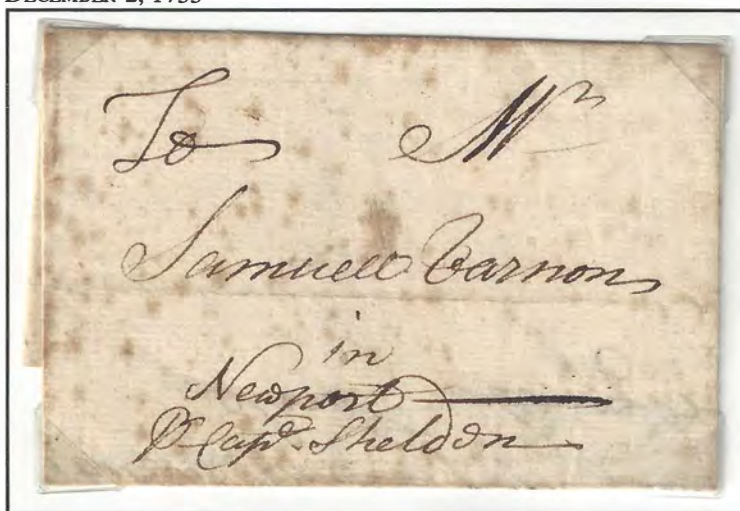


NORWICH

PRE POST OFFICE

DECEMBER 2, 1755



DATRLINED: NORWICH; DECEMBER 2, 1755

FROM: EBENEZER BACKUS

THIS LETTER WAS SENT OUTSIDE THE MAILS VIA SHIP FROM NORWICH TO NEWPORT, R.I., PER CAPT. SHELDON.

NORWICH

PRE POST OFFICE

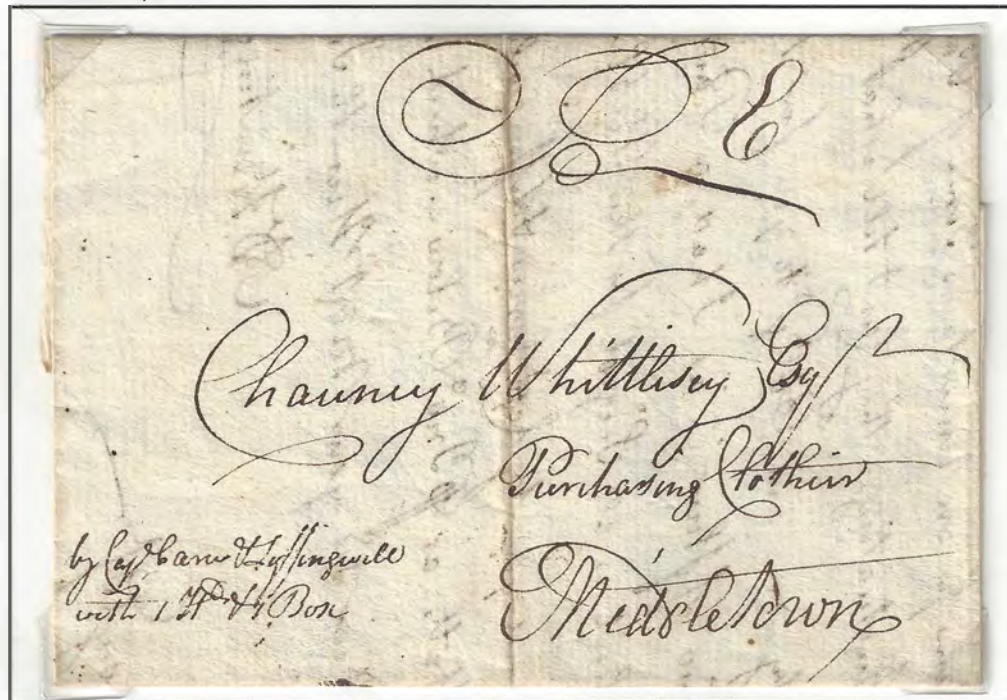
APRIL 9, 1778



DATLINED: NORWICH; APRIL 9, 1778
FROM: ANDREW HUNTINGTON

THIS LETTER WAS SENT FROM PRESENT DAY NORWICHTOWN TO WHAT IS NOW DOWNTOWN NORWICH (WATERFRONT) KNOWN AS CHELSEA LANDING.

OCTOBER 19, 1779



DATLINED: NORWICH; OCTOBER 19, 1779.
FROM: ANDREW HUNTINGTON

NORWICH

Ship letter direct from Norwich to London
2d Postage

FOR LONDON,
The strong built double Deck BRIGANTINE
LITTLE-JOB,
GURDON BILL, MASTER

Having good Accommodations for Passengers, will sail in all November, having the greater part of her Cargo engaged. For Freight or Passage apply with HOWLAND and COYT, at their Store, or the Master on board said Vessel lying at Norwich-Landing.

Norwich Packet: 1784-10-28 to 1784-11-25

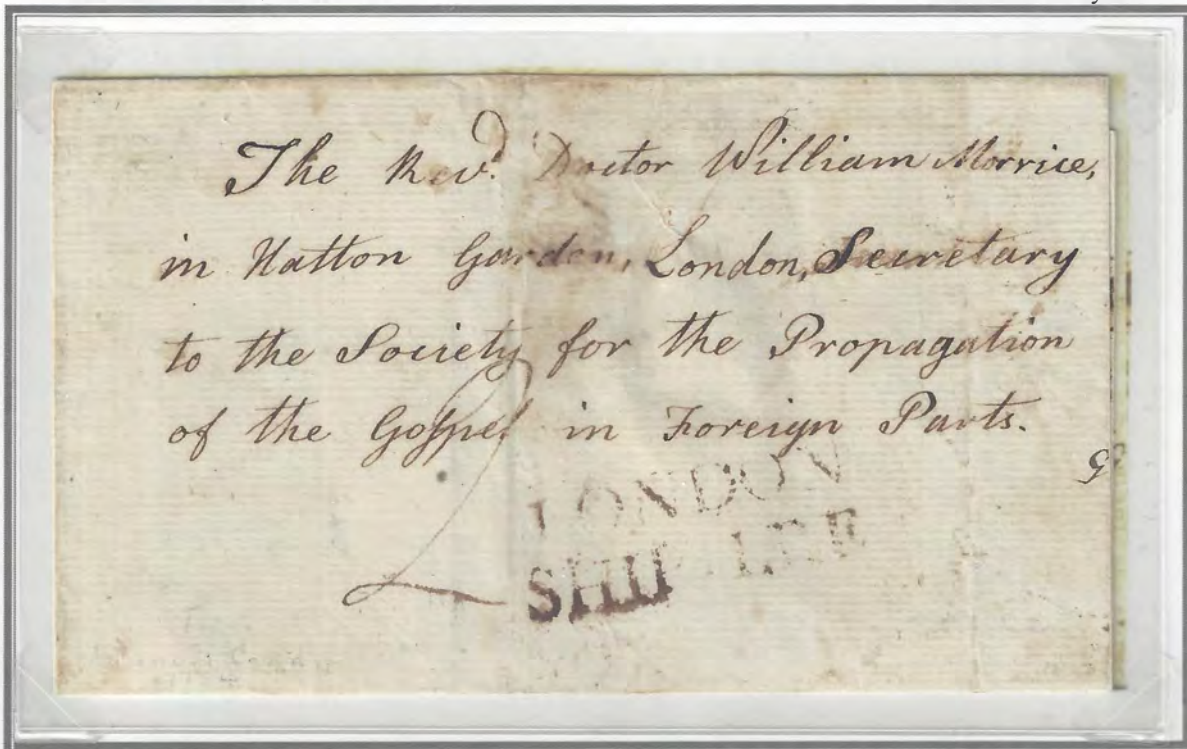
For LONDON,
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Little-Joe,

GURDON BILL, Master,
HAS good accommodations for passengers, will sail in all November, having the greater part of her cargo engaged. For freight or passage, apply to HOWLAND and COYT, at their Store, or to the master on board said vessel, lying at Norwich-Landing.

Connecticut Gazette 1784-10-29 to 1784-11-12

Docketed: Norwich, 1 Dec. 1784

From Rev. W. Tyler



Letter was put aboard a Norwich Brig that advertised in Norwich and New London papers that it was sailing for London

London Post Office arrival mark on front and Bishop mark dater on reverse

**LONDON
SHIP-LRE**

London Ship Letter (45x15mm)



London Bishop Mark

NAVAL OFFICE,
Part of New-London, December 29, 1784.

