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E: 1749/50 February 28

L: 1750 OCTOBER 17



DATELINED NEW LONDON 17 OCT 1750

Rated at 8 Shilling; New England Old Tenor (7.5% inflation)

Stampless folded letter from Thomas Allen in New London to George Frost in Pitscatagua (NH).

The letter was rated 8 shillings ($NE^n 8I$) in inflated currency of account (New England Old Tenor), the equivalent of the official rate of 13d sterling, which is the total of 9d, the sterling rate from New London to Boston and 4d, the sterling rate from Boston to Piscatagua.

Sterling Rate

New London to Boston: 9d

Boston to Piscatagua: 4d

Total: 13d

13d x7.5= 97d /12=8/ (rounded off)

POSTAGE RATE

New London to Newport: 1dwt 8gr

INCOMMING SHIP FEE:

E: TOTAL: 2dwt

SHIP LETTER

- IPm 175

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MAJENTA

E: 1758 February 14 L: 1763 December 21



NOT DATED

POSTAGE RATE

NEW LONDON TO NEWPORT: 1dwt 8gr

M. William Reads

Newports

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DOCKETED: NEW LONDON, SEPIEMBER 1766

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NL

MAJENTA

E: 1756 FEBRUARY 14 L: 1767 DECEMBER 15

New London NL 3"8



DOCKETED: New London. 6 mo. 6. 1769

Stampless folded cover from John Pemberton in New London to John Pemberton In Phildelphia.

"The Postmaster is desired to send it as soon as it gets there"

GPO, North America August 24, 1765

Prepaid or not

Not over 60 miles --- 1 dwt 8gr
60 to 100 miles --- 2dwt
100 to 200 miles --- 2dwt 16gr
200 to 300 miles --- 3dwt 8gr
300 to 400 miles --- 4dwt
400 to 500 miles --- 4dwt 16gr
Ship letter: additional --- 16gr

CONFEDERATION
CONGRESS POST
WAY LETTER
AND
SUBSCRIBTION POST

May 4 24



DATELINED: BOSTON, OCTOBER 14, 1779 JOHN PROCTOR

THIS LETTER FROM JOHN PROCTOR, DATELINED BOSTON, WAS GIVEN TO THE POST RIDER FOR DELIVERY. THE POST RIDER BYPASSED THE POST OFFICE IN PROVIDENCE AND CARRIED THE LETTER DIRECTLY TO THE NEW POST OFFICE, WHERE THE "WAY 4" WAS APPLIED.

THE SUBSCRIPTION RATE "2" MARKING WAS USED ON LETTERS FOR THOSE RECIPIENTS NORTH OF NEW LONDON, WHO MADE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THEIR MAIL EXEDITED. OTHERWISE IT WOULD SIT IN THE NEW LONDON POST OFFICE, UNTIL A "LETTER LIST" WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER. THERE WAS NO POST OFFICE IN NORWICH AT THIS TIME.

A CT OF OCTOBER 16, 1779

ZONE RATES FOR SINGLE LETTERS

UNDER 60 MILES ---- 4 dwt
60 TO 100 MILES ---- 6 dwt
100 TO 200 MILES ---- 8 dwt
200 TO 300 MILES ---- 10 dwt

SHIP ADDITIONAL ----- 16 gr

Private Hand Carried

Request for Money to Purchase Powder for the Colony of Connecticut



Letter: from Nath¹. (Nathanial) Shaw Jr.. with signed receipt by Tho⁵. (Thomas) Shaw

New London May 29th. 1775

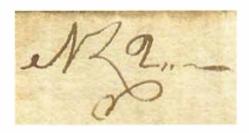
"Sir, My Vesssel is now already to Sail & I should be glad you would send me by the barer my brother what Money you intend to have laid out in powder, as I am obliged to make use of hard money for want of the Paper, also for the Five hund^d. pound supplied the Delegates, and the Inclos'd of Colⁿ, Dyarr's for Forty pound, I am Sir

Your hum^{bl}. Serv^t. Nath^l. Shaw Jun^r."

