

Printed Circular

Quarto Post Paper - Two Cents Any Distance

1 July 1845 - 30 June 1847

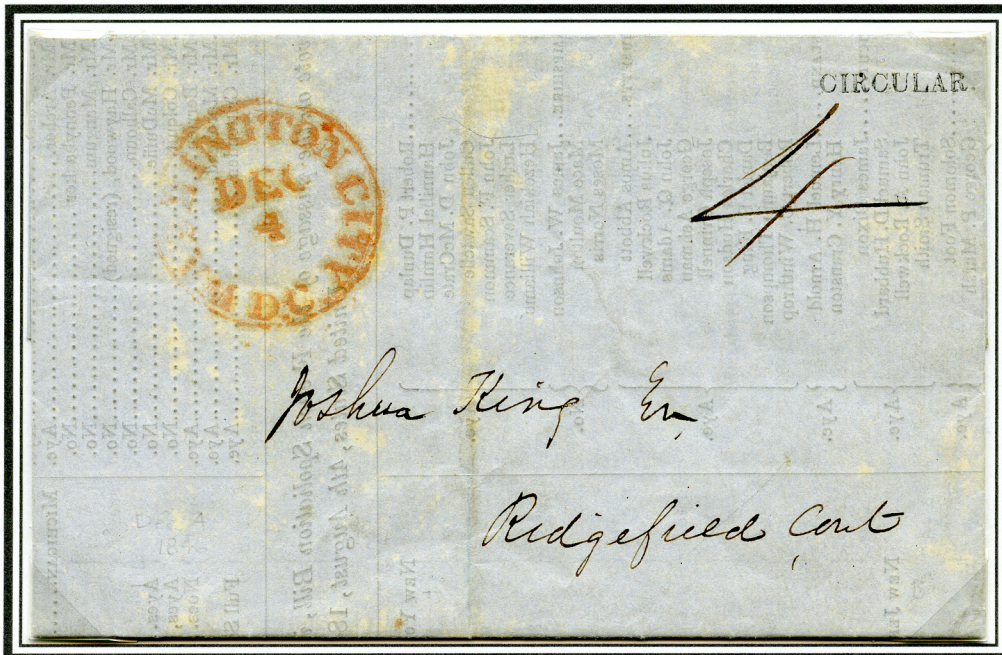
Printed Circular Each Quarto Post Sheet - Two Cents Prepaid, Any Distance



Charlestown, MA to Ipswich, MA

6 March 1847

Single sheet was 2¢ prepaid.



Washington, DC to Ridgefield, CT

4 December 1846

Double rate circular was 4¢ prepaid.

"I enclose for the purpose [a claim against France] a blank form ... to be signed."  
Each sheet required 2¢ postage, therefore the 4¢.

Inland Postage Rate Of 5 Cents For Distances Under 500 Miles



“ACM”  
Connected  
Variety

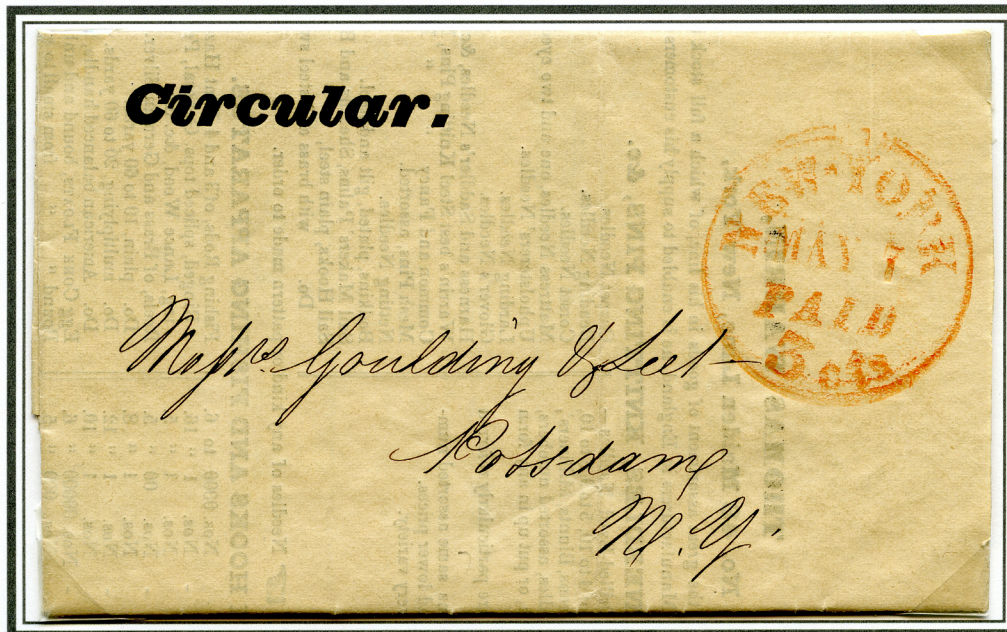
New York City via Boston to Marseilles, France

15 July 1846

There were no special reduced rates for printed matter going overseas prior to the postal treaty with Great Britain in 1848. Therefore, printed circulars were charged like letters. This required prepayment of the 5¢ postal charge to the port of embarkation, Boston, which was under 300 miles.

Two examples with the New York Provisional are recorded.

