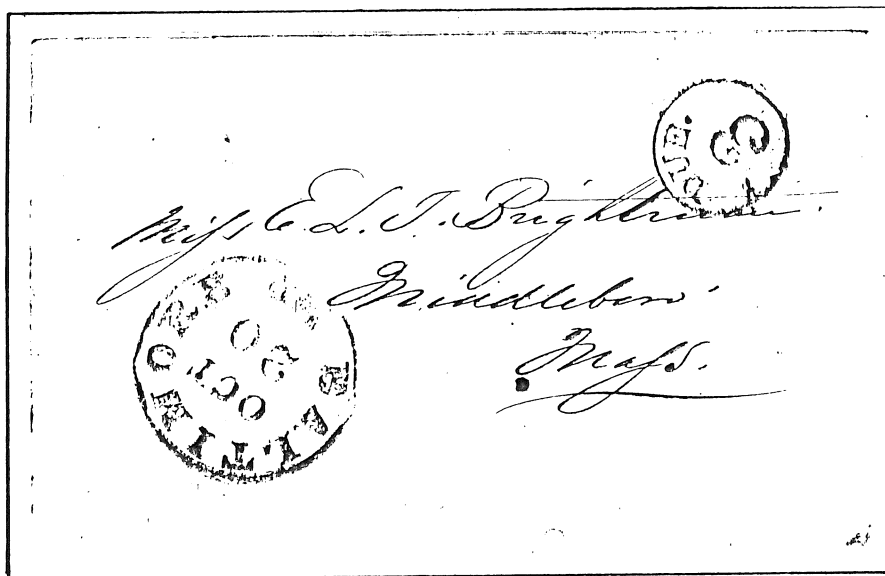


4¢, AMENDED FROM "DUE 3" BECAUSE OF CARRIER DELIVERY TO STREET NUMBERED ADDRESS ~~~~~

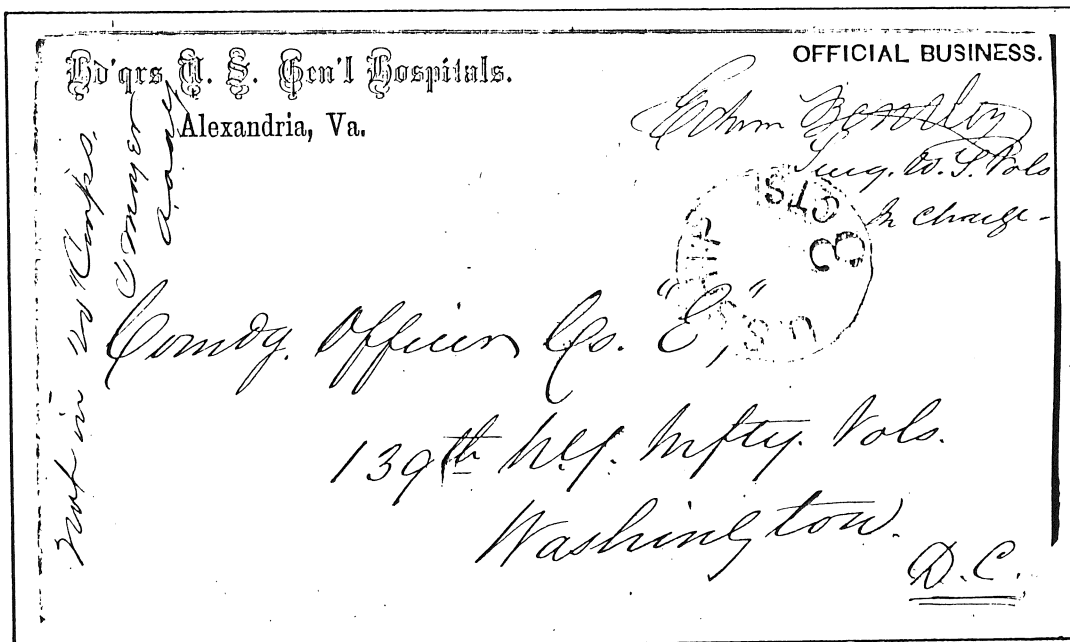


"DUE/9" TRIPLE RATE SOLDIER'S LETTER ~ CORRECTED FROM DUE 6.

NOTE DUPLEX WITH C.D.S.

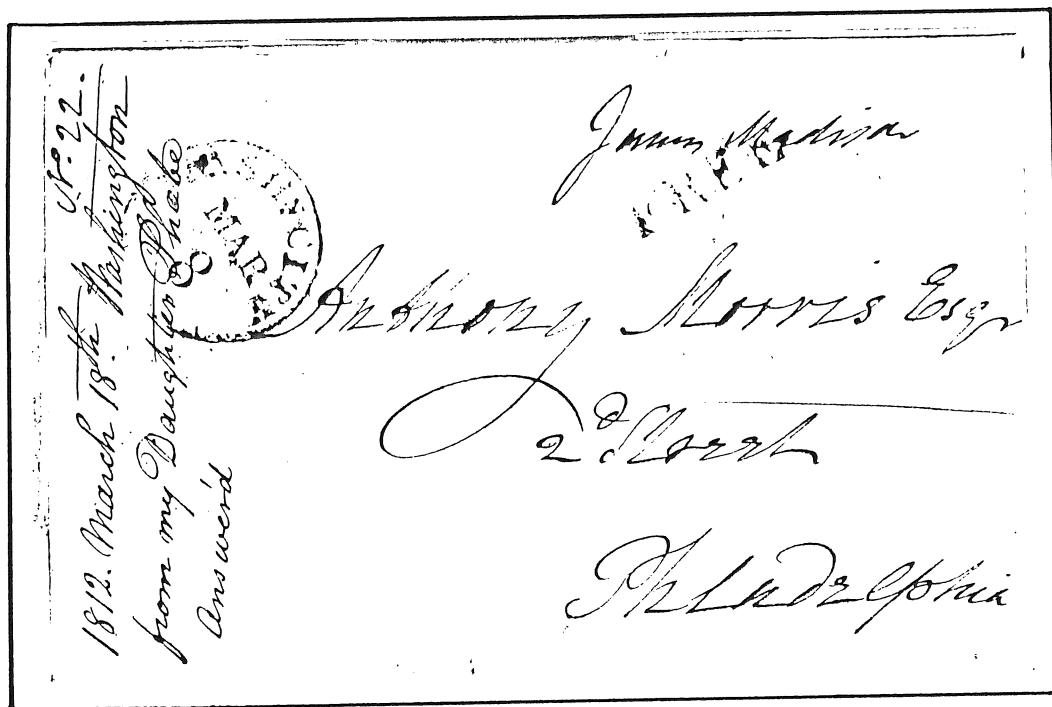


BALTIMORE BLUE "DUE./3" IN 18mm CIRCLE (CIRCA 1862) USED ON MAIL FROM UNION BLOCKADE FORCES OFF THE CAROLINAS ~ OFFICER ENDORSEMENTS WERE THE EXCEPTION ON SUCH SHIP COVERS.