"To Capt. John Lawrence

Rec^d. of John Lawrence Treasurer of the Colony of Connecticut the Sum of Fifteen Hundred pound Lawful money, to be Deliver'd to my Brother Nath¹. Shaw, for him to Lay out for Powder for the Use of this Colony and to Acc^t. with Said Treasurer for the Same I Say Rec^d. at Hartford this 30th Day of May 1775...

Thos. Shaw"



Continental Congress Resolution of 30 September 1775

Manuscript NL 2
2dwt



Stampless folded letter datelined "Glassenbury May 28th 1776" from John Cable Business about barrel of pork.

Resolve: Congress September 30, 1775

Prepaid or not

Not over 60 miles --- 1dwt 8gr
60 to 100 miles --- 2dwt
100 to 200 miles --- 2dwt 16gr
200 to 300 miles --- 3dwt 8gr
300 to 400 miles --- 4dwt
400 to 500 miles --- 4dwt
16gr
Ship letter: additional ---- 16gr

This NL marking is in the penmanship of Gilbert Saltonstall DPM. His father Gurdon Saltonstall was the Continental Congress Pos Master of New London, appointed by Benjamin Franklin in October 1775.





Letter datelined: New London. Nov. 28, 1781, from Gil. (Gilbert) Saltonstall.

Many towns, at times did not apply their townmark during this period.

Gilbert Saltonstall severed as Deputy Post Master of New London, during the period his father Gurdon Saltonstall was the Post Master between October 1775 through July 1777.

Letter mentions the burning of the town, (6 September 1781 by British under Benedict Arnold)

Re: The distress of Mrs. Herns situation with having lost all but

what she wore out of town upon the Enemy's entry.

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N^{Lo}. ldwt 8gr, Resolve of Congress: October 19, 1781 Effective December 1, 1781



Letter dated: Black Rock Harbour, July 1782, from Wm. (William) Littlefield.

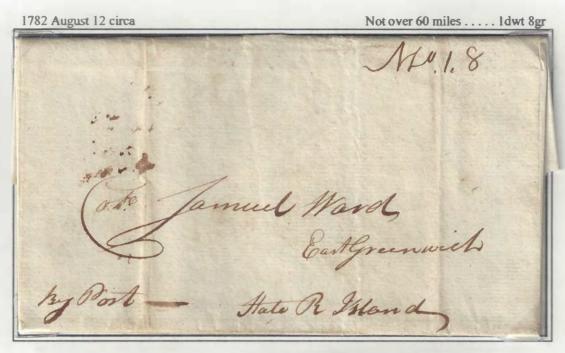
Four page letter re: receiving seventeen Hh^{ds}. N.E. Rum, one Tierce Brandy which will be sent to Fishkill. The last Easterly wind has crowded all the Harbours from N. Haven to Stamford with vessels, they all bro't W. India produce and the Traders are to be compared with the Locust in Egypt.

Resolve: Congress October 19, 1781 Effective December 1, 1781 Prepaid or not

Not over 60 miles --- ldwt 8gr 60 to 100 miles --- 2dwt 100 to 200 miles --- 2dwt 16gr 200 to 300 miles --- 3dwt 8gr 300 to 400 miles --- 4dwt 400 to 500 miles --- 4dwt 16gr

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N^{Lo}. 1dwt 8gr, Resolve of Congress: October 19, 1781 Effective December 1, 1781



Letter datelined: Hartford August 12th 1782 from James & H Bull.

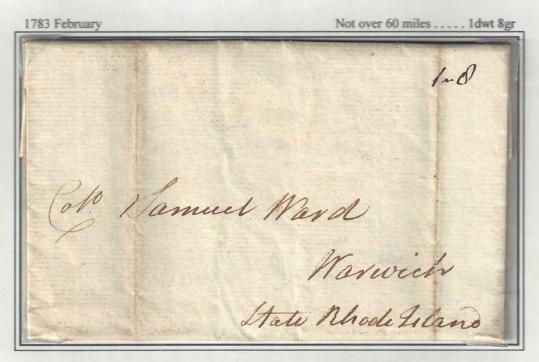
Letter re: shipment being sent by Capt. Carr and Capt. Caldwell. Also sold 4 Hhds rum.

