

Mail Exchanged Under 1856 France-GB Treaty: France to the USA

British Packet via England: January 1, 1857-March 31, 1857

Three Months Period

Under the 1856 France-GB Treaty, France credited 16 décimes per 30 grams (40 centimes per letter) to GB and charged 40c per 7.5 grams inland, for total prepayments of 80 c. US inland collections were 5c (10c from West Coast).



Prepaid 80 centimes on March 5, 1857 in Paris - franked by 1853 80 centimes carmine stamp
Cunard steamer *Asia* from Liverpool to New York on March 24 - 5¢ due for US inland postage
Delivered March 31 by N.O.U.S. City Post government carrier service in New Orleans - 2¢ carrier fee

Only 13 westbound sailings during this period

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British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

British Open Mail After 1857

1856 France-GB Treaty open mail rates remained in force during the 1857 France-USA Treaty period, but not much mail was directed to this more expensive option.



Prepaid 80 centimes on May 5, 1866 in Le Havre - **posted on Havre-Southampton steamer**
Rated as a loose ship-letter in London and sent in open mails - Cunard steamer *Java* to New York
80c intended to pay 1857 Treaty rate, but also paid British sea postage for open mail - 5¢ due in US

Southampton Mobile Box postmark and "723" cancel

Mail Exchanged Under 1856 France-GB Treaty: USA to France

American Packet via England: January 1, 1857-March 31, 1857

Three Months Period

1856 France-GB Treaty set GB charge to France for transit postage at 40 centimes per 30 grams (10c per letter) and French inland at 40c, for total French due of 5 décimes. US postage was 21c (26c from West Coast) per ½ ounce.



Prepaid 21¢ in 1851 Issue stamps on January 23, 1857 in New Orleans - Collins steamer *Atlantic*

“GB 40c” bulk debit from GB to France - 5 décimes due (1 to GB plus 4 for inland)



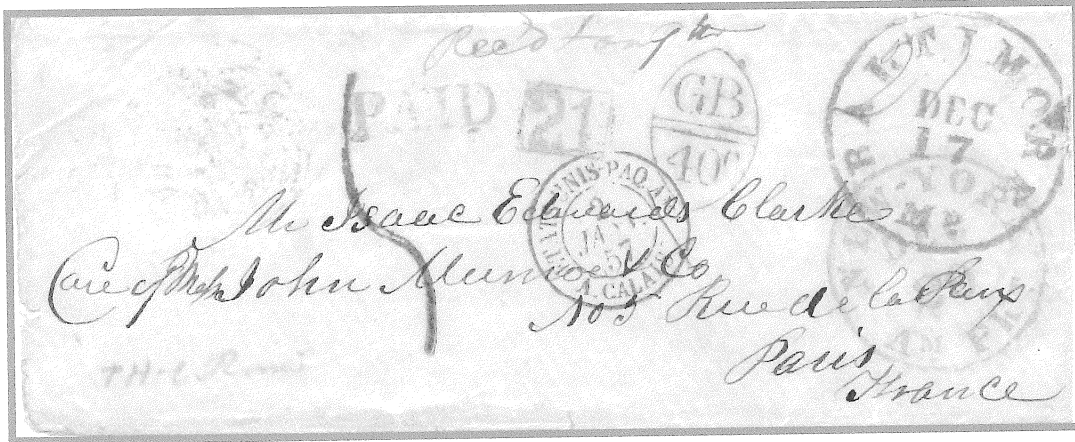
Prepaid 21¢ in 1851 Issue stamps on December 22, 1856 in Baton Rouge - Collins steamer *Baltic*

January 18 “Etats-Unis Paq. Am. A. Calais” entry mark - **only 9 American packet sailings in this period**

Mail Exchanged Under 1856 France-GB Treaty: USA to France

American Packet via England: January 1, 1857-March 31, 1857

"Paid 21" Markings



Prepaid 21¢ on December 17, 1856 in Baltimore - 16¢ US packet plus 5¢ US inland postage
Collins liner *Atlantic* - 5 décimes due (1 décime to GB plus 4 décimes French inland)



Prepaid 21¢ on March 19, 1857 in Philadelphia - 5 décimes due
Ocean liner *Hermann* to Southampton - 3rd of only 3 Ocean Line sailings in this period

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American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

British Open Mail After 1857

1856 France-GB Treaty open mail rates for American packets (50 centimes prepayment and 21c due) remained in force during the 1857 France-USA Treaty period, but were rarely used.



Prepaid 80 centimes on October 23, 1863 in Le Havre - 1862 Issue 80 centimes stamp
Consignment letter sent in British open mails - Inman steamer *Edinburgh* to New York
80c intended to pay 1857 Treaty rate, but also overpaid 50c open mail rate - 21¢ due in US

Unusual "Philadelphia Am. Pkt." marking

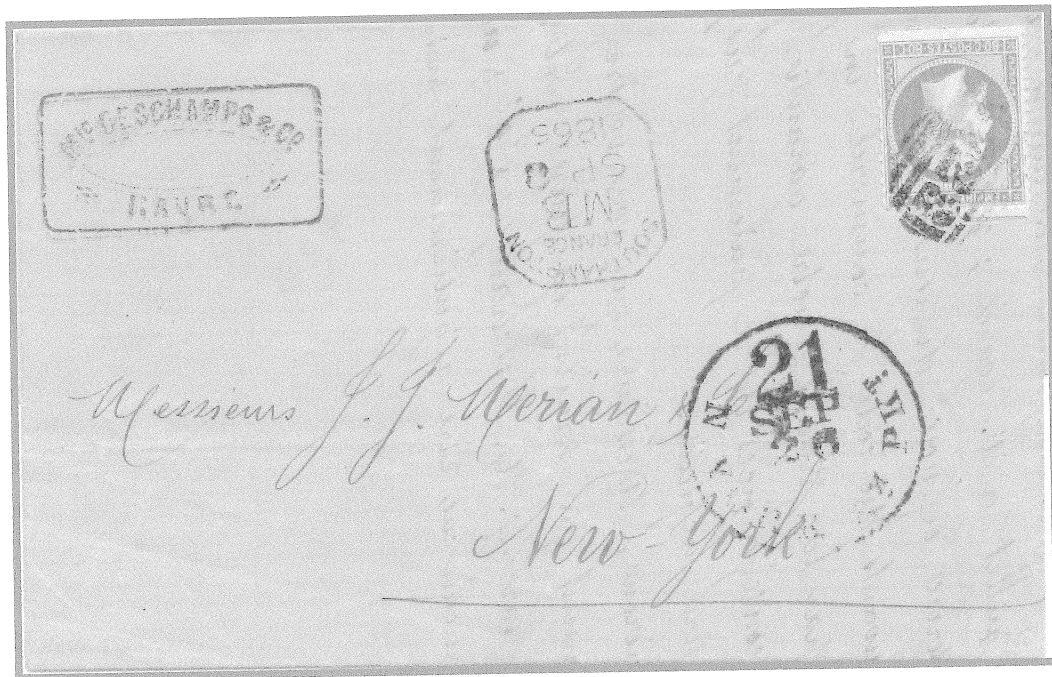
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American Packet via England: January 1, 1857-March 31, 1869

Southampton Mobile Box



Prepaid 80 centimes on October 3, 1861 in Le Havre - **posted on Havre-Southampton steamer**
Arrived in London as loose ship letter, so sent in open mails - Allan liner *North American* to Quebec
Rare "Portland Me. Am. Pkt." marking - 21¢ due



Posted September 8, 1866 in **Havre-Southampton steamer mobile box** - 8 décimes prepaid
North German Lloyd steamer *Hansa* from Southampton - 21¢ due in New York

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British West Indies Packet: January 1, 1857-December 31, 1865

Mail via St Thomas

French prepayments were reduced to 12 décimes per 7.5 grams fully-paid rate to California by Royal Mail Steam Packets via Southampton and St Thomas, effective January 1, 1857. US erroneously collected 20c due on most letters.



Prepaid double-weight 24 décimes on January 30, 1857 in Paris - '8' on reverse for 8 grams weight
RMSP steamer *Parana* to St Thomas - PMSC steamer *Sonora* from Panama to San Francisco March 17
32 décimes bulk rate credited to GB per 1856 France-GB Treaty - GB credited US 25¢ per oz. bulk rate
Even though GB had credited postage to the US, 20¢ was erroneously collected in San Francisco

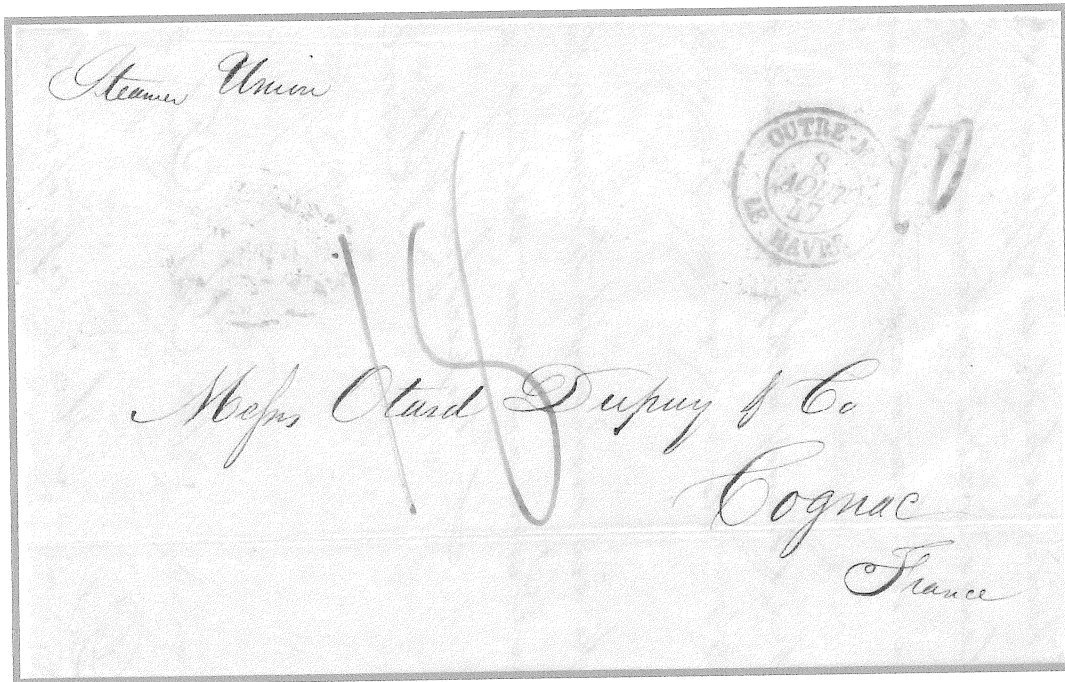
Not much mail traveled by this slower, more expensive route

1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: USA to France

French Direct Packet: June 22, 1847-February 6, 1848

First French Steam Packet Service

The Hérout & de Handel Line began the first French transatlantic steam packet service in June 1847. May 25, 1847 French Circular set 10 décimes packet postage per 7.5 grams. French inland varied with distance, and US inland rates of 5c (<300 miles) or 10c (> 300 miles) per ½ oz. set by July 1845 Act.



Hand-carried July 15, 1847 to steamship letter bag in New York - no US postage paid

Hérout & de Handel Line steamer *Union* left New York July 24 - **only known letter to France from this sailing**

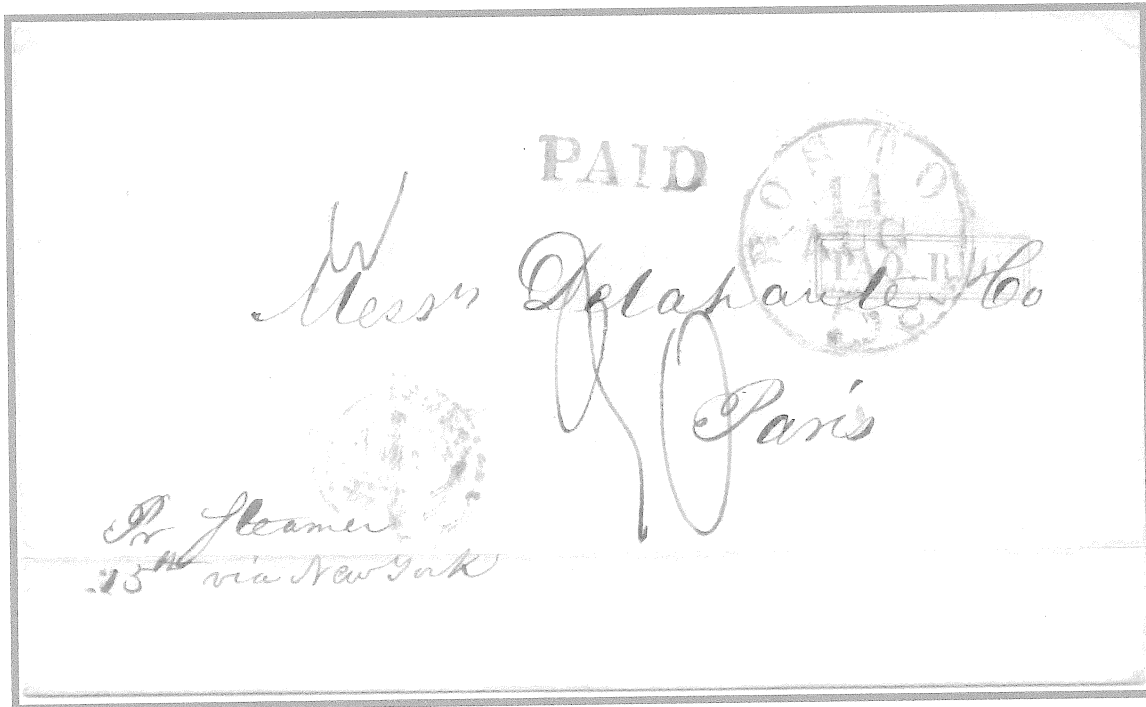
Mail off-loaded at Le Havre during coaling stop - 10 (décimes) at upper right indicates French packet postage
"Outre-Mer Le Havre" French entry mark used only on this first sailing - 'Paq. Reg.' marks not ready yet
18 décimes due in France - 10 décimes packet postage plus 8 décimes for 425 km. from Le Havre to Cognac

First eastbound sailing of the first French steam packet line

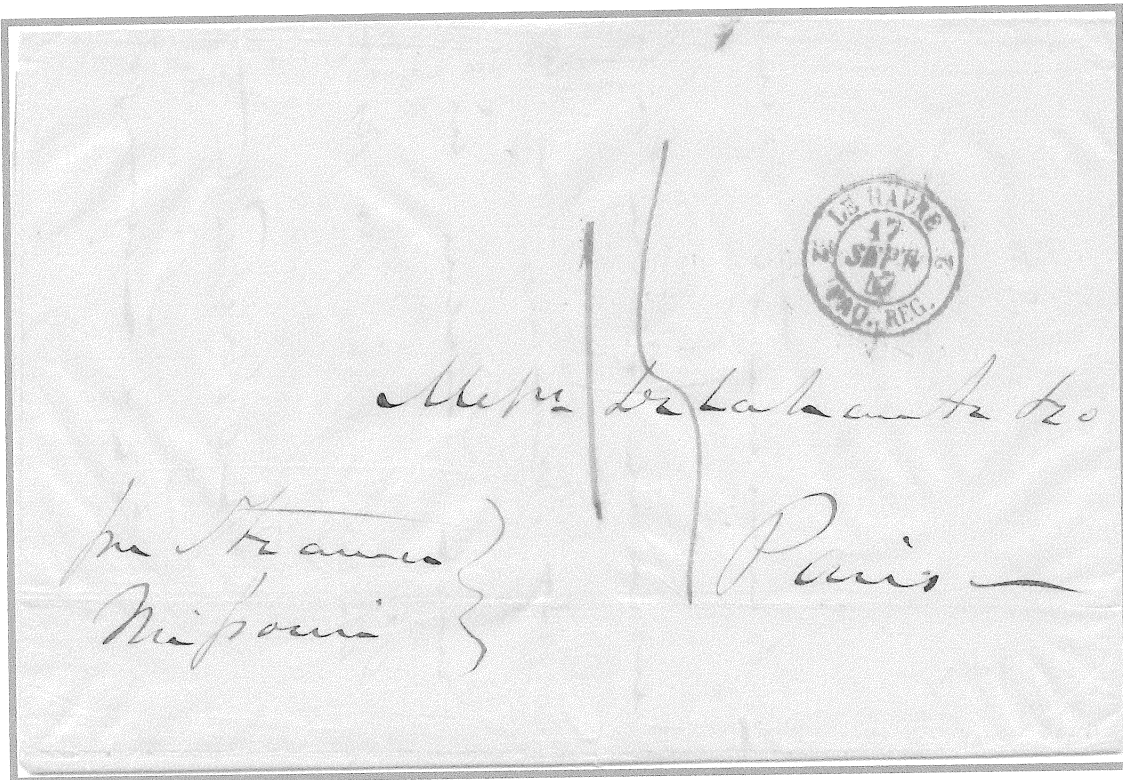
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Hérout & de Handel Line



Prepaid 5¢ on August 14, 1847 in Boston - 2nd sailing of Line by *Philadelphie* - 30 décimes due (10-15 gr.)



Taken to steamer at New York on August 31, 1847 - 3rd sailing of Line by *Missouri* - 15 décimes due

1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: USA to France

French Direct Packet: June 22, 1847-February 6, 1848

Red 'Le Havre Paq. Reg.' Entry Mark



Taken to steamer at New York on October 25, 1847 - 6th sailing of Hérout & de Handel Line by *Missouri*
Red 'Paq. Reg.' entry marks used only on 4 of the 9 sailings by this Line - 30 décimes due (10-15 grams)

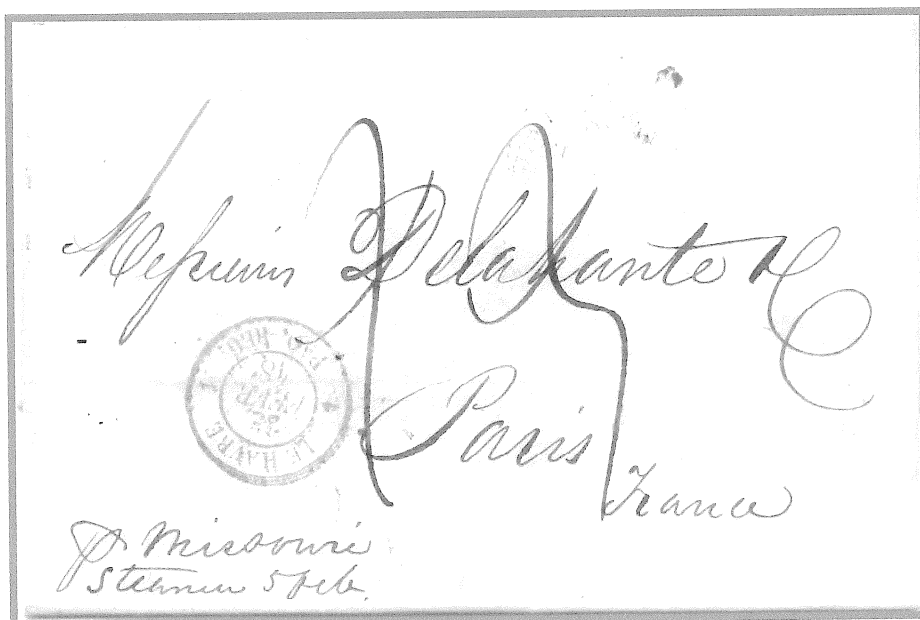


Posted September 14, 1847 at New York - 4th sailing of Line by *New York* - 5¢ US postage paid (not marked)
23 décimes due (7.5-10 grams) - 15 décimes French packet plus 8 décimes for 220 km. from Cherbourg to Paris

1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: USA to France

French Direct Packet: June 22, 1847-February 6, 1848

Blue 'Le Havre Paq. Reg.' Entry Mark



Taken to steamer at New York on Feb. 3, 1848 - 9th and last sailing of Hérout & de Handel Line by *Missouri*
Blue 'Paq. Reg.' entry marks used only on 3 of the 9 sailings by this Line - 23 décimes due (7.5-10 grams)

