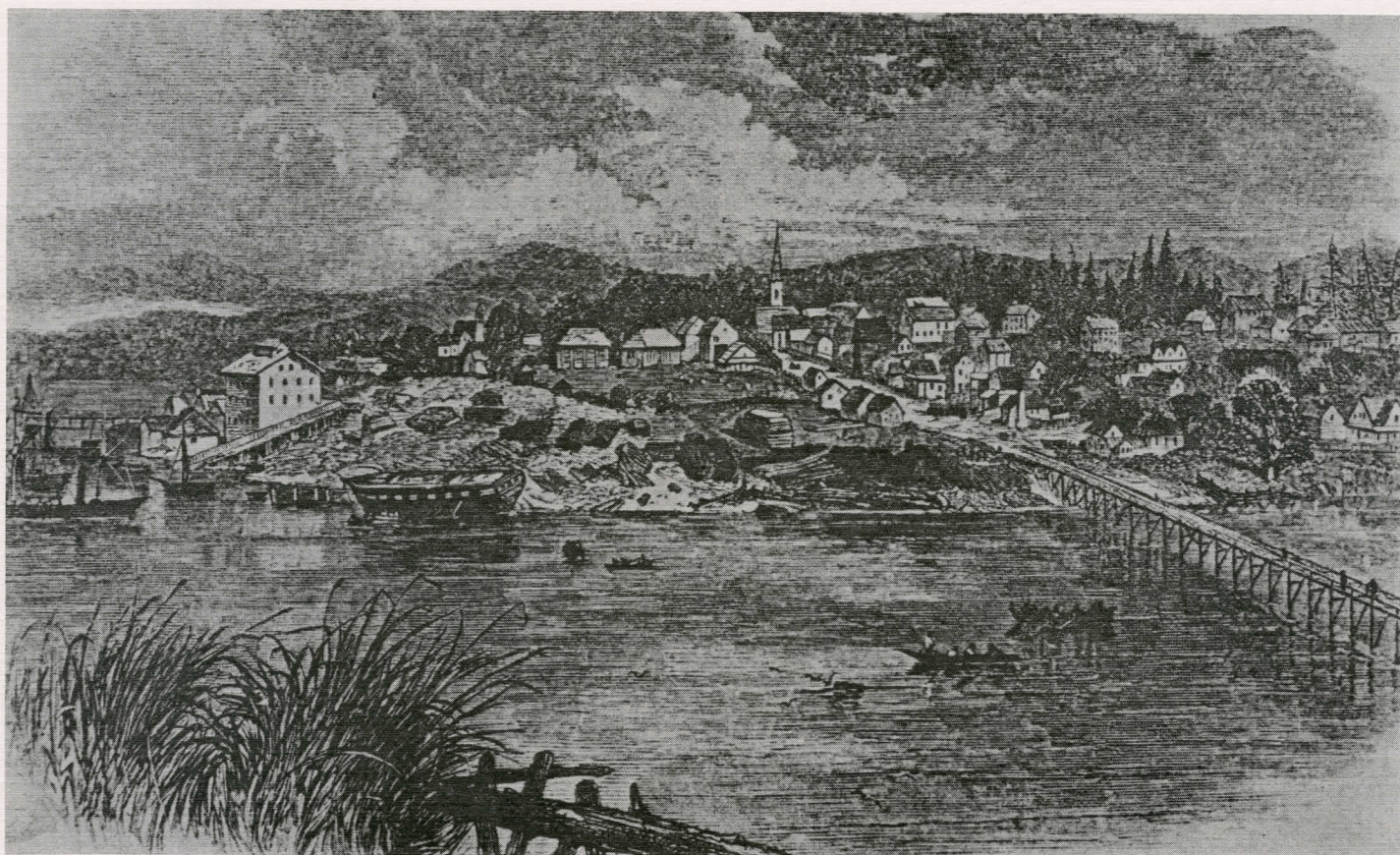


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UNIQUE USAGE OF THE U.S. FIRST ISSUE FROM CANADA TO CALIFORNIA

AUGUST 14, 1850



CANADA

PRE TREATY

CANADA RATE: 4 1/2 PENCE TO THE U.S. BORDER
U.S. RATE: 40 CENTS TRANSCONTINENTAL (2 SHILLINGS)

1 shilling, 4 1/2 pence (pencil lower right) red "PAID" in cash
20 cents (1 shilling) paid by U.S. stamps applied in Montreal
and cancelled by blue pen in New York.

Montreal August 14 - Lv New York August 28 per H & A "Philadelphia" - Arr Chagres September 6
Lv Panama September 15 per PMSS "Tennessee" - Arr San Francisco October 5

THE FIRST CANADA / U.S. TREATY

On April 6, 1851, the Canadian "9 Pence Rate" went into effect. This blended with the U.S. "Over 3000 Mile Rate" effective July 1, 1851.

Canada Inland: 3 pence = 5 cents
U.S. Transcontinental: 6 pence = 10 cents
Canada / U.S. Transcontinental Rate: 9 pence = 15 cents

UNIQUE USAGE OF THE CANADIAN FIRST ISSUE TO CALIFORNIA

FEBRUARY 5, 1856



Three Rivers, Lower Canada February 5 - Montreal February 6 - New York
via Panama - San Francisco - Texas Hill, California

M/S "Paid 15" indicates that 9 pence Canadian stamps were equal to 15 cents U.S.

EASTERN CANADA - CALIFORNIA 9 PENCE (15 CENTS) RATE

SEPTEMBER 29, 1851



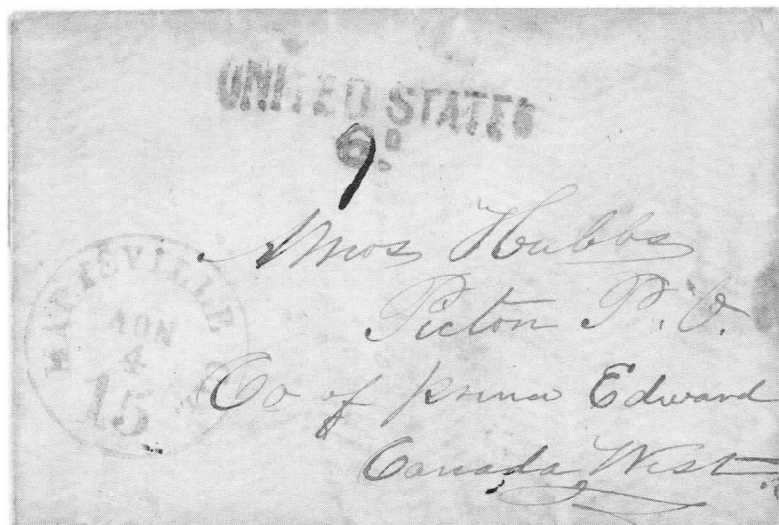
LV MONTREAL OCTOBER 1
VIA PANAMA

NEW YORK
SAN FRANCISCO

ON APRIL 6, 1851, THE CANADIAN 9 PENCE (15 CENTS) RATE WENT INTO EFFECT ;
TO WIT: 5 CENTS TO CANADA AND 10 CENTS FOR U.S. TRANSCONTINENTAL.
THIS BLENDED WITH THE U.S. " OVER 3000 MILE EXTERNAL RATE " OF 10 CENTS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1851.

" I HAVE BEEN 5 1/2 MONTHS GETTING TO MONTREAL (FROM SAN FRANCISCO)"

OCTOBER 17, 1856



ELK HORN RANCH OCTOBER 17
VIA PANAMA - NEW YORK - BY TRAIN - ROCHESTER, N.Y. - BOAT ACROSS LAKE ONTARIO
BRIGHTON, CANADA DECEMBER 2

MARYSVILLE NOVEMBER 4
PICTON, CANADA PO

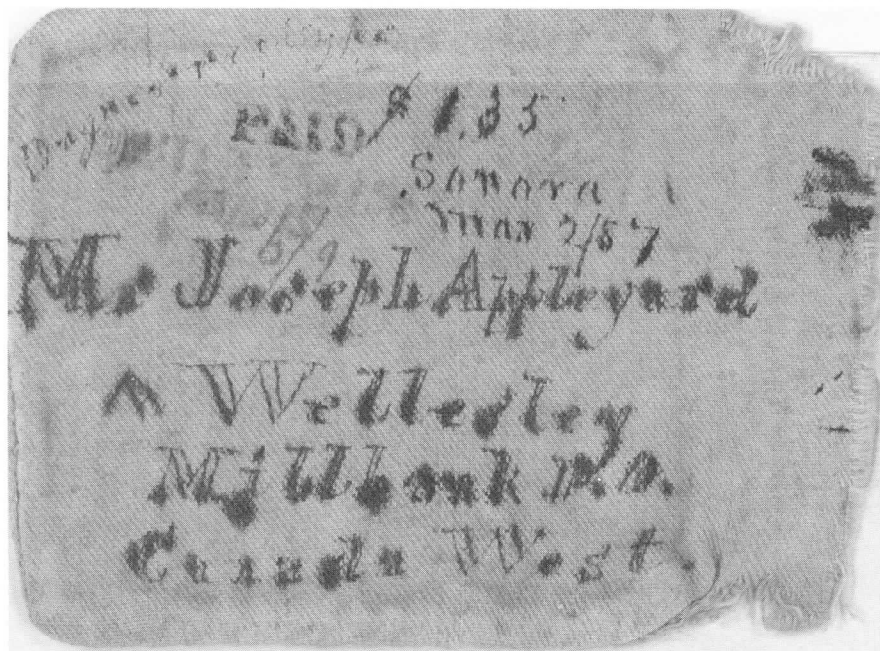
THE 6 PENNY (6D) MARKING WAS APPLIED AT ROCHESTER, N.Y. AND CHANGED TO "9D" WHICH WAS EQUAL TO 15 CENTS.

"THERE IS GREAT EXCITEMENT NOW HERE ABOUT ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT FOR THE UNITED STATES.
IT MAKES WARMER TIMES THAN PRINCE EDWARD ELECTIONS."

