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INTRODUCTION

The War of 1812 began with the United States declaration of war against Great Britain on June 18, 1812 and ended with the ratification of the treaty of Ghent on February 17, 1815. The lack of adequate communication at the start of the war was a significant cause of early American defeats in the West. The American forces in northern Ohio had been poised for an invasion of Canada but notice of the declaration of war was sent to General Hull by regular United States mail and did not reach him until July 2, 1812. In the interim his counterpart, Sir George Prevost, received his information on June 27, 1812. In an effort to solve these communication difficulties, several special methods and routes for mail handling were developed. The high cost of the war led to a tax on postal charges, the first ever instituted. These 1815 war surcharge rates were in effect for only thirteen months. For a further discussion of these postal rates see my article in *The Chronicle*, August 1983, or request a copy. The 1799 rates were restored in April, 1816 for a one month period, the briefest period of existence for any U.S. postal rates. The laws governing the free mail privilege were also altered in 1815.

The collection offered here illustrates the range of exceptional mail routes that were developed during the period, the postal rates whose passage was mandated by the costs of the war, the April 1816 restored rates, and the free mail system in effect. The 1812 to 1816 period saw the introduction of the first public express mail, the first mail contract steamboat service, and the first mail contract service on a canal. The military mail scheme included special arrangements to handle mails in occupied Canada and East Florida. Postal expansion, begun as a war necessity, resulted in a vastly improved communication system in the West. The British blockade, although relatively ineffective, prompted the use of neutral vessels, naval vessels, and cartel ships (flag of truce ships carrying prisoners) for carriage of ocean mails during the war. With peace, ocean commerce and correspondence by conventional routes reached new levels.

The War of 1812 was a war of many ironies. War was declared by the United States, ostensibly over the issue of impressment, after the British had revoked their Orders In Council, which Madison had objected to so vigorously. A relatively large American military force was often defeated in the West, while their very small naval force was victorious against the largest navy in the world. The Battle of New Orleans, which is the single engagement most often remembered, was fought after the treaty of peace had been signed. Communication, or the lack thereof, was an important factor in virtually every phase of the war.

The collection was recently exhibited at the ARIPEX '89 show in Tucson, Arizona where it was awarded the reserve grant.

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KEY TO CATALOG

Abbreviations

ad	advertising	ds	date stamp
ADS	autograph document signed	hs	handstamp
ALS	autograph letter signed	LS	letter signed
ANS	autograph note signed	ms	manuscript
bkst	backstamp	nd	not dated
cc	corner card	np	place of origin not given
cds	circular date stamp	ny	year not given
DS	document signed	pmk	postmark
post card	private mailing card	postal card	U.S. Govt. issued card

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extremely fine—the best possible condition

very fine—pleasing appearance with all markings well struck

fine—averages appearance for period, markings readable

about fine—somewhat below average, markings partially readable

MANUSCRIPTS

WAR DECLARED

War was declared by the United States on June 18, 1812. At that time John Rodgers commanded the home squadron. Three day after receipt of the following letter Rodgers sailed, on board the Frigate President, to intercept the British West India fleet. He engaged the Belvidera on June 23, 1812 and personally fired the first shot of the war. Rodgers was wounded in the engagement.

- 1 **Paul Hamilton**, Secretary of the Navy, highly important A.L.S., 1p, 4 to, Navy Department, June 18, 1812, to Commodore John Rodgers at New York, with integral free franked address leaf

"Sir,

I apprise you that war has this days been declared between 'The United Empire Of Great Britain and Ireland & their dependencies' and the United States of America. You are to consider the vessels under your command as entitled to every belligerent right, as well of attack or defence. For the present, it is desireable that with the force under your command, you remain in such position as to enable you most conveniently to receive further more extensive, and more particular orders, which will be conveyed to you through New York; but as it is understood that there are one or more British Cruisers on the Coast, in the vicinity of Sandy Hook, you are at your descretion, free to attack them-returning immediately after into Port -You are free to capture or destroy them. Extend these orders to Com. Decatur."

Hamilton's orders to the Commander of the home squadron written on the day war was declared, this order opened one of the most important chapters in the history of the U.S. Navy.....Net 25,000.00

- 2 **Lord Castlereagh**, British Foreign Secretary, L.S., 1p, Foreign Office, February 28, 1812 to Thomas Barclay, His Majesty's Consul General, New York, circular letter announcing Castlereagh's appointment and directing letters to be sent to him, very fine.....Net 200.00

- 3 **Castlereagh**, free frank on unpostmarked entire addressed to **John Quincy Adams** at Harley St., with wax seal on reverse, from the period after May, 1815 when Adams was Minister to England, very fine.....Net 275.00

- 4 **Henry Dearborn**, Senior Major General in the U.S. Army, A.L.S., 1p, 4 to, Head Quarters, Greenbush, Sept. 29, 1812 to Brig. Genl. Bloomfield, orders several officers to be attached to the 21st Regiment at Plattsburgh, large discoloration patch.....Net 200.00

- 5 **William Eustis**, Secretary of War, L.S., 1¼p, 4 to, War Dept., May 27, 1812 begins "Sir, I am instructed by the President to inform you that the present critical state of our relations with Great Britain require that the fortifications on the seaboard be put in the best state of defense, particularly those in the harbour of New York," to Brig. Genl. J. Bloomfield at Trenton, rather heavily aged.....Net 350.00

- 6 **Col. James Gibson**, Soldier, Battle of Ft. Erie, wounded and died after sucessful sortie with 2,000 men, A.L.S., 11/8p, Lancaster, Penna, Jan.. 29, 1814 as Col. & Insp. Genl. to Col. Walbach, letter mentions setting up & recruiting rendezvous, red "Lanca' P. Jan. 29'" cds and "Free" hs, file folds, fine.....Net 200.00

- 7 **Major Andrew Hunter Holmes**, killed in action in attack on Ft. Mackinac, Michigan Territory, A.L.S., 2p, Cleveland, Ohio, July 11, 1813 as Adj. Genl. to Major Gardner at Washington, letter regarding difficulties in getting returns, P.S. marked "Confidential" reads

"Johnson's Corps of mounted Gun-men is at Huron. It is a general suspicion here that the marching order from the War Department will produce a mutiny. Nobody denies, that at least, the impossibility of compliance, in the existing impoverished and jaded state of their horses, and the Corps is acknowledged to be the most licentious that ever came from Kentucky."

integral free franked address leaf, without pmk, lightly aged, fine.....Net 675.00

Navy Dept^t

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June 18th 1812

Sir

I apprise you that war has been this day declared between "the United Empire of Great Britain and Ireland & their dependencies" and the United States of America. You are to consider the vessels under your command as entitled to every belligerent right, as well of attack as defence. For the present, it is desirable that, with the force under your command, you remain in such position as to enable you most conveniently to receive further more extensive, and more particular orders, which will be conveyed to you through some vessel, but as it is understood that there are one or more British Cruisers on the Coast, in the vicinity of Sandy Hook, you are at your discretion, free to strike at them - returning immediately after into Port. You are free to capture or destroy them -

Yours orders to Com^d Decatur

Respectfully y^rs

Com^d John Rodgers
U. S. Navy

Paul Hamilton

- 8 **Caleb Strong**, Anti-War Governor of Mass., A.L.S., 1p, 4 to, October 25, 1815 to New York regarding receipt of packages, integral address leaf with faint "Boston Ms" pmk and ms "25½" **war surcharge** rate, file folds, fine.Net 75.00
- 9 **Sir James Lucas Yeo**, British Commodore in command of Lake Ontario fleet, "James Yeo" signature and "on His Maj. Service" on 1p, folded A.L.S. from York, to Capt. Collier on Lake Huron, good letter requests guns to be returned to York, soiled, very fine usage.Net 400.00

U.S. NAVY

- 10 **U.S. Frigate Constellation**, June 19, 1815, off Cartagena, dateline on folded, 2½p, A.L.S. of **Capt. Charles Gordon** to Baltimore, Md., **disinfected** with slits, ms "Consl. U.S., Cadiz, 29th June 1815, received & Forwarded, R.J. Hackley" **consular forwarder** on reverse, entered the mails with "Norfolk Va Aug 29" cds and ms "27½" (25½ + 2) **war surcharge** ship rate, excellent letter describes the capture of the Algerian Frigate *Mashuda* which effectively ended the wars

"I avail myself of the opportunity of a Boat going on shore to acquaint you with our situation. We have had a tolerably pleasant time and two or three days since had the satisfaction to fall in with the Algerian Admirall and capture him after his receiving more or less of the fire of three fourths of our Squadron. I first gave her 4 broad sides in which I killed her Admiral, then the Commodore having reached between her and myself, compelled me to cease, when he began. He gave her a few shots, went ahead, dropped under his Lee and re-commenced at close quarters while the small fire was on his quarter doing there little damage. The only position I would now take was to run across his Bow which I did while the Commodore was under his Lee. I got part of a broadside into his stern. When he struck, we killed the Admiral. The 2nd or 3rd shot. We are now expecting the rest of the Squadron every day.