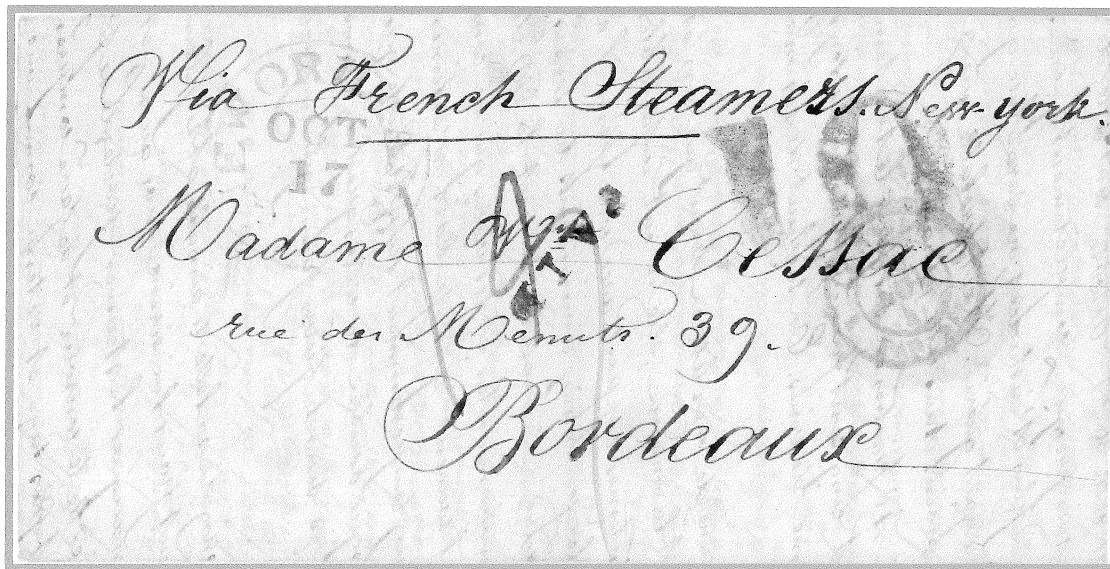


Prepaid 10¢ on Nov. 14, 1847 for > 300 miles from New Orleans to New York - 8th sailing of Line by *New York*
21 décimes due - 10 décimes French packet plus 11 décimes for 800 km. from Le Havre to Marseille

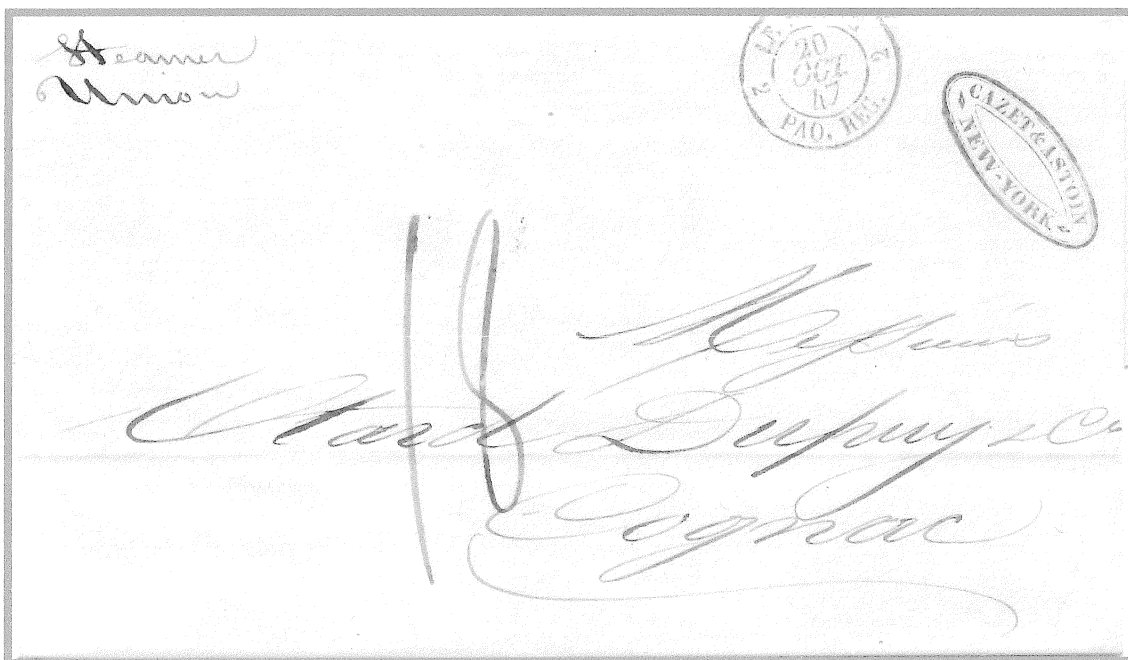
1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: USA to France

French Direct Packet: June 22, 1847-February 6, 1848

'Le Havre Paq. Reg.' Entry Marks



Prepaid 10¢ on Oct. 17, 1847 for > 300 miles from New Orleans to N.Y. - 7th sailing of Line by *Philadelphie*
November 28 blue 'Le Havre Paq. Reg.' entry mark - 19 décimes due (< 7.5 grams)



Taken to steamer at New York on Sept. 30, 1847 - 5th sailing of Hérout & de Handel Line by *Union*
18 décimes due - 10 décimes French packet plus 8 décimes for 425 km. from Le Havre to Cognac

1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: France to the USA

French Direct Packet: June 22, 1847-February 6, 1848

First French Steam Packet Service

French prepayments for Hérout & de Handel Line mail included 10 décimes French packet postage per 7.5 grams. French inland varied with distance, and US rates were 5¢ (<300 miles) or 10¢ (>300 miles) plus a 2¢ ship fee. This mail can only be identified by endorsements or shipping dates.



Prepaid 13 décimes July 27, 1847 in Rouen - 10 décimes packet postage plus 3 décimes for 80 km. to Le Havre

Endorsed "Paq. Fais du Havre" - Hérout & de Handel Line steamer *Missouri* left Cherbourg July 31

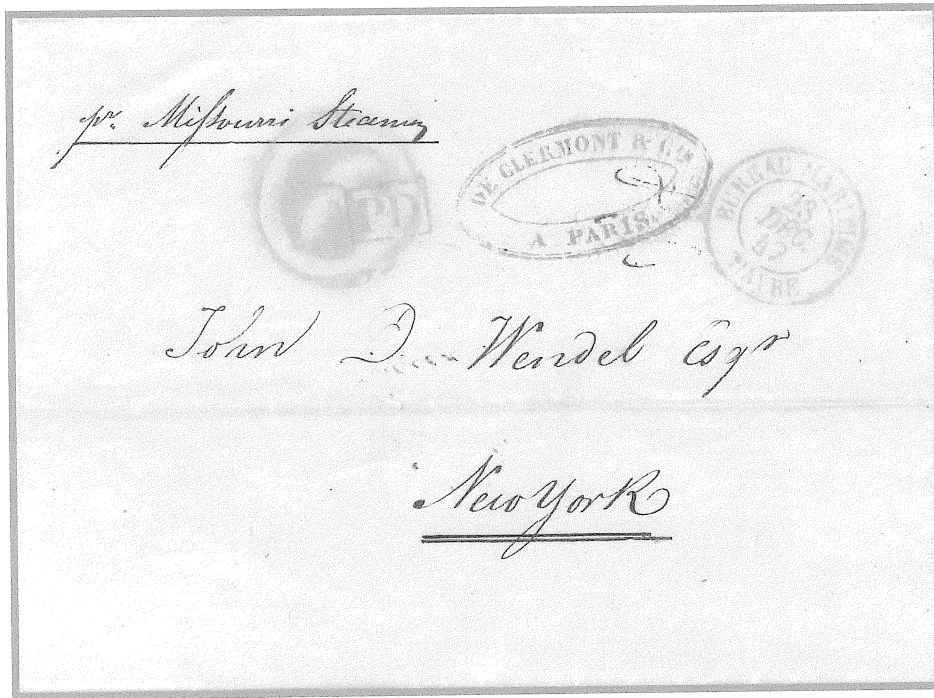
12¢ due - 10¢ US inland for over 300 miles from New York to New Orleans plus 2¢ ship fee

No distinguishing postal marks appear on westbound mail

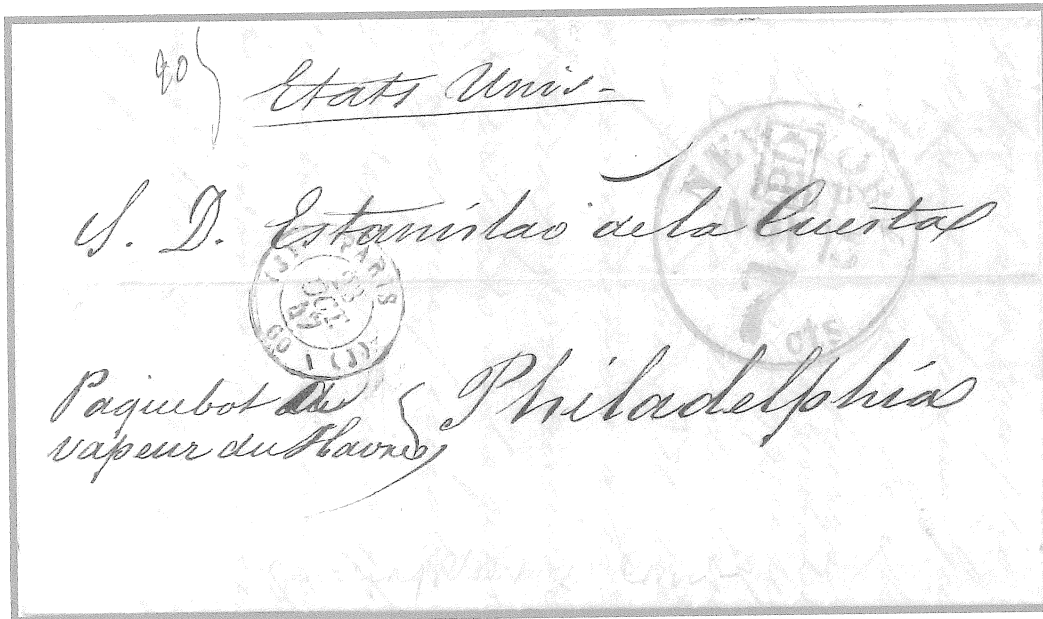
1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: France to the USA

French Direct Packet: June 22, 1847-February 6, 1848

US Collections



Forwarded by Post & Dose Dec. 16, 1847 from Paris to Le Havre - Hérout & de Handel steamship *Missouri*
6¢ in-port ship fee due in New York - 9th and last westbound sailing by this line



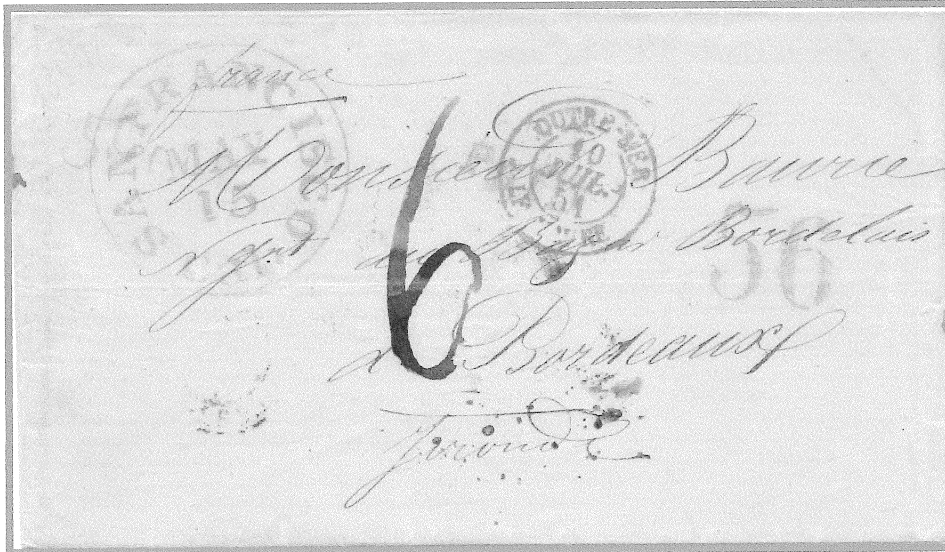
Prepaid 15 décimes on October 23, 1847 in Paris - 8th sailing of the Line by *New York*
Endorsed "Paquebot à vapeur du Havre" - 7¢ (5¢ inland plus 2¢ ship fee) due in Philadelphia

1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: USA to France

American Direct Packet: October 5, 1850-June 30, 1851

First US Direct Packet Service

US 24c packet and 5c (less than 300 miles) or 10c (over 300 miles) inland rates were set by March 3, 1845 US Act. French rates of 30c to the port and 60c beyond were set by July 23, 1849 Circular. San Francisco collected 56c on all American packet mail.



Prepaid 56¢ on May 15, 1851 in San Francisco - NY & Havre Liner *Humboldt* from NY on June 28

Arrived July 10 at Le Havre per "Outre-Mer Le Havre" marking - 6 décimes due

Very little mail is known from this route during this period

Only seven eastbound sailings during this period

1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: France to the USA

American Direct Packet: October 5, 1850-June 30, 1851

NY & Havre Line

French rates of 30 centimes from the departure port and 60 centimes from elsewhere in France were set by July 23, 1849 Circular. US 24c packet and 5c (under 300 miles) or 10c (over 300 miles) inland rates were set by March 3, 1845 US Act.



Prepaid 60 centimes June 3, 1851 in Paris - routed via Havre Maritime post office on June 4

Maiden voyage of NY & Havre Line steamship *Humboldt* - arrived New York June 16

29¢ due - 5¢ US inland for under 300 miles from New York to Boston plus 24¢ packet postage

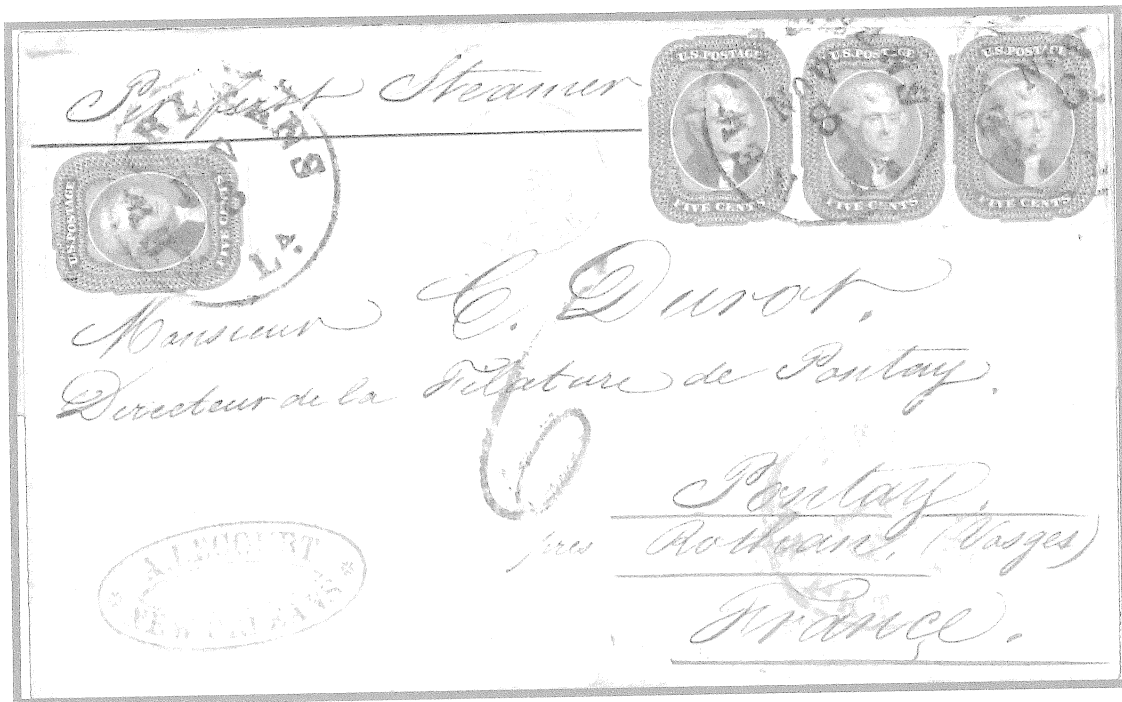
Only four westbound sailings during this period

1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: USA to France

American Direct Packet: July 1, 1851-March 31, 1857

Uniform US Postage

March 3, 1851 US Act set direct packet plus inland postage at 20¢ per ½ ounce, effective July 1. France treated incoming mail as non-contract private ship mail, and collected 3 décimes if addressed to arrival port, and 6 décimes if elsewhere in France.



Franked with 1856 5¢ strip of three and single November 8, 1856 in New Orleans - 6 décimes due
NY & Havre Line steamer *Fulton* left New York November 17 and arrived in Havre on December 1
Red "Outre-Mer Le Havre" entry marking - used for incoming ship (non-contract) mail

Frankings showing exact 20¢ rate are uncommon

1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: USA to France

American Direct Packet: July 1, 1851-March 31, 1856

Overpaid 21¢ Via England Rate



Prepaid 21¢ August 23, 1851 at New York - 1851 Issue 3¢ orange-brown and 12¢ stamps
Havre Line steamer *Humboldt* from New York to Le Havre- 6 décimes due



Prepaid 21¢ in 1853 3¢ dull red stamps on November 6, 1855 at New Orleans - Havre Line steamer *Arago*
Correspondents typically paid extra 1¢ to ensure carriage on either direct or via England steamship

1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: France to the USA

American Direct Packet: July 1, 1851-March 31, 1857

Non-Contract Mail in France

July 23, 1849 French Circular #14 set French postage per 7.5 grams at 30 centimes from departure port and 60 centimes from elsewhere in France. March 3, 1851 US Act set direct packet plus inland postage at 20c per ½ ounce, effective July 1.