Resolve: Congress October 19, 1781 Effective December 1, 1781 Prepaid or not

Not over 60 miles --- 1dwt 8gr 60 to 100 miles --- 2dwt 100 to 200 miles --- 2dwt 16gr 200 to 300 miles --- 3dwt 8gr 300 to 400 miles --- 4dwt 400 to 500 miles --- 4dwt 16gr

100

Ordinance of October 18, 1782



Letter datelined Hartford, Febry. 10th 1783 from J & H Bull.

Re: Purchasing supplies.

Addressed to Colo, Samuel Ward, Warwick, State of Rhode Island

Privately carried from Hartford to the Post Office in New London.

Ordinance: Congress October 18, 1782

Prepaid or not

Not over 60 miles --- 1 dwt 8gr
60 to 100 miles --- 2 dwt
100 to 200 miles --- 2 dwt 16gr
200 to 300 miles --- 3 dwt 8gr
300 to 400 miles --- 4 dwt
400 to 500 miles --- 4 dwt
500 to 500 miles --- 4 dwt
400 to 500 miles --- 16gr
Way letter: additional ---- 16gr

RATE OF 1788





DATELINED: New London, February 18, 1789 Thomas Shaw

DURING THIS PERIOD NEW LONDON LETTERS HAD POSTAGE RATE APPLIED BUT NO TOWNMARK.

POSTMASTERS

BRITISH COLONIAL

GILES GODDARD -- <20 OCTOBERY 1739

JER. MILLER -----<24 OCTOBER 1739

JOSEPH CHEW - - - - < 11 DECEMBER 1755

JOHN S. MILLER - - - - 17 JUNE 1769

CONSTITUTIONAL

NATHANIAL SHAW ----- 9 M AY 1775

17 O CTOBER 1775

CONNECTYCUT A SSEMBLY
GURDON S ALTONSTALL - - - 8 M AY 1775

CONGRESSIONLAL

GURDON SALTONSTALL - OCTOBER 1775

EDWARD HALLAM ---- 30 JULY 1777

JOSHUA COIT ------ J ANUARY 1782

A CT OF O CTOBER 20, 1787 EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 1788

ZONE RATES FOR SINGLE LETIERS

UP то 60 мпles ---- 1 DWГ

60 to 100 miles ---- 1 dwg, 8 gr

100 то 200 міles ---- 2 DWГ

 $200\ \text{to}\ 300\ \text{miles}\ \text{----}\ 2\ \text{dwr},\ 16\ \text{gr}$

300 to 400 MILES ---- 3 DWT

400 to 500 miles ---- 3 DWT, 8 GR



Connecticut Currency Stampless Letter



Datelined: Custom House 6, January 1791, from Jedediah Huntington

In 1789, Huntington was appointed by President Washington collector of the customs at New London, then the port of entry for eastern Connecticut and Connecticut River

Congress by Resolution of 20 October 1787 Effective: 5 April 1788

60 to 100 miles 1:8 dwt:d Sterling, Prepaid or not.

1 dwt 8 pence Sterling = 4d (pence Sterling) = 6d (pence Connecticut)



Connecticut Currency WAY Stampless Letter



Datelined: New London, 24 February 1791, from Jedediah Huntington

In 1789, Huntington was appointed by President Washington collector of the customs at New London, then the port of entry for eastern Connecticut and Connecticut River

Congress by Resolution of 20 October 1787 Effective: 5 April 1788

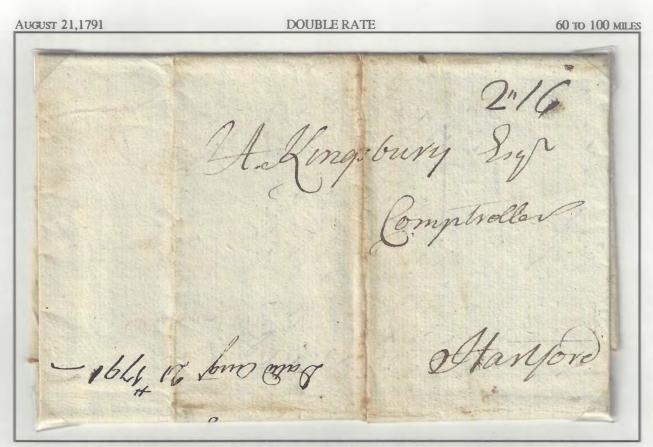
60 to 100 miles 1:8 dwt:d Sterling, Prepaid or not.