15 CENTS / 9 PENCE RATE

"DAGUERREOTYPE" - NINEFOLD RATE "6 / 9"

MARCH 2, 1857



Sonora, California March 2, 1857
New York - Wellesley

San Francisco - via Panama
Guelph - Millbank P.O., Canada West 30

The faint red "UNITED STATES / PAID 6" was used at Buffalo, Oswego, Rochester and Suspension Bridge, New York

"VIA TEHUANTEPEC"

JANUARY 3, 1859



Oroville, California January 3
Ventosa, Mexico -
New Orleans

overland across the isthmus of Tehuantepec
USPO

San Francisco
Minatitan, Mexico
Camden, Canada East

This twice monthly route was in use from October 1, 1858 until September 28, 1859. Although it was 2000 miles shorter than Panama, less than 35,000 letters were ever carried. Letters had to be inscribed "Via Tehuantepec" for carriage. The faint red "U. STATES" straightline was used at Ogdensburg and Cape Vincent, New York plus Island Pond, Vermont.

In July, 1859, the Canadian Monetary System was switched to "dollars and cents"; it was at par with U.S. currency.

15 CENT RATE

ONLY RECORDED PATRIOTIC FROM VICTORIA

APRIL, 1862



Victoria PO, Vancouver Island
Central Overland Route

San Francisco April 7
Fort Dodge, Iowa

5 CENTS COLONIAL POSTAGE PAID IN CASH AT VANCOUVER.
10 CENTS U.S. PAID BY 1861 BUFF VARIETY STAMPS.

BRENTS & NELSON'S EXPRESS

MAY, 1863



Brents & Nelson's Express, John Day Mine - The Dalles PO May 25
San Francisco - overland - Chicago
Paris Station June 22 - Great Western Railway East June 22 - Burford, Canada West June 23

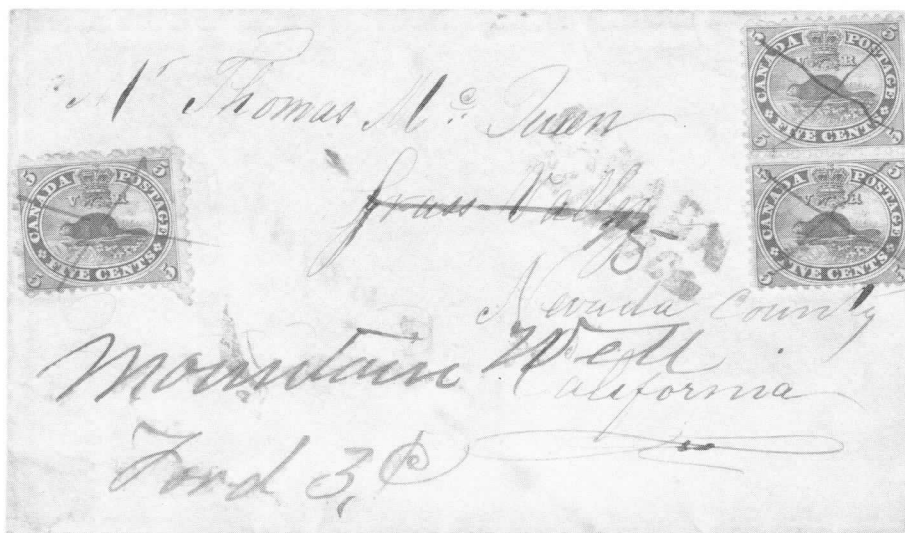
Brents & Nelson's Express usually turned their mail in at Wells, Fargo & Co.; here, they did not.

The only recorded Brents & Nelson's Express Frank of this type.
This is the earliest postmark for The Dalles, Oregon.

15 CENT RATE

THE PERFORATE ISSUE

OCTOBER 25, 1860



Stockton, Canada October 25
New York
Grass Valley - Not there

via Panama
"Ford 3c"

Hamilton, Canada October 26
San Francisco
Mountain View

SHORT PAID - STAMPS NOT RECOGNIZED

NOVEMBER 26, 1862



San Francisco - via Panama - New York - - Boston
Montreal December 20 - Granby December 20 - South Roxton

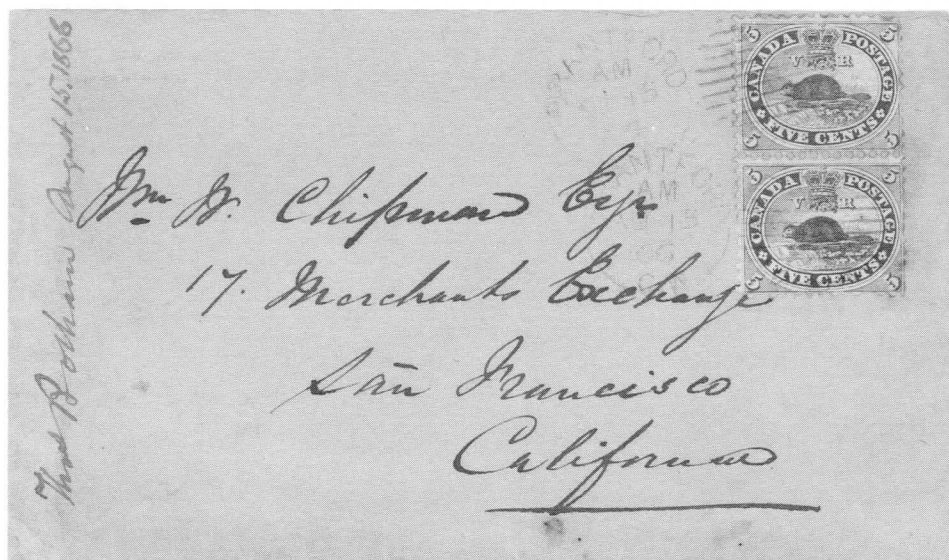
DOUBLE RATE: 30 CENTS DUE . This type oval exchange marking was only used at Boston.

The Transcontinental Rate differential for Steamship Mail was eliminated June 30, 1864.

10 CENT RATE

THE PERFORATED ISSUE

AUGUST 15, 1866

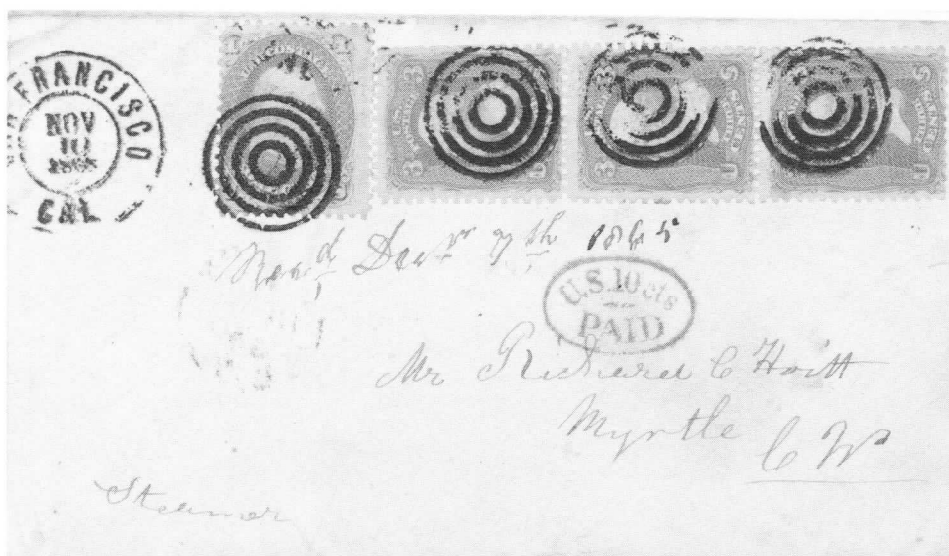


Brantford, Canada August 15
via a Panama

New York
San Francisco

HALIFAX RECEIVING OVAL

NOVEMBER 10, 1865



San Francisco November 10 - "Steamer" - via Panama
New York - Halifax, Nova Scotia - Myrtle, Canada West December 7

The oval was used at Halifax as a receiving mark on mail from the U.S. per Cunard packets.

On April 1, 1868, the Canada / U.S. Rate became 6 cents to or from anywhere in either country.

6 CENT RATE

MAY 7, 1868



Trout River, Lower Canada May 7 - - - - - Huntingdon - - - - - Montreal May 8
U.S. Central Overland Route - - - - - San Francisco - - - - - Woodside, California

STAMPS OF THE 1859 ISSUE.

Although Trout River is next to the U.S. border, this cover was routed north to Montreal.

JUNE 16, 1868



Sussex Vale, New Brunswick June 16 - - - - - St. John, New Brunswick June 16
U.S. Central Overland Route - - - - - San Francisco

STAMPS OF THE 1868 ISSUE.

Sussex - Vale no longer exists; not far from the present town of Sussex is Portage - Vale.

CANADA TO CANADA

During the time frame of this exhibit, there were no direct Transcanada Postal Routes; therefore, virtually all such mail went through the San Francisco Post Office.

JULY 1861.

TWO 2½D. STAMPS ON DOUBLE-WEIGHT LETTER (OVER ½OZ) FROM B.C. TO CANADA WEST
CANCELLED NUMERAL "1" IN RED AT NEW WESTMINSTER.

The 2½d. stamps paid only the Colonial fee, the U.S. postage being marked at San Francisco circular "30" (30 cents collect).



LETTER travelled by the Overland Mail, - note ms. direction "OVERLAND", and it was stamped with blue crescent "U-STATES" border marking. Backstamp shows that it reached Bowmanville July 24, 1861, 22 days from San Francisco.

This cover is from the Gerald Wellburn collection. In admiration and respect, it is presented on his page without further comment.