Printed Circular Three Cents Per Sheet, Any Distance



New York, NY to Pottsdam, NY

7 May (1848)



Indianapolis, IN to Valpariso, IN

11 September 1849

Printed Circular

Single Sheet Any Distance - One Cent

1 July 1847 - 30 June 1851

Examples Of Three Cent Markings For Single Sheet Printed Circulars

On 1 July 1847 the rate for printed circulars was changed so as to be based on the number of sheets. The new rate was increased to 3¢ per sheet.



New York, NY to Providence, RI  
10 October 1848



Watertown, NY to Mohawk, NY  
20 June 1851



New York, NY to Tuscaloosa, AL  
C. 1848



Richmond, VA to Henderson, NC

28 January 1851

Printed Circular

Three Cents Per Sheet - Endorsement Markings

1 July 1847 - 30 June 1851

Printed Circular With Endorsements For Circulars



*Ransom Whipple*  
*Norwich*  
*CT*

New York, NY to Norwich, CT

10 October 1850

Fancy Croton Mills PAID Cir. marking.



*Joy M. C. Kilby Esq*  
*Suffolk.*  
*Hammond Co.*  
*Virginia*

New York, NY to Suffolk, VA

28 June 1850

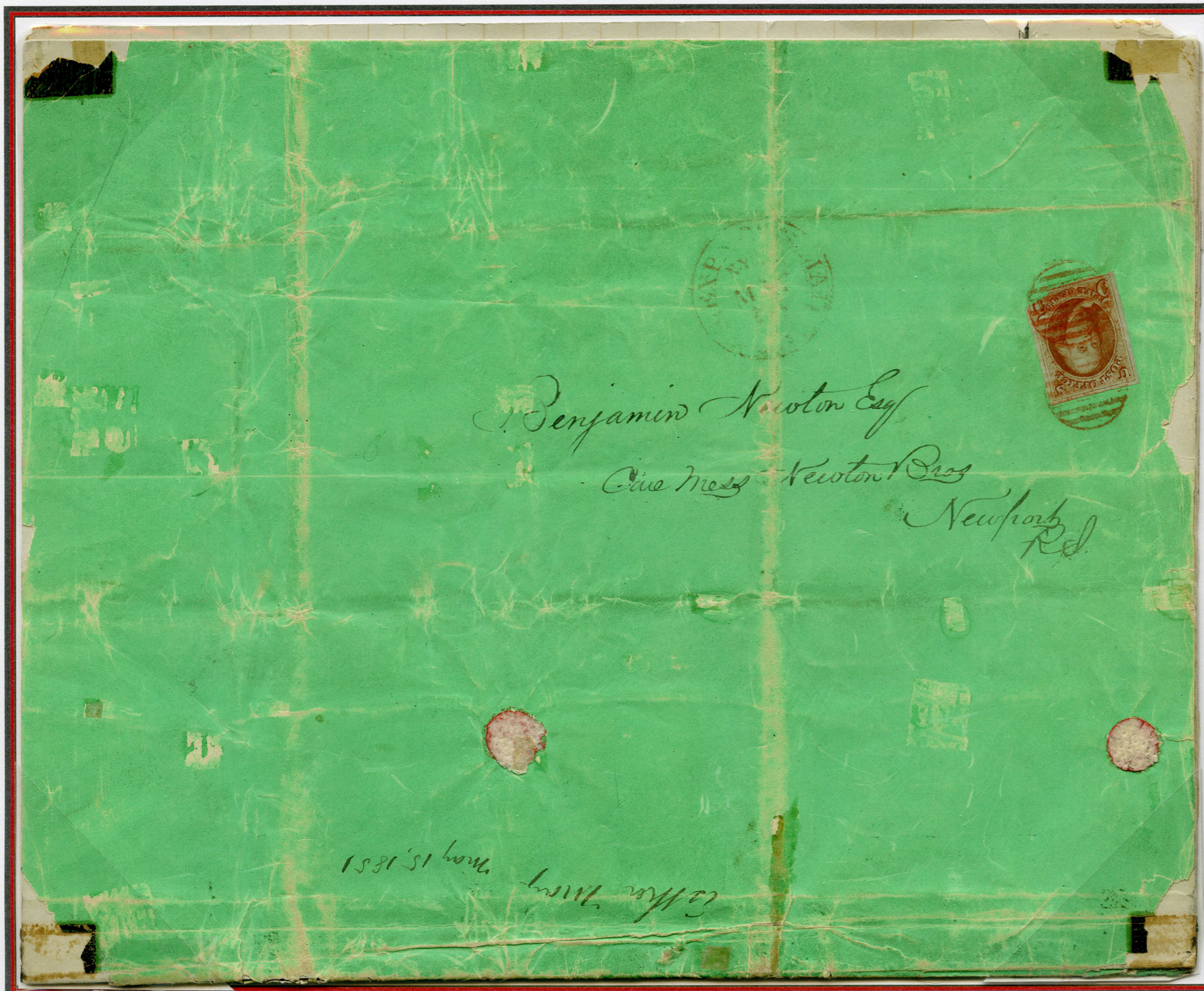
Fancy 'PAID' inside a diamond with CIRCULAR.

