

NEW LONDON

HANFORD'S
PONY EXPRESS POST



29x23 mm



DATED: NEW LONDON, 17 MAY 1849
RECEIVED: NEW YORK, 19 MAY 1849

THIS LETTER FROM NEW LONDON WAS PRIVATELY CARRIED TO NEW YORK BY SOMEONE TRAVELING THERE BY BOAT. ON ARRIVAL, TWO CENTS WAS PAID TO HANFORD'S (PRIVATE LETTER CARRIER) TO DELIVER THIS LETTER TO WM. JESSOP & SONS.

NEW LONDON



KENYONS
LETTER OFFICE
STEAMBOAT LETTER

71 Wall St - 18 Sept 1848
91? 30 Sept 1848



DATED: NEW YORK, 21 JUNE 1849

THIS LETTER WAS GIVEN TO KENYONS TO DELIVER EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THE STEAMBOAT LEAVING FOR NEW LONDON. ON ARRIVAL, IT WAS DEPOSITED IN THE NEW LONDON POST OFFICE WHERE THE STEAM/BOAT AND 5 MARKINGS WERE APPLIED.

**STEAM
BOAT**
STEAM
BOAT
16x7mm
Red -- 1837 - 1851
Green - 1851 - 1852

5
5
6x8mm
Red
1850

NORWICH

STEAMBOAT

Steam Boat 1 1/2

MAY 6, 1843~

80 TO 150 MILES



DATELINED NEW YORK, MAY 5, 1843

THE TOWN POSTMARK WAS NORMALLY NOT APPLIED WHEN THE LETTERS DESTINATION WAS THE RECEIVING POST OFFICE.

ACT OF APRIL 9, 1816
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1816
FOR SINGLE SHEET

NOT OVER 30 MILES	----	6 CENTS
30 TO 80 MILES	-----	10 CENTS
80 TO 150 MILES	--	12 1/2 CENTS
150 TO 400 MILES	--	18 1/2 CENTS
OVER 400 MILES	-----	25 CENTS

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1825
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1825

150 TO 400 MILES	--	18 3/4 CENTS
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DECEMBER 6, 1844

80 TO 150 MILES



NORWICH Ct.
30MM CDS
RED/ORANGE
E: 1836 SEPTEMBER 14
L: 1849 NOVEMBER 21
BLUE
E: 1850 MARCH 21
L: 1851 SEPTEMBER 26
BLACK
E: 1852 AUGUST 18
L: 1852 NOVEMBER 22



DATELINED NEW YORK, DECEMBER 5, 1844

NORWICH

STEAMBOAT

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1845
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1845
PREPAID OR NOT
UNDER 300 MILES -- 5 CENTS
OVER 300 MILES -- 10 CENTS

STEAMBOAT/5
27MM
BLUE
E: 1850 MARCH 8
L: 1850 OCTOBER 30



SEPTEMBER 17, 1850

UNDER 300 MILES



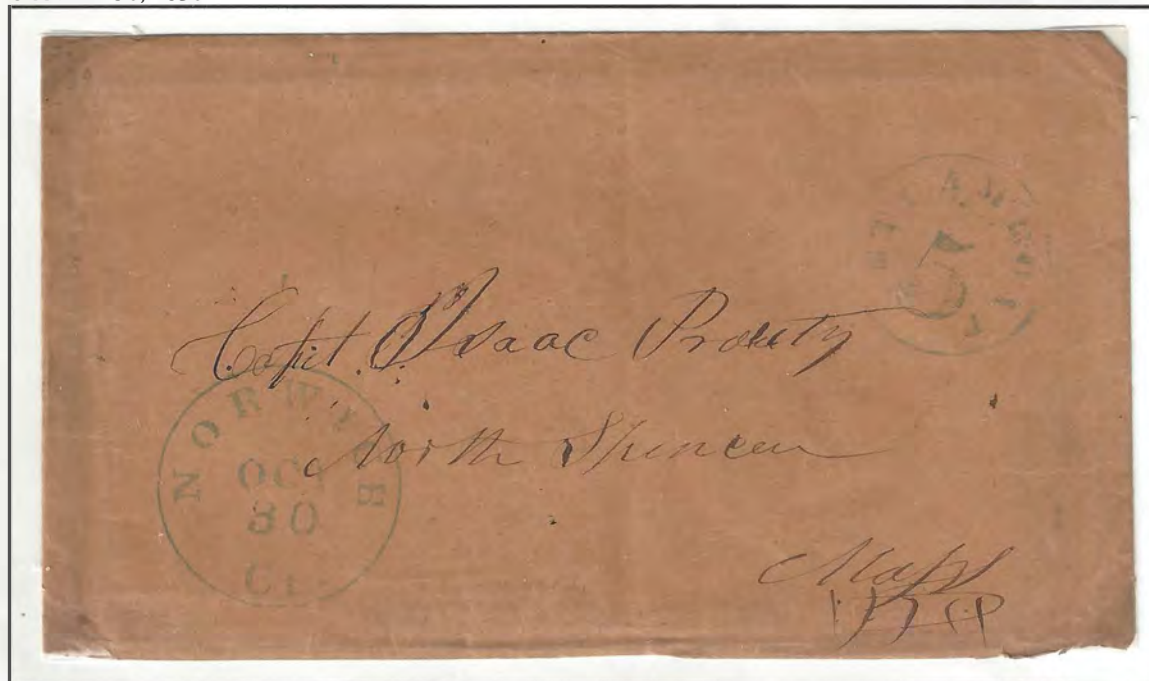
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E: 1852 AUGUST 18
L: 1852 NOVEMBER 22

OCTOBER 30, 1850

UNDER 300 MILES



NORWICH Ct.
32MM CDS
RED
E: 1848 OCTOBER 19
L: 1849 SEPTEMBER 24
BLUE
E: 1849 DECEMBER 22
L: 1852 APRIL 22
BLACK
E: 1852 SEPTEMBER 21
L: 1855 FEBRUARY 6