Entered	From	Cleared	For
Slooper Bassett,	Troy,	Slooper Parice,	Clemmance,
		Brigantine Nancy,	Troy,
		Sloop Nether,	Loring,
		Brigantine Little Joe,	Bill,

Norwich Packet: 1784-12-23
Sailed from Norwich 1784-12-23

NEW-LONDON, Dec. 31.
Arrived for London, the Brig Little-Joe, Capt. Gurdon Bill.

ENTERED IN	From	CLEARED OUT	For
Brig Little-Joe,	Bill,	Brig Brothers,	Brigg,
Brig Bermuda,	Dering,	Brig Little-Joe,	Bill,
Slooper Harriet,	Grant,		
Sloop Nancy,	Vall,		

1784-12-31 Connecticut Gazette
Sailed from New London 1784-12-28

SHIPS reported at the Custom-House,
February the 11th, 1785.

Industry, J. Galleff, from East Florida.
Queen of Portugal, William Messer, from Lisbon.
Little Joe, Gurdon Bill, from New London.
Fanny, Thomas Nixon, from Zantz.
Prince of Wales, John Burt, and General Washington, Edward Hall, from Du-Rois.
Success, John Malrow, from Dublin.
Louise, J. Farnall, from Waterford.

1785-02-11 Daily Register Universal Register
Arrived in London on 1785-02-10

NORWICH

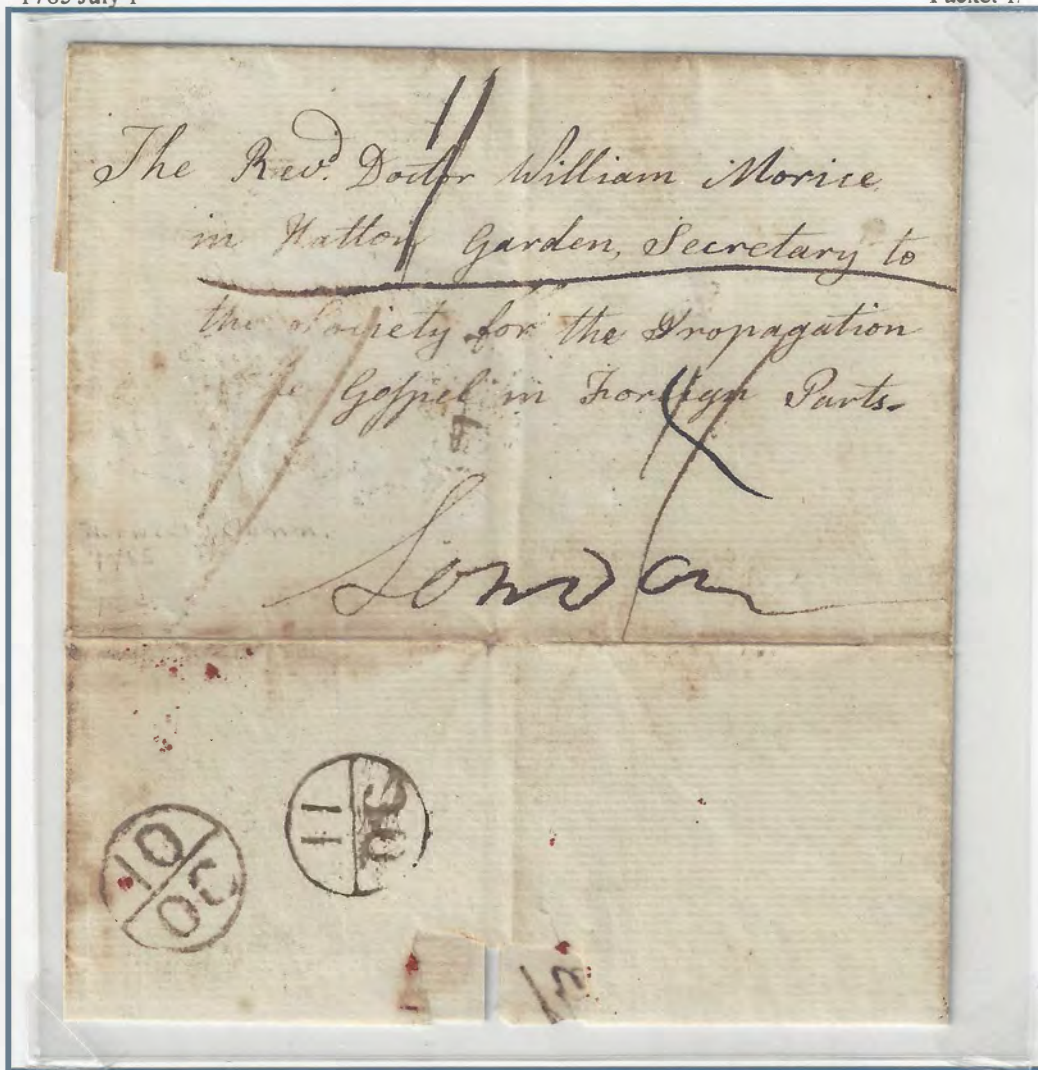
Cover docketed 1 July 1785
from
Rev. Mr. Tyler – Norwich Connecticut

Put onboard the
“PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY”
BRITISH FALMOUTH PACKET in NEW YORK for FALMOUTH

Sailed Falmouth 1785 Jun 6*	Packet	Captain	Arrived New York* 1785 Jul 21	Sailed New York ~1785 Sep 9	Arrived Falmouth ~1785 Oct 7	Mail at GPO 1785 Oct 10
	PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY	M&C John Peters R.N.				

1785 July 1

Packet 1/



Stampless folded cover docketed: Rev. Mr Tyler, Norwich, Connecticut

NORWICH

1782 POSTAGE RATE

ACT OF OCTOBER 18, 1782

RE-ENACTED THE RATES OF 1775

NOT OVER 60 MILES ----- 1 dwt, 8 gr
 60 TO 100 MILES ----- 2 dwt,
 100 TO 200 MILES ----- 2 dwt, 16 gr
 200 TO 300 MILES ----- 3 dwt, 8 gr
 300 TO 400 MILES ----- 4 dwt
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 SHIP LETTER, TO INLAND RATE ADD 16gr