Printed Pamphlet

First Ounce, Two And A Half Cents, Each Additional Ounce One Cent

1 May 1825 - 30 June 1851

Only Recorded Example Of An 1847 Issue Stamp Actually Paying The Correct Rate For A Piece Of Printed Matter

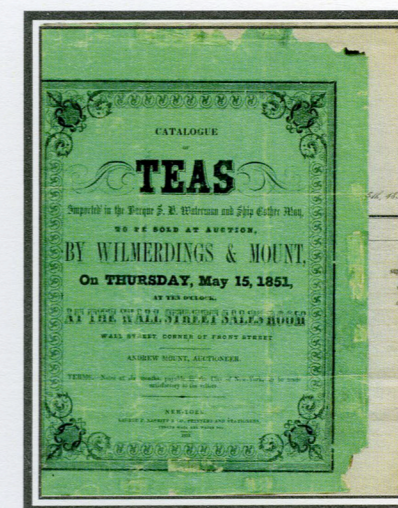


This pamphlet is a printed auction catalog for teas conducted by *Wilmerdings & Mount*, *On Thursday, May 15, 1851*. The catalog measures 9.8" by 8.1" and weighs 1.56 ounces. For mailing, the catalog was rolled into a tube shape measuring a little over 1.5" in diameter and was secured with three spots of sealing wax. Remnants of the sealing wax are clearly evident on the address side of the catalog to the left. In this manner, it was open at the ends as stated by the postal regulations. Though open at the end, it was difficult to inspect and see the prices that had been filled in.

The catalog to the left went through the mail for only 5¢. Had it gone at the letter rate, the postage would have been 20¢ and there would have been markings indicating postage due of 15¢... which there are not. Therefore, without question, this was not treated, by the post office, as a letter rate.

The only option is the catalog went through the mails as printed matter. In this case, the postage was 2 1/2¢ for the first ounce and 1¢ additional for the portion of the second ounce, for a total of 3 1/2¢. The 5¢ stamp was used and was an overpayment of 1 1/2¢, although the extra 1¢ could have paid a carrier fee. Because the post office accepted the 5¢ as FULL payment, the post office had to have treated this as printed matter.

Several examples of printed circulars, all under a half ounce, and bearing a 5¢ stamp, exist. While these are in fact circulars, they were posted at, and went through the mails at, the simple letter rate and not as printed matter.



The illustration to the left is the front cover of the catalog and has been reduced in size by 75%. It shows the contact points where the sealing wax had been attached.

New York, NY to Newport, RI

16 May 1851

Complete Catalog Herewith

Newspaper

Transient Newspaper - Three Cents

1 July 1847 - 30 June 1851

Posted Letter Sheet Turned Into A Newspaper Wrapper

First Mailing

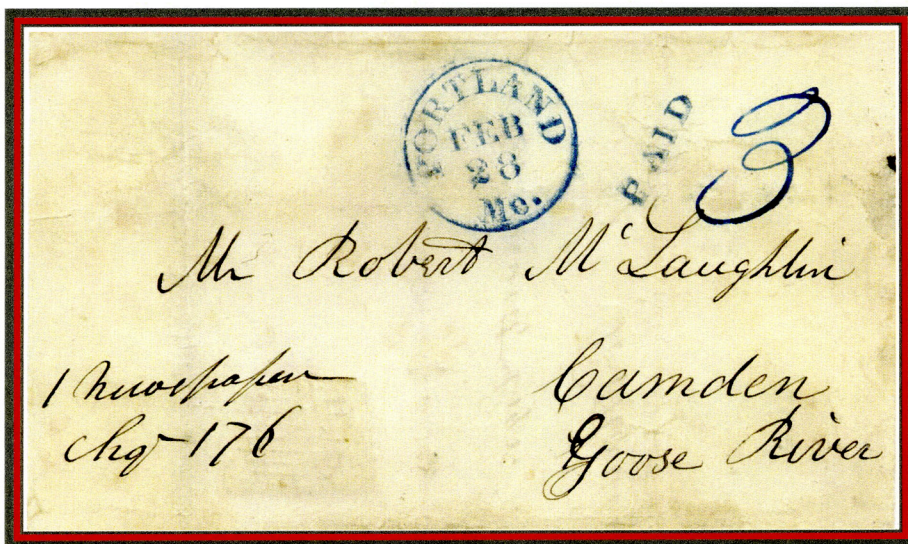
A "turned" cover refers to an item which passed through the mails and then was turned inside-out and mailed a second time.