DATELINED NEW YORK, OCTOBER 28, 1850

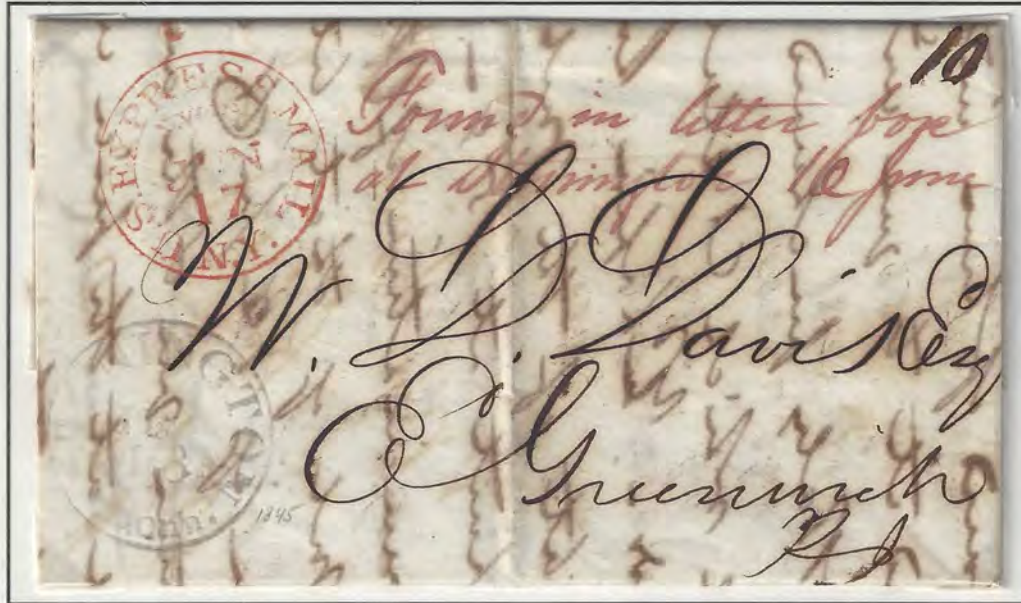
STONINGTON

LONG ISLAND SOUND
STEAMBOAT MAIL

*Found in letter box
at Stonington 16 June*

JUNE 18, 1845

30 TO 80 MILES



NEW YORK JUNE 7, 1845

LETTER WRITTEN IN NEW YORK 7 JUNE 1845
 FOUND IN STONINGTON --- 16 JUNE 1845
 USEXPRESS MAIL N. YORK 17 JUNE 1845
 STONINGTON Conn. ----- 18 JUNE 1845



STONINGTON Conn.
 30mm CDS
 Red ---- 1835 - 1841
 Majenta - 1838
 Black --- 1841 - 1857



U.S. EXPRESS MAIL N.Y.
 N.YORK
 30mm CDS
 Red ---- 1842 - 1845
 Black -- 1845 - 1856

STONINGTON

LONG ISLAND SOUND
STEAMBOAT MAIL

Missent for?

MAY 30 1846

UNDER 300 MILES



NEW YORK MAY 29, 1846

This letter should have left New York aboard a Norwich Line ship, docking at ALLYN'S POINT, but in error was put aboard a Stonington Line ship. At Stonington the letter was marked missent and forwarded to Norwich.



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NEW LONDON COUNTY

POST OFFICES and POSTMARKS

NORWICH

STEAMBOAT

Steam Boat 7 2 1/2

MAY 21, 1830

80 TO 150 MILES



NORW^H.CY. CT.
32MM CDS (H-Y-T HIGH)
RED/ORANGE
E: 1828 JANUARY 4
L: 1836 JULY 6

DATELINED NEW YORK, MAY 17, 1830

NEW LONDON



NEW LONDON CT.
30mm CDS
Red
1827 - 1840

STEAMBOAT LETTERS

SINGLE RATE
80 TO 150 MILES

FEBRUARY 18, 1830



**STEAM
BOAT**

STEAM
BOAT
20x10mm
Red
1827 - 1830

NEW YORK FEBRUARY 15, 1830



NEW LONDON Conn.
30mm CDS
Red ----- 1841 - 1851
Blue/Green - 1841
Green --- 1851 - 1852
Black ---- 1852 - 1856

STEAM
BOAT
16x7mm
Red -- 1837 - 1851
Green - 1851 - 1852

**STEAM
BOAT**

JANUARY 24, 1842



NEW YORK JANUARY 24, 1842

The proper rate charged for a Steamboat letter was the regular postage from the point where the letter was picked up and its final destination

NEW LONDON

STEAMBOAT

NEW LONDON Conn.
 30MM CDS
 RED
 E: 1841 SEPTEMBER 7
 L: 1851 AUGUST 11
 ULTRAMARINE
 E: 1841 NOVEMBER 9
 L: 1841
 GREEN
 E: 1852 MAY 24
 L: 1852 SEPTEMBER 19
 BLACK
 E: 1853 JULY 11
 L: 1855 FEBRUARY 12



STEAM
BOAT

STEAM
 BOAT
 16x7mm
 Red - - 1837 - 1851
 Green - 1851 - 1852

APRIL 2, 1844

150 TO 400 MILES



DATELINED: NEW YORK, APRIL 1, 1844

ACT OF APRIL 9, 1816
 EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1816
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 30 TO 80 MILES ----- 10 CENTS
 80 TO 150 MILES -- 12 1/2 CENTS
 150 TO 400 MILES -- 18 1/2 CENTS
 OVER 400 MILES ----- 25 CENTS
 LOCAL DROP ----- 1 CENT
 ACT OF MARCH 3, 1825
 EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1825
 150 TO 400 MILES -- 18 3/4 CENTS