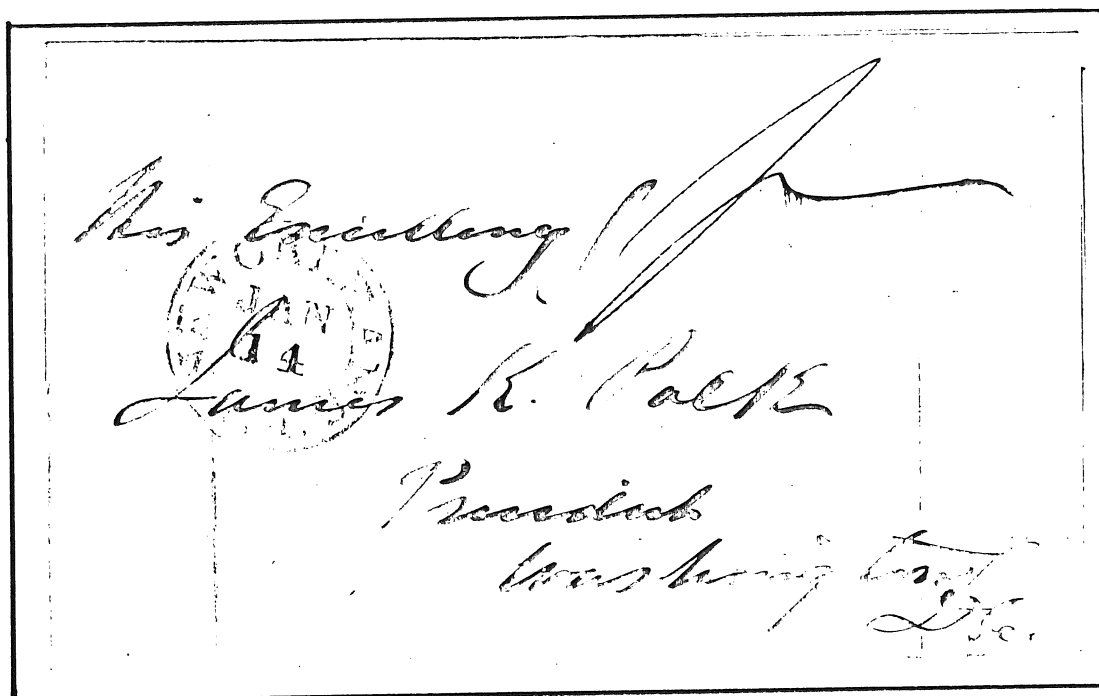


"U. S. SHIP/3 CTS" IN 26mm CIRCLE ~ WARSHIP LETTER DEC. 1864 ~

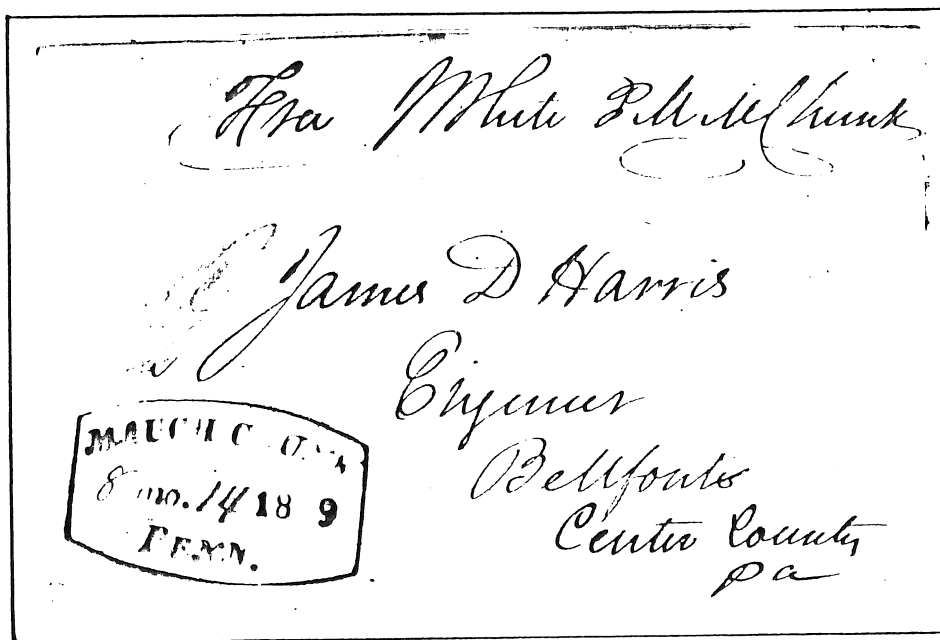
"SGT. G. J. CAVANAUGH WAS DISCHARGED .... BY REASON OF AMPUTATION OF RIGHT ARM FROM GUNSHOT WOUND" ~ EDWIN BENTLY, SURG. U.S. VOLS. *no*



~ PRESIDENTIAL FREE FRANK OF JAMES MADISON WHILE IN OFFICE (1812) ~



PRESIDENT JAMES K. POLK'S REVERSE FREE FRANKING PRIVILEGE ~ 1846



QUAKER DATE BOXED "MAUCH CHUNK/8 MO. 14 1829/PENN."  
 FREE FRANK OF POSTMASTER J. WHITE

"IT IS A MATTER OF GREAT REGRET TO THE WELL WISHES OF THE STATE THAT SO MANY IRREGULARITIES TAKE PLACE IN DOING PUBLIC WORK. THAT THEY ARE PROVEN VASTLY MORE COSTLY & LESS EFFICIENT THAN MORE PRIVATE INTEREST WORKS THERE CAN BE I THINK NO DOUBT ~ AMPLE TALENT HAS TO MOVE UNDER THE ARBITRARY OF THE ALL POWERFUL "POLITICAL" FEELINGS, WHICH HAS FREQUENTLY TO PREFER POLICY TO TALENT & INDUSTRY.

.... OUR ENGINEERING IS NEARLY OVER, OUR CANAL IS ABOUT DONE, & WILL BE SETTLED UP, I EXPECT, IN A MONTH OR TWO. ... OUR BUSINESS WILL BE TO TAKE CARE OF IT & TO MANAGE OUR COAL BUSINESS, WHICH WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE WILL BE LARGE ... IF THERE HAS ANY BUSINESS THIS WAY.... GIVE US A CALL SO AS TO BE KNOWN."

JOSIAH WHITE

↑  
 Builder of the Lehigh Canal.

