

Introduction
Printed Circular

Introduction To Frames Three To Five

On July 1, 1851, the United States issued three new stamps for postage while, at the same time, demonetizing the 5¢ and 10¢ stamps which had been issued in 1847. Along with the new stamps, there was a reduction in letter rates from 5¢ to 3¢ for under 3000 miles and from 40¢ to 6¢ for letters over 3000 miles. Coinciding with these simplified letter rates, a new, complex tiered structure for printed matter was introduced. This structure would last only last 15 months and effective October 1, 1852, an equally simplified rate structure was implemented for printed matter.

This era produced many interesting postal history artifacts. The next three frames illustrate many different printed circulars, pamphlets, booklets and of course, newspapers. Included are examples of the rates, illustrated envelopes, cancellations, newspapers and even a Christmas card. Following the domestic section, examples of printed matter to different foreign destinations are shown.

New Postal Laws Effective July 1, 1851



Savannah, GA to Bath, ME

12 July 1851

This printed circular was sent, on the contract steamer *Florida*, only 12 days after the rate changes of July 1, 1851. It illustrates some confusion over the rate for the circular the rates were 1¢ for under 500 miles as this initially was rated in ink. But the destination was 1150 miles requiring 2¢, as noted in the corrected red crayon. The Savannah CDS is without a date which is intended for use on printed matter only.

Section Two - Domestic

1 July 1851 - 30 June 1863

Printed Circular

Under 500 Miles - 1¢ Per Ounce

1 July 1851 - 30 September 1852

Printed Circulars Up To 500 Miles - One Cent



Cincinnati, OH to Hanging Rock, OH

8 July 1851

Distance is 129 miles.



Philadelphia, PA to Orwigsburg, PA

28 July 1851

Distance is 89 miles.

Section Two - Domestic

1 July 1851 - 30 June 1863

Printed Circular

500 to 1500 Miles - 2¢ Per Ounce

1 July 1851 - 30 September 1852

Printed Circulars 501 To 1500 Miles - Two Cents



Cleveland, OH to Waterford, NY

30 December 1851

Distance is 510 miles
One Cent Pair, Type II and Type IIIA.



New York, NY to Springfield, IL

30 July 1851

Distance is 918 miles

Section Two - Domestic

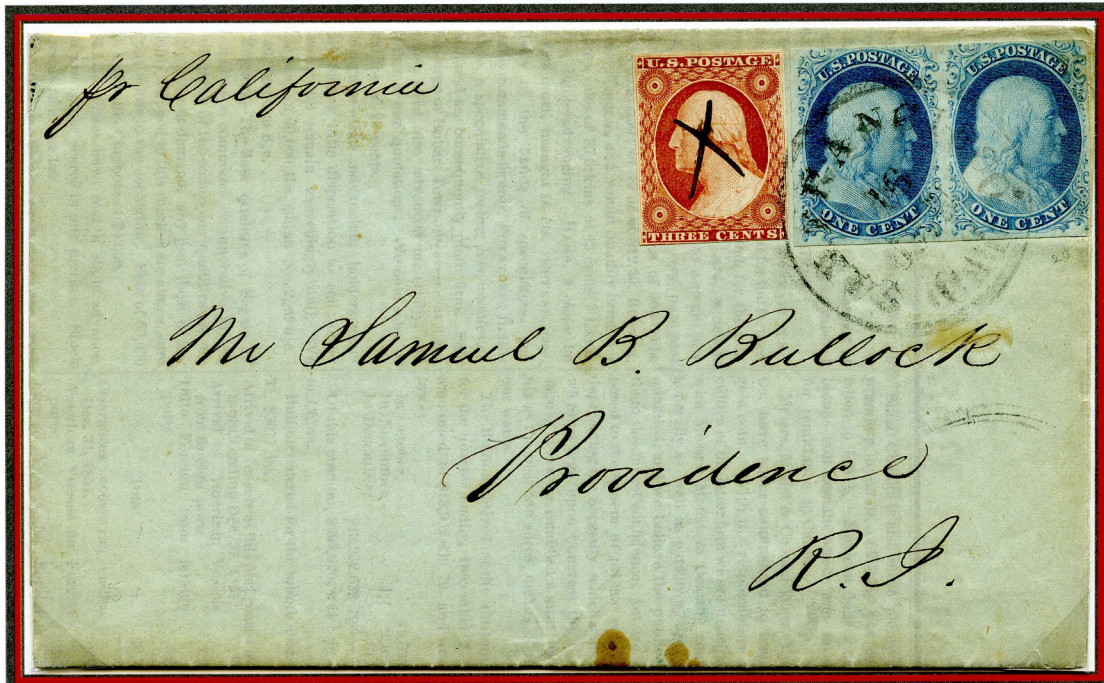
1 July 1851 - 30 June 1863

Printed Circular

Over 3500 Miles - 5¢ Per Ounce

1 July 1851 - 30 September 1852

Printed Circulars Over 3500 Miles - Five Cents



PFC

San Francisco, CA to Providence, RI

19 December 1851

Two examples of the 5¢ rate with stamps are recorded.