CANADA TO CANADA

July 1, 1859 - December 31, 1861	15 cents
January 1, 1862 - June 30, 1864	25 cents
July 1, 1864 - January 30, 1870	10 cents

THE 25 CENT RATE TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

FEBRUARY 4, 1863

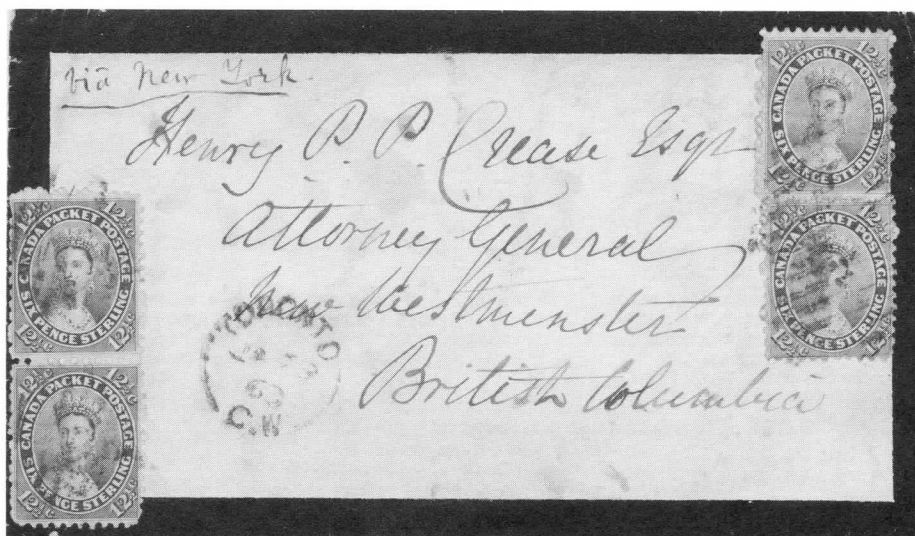


Prescott, Upper Canada February 4
 Ogdensburg, New York February 5
 San Francisco - New York - Montreal via Panama
 "Received March 17th 63" Victoria, British Columbia

Despite the relatively long period of thirty months of the 25 cent rate, only two single rate and two double rate covers survive.

DOUBLE WEIGHT

JANUARY 23, 1863



Toronto, Canada West - "Via New York" - via Panama
 San Francisco - M/S on back "Recd Mar" New Westminster, British Columbia

CANADA TO CANADA

BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS

JUNE, 1864

WELLS, FARGO & CO.



Barnard's Cariboo Express	-	Wells Fargo & Co. Victoria, Vancouver Island
Paste back and U.S. 12 c stamp added	-	2 1/2 d. Colonial Postage (oval shield) paid at PO
USPO San Francisco	-	overland
Windsor, Canada	-	Atchison, Kansas June 27
Clifton	-	Canada Mail via Great Western Railway
		Stamford East

RATES **BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS: 1 DOLLAR**
 WELLS FARGO & CO.; 25 CENTS
 COLONIAL POSTAGE: 2 1/2d (5 CENTS)
 USPO: 15 CENTS

From 1859 until the early 1870's, Francis Jones Barnard operated various entities primarily along the Fraser River, the origin of this cover.

CANADA TO CANADA

DOUBLE WEIGHT FROM NEW WESTMINSTER

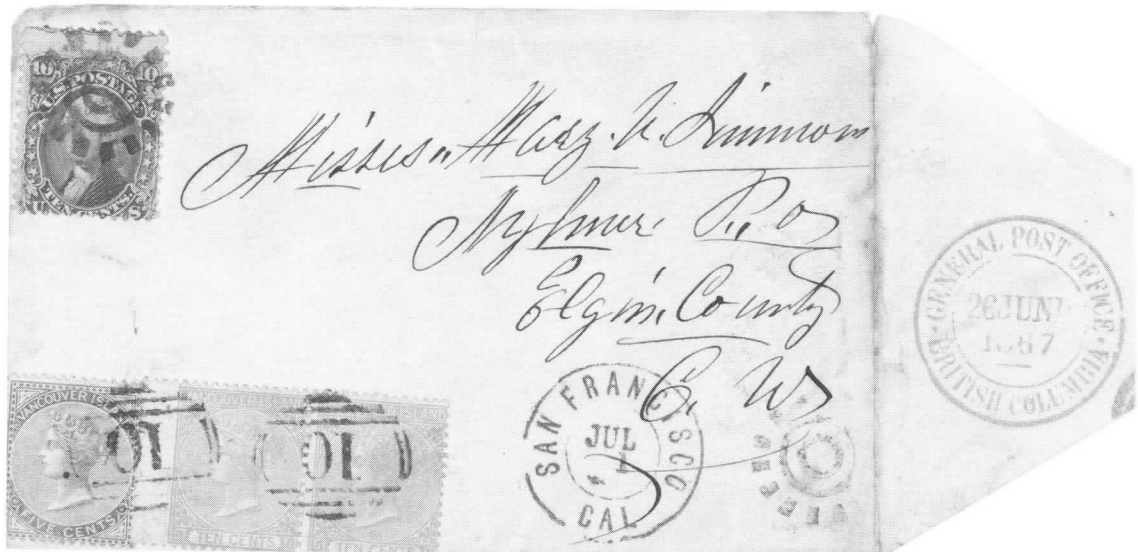
MARCH 2, 1866



New Westminster, British Columbia March 2 (2 - 3 pence B.C. stamps cancelled)
 San Francisco March 9 (pair U.S. 10 cent 1861 stamps cancelled)
 overland - Chicago - Bowmanville, Upper Canada April 3

WILLIAMS CREEK, CARIBOO - PAID BY VANCOUVER ISLAND STAMPS

JUNE 6, 1867



Williams Creek, British Columbia June 6 (cancel numeral "10")
 New Westminster, British Columbia GPO, June 26 - San Francisco July 1
 overland - Chicago - Aylmer, Ontario, Canada West July 25

RATE: INTERIOR BRITISH COLUMBIA: 25 CENTS
 USPO: 10 CENTS

ATLANTIC PROVINCES

NOVA SCOTIA THE IMPERFORATE ISSUE

SEPTEMBER 4, 1859

Digby, Nova Scotia
via PanamaHalifax
San FranciscoNew York
Coloma, California

RATE: 9 PENCE = 15 CENTS

THE PERFORATE ISSUE

FEBRUARY 9, 1863

Liverpool, Nova Scotia February 9
New York - via Panama
"FORWARDED 3"Halifax, February 10
San Francisco March 18
Garden Valley, California

Garden Valley became a DPO nine months earlier, June 4, 1862

RATE: 15 CENTS

ATLANTIC PROVINCES

STAGECOACH TO NEW BRUNSWICK

SEPTEMBER 18, 1863



Sonora California September - Central Overland Route - St. Louis
 Railroad to Detroit - boat via Great Lakes - St. John, New Brunswick October 15
 St. George, New Brunswick October 16 - Pennfield, New Brunswick

The "PER OVERLAND MAIL VIA LOS ANGELES" was struck out; During this time, the Confederate States controlled parts of the "Butterfield" route and therefore all overland mail was sent via the Central Overland Route.

This type red arc was only used at the Detroit, Michigan and Ogdensburg exchange offices.

NEW BRUNSWICK - CALIFORNIA - NEW BRUNSWICK

JULY 6, 1864

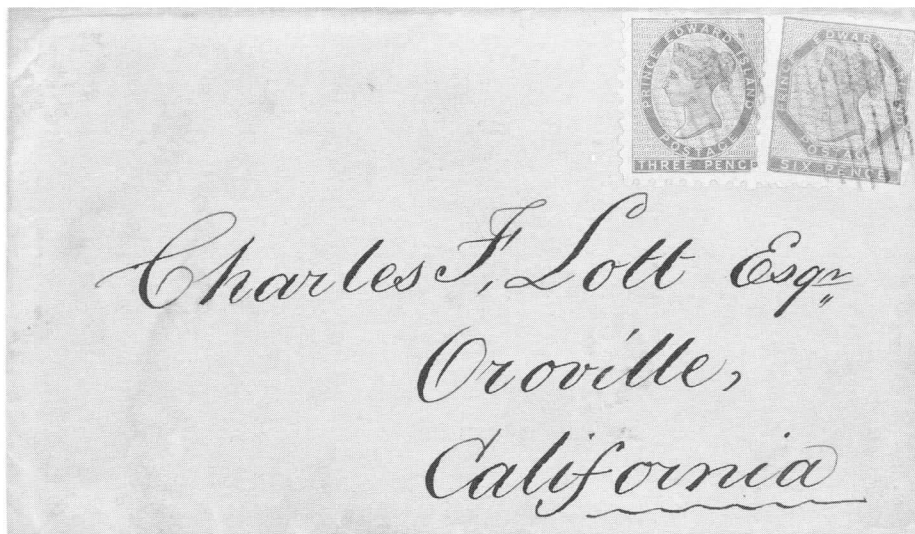


Richibucto, New Brunswick - via Panama - St. John, New Brunswick 6
 New York - San Francisco
 "ADVERTISED" August 17 - "NOT CALLED FOR" - Lv San Francisco September 23
 Returned to New Brunswick - DEAD LETTER OFFICE December 1

ATLANTIC PROVINCES

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND THE FIRST ISSUE

JUNE 12, 1863

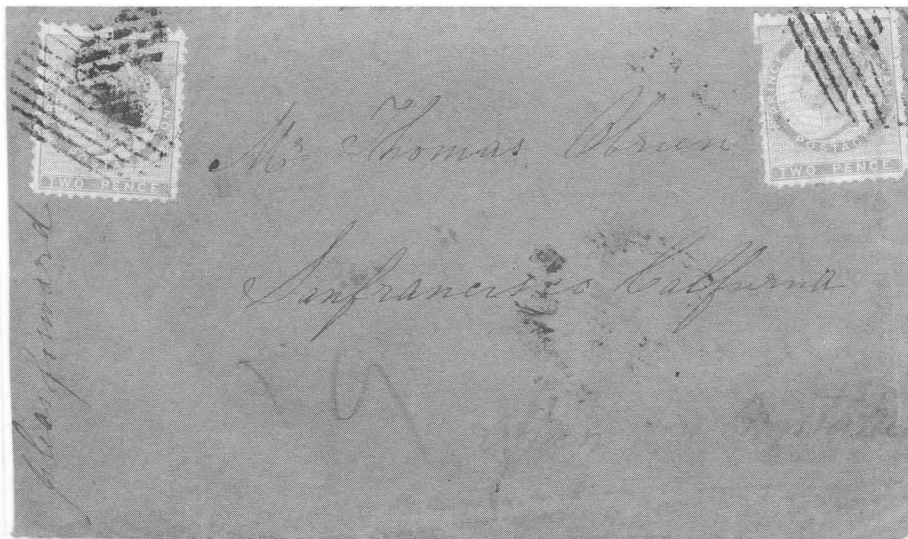


(Charlottetown), Prince Edward Island June 3 - Halifax, Nova Scotia
New York - via Panama - San Francisco - Oroville, California

RATE: 9 PENCE = 15 CENTS

THE SECOND ISSUE

APRIL 13, 1869



Summerside, Prince Edward Island April 13 - (Charlottetown), Prince Edward Island April 15
Halifax, Nova Scotia - New York - via Panama - San Francisco

RATE: 4 PENCE = 6 CENTS as of November, 1868.