↓  
Tras. Scranton Exp 10  
M at Oxford Furnace

PAID

W. Charley F. Mattery

Car Mef. Jacob. for  
Market Street  
Philadelphia  
Pm 9

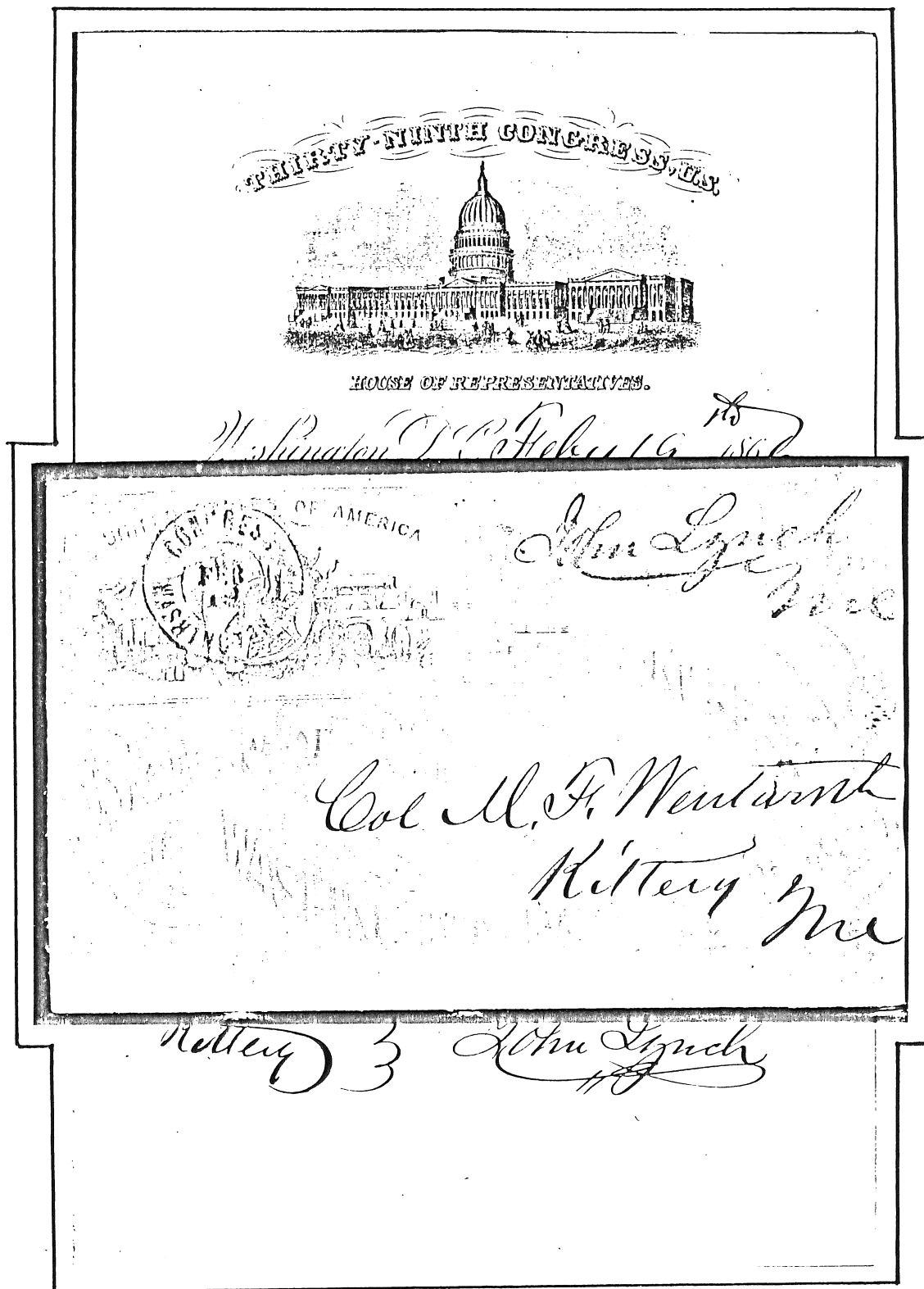
FRANKING PRIVILEGE WAS FOR SINGLE-LETTER RATE ONLY ~ THIS WAS OVERWEIGHT, SO "EXCESS 10" WAS PREPAID AND NOTED BY THE "PAID" (30-80 MILE RATE BY ACT OF 1816) ~ DATED JAN 8 (1841).

UNUSUAL ALSO IN THAT SELDEN T. SCRANTON, POSTMASTER AT OXFORD FURNACE, NEW JERSEY, WAS EMPLOYING HIS FRANK AT A POST-OFFICE OTHER THAN HIS OWN .... AT EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA ~

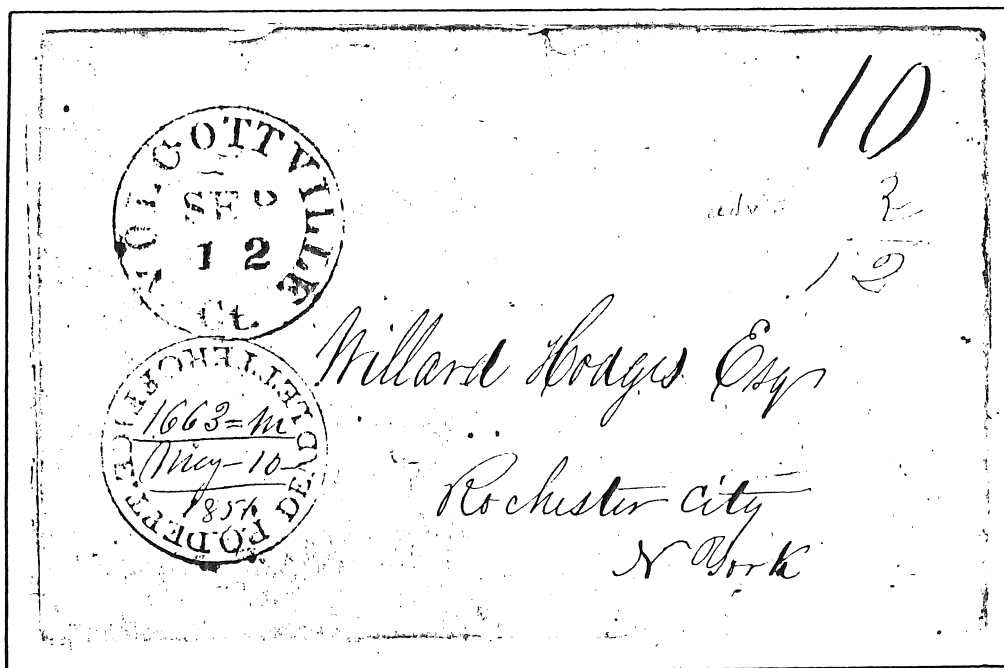
#### THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1841

"WE HAVE A MOST AWFUL FLOOD IN THE LEHIGH & DELAWARE SUCH AS HAS NOT BEEN SEEN BY THE OLDEST INHABITANTS. OUR LEHIGH BRIDGE IS GONE AND EVERY BRIDGE UP TO BIERGI ~ THE EMBANKMENT BELOW THE DAM IS DESTROYED - THE TOLL HOUSE COLLECTION OFFICE IS DEMOLISHED - ALL THE FRAME BUILDINGS IN PORTER'S FLATS, EXCEPT THE LARGE HOUSE AT THE OUTLET LOCK, ARE SWEEPED OFF ~ A GREAT MANY HOUSES & OTHER BUILDINGS FROM UP THE COUNTRY PASSED DOWN THE FLOOD IN THE COURSE OF THE NIGHT - JACOB WAGENER'S STOREHOUSE, C[ARLES] MICHELER'S WHARF IS ALSO GONE, MICHELER'S AND SLETOR'S WOOD, FROM 3 TO 400 CORDS, ALL LOST - THE LUMBER AT THE SOUTH EASTON SAWMILLS GONE - THE DELAWARE BRIDGE CONSIDERABLY SHATTERED AND NOT YET OUT OF DANGER. REPORT SAYS RIEGEL'S BRIDGE IS OFF, AND IF SO, PROBABLY EVERY OTHER ONE DOWN TO TRENTON - THE BOAT COMPANY HAVE [SIC] LOST 7 OF THEIR FINE DECKBOATS - IN SHORT, THE DESTRUCTION, ALONG THE LEHIGH PARTICULARLY, IS BEYOND ALL DESCRIPTION ..... THE STREET .... IS FULL OF FLOATING ICE. ~

"OUR FRIEND GUNTHER WAS BURIED TODAY WITH MILITARY HONORS - HIS GRAVE HAD BEEN DUG IN THE PRESBYTERIAN GROUND, BUT WAS REACHED AND FILLED BY THE FLOOD LAST NIGHT - IN CONSEQUENCE OF WHICH HE NOW REPOSES AMONG HIS OLD ASSOCIATES .... AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - HIS OWN CHURCH - THE CHURCH OF HIS ANCESTORS" ~