J. Huntington

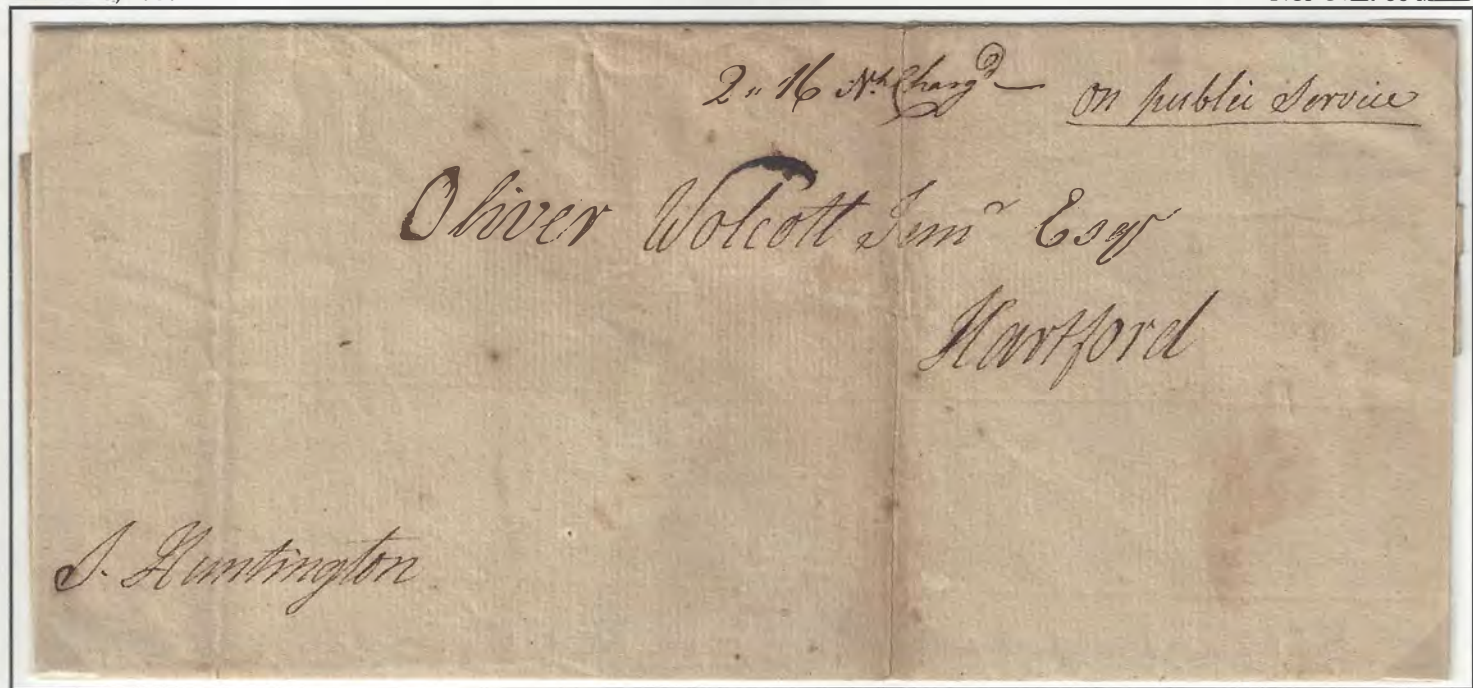
2^d 16 N. Charge

2^d, 16 N.^h Charg^d

AUGUST 8, 1787

DOUBLE RATE

NOT OVER 60 MILES



LETTERS sent from the Post OFFICE at *Norwich*

Date of the Bills sent.	To what Office the Letters were sent.	Number of unpaid Letters.		Number of paid Letters.		Free Letters.
		Sums unpaid.		Sums paid.		
						Number sent.
<i>1787</i> <i>Aug 6</i>	<i>Boston Post over</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>104 1/2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>24 1/2</i>	<i>14</i>
	<i>Salem</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>38</i>	
	<i>Alexandria</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4 1/2</i>			
	<i>Boston</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>			
	<i>New Haven</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>			
	<i>Hartford</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>	
	<i>New York</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>			

Norwich

Norwich no. 25

Norwich,
23x4mm

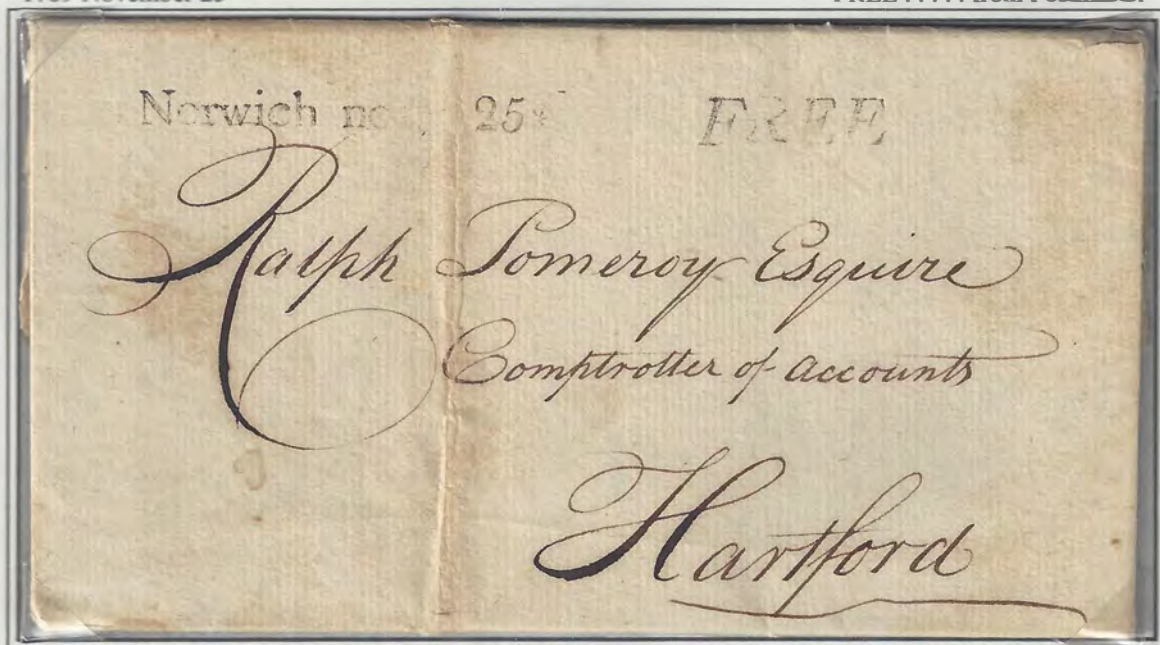
Resolution of October 20, 1787
Effective April 5, 1788

FREE

FREE
25x6mm

1789 November 25

FREE from Postmaster



Letter datelined Norwich, Nov. 26, 1789 from Postmaster William Leffingwell.

The letter requests a copy of a Discharge Certificate for Joseph Waterman a disabled soldier.

The letter is signed as Leut. W^m. Leffingwell.

Resolution of October 20, 1787
Effective April 5, 1788.

Not over 60 miles ---- 1dwt
 60 to 100 miles ----- 1dwt, 8 gr
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 200 to 300 miles ----- 2 dwt, 16 gr
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 Ship Letter: additional----- 16 gr

Norwich

Norwich D car 16

Norwich,
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Resolution of October 20, 1787
Effective April 5, 1788

ONLY KNOWN
RED
POSTMARK

Miss-rated but corrected

1789 December 16

Not over 60 miles 1 dwt



Letter from Christopher Leffingwell datelined Norwich, 14th Decem^b. 1789.

Leffingwell request to receive interest notes held on his account in the hands of Col Wadsworth. He would like to have them sent under cover to William Leffingwell Esq, Postmaster, Norwich.

Postmaster William Leffingwell miss-rated this letter, but corrected it, prior to sending it out. This is one of at least eight other letters miss-rated between September through December 1789.

Resolution of October 20, 1787
Effective April 5, 1788.

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Norwich

Norwich Jan'y 23.

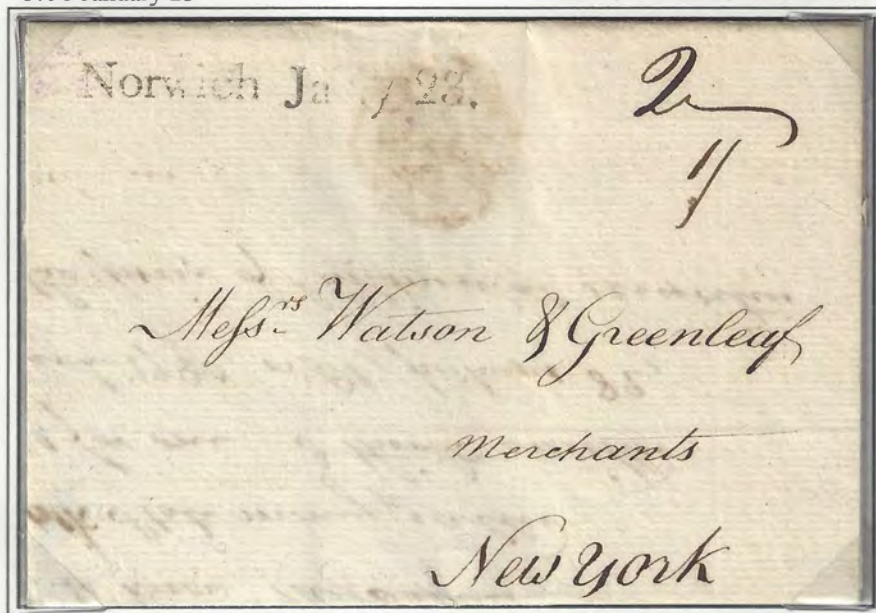
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Resolution of October 20, 1787
Effective April 5, 1788

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1790 January 23

100 to 200 miles 2 dwt



Folded letter signed by Eben. Huntington datelined Norwich, Jan'y 23rd 1790.

Huntington writes "I wish to know the value of York State money, called 40 for one, I think emitted March 1780, or 81, perhaps 82, also the price of Continental securities."

The letter was rated 2 dwt (pennyweight) at the Norwich Post Office and 1/ (Shilling) New York currency equivalent at the Post Office in New York.

Resolution of October 20, 1787
Effective April 5, 1788.

