

10¢ 1869 VIA BRITISH MAILS

THIS FRAME SHOWS THE 10¢ 1869 STAMP ON COVERS TO AND BEYOND THE UNITED KINGDOM DISPATCHED IN THE WORLDWIDE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL MAIL SYSTEM. TOP ROW: COVERS TO ENGLAND. SECOND ROW: PREPAID COVERS VIA BRITISH MAILS TO FRANCE--THE SCARCE "PHANTOM RATES," WHICH WERE NEVER ANNOUNCED. THIRD ROW: COVERS TO SPAIN, AND COVERS TO AND FROM PERU. FOURTH ROW: OTHER DESTINATIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA, DESTINATIONS BEYOND SUEZ, AND DISPATCH ODDITIES.

OCTAGONAL
"CLEVELAND, O."
DATESTAMP
NOV. 26.
ONLY RECORDED
EXAMPLE OF
THIS MARKING.



NEW YORK AND
LONDON REGISTRY
MARKINGS, NOV 30
AND DEC 10, 1869

CLEVELAND, OHIO/NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE, ENGLAND, 26 NOVEMBER 1869. 12¢
PER 1/2 OUNCE LETTER RATE (EFFECTIVE 1-1-68--12-31-69) PLUS 8¢ REGISTRY FEE.

TO ENGLAND
RATE: 6c PER 1/2 OUNCE
EFFECTIVE: 1 JANUARY 1870--30 JUNE 1875



DOUBLE
RATE

LONDON
PAID
FE 6 70

DENVER, COLORADO TERRITORY/LONDON, 20 JANUARY 1870. THE VERY SCARCE RIMLESS TERRITORIAL RECEIVING MARKING HERE USED AS A DATESTAMPER.



SINGLE
RATE

LONDON
PAID
4 OCT
1870

SAN FRANCISCO/LONDON, 17 SEPTEMBER 1870, OVERPAYING 6c RATE.

BEYOND ENGLAND VIA BRITISH OPEN MAILS
TO GERMANY AND TO SPAIN

"PAID ONLY TO ENGLAND"

4d BRITISH DEBIT
TO GERMANY
7 5gr COLLECTED
IN DRESDEN



NORTH GERMAN LLOYD
STEAMER RHEIN
DEPART NYC
12 FEB 1870
ARRIVE SOUTHAMPTON
23 FEB 1870

BOSTON/DRESDEN, 11 FEB 1870. PREPAID 10c DIRECT RATE TO GER-
MANY. MISTAKENLY DEBARRED IN ENGLAND, THEN SENT IN OPEN
MAILS TO GERMANY, RATED AS UNPAID LETTER ORIGINATING IN U.K.

SAVANNAH
"GOLFBALL"
FANCY KILLER

SENDER'S ROUTING:
"VIA ENGLAND
OPEN MAIL"

PUBLISHED RATE:
10c PER 1/2 OUNCE
EFFECTIVE:
1 JAN 1868--
31 DEC 1869



NGL
WESE II
DEPART NYC
9 DEC 1869
ARRIVE
SOUTHAMPTON
19 DEC 1869

8 REALES
COLLECTED
IN SPAIN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA/CARTAGENA, SPAIN, 6 DECEMBER 1869. 10c RATE PAID POSTAGE
ONLY TO ENGLAND, WHENCE THE COVER WAS SENT AS UNPAID ORIGINATING IN THE U.K.

FORWARDED TO ENGLAND FROM FRANCE

"BRITISH/FOREIGN" DIVISION OF DUE CHARGES

MANUSCRIPT "10"
10d POSTAGE DUE
FROM RECIPIENT



ON REVERSE:
STRAIGHT-LINE
"SHORT PAID"
MARKING OF
MONROE & CO.,
PARIS

HAPAG
HOLSATIA
DEPART NYC
19 APR 1870
ARRIVE
PLYMOUTH
29 APR

NEW YORK/PARIS, 19 APRIL 1870, FORWARDED FROM PARIS TO LONDON. U.S.-FRENCH POSTAL TREATY HAD EXPIRED, REQUIRING POSTAGE DUE IN FRANCE (HANDSTAMP "8" DECIMES). FRENCH CHARGES CARRIED FORWARD TO ENGLAND IN 10d COLLECTION, RESTATED (AND EXPLAINED) AS "BRITISH 2/FOREIGN 8".