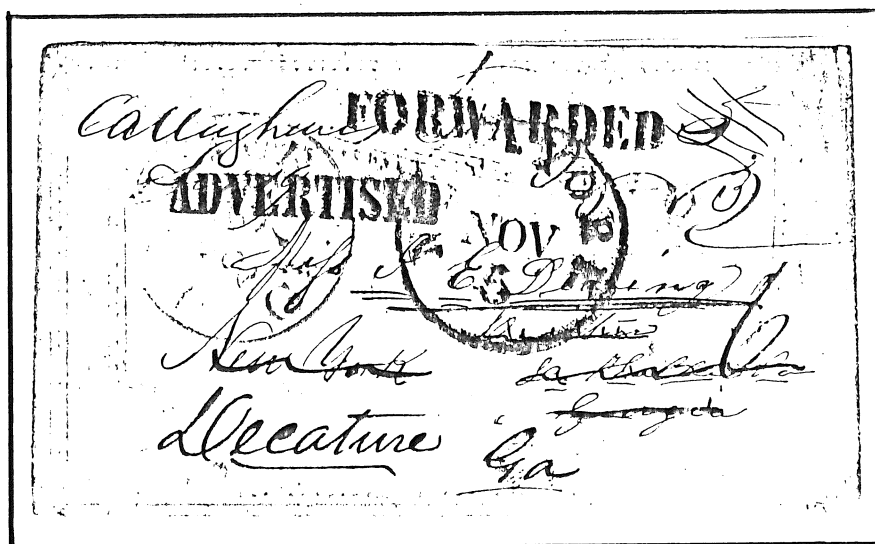
CONGRESSIONAL HANDSTAMPED FREE FRANK WITH SIGNED LETTER.  
ALL-OVER ENVELOPE DESIGN OF 37<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS SHOWING TRAIN,  
STEAMBOAT, COMMERCE & EAGLES WITH CAPITOL LETTERHEAD.  
"CONGRESS WASHINGTON D.C." CANCEL ~ 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1866.



"P.O. DEPT. DEAD LETTER OFFICE/1663=11/MAY-10/1851" OF ROCHESTER N.Y.  
MAILED FROM "WOLCOTTVILLE CT./SEP/12" IN 1849 ~ 10¢+2¢ ADV. FEE ~

"TORRINGTON SEPT. 10<sup>th</sup> 1849.....THE RAIL ROAD HAS GOT ALONG ABOUT  
HALF WAY TO WINSTEAD....THEY GOT INTO THE VILLAGE (TORRINGTON) A WEEK  
AGO YESTERDAY....THERE IS TO BE A GRAND PICKNIC IN THE PINE GROVE IN THE  
VILLAGE TOMORROW....TWO THOUSAND PERSONS ARE EXPECTED ~

30 M.M. RED CDC IS UNREPORTED ~ THE NAUGATUCK R.R. UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

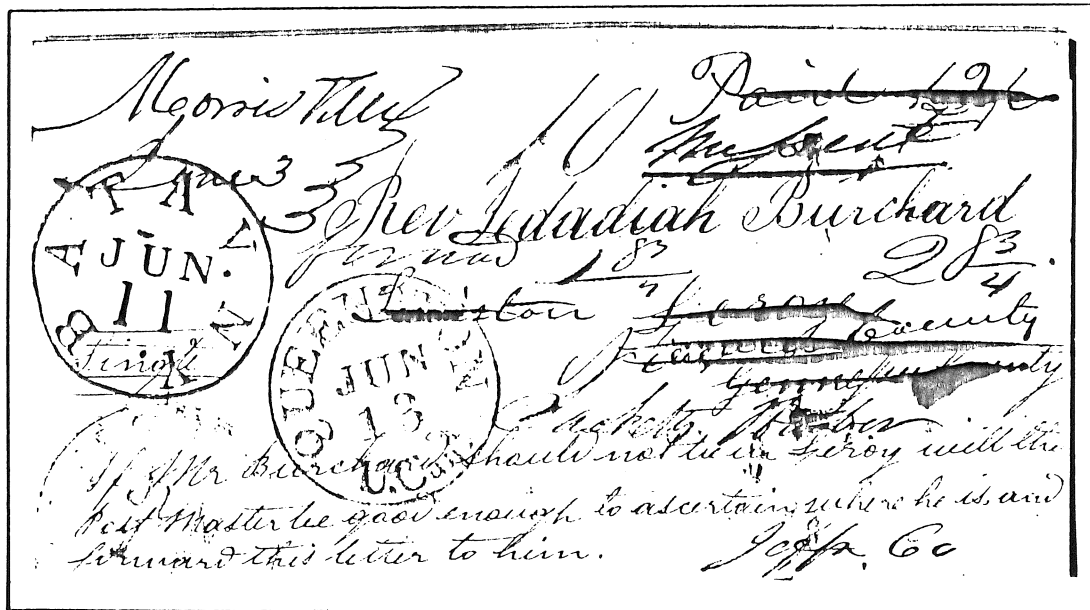


- POSTED WITH MSCPT. "CALLAGHAN"(FL) WITH CROSSED OUT 'S'  
£ "PAID 3" — REMAILED FROM "DECATUR/GA" PAID TO  
NEW YORK — "ADVERTISED" £ "FORWARDED" BACK TO  
WITH 6¢ CHARGES (5¢+1¢) ~