San Francisco, CA to Boston, MA

15 August 1852

Four examples of the 5¢ rate, without stamps, are recorded.

Printed Circular

EKU Of One Cent 1851 Type IV

5 June 1852

Earliest Known Usage Of The One Cent 1851 Type IV Stamp

APS

Springfield, MA to North Hampton, MA

5 June 1852

The one cent blue stamp featuring the image of Benjamin Franklin was issued on July 1, 1851. The company that produced these stamps was Toppan, Carpenter & Casilear & Co. and this was their first attempt at making stamp plates. As a result, the original plate had individual impressions which were quite weak at the top and bottom. In an attempt to rectify the problem, the steel plate was reworked in, most likely, May, 1852. The most distinctive characteristic of the reworking was the lines above "US POSTAGE" and below "ONE CENT" which were recut making those lines much darker. The resulting stamp is known to philately as a Type IV and has a unique catalog number.

The stamp on this cover is the earliest known usage of the reworked one cent stamp.

Printed Circular

One Cent Up To 3 Ounces Regardless Of Distance

1 October 1852 - 30 June 1863

Printed Circular Any Distance - One Cent

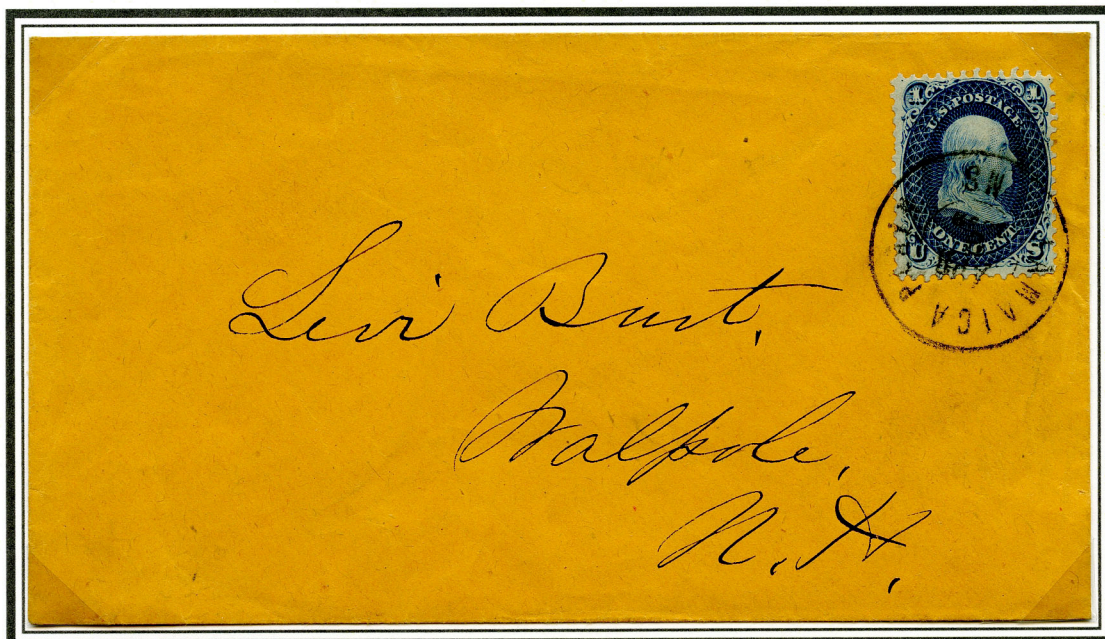
Effective October 1, 1852 the rates for printed circulars were reduced and standardized to 1¢ up to three ounces regardless of the distance the circular traveled. This rate remained in effect for eleven years until July 1, 1863, the middle of the Civil War.



Lexington, KY to Wiscasset, ME

1 October 1852

The cover above is the *first day* of the new reduced rate.