Forwarded July 27, 1854 from Paris to Le Havre by Greene & Co. - posted August 1
NY & Havre Line steamer *Union* from Le Havre to New York - **second of only 10 sailings by *Union***

"N. York Am. Pkt. 20" postmark incorporates 20¢ due

Le Havre Bureau Maritime red cancels seen only in 1854

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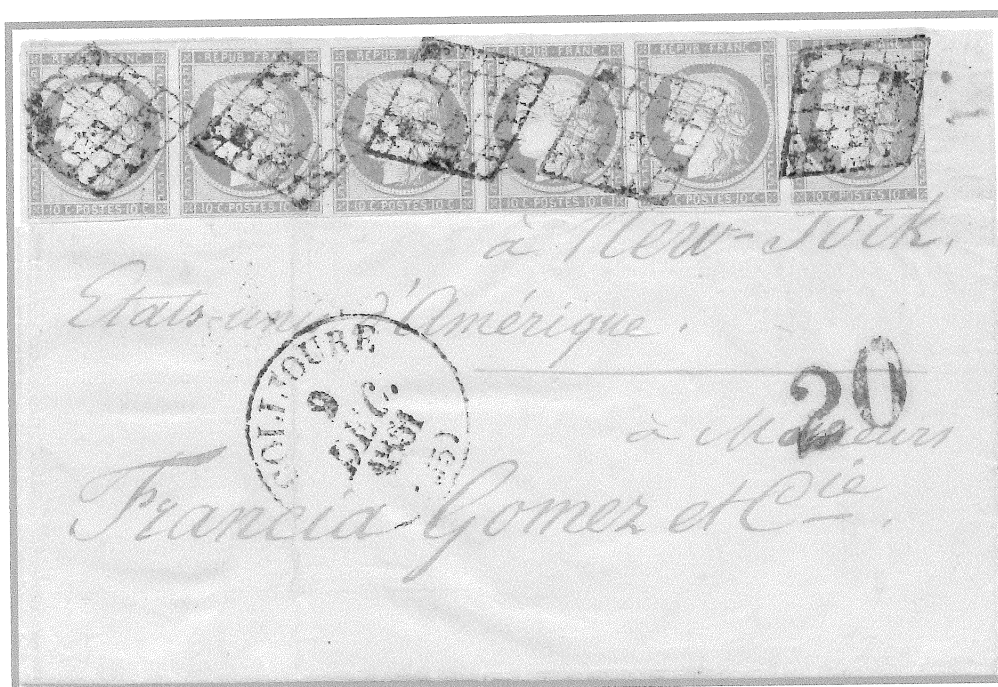
American Direct Packet: July 1, 1851-March 31, 1856

1849 Issue Frankings



Prepaid 60 centimes July 23, 1852 in Paris - NY & Havre Line steamer *Franklin* from Le Havre

15 centimes stamps sold only in Paris - multiples are uncommon - 20¢ due



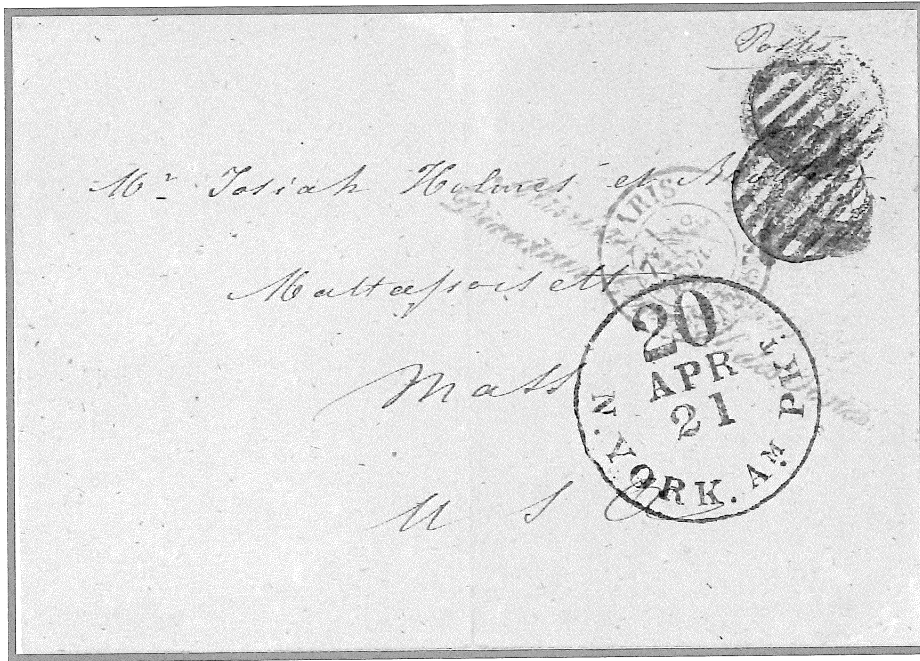
Prepaid 60 centimes December 9, 1851 in Collioure - **10 centimes bistre-brun strip of six**

December 12 "Bureau Maritime Havre" transit on reverse - NY & Havre Line steamer *Franklin*

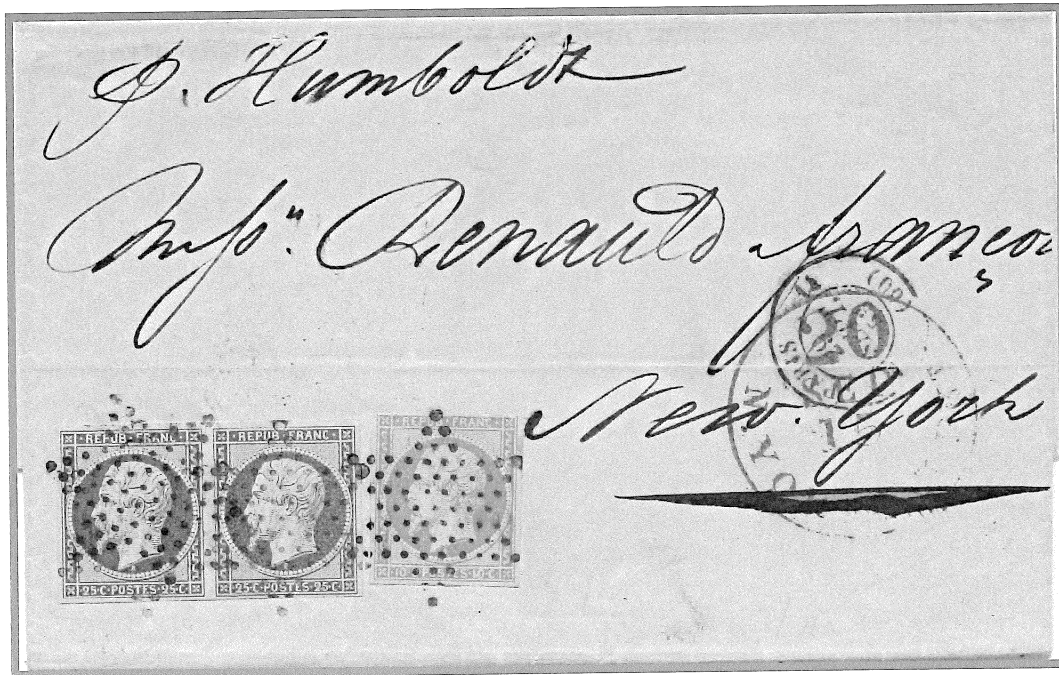
1847-1857 Direct Packet Mail: France to the USA

American Direct Packet: July 1, 1851-March 31, 1857

Unusual Frankings



Granted free frank March 28, 1857 per Paris Franchises postmark - NY & Havre Line steamer *Fulton*
Endorsed by red cursive 'Ministère des Finances Directeur Général des Postes' - 20¢ due



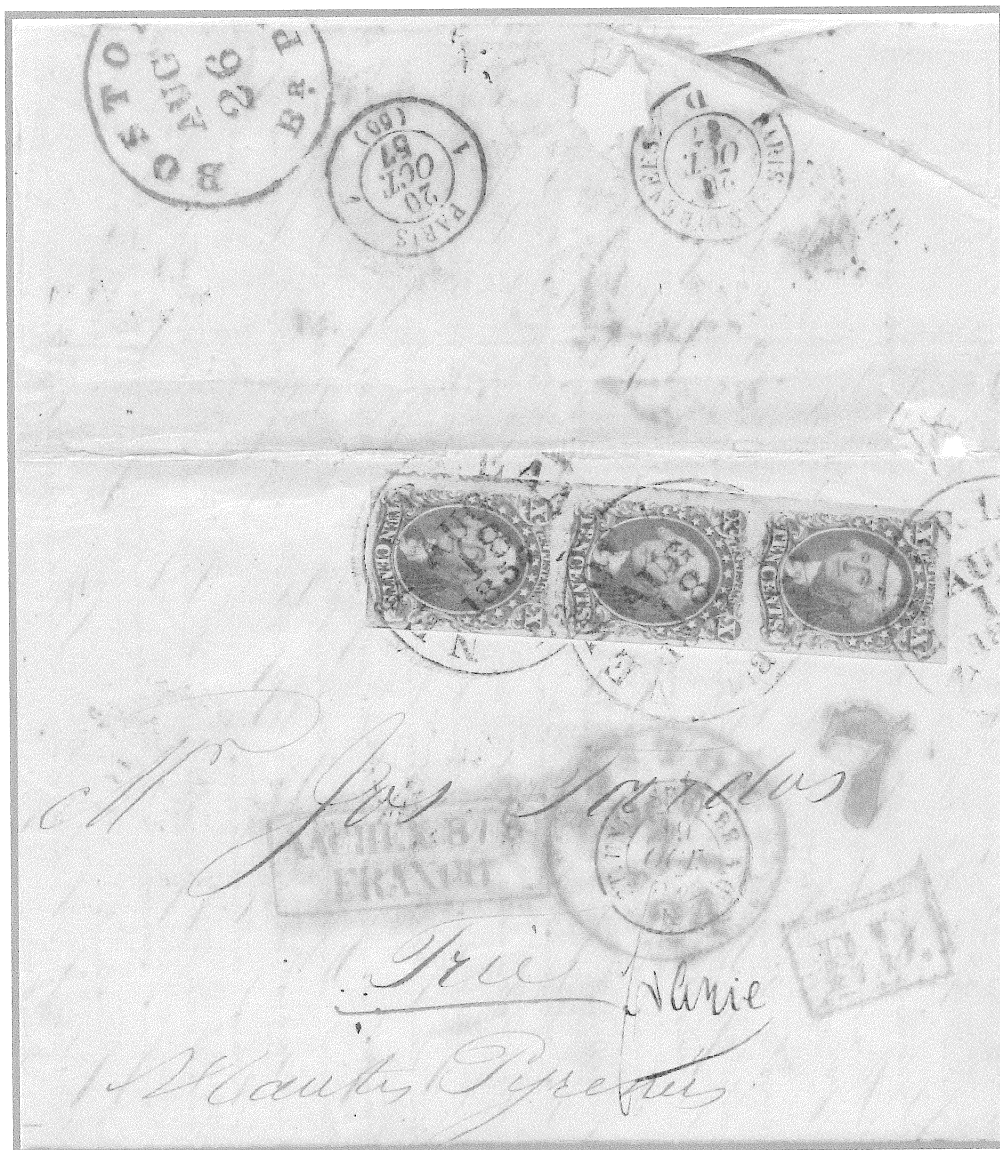
Prepaid 60 centimes on September 29, 1853 in Paris - both values of 1852 République Issue
September 30 "Bureau Maritime Havre" transit on reverse - NY & Havre Line steamer *Humboldt*

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Mis-Directed to Trier

March 2, 1857 France-USA Treaty set fully-paid rate of 15c per ¼ oz., effective April 1. On mail by British packets, US credited 12c to France for 8c GB transit and sea plus 4c French inland postage.



Prepaid double-weight 30¢ on August 18, 1857 in New Orleans - franked by 1855 10¢ types III-II-III
Mis-directed from Boston to Aachen via Prussian closed mail (30¢ per ½ oz. rate) - 7¢ credit to Prussia
Returned to Boston October 7 for Cunard steamer *Canada* to Liverpool - double-weight 24¢ credit to France

Boston office confused by address and 30¢ franking

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Multiple-Weight Frankings



Prepaid triple-weight 45¢ on May 10, 1859 in New Orleans - Cunard steamer *Niagara* from Boston
1857 Issue 5¢ type I brick red strip of 3 and 10¢ types III-II-III - triple-weight 36¢ credit to France



Prepaid double-weight 30¢ on April 9, 1858 in Donaldsonville, La. - 1857 Issue 5¢ red brown block of 6
Cunard steamer *America* left Boston on April 24 - double-weight 24¢ credit to France

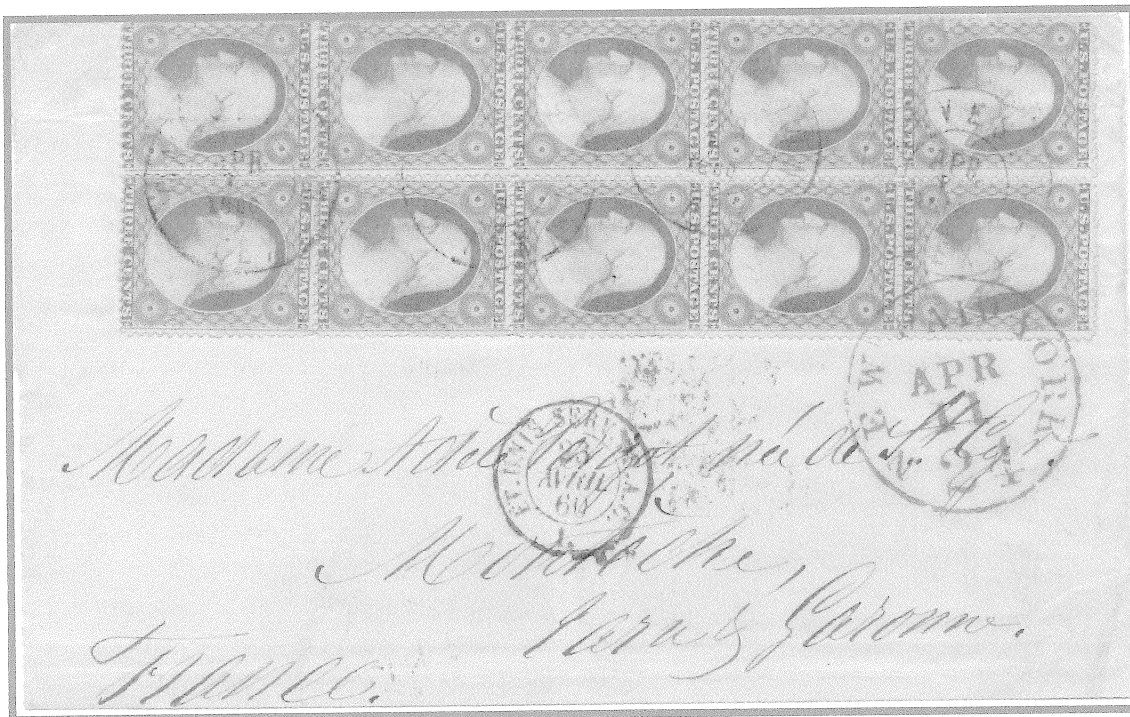
Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

1857 Issue Frankings



Prepaid double-weight 30¢ on June 27, 1859 in New Orleans - Cunard steamer *Persia* - 24¢ credit
Franked by 1857 10¢ types III-IV-IV - July 16 "Et. Unis Serv. Br. A.C." entry mark at Calais

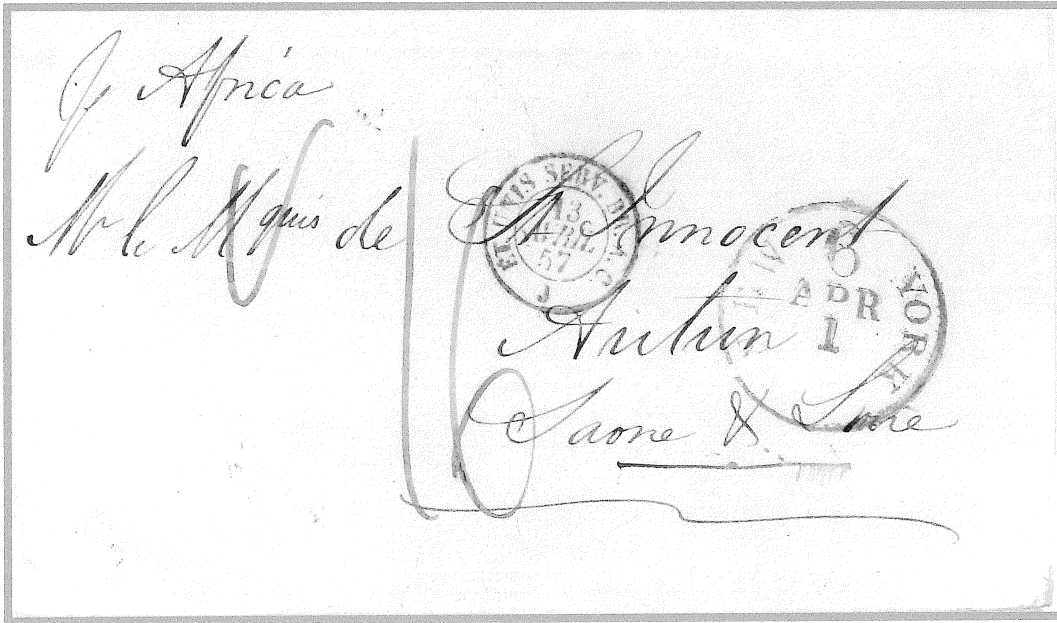


Prepaid double-weight 30¢ on April 1, 1860 in Galveston, Texas - Cunard steamer *Arabia* from New York
Franked by 1857 3¢ dull red type II block of ten - double-weight 24¢ credit to France

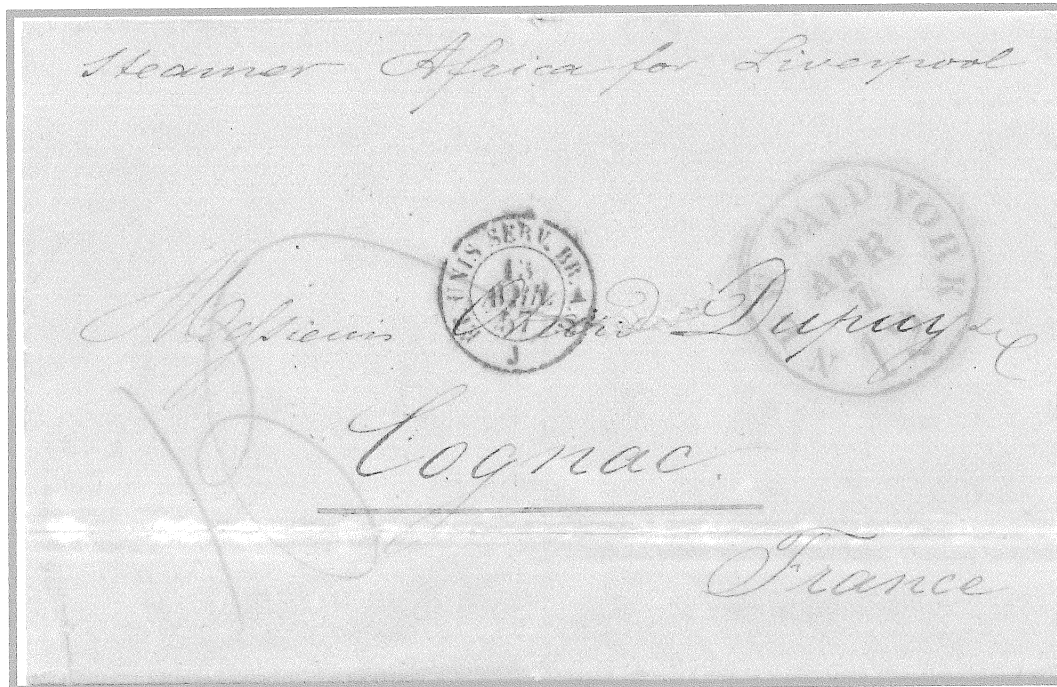
Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

First Day of 1857 Treaty Period



Posted double-weight unpaid on April 1, 1857 in New York - 6¢ debit to France
April 13 "Et. Unis Serv. Br. A.C." (Calais) entry mark - double-weight 16 décimes due



Prepaid 15¢ on April 1, 1857 in New York - Cunard steamer *Africa*
12¢ credit to France - 8¢ GB transit and sea plus 4¢ French inland

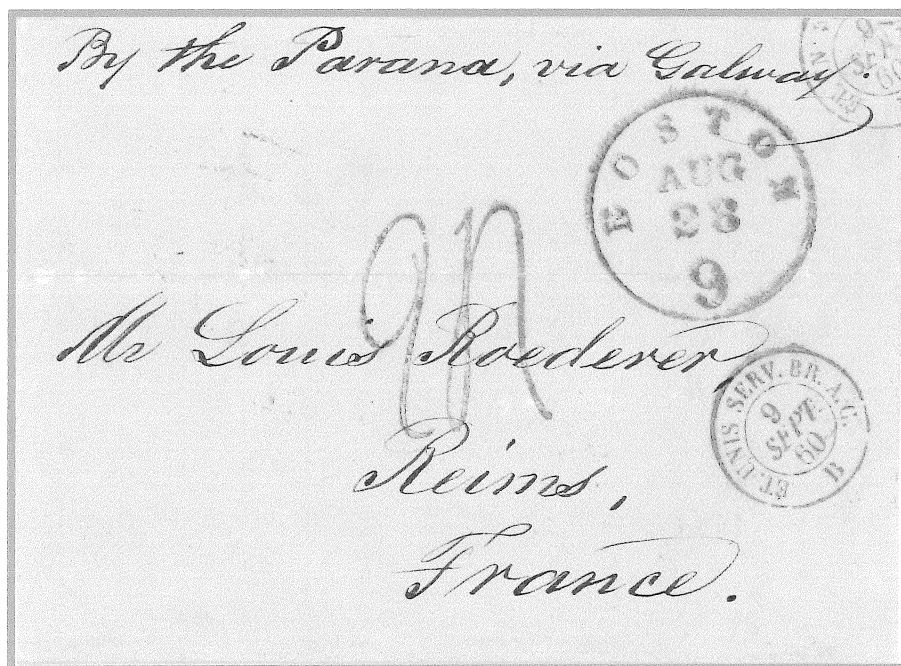
Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Unusual Usages



Overpaid 5¢ **British Open Mail** rate on February 24, 1858 in Boston - Cunard steamer *Niagara*
Rated per 1856 France-GB Treaty - March 10 "Angl. Amb. Calais" entry mark - 8 décimes due