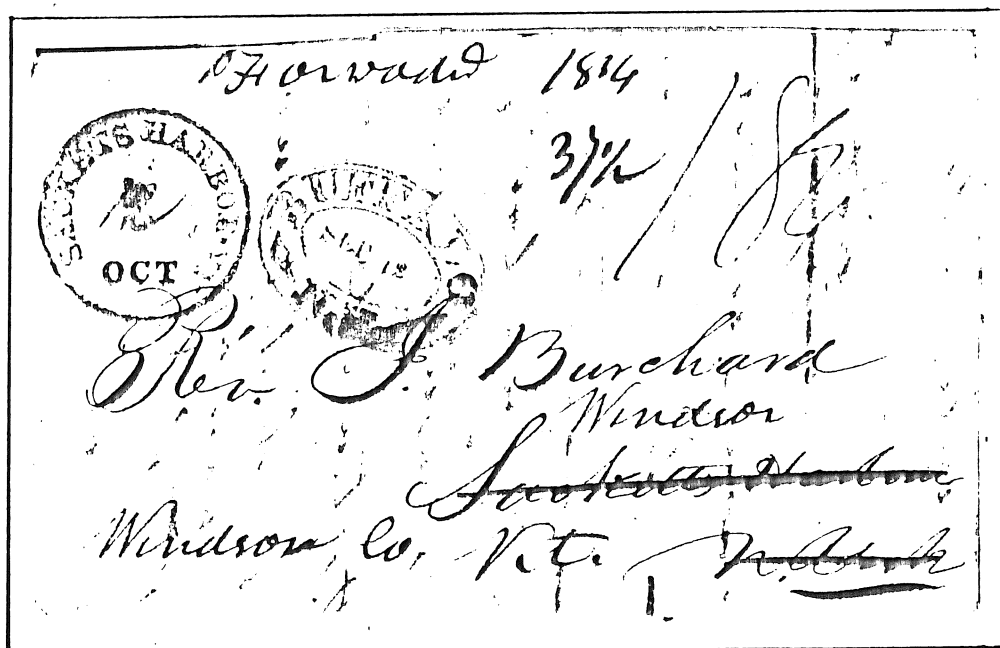
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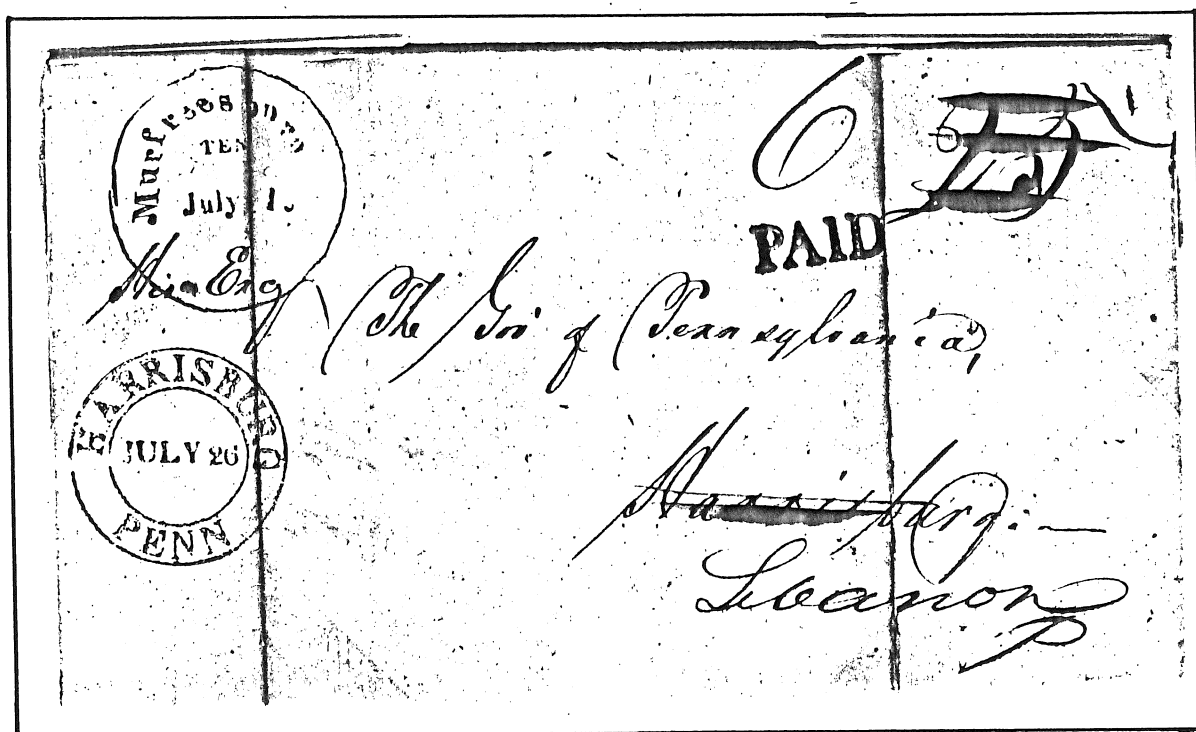




- FORWARDED TWICE AND MISSENT TWICE, ONCE TO UPPER CANADA, IN 1834.
- △ ORIGINAL MARKS "MORRISVILLE-JUNE 3" & "PAID 12 1/2" TO "LEROY-GENESEE COUNTY".
  - △ ARRIVED IN LEROY, FORWARDED TO LEWISTON & RATED 10¢ UNPAID (30-80 MILE RATE).
  - △ ARRIVED IN BATAVIA, JUNE 11 ~ MARKED "MISSENT" ~ NO CHARGE.
  - △ ARRIVED IN QUEENSTON, JUNE 13 ~ RETURNED ACROSS BORDER ~ NO CHARGE.
  - △ ARRIVED IN LEWISTON, JUNE 17 ~ MARKED "FORWARD" WITH 18 3/4¢ ADDED (150-400 MILE RATE) TO 10¢ MAKING 28 3/4¢ UNPAID ~ ADDRESSED TO "SACKETTS HARBOR", 80 MILES FROM ORIGINAL MAILING POINT.

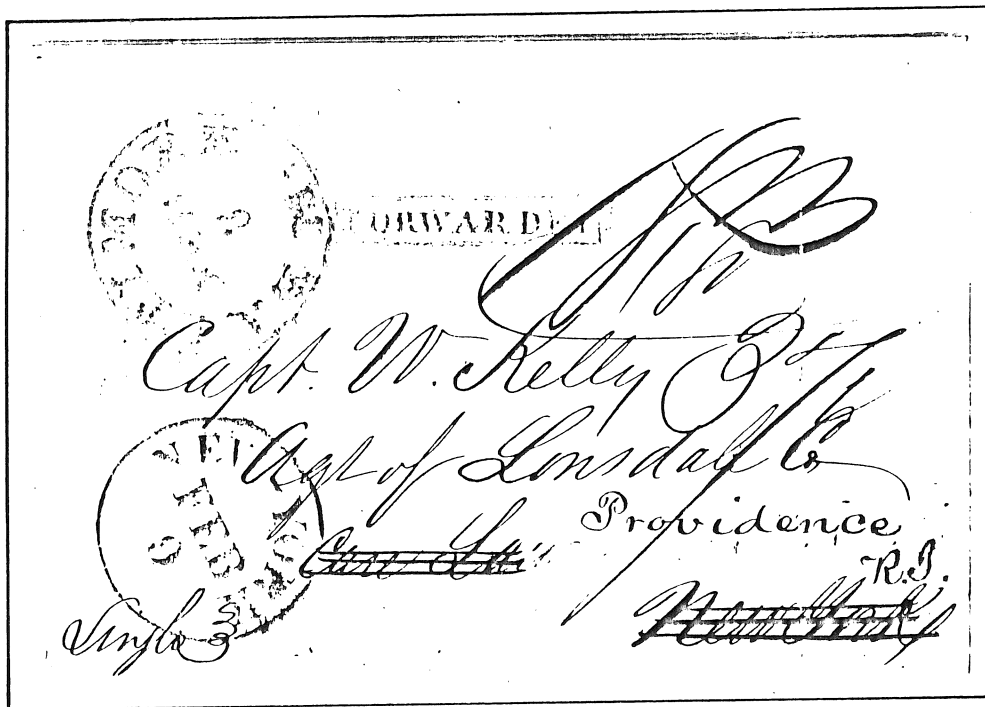


MAILED IN BUFFALO ~ FORWARDED FROM SACKETTS HARBOR ~ TWO 18 3/4 UNPAIDS RESULT IN 37 1/2¢ COLLECT ~ LETTER ASKS FOR DONATION.