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- Ship Letter: additional - - - - - 16 gr

Norwich

Resolution of October 20, 1787
Effective April 5, 1788

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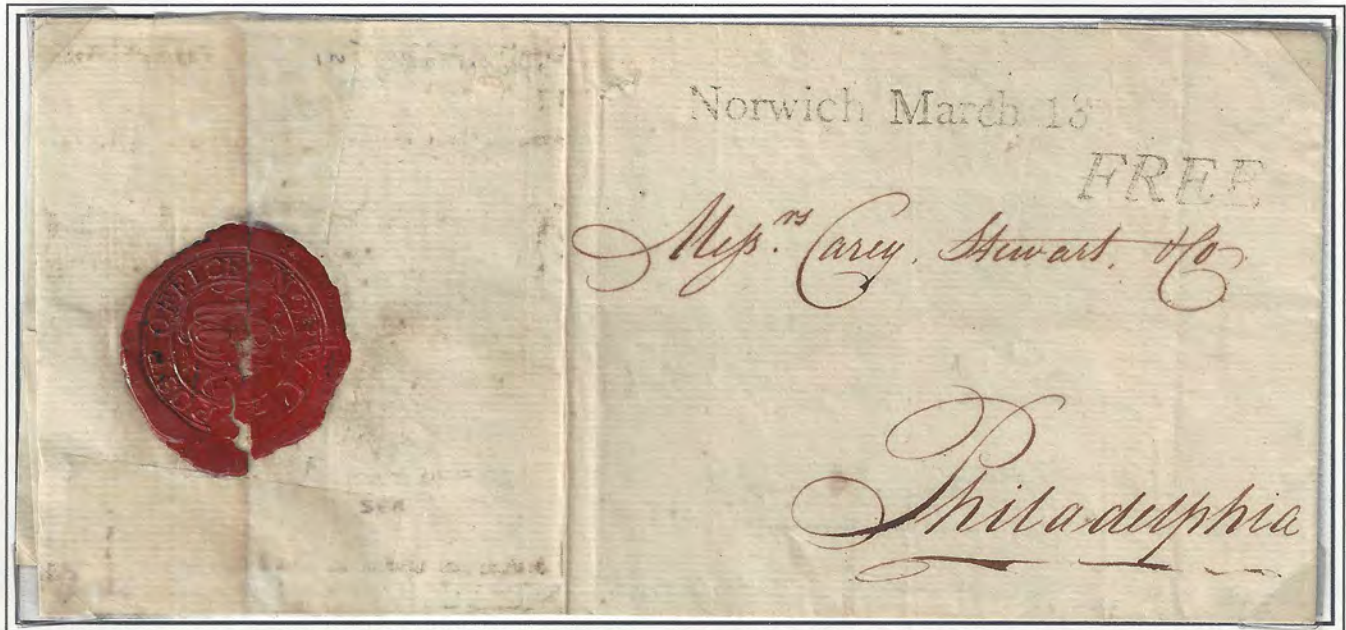
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WAX SEAL
"NORWICH POST OFFICE
USA"



1792 March 13

FREE from Postmaster



Folded cover docketed: Norwich, March 13, 1792, W^m. Leffingwell (Postmaster).

Resolution of October 20, 1787
Effective April 5, 1788.

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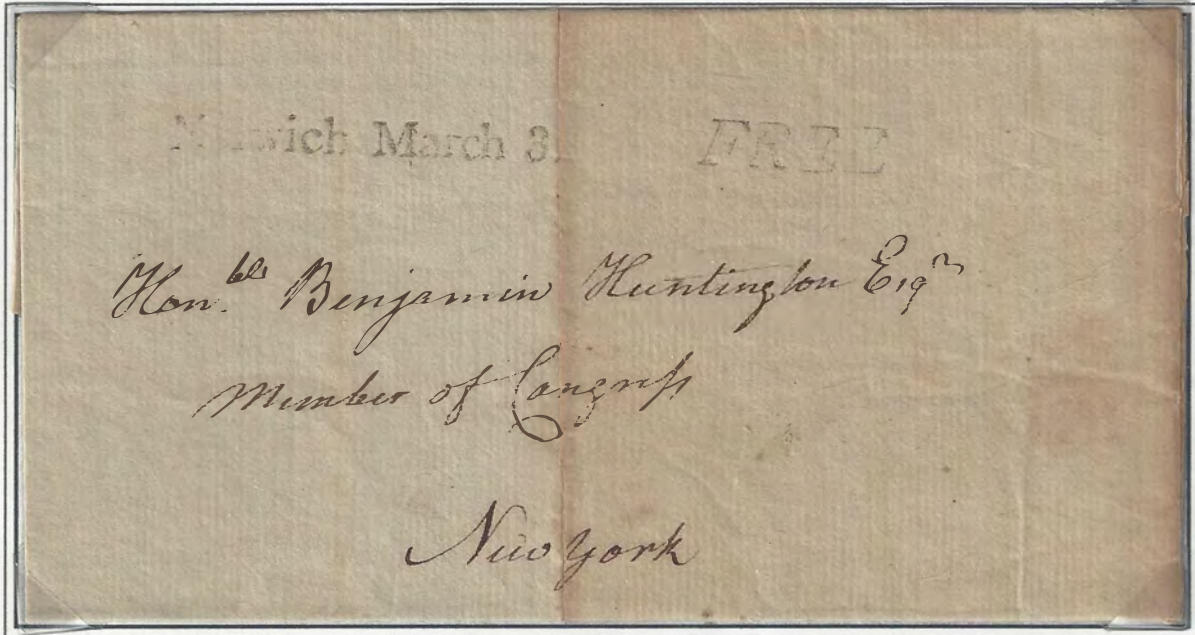
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Resolution of October 20, 1787
Effective April 5, 1788

1790 March 3

FREE to Member of Congress



Folded cover docketed as being sent by Christopher Leffingwell re General (Benedict) Arnold.
Listed in Norwich Postmasters Letter book of outgoing mail.

Double rate

1790 March 13

60 to 100 miles 1 dwt



Folded cover docketed as from Gov'. (Samuel) Huntington.
Listed in Norwich Postmasters Letter book of outgoing mail.

Norwich

Resolution of October 20, 1787
Effective April 5, 1788

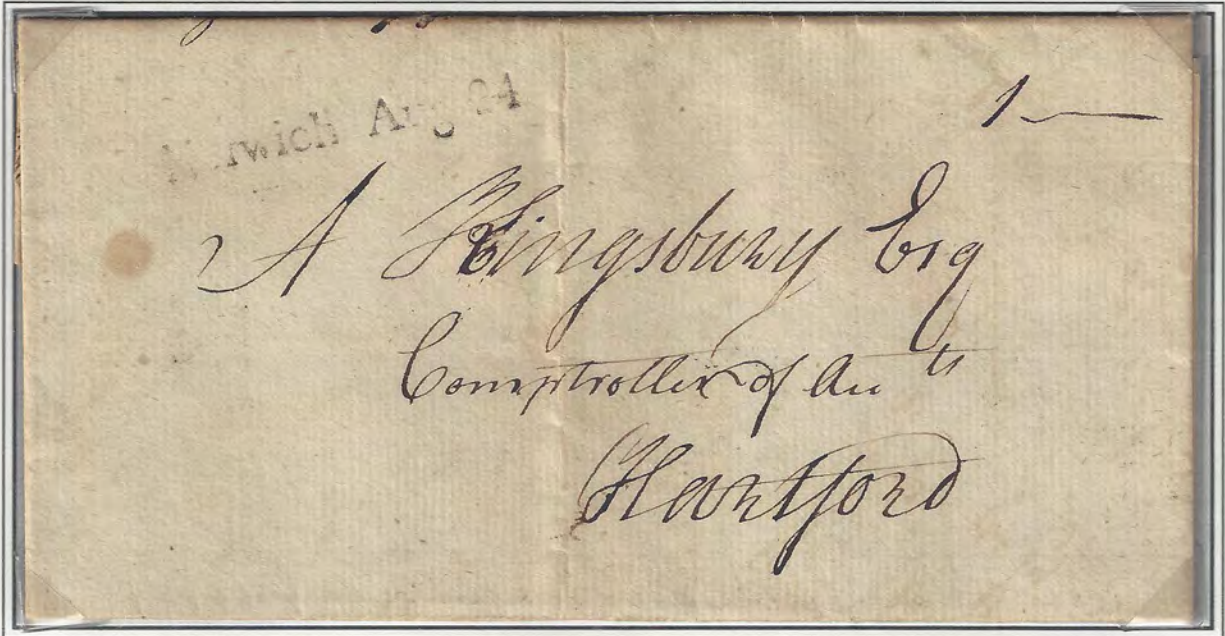
Norwich

Norwich,
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Single rate

1791 August 24

60 to 100 miles 1 dwt



Folded letter signed by Benj. Huntington, datelined Norwich August 20th 1791 re Will of Nathaniel Wales. Listed in Norwich Postmasters Letter book of outgoing mail.