Jamaica Plains, MA to Walpole, NH

8 April 1862

PFC

The one cent stamp on the cover above is the scarce dark blue variety.

Transient Newspaper

Three To Four Ounces - Two Cents

1 October 1852 - 30 June 1863

Overweight Transient Newspaper Over 100 Miles - Two Cents



The single newspaper rate in excess of 100 miles, for up to three ounces was 1¢. Each additional ounce was charged an extra 1¢.

This newspaper weighed between 3 and 4 ounces, requiring the total postage of 2¢.

Section Two - Domestic

1 July 1851 - 30 June 1863

Newspaper

Up To Three Ounces - One Cent

1 October, 1852 - 30 June, 1863

The Child's Paper Published Monthly - January 1861



Oswego, NY to Unknown

17 January 1861

The presence of the one cent stamp indicates this paper was not mailed under the guidelines of a subscription; in other words postage it was prepaid on a quarterly basis. This newspaper most likely had a paper band around it with the name and address of the recipient. The stamp and the Oswego CDS confirms that the postage for a single paper was paid.

Newspapers

Up To Three Ounces - One Cent Per Paper

1 October 1852 - 30 June 1863

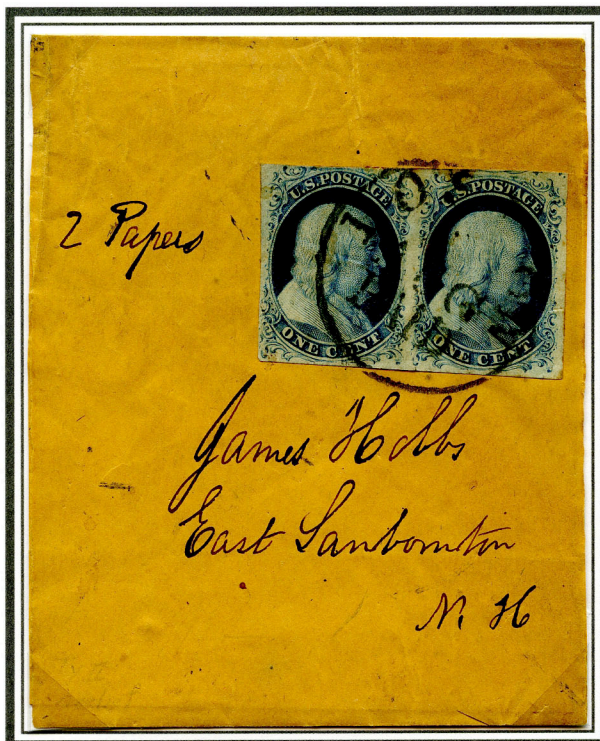
Newspapers Were To Be Open At Both Ends For Inspection



PFC

Norwich, NY to Homer, NY

January (1852)



PFC

Boston, MA to East Sanborn, NH

August (1856)

Newspapers were required to be in wrappers so they could be inspected to assure no writing was inside. Each paper in the bundle was charged separately regardless of the distance it was traveling.

Printed Circular

Message Printed On Exterior

2 January 1857 - 27 February 1861

Advertising Printed On Exterior



Troy, NY to Bradford, ME

24 February (1857)

Because of the proliferation of printing press and the dropping of printing costs, more envelopes were being printed with advertising on the exterior. The Post Office Department must have felt this violated the spirit of the printed matter rates so the law was modified charging full letter rates for printed matter enclosed in printed envelopes.