NEW LONDON

New York January 8, 1850

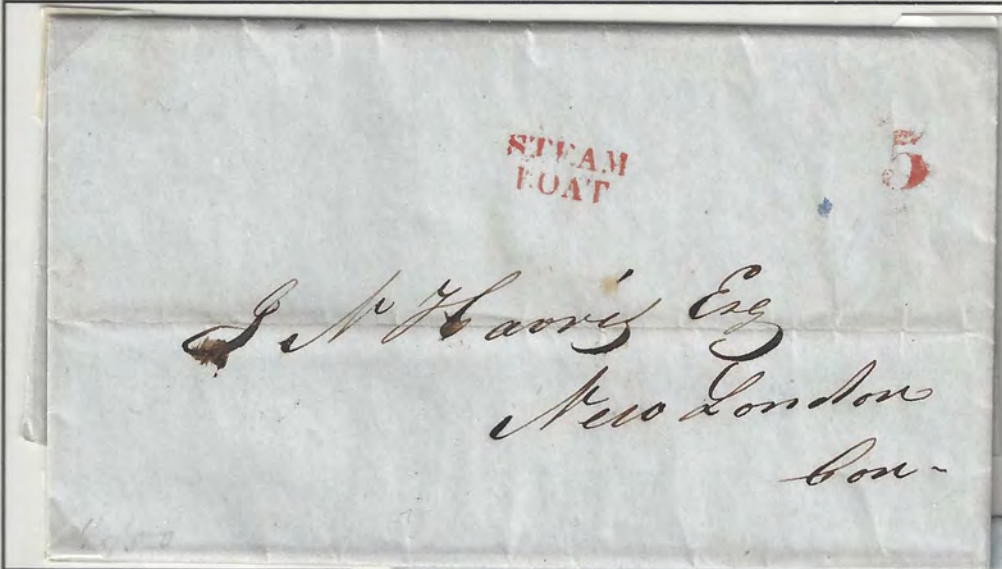
STEAMBOAT LETTERS

SINGLE RATE
UNDER 300 MILES

5

5
6x8mm
Red
1850

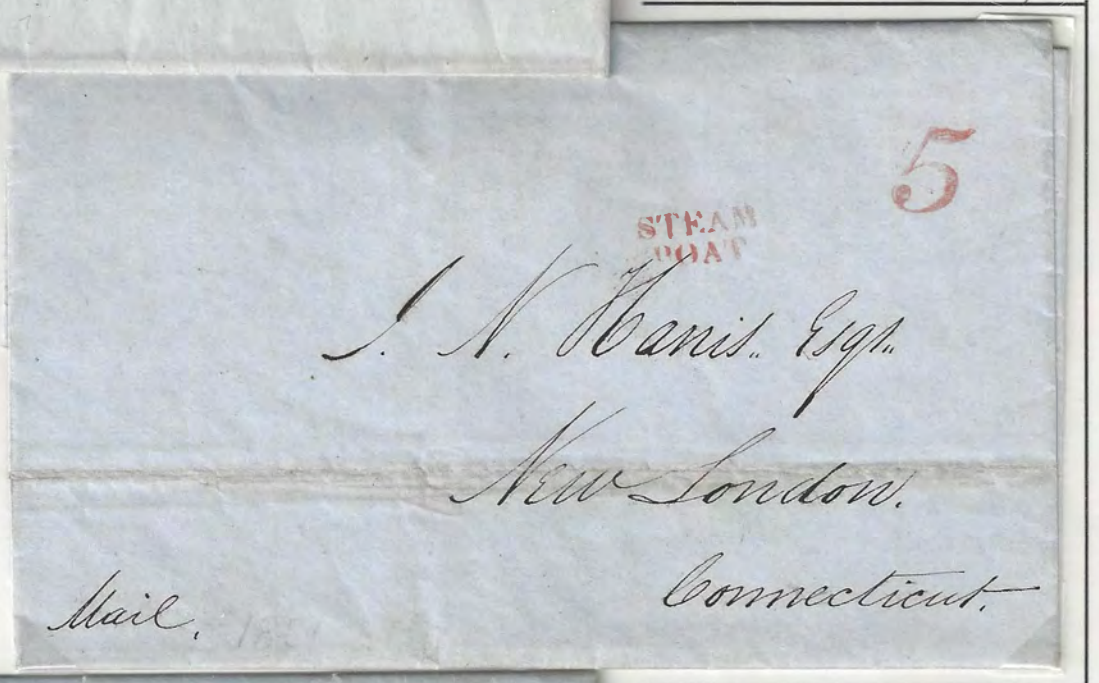
Townmarks were normally not used when destination was at receiving town Post Office.



NEW YORK JUNE 11, 1851

5

5 (large)
11x11mm
Red -- 1850 - 1851
Green - 1851 - 1852



New York November 19, 1851

5

5 (upright)
8x13mm
Green - 1851 - 1852
Black - 1853 - 1855



STEAM
BOAT

STEAM
BOAT
16x7mm
Red -- 1837 - 1851
Green - 1851 - 1852

HARTFORD

STEAMBOAT
32x2.5MM



-HARTFORD - CT.
29mmCDS
Red 1822 - 1830

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 18, 1826



12

DATELINED: Oct. 17, 1826 *TUESDAY*
NEW YORK-W.M. WATKINSON
via Oliver Ellsworth

WEDNES
SEPTEMBER 24, 1828

18 3/4



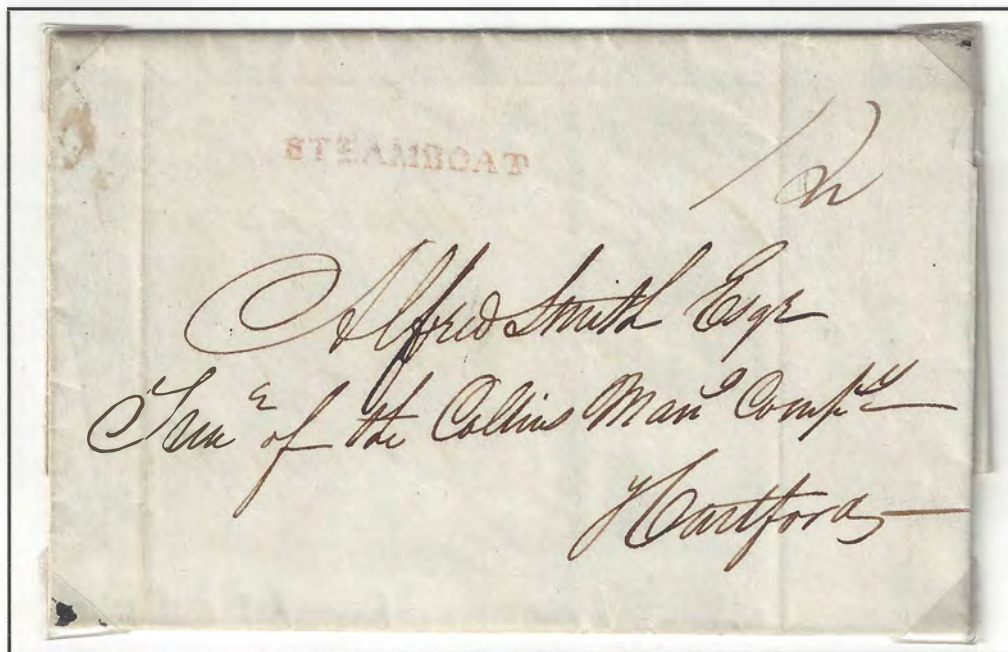
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DATELINED: NEW YORK, 22 SEPT. 1828
Monday FRANKLIN COOLY