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25x6mm

Postmaster Free Frank

1791 December 13

FREE from Postmaster



Folded Free Frank cover docketed: Mr Leffingwell Dec. 13th 1791.

Free
W^m Leffingwell

Norwich

Norwich

Norwich,
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1792 November 27

60 to 100 miles 10 cents

Act of February 20, 1792

Effective June 1, 1792

Prepaid or not

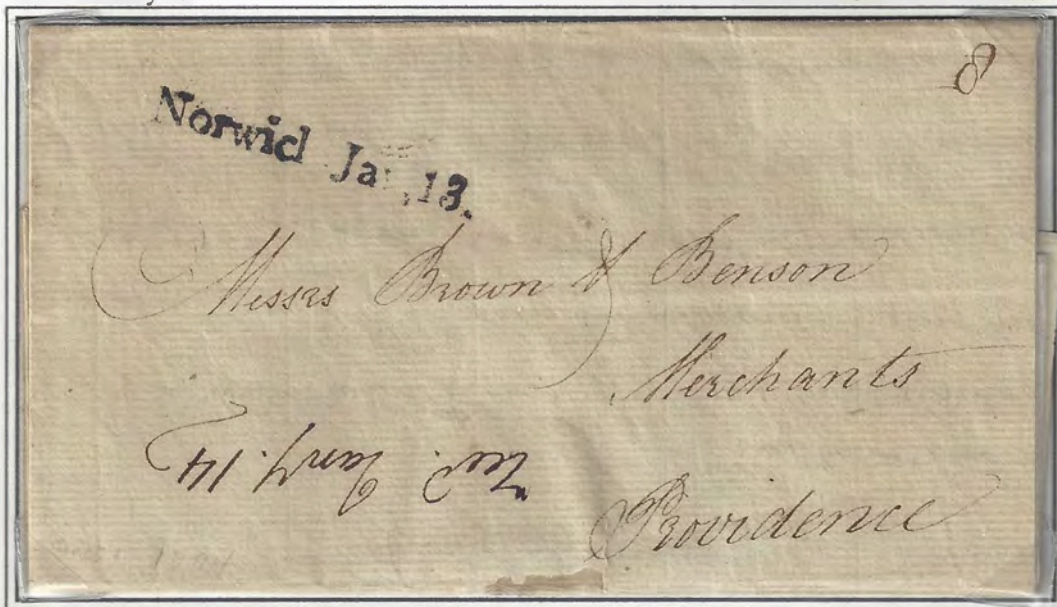
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350 to 450 miles - - - -	22 cents
Over 450 miles - - - - -	25 cents
Ship Letter: additional -	4 cents
Way Letter: additional - -	1 cent



Folded cover docketed: W^m. Leffingwell (Postmaster) 27th Nov. 1792.

1794 January 13

30 to 60 miles 8 cents



Folded letter datelined Norwich January 11th 1794 from John Fanning.
Letter is a request for information in behalf of the wife of the mate aboard the Ship Hope, Capt. Sheldon.

Norwich

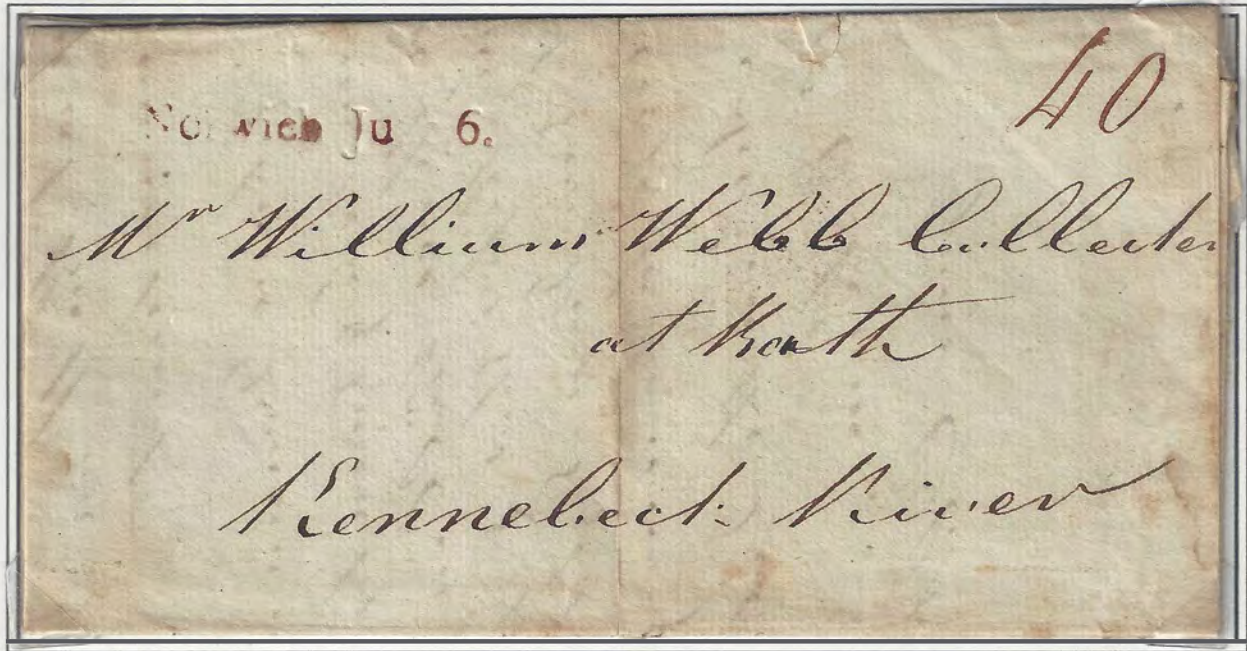
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Double Rate

1797 June 6

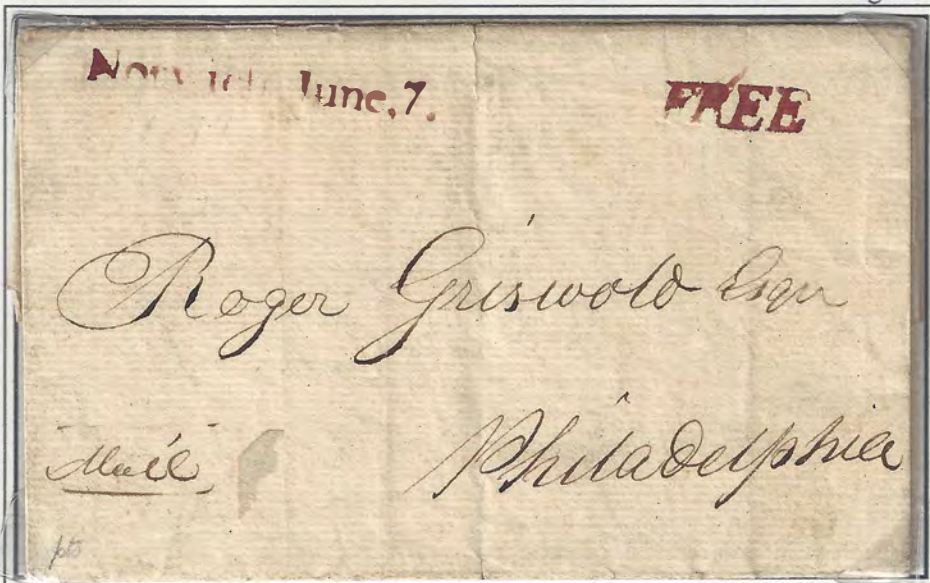
250 to 300 miles 20 cents



Folded letter datelined Norwich, 5th June 1797 from Elias Lord..
Re the Ship Connecticut now at Bath.

1797 June 7

FREE to Member of Congress



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

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Folded letter datelined Norwich, 1 June 1797 from Jas (James) Backus.
Roger Griswold: Member of Congress from March 4, 1795 to March 3, 1807.