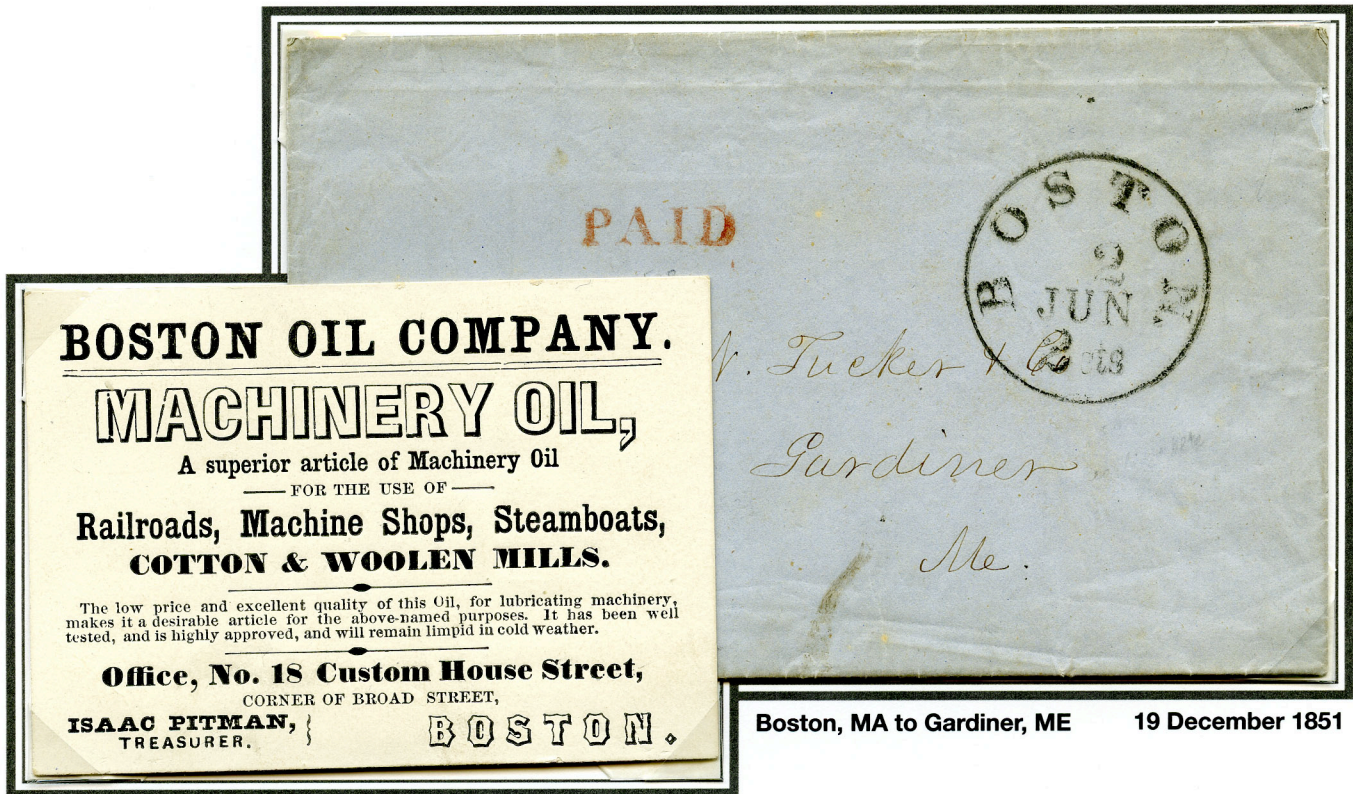
Such examples are scarce.

Printed Circular

With Printed Enclosure - One Cent Each Piece

1 October 1852 - 30 June 1863

Circular And Enclosure - One Cent Each Piece



This card was enclosed with the above circular



Boston, MA to Warren, MA

22 February 1855

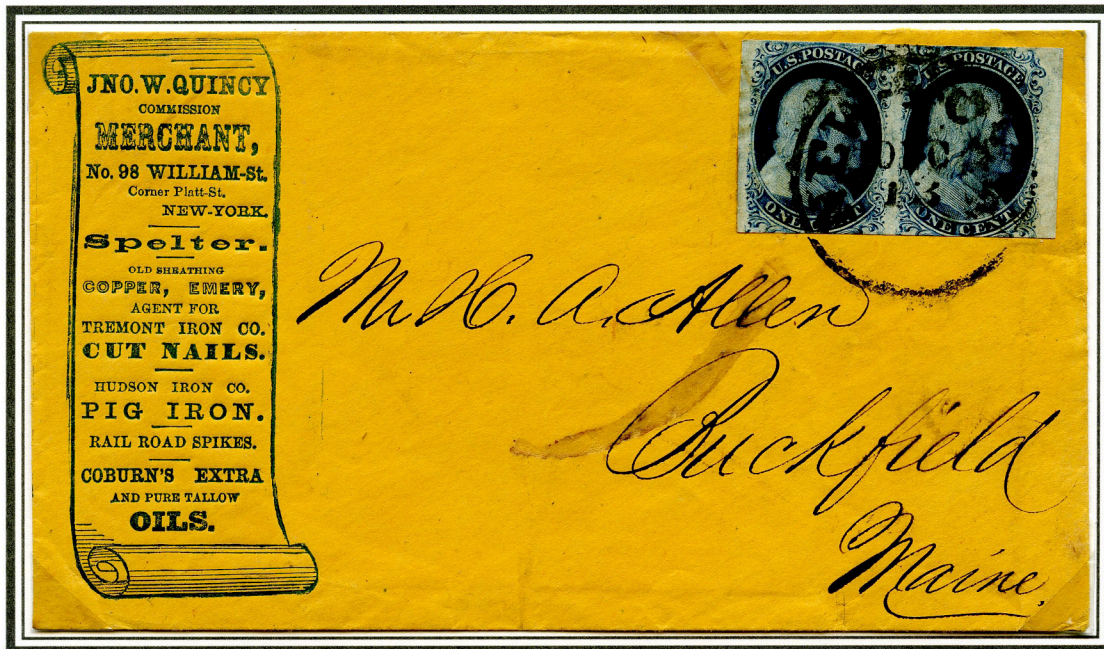
Noted on exterior "Circular & Card."