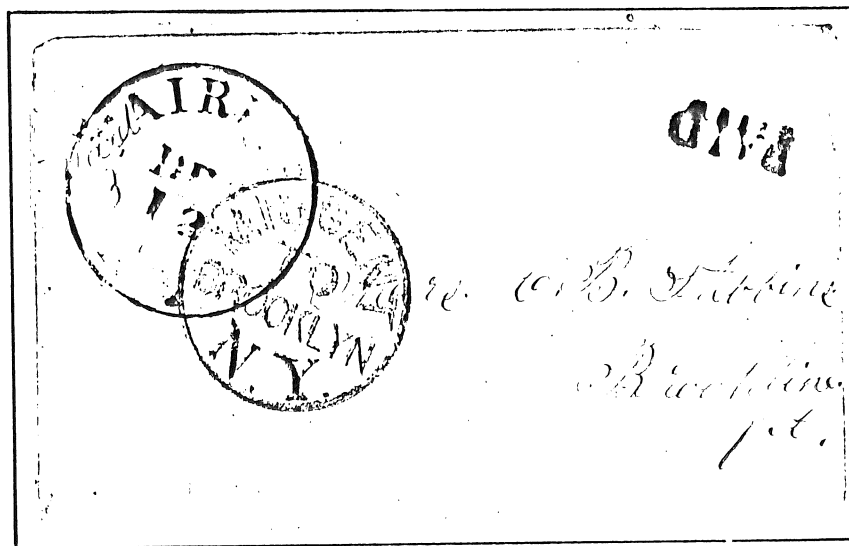


OVER 400 MILE & UNDER 30 MILE RATES ~ THE TWO EXTREMES, ON THIS FORWARDED  
FROM "Murfreesboro/TEN/July 1 (1824)" THROUGH HARRISBURG ~ ACT of 1816

Blue  
Red  
Black  
Brown

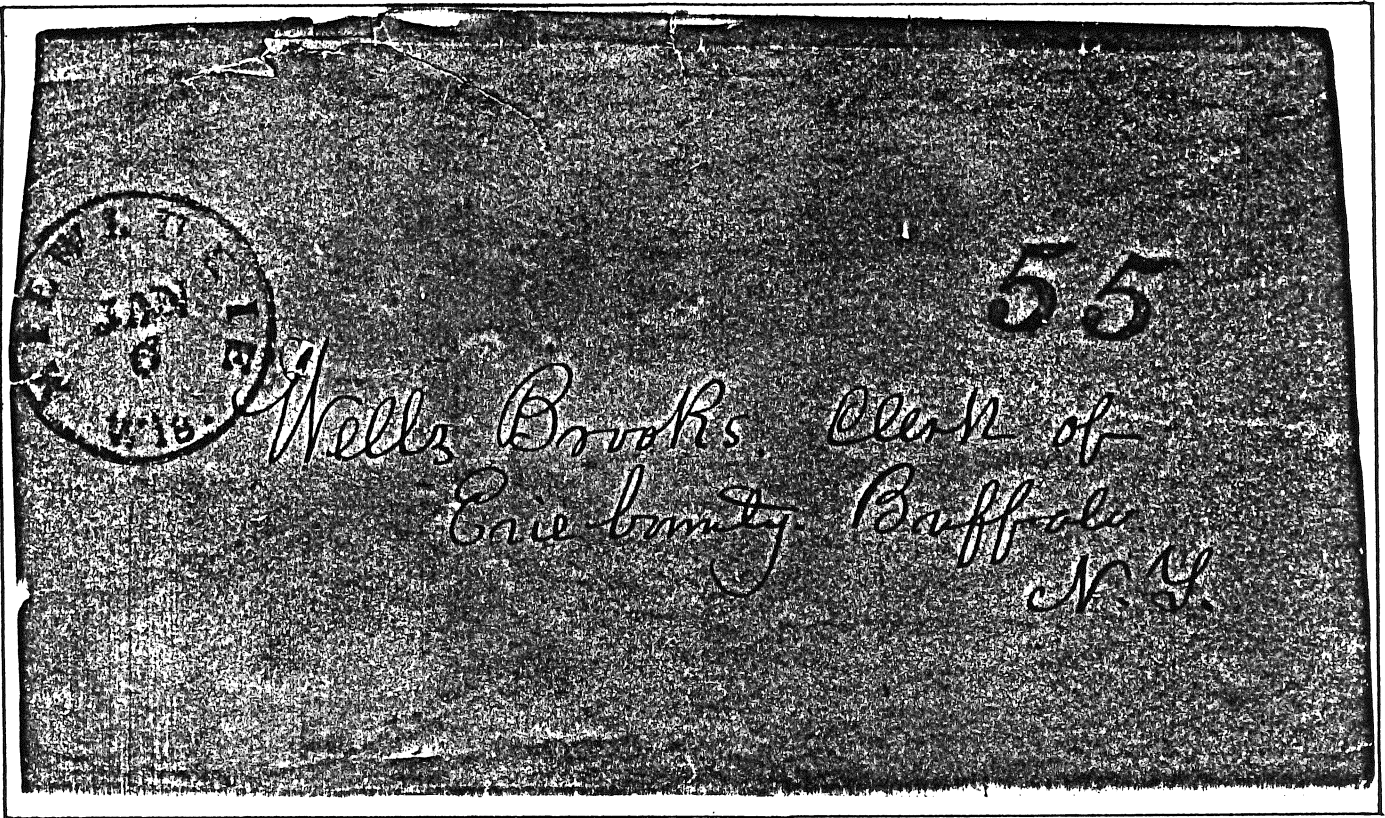


"FORWARDED" IN RED 37x6 mm RECTANGLE (N.Y.) ~ THIS FOLDED LETTER COST THE ADDRESSEE  $37\frac{1}{2}$ ¢... $18\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ FOR EACH SEGMENT RATED 150-400 MILES...1842. LATEST RECORDED USE...NYS.



"MISSSENT/TO/BROOKLYN/N.Y." ~ DEC 12 (1854) ~ ONLY KNOWN NON-STAMP USE ~ RECORDING COPY FOR NYS ~ REPORTING COPY

NOTE  
"IE"



55¢ PENALTY DUE RATE (11 RATES PREPAID WOULD HAVE BEEN 33¢) — PERIOD OF ACT OF 1851 —

Has to be after 1851 — 11 rates in  
1845. would have been \$1.10 (over 300 miles)  
There is no way to make a 55¢ rate (in 1845)  
when distance is over 300 miles.

NOTE "EE"



ASCC shows territorial use

E: July 22 1847 } SPECIAL  
L: MAR 3 1847 } BOOK

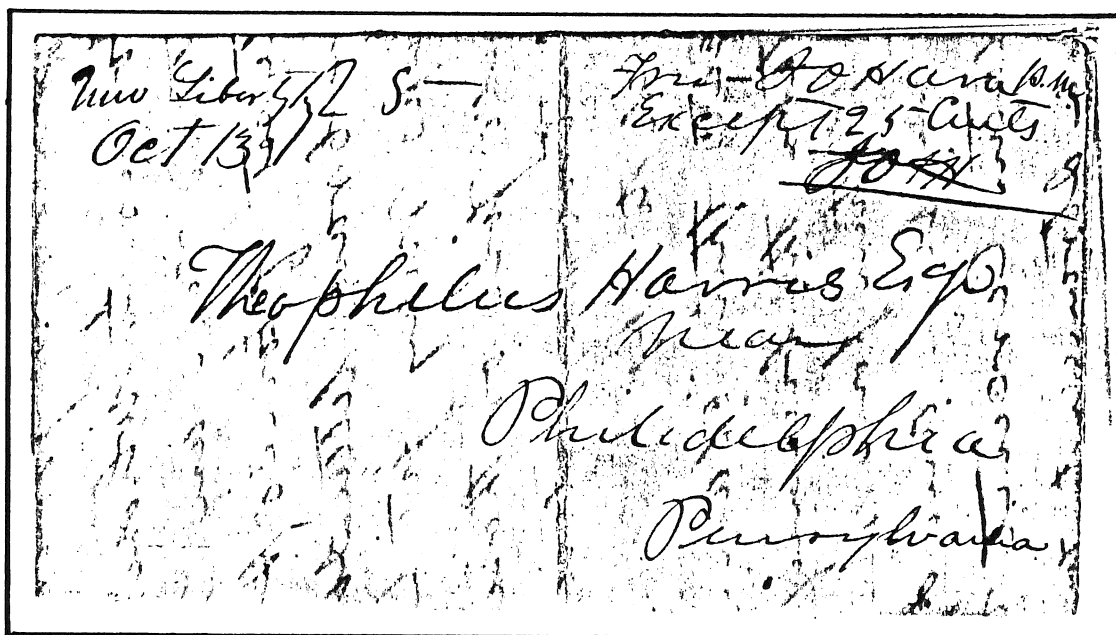
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Wm. B. Robinson III

POST OFFICE RED WAX SEAL OVER FLAP ON REVERSE.  
SEAL IS 'TIED' BY SIGNATURE OF "JOHN D. MERRILL COMM."