TO FRANCE
 BRITISH OPEN MAILS
 RATE: 4c PER 1/2 oz + 8c PER 7 1/2 GRAMS
 UNANNOUNCED "PHANTOM" RATE

PHANTOM RATE
 WITH CREDIT 8



CALAIS
 ENTRY
 21 JUNE
 1870

LONDON PAID:
 20 JUNE 1870

LONDON "PD"
 PAID TO DESTINATION

NEW YORK
 HANDSTAMPED
 CREDIT 8

CHICAGO/LYONS, 6 JUNE 1870. 20c POSTAGE PRESUMABLY INTENDED TO PAY TWICE THE 10c DIRECT RATE TO THE FRENCH FRONTIER, BUT WAS ACCEPTED AS PAYING THE UNANNOUNCED 12c RATE, FULLY PREPAID VIA BRITISH OPEN MAILS.

PHANTOM RATE
 WITH CREDIT 16



CALAIS
 ENTRY
 10 MARCH
 1870

NEW YORK
 CREDIT 16

JERSEY CITY, N.J./PARIS, 25 FEB 1870. EARLIEST RECORDED PHANTOM RATE COVER.

TO FRANCE
BRITISH OPEN MAILS
RATE: 4¢ PER 1/2 OZ + 8¢ PER 7 1/2 GRAMS

QUADRUPLE "PHANTOM" RATE

PHANTOM RATE
WITH CREDIT 32

GALAIS
ENTRY
6 JULY
1870

NY CRAYON
CREDIT 32/2



LONDON
PAID
6 JULY
1870

PITTSBURGH/PARIS, 22 JUNE 1870. THREE 10¢ 1869 PLUS 15¢ TYPE II. INTENDED TO PAY EXPIRED 15¢ TREATY RATE, BUT 40¢ SUFFICED FOR FULL PREPAYMENT VIA BRITISH MAILS. ONLY RECORDED QUADRUPLE PHANTOM RATE; LATEST OF ALL PHANTOM RATE "B" COVERS.

TO FRANCE
 BRITISH OPEN MAILS
 RATE: 4¢ PER 1/2 OZ + 6¢ PER 10 GRAMS
 UNANNOUNCED "PHANTOM" RATE

PHANTOM RATE
 WITH CREDIT 6



NY CREDIT 6

CALAIS
 ENTRY
 30 AUG
 1870

LONDON PAID
 29 AUG 1870

NEW ORLEANS/VERSAILLES, 19 AUGUST 1870. PER ANGLO-FRENCH CONVENTION EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1870, BRITISH OPEN MAIL RATE WAS REDUCED FROM 8¢ PER 7 1/2 GRAMS TO 6¢ PER 10 GRAMS.

PHANTOM RATE
 WITH CREDIT 12



CALAIS
 ENTRY
 28 JULY
 1870

NY CREDIT 12

NEW ORLEANS, BORDEAUX, 10 JULY 1870.

FROM PERU
BRITISH MAILLS TO PANAMA
U.S. STEAMSHIP FROM PANAMA TO NYC

TRIPLE MIXED FRANKING

BRITISH POST OFFICE
AT CALLAO, PERU
BARRED "C-38" ELLIPSE



BACKSTAMPED
"CALLAO
OC 22 70"

SINGLE-CIRCLE
"PANAMA
OC 20 70"
BRITISH
POST OFFICE

NEW YORK
STEAMSHIP 10
NOV 12

CALLAO, PERU/NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, OCT 22, 1870. PERU 1 DINERO GREEN IMPERFORATE STAMP, BRITISH 6d VIOLET STAMP AND UNCANCELLED 10¢ 1869, ALL REQUIRED TO CARRY THIS COVER FULLY PREPAID FROM ORIGIN TO DESTINATION. THE PERUVIAN STAMP PAID AN EXIT TAX. THE BRITISH STAMP PAID POSTAGE VIA PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION CO. TO PANAMA. THE U.S. STAMP PAID STEAMSHIP AND DOMESTIC POSTAGE FROM ASPINWALL TO NASHVILLE. THERE IS SOME QUESTION WHETHER THIS 10¢ 1869 ORIGINATED ON THIS COVER. STANLEY ASHBROOK AND PSE SAY YES, BUT PF SAYS NO. AN ORIGINAL 10¢ 1869 MAY HAVE FALLEN OFF ENROUTE, IN WHICH CASE THE STAMP ON THIS COVER IS A REPLACEMENT.