Printed Circular

External Corner Card - One Cent Additional

1855 - 1857

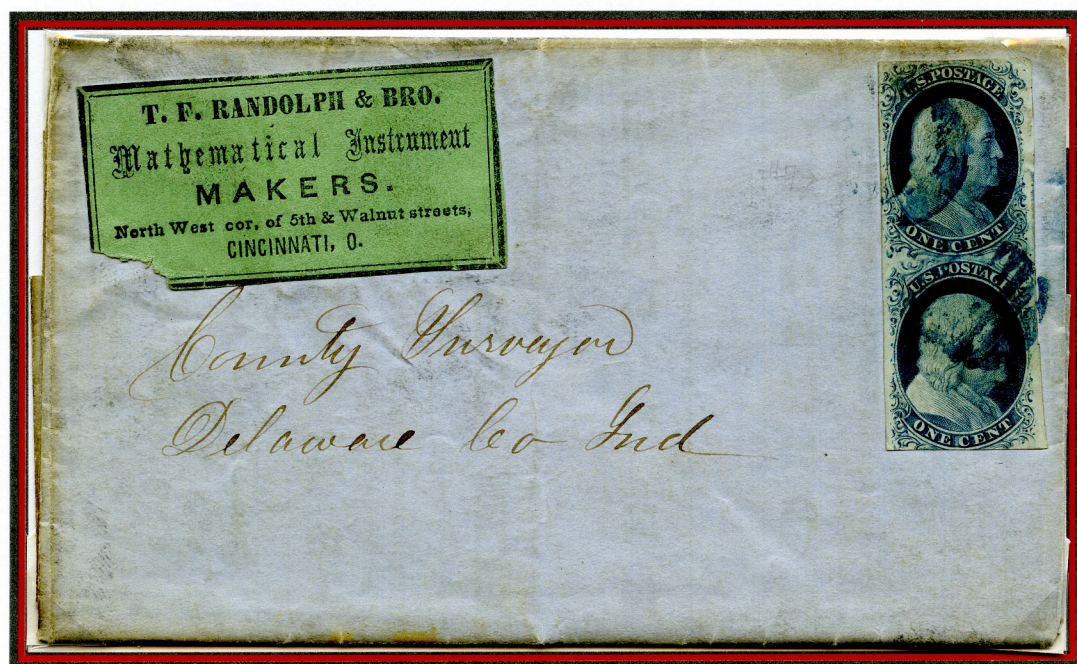
Printed Corner Card Or Label



New York, NY to Buckfield, ME

13 December (1855)

A modification to the postal law in 1855 required 1¢ extra if the printed sheet contained two separate messages. A corner card or a name and address label was considered as a second message.