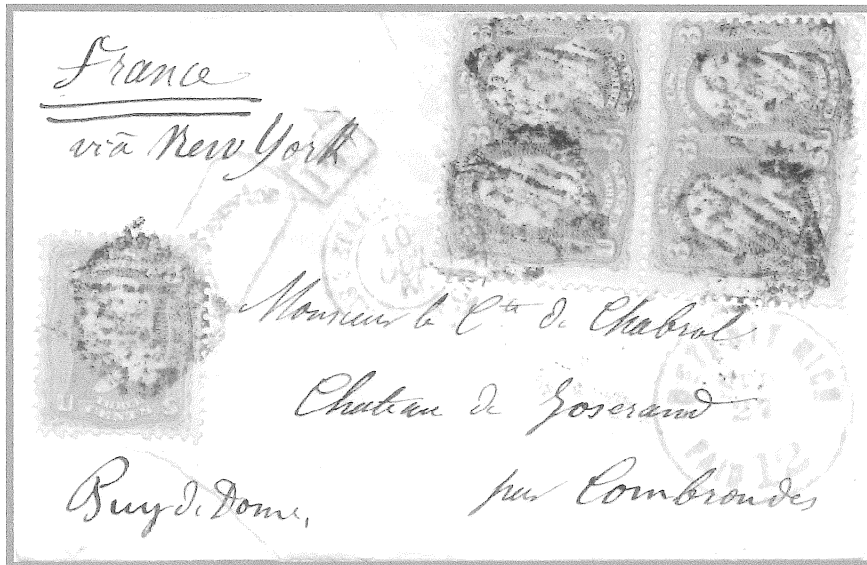


Mailed triple-weight unpaid on August 28, 1860 in Boston - Galway Line steamer *Parana*
Triple 9¢ debit to France - **only 17 eastbound contract trips by Galway Line in 1859-63**

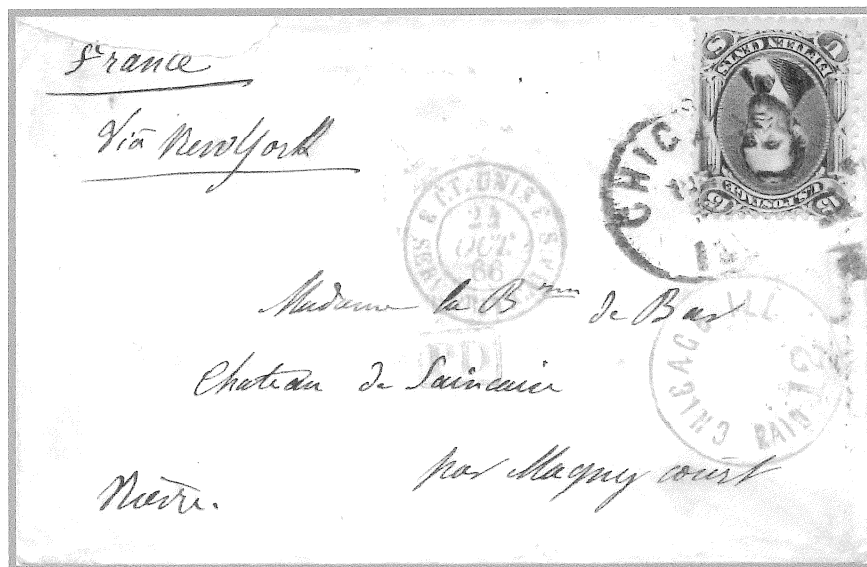
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British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Allan Line Exchange Offices



Prepaid 15¢ on September 27, 1866 in Detroit, Michigan - Allan Liner *Moravian* from Quebec, Canada
Boxed "Br Service" marking - 12¢ credit to France per rare "Detroit Mich Paid 12" exchange mark



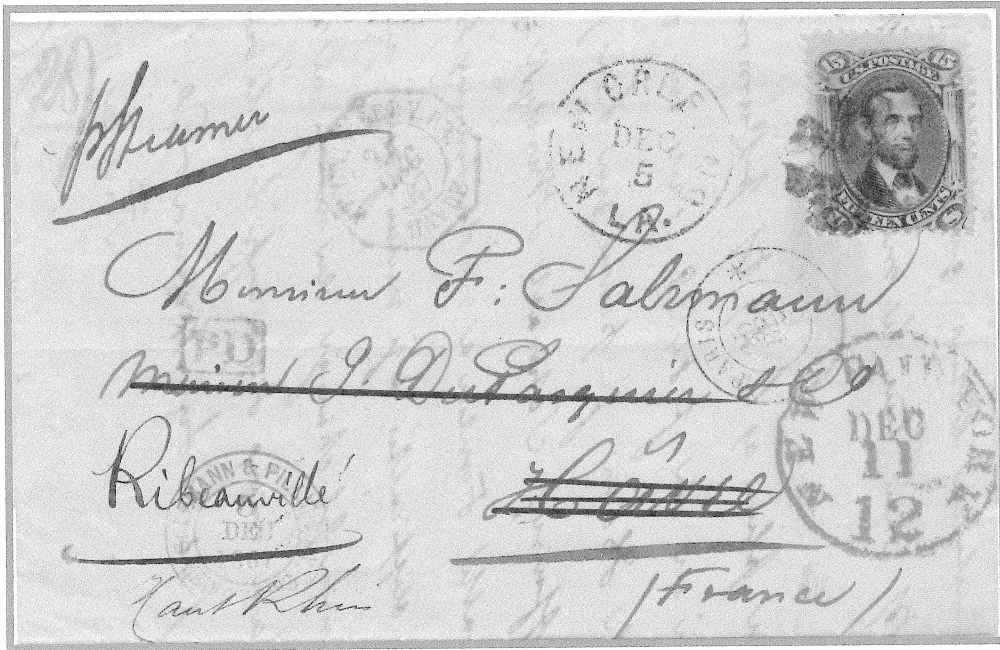
Prepaid with 1866 15¢ stamp on October 2, 1866 in Chicago - Allan Liner *Damascus* from Quebec, Canada
12¢ credit to France per "Chicago Ill Paid 12" exchange mark - "Et. Unis Serv. Brit. Calais" entry mark

April 1861 Additional Articles added Detroit and Chicago as Exchange Offices for Midwest mail

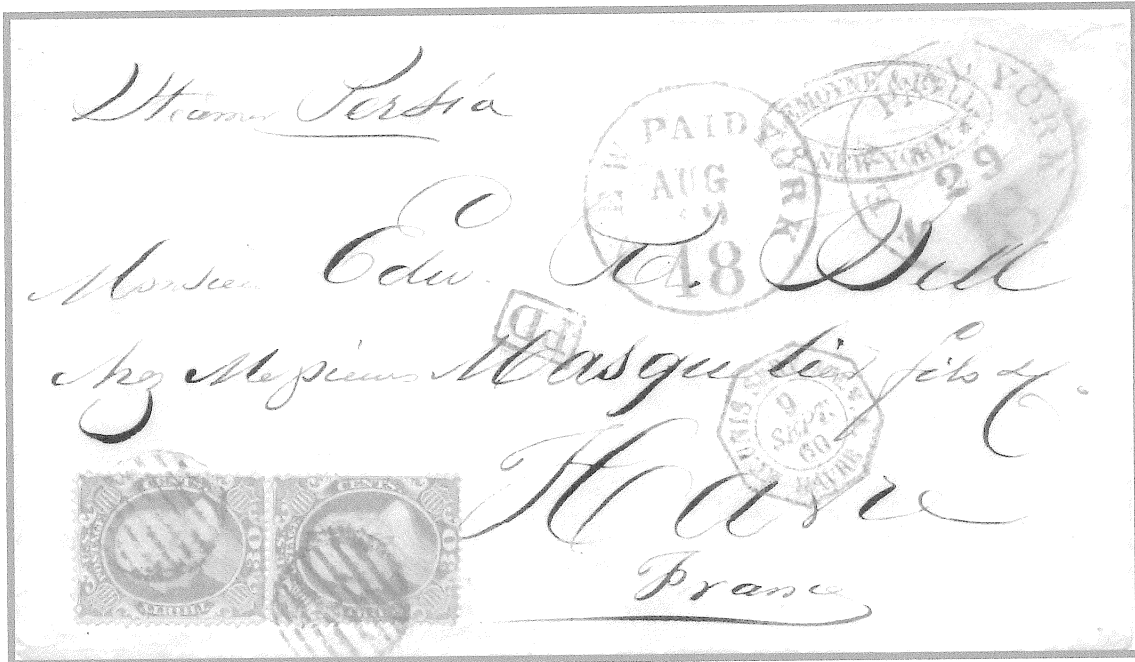
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British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Le Havre Entry Marks



Prepaid 15¢ on December 5, 1867 in New Orleans - 1866 15¢ stamp - Cunard steamer *Persia*
12¢ credit to France - rare December 24 “Et. Unis Serv. Brit. Havre” entry mark

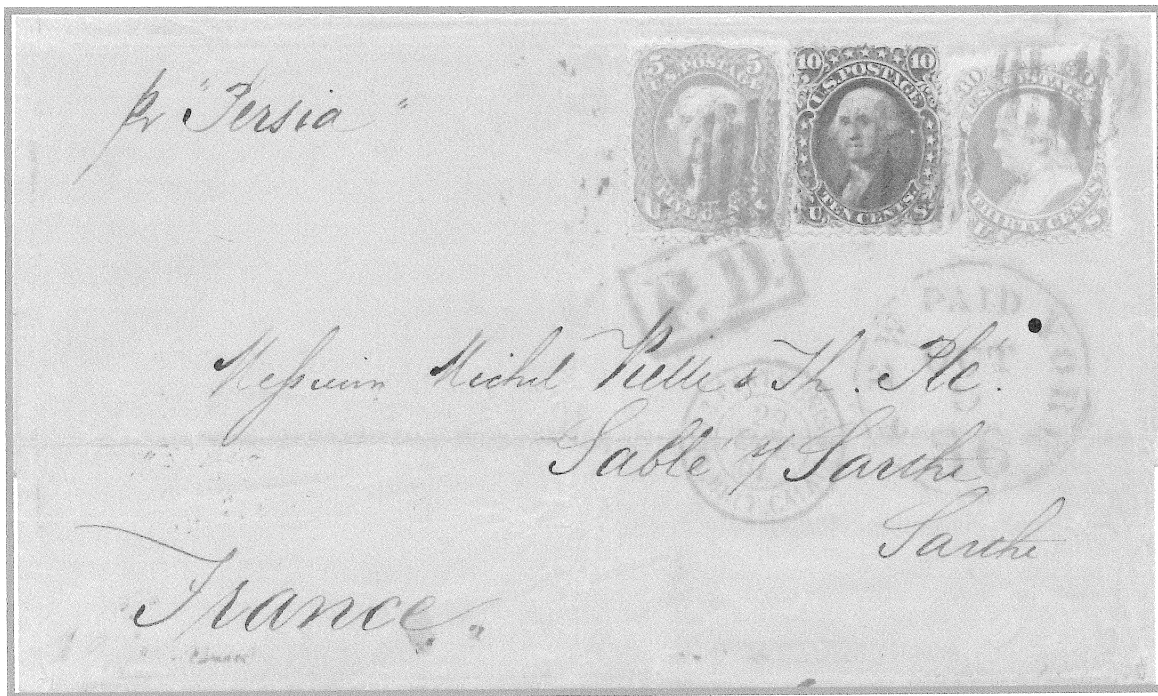


Prepaid quadruple-weight 60¢ on August 29, 1860 in New York - Cunard steamer *Persia* - 1860 30¢ stamp
Incorrect 18¢ credit corrected to 48¢ credit - erroneous “Et. Unis Serv. Am. V.A. Havre” entry mark

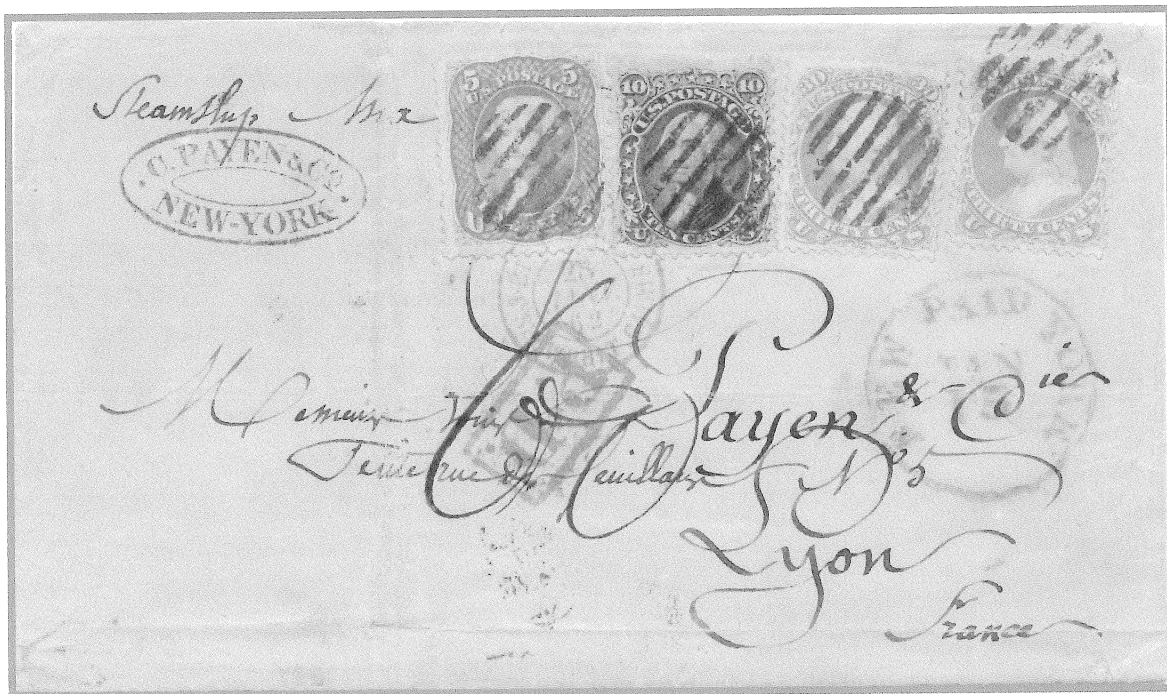
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British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

1861 Issue Frankings



Prepaid triple-weight 45¢ on October 9, 1861 in New York - Cunard steamer *Persia* from New York
1861 Issue early printings 10¢ type I, 5¢ buff and 30¢ stamps - triple-weight 36¢ credit to France



Prepaid quintuple-weight 75¢ on January 15, 1862 in New York - Cunard steamer *Asia*
1861 Issue 5¢ buff, 10¢ type II and 30¢ - quintuple-weight 60¢ credit to France

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

French Entry Marks



Prepaid 15¢ on April 16, 1861 in Versailles, Kentucky - Cunard steamer *Persia* - 1859 5¢ brown type I
 Incorrect 6¢ credit to France (should be 12¢) - green “Etats-Unis Serv. Brit. Calais” entry mark

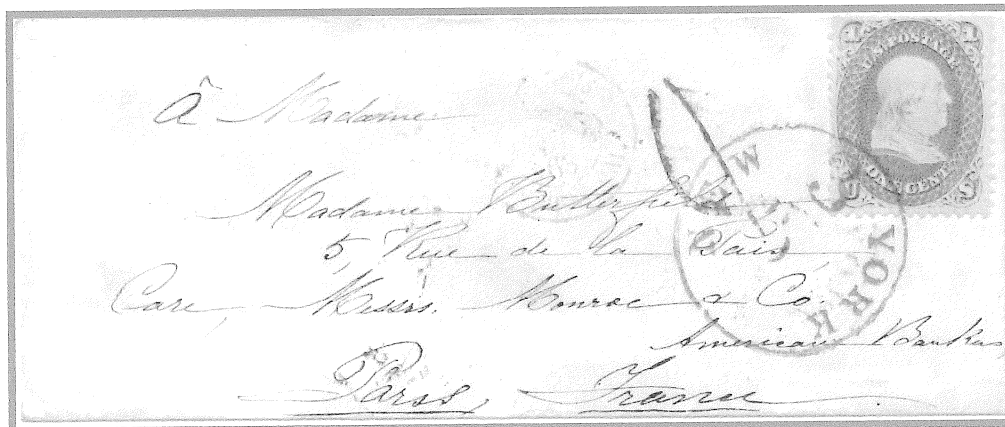


Prepaid double-weight 30¢ on February 18, 1862 in New York - Kimmel patriotic envelope - 24¢ credit
 Cunard steamer *America* - “Etats-Unis Serv. Brit. Calais” entry mark introduced in early 1861

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Unpaid Mail



Prepaid 1¢ carrier fee on June 9, 1863 in New York - 15¢ French mail rate not paid - Cunard steamer *Asia*

3¢ debit to France for US inland postage - 8 décimes postage due in France

Prepayment of 1¢ carrier fee required until July 1, 1863 - prepayment of 15¢ rate not required



Double-weight letter posted unpaid on September 22, 1857 in New York - Cunard steamer *Europa*

Double-weight 6¢ debit to France - double-weight 16 décimes postage due in France

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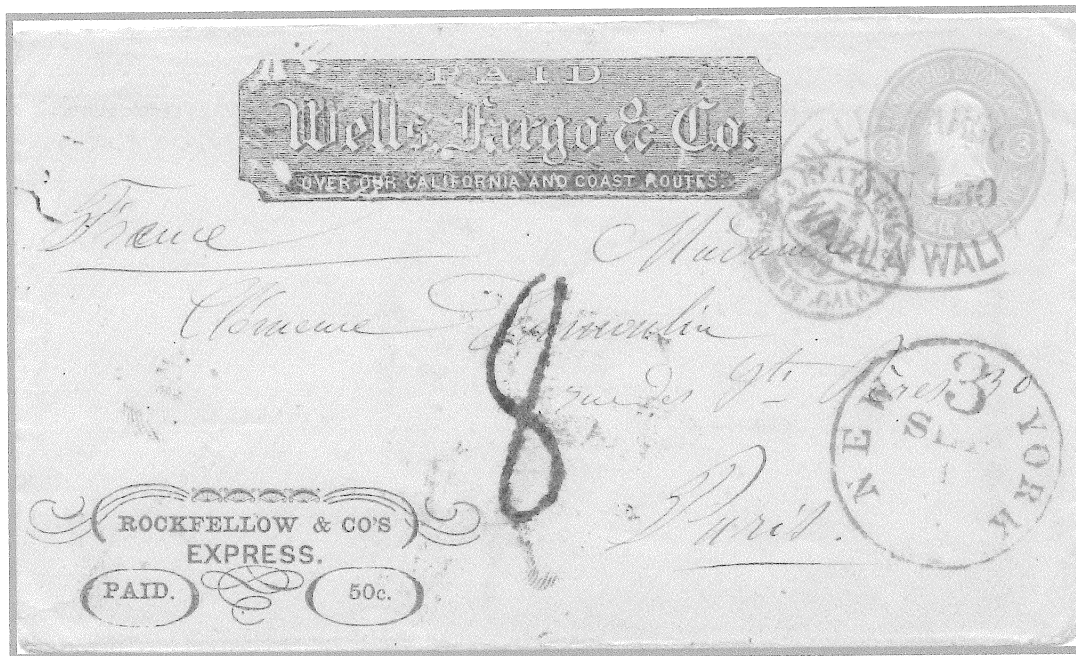
Western Express Mail



Sent under cover from San Francisco on October 27, 1860 to New York forwarder

Carried by Pony Express which arrived in St Joseph, MO on November 8 - posted November 13 in NY

Sent unpaid to France per Cunard steamer *Europa* - 3¢ debit to France - 8 décimes due



Carried by Rockfellow's Express in July 1863 from Boise mines to Wells Fargo Express in Walla Walla, WA

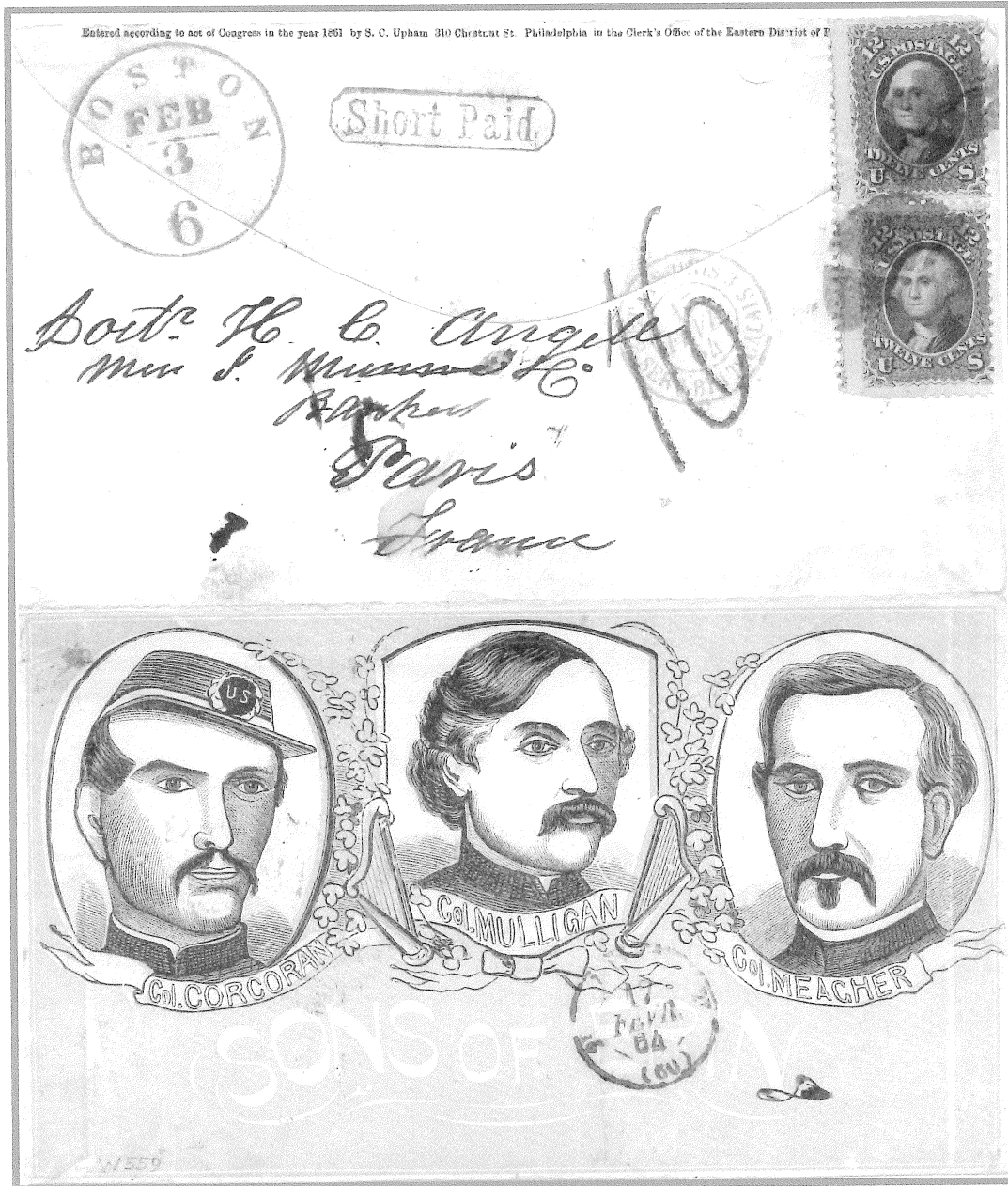
Sent unpaid to France by Wells Fargo from New York on September 1, 1863 - Cunard steamer *Asia*

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

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Civil War Patriotic Envelope

Per the 1857 France-USA Treaty, postage on underpaid mail was ignored, and such letters were sent as wholly unpaid. The USA debited France 3c per ¼ ounce, and France collected 8 décimes per 7.5 grams.