Brunswick, ME to Portland, ME

18 October (1848)

Second Mailing



Portland, ME to Camden, ME

28 February (1849)

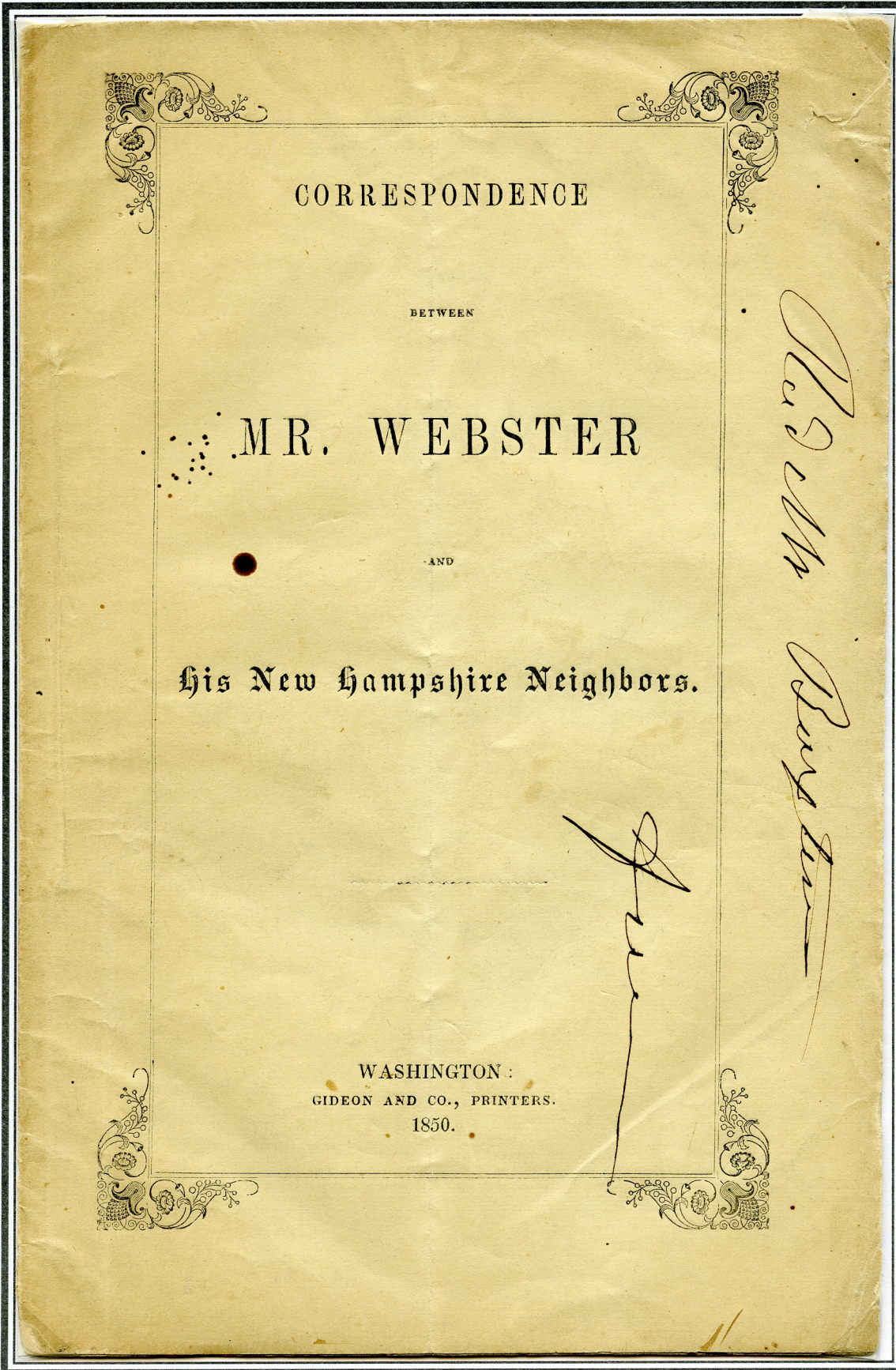
Reduced 25%

This sheet was first mailed from Brunswick, ME to Portland, ME as a double rate, wrapped letter paid by the 10¢ black stamp. The distance was 26 miles.

Four months later the sheet was turned inside-out and reused as a wrapper to mail a newspaper from Portland, ME to Goose River, ME, a distance of 126 miles.

Pamphlet  
Free Franking Privilege

New To Philately



Free Frank

Daniel Webster  
Free Frank

This pamphlet was sent by Webster to over 150 men in the town Webster was born in, Salisbury, NH.

The pamphlets were inscribed in Daniel Webster's hand with the addressee's name and 'Free'. They were most likely in bundles with Daniel Webster's signature on the top copy as per the franking regulations.