I wrote Worrell the other day from Gibraltar and will soon write again. Be so good as to send him or my brother this. Lt. Hindman is well and gives his Love to his friends. He is admirably calculated for the service and has not even been sick. Mention me very favorably to our friends, but do not publish my letters, as your will find the Commodore takes the capture to his ship."

letter slightly faded, very fine usage.Net 3,000.00

- 11 **U.S. Frigate President**, folded A.L.S. of **Charles Morris**, executive officer of the U.S.S. *Constitution*, 2p, June 19, 1812, Washington, to Lt. John O. Creighton, U.S. Frigate *President* at New York, "Washⁿ City Jun 20" pmk and ms "17" rate, forwarded to Boston with red "New York Sep 17" cds, patriotic letter from the future hero of the *Constitution* includes:

"I arrived here this morning and found the question of War had finally been settled yesterday, so that you will immediately be at Sea if you are not already there. That you will very soon have an opportunity of signaling your colors there can be no doubt, and that you will improve those opportunities in such a manner as to reflect high honor on yourselves and our country's flag....I called at the office this morning and was very near being obliged to retire in a more private path, but at last was so successful as to procure the suspension of my orders to join the Constitution, but I do not know what employment they will give me. I shall wait here some few days in hope of meeting some that will be satisfactory....

May you soon have a plentiful harvest of laurels and prize money, and live long enough to transmit them both to your posterity. Compliments to the Commodore and all friends."

corner stain, very fine letter.Net 800.00

Buz. Gen. Bloomfield, Head Quarters
Greenwich Sept. 27, 1861

Sir,

Capt. Andrew McLary with his
subaltern officer, Daniel Henderson, 1st Lieut
Ira Aldrich second Lieut, & Joseph Kelley, Surgeon

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Lieut. Col. Obed Crighton

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- 12 **U.S. Frigate Constitution**, Sec. of the Navy, **Paul Hamilton**, A.L.S., 1p, 4 to, Navy Dept., July 27, 1810 to **Capt. Isaac Hull** at Philadelphia, integral address leaf with **free frank** and red "Wash" City July 27" cds and "Free" hs, letter orders Hull to cleanse the bottom the *Constitution*
- "When you reach the Delaware, that you may have the benefit of water sufficiently fresh to cleanse the bottom of the Constitution, you will, if you think proper, run higher up the river than New Castle, taking care however not to be in such a situation as to be incapacitated from a ready compliance with a requisition from the Collector, as contemplated in your orders.*
- I am much chagrined at the bad sailing of the Constitution, and wish you could remedy it by some means or other."*
- which was to have an important impact on her escape from Chesapeake Bay at the start of the War, very fine.....Net 1,000.00
- 13 **U.S. Frigates Constitution and President**, U.S. Naval Commander **John Rodgers**, A.L.S., 1p, U.S. Frigate *President*, New York, Nov 10, 1810 to Capt. Issac Hull, Commanding the U.S. Frigt. *Constitution* at New Castle, Del., letter of instruction, "On leaving the Delaware you are to proceed to New London" dated 5 months after Hull and Rodgers had exchanged ship commands, integral address leaf with red "New York Nov 10" cds and ms "12½" rate, very fine.....Net 650.00
- 14 **U.S. Frigate Constitution**, 3 letters of **Joel Barlow**, author, Minister to France, to Isaac Hull, the first, an A.L.S., 1½p, 4 to, Washington, June 16, 1811 with integral pmkd address leaf to **Capt Isaac Hull**, Commanding Frigate *Constitution* at Annapolis, important letter requesting advice regarding his crossing to France on board the *Constitution*
- "I have an elegant chariot which I should like to take, will it be convenient to take it on board if properly boxed up. Mr. Livingston when he went as minister to Paris took his chariot in a frigate, but I shall not insist on it if inconvenient."*
- with draft copy of response listing quantities of provisions to take, the other two letters are dated from Washington and Paris, without pmks, good content regarding impending war between France and Great BritainNet 1,250.00
- 15 **U.S. Frigate Constitution**, executive officer **Charles Morris**, A.L.S., 1p, 4 to, Washington, Dec 26, 1812, responds to a request of the New York Common Council that he attend a testimonial dinner in honor of the "conduct of the officers of the Navy in their recent engagements with the enemy" that he cannot attend, with original invitation and copy of a similar invitation from citizens of Washington, at the time of writing Morris was recovering from wounds inflicted in the *Constitution-Guerriere* engagement, very fine.Net 1,000.00
- 16 **U.S. Frigate Essex** ms "pr Essex Frigate" sender's endorsement on April 8, 1811 folded letter from London to Philadelphia, entered the mails with "Annapolis, Md. July" straight line pmk, "Ship" hs and ms "14½" (12½ + 2) ship rate, carried on her last voyage to Europe before the War, the *Essex* took 23 prizes during the war before being trapped in the harbor of Valpariaso, extremely fine.....Net 1,250.00
- 17 (**U.S. Frigate Essex**), Navy Yard, Gosport (Va), Sept. 28, 1812 dateline on folded letter of John Cassin, addressed to James Beatty, Navy Agent, Baltimore, letter lists five men ordered to Baltimore "for the purpose of joining their respective vessel the Frigate Essex," integral address leaf with red "Ship" hs of Baltimore, no rate indicated, very fine.....Net 175.00

- 18 **U.S. Frigate John Adams** endorsement on Feb 17, 1814 folded letter from Newburyport, Mass to St. Petersburg, Russia, to the care of the American Consul, letter reads, in part:

"This letter I send by the U.S. sloop of war John Adams which sails from New York for Gottenburg with Mr. Russell & Clay as (Peace) commissioners to meet our other commissioners which are in Europe. We are strongly of the opinion that a Peace or a Armistice will take place in a few months."

ms docket "Recd May 17" on reverse, the **John Adams** sailed as a **flag of truce** vessel and returned with dispatches from the Peace commissioners, very fine.Net 800.00

- 19 **U.S. Brig Lawrence**, led the attack, with Perry aboard, that ended British control of Lake Erie on September 10, 1813, folded letter dated "U.S.S. Lawrence, Erie" (December 31, 1813) reporting the death of sailing master Thomas Almy, who had commanded the **Lawrence**, to Newport, RI., red ms "Erie Pa Dec 31" pmk and ms "25" rate, edge soiled, ex Salzer.Net 500.00

MILITARY MAILS

U.S. OCCUPATION OF SPANISH EAST FLORIDA

The U.S. Government, in an attempt to acquire Spanish East Florida, encouraged and supported an American led rebellion. A base was established at St. Mary's, Georgia and on March 13, 1812 a force of approximately 80 Georgians and Floridians, led by Lt. Col. Thomas Adam Smith, who believed they would be supported by the U.S. Navy, crossed the border into Florida and formed a short lived "Territory of East Florida." It soon became apparent that the chances for success were slim and the U.S. Government disavowed the rebels.