Prince Edward Island had not yet switched to dollars and cents.
This is the only recorded example.

FOREIGN DESTINATIONS

VANCOUVER ISLAND TO GREAT BRITAIN

MAY 13, 1865



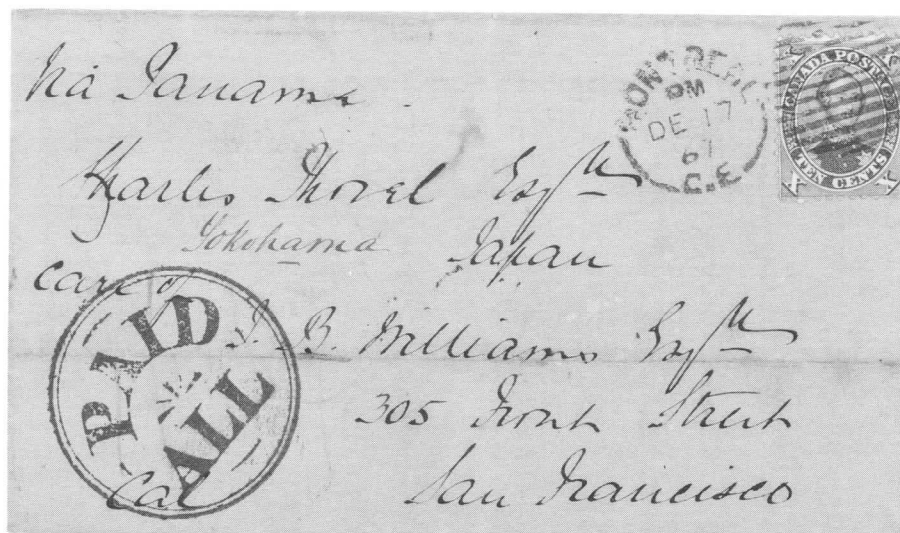
H.M.S. Camellion May 13, Esquimalt Naval Station, Vancouver Island
 Victoria PO Vancouver Island San Francisco June 30 via Panama
 Lv New York August 12 per Inman "City of New York II" - Arr Liverpool August 23
 Ballinluig, G.B. August 24 Dunkeld August 26 Moffat, G.B. August 27

POSTAGE: 29 CENTS
 PLUS 1 PENCE

COLONIAL POSTAGE: 5 CENTS PAID IN CASH AT VANCOUVER (24c stamp affixed)
 U.S. INTERNAL: 5 CENTS (24c stamp cancelled in San Francisco)
 TRANSATLANTIC AMERICAN PACKET: 16 CENTS
 GREAT BRITAIN INTERNAL: 3 CENTS CREDIT TO GREAT BRITAIN

EASTERN CANADA TO JAPAN

DECEMBER 17, 1867



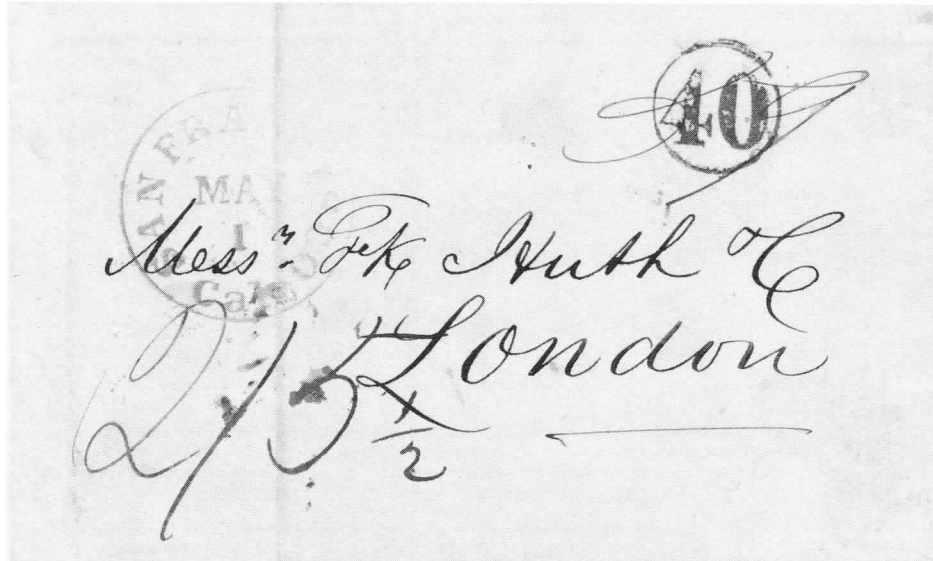
Montreal December 17 New York
 "Via Panama" J.B. Williams, Forwarding Agent San Francisco
 Lv San Francisco per PMSS "U.S.S. China" Yokohama, Japan

RATE: 20 CENTS

The Canadian ten cent stamp paid the postage to San Francisco; Forwarding agent J.B. Williams wrote in "Yokohama" and prepaid ten cents American Packet Rate postage from San Francisco to Japan.

Rate: 2 shillings 5 1/2 pence 59 cents

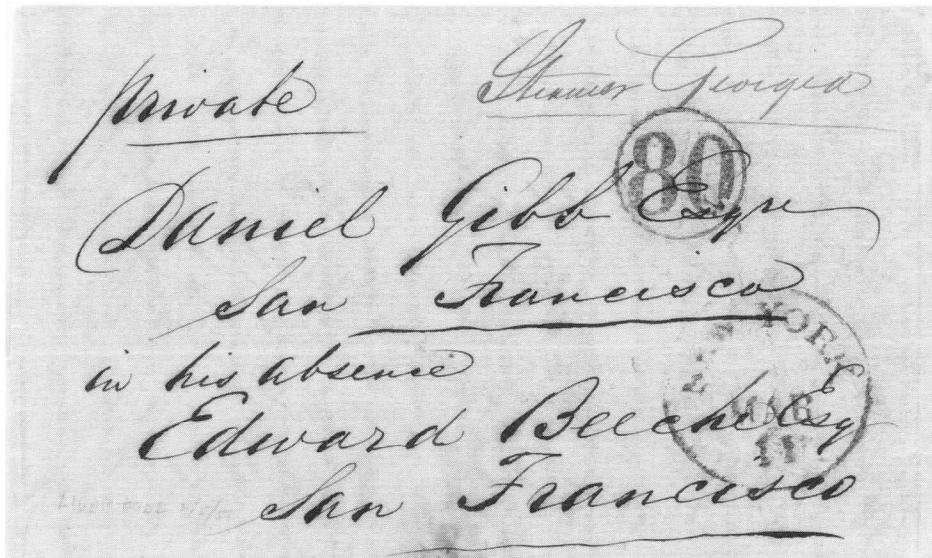
APRIL 30, 1850



Arr Liverpool June 22

RATE: 2 SHILLINGS, 5 1/2 PENCE (59 CENTS) UNPAID. 40 CENTS U.S. TRANSCONTINENTAL DEBIT BY BOSTON POST OFFICE.

FEBRUARY 5, 1851



Arr San Francisco April 23

DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER CARRIED PRIVATELY FROM LIVERPOOL TO NEW YORK - THEN 80 CENTS COLLECT

BRITISH WEST INDIES RATES VIA ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET CO.

QUADRUPLE RATE

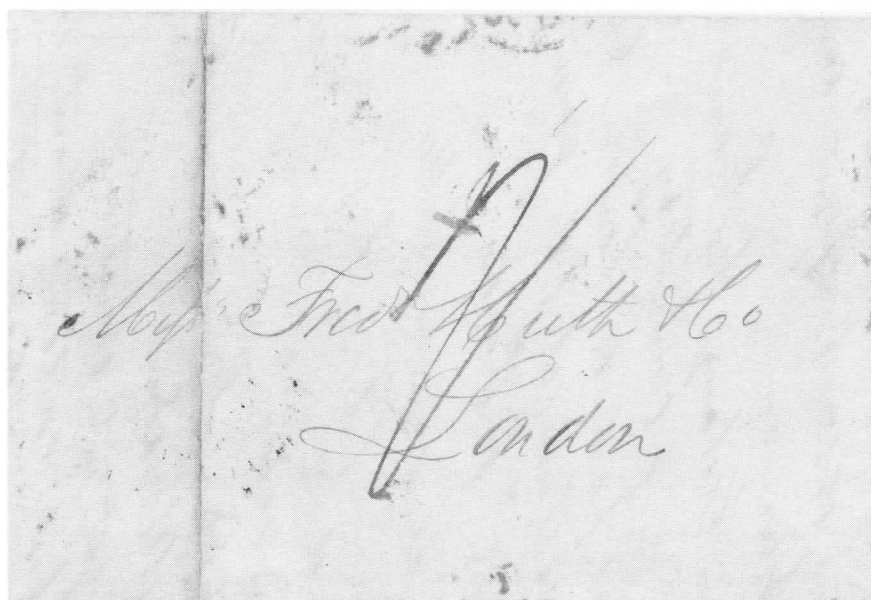
JUNE 30, 1851



Glasgow, Scotland June 30 - Lv Southampton per Royal Mail Steam Packet Co
 via St. Thomas - Chagres - Panama - San Francisco
 RATE: 4 X 2 SHILLINGS, 9 PENCE = 11 SHILLINGS (\$2.64) Docketed "BWI PKT"

FROM PANAMA

NOVEMBER 1, 1849

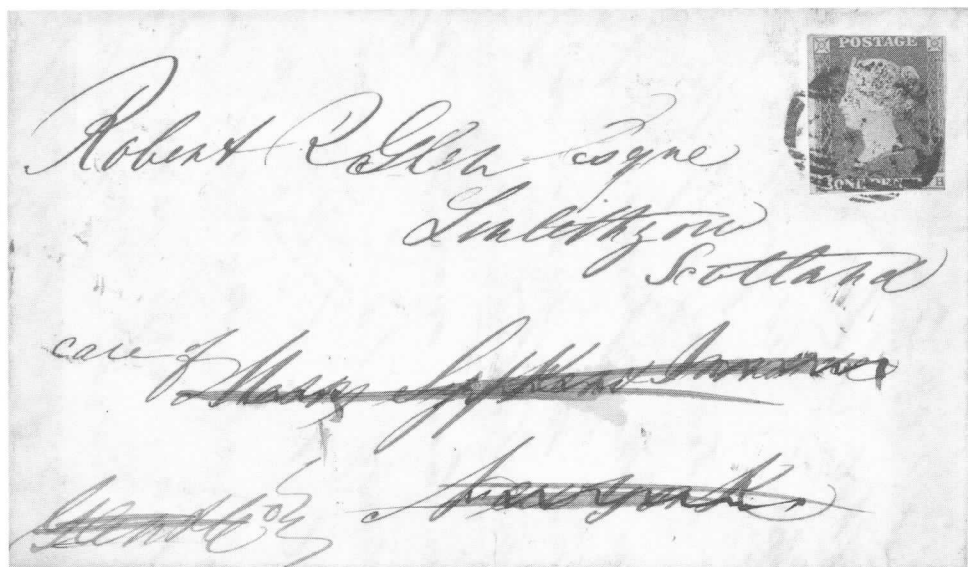


Lv San Francisco November 1 per PMSS "California" carried privately - Arr Panama November 22
 given to British Agent - LV Chagres late December per Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. "Medway"
 via St. Thomas - Arr Southampton February 1, 1850 - Arr London February 2

RATE: 1 SHILLING COLLECT (24 CENTS) FROM PANAMA TO G.B.