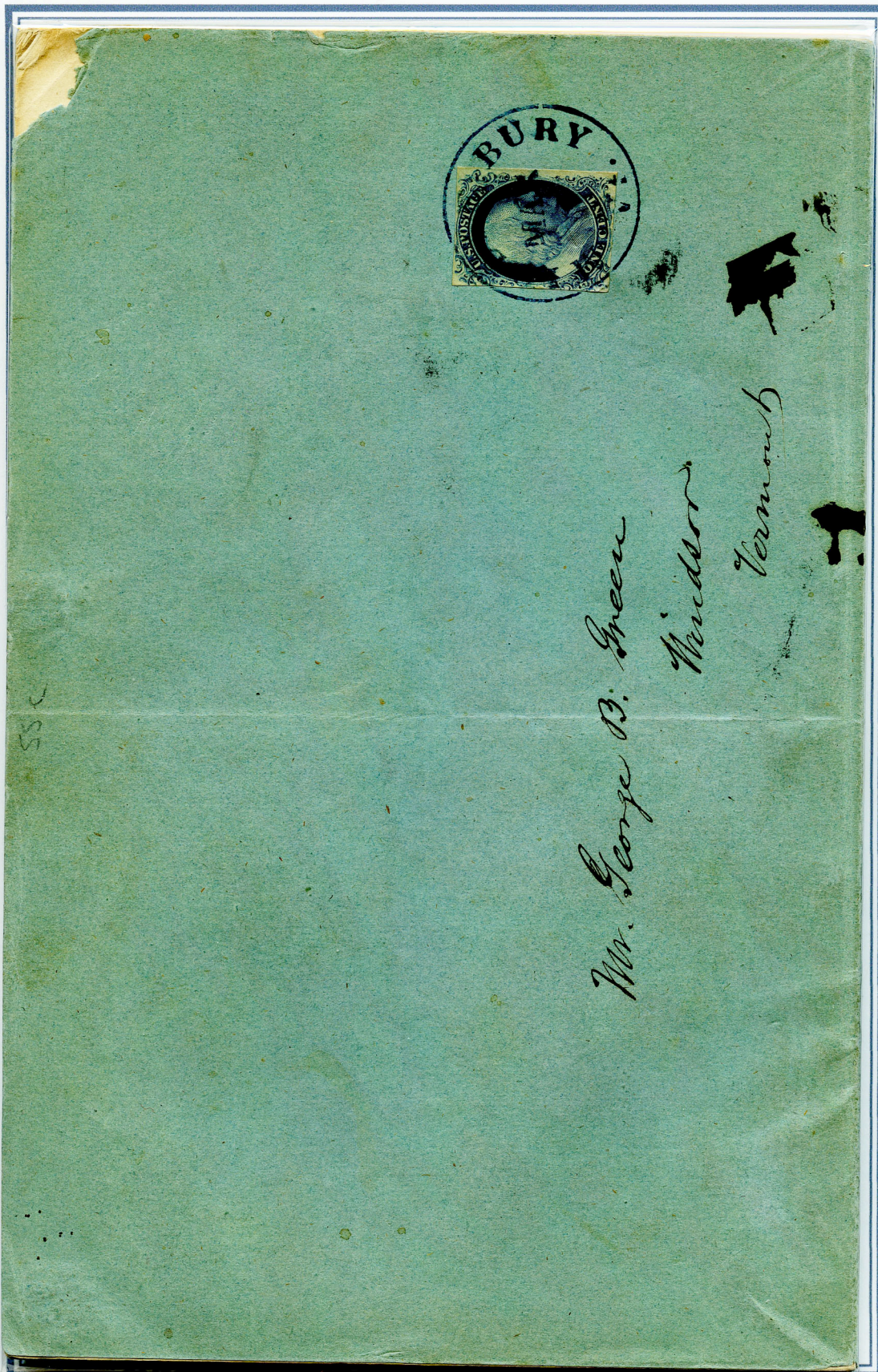
Cincinnati, OH to Delaware County, IN

August 1856

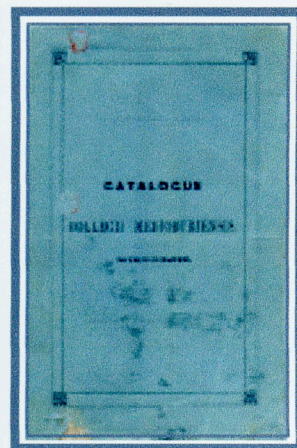
Periodical

One Cent Up To 3 Ounces Any Distance

1 October 1852 - 27 February 1861



Alumni Catalog for Senatus Academici which is a department of Middlebury College in Middlebury, VT. This periodical has 54 pages and is published once a year.