Double-weight letter underpaid 24¢ (should be 30¢) on Feb. 3, 1864 in Boston - Cunard steamer *Canada*
Postage on letter ignored and rated as unpaid - 6¢ debit to France - double-weight 16 décimes due

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Civil War Blockade-Run Mail



Carried from blockaded Charleston, SC to Nassau, Bahamas by *Ella & Annie* on April 17, 1863

Prepaid 1 shilling 4d at Nassau on May 6 - Cunard steamer *Australasian* from NY on May 20



Under cover from Augusta, Georgia to blockade-runner *Druid* leaving Charleston on February 4, 1865

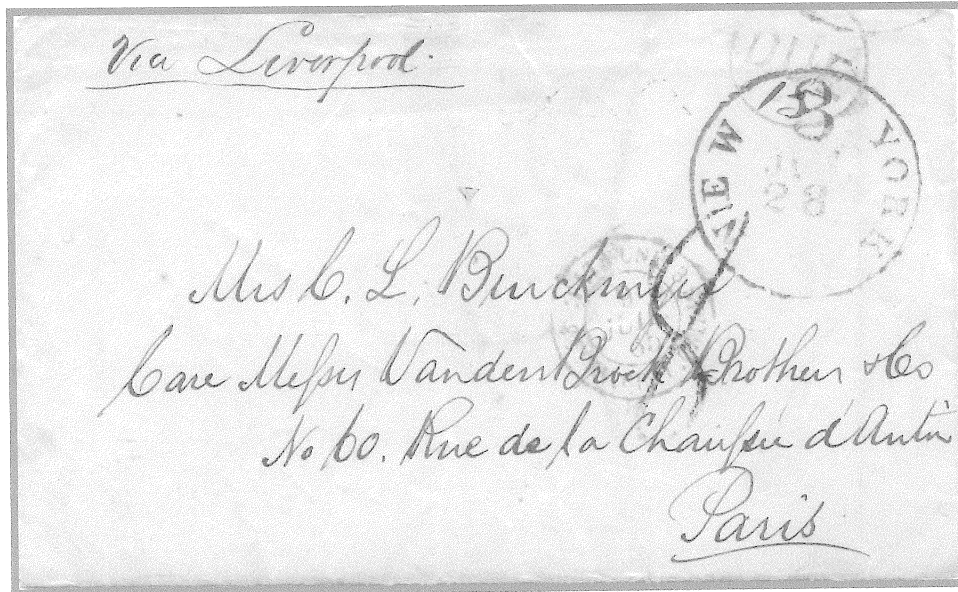
Rare crowned "Paid at Bahamas" marking - Cunard steamer *Australasian* from NY on February 22

The Charleston-Nassau blockade-run route was closed by February 17, 1865 fall of Charleston

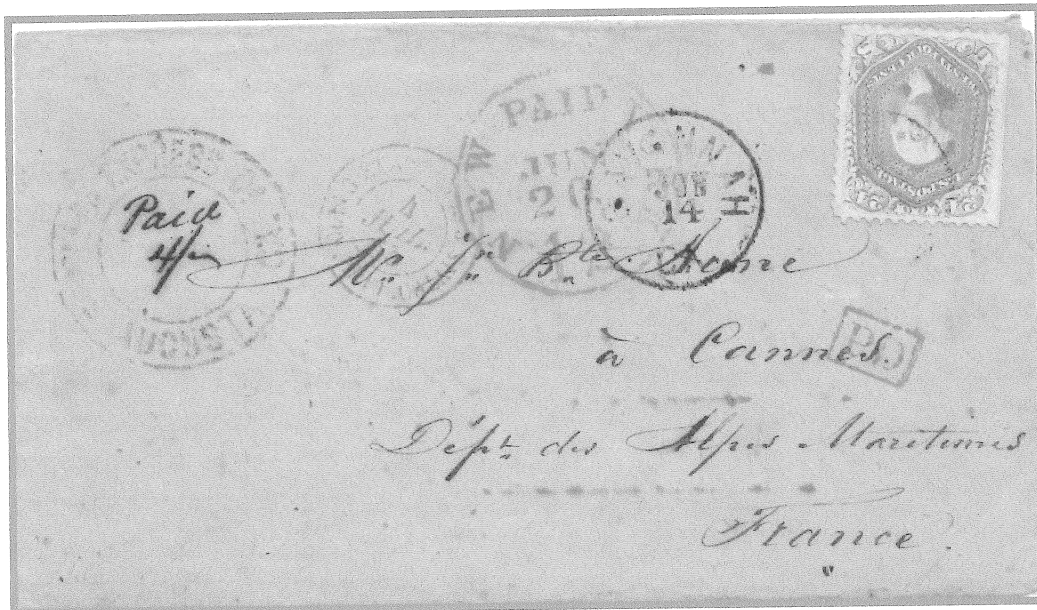
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Civil War Reconstruction Mail



Posted unpaid June 22, 1865 in Charleston, SC - 4 months after capture by Union forces - 8 décimes due
Provisional Charleston "DUE 15" marking - Cunard steamer *Scotia* from New York on June 28



Carried by Southern Express in June 1865 from Augusta, GA to Savannah - \$1 express fee
Overpaid 24¢ (should be 15¢) - Cunard steamer *Asia* from New York on June 20 - 12¢ credit to France

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"Br. Service" Marking

1857 France-USA Treaty set fully-paid rate of 80 centimes per 7.5 grams, effective April 1. On mail by British packets, France credited 3c to the USA for inland postage. Letters were marked "Br Service" in red to signify service via GB.



Prepaid double-weight 16 décimes on May 7, 1857 in Paris - **1854 80c dark vermilion stamps**

Double-weight 6¢ credit to US - Cunard steamer *Niagara* to Boston on May 20

Marked "Br Service" in New York on May 21 - 30¢ rate re-statement in datestamp

Rare shade of 1853 Issue 80 centimes stamps

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: France to the USA

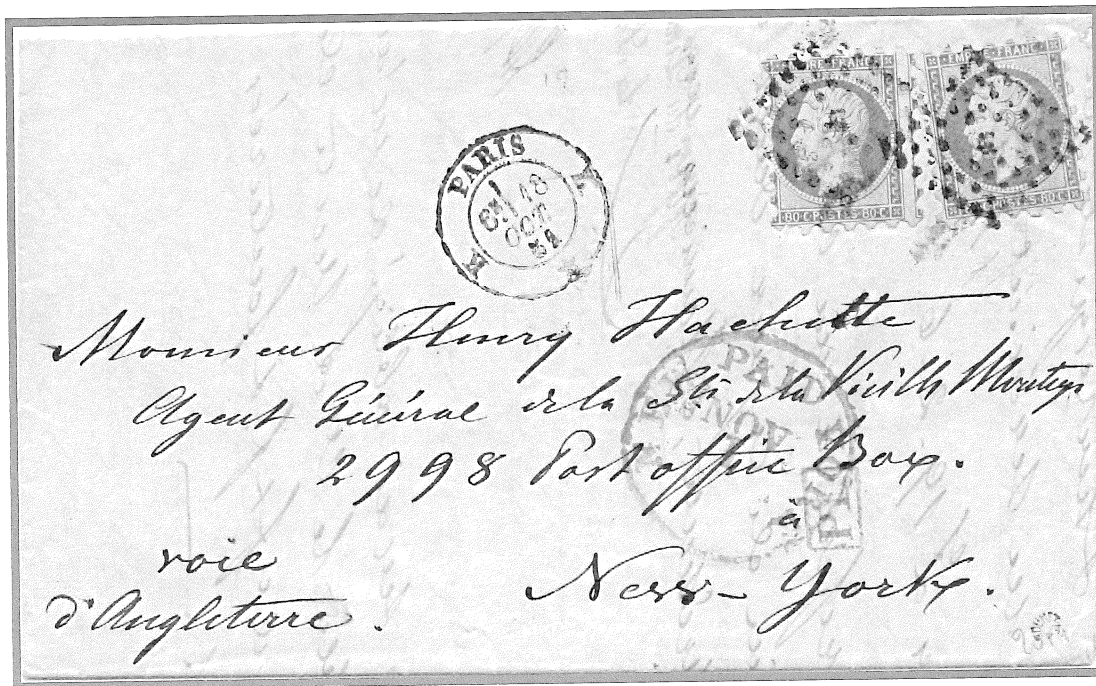
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Double-Weight Frankings



Prepaid double-weight 16 décimes on October 14, 1864 in Paris - Cunard steamer *Canada*

1862 Issue 80 centimes rose *Tête-Bêche pair* - double-weight 6¢ credit to US



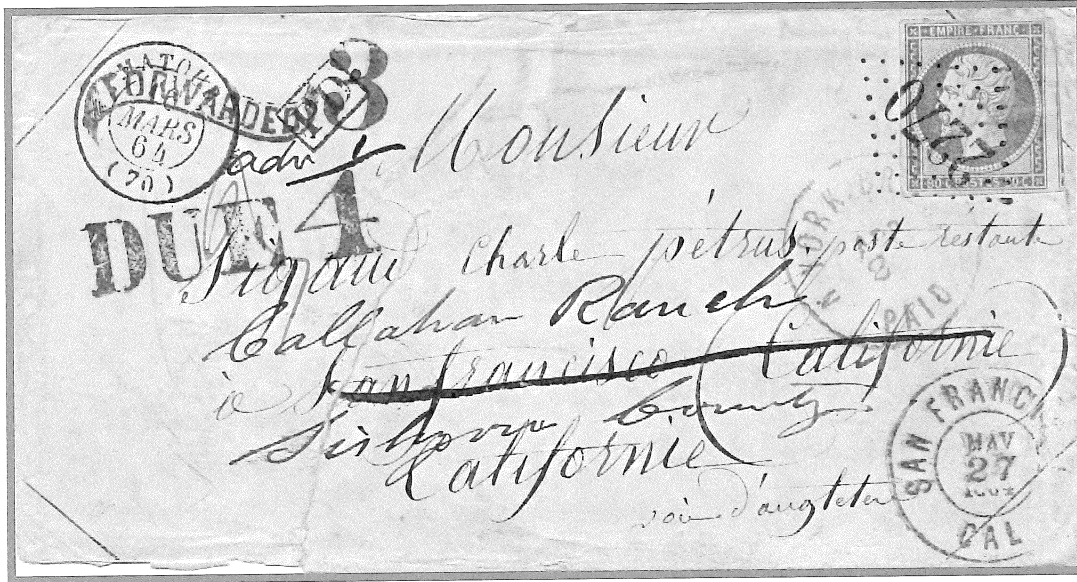
Prepaid double-weight 16 décimes on October 18, 1861 in Paris - Cunard steamer *Europa* to New York

1859 80 centimes rose stamps with private 'Susse' perforations - double-weight 6¢ credit to US

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: France to the USA

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Unusual Usages



Prepaid 8 décimes on March 16, 1864 in Matour - Cunard steamer *Africa* - 3¢ credit to US
Forwarded May 27 from San Francisco with 4¢ due - 3¢ forwarding plus 1¢ for advertising

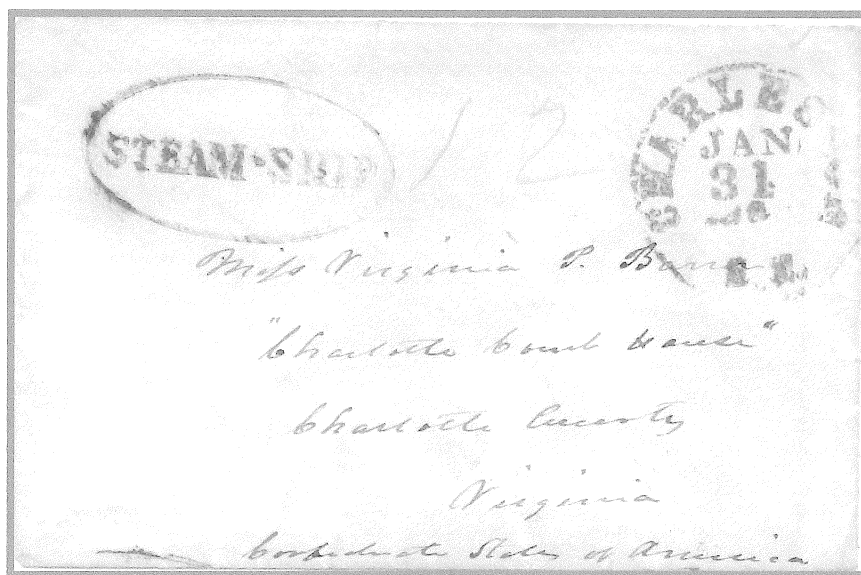


Prepaid octuple-weight 64 décimes on May 26, 1864 in Le Havre - Cunard steamer *China* to Boston
1862 Issue 80 centimes rose - "N. York Br. Pkt. Paid" entry mark - eight-times 24¢ credit to the US

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: France to the USA

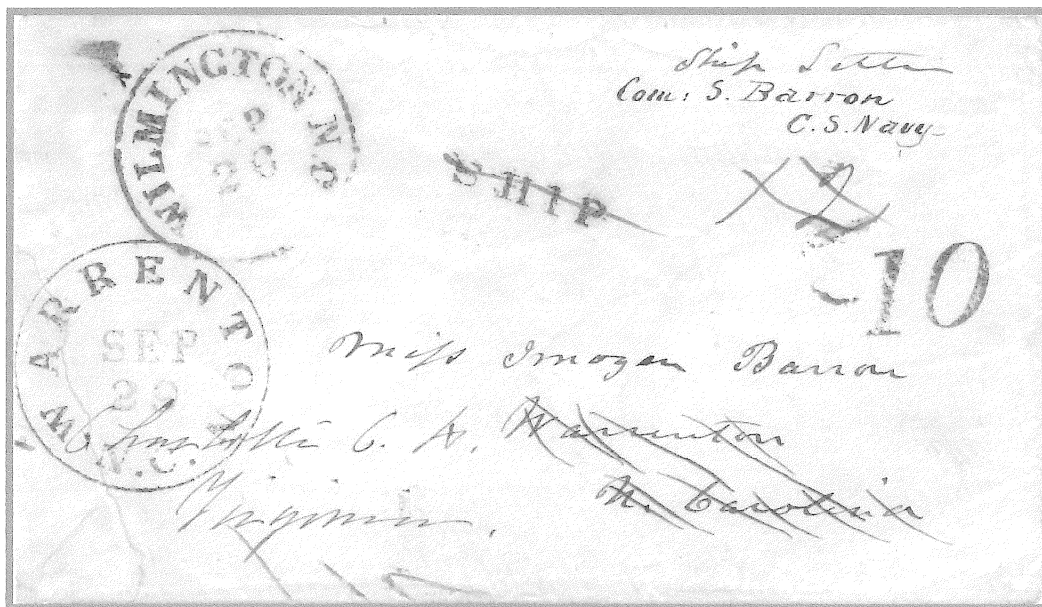
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Civil War Blockade-Run Mail



Sent under cover from Paris to Cunard steamer *China* - left Liverpool on December 31, 1864

Little Hattie from Nassau to Charleston, SC January 31, 1865 - 12¢ due (10¢ inland plus 2¢ ship fee)



From **Confederate Naval Commodore Samuel Barron** in Paris to Liverpool forwarder in August 1863

Cunard steamer *Scotia* from Liverpool August 29 to New York - passed in closed mails to Nassau, Bahamas

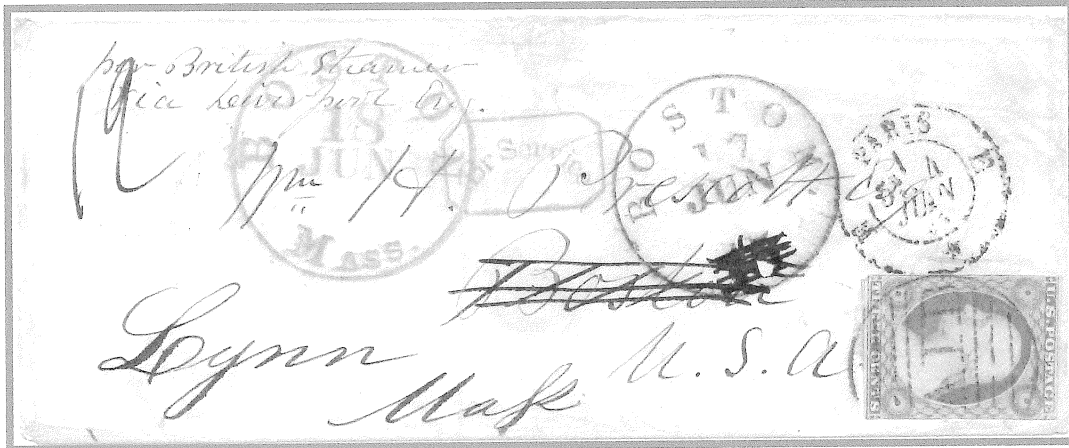
Blockade runner *Margaret & Jessie* from Nassau to Wilmington, NC on September 24 - 12¢ due

Confederate "ship" markings appear only on incoming blockade-run mail

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: France to the USA

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Unpaid Mail



Prepaid unpaid on June 4, 1857 in Paris - Cunard steamer *Europa* to Boston
12¢ debit to US - 15¢ due - Forwarded in US with 1851 Issue 3¢ stamp