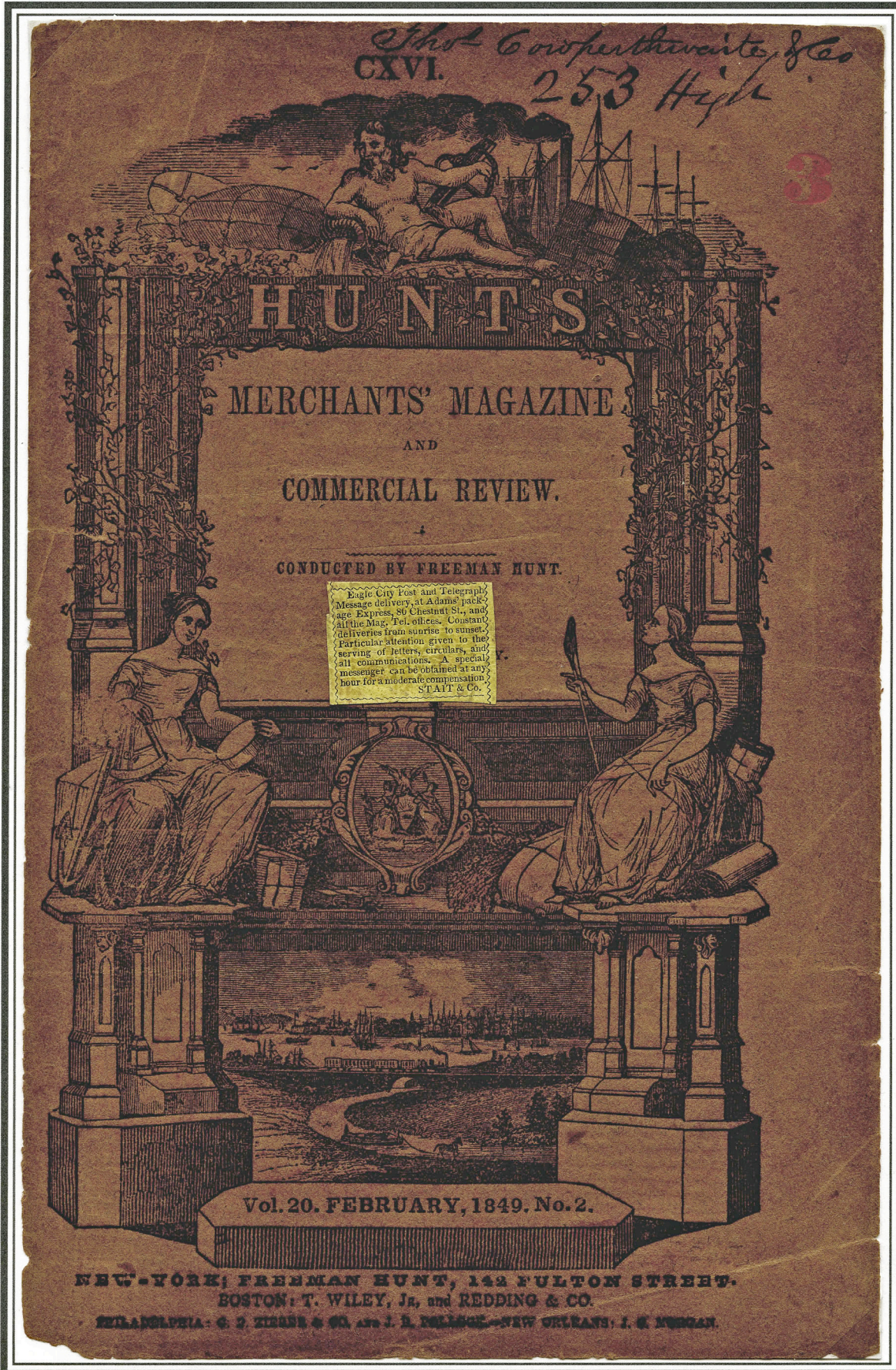


Pamphlet  
Local Delivery

1849

Adams Package  
Express

Pamphlet delivered  
locally by Adams  
Package Express  
at a cost of 3¢, as  
indicated by the red  
numeral.



Philadelphia, PA  
February, 1849

Private Local Posts

Mason's New Orleans City Post

1 November 1850

*A. J. Lincoln Lafayette Street*

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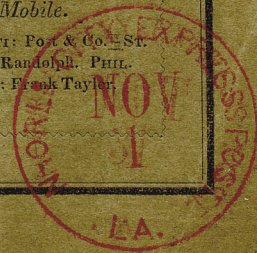
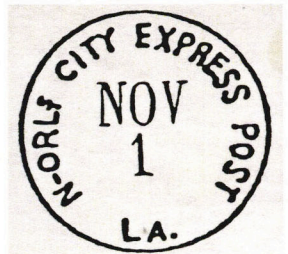
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POSTAGE 6 CENTS.

Mason's City  
Express  
New Orleans, LA

This periodical was published five times per year and had both business and literary content. It had about 100 pages; this is the cover that was originally attached.

Had it gone through the mails directly the postage would have been six cents as noted at the bottom of this sheet. Mason's delivered it locally for probably 1¢ or 2¢.