HARTFORD

STEAMBOAT

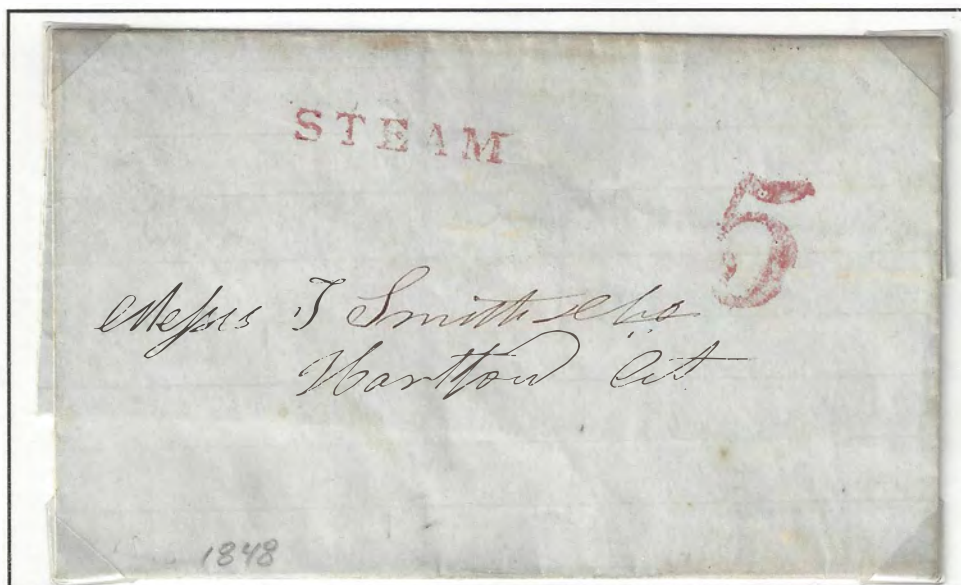
32x2.5MM



DATED: NEW YORK, 2 SEPTEMBER 1839

STEAM

27x4MM



DATED: WEST CHESTER, CT., 28 AUGUST 1848

STONINGTON

LONG ISLAND SOUND
STEAMBOAT MAIL

STEAM
33x5MM
RED

STEAM

E: 1839 AUGUST 21

L: 1841 ~~APRIL 23~~ *July 1*

BLACK

E: 1841 ~~SEPTEMBER 11~~ ~~APRIL 23~~ *July 30*

L: 1842 *May 10*

AUGUST 21, 1839

150 TO 400 MILES



STONINGTON Conn.
30MM CDS

RED

E: 1835 APRIL 8

L: 1841 ~~APRIL 23~~ *June 5*

MAJENTA

E: 1838 JUNE 18

L:

BLACK

E: 1841 JUNE 25

L: 1857

NEW YORK AUGUST 20, 1839

JULY 7, 1840

OVER 400 MILES



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NEW YORK JULY 6, 1840

STONINGTON

LONG ISLAND SOUND
STEAMBOAT MAIL

STEAM
33x5MM
RED
E: 1839 AUGUST 21
L: 1841 ~~APRIL 23~~ *July 9*
BLACK *July 29*
E: 1841 SEPTEMBER 11
L: 1842 *May 10*

STEAM

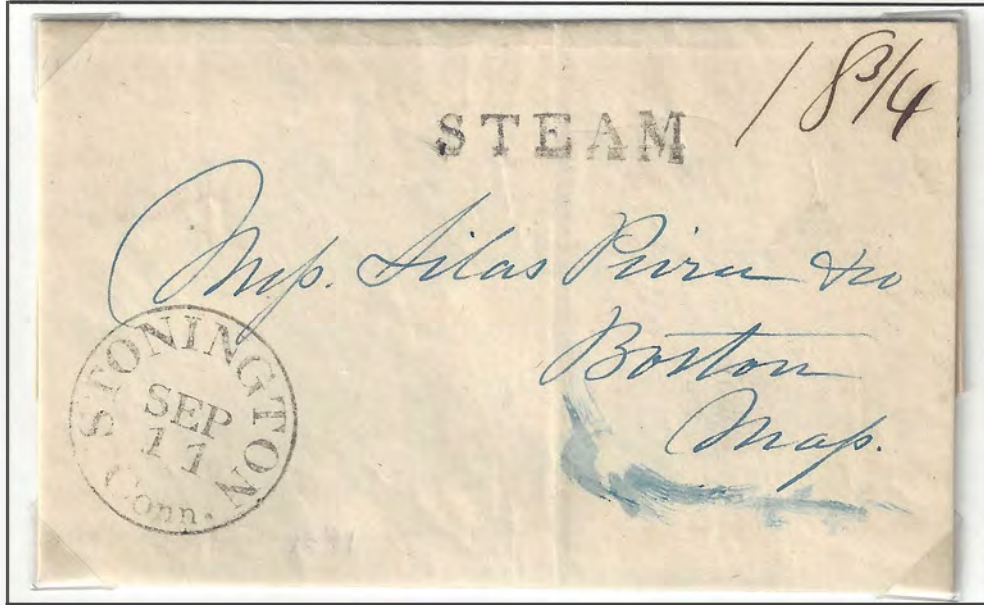


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RED
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L: 1841 ~~APRIL 23~~ *July 9*
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L: 1857

+ July 23 1841 ¹⁰³⁴
July 29, 1841
26 NOV 1841 ¹⁰³⁴

SEPTEMBER 11, 1841

150 TO 400 MILES



NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 10, 1841

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STONINGTON

OREGON
 STONINGTON LINE STEAMER
 NEW YORK TO STONINGTON:
 TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY
 STONINGTON TO NEW YORK:
 MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

LONG ISLAND SOUND
 STEAMBOAT MAIL

UNDER 300 MILES



STEAMER
 5
 OREGON.
 23x17MM OVAL
 RED
 E: 1846 AUGUST 6
 L: 1846 NOVEMBER 20

New York Saturday October 10, 1846; Caey & Co.