1 dwt 8 pence Sterling = 4d (pence Sterling) = 6d (pence Connecticut)

Way fee not included in rate

RATE OF 1788

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DURING THIS PERIOD NEW LONDON LETTERS HAD POSTAGE RATE APPLIED BUT NO TOWNMARK.

POSTMASTERS

TIMOTHY GREEN - - - - 16 FEBRUARY 1790
LYMAN LAW - - - - - 1 O CTOBER 1794
RICHARD DOUGLAS II - - - 1 A PRIL 1798
EBENEZER WAY JR. - - 12 M ARCH 1816
CALEB J. ALLEN - - - - 24 MAY 1838
JAMES H. TURNER - - - - 18 MAY 1841
STANLEY G. TROIT - - - 19 JUNE 1845
JAMES H. TURNER - - - 22 A PRIL 1850
JAMES B. LYMAN - - - - 28 A PRIL 1853
STANLEY G. TROIT - - - 4 JUNE 1858
JULIUS W. EGGLESTON - 11 JUNE 1862
CHARLES W. BUILER - - - 23 JULY 1866
BETSY A. MOWER - - - - 28 A PRIL 1870

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EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 1788
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UP TO 60 MILES ---- 1 DWT
60 TO 100 MILES ---- 2 DWT, 8 GR
100 TO 200 MILES ---- 2 DWT, 16 GR
300 TO 400 MILES ---- 3 DWT
400 TO 500 MILES ---- 3 DWT, 8 GR



N . LONDON 23mmDC E: 1793 July 8 L: 1794 May 22



Letter datelined New London 29 October 1793, from Job & Saml. Taber



Letter in French datelined: New London, le 2d frimaire 4th dela. (24 November 1793)

1794 April 17

NEW LONDON



N . LONDON 23mmDC E: 1793 July 8 L: 1794 May 22

Post Office Act of 20 February 1792 Effective 1 Jun 1792

Not over 30 miles



Letter datelined: Middletown, April 15, 1794 from Saml. W Dana.



1797 February 19

Manuscript N London cancel

NEW LONDON

Stampless Letter - Prepaid

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Fex. 19 Amerew Thingsberry Esqu

Treasurer at

Hentford

Partial content; "I have sent by Mr. Knight the Post"

From Stephen Maynard, New London Collector

Post Office Act of May 8, 1794 Effective June 1, 1794 Re-enacted rate of 1792

0 to 60 miles 8 cents Prepaid or not.

FRENCH CONSUL BOSTON



N.London, Oct 31. 17x2.5mm only 2 known Post Office Act of May 8, 1794 Effective June 1, 1794 Re-enacted rates of 1792

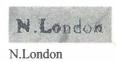


Letter in French datelined: New London, Le 12 Nivose 6 (1 Jan 1798) from Citizen Pinevert.

Addressed to Theodore Charles Mozard, the French consul in Boston.

Act of May 8, 1794 Effective June 1, 1794 Re-enacts rates of 1792 Prepaid or not

Not over 30 miles --- 6 cents 30 to 60 miles --- 8 cents 60 to 100 miles --- 10 cents 100 to 150 miles --- 12 ½ cents 150 to 200 miles --- 15 cents 200 to 250 miles --- 17 cents 250 to 350 miles --- 20 cents 350 to 450 miles --- 22 cents Over 450 miles --- 25 cents Ship Letter: additional -- 4 cents Way Letter: additional -- 1 cent



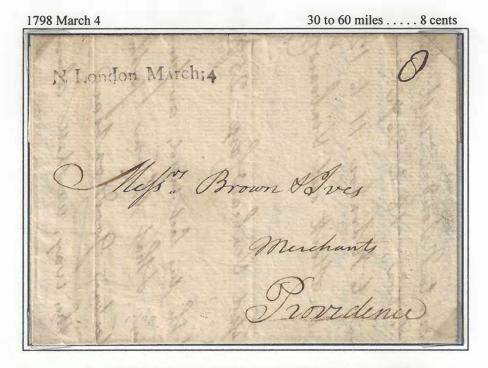
22x4mm

Post Office Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794 Re-enacted rates of 1792



Letter datelined: New London, Janua^r. 21st 1798 from Tho. Rice.