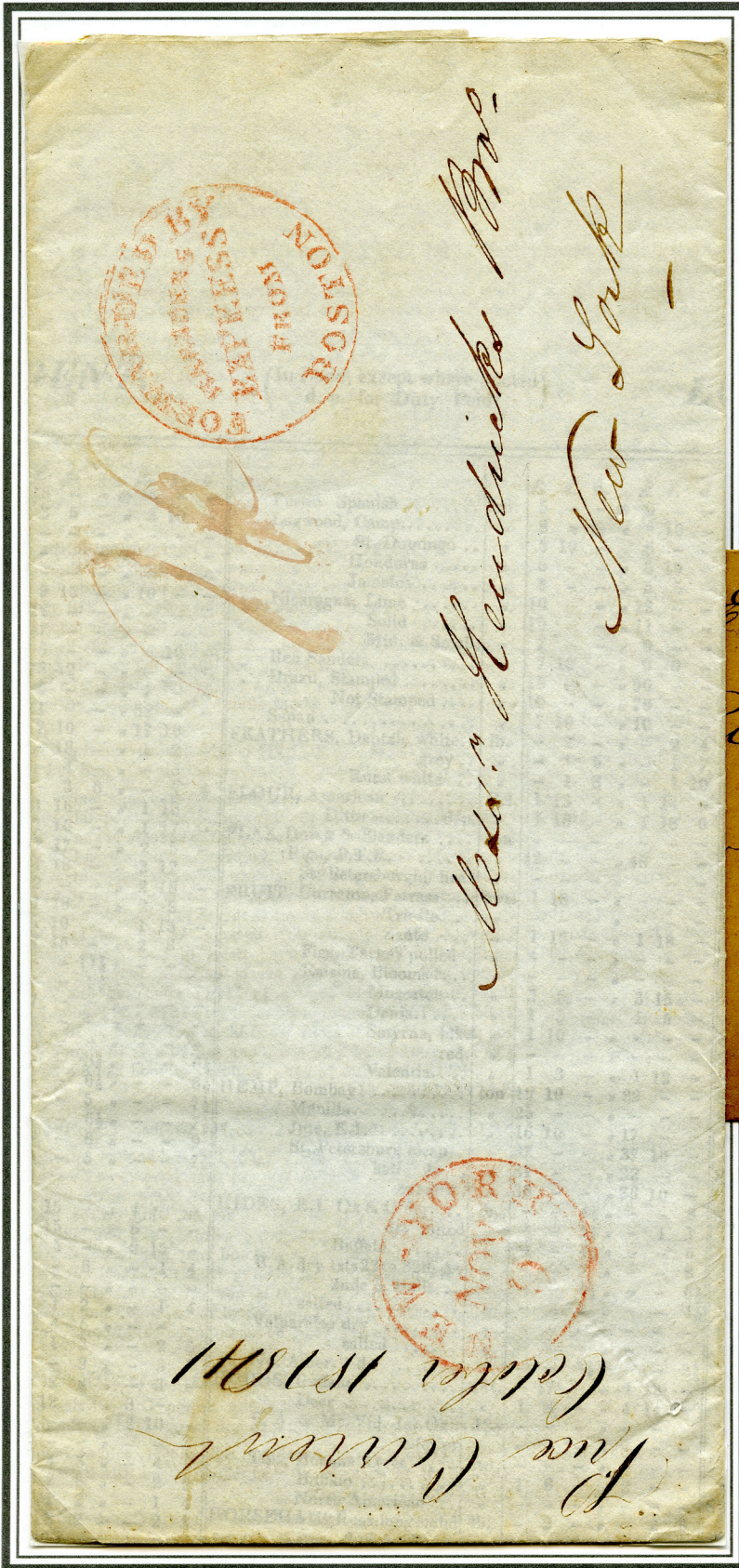
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Private Express Companies

1847 - 1849

Private Express Companies

Starting in Boston in 1839, Harndens Express was the first of many express companies which operated in competition with the post office. Their domestic routes were Boston, New York and Philadelphia.



London, England to New York via Boston, MA 18 October 1841



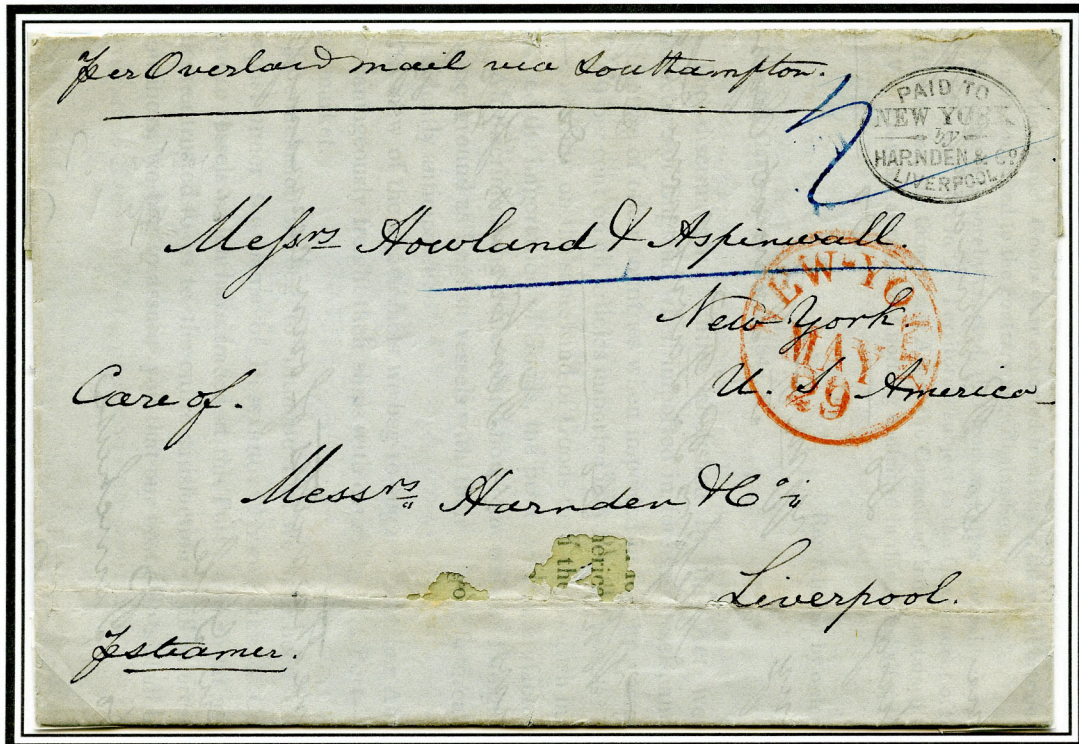
Concord, MA to Mast Yard, NH 15 March 1849

The Eastern Express operated almost exclusively in New England.