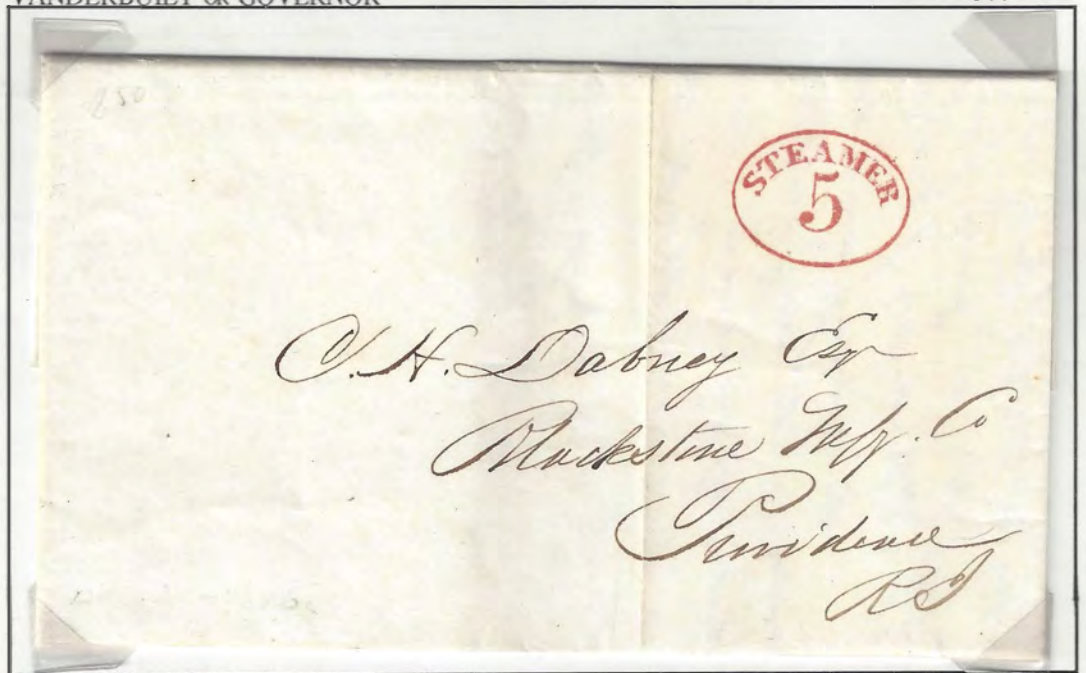
STONINGTON LINE STEAMER

VANDEBUILT OR GOVERNOR

UNDER 300 MILES



STEAMER
 5
 23x17MM OVAL
 RED
 E: 1846 NOVEMBER 21
 L: 1847 OCTOBER 27



New York Thursday July 22, 1847; Lawrence Trumble Co.

Dec 24, 1946,
 Cahoon Kenney & Co

STONINGTON

OREGON
 STONINGTON LINE STEAMER
 NEW YORK TO STONINGTON:
 TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY
 STONINGTON TO NEW YORK:
 MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

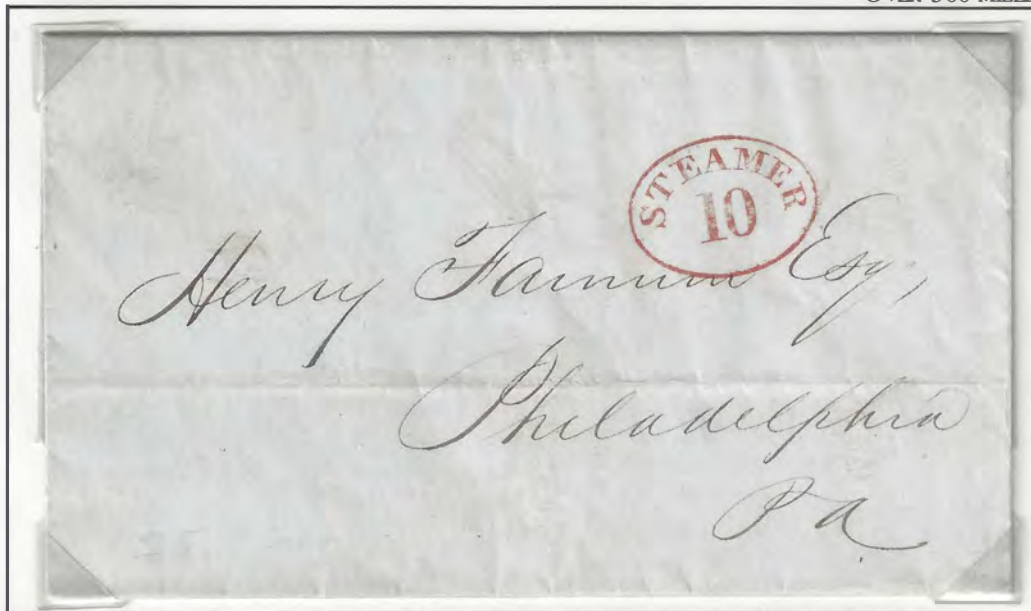
LONG ISLAND SOUND
 STEAMBOAT MAIL



STEAMER
 10.
 25x18MM OVAL
 RED
 E: 1847 ~~May 31~~ 27 April
 L: 1847 SEPTEMBER 30

STONINGTON LINE STEAMER
 SOUTHBOUND

OVER 300 MILES



Boston Monday May 31, 1847; Sette, Wickingham
 Received in New York June 1

NEW HAVEN

PRE-REGULATION STEAMBOAT MAIL



J



SHIP
21x7mm (outline)
Red 1821 -

STEAMBOAT FULTON
CAPT. LAW

NEW-HAVEN C.T.
28mm NOR
Red 1821 -

APRIL 25, 1821

30 TO 80 MILES



H. STRONG

NORWICH, APRIL 24, 1821

Prior to 1825, the Postal Laws and Regulations made no specific references to Steamboat Letters. Generally they were handled as Ship Letters under the rates of 1799. They were charged 6 cents if delivered to the Port of arrival and 2 cents plus regular postage if delivered to a further destinations. The master of the vessel was paid a fee of two cents for delivering these letters to the POST OFFICE. If this letter had been carried over land to New Haven the postage would have been 10 Cents.

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ACT OF MARCH 3, 1825

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1825

150 TO 400 MILES -- 18 3/4 CENTS

PRIVATE SHIP LETTERS PORT TO PORT -- 6 CENTS

NEW LONDON



16x7mm

May 21, 1850 New York



Arrived in New London 10AM, May 22, via Steamer WORCESTER

FOR BOSTON—GREAT NORTHERN ROUTE FROM NEW YORK TO BOSTON, WORCESTER, NASHUA, LOWELL, CONCORD, &c., communicating through by steamer and railroad, without ferry, change of cars, or baggage.

The excellent and superior first steamers **KNICKERBOCKER** and **WORCESTER**, having large and commodious state rooms, and being expressly fitted for this route, with every attention for the pleasure, ease, comfort and safety of passengers, will leave New York for Boston every afternoon at 5 o'clock from pier No. 18 N. E. foot of Courtlandt street, as follows:

The **KNICKERBOCKER**, Capt. J. W. Williams, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The **WORCESTER**, Capt. Wm. Wilcox, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

FARE—To Boston, cabin \$4, deck \$2.50; Worcester, cabin \$2, deck \$1.75; New London and Allyn's Point, cabin \$1.25, deck \$1; Lowell, cabin \$3, deck \$2.75; Nashua, cabin \$3, deck \$2.75; Concord, cabin \$1.50, deck \$1.30; Lawrence, cabin \$3.30; Fitchburg, cabin \$1.75, deck \$2.50; Groton Junction, cabin \$2.50, deck \$2.55; Keene, N. H., \$4; Bellows Falls, Vt., \$4.65; Burlington \$7.70. Through tickets to Montreal, \$12.70.