ONE PENNY INLAND POSTAGE

NOVEMBER 1, 1850

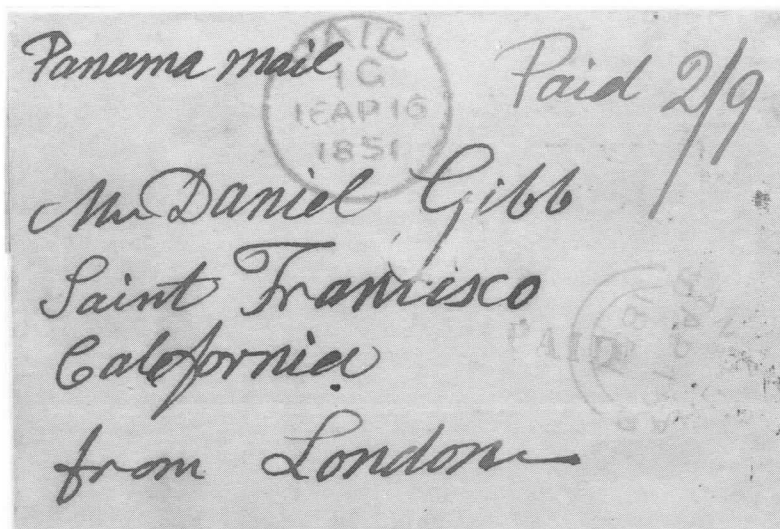


Lv San Francisco November 1 per PMSS "California" - Arr Panama November 22
 Lv Chagres Nov 26 per USMSS "Georgia" - Arr New York December 7
 Lv Boston December 11 per Cunard "Europa" - Arr Liverpool December 21 (Saturday)
 deposited Liverpool PO December 23 (Monday) London December 24 Linlithgow, Scotland

CARRIED OUT OF THE MAILS FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW YORK
 AND TO AGAIN OUT OF THE MAILS TO LIVERPOOL.

BRITISH WEST INDIES RATES VIA ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET CO.

APRIL 15, 1851



Sanquhar, Scotland April 15 - London April 16
 Lv Southampton April 17 per Royal Mail Steam Packet Co "Avion" - via St. Thomas
 Arr Chagres May 18 - Lv Panama June 2 per PMSS "Oregon" - Arr "Saint" Francisco June 19

RATE: 2 SHILLINGS 9 PENCE (66 CENTS)

GBPO INSTRUCTIONS NO. 36 October, 1850: "Henceforward all letters for California and Oregon NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED TO BE FORWARDED BY ANY OTHER ROUTE, will be transmitted by the West India Mail Packets to Panama, whence they will be conveyed to San Francisco by the Mail Packets of the United States. The combined British, New Granadian and United States postage on such letters will be 2s 9d". (per 1/2 ounce)

GREAT BRITAIN
THE 29 CENT RATE

Accounting Rates between Great Britain and the American
West Coast per 1/2 ounce July, 1851 through June, 1863:

U.S. transcontinental	10 cents
Transatlantic Packet	16 cents
Great Britain inland	<u>3 cents</u>
Rate: 1 shilling 2 1/2 pence	29 cents

AMERICAN PACKET

APRIL 11, 1858

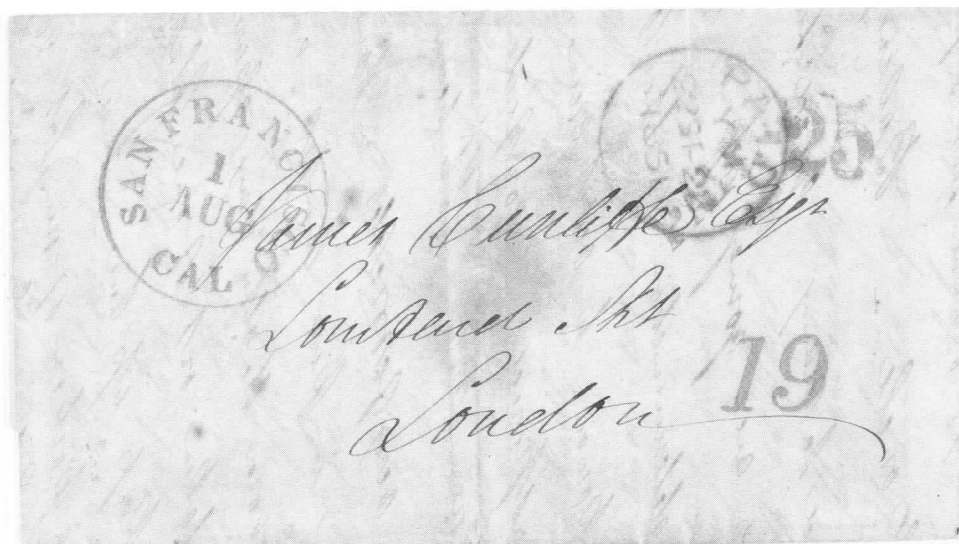


Brandy City, California April 11 - via Panama - New York
Lv New York May 15 per Vanderbilt European Line "Ariel"
Arr Southampton May 28 - GBPO London May 28 - Perthshire, Scotland

"3" CENTS CREDIT TO GREAT BRITAIN

A NON EXISTENT 25 CENT RATE

JULY 31, 1851



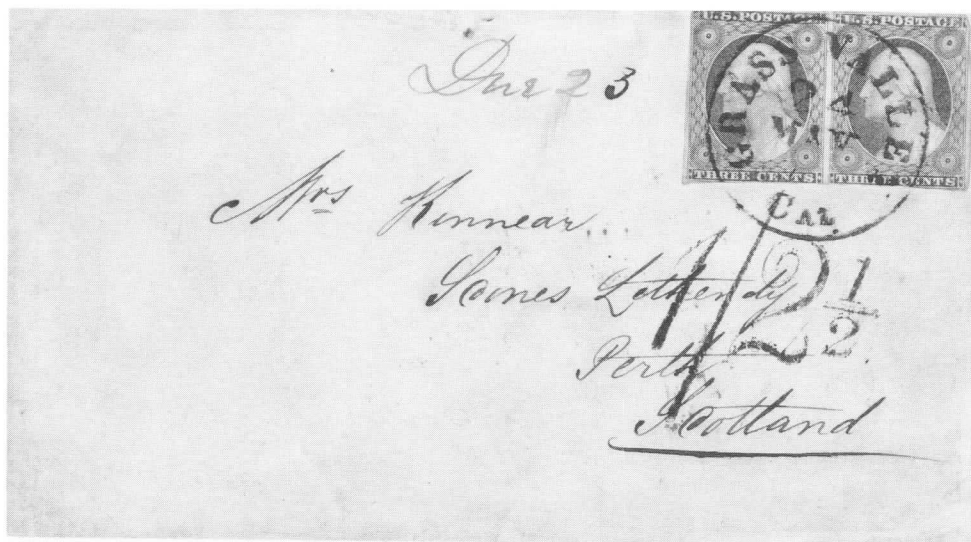
San Francisco PO August 1 - Lv San Francisco August 2 per PMSS "Oregon" - Arr Panama August 20
Lv Chagres August 26 per USMSS "Georgia" - Arr New York September 7
Lv New York September 10 per Cunard "Asia" - Arr Liverpool September 21 - London September 22

The "19" signifies a British Packet and was applied in New York. The San Francisco Postal Clerk was confused by the change in the new Transcontinental Domestic rate (6 cents prepaid or 10 cents unpaid) and thus charged 6 cents U.S. inland plus 19 cents British Packet and inland.

29 CENTS RATE BRITISH CLOSED MAIL

ARTICLE 5 / BRITISH PACKET

MAY 24, 1853



Grass Valley, California May 24 - via Panama - New York
Lv Boston June 29 per Cunard "Asia" - Arr Liverpool July 10 - Perth July 11

THE "ART - 5 B.R. PKT." HAND STAMP WAS PLACED UPON UNPAID LETTERS CARRIED BY CLOSED MAIL.

The sender thought that 6 cents would prepay the U.S. postage and perhaps the Grass Valley Postmaster wrote "Due 23". The British office, however, correctly ignored the payment and struck "1 / 2 1/2" (29c due)

MIXED ISSUES

MARCH 22, 1858



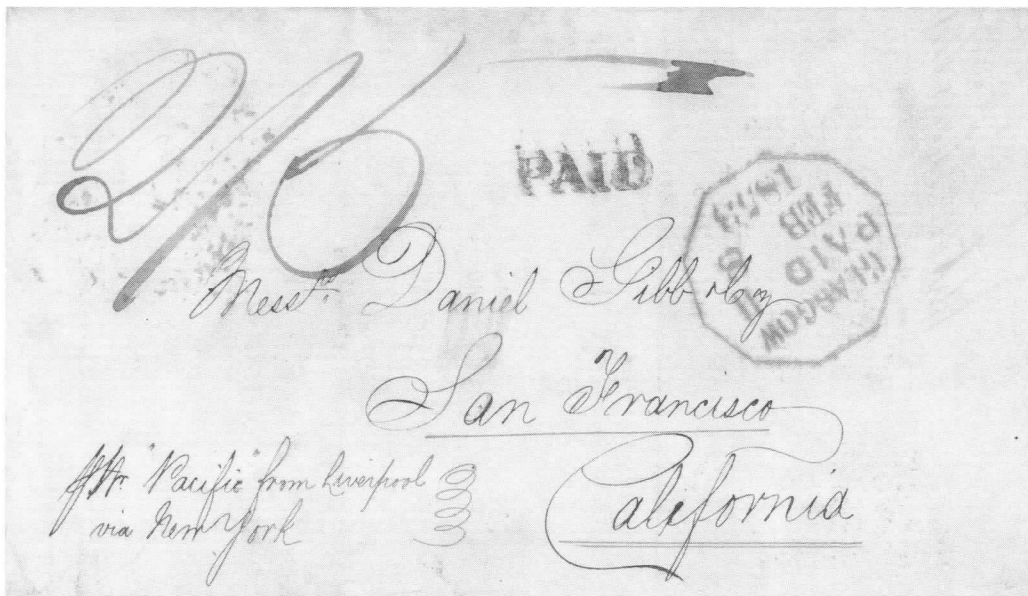
Lv San Francisco March 22 - via Panama - New York
Lv New York April 14 per Cunard "Persia" - Arr Liverpool April 24 - Nottingham April 25

The U.S. imperforate 3c and 12c stamps are of the 1851 issue; the perforated 1c and 10c stamps are of the 1857 issue.