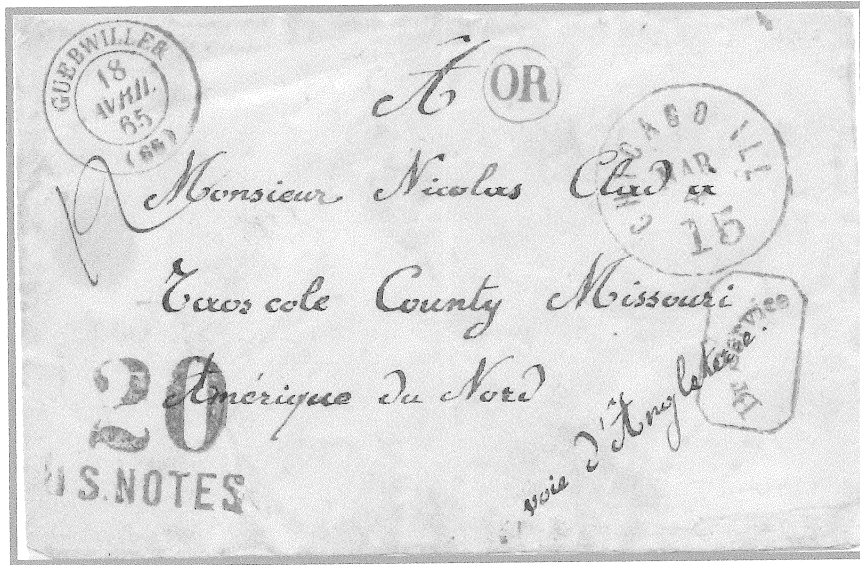


Forwarded unpaid April 20, 1866 via Le Havre by Mousset Brown & Co. - Cunard steamer *Scotia* to NY
12¢ debit to US - 15¢ in coin or 19¢ in depreciated notes due

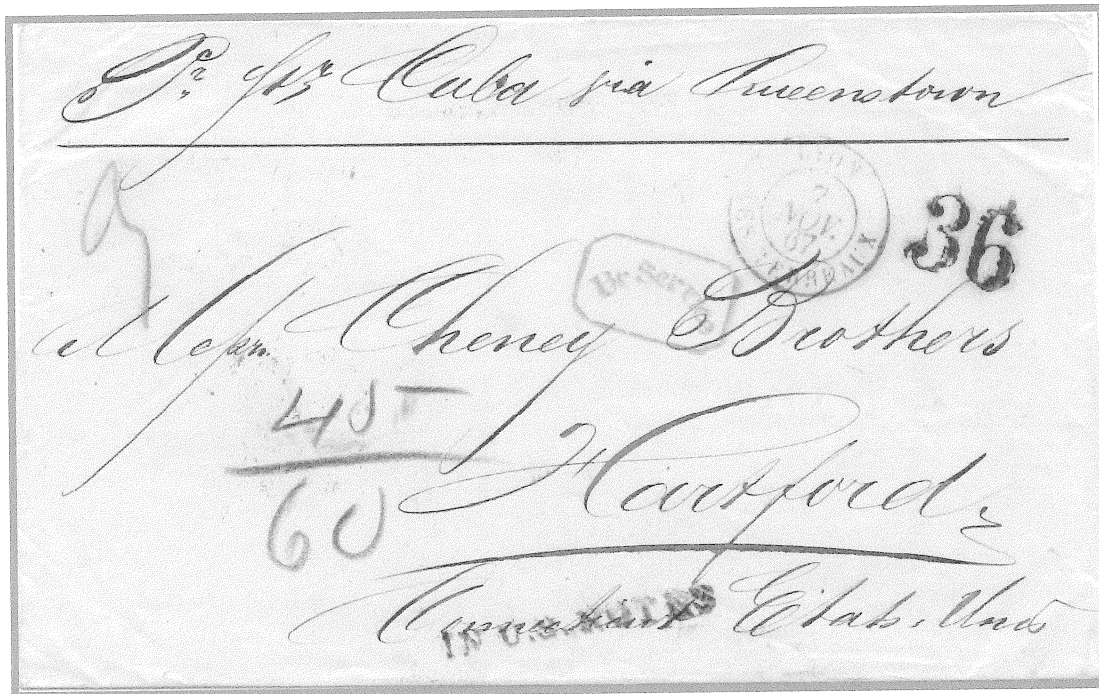
Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: France to the USA

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Depreciated Currency Due Marks



Prepaid unpaid on April 18, 1865 in Guebwiller - Allan Line steamer *Peruvian* to Quebec
12¢ debit to US - blue "Br Service" Chicago mark - rare "20 U.S. NOTES" Chicago due mark



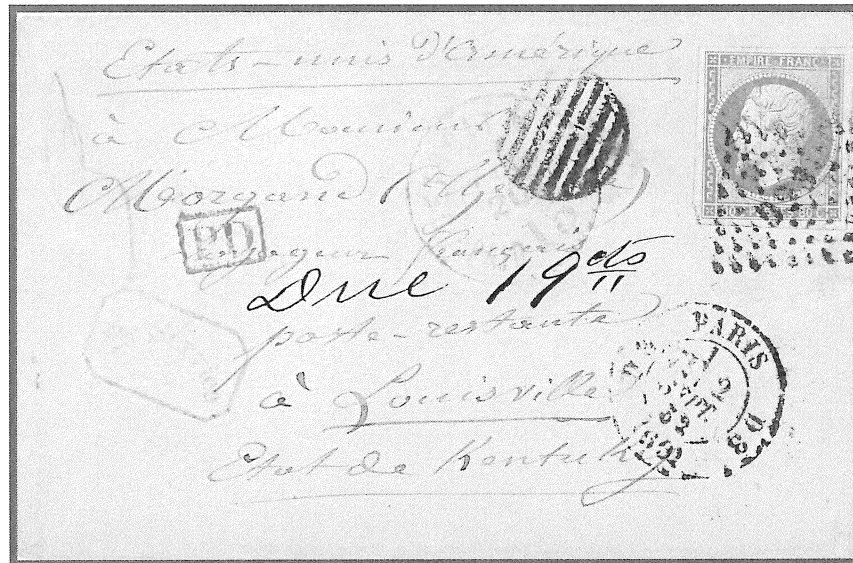
Posted triple-weight unpaid on November 7, 1867 in Lyon - Cunard steamer *China* to Boston
36¢ debit to US - red "Br Service" Boston marking - 45¢ in coin or 60¢ "IN U.S. NOTES" due

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: France to the USA

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Allan Line Mail

Additional articles to the 1857 Treaty added Canada's Allan Line as a carrier of British mails, effective April 1, 1861. Terminal points were Portland, Maine in the winter or Quebec, Canada in the summer



Prepaid 80 centimes on September 2, 1862 in Paris - 1859 80 centimes rose stamp
Allan liner *Bohemian* to Quebec - manuscript 3¢ credit to US - marked "Br Service"
Rare 'Detroit Mich Paid 15' exchange office postmark applied on September 20
Louisville post office rejected prepayment and collected 19¢ in depreciated currency

Canadian Packet via England

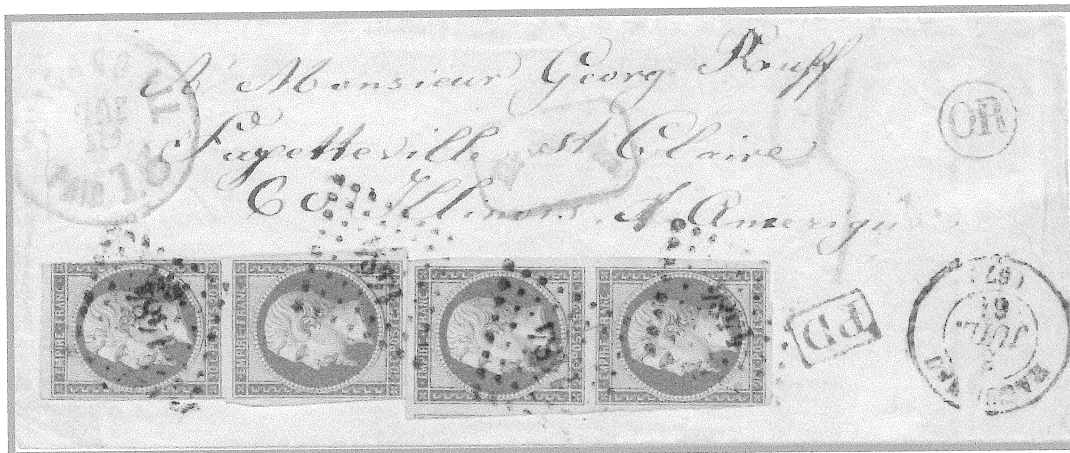
Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: France to the USA

British Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Allan Line US Exchange Offices



Prepaid double-weight 16 décimes on July 20, 1864 in Nantes - Allan liner *St David* to Quebec
Double-weight 6¢ credit to US - August 6 “Portland Me Paid 30” entry mark and “Br Service”
Sent to New Orleans, Louisiana during Union occupation period



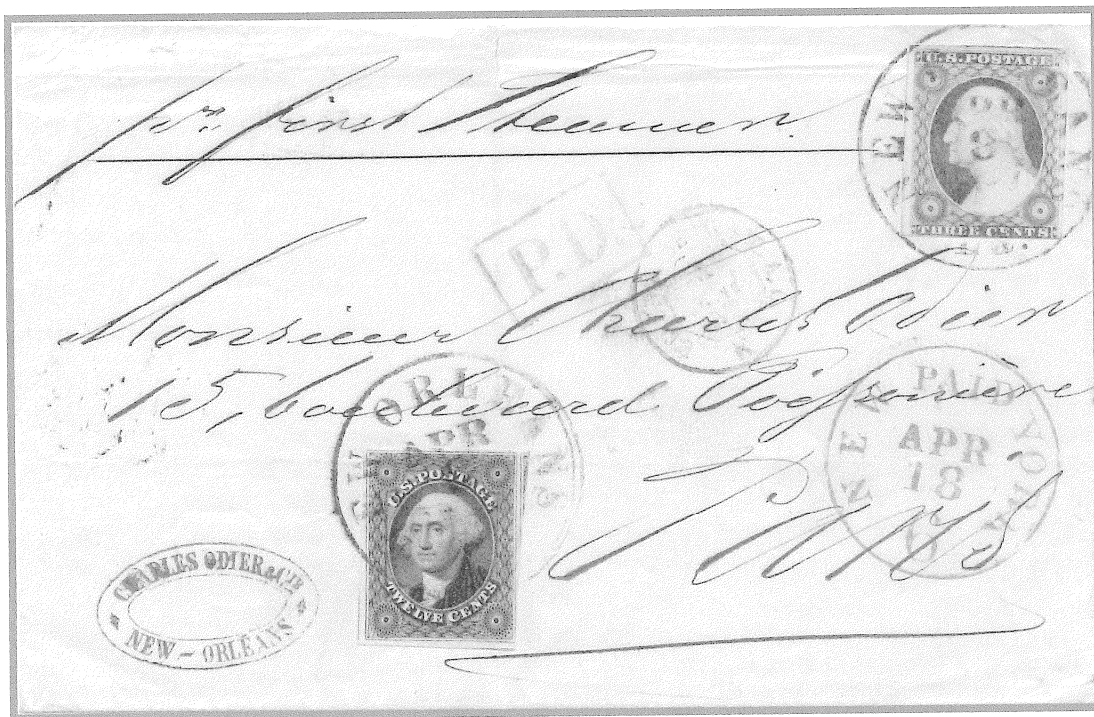
Prepaid 80 centimes on July 3, 1861 in Hagenau - Allan Line steamer *Hiberian* to Quebec
3¢ credit to US - rare July 18 Chicago exchange office mark “Chicago Ill Paid 15”

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

First France-USA Postal Treaty

March 2, 1857 France-USA Treaty set fully-paid rate of 15c per ¼ oz., effective April 1. On mail by American packets via England, the US credited 6c to France for 2c GB transit plus 4c French inland postage.



Prepaid 15¢ on April 8, 1857 in New Orleans - franked by 1851 Issue 3¢ dull red and 12¢ stamps
Ocean Line steamer *Washington* to Southampton - 3rd to last sailing of the Line- 6¢ credit to France

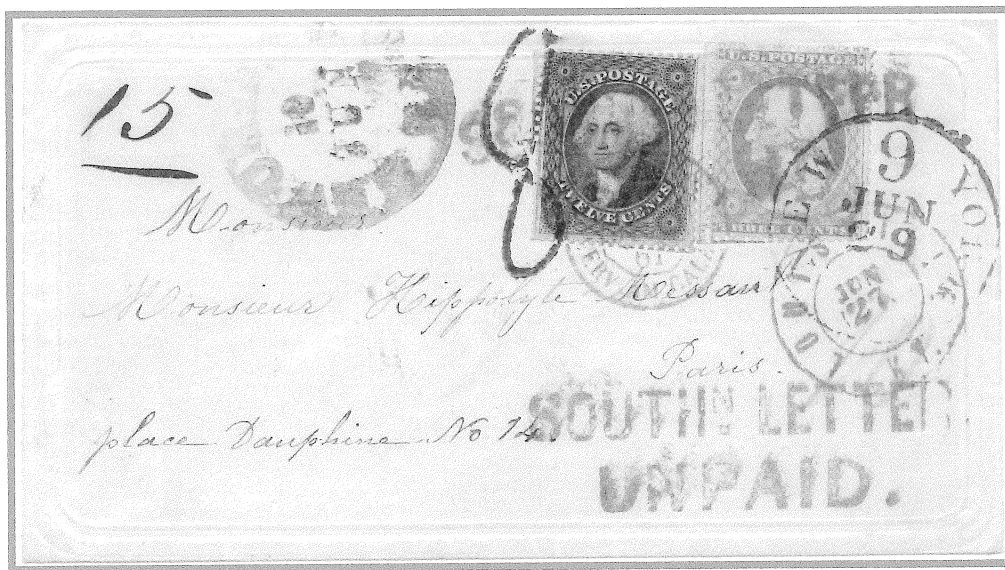
Only three Ocean Line sailings in this period

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

'SOUTHn LETTER UNPAID'

The US suspended mail service in the Confederate States of America on May 31, 1861. Some mail from the South was allowed to pass through Louisville, Kentucky after that, but the frankings were disallowed.



Prepaid 10¢ Confederate postage (> 500 miles) and 15¢ US postage on June 10, 1861 in New Orleans

Passed through the lines from Nashville to Louisville on June 14 - released to New York on June 27

US postage applied in New Orleans disregarded and marked "Southern Letter Unpaid" - letter rated unpaid

Inman Line steamer *City of Baltimore* to Queenstown - 8 décimes unpaid letter postage due in France

Only five "Southern Letter Unpaid" letters to foreign destinations are known

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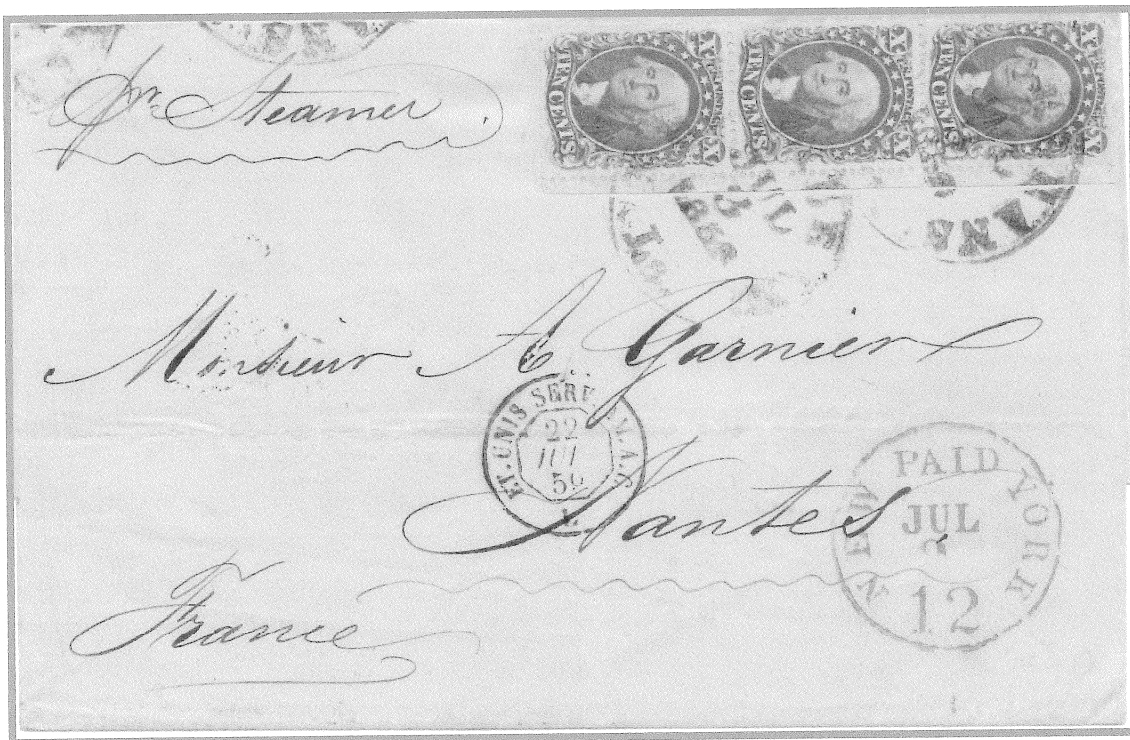
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Frankings



Prepaid 15¢ on January 15, 1858 in Philadelphia - 1856 5¢ with imprint and 1857 10¢ type II

Carried by *Baltic* on last sailing of the *Collins Line* - 6¢ credit to France



Prepaid double-weight 30¢ on July 3, 1859 in New Orleans - NGL steamer *Bremen* from New York

Franked by 1857 10¢ types II-III-I strip of 3 - double-weight 12¢ credit to France

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Rare Le Havre Entry Mark



Prepaid 15¢ on October 22, 1857 in New Orleans - **1857 5¢ red brown type I (plate 1) strip of 3**
Vanderbilt steamer *North Star* to Southampton - incorrect 3¢ credit to France (should be 6¢)
Red "Et. Unis Serv. Am. V.A. Havre" ("Voie Angleterre") entry mark

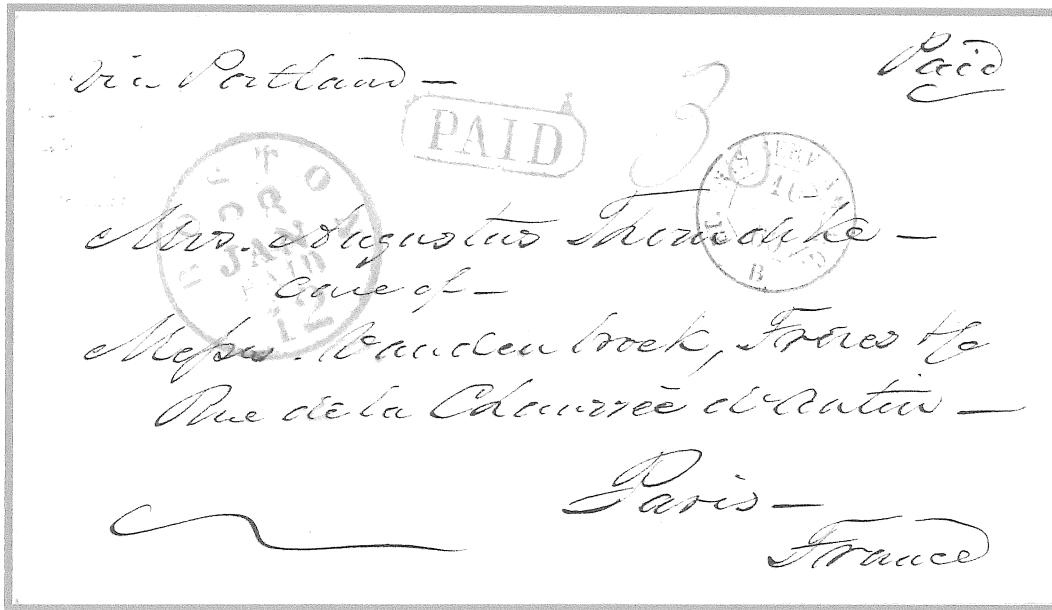


Prepaid 15¢ on April 10, 1857 in Philadelphia - Collins steamer *Alps* to Liverpool April 25
Red "Am Service" normally used only on westbound mails - 6¢ credit to France