TO PERU
VIA BRITISH MAILES BEYOND PANAMA

RATE REDUCTION EFFECTIVE 16 FEBRUARY 1870



RATE:
34c PER 1/2 OZ.
EFFECTIVE:
1 OCT 1867--
15 FEB. 1870

SAN FRANCISCO/LIMA, 18 JANUARY 1870. U.S. TO PANAMA: 10c.
PANAMA TO LIMA, VIA PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION CO. (U.K.): 24c.

RATE: 22c PER 1/2 OZ.
EFFECTIVE: 16 FEB. 1870--30 JUNE 1875

EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1870, THE BRITISH RATE FOR MAIL CARRIAGE DOWN THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA FROM PANAMA WAS REDUCED FROM ONE SHILLING TO SIXPENCE (PER HALF OUNCE). IN THE U.S., THIS MEANT A RATE REDUCTION OF 12c ON MAIL TO PERU, CHILE, ECUADOR AND BOLIVIA. BUT THE U.S. POST OFFICE DID NOT IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT THE REDUCTION. FOR DECADES, THE PRECISE DATE OF THE RATE-CHANGE WAS UNKNOWN TO COLLECTORS. THIS AMBIGUITY LED TO THE MISTAKEN CONDEMNATION OF SOME OF THE COVERS FROM THE DAVIS CORRESPONDENCE, SOURCE OF MOST OF THE 1869 COVERS TO PERU. THE DISCOVERY OF A FULL RUN OF U.S. MAIL & POST OFFICE ASSISTANT IN 1974 REVEALED THAT THE 22c RATE COMMENCED ON 16 FEBRUARY 1870.



NYC/LIMA, 21 APRIL 1870. U.S. TO PANAMA: 10c. PANAMA TO LIMA, VIA PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION CO. (U.K.): 12c. REPAIRED COVER FROM DAVIS CORRESPONDENCE.

TO PERU
VIA BRITISH MAILES BEYOND PANAMA

RATE: 34c PER 1/2 OZ.--EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 1867--15 FEB 1870

SINGLE
RATE



NY CRAYON
CREDIT 24c=
1 SHILLING
FOR BRITISH
CARRIAGE
BEYOND
PANAMA

BACKSTAMPED
LIMA: 8 JAN

NYC/LIMA, DECEMBER 1869. VIA PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. (U.S.) TO
PANAMA; VIA PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION CO. (U.K) TO LIMA.

DOUBLE
RATE



CRAYON "2" =
DOUBLE RATE

NYC HANDSTAMP
CREDIT 48=
2 SHILLINGS
FOR BRITISH
CARRIAGE
BEYOND
PANAMA

BACKSTAMPED
LIMA: 4 MAR

NYC/LIMA, EARLY FEBRUARY 1870. 10c + FIVE 12c 1869 (=70c) OVERPAYING 68c RATE FOR A
LETTER WEIGHING BETWEEN 1/2 AND 1 OUNCE. RESTORED COVER FROM FAMOUS DAVIS FIND.

MISSENT VIA BRITISH OPEN MAIL

TO FRENCH GUIANA, MISHANDLED AS A PHANTOM RATE COVER TO FRANCE



16c NY
CREDIT
TO U.K.

SAN FRANCISCO/CAYENNE, FRENCH GUIANA, 19 APRIL 1870. MISREAD AT NEW YORK (APR 30) AS ADDRESSED TO FRANCE. SENT TO LONDON AT UNANNOUNCED PHANTOM RATE (CREDIT 16 ON LEFT STAMP). FROM LONDON (11 MAY) SENT TO DEMARARA (BACKSTAMPED "JU 5 70") AND THENCE TO CAYENNE.

TO ITALY, DISPATCHED HOPEFULLY VIA BRITISH MAILS



20c NY
CREDIT
TO U.K.

LONDON PAID
7 AUG 1869

10c 1869
WITH PAIR OF
15c LINCOLN
"F" GRILL

NINIVEH, MISSOURI (CDS ON REVERSE)/NAPLES, ITALY, 31 JULY 1869. UNABLE TO DECIPHER THE ADDRESS, THE NEW YORK FOREIGN-MAIL CLERK RETAINED 20c (U.S. SHARE FOR A DOUBLE-RATE LETTER) AND CREDITED LONDON WITH THE REMAINING PREPAYMENT (NUMERAL CREDIT 20), HOPING THE BRITISH COULD PROPERLY ROUTE THE LETTER, WHICH THEY DID. BRITISH-MAIL SERVICE FROM U.S. TO ITALY WAS NOT OFFICIALLY AVAILABLE DUE TO THE PRECEDENCE OF THE U.S.-ITALY POSTAL TREATY.