- 20 **Florida, Fiasco**, folded entire, addressed in Spanish "To Sr. Dn. T. A. Smith, Lt. Col. of the Regiment of Riflemen of the United States and commander of the troops encamped in the vicinity of St. Augustine, E. Florida" with copy of June 11, 1812 enclosure signed by **Spanish Governor Sebastian Kindelan** ordering Smith to withdraw his troops to the other side of the St. John's River, ex Meroni, very fine.Net 3,500.00

- 21 **Florida Fiasco**, folded A.L.S., 1p, of **Hugh Campbell**, Commanding the Naval forces on Southern Station, St. Marys (Ga.), March 2, 1812 to David Gelson, collector of Customs at New York, ms "St. Marys 7 March" pmk and "25" rate, letter regarding embargo breaking vessels found "about the waters of East Florida," Campbell was in the area to support the abortive take over of Florida, repaired tear, very fine.Net 700.00

- 22 **Florida Fiasco**, folded A.L.S., 2p, of **Brig. Genl. Thomas Flounoy**, Augusta, Ga, August 13, 1812 to "Lt. Col. Smith" near **Augustine**, black "Aug^a Ga Aug 20" cds and ms "17" rate, letter reads

"Apprehensive that your present situation precludes you from many of the public occurrences, I feel it my duty to apprise you that I am appointed a Brigadier General in the Army of the United States. And altho at present I cannot consider you under my command, in consequence of your having been placed under the directorship of the Governor of this state, yet, it may become my duty to give you aid & support in the case it should be deemed necessary. I will suggest to you the propriety of giving me early information should you be driven back from your present station.

I have no sort of instructions respecting the duties required from you, but I cannot suppress a fear that your station may be a perilous one."

the only example from Smith correspondence with a U.S. pmk addressed to Florida, minor fold repair, ex Meroni, very fine usage to **occupied Florida**.Net 4,000.00

- 23 **Florida Fiasco**, folded A.L.S., 2p, of **Brig. Genl. Thomas Flourney**, Augusta, Ga., September 14, 1812 to "Lieut. Col. Smith near St. Mary's Georgia," most clear "Aug^a Ga Sep 14" cds and ms "17" rate, important letter reads

"I have been waiting with much anxiety for an answer from you to my letter of the 13th August. I am now apprehensive that you did not receive it in time to have answered it, for I find that yours to Gen. Pinckney dated 30th July last did not reach the Gen. till lately. I have before me a copy of your letter, together with one from the intendant of St. Mary's, representing in a most alarming manner, the situation of the frontier in that quarter - and of your own situation.

I have called upon his Excellency David B. Mitchell, to order five companies of the U.S. quota of militia to march to your support & to be placed under your command. They will be directed to take post at or near St. Mary's & report themselves to you. With this assistance it is hoped you will be able to retain your present position & repel Indian aggression."

minor cleaning, ex Meroni, very fine.....Net 3,000.00

- 24 **Florida Fiasco**, superb 2½p folded letter from a recently released American held **prisoner at St. Augustine**, ms "Robertville Blk. Swamp S.C. Nov 3" pmk and "25" rate to Philadelphia, 1812 letter of David Ewing reads:

"Mrs. Ewing informs me that she wrote you respecting my being captured but thank heaven I have returned safe to my family and found them all in health after suffering as severe a confinement of five months and four days as I almost ever heard of. I was in a dungeon in the Fort of Augustine without anything to sleep on but a board six feet long & 9½ inches wide the floor muddy and the dripping wet and owing to some error of judgement of Genl. Matthews or of his too great zeal, I was deceived by him and led to believe that I should with the other volunteers be supported by the U.S. nor did I ever know to the contrary until I was liberated by the humanity of the Spanish Governor. During the time above mentioned myself and one more was fed on parseley and bearies (?) lights boiled together and a reason never come to our faces nor did we ever see the light of the sun in the time except when the door was opened to hand in a piggin of victuals....I am quite at my ease since I returned home and the manner more my friends sent a petition for my relief but I met it on my way home being liberated by the Governor for reasons unknown while the other prisoners were retained but I can inform you that there was some tokens (ed. note, masonic) passed from me and answered by his Excellency and my liberation followed without one word ever being exchanged on the subject. No Mason is about to hold an office in the Spanish Government but you may rest assured there are many who do."

the **only recorded** letter from one of the very few Americans held captive, worn fold.....Net 2,500.00

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Commanding the Liberty of the
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Capt Allen
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THE RIVER RAISIN MASSACRE

In January, 1813 General William H. Harrison advanced through Ohio toward Detroit in an attempt to re-take the city. On January 21, 1813 General Winchester, with a force of 960 men, camped just below Frenchtown, on the River Raisin. At dawn the next day he was attacked by Colonel Proctor with a force of 500 Whites and 600 Indians. The unsuspecting Americans were massacred with 397 men killed and over 500 taken prisoner including General Winchester. General Harrison, fearful that Colonel Proctor would press after his victory, regrouped his forces at Ft. Winchester while Colonel Proctor returned to his stronghold at Malden. Many of the American prisoners and wounded from Frenchtown were slaughtered after the battle by their Indian guards and the "River Raisin Massacre" became the watchword for American revenge.

- 25 **River Raisin Massacre**, pair of folded letters from John McCalla to Lexington, Kentucky, the first, dated French Town, River Raisin (**Michigan Territory**), January 21, 1813

"Return thanks, with me for my life preserved. I have at length been in an action, on the 18th, the place where I longed to be. I have seen the enemy and have seen him defeated. I have seen my fellow soldiers extended lifeless bloody corpses on the ground, and many others crying in agony from dangerous wounds. I have heard balls whistling as thick as the pattering hail, around me and yet not touched, even in my clothes I wondered that I should escape, and expected every ball would be for me. It was not very often that I had time for thoughts as I acted as Adjutant, and was almost continually in a gallop from one column to another. I can only say of the engagement, that our movements were continually advancing, generally in a run. Once the right wing halted for a movement of the left, but only a short time. Our situation at present is an enviable one, compared to our past...(lists losses)...The loss is trifling when compared with that of the enemy. The French who live on the road through which they retreated, say they counted from 50 to 55 dead ones, and that there were nearly 150 wounded..."

with ms "Cincinnati 9 Feby 1813" pmk and "12½" rate, the second, now as a **paroled prisoner**, dated Fort Niagara, Feby 10, 1813

"I hasten to relieve your minds from all anxiety as to my safety and situation. I am again on the United States territory after 18 days spent in captivity. You know but little I suppose of the particulars of (the battle) in which we suffered so severely. We (were) attacked in our camp at daybreak on the 22nd Jany. by the British and Indians. We contained the action until ½ past 10 o'clock when we received an order from Genl. Winchester, then in the power of the Enemy, to surrender at discretion. At that time our ammunition was nearly expended, 200 or more of our men cut off by the Savages after their unfortunate retreat, and our beloved Colonel taken with our General. Our party in the picketted gardens did not loose but 5 men killed and about 20 wounded. In order to save their lives we agreed to surrender. So the wounded could be conveyed more easily. The day after we left there, the wounded, then in the power of the Indians, were all massacred, except those who were able to walk. Between 20 & 40 fell victims to this unheard of cruelty...(continues with partial list of those killed)..I shall start from this as soon as possible."

with ms "Niaga 11 Feb" pmk and "25" rate, file folds, the second has been restored, superb content pair .
..... Net

1,750.00

- 26 (**River Raisin Massacre**), folded A.L.S. of Col. W. Jennings, 2p, 4 to, Fort Jennings, (Ohio) Jan 25, 1813 per "Lieut. Ross" to Lt. Col. Robert Pogue at Fort Amanda, written 3 days after the massacre the letter reads:

"By Leut. Ross you will receive news that will call to action every sympathy of your Lord. The flower of Kentucky at the head of the left wing of the N.W. Army is no more, he will tell you more than I can write. I have recieved orders to march to Fort Winchester with three of

the remaining Companies of my Regiment, you will I expect also receive orders to march to the same point. I would suggest to you the propriety of transporting your baggage by water and if you think practicable drop down as many empty canoes as will take on the loading that is in the sleds between your post and this. The loading can get on no how else and will be of great advantage to the Army. I wish you, to immediately on the receipt of this to dispatch an express to me how and when your troops will start to this place and if shortly I will remain here and we will march together. I wish to hear from you as quick as possible."

carried by military courier down the Au Glaize River, very fine.Net 750.00

- 27 **Seige of Fort Meigs**, ms "Richmond Ky June 23" pmk and "20" rate on 1813 folded letter to **Genl. Green Clay** at Fort Meigs (Ohio), Clay had led a relief column of Kentucky Volunteers to break the British seige the month before, writer comments

"We have this day heard of the fall of Fort Erie and the repulse of the enemy at Sacketts Harbor and the confirmation of the success of our arms at Fort George. The scale is turned -Upper Canada might in a few months be ours-and the proud & haughty Britons taught to respect the strength of our arms and the spirit of our rights."

docketing at side and slightly soiled, ex Alexander.Net 200.00

U.S. OCCUPATION OF CANADA

On September 26, 1813 the American recaptured Detroit, which had been held since the River Raisin Massacre. The americans pursued Genl. Proctor through Sandwich, Canada which was taken September 29th. The campaign culminated with the defeat of Proctor and his Indian alies on October 4, 1813.

- 28 **Sandwich U. Canada** endorsement and **Express** on 3¼p, A.L.S. of **Adj. Genl. John O'Fallon** to Louisville, Ky, letter dated "Head Quarters Sandwich, 1 October 1813" describes the re-occupation of Detroit and occupation of Sandwich reads:

"Our army reached this place about 2 o'clock P.M. on the 29th ultimo and on that evening the Genl. crossed the River with twelve hundred men and posessed himself of Detroit. The inhabitants stripped of their all, their only resource being upon the sucess of this army, seeing which decided, so soon as our boats touched their shore displayed an American Flag which had been kept concealed and hailed us with a burst of rejoicing perhaps never before equaled. It was unquestionably a most opportune relief, but for which, on that night it is the prevailing opinion that all would have been lost without them, as the Indians, which were to the number of between 3 and 400 collected in the vicinity of the town could not have been another night longer restrained from burning the town and committing an indiscriminate massacre. The inhabitants highly apprehensive of this had sent messengers to the Genl. urging of him immediate relief.

Genl. Proctor left this on the 27th ult. with about 500 regulars and considerable Indian force. The latter having been much diminished by the disposition of many of them to sue for Peace. The General received yesterday a deputation from the Ottawa Indians in behalf of themselves and others to return to a good understanding with the U.S. upon any terms. Upon the united request of the citizens of Detroit in their behalf I am convinced that the Genl. will prescribe the conditions that will restore tranquility between them and us and ensure the safety of the Michigan Territory from further depredations from them or those that will continue hostile.

Col. Johnson's Regt (see lot #30) of one thousand strong arrived at Detroit last night and are now crossing so soon as which is effected, the whole army (except what will be left at Detroit) will resume the pursuit of the enemy. The point on the River French it is said they intend making a stand is upwards of sixty miles from this. With the assistance of the mounted men, if we fail in overtaking Genl. Proctor we can't but intercept his baggage etc. transported by land and water.

The inhabitants of this part of upper Canada have been somewhat oppressed by the Indians. That all seem to conceive the conquest of their Country as a blessing to them."

the letter entered the mails with ms "Detroit 31 Sep 1813" **territorial pmk**, **earliest reported** after re-occupation, and ms "25" rate, the **only recorded** example from occupied Sandwich, light stains, ex Alexander, extremely fine usage.Net 5,000.00

FORT GEORGE, OCCUPIED CANADA

Fort George, Canada was occupied by U.S. forces from May 27 to December 18, 1813.

- 29 **Flag of Truce**, letter signed by British **Brig. Genl. John Vincent**, May 30, 1813 to "Officer Commanding The American Forces at Niagara" (Dearborn), integral blank with docket "Sent by Surgeon Kerr whom he sent as a flag" the letter reads:

"The bearer Surgeon Robert Kerr, is directed to proceed to Fort George for the purpose of assisting the Officers of their profession in attending the British Wounded Prisoners of War."

dated 3 days after the U.S. **occupation of Fort George, Canada**, extremely fine usage.Net 1,750.00

- 30 **Niag. July** Two line pmk with ms "18" date and "25" rate on July 16, 1813 folded letter from **occupied Fort George, Canada** to Washington, mail was handled between the fort and Niagara by Dr. J. West, special agent to the army, the letter, a 2p A.L.S. of **Maj. J. Johnson**, mentions

"I had the honor of commanding it (the regiment the addressee has just been assigned to) in action at this place and Queenstown & although without discipline they behaved well - both the young Armstrongs bid fair to make excellent Officers.

I would give you a statement of the situation of our army and that of the enemy, which are nearly within Gun Shot of us, was it not forbid by Genl. Orders."

aged file folds, the **only reported** example from occupied Fort George, ex Petri, extremely fine usage.Net 5,000.00

- 31 **New York Aug 31** partially clear red cds and ms "25" rate on 1813 folded letter addressed to an ensign **Fort George, Upper Canada** during the brief period of U.S. occupation, mail was handled between the fort and Niagara by Dr. J. West, special agent to the army, lightly aged, the **only recorded** example addressed to occupied Fort George, very fine usage.Net 1,250.00

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9 July 1813

Niagara Falls

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Ensign John Gifford
25 Regt M.B. Inf
Fort George
Upper Canada

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Brig. Gen. Chas. E. B. Hall
25X
Washington
Kentucky

Richmond Ky
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Gen. & Green Clay
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Lieut. Col. Robert Poy
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Officer Commanding
The American
Corps at
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Brig. Gen.

Detroit 31 Sep. 1813.

Sandwich
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Mrs Fanny Fitzhugh
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Capt. & Gen.
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FORT ERIE, OCCUPIED CANADA

Fort Erie, Canada was taken by U.S. forces on July 3, 1814. The occupation was quickly followed by important American victories at Chippewa and Lundy's Lane. The fort was mined and blown up on November 5, 1814 when the Americans withdrew.

- 32 **Battle of Fort Erie, Canada**, letter of Brig. Genl. **James Miller**, hero of Lundy's Lane, A.L.S., 1½p, 4 to, Fort Erie (Canada), Sept. 3, 1814, signed "Your James forever" to his wife, written during the final seige of the fort by the British, important letter

"We have from fifty to two hundred cannon shot and shells thrown into our camp every twenty four hours; since I have been writing this four or five have passed over and bursted near me. . .I think we will be able to fight ourselves out of this place. There is talk of large reinforcements. . .if so we shall be able to destroy the British Army; if not we must take care of ourselves. . ."

integral address leaf, without pmk, to Lincoln (District of Maine), very fine.Net 1,500.00

- 33 **James Miller**, Brig. Genl., hero of Lundy's Lane, A.L.S., ½p, 4 to, Oct 6, 1814, Fort Erie (Occupied Canada) to unidentified correspondent, "as to our future prospects I can only say they brighten - as to where you are to land the Prisoners of War I can give you no information," letter has edge mount remnantsNet 275.00

BURNING OF WASHINGTON

- 34 **Burning of Washington and Battle of Bladensburg**, folded letter from a **British sailor** dated "Chesapeake Sept 16, 1814" to London ms "*Melpomene*" on inside flap, crowned "Ship Letter Portsmouth" hs and ms 1sh rate (8d inland + 4d ship fee), gratuity waived by Naval Captain, letter includes:

"We have picked up a little in the Prize way since our arrival here, having taken a good deal of tobacco & flour. Should government be liberal enough to give us anything for what was destroyed at Washington it will not have been a bad campaign. We were very sanguine in our expectations before the attack on Baltimore which unfortunately failed, with an irreparable loss on our side, Gen. Ross."

red "Oc 18, 1814" bkst, file folds, very fine.Net 1,500.00

BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS

- 35 **Battle Of New Orleans**, folded letter from Capt. Mascall, Capt. Royal Marines dated "H.M.S. Asia, Jany 27, 1815, near New Orleans" to London, crowned "Ship Letter Portsmouth" hs and ms "½" rate (8d inland + 6d ship fee), gratuity waived, red "OC 10 1815" arrival bkst, letter includes

"I have the pleasure to acquaint you of my safety after the attack on the City of New Orleans. The particulars and disaster I shall not presume to enumerate. The public accounts will sufficiently evince the event."

file fold, ex Beals, very fine usage.Net 1,500.00

Fort Erie Sept 3rd 1814,

Fort Erie Oct 6th 1814

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I am sorry that time will not allow me
but a few minutes to spend in conversing even
with my adored Ruth, and others of her and my
best friends. I have nothing of importance to write
but what Ensign Hoar will be able to inform
you of more minutely than I can write in our
entangled and difficult situation to write so much
as I could wish. We have from fifty to two hundred
ammunition shot and shells thrown into our camp
very twenty four hours, since I have been writing
this four or five have passed over and bursted near
us. I am much so far and hope and

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or him as to our future prospects
then as to where you are to land
and give you no information

Very respectfully Sir

Your most obt servant

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James Miller
Regt 2nd Army

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Augustus B. B. Esq

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Washington City

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Express Mail to Chambersburg
Chas H. Jones and Co

Paid 20

Mrs Amelia Rogers

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Sunbury Penna

46 Station Garden
London

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GOVERNMENT EXPRESS MAIL

The first official express mail was instituted by the government in March, 1813 to expedite correspondence between Washington, D.C. and the West. Special Post Office contracts were let and service provided to the general public without additional charges. Service ended in February, 1815.

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| 36 | Pittsg, Pa. Jan 30 mostly clear, red pmk, ms "17" rate and "pr Express Mail" endorsement on 1814 folded letter to Washington, carried on the Government Express Mail without additional fee, letter requests response "by the return of the Express Mail," aged folds, ex Petri, less than 7 recorded examples Net | 2,000.00 |
| 37 | Erie (Penna) Jany 2 magenta ms pmk and "Paid 20" rate on 1815 folded letter from Fort Armstrong to Sunbury, Penna., endorsed "Express Mail to Chambersburg, Chas. Higgins" for carriage on the leg of the Government Express Mail , refolded and minor wrinkle, ex Alexander, less than 7 recorded examples Net | 1,750.00 |

OCEAN WATERWAY

BOTTLE LETTER

During the early 1800's the British Navy lost many sailors to desertion. Many of these sailors left their ships to gain employment with American merchant vessels at substantially higher pay. In order to re-capture deserters, British naval officers routinely boarded American vessels and pressed sailors into service. If American citizenship could be proved the sailors were released. This practice of impressment was particularly loathesome to Americans and was one of the contributing causes to the War of 1812.

- 38 **Bottle Letter**, an incredible letter thrown overboard in a bottle, from an American impressed into the British Navy in 1806, it was found on shore and sent under cover from the Collector in Baltimore to David Gelston in New York, the bottle letter reads:

"Lat 10. Long 74 on Board the Pethel Sloop of War. I am American Born at Boston aged 26 years. Sailed from New York on Board the Brig Lyon Nov 26, 1805. Nothing Occured worthy of Remark for 14 days after We lost sight of the Hook when at 6 o'clock in the Evening we was brought to by the above Vesel and after undergoing many Species of Insult myself & three others mainly Frederick Fenton, Simon Alongos & Aaron Stusio, all native Americans were ordered on board which we refused & on so doing was beaten & Kicked into the Boat, was then thrown into Irons for ten days, after which time was brought on Deck & Interrogated if we would enter in his Majesties Service with the Alternative of a good flogging and to live on bread and Water untill we should comply with their Imperious mandates, after a short Consultation amongst us we agreed to enter & Embrace the first Opportunity that Occured to free us from the Slavery in which we was involved. Accordingly we Signified our Willingness to become the Tools of the Navy of his Britannic Majesty./Tis Impossible to say any more as my watch on Deck is called. I must therefore conclude hoping that some Effectual mode of Redressing the grievances of American Tars will be thought of & put into Execution by our Govt./John Johnston/Jany. 10, 1806."

the covering letter with red "Balt^e Md Jun 9" pmk and ms "34" (17x2) rate reads:

*"Sir,
The enclosed letter was handed to me this morning by William Jennett, Master of a Coasting vessel, who found (it) corked up in a Bottle on Shore, the State of North Carolina. As the writer, as well as the other sufferers, who were impressed with him, sailed from your Port in the Month of November last, in the Brig Lion, I hope you may have it in your power to furnish the necessary proofs for their relief."*

an extraordinary usage by any standards and a highlight of the collection	Net 15,000.00
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39	New York Jul 2 red cds, "Ship" hs and ms "36" ship rate [(17x2) + 2] on 1808 folded letter from Havana to Rhode Island, usage during Embargo of 1808, soiled, fine usage.....Net	125.00
40	Baltimore Md Apr 11 partially clear, red cds, "Ship" hs and ms "27" (25 + 2) ship rate on Feb. 14, 1812 folded letter from London to Philadelphia, typeset letter, signed by R.G. Beasley , American Consul, forwarding a letter captured from the "Vigilant" by a British Ship of War that was adjudicated in Admiralty Court, cover soiled and faults, fine postal history documentation.....Net	300.00
41	(Philadelphia, Penna) their "6" in circle, red, port of entry ship rate hs on Feb. 21, 1812 folded letter and printed circular from Liverpool "per Anna Maria" to Philadelphia, good circular begins "The receipt of late intelligence from the United States breathing hostilities towards this country," fine.....Net	75.00
42	Brighton 31 MA 1812 British pmk and red ms "pd. 2/-" rate on April 1, 1812 folded letter from England to Waterford, N.Y., entered the mails at New York with ms "17" rate, letter mentions "the Packets continue to go as usual notwithstanding the existing uncertainty as to the adjustment of affairs between the two countries," aged and edge tears, probably carried on the Lapwing, the last packet to arrive before the War Net	375.00
43	(Newburyport, Mass) , pair of folded letters to St. Petersburg, Russia , the first, dated June 24, 1812 begins "By the dispatch vessel which sails tomorrow from Boston to Gottenburg to give information to all American vessels in the North, that the United States on the 18 th Declared War against Great Britain," the other, dated Nov. 30, 1813 also mentions War news, both addressed to the care of the American Consul, see also items #18 and 55, very fine.....Net	250.00

PRISONER OF WAR

44	Prisoners Of War , British Transport Office, oval censor hs and red ms "Appl. C.T" endorsement on March 1, 1813 folded letter from Charleston, S.C. to the Captain of an American Privateer at Bordeaux, France, redirected "On Parole, Ashburton, Devon" with ms 1sh rate and "Jy 20 1813" bkst, the addressee was Captain of Privateer Charlotte, the only recorded example of the oval hs on a letter to an American Prisoner, very fine.....Net	2,500.00
45	H.M. Prison Ship the Nasau , Gillingham Reach, England, Jun 30, 1813 date line on folded letter from American Prisoner of War to Dist. of Maine, probably carried by cartel ship , entered the mails with faint "Boston e" cds and "17" rate, good letter mentions "Men that has documents to prove that they are Americans shall be discharged immediately and will be sent home in the next cartel" address leaf aged, very fine usage.....Net	1,250.00