DOUBLE RATE

2/5 GREAT BRITAIN

FEBRUARY 8, 1853



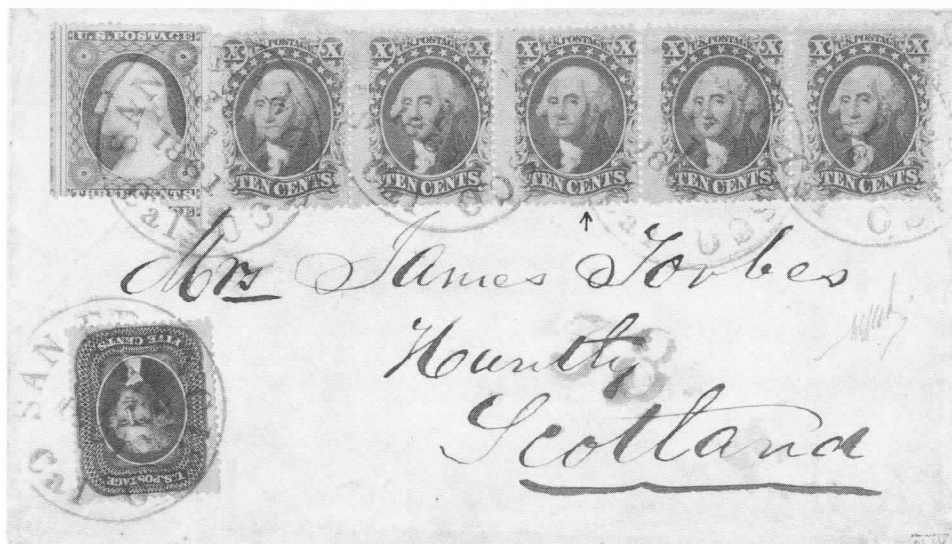
Glasgow, Scotland PO February 8
 Liverpool February 9
 Arr New York September 26

London February 9
 Lv Liverpool February 11 per Collins "Pacific"
 via Panama - San Francisco

52 CENTS CREDIT DUE U.S.: 32 CENTS AMERICAN PACKET PLUS 20 CENTS U.S. INTERNAL TRANSCONTINENTAL.

58 CENTS UNITED STATES

JUNE 1, 1861



San Francisco June 1
 Closed mail by railroad to Boston
 Arr Queenstown July 6

via Panama - New York
 Lv Boston June 26 per Cunard "Arabia"
 rec Huntly, Scotland July 8

"38" CENTS CREDIT TO GREAT BRITAIN APPLIED AT BOSTON.
 32 CENTS BRITISH PACKET PLUS 6 CENTS INTERNAL.

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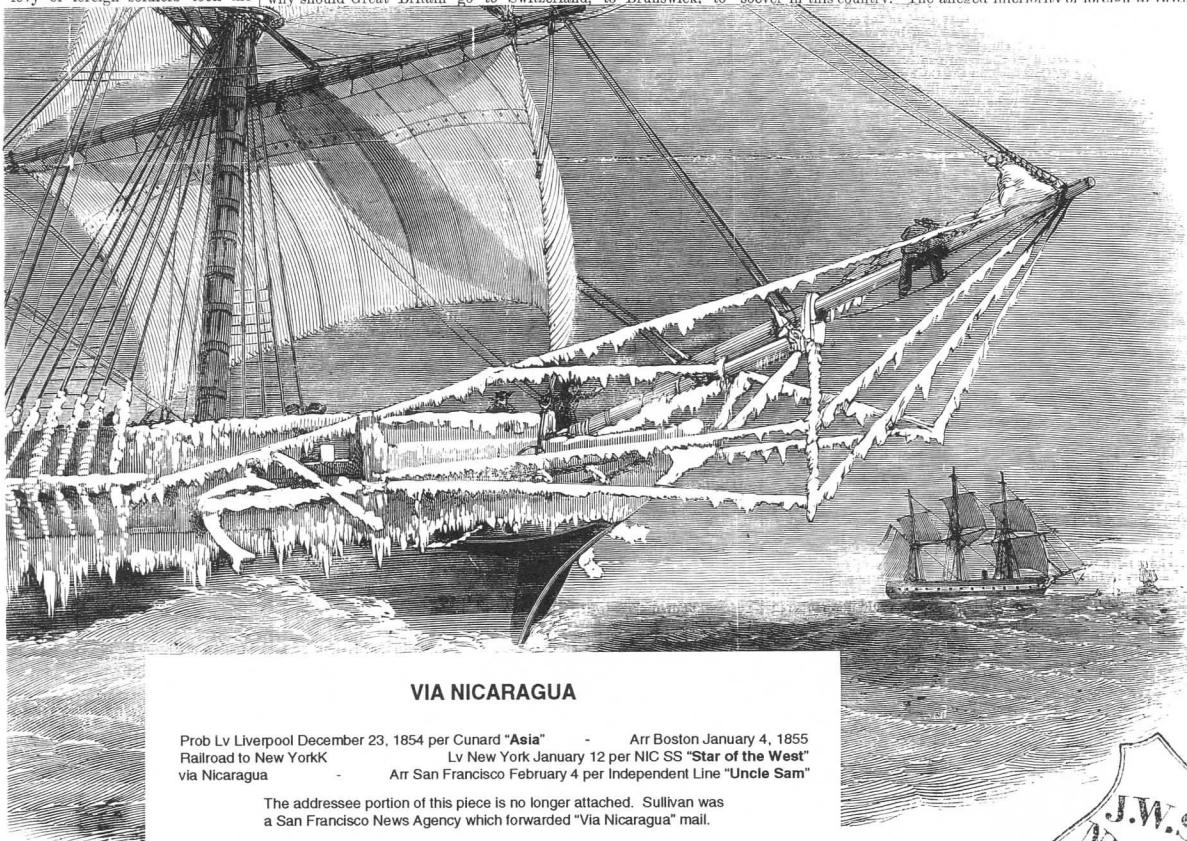
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1854.

[WITH TWO SUPPLEMENTS, 1s.]

SOLDIERS BILL.

levy of foreign soldiers took the

policy of Austria to follow, in a few weeks, or even days, in the same track, and complete the European alliance against the Czar, and are not to replace the militia, or do any military service what-why should Great Britain go to Switzerland, to Brunswick, to soever in this country. The alleged inferiority of foreign to British



VIA NICARAGUA

Prob Lv Liverpool December 23, 1854 per Cunard "Asia" - Arr Boston January 4, 1855
 Railroad to New YorkK Lv New York January 12 per NIC SS "Star of the West"
 via Nicaragua - Arr San Francisco February 4 per Independent Line "Uncle Sam"

The addressee portion of this piece is no longer attached. Sullivan was a San Francisco News Agency which forwarded "Via Nicaragua" mail.

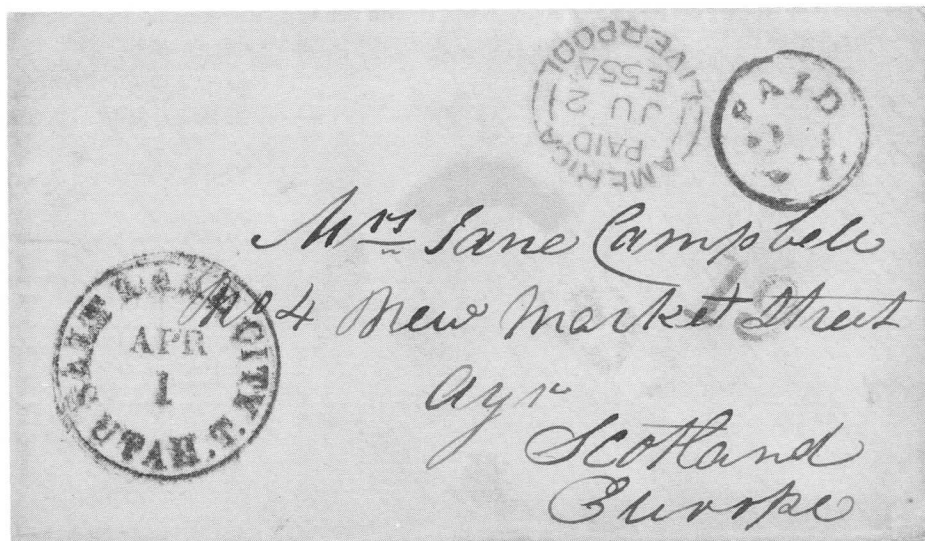
WEATHER IN THE BALTIC.—BOWS OF H.M. CORVETTE "CRUISER."—(SEE NEXT PAGE.)