Letter sent by Job Tabor of New London dated March 3, 1798.

N.London

N.London 22x4mm

PAID

14x6mm slanted

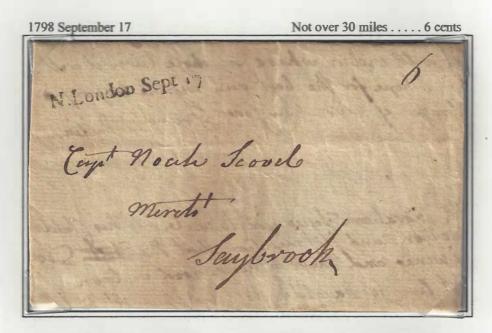
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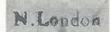
Triple Rate



Letter datelined: New London, March 10th 1798 from Ruth Pye, with 10 dollars in State notes enclosed.



Letter datelined: New London, Septem 16, 1798 from Prudence Ingraham,



N.London 22x4mm

Post Office Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794 Re-enacted rates of 1792



Letter datelined: New London, 6th Novb^r. 98 from Simion Smith, Norman Smith, Saddler at Hartford.





Folded cover docketed New London, November 25th 1798 from Charles Holt. Kirby was a member of the Connecticut Assembly and did not have franking privilege.



N.London 22x4mm

FREE 13x3mm Post Office Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794 Re-enacted rates of 1792



Letter datelined: New London, Decemb^r 19th 1798 from Elias Perkins, addressed to Hartford. Postmaster Ezekiel Williams Jun^r.

Hartford Connecticut Postmaster
Ezekiel Williams Jr.... 1795-01-01 - - - 1803-01-30

N. London

N.London 22x4mm

Sh 24

250 to 350 miles 20 cents

Post Office Act of May 8, 1794 Effective June 1, 1794 Re-enacted rates of 1792



Folded letter datelined: Tobago, December 20th 1798 from Alex^r. Cuningham, addressed to Wiscasset, Maine. Carried aboard the Brig Polly & Betsey arriving in New London on January 19th. Put into the Post Office on January 20th. Rate includes 4 cent ship fee.

Coit's Marine Lift.

Saturday, Jan. 19. Cloudy murning, w. N.E. Arriv'd, brig Polly & Betfey, J. Williams, from Tobago, via Tortola, 19 days, in whom came pattengers, Dr. Witty of Battimore, lieut. Carrigg, of the 3d Regt. or Buffs, from St. Kitts, and James Finley, Efq. of Tobago.

1799-01-23 Connecticut Gazette

Double Rate

1799 January 30 Not over 30 miles 6 cents N. London Jan 30

Coit's Marine Lift. Monday 28. Healant more, wind N.W. Arrived, packets Caroline, Val. 1 Industriancy and Juno, Davison, all from N.Yo. Salled, packet Federal George, Churchill,

1799-01-30 Connecticut Gazette

Folded letter datelined New York Jany. 22nd & 23rd 1799 from David G Hubbard re One Pipe good Bordeaux Burgundy and Brandy put aboard Sch. Caroline, Capt Vail who arrived in New London on January 28. Posted as double rate letter.



Double Rate

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N London 21x4mm Post Office Act of March 2, 1799

Effective March 2, 1799



Letter in French datelined: New London, Le 7th Germinal (March 23, 1799) Captaine Baude. Addressed to Citizen Louis Arcambal French Commissary of Commercial Affairs in New York.



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Way 9



Letter datelined, Norwich 16th May 1799, from Giles L'Hommedieu Rate includes 1 cent Way fee, applied at the New London Post Office.