## Printed Circular From Bombay To New York

Only Recorded Example Of "Paid To New York" Hand Stamp



Bombay, India to New York, NY

4 April 1848

4 April 1848 under cover per AJDAHA via Aden on 9 April arriving Suez 17 April  
 after overland to Alexandria then 18 April on ARIEL arriving Malta 20 April  
 24 April on ERIN via Gibraltar arriving Southampton 8 May 1848  
 privately carried to Harnden & Co. in Liverpool  
 12 May Liverpool via CALEDONIA arriving Boston 26 May to Harndens Boston  
 by Harndens Boston to Harndens New York, to post office where 2 cents paid  
 and the red New York May 29 CDS is applied upon entering US mails

Incoming Printed Circulars  
The Steamer Unicorn

1840 And 1846

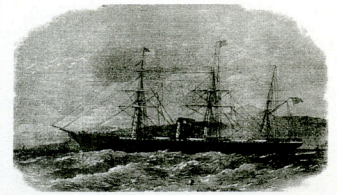
LIVERPOOL PRICES CURRENT, IMPORTS, &c.  
For the Week ending 15th MAY, 1840.

ARRANGED BY A COMMITTEE OF BROKERS.

SUGAR.—There has only been a moderate demand, but as holders are asking very extreme rates, and the market is at present very barely supplied, prices remain without alteration, and the sales are confined to 200 hds. B. P., and 600 bags of very fine white Bengal, at 72s 6d cwt.—Foreign Sugar—75 cases, 220 brls. and 300 bags Brazil have been sold, chiefly brown, to the Refiners, who have also taken 25 hds. Cayenne, at 21s 6d.—Bonded Refined.—Several small sales of Crushed and Loaves have been made at the quotations.—In Molasses, there are no sales to report.—COFFEE.—The sales of Plantation are confined to a few small parcels Jamaica, at about former rates, and 100 bags Brazil, mid Cane, price not reported.—OF COFFEE, 45 bags ordinary Brazil sold at 42s 6d cwt.—54 bags Trinidad Cocoa realized 62s 6d cwt.—Nothing done in PEPPER, but 250 bags black Pepper Bengal at 13s to 14s 6d cwt.—The sales of Rum consist at 6s 6d gallon.

COTTON.—Although the demand this week has been effect sales has caused a decline of 1d 6d upon the lower prices have given way 1d to 1d 6d; East India is 1000 American, 550 Sea Island, 100 Smyrna and 20

SALES OF THE WEEK.	Ordin to Mid.		Fair to Gal.	
	d.	d.	d.	d.
500 Sea Island	12 @ 14	15 @ 17		
Stained	5 1/2	6 1/2	3 1/2	9
700 Bowd Georgia	5	5 1/2	6 1/2	6



Interior of circular to right

HMS Unicorn 1840

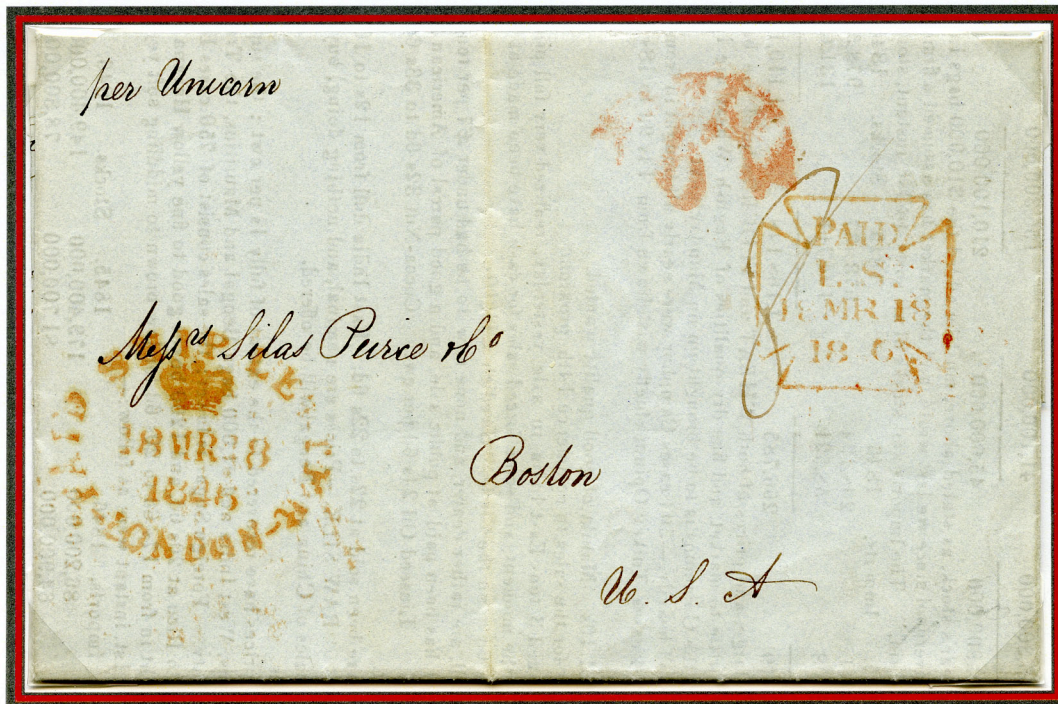
The first westward sailing of the Unicorn was a “proof of concept” trip on behalf of Cunard, the ship leaving Liverpool 16 May and arriving in Boston, 3 June 1840. The Unicorn’s success started the transatlantic Cunard service which lasted over 100 years.