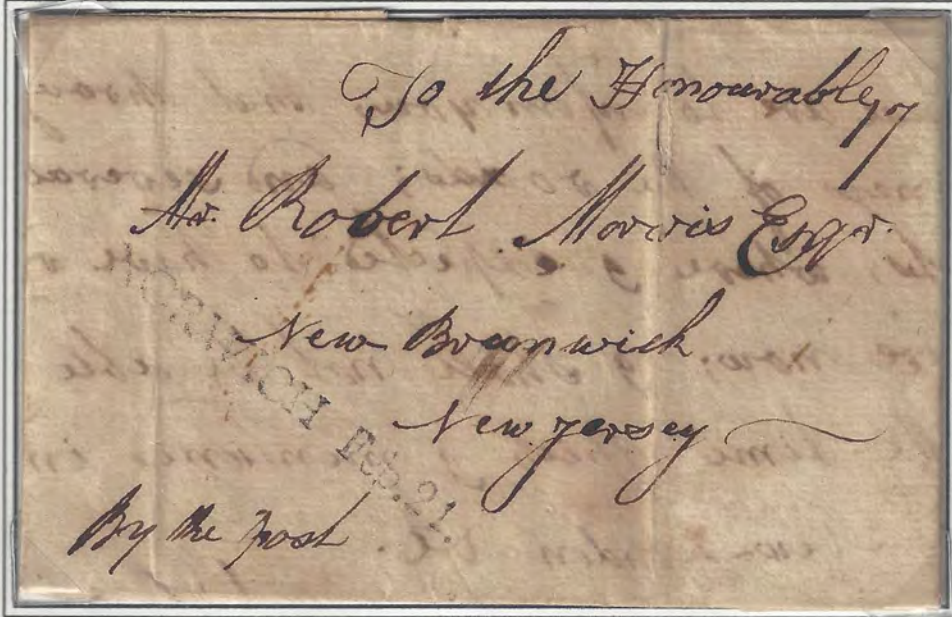
NORWICH

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1794 February 21

200 to 250 miles 17 cents



Act of February 20, 1792

Effective June 1, 1792

Prepaid or not

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Ship Letter: additional	-	4 cents
Way Letter: additional	--	1 cent

Folded letter datelined: Canterbury Connecticut, Feb. 10th AD 1794 from Richard Swain.

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1794 April 8

60 to 100 miles 10 cents



Folded cover docketed: April 7, 1794 from Tho. (Thomas) Harland

Norwich

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Norwich

1795 February 24

60 to 100 miles 10 cents



Folded letter datelined: Norwich 20th Feby 1795 from Jos (Joseph) Howland.

Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794

Re-enacts rates of 1792

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Norwich

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23x4mm

WAX SEAL
"NORWICH POST OFFICE" "USA"



1796 November 13

Free from Postmaster



Folded cover docketed Christo Leffingwell Decr Nov 13^a 1796

Only 1 manuscript
of Defoe's
history & that
is one I gave
to a guy I
worked with.

Tracy & Leffingwell

Norwich March 27.

FREE

David Dagget Esquire

New Haven

mail

Norwich

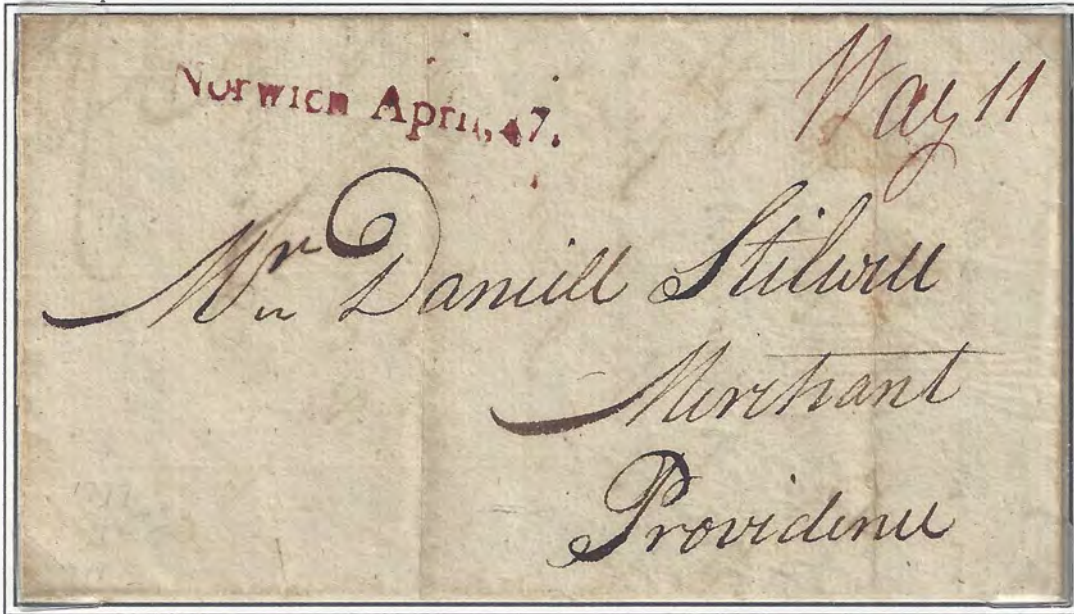
Norwich

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WAY 11

1797 April 27

60 to 100 miles 10 cents



Folded letter datelined: Hartford Apr^l. 25th 1797 from Geo (George) Bull.
Business letter mentions the Schooner Caty.

Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794

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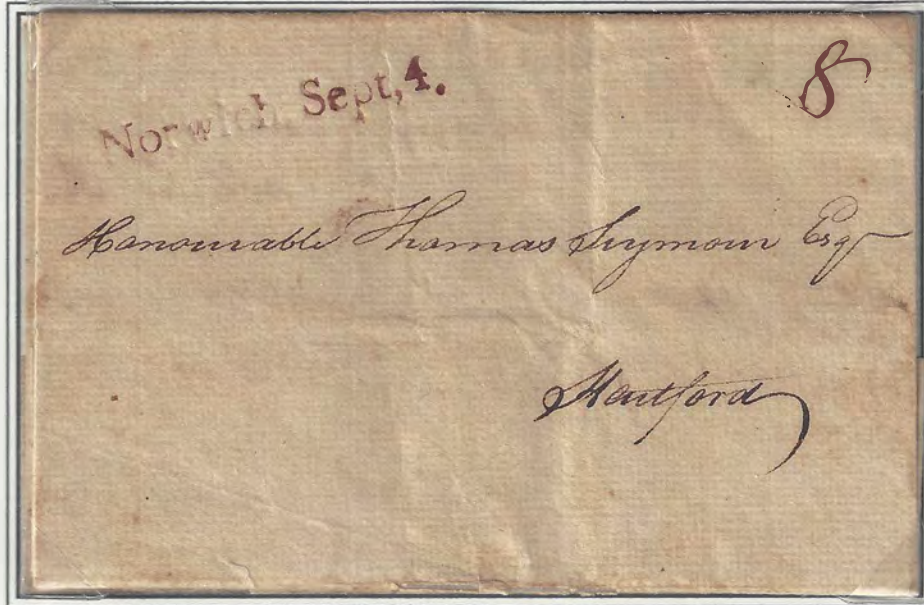
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1797 September 4

30 to 60 miles 8 cents



Folded letter datelined Norwich, 28th August 1797 from Levi Huntington.
Re: lumber.

Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794

Re-enacts rates of 1792

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Letters to the French Consul Citoyen Letombe in Philadelphia

1797 September 11

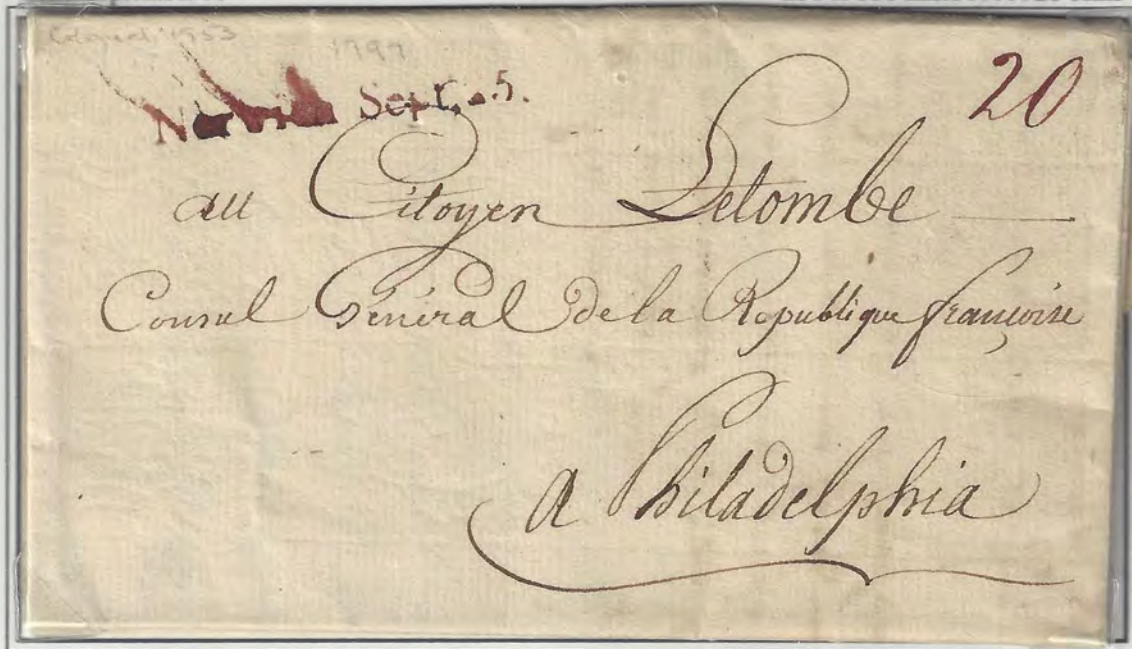
250 to 350 miles 20 cents



Folded letter in French, datelined **Norwich Landing**,
22 fructidor (8 September 1797) at the home of
Capt. Culver, from Lieut^{re}. Jusselain.

1797 September 25

250 to 350 miles 20 cents



Folded letter in French, datelined **Norwich Landing**,
2 vendemiaire 6^{an}nee (23 September 1797)
from Lieut^{re}. Jusselain.

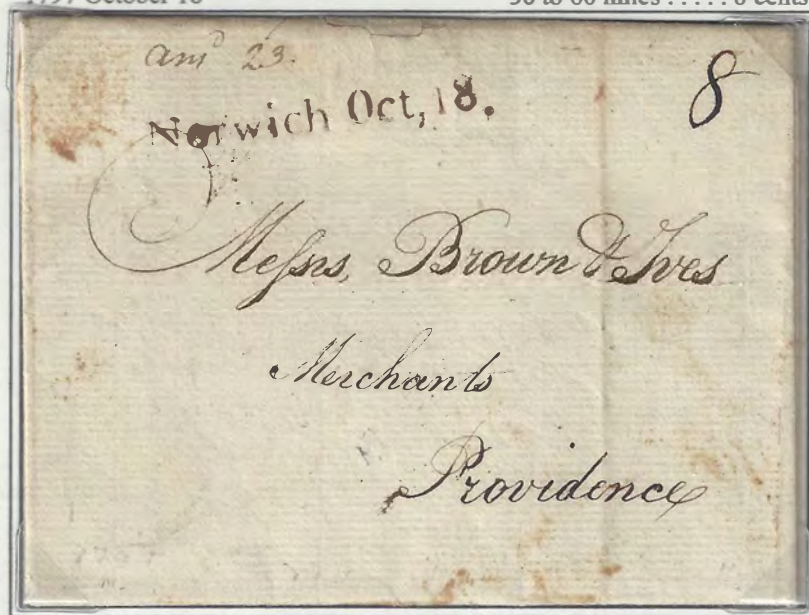
Norwich

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1797 October 18

30 to 60 miles 8 cents



Folded letter datelined Norwich, Oct 15th 1797 from Elisha Hyde.
Re: Surveying of tract of Brown & Ives Pennsylvania land located
in the townships of LeRoy, Martel and Minden.

Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794

Re-enacts rates of 1792

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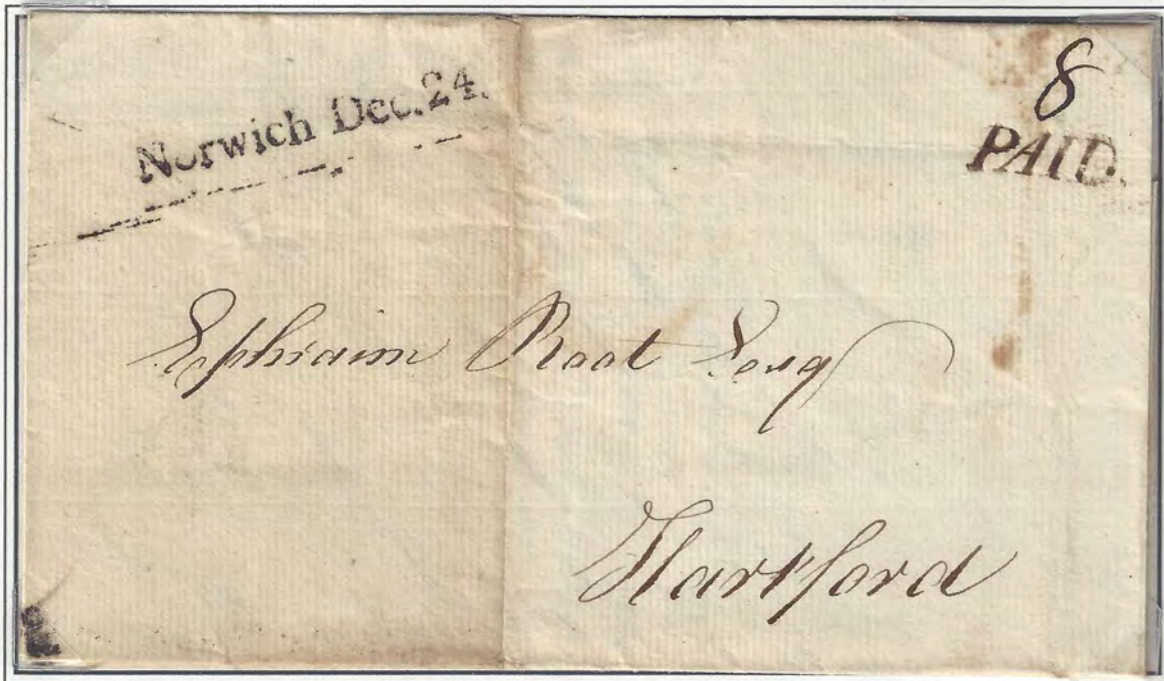
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1797 December 24

Not over 30 miles 8 cents



Folded letter datelined Norwich 16th Dec^r. 1797 from Tracy & Coit.
Re: Disposing their interest in the Western Preserve..

Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794

Re-enacts rates of 1792

Prepaid or not

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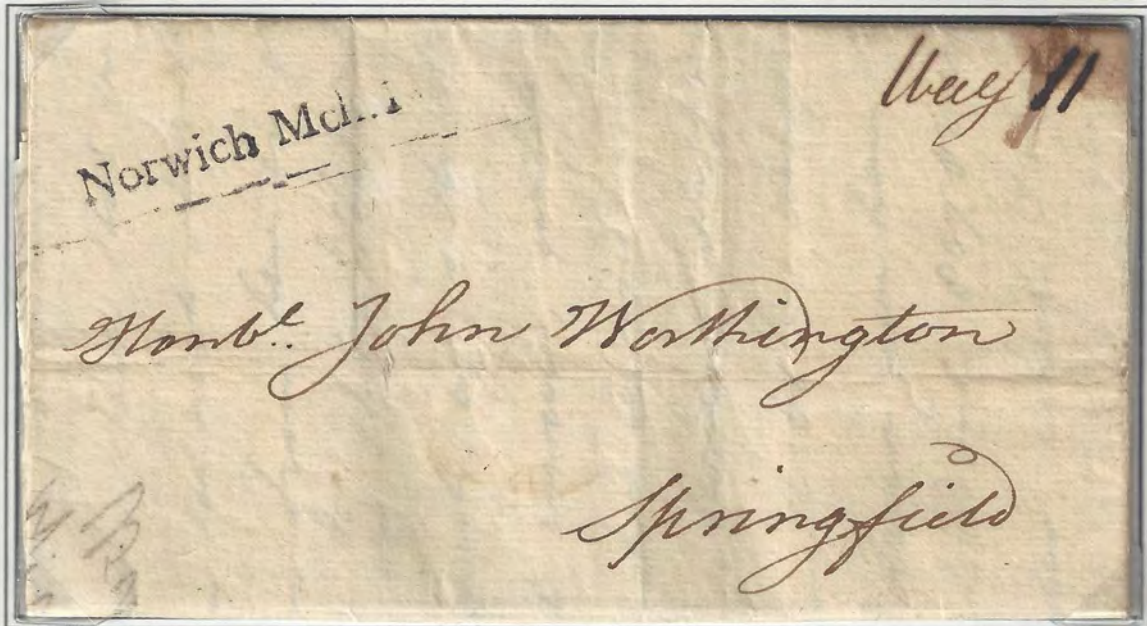
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Way 11

1798 March 1

60 to 100 miles 10 cents



Folded letter datelined Salem (MA), Feby 12, 1798 from William Gray junr.
Re: Shipping, mentions Cape of Good Hope, and has ships to sail to Canton, Bengal and New York.

Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794

Re-enacts rates of 1792

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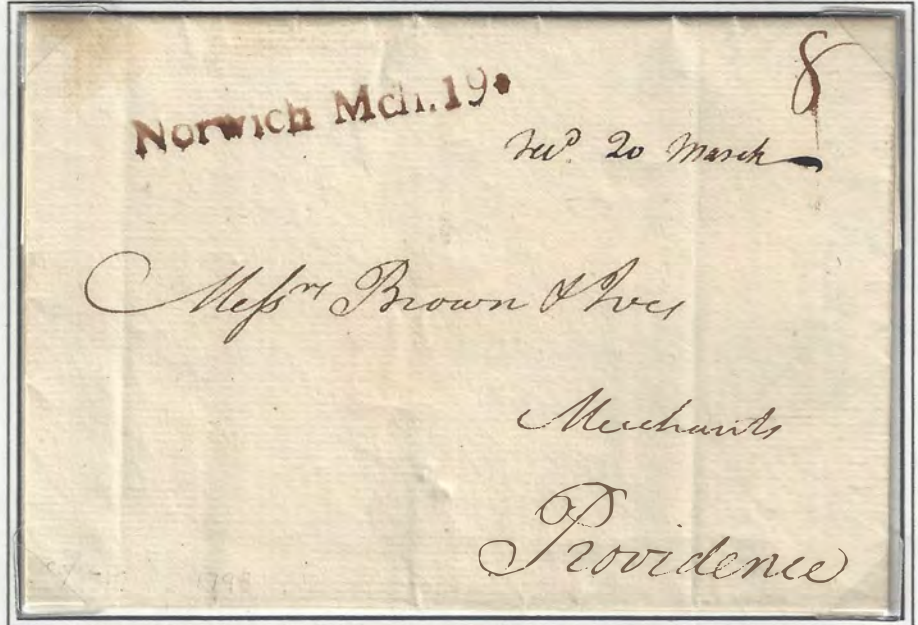
Job Tabor Letters

Norwich

Norwich
23x4mm
Magenta

1798 March 19

30 to 60 miles 8



Act of May 8, 1794
Effective June 1, 1794
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Way Letter: additional	--	1 cent

Folded letter datelined: New London March 15th 1798 from Job Tabor.
Re: Schooner Mary, Capt. Douglass arrived safe in Norfolk, cancel Insurance.

Way 9

1798 March 30

30 to 60 miles 8



Folded letter of Job Tabor of New London dated 29 March 1798.
Brown & Ives used Tabor's unwritten part of the letter to reply.

Norwich

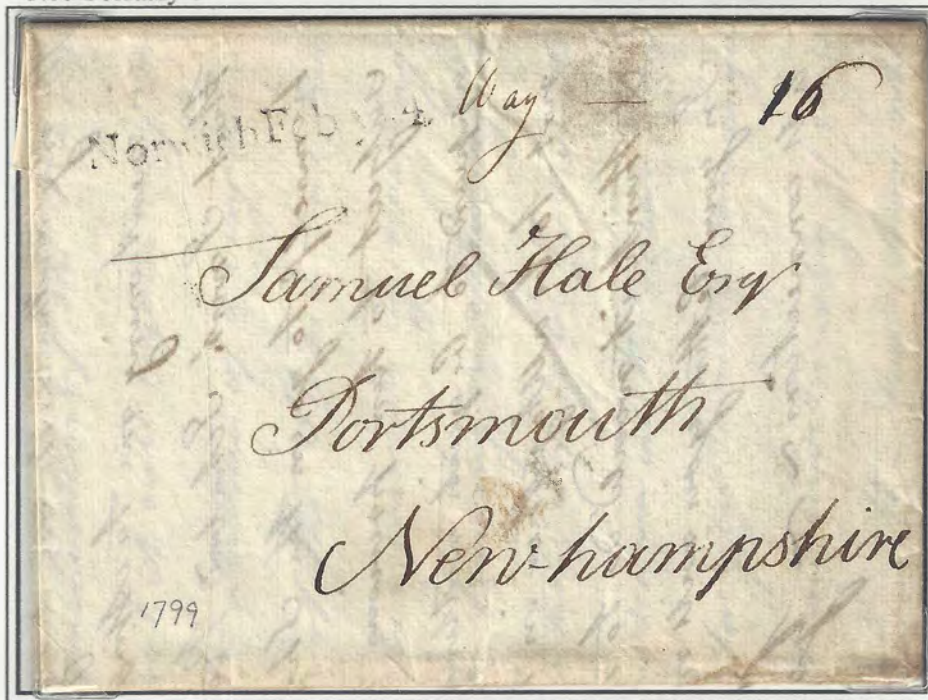
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Way 16

1799 February 4

150 to 200 miles 15 cents



Folded letter datelined New London, Feby 2, 1799 from William Hale.
Re: Shipping, mentions Salt and getting a Captain to Norfolk from Portsmouth.

Letter was rated Way 20 by the Norwich Post Office, then lowered to 16 cents at Portsmouth.

Act of May 8, 1794

Effective June 1, 1794

Re-enacts rates of 1792

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Way Letter: additional	--	1 cent

Norwich

Norwich

Norwich,
23x4mm

Way 20

1798 October 28

250 to 350 miles 20 cents



Folded cover docketed T C Green (Book printer) New London.

Way letter fee is not included in rate.

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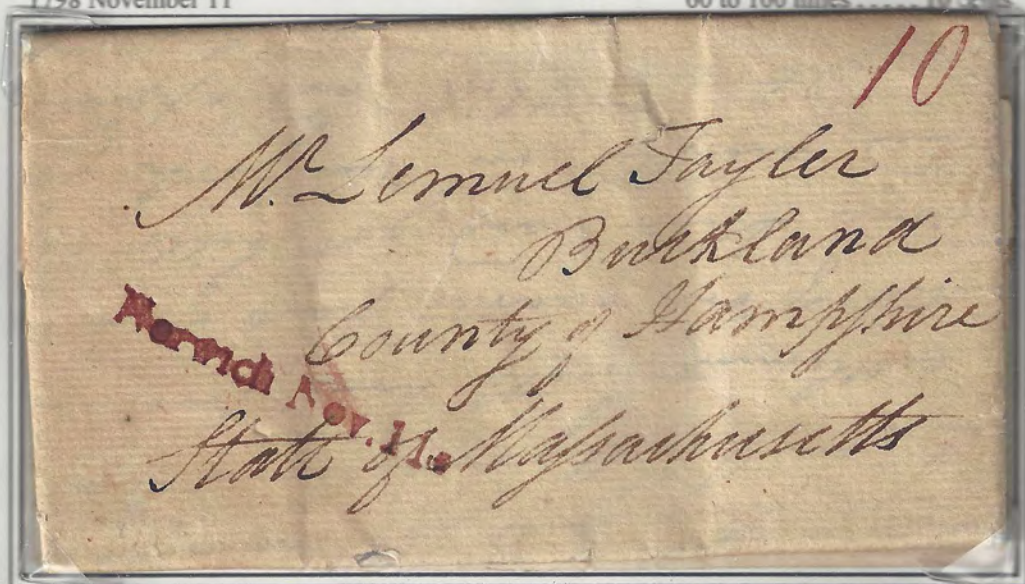
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Act of May 8, 1794

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
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