BLOCKADE MAILS

46	(New York) their ms "Sh 22" (20 + 2) ship rate on March 6, 1813 folded letter from Halifax to Philadelphia, to the care of a New York merchant, letter from a brother of addressee discussed death of their mother and mentions "I don't think Old England will yield in a hurry to the exorbitant demands of your Government," age stained.....Net	200.00
47	Newp^t R.I. May 24 black cds, "Ship" hs and ms "39½" [(12½x3) + 2] ship rate on March, 1813 folded letter, "pr Mary" to Portsmouth, N.H., edge soiled, fine.....Net	150.00

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Capt. John Gardiner
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North
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Mr Horace Hubbard
Machigan
Watford
state of New York
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Pittsfield

Mary
New York

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New Brunswick



Captain Joseph M. Clark
Care of the David's Esq.
The Parole
Aburton
Devon

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- 48 **Charleston, S.C.** Apr 7, 1813 dateline on folded letter **via Amelia Island, Cuba, Spain and France to Scotland**, red "Islas De Barlovento" hs, "Espagne Par Bayonne" hs, black "Foreign Se 21 1814" bkst, boxed "Add ½" (d) border fee and arrival cds, ms "6sh" rate, an extraordinary usage during the war, the letter forwards copy of earlier letter with note
- "Enclosed is the second bil.... which I sent on from this place to Amelia Island, to be forwarded to you about six months ago, which was found washed ashore at Fernandina and returned to me a few days ago...it is very difficult to get letters sent from here now there being no other way than by Amelia and but few neutral vessals will allow any letters to be taken."*
- an exceptional routing, very fine.Net 2,750.00
- 49 **Portsmouth N.H.** partially clear oval pmk, "Ship" hs and ms "22" (20+2) ship rate on May 13, 1813 folded letter **from London**, per Lawrence, to Philadelphia, letter mentions correspondence received by a cartel ship, corner torn away at top right, fine usge.Net 275.00
- 50 **Boston Ms** Nov 22 red cds, "Ship" hs and ms "42" ship rate [(20x2)+2] on 1813 entire to the President of the Marine Insurance Company at Philadelphia, very fine.Net 50.00
- 51 **New York** Nov 9 red cds and ms "1" rate for office of mailing delivery on August 10, 1813 folded letter **from London**, letter begins "By the Robert Barnes Cartel arrived at Liverpool, we have received your favor," letter regarding accounts current, fine.Net 250.00
- 52 **Newport R.I.** Jan 17 cds, "Ship" hs and ms "12" (10+2) ship rate on November 9, 1813 folded letter **from Nantes** to the French Consul in Boston, period translation on verso and at bottom regarding a sailing master, Capt. High, of the **Constitution** taking charge of a French boy and complaining that High is an ignorant Capt. of a fisherman from Marblehead, cover stains.Net 250.00
- 53 **Bristol R.I.** Aug. 3 brownish cds and ms "Sh 18" ship rate [(8x2)+2] on 1814 folded letter **from Havana**, per "Capt. Russell" to Providence, good letter from an American trader mentions "the late orders of Admiral Cochrane are such with regard to Americans found on board of neutral ships that I do not think it prudent to undertake any further speculation," ms docketing at top, fine.Net 250.00
- 54 **Phi De 4** magenta cds and ms "8" rate on folded letter, **from London** dated Oct. 10, 1814 to German Town, ms "Enclosed and forwarded by Madam, Yr. Mo. Obdt. Servt., P.F. Huntworth, 4, Dec 1814" **forwarders** endorsement on reverse, letter begins "It is now so rare to meet with an opportunity of writing to the United States," small stain spot, paper loss from seal removal, very fine usage.Net 400.00
- 55 **(Newburyport, Mass)**, pair of folded letters, single and duplicate, March 4, 1815, **to St. Petersburg, Russia**, letter announces:
- "I now have the pleasure in informing you that the treaty of Peace that was made at Gent by our commissioners & ratified in England has been duly ratified by your Government. You will now be able to leave Russia as the ice breaks up without fear of capture or the trouble of convoy."*
- original, **via England** with red ms rate and "F15-153" sailing numbered bkst, the other, endorsed duplicate, without postal markings, file folds, light soiling, carried on one of the first ships to return to England after the war, see also items #18 and #43.Net 1,000.00
- 56 **(Havana, Cuba)** January 23, 1816 dateline on folded letter to Bristol, R.I., entered the mails with faint "Feb 7" red cds and ms "37½" **war surcharge** rate, fine usge.Net 75.00

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New York



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John Leamy Esq.
President of the Marine Insurance
Company Philadelphia

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H. D. Graves
St. Petersburg
Russia
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Consul Francais
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POST PAID WITHDRAWN SHIP LETTERS

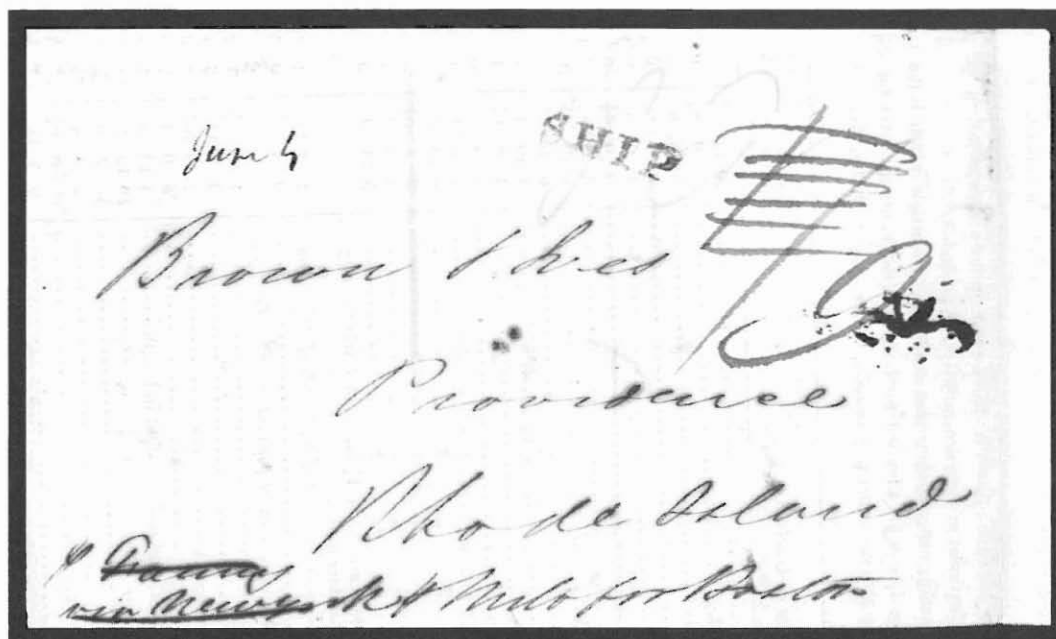
A British P.O. Act of September 17, 1814 authorized the sending of letters abroad upon the payment of one third of the packet rates. Such letters were struck with a backstamp and the amount paid noted. An Act of July 11, 1815 withdrew the authorization. Period of usage was less than 11 months.