An Express Freight Train leaves Allyn's Point for Boston immediately on the arrival of the steamboats.

Regular Steamboat Line FOR NEW YORK.

The Steamer **Knickerbocker**, Capt. J. W. WILLIAMS, will leave New London Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, about half past nine o'clock, P. M.

The Steamer **Worcester**, Capt. WILCOX, leaves New London, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings.

For further information inquire of **CHAS. H. SMITH**, Agent, at the Steamboat Office.

New London, March 12, 1850. 16

NORWICH

STEAMBOAT WAY

JULY 2, 1849 *Monday*

UNDER 300 MILES



NORWICH Ct.
 32MM CDS
 RED
 E: 1848 OCTOBER 19
 L: 1849 SEPTEMBER 24
 BLUE
 E: 1849 DECEMBER 22
 L: 1852 APRIL 22
 BLACK
 E: 1852 SEPTEMBER 21
 L: 1855 FEBRUARY 6

DATELINED NEW YORK, JUNE 30, 1849

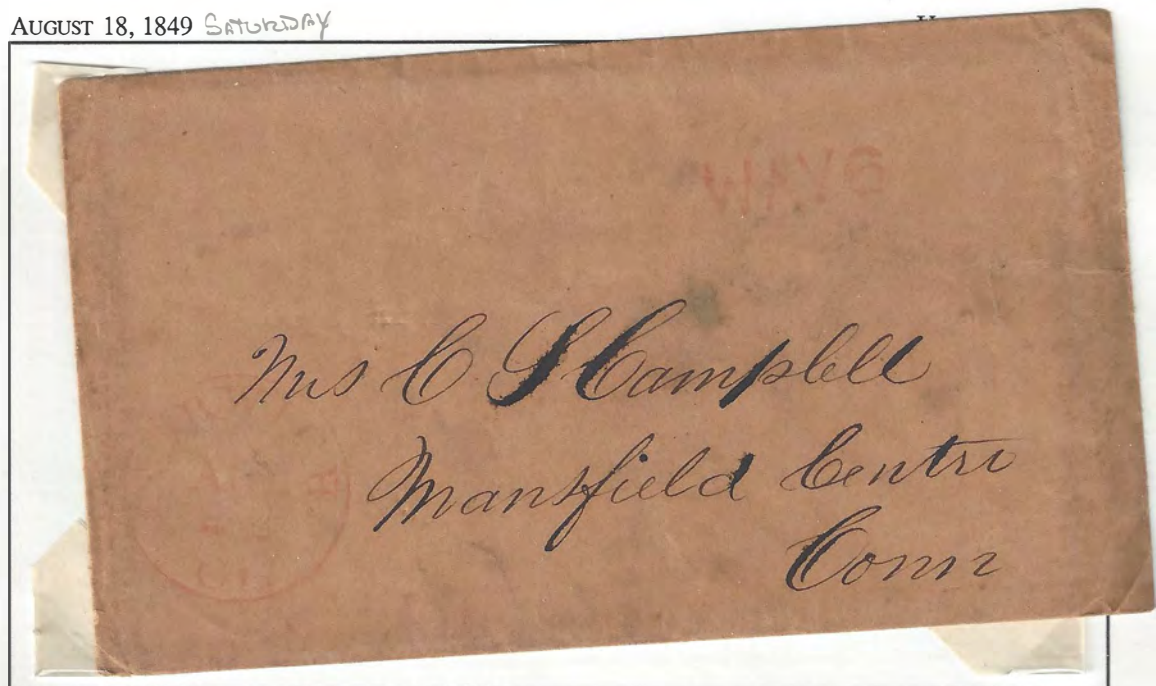
WAY 6

WAY 6
 24x6 MM
 RED/ORANGE
 E: 1849 JULY 2
 L: 1849 AUGUST 18 28



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AUGUST 18, 1849 *Saturday*



ACT OF MARCH 3, 1845
 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1845
 PREPAID OR NOT
 UNDER 300 MILES -- 5 CENTS
 OVER 300 MILES -- 10 CENTS
 WAY ADDITIONAL -- 1 CENT

DATELINED NEW YORK, AUGUST 17, 1849

NORWICH

STEAMBOAT

STEAMBOAT/5
27MM
BLUE
E: 1850 MARCH 8
L: 1850 OCTOBER 30



JULY 16, 1850~

UNDER 300 MILES



DATELINED NEW YORK, JULY 15, 1850

THE TOWN POSTMARK WAS NORMALLY NOT APPLIED WHEN THE LETTERS DESTINATION WAS THE RECEIVING POST OFFICE.

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1845
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1845
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UNDER 300 MILES -- 5 CENTS
OVER 300 MILES -- 10 CENTS



7 BAR CIRCLE

18MM

BLUE

E: 1850 OCTOBER 29

L: 1852 FEBRUARY 12

BLACK

E: 1852 SEPTEMBER 9

L: 1852 DECEMBER 25



DATELINED NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 8, 1852

THE TOWN POSTMARK WAS NORMALLY NOT APPLIED WHEN THE LETTERS DESTINATION WAS THE RECEIVING POST OFFICE.