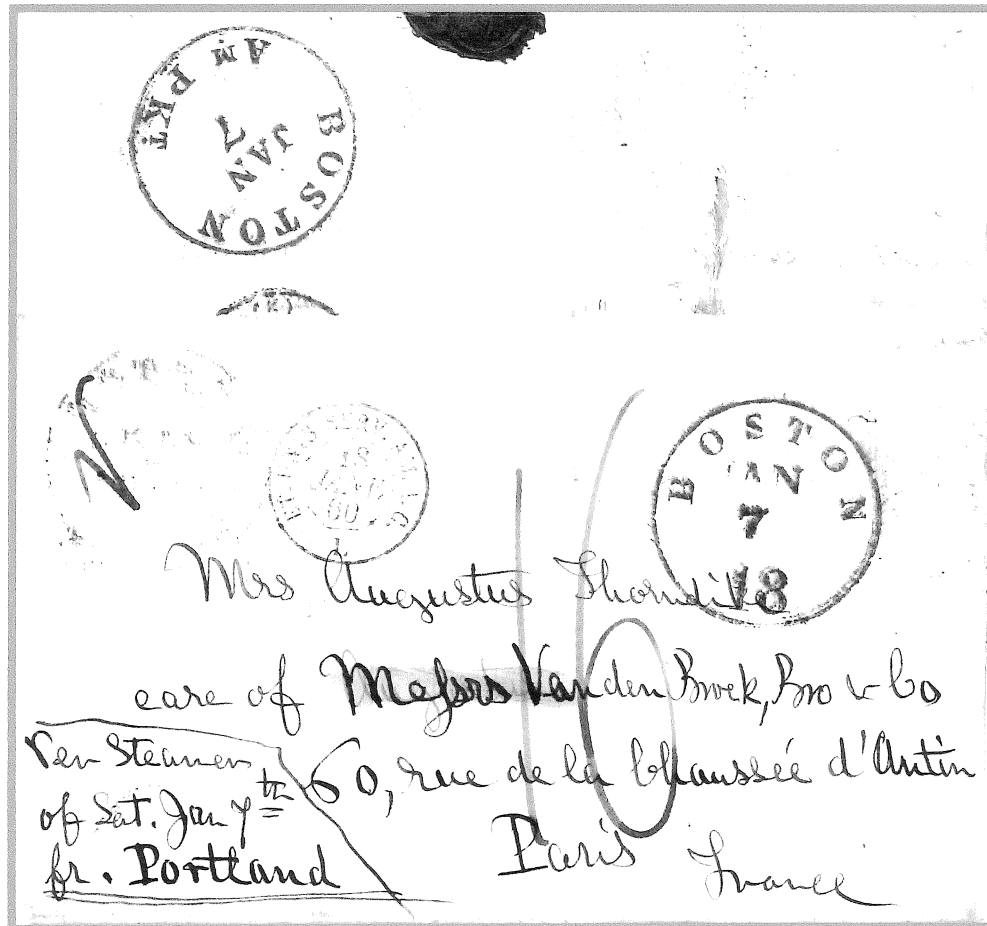
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American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Allan Line via Portland, Maine



Prepaid double-weight 30¢ on Jan. 28, 1860 in Boston - Anglo-Saxon - 12¢ credit to France



Posted double-weight unpaid on Jan. 7, 1860 in Boston - North Briton - 18¢ debit - 16 décimes due

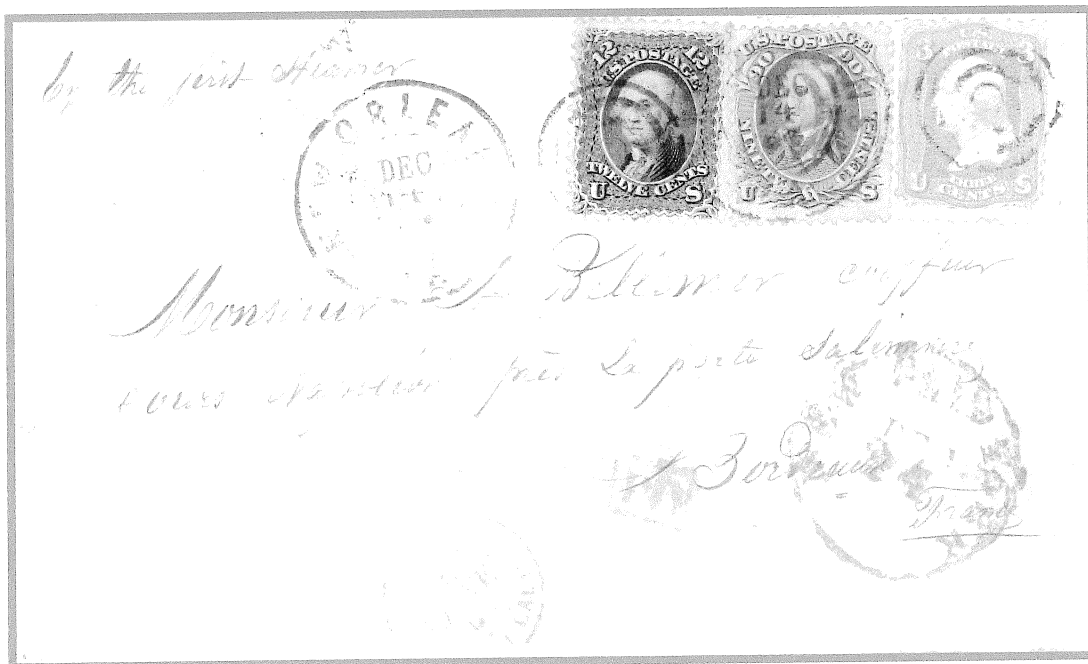
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American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

"Serv. Am." Entry Mark



Prepaid 15¢ on July 27, 1861 in New York - 1861 5¢ orange brown type II and 1859 10¢ type V HAPAG steamer *Saxonia* - 6¢ credit - Etats-Unis Serv. Am. Calais" entry mark introduced in 1861



Prepaid seven-times \$1.05 on December 14, 1864 in New Orleans - 1861 Issue 3¢, 12¢ and 90¢ Maiden voyage of Inman Line steamer *City of Cork* - 42¢ credit to France - re-backed front

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

2¢ Black Jack Franking

Federal mail service returned gradually to re-captured Confederate States during the Civil War. Mail from these occupied States to France is very unusual.



Prepaid 15¢ on March 11, 1865 in St Augustine, Florida - franked by 1861 Issue 2¢ block of four Inman steamer *City of Baltimore* - 6¢ credit to France - Union occupation of Confederate Florida

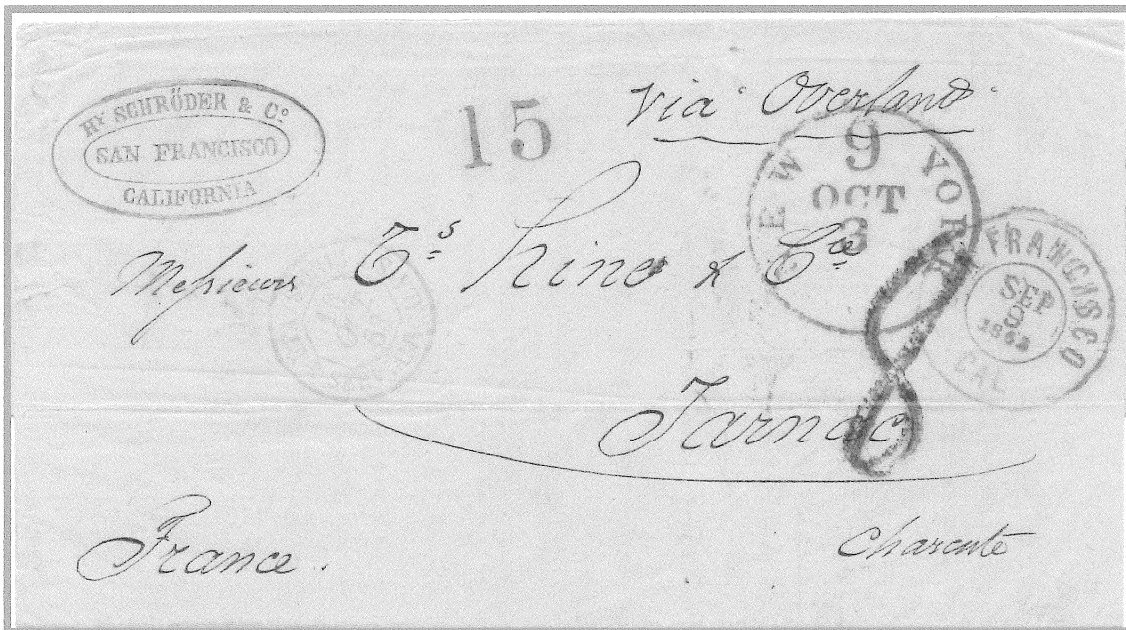
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American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Mail From West Coast



Prepaid 26¢ “Three Months Period” rate on March 20, 1857 in San Francisco - 5¢ West Coast surcharge
Ocean liner *Washington* left NY during 1857 Treaty period, but still rated per 1856 France-GB Treaty
Red “Et. Unis Serv. Am. V.A. Havre” (“Voie Angleterre”) entry mark - double-weight 16 décimes due



Posted unpaid on September 9, 1863 in San Francisco - Inman steamer *Etna* - 9¢ debit – 8 décimes due

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: France to the USA

American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

To President-Elect Lincoln

1857 Treaty set fully-paid rate of 80 centimes per 7.5 grams, effective April 1. On American packet mail via England, the France credited 9c to US for 6c sea plus 3c inland. Letters were marked "Am Service" in red to signify service via GB.



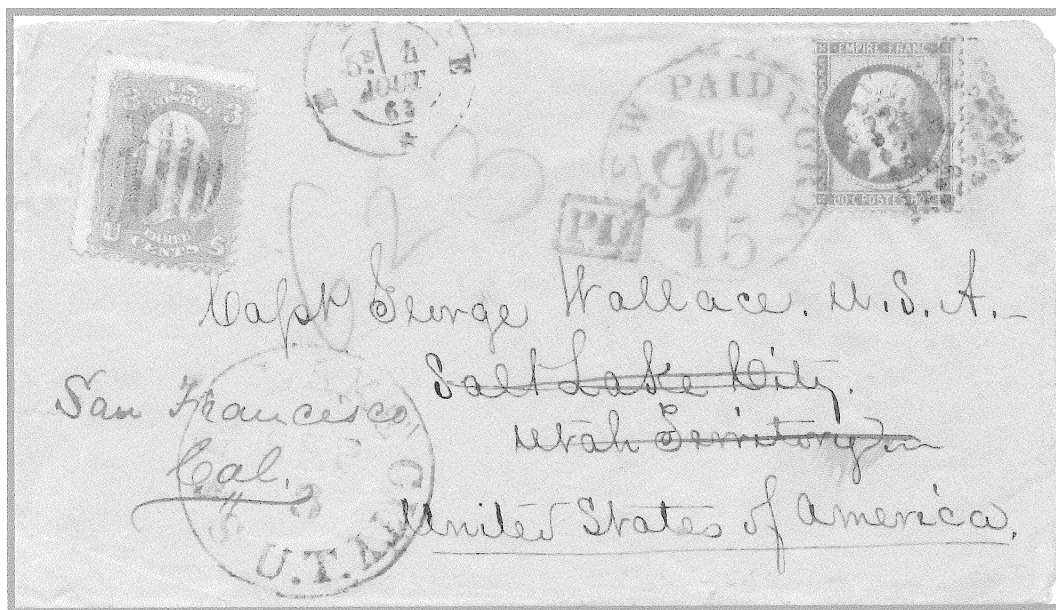
Prepaid triple-weight 24 décimes on January 5, 1861 in Marseille - triple-weight 27¢ credit to US NY & Havre Line steamer *Arago* from Southampton - red boxed "Am Service" mark applied in NY Forwarded January 24 from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, IL - 3¢ forwarding postage due

Lincoln left Springfield on February 1 for his March 4 Inauguration

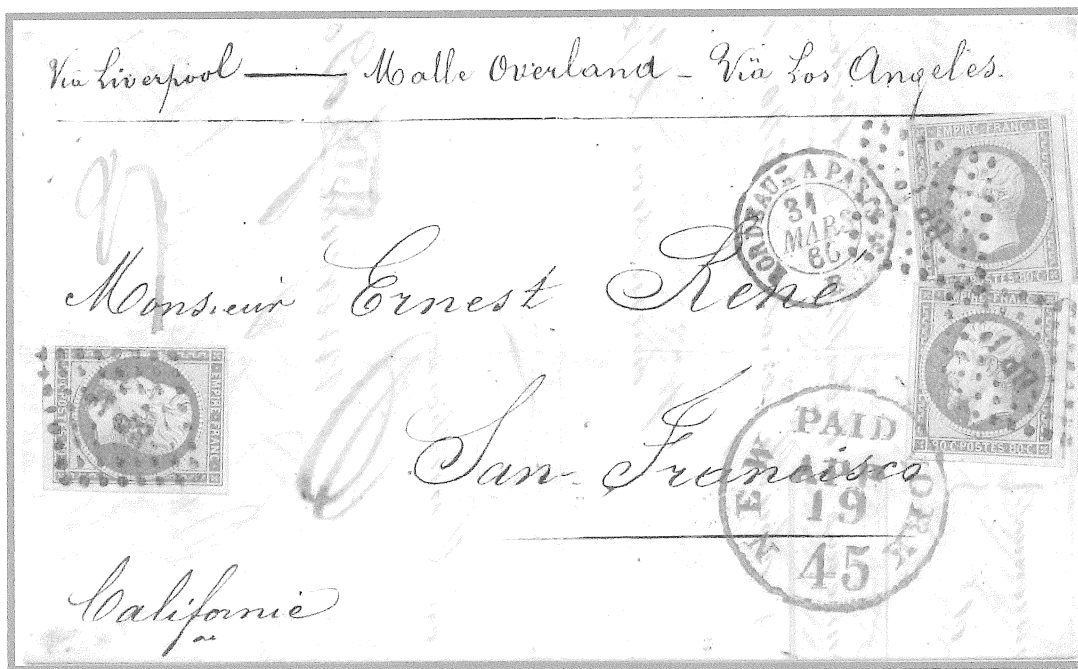
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West Coast Overland Mail



Prepaid 80 centimes on August 4, 1863 in Paris - 9¢ credit to US - Inman steamer *City of Washington*
Forwarded overland from Utah Territory to San Francisco with 1861 3¢ stamp for forwarding postage



Prepaid triple-weight 24 décimes on March 31, 1860 in Bordeaux - triple-weight 27¢ credit to France
NY & Havre Line steamer *Arago* - sent via Butterfield overland route to California

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American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

"Mails Suspended" Marking

The US closed all postal communication with the seceded Confederate States in May-June 1861. Domestic mail was diverted to the Dead Letter Office, and foreign mail was returned.



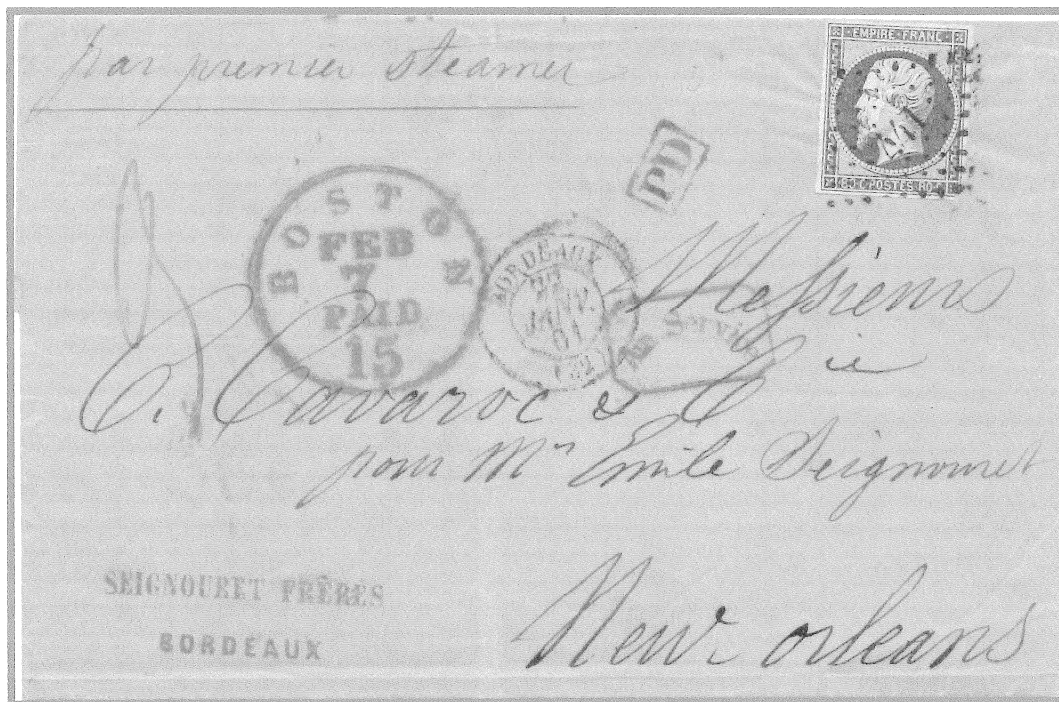
Prepaid double-weight 16 décimes on May 9, 1864 in Paris - double-weight 18¢ credit to US Inman Line steamer *Edinburgh* from Queenstown - May 22 "New York Paid 30" entry marking
Diverted and returned to France with "Mails Suspended" and French "Rebuts" markings

Only known letter from France with this marking

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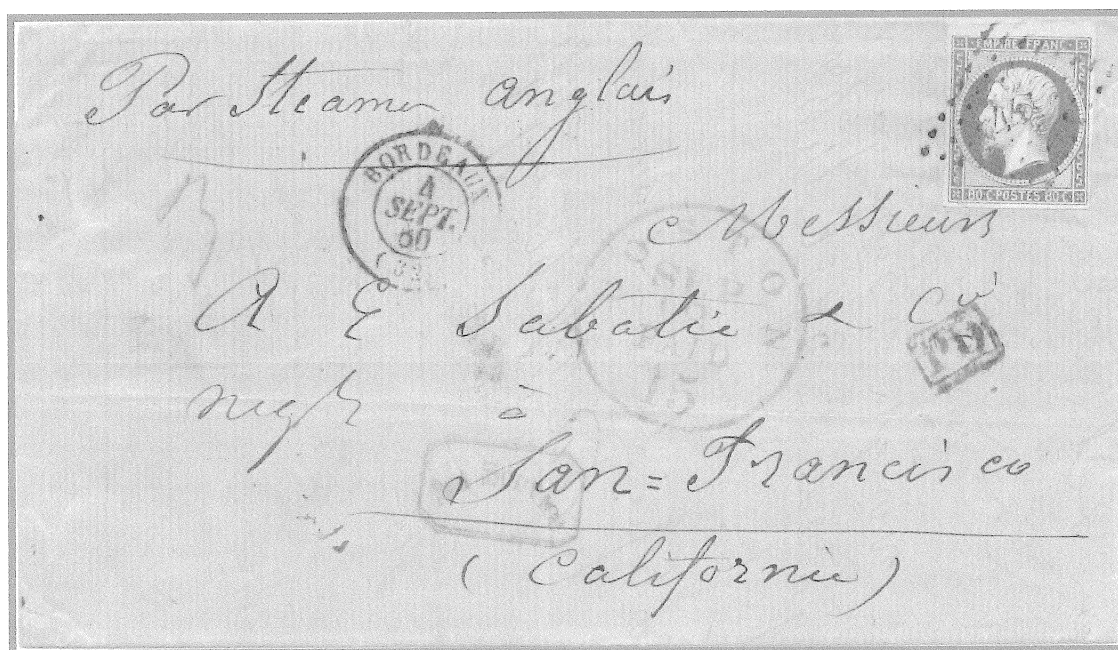
Allan Line via Canada



Prepaid 80 centimes on January 22, 1861 in Bordeaux - erroneous 3¢ credit to US (should be 6¢)

Allan liner *Anglo-Saxon* via Portland - entered February 7 at Boston - to Confederate Louisiana

April 1, 1859 Amendment to 1848 US-GB Treaty added Allan Line, to be rated as American packets