Folded letter datelined: New London, June 21, 99 from Jn^o. Ingraham. Carried by the stage.



Post Office Act of March 2, 1799

Effective March 2, 1799

PRIVATE CARRIER DELIVERY Norwich to Chelsea Landing

Sh 18

2 (private carrier)



Doubte rate letter, 16 cents, with 2 cents ship fee, plus additional 2cent local carrier fee, datelined:

Demerara, 30th May 1799 from Francis Smith.

The letter was carried from Demerara by Capt. Jeremiah Buckman to Tortola. At Tortola the letter was passed on to Capt. Hempsted of the Brig Peggy a vessel returning to its home port of New London.

The Norwich Post Office at this period was located in present day Norwichtown, The firm of Andrew & Joseph Perkins was located 2.5 miles south, at the Landing in present day Norwich.

In order to receive their business letters without delay, they had a private post carry their letters to their place of business, they paid the person 2 cents above the postage charge.

Merchant's Coffee-House
Marine List,

Kept by David Frink.
Monday, July 15. Wind S. P.M. fevere florin of hail and rain.
Arrived, brig Pragy, Hempfled, from Tortola.

1799-07-22 Weekly Oracle, New London

MARINE INTECLIGENCE.
Jilv 21. Arrived Sloop Pa in 1 J Buck
nam, 97 days from Dimera a, and 21
trom to tols Life at Domaiara fehooner Hito. Lilly. Bofton; Do. Adventure,
Sewaids, Cape Ann; Do. Silv. Fairba Ka,
Frederick burg. (Vigin J B & Harnor,
Smith, Norwich (Con.) Sloop Sailv. Warnet; Counsirer. On the 16h infillat.
4 40. long 6, looke Ship Dianai Oliver
Smith, 1 100 S. is ballan (Spain) bound to
Newy rk. out 68 d vs.

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N London 21x4mm Post Office Act of March 2, 1799

Effective March 2, 1799



Stampless folded cover docketed: Norwich, Octo.. 4, 1799 from Coit & Woolsey.

May 18

Rate for 150 to 300 miles plus 1 cent Way fee

Act of March 2, 1799 Effective March 2, 1799

Prepaid or not

Not over 40 miles ---- 8 cents
40 to 90 miles ---- 10 cents
90 to 150 miles ---- 12 ½ cents
150 to 300 miles ---- 17 cents
300 to 500 miles ---- 20 cents
Over 500 miles ---- 25 cents
Ship Letter: additional - 2 cents
Way Letter: additional -- 1 cent



N London 21x4mm

Post Office Act of March 2, 1799 Effective March 2, 1799

Sh 19

Coit's Marine U.A.

Wednesday, Ott. 36. Pleasant morning, mind S.S.L. Arriv'd, sleep Fangy, Forsyth, 15 days from Bermuda; left there sleep Two briends, Ford, of Middletown, to sail in two days for itra-l'revidence. Of Montanh, spake a ship bound to Men-York.

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desired to New Lark.

Arrived, whire Lune, Betts, from Hormally and saired the same way for the Elementah.

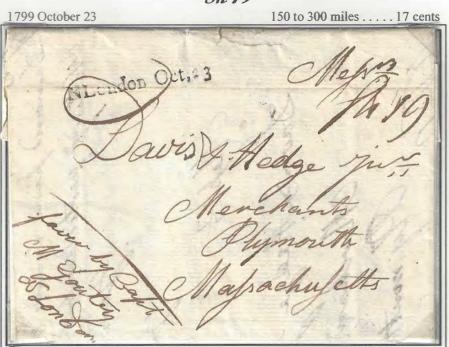
Beta Stewart, from Lintrher!.

Thursday, vy. Fire morning, wind S.E.,

Arrived, even June, J. Scotth, from St. Chris.

Schauer George, Al Gouty, go days from Esti-

1799 November 13



Letter datelined: Rio Demerary 11 Sept¹. 1799 from Thomas Atwood. Carried from Demerara to New London on the Schooner George, Capt, McGouty, arriving on October 17th.

14x6mm slanted

40 to 90 miles 10 cents