"WORCESTER"

Steam Boat

18

1873

NORWICH

Mr Wm H. Tiffany
Danulsonville Depot
West Killingly
Conn

NORWICH
1832

STEAM BOAT

18

Wm^r Seth Low & Co
No 115 Maiden Lane
Merchants
New York

Lonsdale Co



Mr William Kelly

Providence

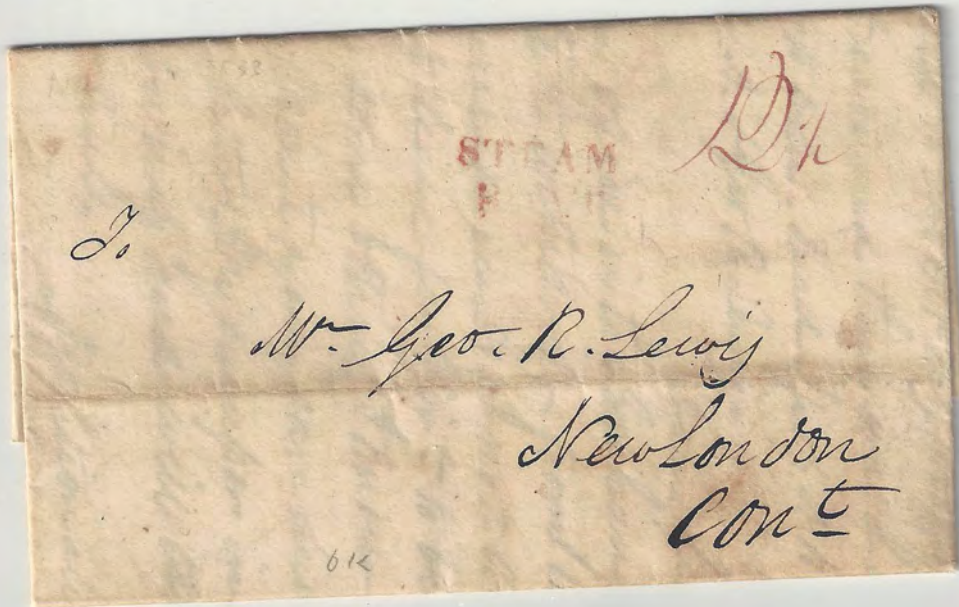
R. I.

Lonsdale Co



Providence

R. I.



WASHINGTON
JUL 29
STEAM

183

Messrs. Sarah Perkins &
Bridgewater
Mass.

WASHINGTON
JUL 29
STEAM

183

W. Kelly Esq
Providence R.I.

1840

5
C. N. Learned Esq
Norwich
Conn

W. H. A. T. E.
NOV 21
STEAM-BOAT
George Bromley Esq
Hartford.
Ct.

NEW LONDON
NOV 21
STEAM
BOAT
Miss Susan Bemis
Dudley Mass
To the care of Phineas Bemis

STEAM BOX / 12
E D Morgan Esq
New York
City
"Single"

Carried on
Steamboat "Hornet"

STEAM BOX / 8 3/4

Messrs South Water Road
Wester
Md

MAY 6, 1841

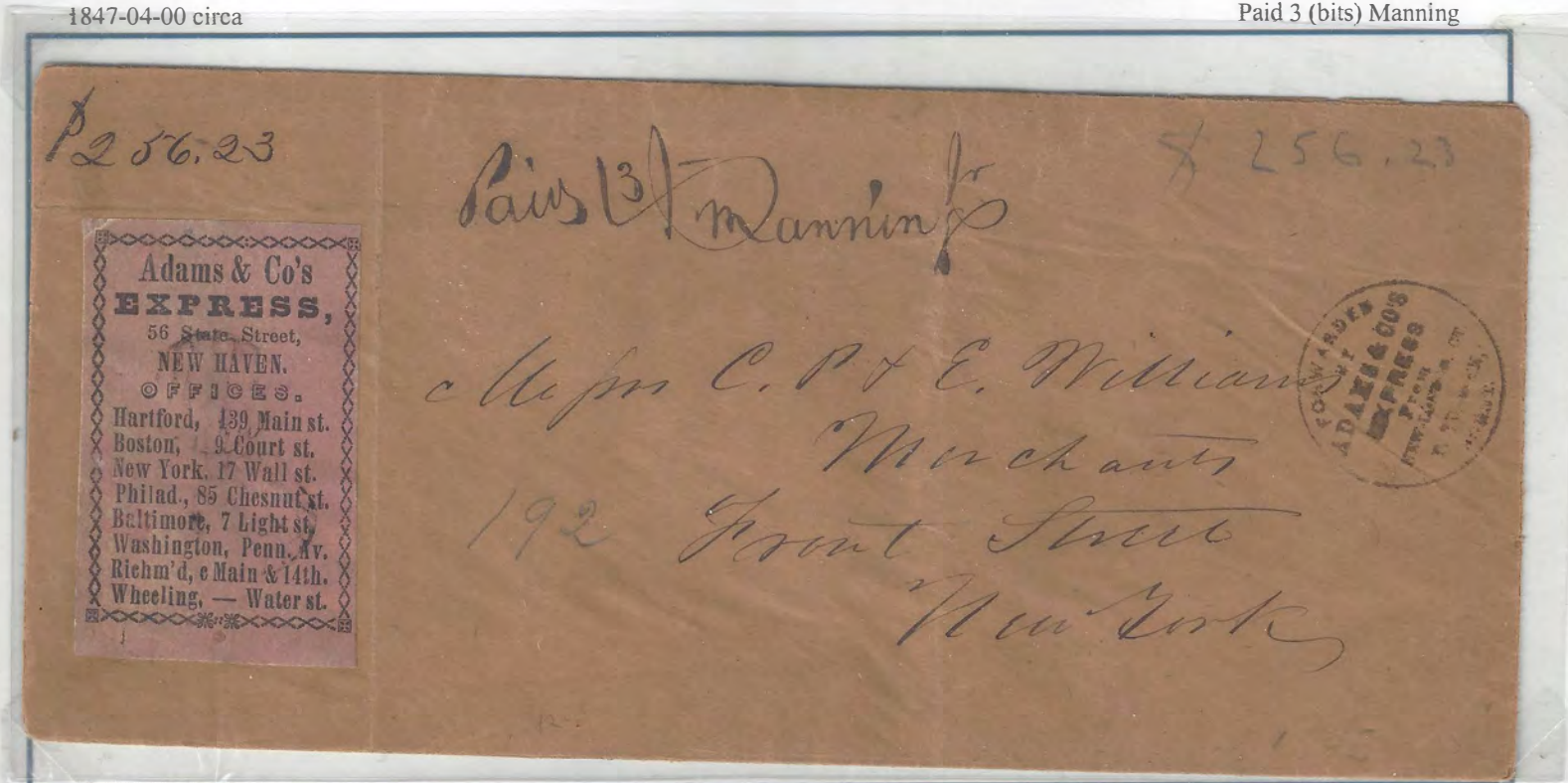
New London
INDEPENDENT LETTER MAIL
ADAMS & CO'S EXPRESS



FORWARDED
BY
ADAM'S & CO'S
EXPRESS
From
NEW LONDON, CT.
P. TURNER,
AGENT.