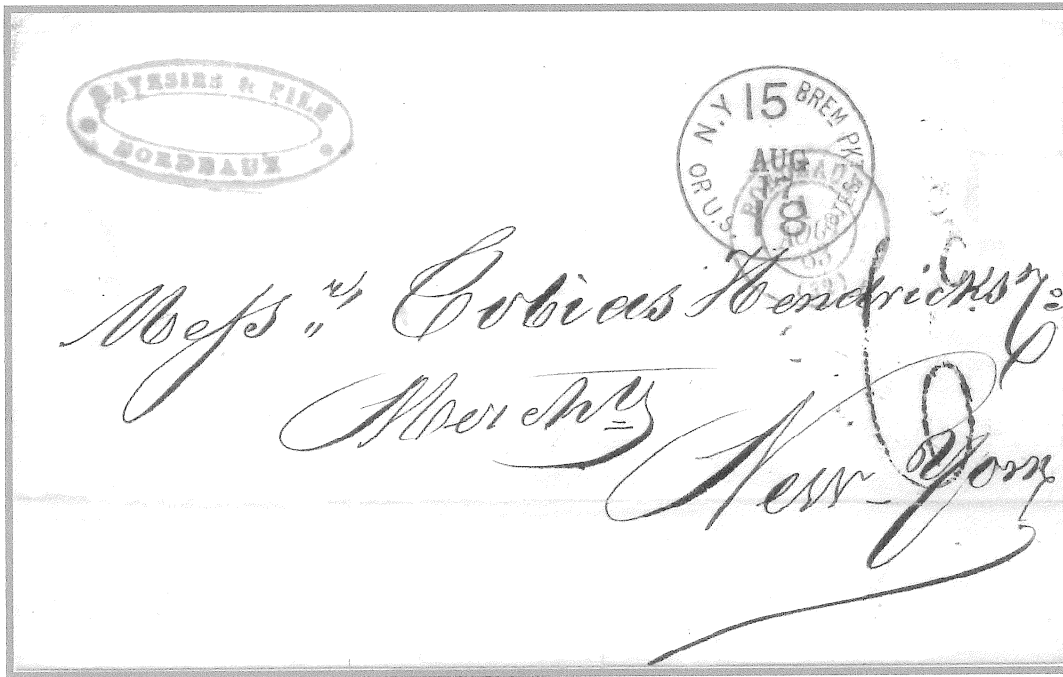
Prepaid 80 centimes on September 4, 1860 in Bordeaux -Allan Line steamer *Jura* via Quebec to Boston

This mail consistently mis-rated for 3¢ British packet credit - red "Am Service" marking applied in Boston

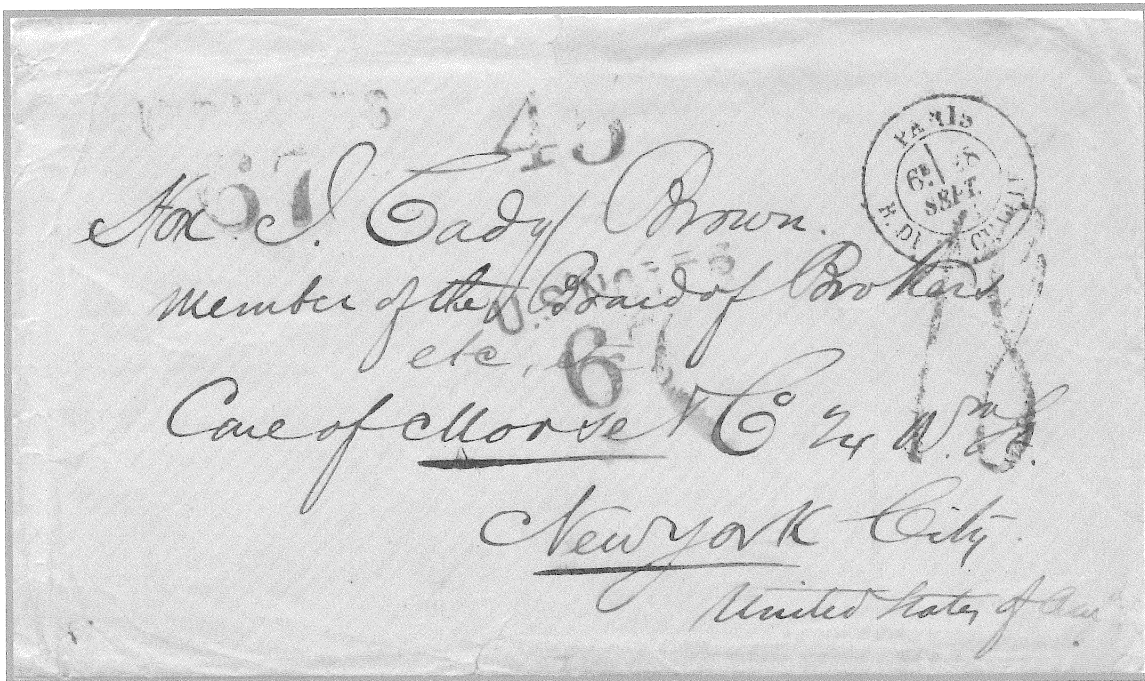
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American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Depreciated Currency Marks



Posted unpaid on August 1, 1863 in Bordeaux - 6¢ debit to the US - NGL steamship *Bremen*
Bremen closed mail depreciated currency marking shows 15¢ in coin or 18¢ in notes due



Posted triple-weight unpaid on September 28, 1863 in Paris - triple-weight 18¢ debit to the US
Inman Line steamer *City of Baltimore* - 45¢ in coin or "U.S. NOTES 67" cents due

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: France to the USA

American Packet via England: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1867

Unpaid Mail



Posted unpaid on November 9, 1857 in Le Havre - 6¢ debit to the US - Collins steamship *Atlantic*
“Am Service” marking (in red for packet via England) applied in New York - 15¢ due



Posted unpaid on November 11, 1866 in Paris - 6¢ debit to the US
HAPAG steamer *Germania* from Southampton - 15¢ in coin or 21¢ in notes due

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

American Direct Packet: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

1857 Issue Franking

The 1857 France-USA Treaty set a fully-paid rate of 15¢ per ¼ ounce, effective April 1. On American direct packet mail, the US credited 3¢ to France for inland postage. French entry marks were applied in blue to signify direct service.



Prepaid 15¢ on June 12, 1858 in New Orleans - franked by **1857 Issue 5¢ Indian red strip of three**
3¢ credit to France - Vanderbilt Line steamship *North Star* from New York June 19 to Le Havre
Blue "Et. Unis Serv. Am. D. Havre" ("Service Américain Direct") entry marking

Fewer than five strips of 5¢ Indian red known on cover

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

American Direct Packet: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

1857 Issue Frankings



Prepaid triple-weight 45¢ rate on September 14, 1861 in New York - triple-weight 9¢ credit to France
1857 Issue 5¢ deep orange brown, 10¢ type III, and 30¢ stamps - NY & Havre steamer *Arago*



Prepaid 60¢ on April 28, 1861 in New York - quadruple 12¢ credit to France - NY & Havre Line steamer *Fulton*
Blue May 10 "Et. Unis Serv. Am. D. Havre" entry mark - forwarded from Paris with 1859 80 centimes stamp

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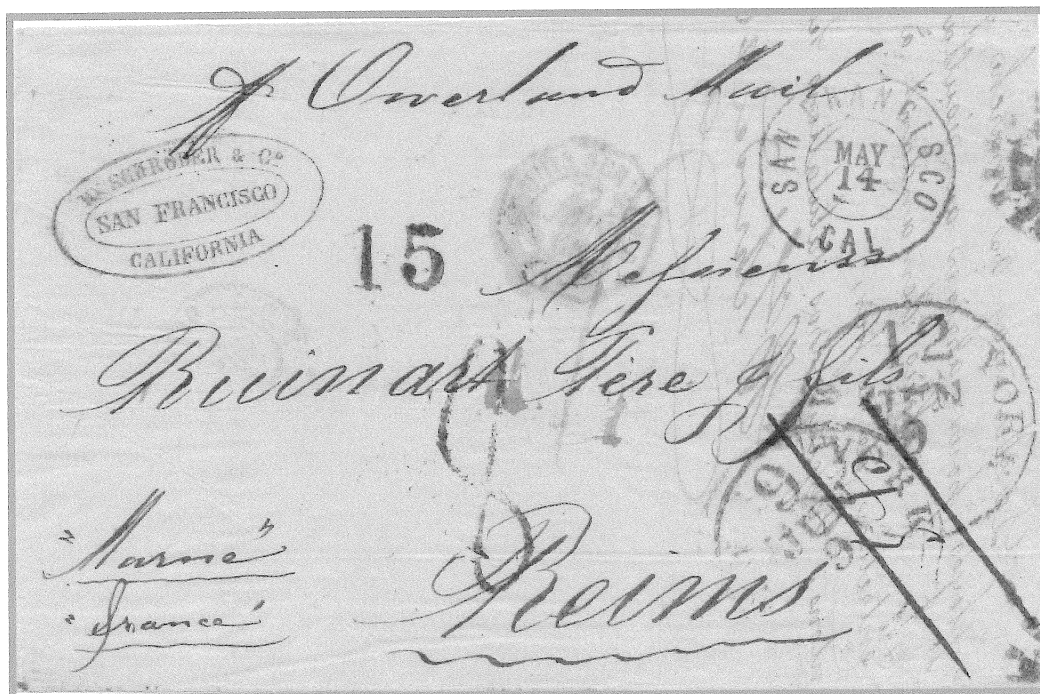
American Direct Packet: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

Unpaid Mail



Posted unpaid on September 7, 1860 in Philadelphia - 12¢ debit to France in Philadelphia postmark

Vanderbilt Line steamer *Vanderbilt* to Le Havre - 8 décimes due



Posted unpaid on May 14, 1866 in San Francisco - 12¢ debit in New York postmark - 8 décimes due

NY & Havre Line steamer *Fulton* - "Et. Unis Serv. Am. D. Havre" entry marking in red during 1865-67

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American Direct Packet: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

1865-67 NY & Havre Line Revival



Prepaid 15¢ on May 10, 1867 in Andover, MA - 3¢ credit to France in Boston postmark
NY & Havre Liner *Fulton* - "Et. Unis Serv. Am. D. Havre" entry mark in red during 1865-67

After a Civil War suspension, the NY & Havre Line resumed operations from Nov. 1865 to Oct. 1867

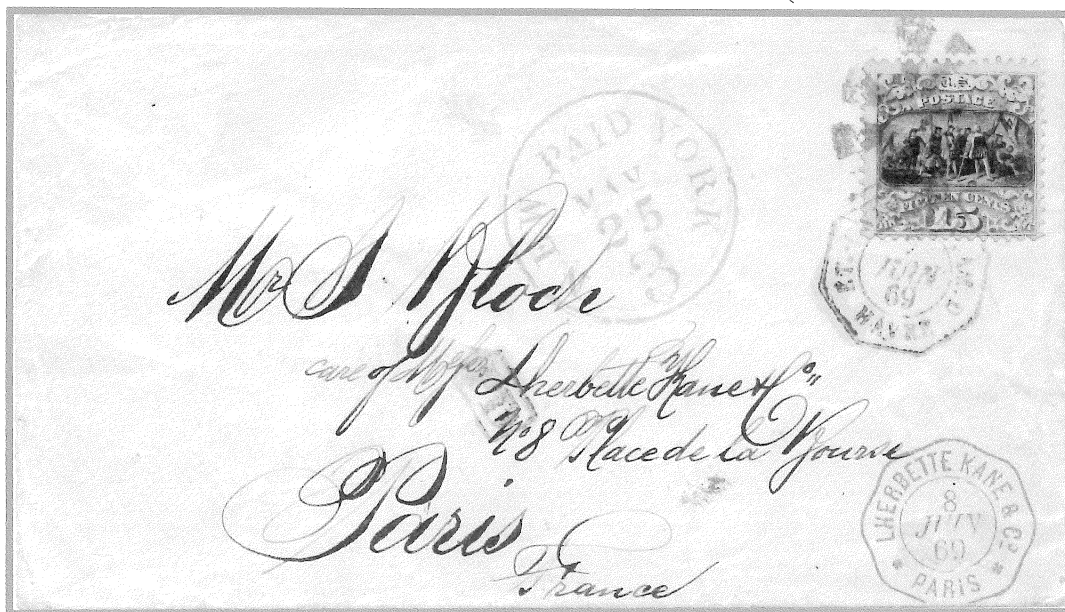


Prepaid sextuple-rate 90¢ on April 27, 1867 in New York - 18¢ credit to France - 1861 Issue 30¢ stamps
NY & Havre Line steamer *Mississippi* - second of only two sailings by this steamship

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

American Direct Packet: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

Obsolete French Entry Markings



Prepaid 15¢ on May 25, 1869 in New York - 2 days after earliest known usage of 1869 15¢ type II stamp
HAPAG steamer *Hammonia II* - re-use of 1865-67 red “Et.-Unis Serv. Am. D. Havre” entry mark



Double-weight letter posted unpaid in New Orleans on April 6, 1869 - HAPAG steamer *Hammonia II*
Re-use of 1864-65 blue “Etats Unis Paq. Fr. Le Havre 2” entry mark for first HAPAG arrival

HAPAG Line resumed direct packet service from New York to Cherbourg on April 13, 1869

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American Direct Packet: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

13 Times 15¢ Rate from New Mexico



Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

American Direct Packet: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

1869 Issue Frankings



Prepaid triple-weight 45¢ rate with 1869 15¢ type I and 30¢ stamps on June 9, 1869 in New Orleans

HAPAG steamer *Germania* - fewer than five covers known with this franking combination



Prepaid double-weight 30¢ rate with 3¢ and 24¢ stamps on Dec. 9, 1869 in New Orleans - double 3¢ credit

HAPAG steamer *Allemania* - fewer than ten 1869 Issue 24¢ covers known to France

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: USA to France

American Direct Packet: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

French Entry Markings



Prepaid 15¢ rate with 1869 15¢ type II stamp on October 18, 1869 in Buffalo, NY - 3¢ credit to France
HAPAG steamer *Silesia* - October 30 "Etats-Unis Cherbourg" entry marking

HAPAG Line re-started direct American packet service in January 1869 after 14-month hiatus



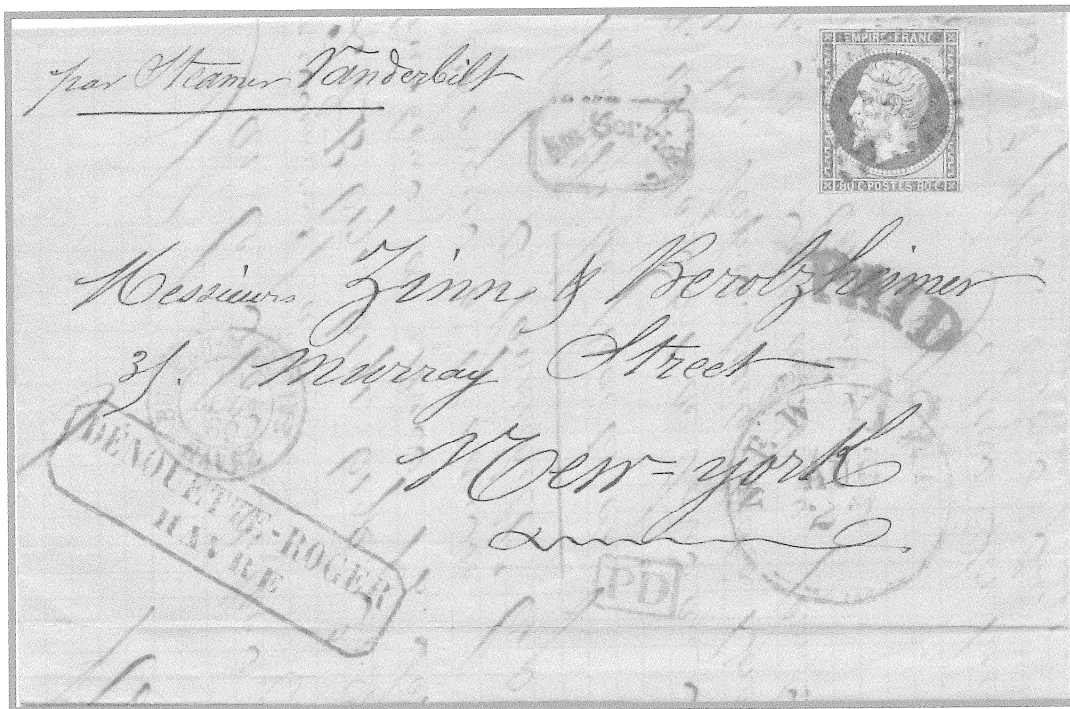
Prepaid 15¢ on May 25, 1869 in New York - **2 days after earliest known usage of 1869 15¢ type II stamp**
HAPAG steamer *Hammonia II* - re-use of 1865-67 red "Et.-Unis Serv. Am. D. Havre" entry mark

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Vanderbilt European Line

1857 France-USA Treaty set a fully-paid rate of 80 centimes per 7.5 grams, effective April 1. On American direct packet mail, France credited 12c to the US for sea & inland postage. Letters were marked "Am Service" in blue to signify direct service.



Prepaid 80 centimes on August 14, 1860 at Le Havre's maritime bureau - 1859 80c rose stamp

12¢ credit to the US - Vanderbilt Line steamship *Vanderbilt* from Le Havre to New York

Blue "Am Service" and red "PAID" markings applied in New York on August 27

Only 46 Vanderbilt Line sailings in this period

Mail Exchanged Under 1857 France-USA Treaty: France to the USA

American Direct Packet: April 1, 1857-December 31, 1869

Unpaid Mail



Posted unpaid on September 20, 1858 in Paris - 3¢ debit to the US - NY & Havre Line steamer *Arago*
Blue boxed "Am Service" mark applied in New York - 15¢ due per October 6 New York entry mark



Posted unpaid on September 6, 1858 in Paris - 3¢ debit (Le Havre style) to the US - 15¢ due
Private forwarder John Munroe & Co. routing mark "Par Steamer pr. Les Etats-Unis"
Vanderbilt Line steamer *Northern Light* - second of only two voyages by this steamship

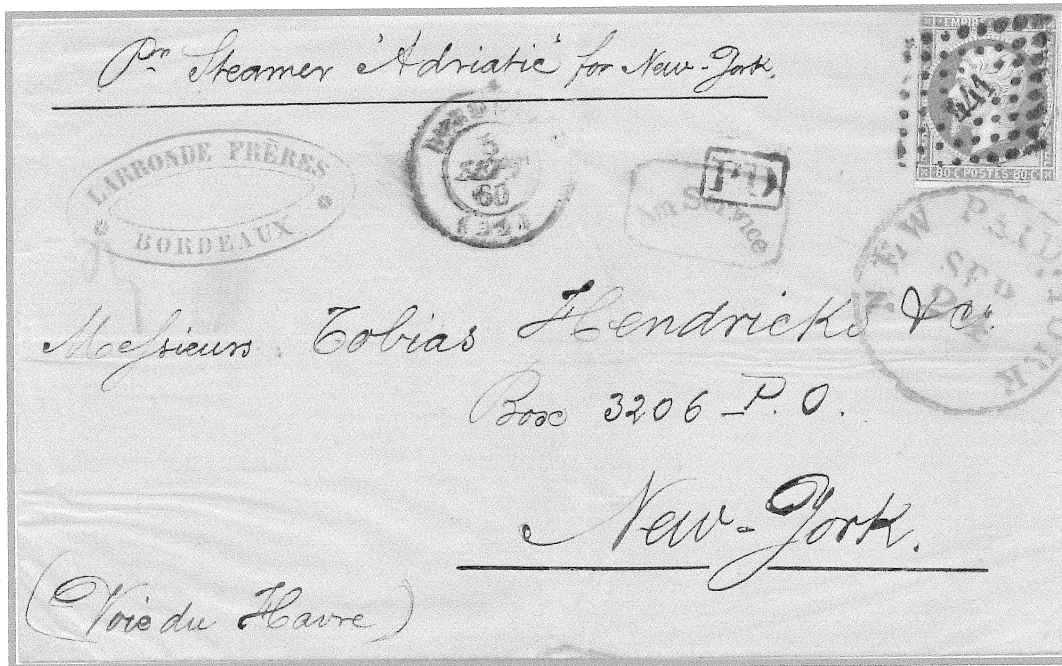
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North Atlantic Steamship Co.



Prepaid 80 centimes on July 28, 1860 in Pau - 12¢ credit (Le Havre style) to the US
Routed via Le Havre on July 31 - North Atlantic Steamship Co. steamer *Adriatic*



Prepaid 80 centimes on September 8, 1860 in Bordeaux - incorrect 3¢ British packet credit to the US
Red "Am Service" mark (should be blue) - North Atlantic steamer *Adriatic* - only 6 sailings by this line