- 57 **London Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter** OC 19 1814, clear backstamp, the **earliest reported** P.P.W.S.L. usage, and ms paid 8½d rate (⅓ packet postage) on Sept. 16, 1814 folded letter **from London** to New York, entered the mails with ms "6" port of entry ship rate, letter mentions leaving with a convoy to Cadiz which may explain the exceptional usage during the War, the **only reported** P.P.W.S.L. that arrived prior to the war surcharge rates of Feb. 1, 1815, extremely fine.Net 2,500.00
- 58 **London Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter** 17 NO 1814 clear, black bkst and ms paid 8½d rate on folded letter to John Mason, Comm. Genl. for Prisoners, at Washington, partially clear "Norfolk Va" cds, ms "Sh Free" **ship free** notation, letter of **R.G. Beasley**, American in charge of prisoner exchange mentions
- "I subjoin copy of letter addressed to me by the Transport Board by which you will perceive that 157 American Citizens whose names are annexed and who are released on parole...allowed to proceed to the United States on board the Elrax Junior, are declared to be at perfect liberty to serve.*
- P.S. There is so much ceremony to go through before my official letters can go free of postage that I prefer writing & paying it. By a late act of Parliment all private letters must pay postage, I of course am obliged to pay for it."*
- probably carried by British cartel ship Elrax Junor, flap faults, extremely fine usage.Net 2,000.00
- 59 **Liverpool Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter** 28 JA 1815 indistinct red bkst and ms paid 9d rate on Jan 20, 1815 folded letter **from Manchester** to Philadelphia, Penna, entered the mails with their "9" in circle, red, **war surcharge**, port of entry ship rate **handstamp**, less than 5 recorded examples of this hs, file fold, very fine strike.Net 1,250.00

- 60 **Liverpool Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter** 18 AP 1815 mostly clear red bkst and ms paid 9d on entire, per "Fanny" to New York, ms "9" port of entry **war surcharge** rate of New York, carried on the first American boat to leave England after the war but the second to arrive back to the U.S., very fine. . . . Net

1,250.00



- 61 **Liverpool Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter** 19 AP 1815, clear red bkst and ms paid 9d rate on printed circular and prices current **from Liverpool** to Providence, endorsed "per Fanny via New York" (see previous lot) and changed to "Milo for Boston," the Milo was **the first** American ship to return from England after the war, red "Ship" hs of Boston, rated "17" and corrected to "9" **war surcharge** port of entry rate as agent for addressee picked up, good content

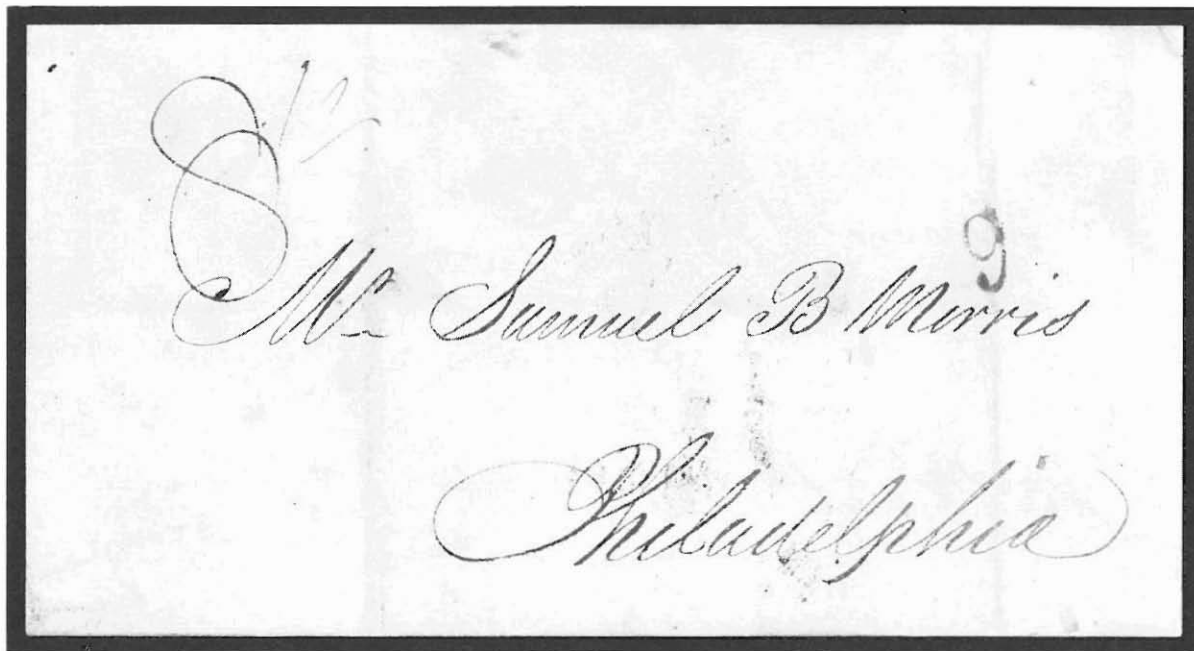
"The re-establishment of our commercial relations with the United States, having at length happily confirmed by the ratification of the Treaty, on the part of the American Government, it is with sincere pleasure that we avail ourselves of the earliest opportunity of renewing our communications through the accustomed channels....

The first vessel from America entered our harbor on the 30th ulto. (the Milo) and has since been followed by five others."

very fine. Net

2,500.00

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| 62 | London Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter MR 13 1815 clear backstamp and ms paid 1sh. 3d rate on entire to Portsmouth, N.H., Halifax forwarder's endorsement "Halifax N.S. 26 Ap 1815, Forwarded by Bowie & Debloy" on flap, entered the mails with red "Boston Ms May 1" cds, red "Ship" hs and ms "17" (15 + 2) war surcharge ship rate minor edge crease, very fine usage.....Net | 1,500.00 |
| 63 | London Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter AP 8 1815 mostly clear bkst and ms paid 8½d rate on April 5, 1815 folded letter from London, per "Diana" to New York, entered the mails with "Wilm ⁿ N.C. Aug 18" cds and ms "39½" (37½ + 2) war surcharge ship rate, worn fold, flap faults affecting P.P.W.S.L. marking, very fine usage.....Net | 950.00 |
| 64 | Liverpool Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter mostly clear "MY 27 1815" red bkst and ms paid 9d rate on May 20, 1815 folded letter from Halifax to Philadelphia, ms per "Superior" and "9" in circle, red, war surcharge , port of entry ship rate handstamp of Philadelphia, less than 5 recorded examples of this hs, very fine.....Net | 1,250.00 |
| 65 | Liverpool Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter JU 5 1815 mostly clear red bkst and ms paid 9d rate on folded entire from Liverpool to Providence, R.I., entered the mails with red "New York Aug 6" cds, "Ship" hs and ms "27½" (25½ + 2) war surcharge ship rate, fine.....Net | 800.00 |



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| 66 | London Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter JY 21 1815 clear bkst, the latest recorded usage of P.P.W.S.L. hs, 10 days after discontinuance of law, and ms paid 8½d rate on 1815 folded letter from London to Philadelphia, Penna, entered the mails with their "9" war surcharge , port of entry ship rate handstamp without circle, the only reported example of this hs, file folds, very fine.....Net | 2,000.00 |
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1837
Miss Saml W. Hale

Potmouth

New-Hampshire

Handwritten & Signed
Forwarded by

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Thos C. Pearsall Esq



New York.

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Diana

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SHIP

Miss Brown & Sons



Providence

Rhode Island

William R. Wooley Esq

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New York

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Nichs Low Esq

New York

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Simon G. Harvey

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Mr. Roberts Paup

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Superior

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Spring

To the Honorable
John Mason

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Washington City

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INLAND WATERWAY

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL

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| 67 | Eliz. City June 9 ms pmk of Elizabeth City, N.C. and ms "Paid 25" on 1814 folded letter from "Custom House, District of Camden" to Gelston at New York, carried over Dismal Swamp canal route to Norfolk, Va, their smudged pmk confirms routing, aged file fold, the earliest reported letter carried, under contract, by canal, very fine.....Net | 1,000.00 |
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MISSISSIPPI RIVER

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| 68 | (Natchez, Mississippi) their "6" territorial period , port of entry ship rate on August 22, 1815 folded letter, per "Steamboat" from New Orleans, rated in ignorance of the war surcharge rate in effect, as is the only other reported example of the period, age spot, ex Somdal, very fine usage.....Net | 950.00 |
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LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN

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| 69 | New Orleans Jul 17 mostly clear, ornamented cds and ms "51" war surcharge rate (25½x2) on 1815 entire to Natchez, endorsed "Mail Via the Lake" authorising carriage via Lake Pontchartrain contract route rather than up the Mississippi River, aged and mended edge nicks, very fine usage.....Net | 750.00 |
| 70 | New Orleans La Jun 30 black cds and ms "51" (25½x2) war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter, endorsed "Mail" at bottom left, to Natchez, contract service via Lake Pontchartrain, very fine.....Net | 475.00 |

HUDSON RIVER MAILS

The period of Ship mail usages on the Hudson River extended until April 15, 1815. A Post Office Circular of March 21, 1815 (item #192) announced the letting of the contracts for carriage of contract mails by steamboat. The contract was awarded to The North River Steamboat Company (The Fulton Line) and on April 15, 1815 contract mail service by steamers between Albany and New York City commenced. Loose letters carried up the Hudson, which entered the mails at Albany, received the manuscript "B" notation and were rated the same as if carried in the regular contract mails.