29 CENT RATE TRANSIT SAN FRANCISCO

UTAH TERRITORY

APRIL 1, 1855



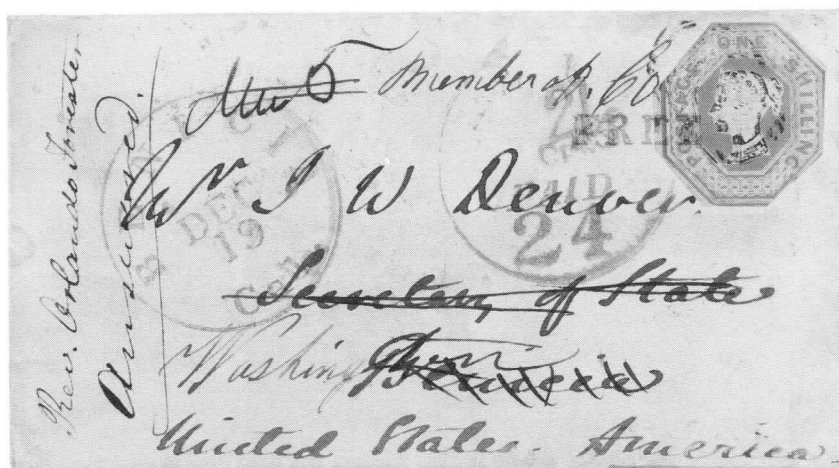
Salt Lake City April 1	-	San Francisco	-	via Panama
New York	-	Boston	-	Lv Boston May 23 per Cunard "Asia"
Arr Liverpool June 2	-		-	Ayr, Scotland June 4

RATE: 24 CENTS PER BRITISH PACKET; 19 CENTS CREDIT TO GREAT BRITAIN

Tangent to the 29 cent rate is a peculiar aspect of certain Western mail. Utah Territory is less than 3000 miles from the East Coast; therefore, this mail was not charged for the 5 cent West Coast differential even though the cover travelled back through California.

TO CALIFORNIA BACK TO WASHINGTON D.C.

NOVEMBER 1, 1855



London November 1	-	Liverpool November 1
Lv Liverpool November 3 per Collins "Pacific"	-	Arr New York November 15
via Panama	-	Benicia, California
San Francisco	-	Washington, D.C.

ORIGINALLY RATED 24 CENTS PAID WITH 21 CENTS CREDIT TO U.S. (16 cents American Packet plus 5 cents inland). The New York clerk added "due 5" for the Transcontinental differential. The addressee, California Congressman James W. Denver, was back in Washington D.C. and the letter was forwarded "FREE".

GREAT BRITAIN TO BRITISH COLUMBIA 1/2 1/2 RATE

Great Britain did not have half penny stamps at this time; thus all mail of this rate to the North American West Coast was one half penny overpaid.

BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND
CLOSED MAIL TO SAN FRANCISCO

MAY 5, 1859

London May 5 - Liverpool May 6
Lv Liverpool May 7 per Cunard "Canada"
Arr Boston May 20 - New York
Railroad to St. Louis - Butterfield Overland Route
Arr San Francisco June 18 - Victoria, Vancouver's Island

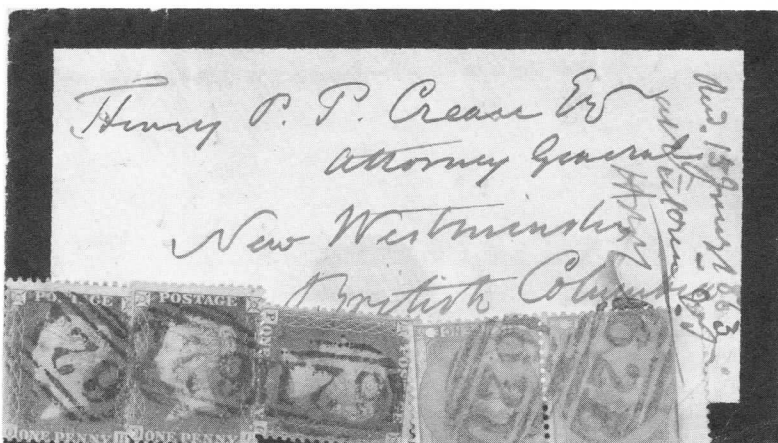
Shortly after the Butterfield Contract began in September, 1858, Great Britain was granted permission to utilize this route by Closed Mail via New York. The Contract ended in April, 1861.



CLOSED MAIL

AUGUST 17, 1861

London August 17 - Liverpool
Lv Liverpool September 17 per Cunard "Asia"
Arr New York August 29
via Panama - Victoria, Vancouver's Island



MOURNING COVER

NOVEMBER 16, 1862

Plympton November 16 - London
Prob Lv Liverpool November 19 per Inman Line
"City of Manchester"
Arr New York December 5 - via Panama
New Westminster, B.C. January 15, 1863

GREAT BRITAIN

24 CENT RATE

Accounting Rates between Great Britain and the American West Coast per 1/2 ounce July, 1863 through 1867:

U.S. inland	5 cents
Transatlantic Packet	16 cents
Great Britain inland	3 cents
Rate: 1 shilling	24 cents

SHIELD CANCEL

JAN 13, 1866

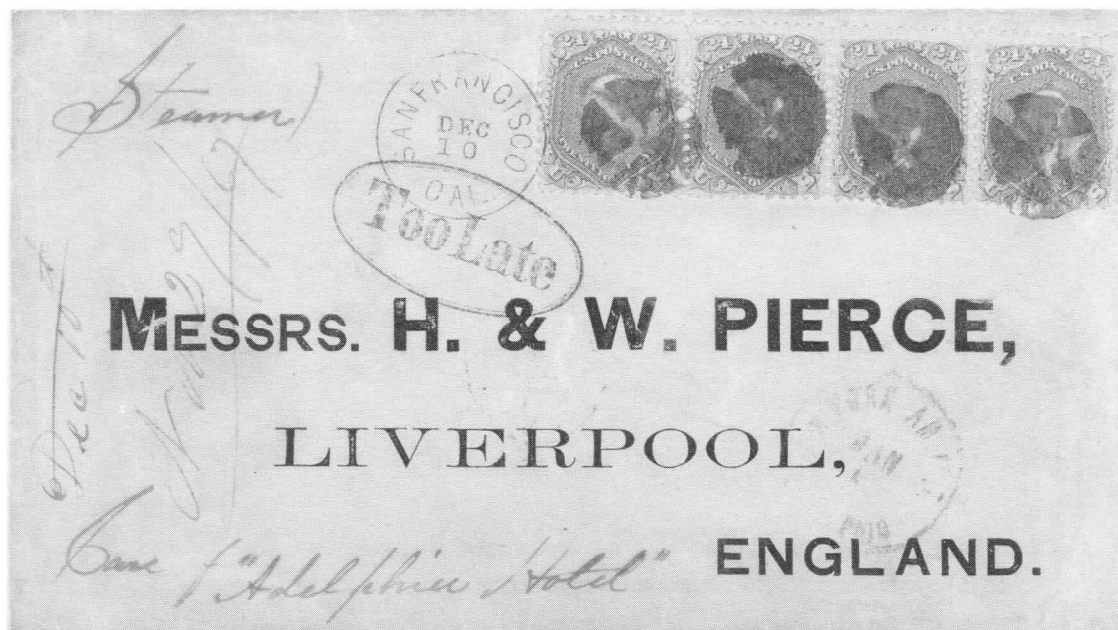


Lv Sacramento January 13 - via Panama - Lv New York February 10 per NGL "New York"
 Arr Southampton February 22 - London February 22

ON JULY 1, 1863, THE 5 CENT TRANSCONTINENTAL SURCHARGE WAS DROPPED FOR MAIL TO GREAT BRITAIN; THEREFORE, THE NEW RATE BECAME 24 CENTS FROM ANYWHERE IN THE U.S. FAINT RED "3" CENTS CREDIT TO ENGLAND.

"TOO LATE" QUADRUPLE RATE

NOVEMBER 29, 1867



M/S "November 29" - H/S November 30 - missed the boat - "Too Late"
 San Francisco PO December 10 - via Panama - New York "AM PKT" January 1, 1868
 Lv New York January 2 PER NGL "Hermann" - Arr Southampton January 12 - Liverpool January 13

1 SHILLING RATE

CHANGED FROM AMERICAN TO BRITISH PACKET

AUGUST 31, 1864

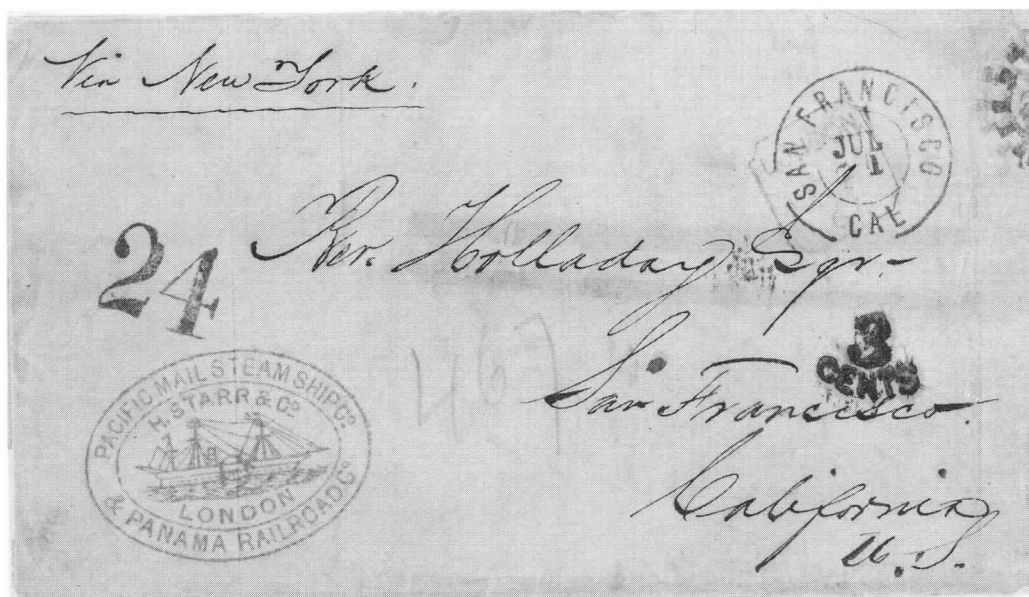


Bristol August 31 - Lv Liverpool September 3 per Cunard "Arabia"
 Arr Boston September 16 - San Francisco October 20 - San Jose, California

PREPAID CLOSED MAIL. Originally scheduled for an American Packet and struck "21 CENTS" credit to U.S. Rescheduled on the British Ship and restruck "5 CENTS" (U.S. inland credit.)

"PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co. & PANAMA RAILROAD Co".