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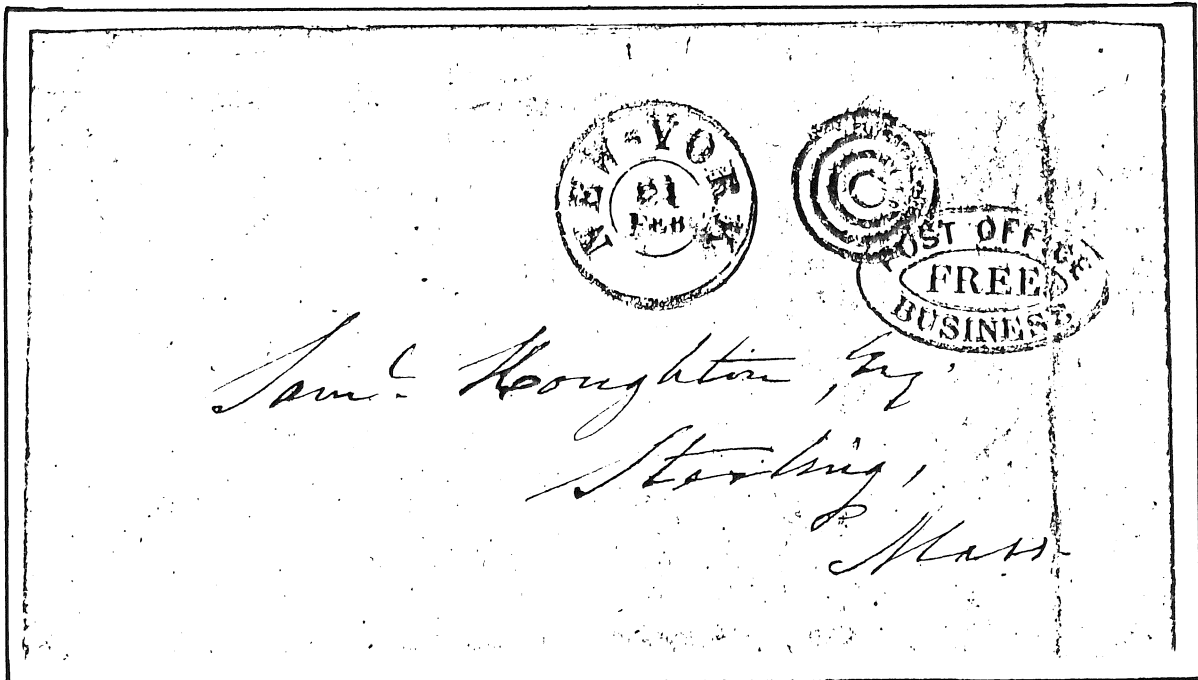
"FREE - J O'HARA P.M. / EXCEPT 25 CENTS / J O'H' ~ CHARGED FRANK ~  
DATED LINED "STATE of KY / NEW LIBERTY OWEN / COUNTY / OCT 1st 1833."

DOUBLE WEIGHT (RSHEET) LETTER CHARGED SINGLE RATE AS P.M. FRANK  
PRIVILEGE COVERED FIRST SHEET. Rates of 1816 ~

Delete from  
Sep<sup>th</sup> Exhibit

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~ "POST OFFICE/FREE/BUSINESS" IN DOUBLE OVAL... Circa 1860-63 ~  
~ REPLACED THE SIGNED FRANK ON P.O. BUSINESS ~

ADD Post-Office

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To the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Penn<sup>da</sup>  
Harrisburgh Pa.

Portage Pa  
July 21<sup>st</sup>


QUADRUPLE SHEET RATE of 50¢ (4x12½)  
80-150 MILES ~ ACT OF 1816

PORTAGE, PA TO HARRISBURGH (1843)

*Handwritten flourish*



\$2.43  $\frac{3}{4}$  .....THIRTEEN 18  $\frac{3}{4}$  RATES FOR  
COURT PAPERS FROM DETROIT TO BUFFALO (1843)  
"POSTAGE PD BY S. L. HANLY C. C." (COUNTY CLERK?)

THESE VERY HIGH RATES ARE ON 'FACER COVERS',  
WHERE A BUNDLE OF LETTERS WERE TIED TOGETHER  
IN TWO DIRECTIONS WITH RIBBON AND SEALED  
WITH WAX AT THE CROSSING POINTS. 