1847-04-00 circa

Paid 3 (bits) Manning



NEW LONDON

INDEPENDENT LETTER MAIL

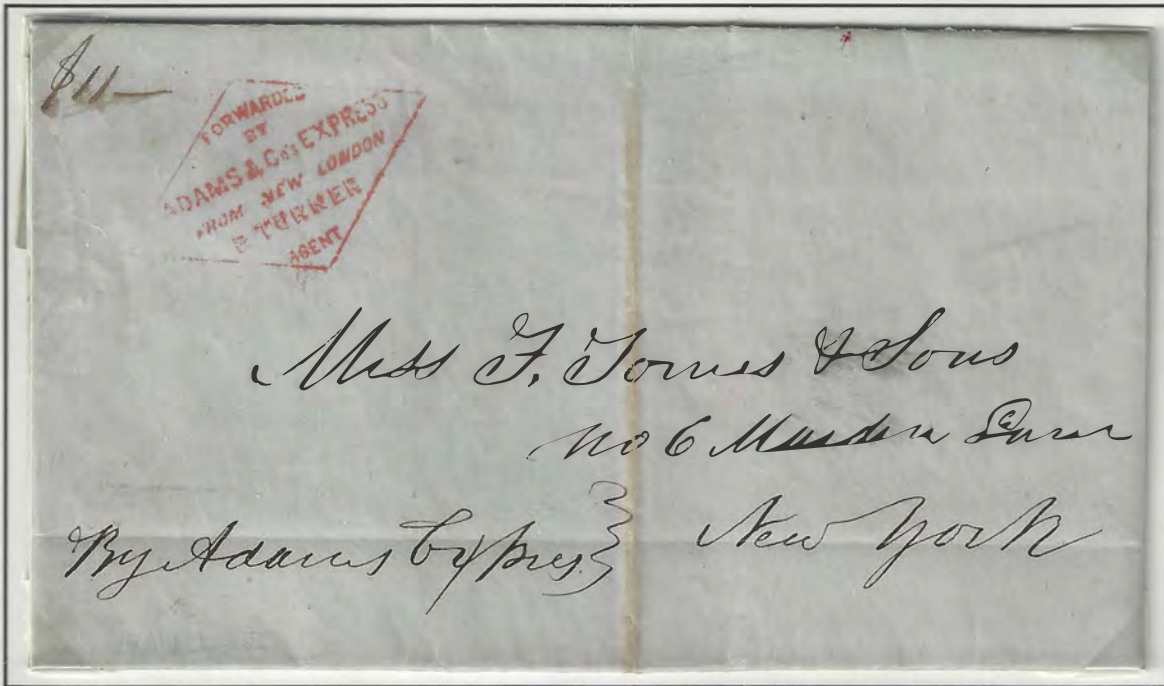
ADAMS & COMPANY

FORWARDED
BY
ADAMS & Co EXPRESS
FROM NEW LONDON
P TURNER
AGENT



45x28mm Diamond
Red 1852 -
Black 1853 -

APRIL 17, 1852



LETTER WITH \$11.00 ENCLOSED.

By Adams Express

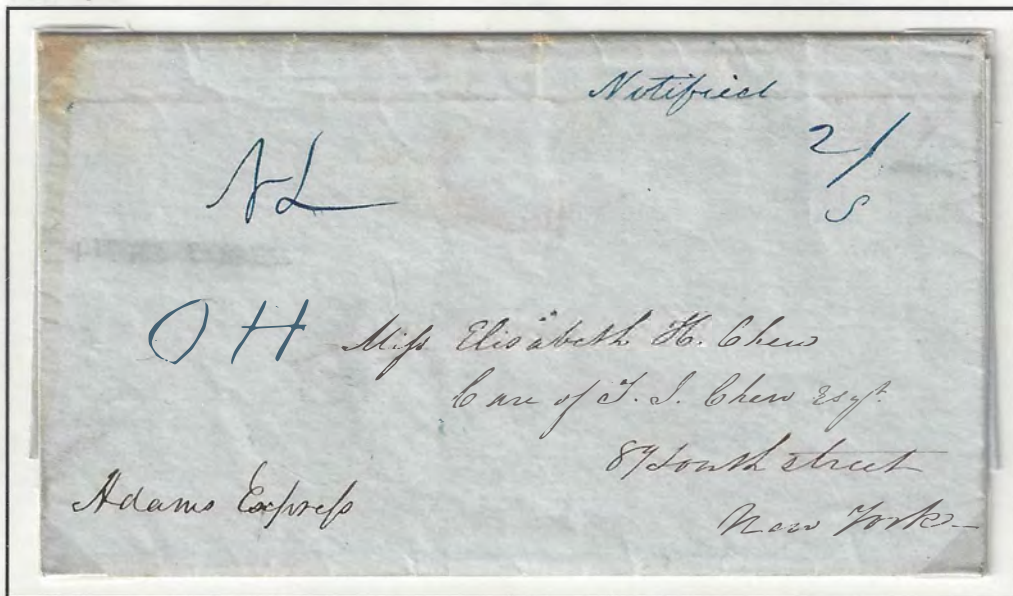
NEW LONDON

INDEPENDENT LETTER MAIL

ADAMS & COMPANY

MAY 1846

Adams Express



AL

2/5

2 bits = 25 cents

OH

fm M.H. Lewis May 1846

1853



FORWARDED
BY
ADAMS & Co EXPRESS
FROM NEW LONDON
P TURNER
AGENT

45x28mm Diamond
Red 1852 -
Black 1853 -

This private letter express service was founded in 1840 by Alvin Adams and P. B. Burke at Boston. The company operated between Boston and New York using the Long Island Sound Steamers. The Post Office Act of 3 March 1845 (effective 1 July 1845) outlawed the carrying of letters by private companies between cities where the Post Office offered inter-city mail service, with the exception of letters accompanying packages.

STONINGTON

RR
RAIL ROAD
1838

LONG ISLAND SOUND
STEAMBOAT MAIL

PROVIDENCE - STONINGTON RAILROAD COMPLETED 17 NOVEMBER 1837.
RAILROAD MET STEAMER AT STONINGTON FOR TRANSIT TO NEW YORK.

JUNE 18 1838

150 TO 400 MILES



STONINGTON Conn.
30mm CDS
Red ---- 1835 - 1841
Magenta - 1838
Black --- 1841 - 1857

FORWARDED BY HALE & CO STONINGTON CT

27/10/55 25

Wm. M. C. Esq. New York

B.B.

FORWARDED BY HALE & CO NEW LONDON

COLLECT 3 CENTS FOR PAID & Co.

Messrs. Seth Lowie & Co
New York

Y. & B. O. 8

THREE CENTS

Mrs. Elias Smith
Boston
Mass

Cal 5/37