Front Cover

75% Reduction

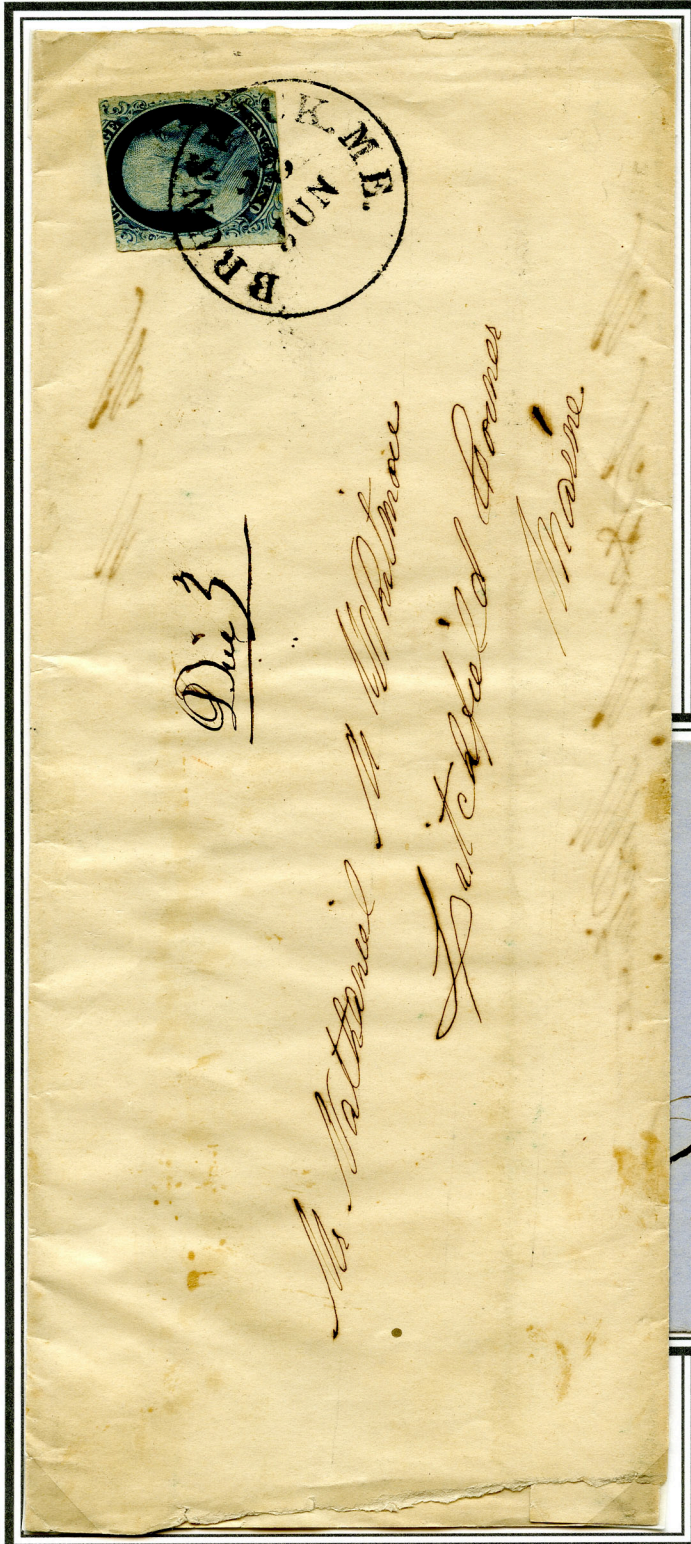
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Postage Due - Regulation Violations

1 July 1851 - 30 June 1863

Postage Due For Regulation Violations

The wrapper to the left was found to contain writing on its inside which disqualified its contents from the printed matter rate. The prepaid stamp was also disqualified thus requiring the letter rate of 3¢ noted by "Due 3" from the receipt.

The printed circular below had two separate printed messages on the one piece of paper. The postal regulations required 1¢ for each message, thus, 2¢. The addition of the manuscript "2" is for the collection of 1¢ for the second message and a 1¢ penalty.



Brunswick, ME to Litchfield Corner, ME C. 28 June (1856)