TO SPAIN
 BRITISH OPEN MAIL
 RATE: 4c PER 1/2 oz+12c PER 7 1/2 GRAMS, EFFECTIVE 1 JAN-20 OCT 1870
 28c RATE WITH CREDIT 24

NEW YORK
 PAID ALL
 BR TRANSIT
 AUG 25



LONDON PAID:
 DATE UNCLEAR.

NEW YORK
 CREDIT 24

ELIZABETH, N.J./MEDINA, SPAIN, 24 AUGUST 1870. 10c 1869+15c TYPE II+3c UNGRILLED BANKNOTE STAMP PAYING 28c RATE FOR MAIL WEIGHING BETWEEN 7 1/2 AND 15 GRAMS.

IN RED
 ON REVERSE:
 NEW YORK
 PAID ALL
 BR TRANSIT
 APR 30



NEW YORK
 CREDIT 24

LONDON PAID:
 11 MAY 1870

NEW YORK CITY/CADIZ, 29 APRIL 1870. TWO 10c 1869+6c+2c. SAME RATE, DIFFERENT COMBINATION.

UNUSUAL DESTINATIONS
VIA BRITISH MAILED IN SOUTH AMERICA

TO CHILE: 22¢ RATE WITH CREDIT 12
VIA PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. NYC TO PANAMA,
PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION CO. PANAMA TO LIMA



SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK/TALCAHUANO, CHILE, 28 FEBRUARY 1870.

TO ARGENTINA: 18¢ RATE WITH CREDIT 8
VIA BRAZIL LINE STEAMER TO RIO DE JANEIRO,
BRITISH MAIL STEAMER FROM RIO TO TALCAHUANO



BRAZIL LINE
STEAMER
SOUTH AMERICA
DEPART NYC
23 AUG 1870

"N. YORK
U.S. PKT"
8¢ U.S.
CREDIT
TO U.K.
FOR CARRIAGE
BEYOND RIO

SOUTH DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS/ROSARIO, ARGENTINA, 20 AUGUST 1870: TWO 10¢ 1869
WITH 1¢ AND 3¢ BANKNOTE STAMPS OVERPAYING 18¢ RATE.

DESTINATIONS BEYOND SUEZ
 BRITISH OPEN MAIL
 RATES EFFECTIVE 1 JAN 1870—30 JUNE 1875

TO INDIA: 22¢ RATE WITH CREDIT 18



LONDON
 PAID
 3 FEB 1870

FAINT RED
 CRAYON
 CREDIT 18

HONESDALE, PENNSYLVANIA/MADURA, INDIA, 22 JANUARY 1870.

SEYCHELLES ISLANDS: 24¢ RATE WITH CREDIT 20



RED 1d
 COLONIAL
 CREDIT

BOSTON-
 CRAYON
 CREDIT 20

LONDON
 PAID
 23 JULY
 1870

LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS/MAHE, SEYCHELLES ISLANDS, 11 JULY 1870. ONE OF TWO 1869 COVERS RECORDED TO THIS DESTINATION, BOTH FROM THE SAME WHALING CORRESPONDENCE.

TO SPAIN
BRITISH OPEN MAIL
RATE: 4c PER 1/2 oz+12c PER 7 1/2 GRAMS, EFFECTIVE 1 JAN-20 OCT 1870

16c RATE WITH CREDIT 12

LONDON PAID
7 MAR 1870



NEW YORK
CREDIT 12

NYC/MZA, SPAIN, 26 FEBRUARY 1870. 16c RATE FOR MAIL WEIGHING UNDER 7 1/2 GRAMS.

TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC VIA BRITISH OPEN MAILS
RATE: 16c PER 1/2 OZ, EFFECTIVE 1 JAN 1870--30 JUNE 1875

16c RATE WITH CREDIT 12

TO NEW
ZEALAND

LONDON
PAID
17 JAN
1870



NEW YORK
HANDSTAMPED
CREDIT 12

NEW BEDFORD, MASS./BAY OF ISLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, 6 JANUARY 1870. 22c FRANKING
OVERPAYS THE NEW 16c RATE THAT WENT INTO EFFECT JUST FIVE DAYS PREVIOUSLY.

TO NEW
SOUTH
WALES

SAN FRANCISCO (?)
CRAYON
CREDIT 12



LONDON
PAID
16 FEB
1870

BACKSTAMPED
NEWCASTLE
17 APRIL 1870

WEAVERVILLE, CAL./NEWCASTLE, N.S.W., 20 JAN. 1870. THREE MONTHS, 20,000 MILES.