MAY 27, 1867



London May 27 - Lv Southampton May 28 per NGL "Bremen" - M/S "Via New York"
 Prob overland - Arr San Francisco July 1

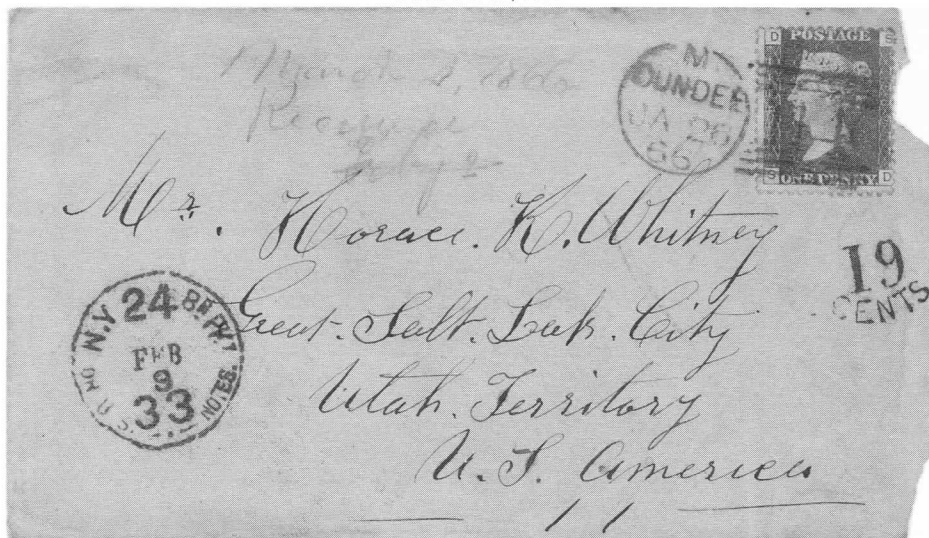
UNPAID CLOSED MAIL; 3 CENTS TO BE REBATED TO G.B.

This "advertising" cover probably went overland across the U.S.

DEPRECIATED CURRENCY

G.B. INLAND PREPAID

JANUARY 24, 1866



MAXWELLTOWN, SCOTLAND
 LV LIVERPOOL JANUARY 27 PER CUNARD "AUSTRALASIAN"
 OVERLAND

DUNDEE JANUARY 26
 ARR NEW YORK FEBRUARY 9
 M/S "MARCH 4" SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH TERRITORY

RATE: 24 CENTS GOLD OR 33 CENTS NOTES. 19 CENTS CREDIT TO G.B.

DURING THE CIVIL WAR AND FOR A PERIOD AFTER, U.S. PAPER MONEY (NOTES) WAS NOT REDEEMABLE IN GOLD. AS THE INTERCOUNTRY ACCOUNTING WAS ON A GOLD BASIS, THE RECIPIENT OF A "COLLECT" LETTER HAD TO PAY THE AMOUNT DUE IN DEPRECIATED CURRENCY (33 CENTS) OR GOLD (24CENTS); THIS VARIED DAY TO DAY ACCORDING TO THE PRICE OF GOLD AND REFLECTED THE WEAK U.S. GREENBACKS.

"INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID"

FEBRUARY 8, 1868



LV LIVERPOOL FEBRUARY 8 PER CUNARD "CUBA"
 OVERLAND

ARR NEW YORK FEBRUARY 19
 (SALT LAKE CITY) UTAH TERRITORY

RATE: 12 CENTS GOLD OR 22 CENTS NOTES. THE RATE HAD BEEN REDUCED ON JANUARY 1, 1868; FOR UNKNOWN REASON, THE 6 PENCE (12 CENTS) STAMP WAS NOT ACCEPTED.

REGISTERED MAIL TO CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 1, 1864



Lv Liverpool October 5 per Inman "City of Washington"
via Panama - San Francisco

Arr New York October 17
Oroville, California

RATE: 1s, 6d = 36c RED M/S "11" = 11c CREDIT TO U.S: 5c U.S. INTERNAL POSTAGE + 50% REGISTRATION FEE (6c).
G.B. RETAINED 1s, 1/2d (25c): 3c G.B. INTERNAL POSTAGE, 16c BRITISH PACKET, 6c REGISTRATION FEE.
BLACK M/S "3" = 3d: 50% REGISTRATION FEE RETAINED BY G.B.

TWO PENNY NEWSPAPER RATE TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

DECEMBER 3, 1864



London November 25
Arr New York December 20

- via Panama -

Lv Liverpool December 3 per Cunard "Cuba"
San Francisco - Victoria, Vancouver's Island

REGISTERED MAIL RATE REDUCED

OCTOBER 26, 1866



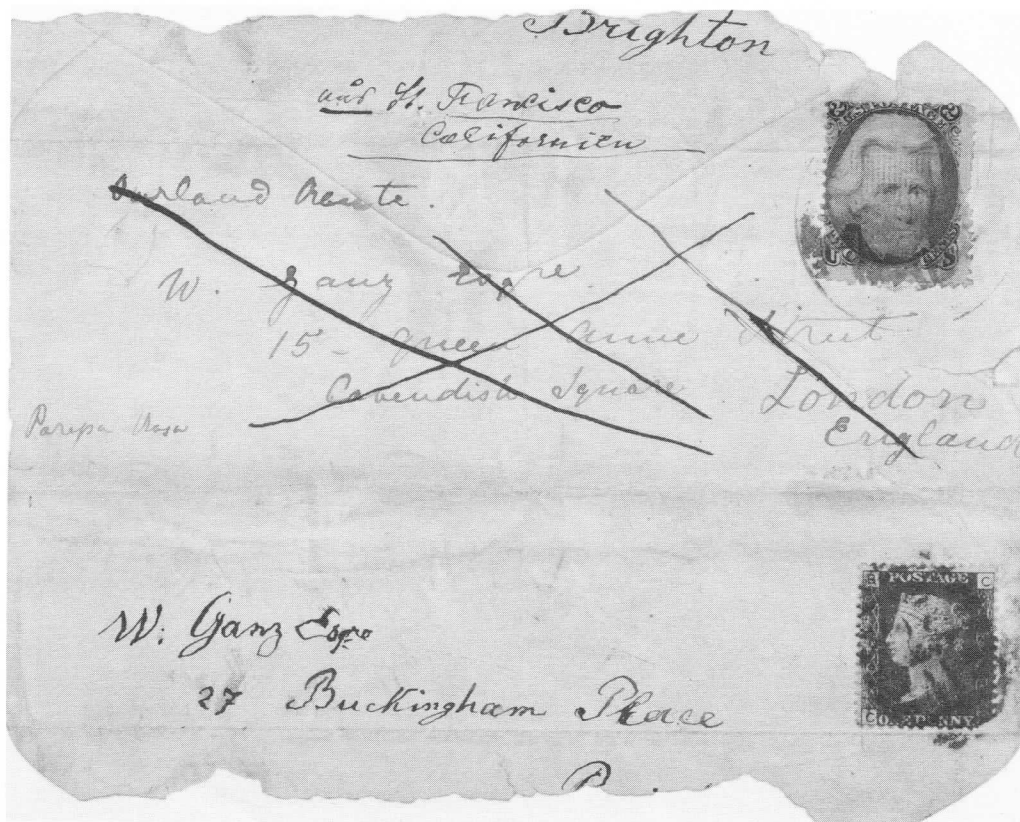
Aberdeen, Scotland October 26 - Prob Lv Liverpool November 3 per Cunard "Persia"
 Arr New York November 14 - San Francisco - Sacramento
 The 6 pence (12 cents) Registration Fee was reduced to 4 pence (8 cents) on February 1, 1866.

RATE: 1s, 4d = 32c

RED "5" = 5c CREDIT TO U.S. FOR INTERNAL POSTAGE. U.S. ALSO WAS CREDITED 50% REGISTRATION
 G.B. RETAINED 11 1/2d (23c): 1 1/2d G.B. INTERNAL POSTAGE, 8d BRITISH PACKET, 2d REGISTRATION FEE.

FORWARDED NEWSPAPER WRAPPER

CIRCA 1865



San Francisco
 London

"Overland Route"
 Forwarded

New York
 Brighton

NEWSPAPER RATE: 2 CENTS PLUS 1 PENNY FORWARDING FEE.

12 CENTS / 6 PENCE RATE

On January 1, 1868, the U.S. - Great Britain Rate became 12 cents or 6 pence. The sending country would retain the entire amount.

GRILLED ISSUE

APRIL 22, 1869



Lv San Francisco April 24 - "per Overland Mail" - New York
 Lv New York May 6, 1869 per NGL "Donau" - Arr Southampton May 17
 London May 17 - Liverpool May 17

"Great events are expected on the completion of the Pacific Railroad which will be in about 20 days. The first train through the United States is looked for on the July 4th next, which will be the occasion of a grand jubilee."

"UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD"

AUGUST 31, 1869



Lv Queenstown September 3, per Allan Line "Austrian" - Arr Quebec September 12
 Chicago - "Union Pacific Railroad" - Wasatch, Utah Territory

Early usage on the Transcontinental Railroad from G.B. and the 6d stamp of 1869.

Arizona Apollo 13 Covers

By Robert B. Bechtel

The covers say, "3rd US Moon Landing." Hardly. But adding to the recent publicity over Apollo 13 from the movie and the few scarce covers carried on board the ill-fated craft, Arizona makes its own humble contribution. Three observation stations were used for the Apollo series that were in Arizona: the Smithsonian observatory atop Mount Hopkins in the Santa Rita Mountains, south of Tucson; the U.S. Naval Surveillance station at Maricopa, west of Phoenix; and the U.S. Naval Observatory at Flagstaff. Each location received the same cachet and was cancelled at the nearby post office on April 11, the day the spacecraft was launched.

The cachet shows how the landing might be imagined, but alas, never took place. The cancels are ordinary machine cancels for Flagstaff (Figure 1) and Maricopa (Figure 2) but the Amado cancel (Figure 3) is a nice large four-bar. The choice of Amado was because it was the closest town to the observatory on Mt. Hopkins but Green Valley is also close by and much larger.

These three covers remain a sad footnote to the Apollo 13 drama. They were not carried aboard nor were they part of the effort itself to make another moon landing. They were part of a series stretching from Apollo 10 to Apollo 17 using the same three stations plus others such as Mt. Lemmon. The covers from Apollo 14 used the same cachet design, but the others were different, some being quite intricate. An unknown philatelist made the cachets and did the work of obtaining the cancels. If any reader knows who made these designs, please contact me care of the Postal History Foundation. I want to tell the cachet maker he has a problem.