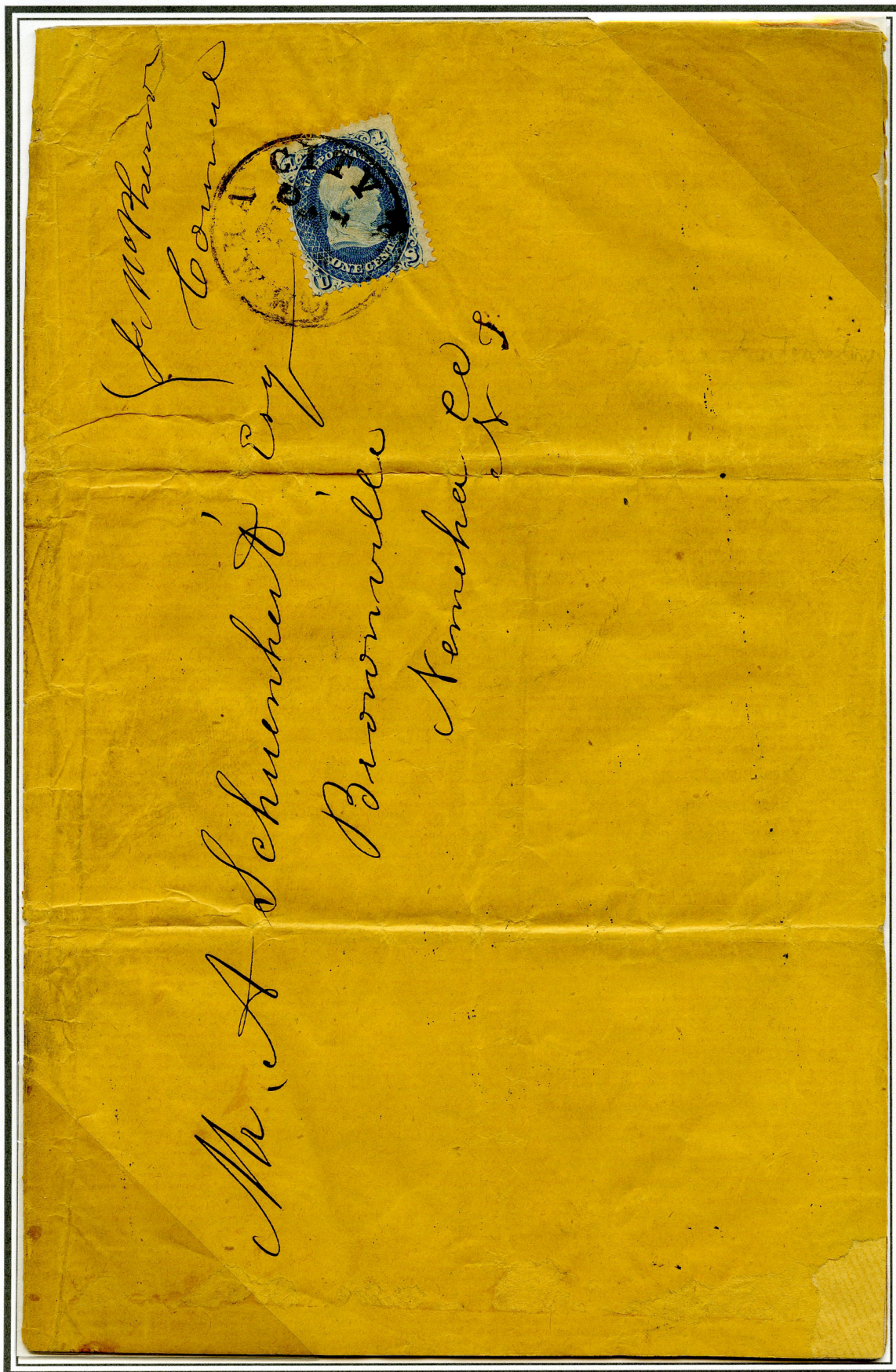


Washington, DC to Conneaut, OH

10 May 1855

Printed Pamphlet
Territorial Mails

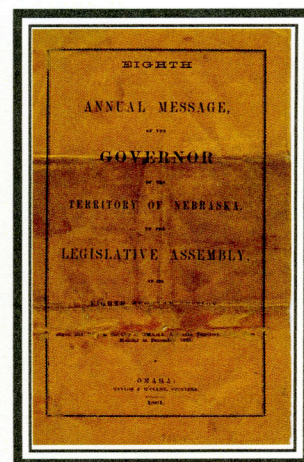
11 December 1861



Territorial Mails

12 Page Pamphlet with the text of the Governor of the Nebraska Territory annual message to the Legislative Assembly.

Postal rates in the territories of the United States were the same as those within the states. In this case the rate was 1¢ for up to 3 ounces.



Front Cover
75% Reduction

Printed Matter
Mailing Variations

Turned Cover

Envelope first mailed on May 5, (1858) as a circular for 1¢. Nine months later, the envelope was turned inside out and used to mail a letter for 3¢



Norwich, CT to Johnsburgh, NY
Re-mailed from Johnsburgh, NY to Crown Point, NY

5 May (1858)
26 February (1859)

Forwarded Wrapper



Unknown to Blue Mounds, WI
Forwarded to Marison, Dane County, WI

1859

Reverse of wrapper, reduced 33%, with forwarding address to County Clerk (Madison, WI)