Handwriting was common on printed circulars coming from foreign ports since circulars were rated as letters upon arrival in port.

Liverpool, England to Boston, MA

16 May 1840

Only 10 recorded covers survive from this sailing and this the only printed prices current. They are amongst the scarcest of all transatlantic covers.



Unicorn 1846

After arriving in Boston in June, 1840, the Unicorn was enlisted in a feeder service between Pictou, Nova Scotia and Quebec. In September 1845, the Unicorn sailed back to England and was decommissioned, becoming a private ship.

While in England, she was refitted and once again sailed west. On this voyage she was 7 days in ice and experienced constant easterly winds. The Unicorn left Liverpool 19 March and arrived Boston 17 April 1846.

Liverpool, England to Boston, MA

19 March 1846

Fewer than 7 recorded covers survive from this sailing and this the only printed prices current.

Private Local Posts

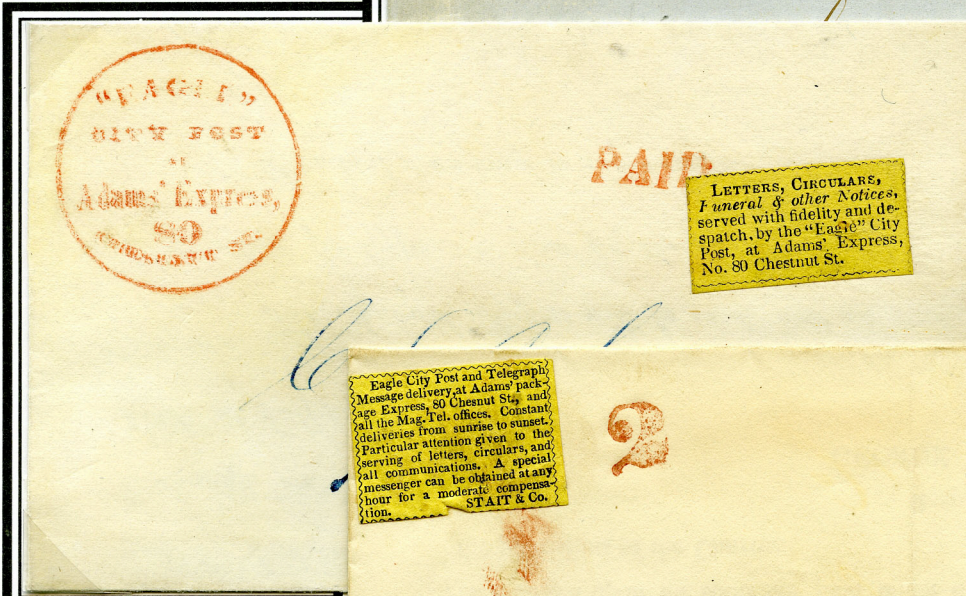
Eagle City Post - Philadelphia

1847 - 1850

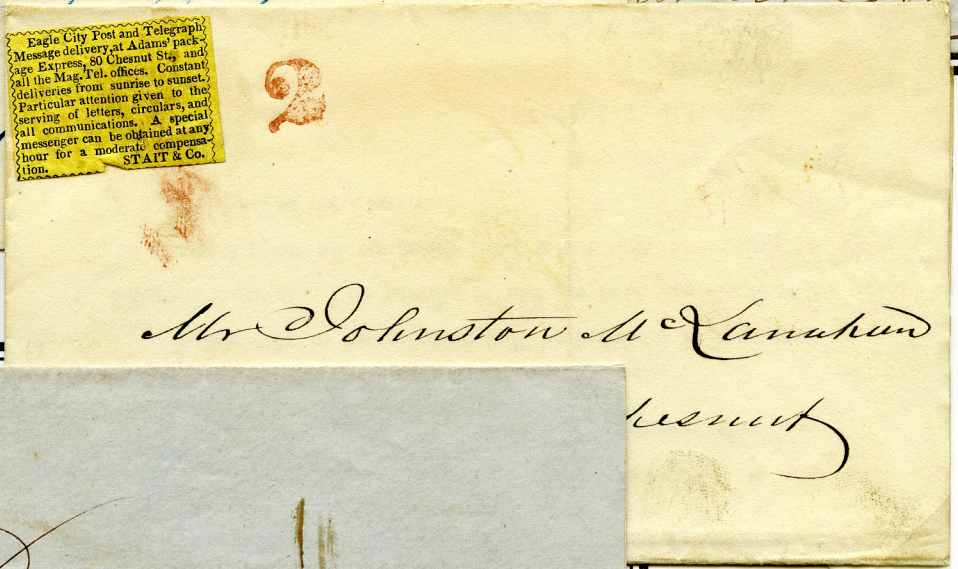
Eagle City Post, Philadelphia, PA

Starting in 1843 many private firms, known as local posts, operated in the major cities in direct competition to the U. S. Post Office. Congress outlawed the local posts and, over time, they slowly dwindled. One such post, of many, was the Eagle City Post of Philadelphia.

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