West Oresdu May 23

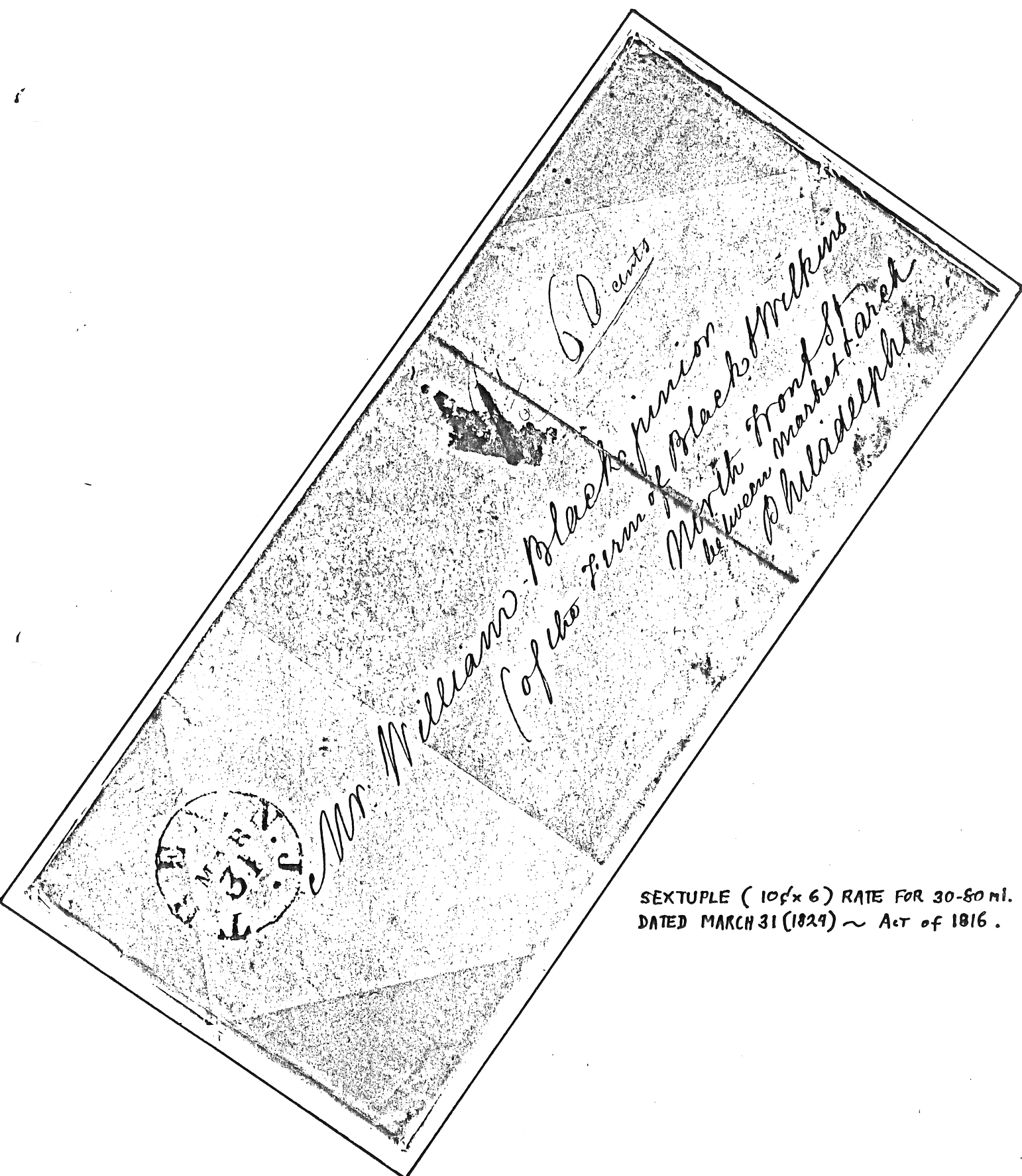
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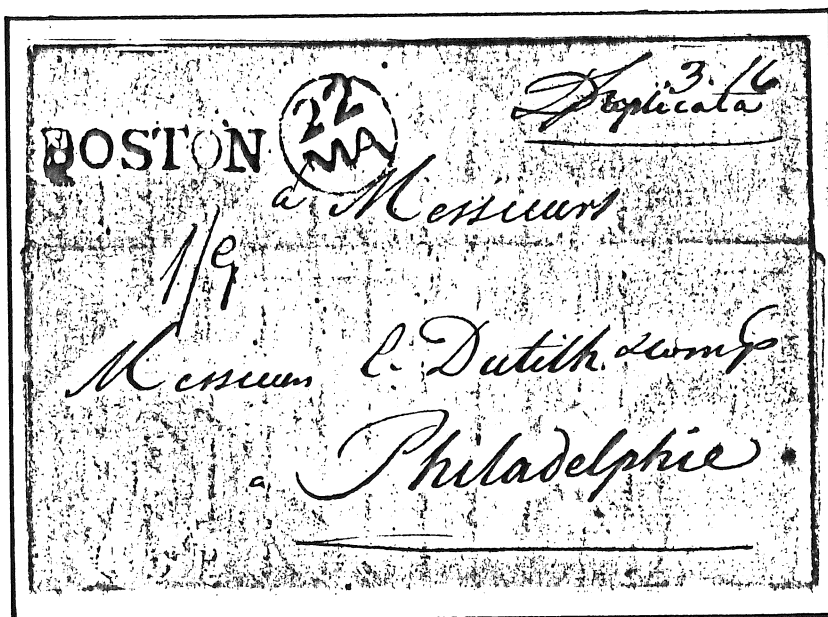
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SEXTUPLE RATE  $(6 \times 18\frac{3}{4}) = \$1.12\frac{1}{2}$   
DATE LINED MAY 23, 1839

1 yr. earlier than in AS.CC.



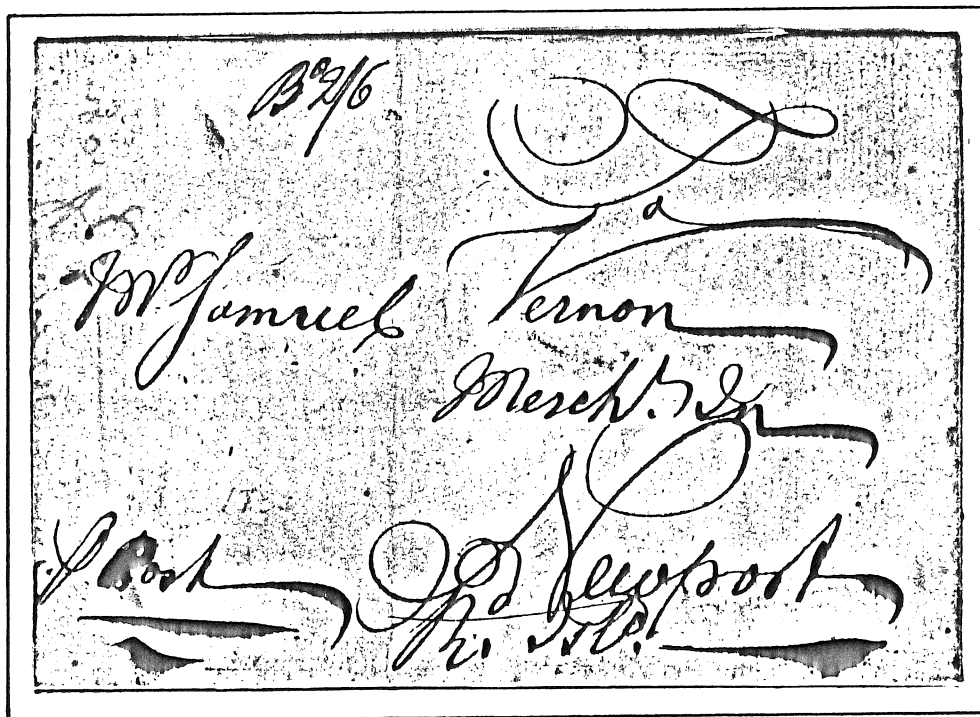
SEXTUPLE (10¢ x 6) RATE FOR 30-80 MI.  
DATED MARCH 31 (1829) ~ ACT OF 1816.



3 PENNYWEIGHT (+ 16 GRAINS FOR SHIP) BOSTON TO PHILADELPHIA ~  
 300 - 400 MILE RATE ~ ACT OF 1787 EFFECTIVE 5 APRIL 1788.  
 DISPATCHED FROM BOSTON 22 MAY 1788 ~ DOCKETED 29 MAY ~

THE 1/9 IS 1 LIVRE 9 SOU FROM COGNAC TO EMBARCATION PORT  
 IN FRANCE & INCLUDES PREPAYMENT OF NON-PACKET CAPTAINS FEE.

*Replace with 3. —  
 if ship fee, use domestic origin.*



BOSTON "B° 2/6" ~ "P. POST" TO NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND ~ 1750

THE RATE IS EXPRESSED AS 2 PENNYWEIGHT (24 GRAINS) SILVER, AND ITS EQUIVALENT OF 6 PENCE STERLING. THIS WAS THE FEE SET BY PARLIAMENT IN 1710-11 FOR DISTANCES OF 60-100 MILES FOR ONE SHEET.

RATES ARE STATED IN BOTH ENGLISH MONEY AND TROY WEIGHT STERLING-SILVER BECAUSE FOREIGN COINAGE WAS MORE COMMON THAN ENGLAND'S.

LAI D PAPER WITH 25x35 m.m. CROWN OVER "G R" WATERMARK.

"I AM SORRY TO HEAR MOLAFSES IS LIKELY TO RISE TO 15/-....I HAVE PROMISED 30 THOUSANDS...BUY ME THAT QUANTITY ON BEST TERMS YOU CAN."