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| 71 | (Albany, N.Y.) their ms "6" port of entry ship rate on July 9, 1812 folded letter from New York endorsed "pr. Steam Boat 11 th Inst" at bottom left, fine.....Net | 75.00 |
| 72 | Albany Jul 3 black cds, "Ship" hs and ms "14¼" (12½ + 2) ship rate on 1812 folded letter from New York pr Steam to Vergennes, Vermont, probably carried on steamboat Paragon, very fine.....Net | 300.00 |
| 73 | Albany Jul 28 black cds, "Ship" hs and ms "36" [(17x2) + 2] ship rate on 1814 entire to Captain Thomas Macdonough , Commanding on Lake Champlain, at Plattsburgh, very fine.....Net | 350.00 |
| 74 | (Albany, N.Y.) , their ms "6" port of entry ship rate on October 5, 1814 entire from New York, very fine.....Net | 50.00 |
| 75 | (Albany, N.Y.) their ms "9" war surcharge , port of entry ship rate on April 14, 1815 entire from New York, last day before contract steamer service began on the Hudson River.....Net | 750.00 |
| 76 | New York May 20 red cds and ms "18¾" war surcharge rate on 1815 entire, pr Steamboat to Kingston, NY, early usage under contract, fine.....Net | 200.00 |
| 77 | (Albany, N.Y.) their red ms "B" for loose letters carried over contract steamboat route, and ms "25½" war surcharge rate on Oct 11, 1815 entire from New York to Albany, very early "B" marking of Albany, file folds, ex De Lisle, very fine usage.....Net | 475.00 |

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78	(Albany, N.Y.) their magenta ms "B" and matching "51" (25½x2) war surcharge rate on Nov 18, 1815 folded letter from New York to Albany, the "B" applied to loose letter carried over steamboat contract route, contract rate, very fine.....Net	475.00
79	New-York Oct 13 red cds, "Paid" hs and ms "25½" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Albany, contract service via Hudson River, very fine.....Net	75.00
80	New-York Oct 15 red cds and ms "76½" (25½x3) war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter "pr Steam Boat" from New York to Albany, carried by steamer with mail carrying contract, early usage, very fineNet	150.00
81	Athens N.Y. Nov 8 cds and ms "12" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Albany, contract service via Hudson River, file folds, very fine.....Net	175.00
82	Athens N.Y. Nov 24 cds, their "Paid" in circle hs and ms "12" war surcharge rate on 1815 entire to Albany, contract service via Hudson River, file fold, fine.....Net	175.00
83	Athens N.Y. Apr 5 black cds and ms "Ship 8" restored rate on April 2, 1816 folded letter from New York to Albany, contract route so no ship fee added, ex De Lisle, edge soiled, very fine usage.....Net	475.00

FREE MAIL

84	(Free Mail), P.O. circular dated "General Post Office, April 12, 1815" signed in type "R.J. Meigs, Jun., Postmaster General" being a list of public officers authorised to frank letters with summary of the regulations and stipulations, very fine.....Net	200.00
85	President , free frank of James Madison on 1812 folded letter of Phoebe Morris to her father, Anthony Morris, at Philadelphia, "Wash ⁿ City Mar 4" brownish cds and indistinct "Free" hs, unauthorised usage of his franking privilege, letter mentions "Mrs. Madison hopes you will write to her...as she will send introductory letters...and that he will be received by them as if he were her brother," very fine.....Net	1,250.00
86	Vice President , ms "free E. Gerry" free frank of Elbridge Gerry (died in office in November, 1814) on 1813 entire, addressed in his hand, to his daughter at Cambridge, Mass., no postal markings, mended edge tear and file fold.....Net	300.00
87	Secretary Of State , ms "Dept. of State" endorsement and James Madison frank on entire to Joel Poinsett at Philadelphia, brownish "Wash ⁿ City July 15" cds and faint "Free" hs, very fine.....Net	950.00
88	Secretary Of The Treasury ms Albert Gallatin free frank on 1810 folded L.S., 1p, Treasury Dept., May 2, 1810, to David Gelston, Collector of New York, regarding a French schooner, red brown "Wash ⁿ City May 2" cds and "Free" hs, file fold, very fine.....Net	100.00
89	Secretary Of The Treasury , 1815 folded letter addressed to A.J. Dallas, the person responsible for the war surcharge rates, with red "New-York Sep 8" cds and ms "18¾" war surcharge rate, to Philadelphia and with their "Free" hs correcting rate, edge faults, very fine usage.....Net	150.00
90	Secretary of the Treasury , free frank of A.J. Dallas on 1816, L.S. to David Gelston, brownish "Wash ⁿ City June 20" cds and "Free" hs, aged fold, fine.....Net	75.00
91	Secretary of the Treasury , A.J. Dallas free frank on 1815 folded letter, Gelston corres., brownish "Wash ⁿ City Jul 5" cds and "Free" hs, a partially printed receipt, fine.....Net	75.00
92	Secretary Of The Treasury , free frank of Alexander J. Dallas on undated entire to Salem, Mass, brownish "Wash ⁿ City Feb 16" cds and "Free" hs, very fine.....Net	75.00

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WILL take notice that the following public officers are authorised to frank letters and packets written by themselves, or by their order on the business of their several offices, and receiving such as are addressed to them free of postage, under the restrictions referred to.

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Attorney General,
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Clerk of the House of Representatives, 3.
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Commissioner of the Navy, 1.
Commissioner of the Revenue, 1.
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Inspector General, 1.
Inspector of the Army,
Postmaster of the Army,
Physician and Surgeon General, 1.
Post-master General,
Post-masters, 5.
Quarter-master General, 1.
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Representatives in Congress, 3.
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Senate, 3.
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The Vaccine Agent may frank letters and packets, and receive free of postage, such as relate to vaccination, and do not exceed half an ounce in weight.

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93	Secretary Of War , 1812 folded letter addressed to William Eustin, Secretary at War, red "New York Sep 3" ornamented cds and "Free" hs, excellent 3p political letter of J.H. Douglass <i>"It is with very painful sensation that I receive the intelligence of the total defeat of Hull's army....he ought to have landed on the fine beach between Duck Creek & Malden. Kingston is the proper point of attack and the best military position for us. If an officer of Armstrong's talents could be sent there in October he would girdle the tree & the limbs (Upper Canada) would perish of course... I congratulate you the conduct of the gallant Hull of the Constitution."</i> very fine.....Net	125.00
94	Secretary Of War , 1812 folded letter addressed to William Eustis, magenta "Phl 17 Se" cds and "Free" hs, letter from Simon Gratz & Co. offering to sell 100,000 pounds of "crude Kentucky saltpetre" for production of gunpowder, very fine.....Net	75.00
95	Secretary Of The Navy ms "Navy Deptment" and William Jones free frank on entire to Boston, magenta "Wash" City Sep 10" cds and "Free" hs, very fine.....Net	150.00
96	Secretary Of The Navy , free frank of Benjamin W. Crowninshield on entire (1815) addressed to "Capt. Macdonough, Commg Naval Officer" at Lake Champlain, "Wash" City Mar 29" reddish cds and "Free" hs, forwarded from Whitehall, N.Y. to Middletown, Ct. and again with their rimless pmk to Washington, docketed "respecting Guns & shott found in the Linnet," the Linnet was a prize to the Eagle and taken into the U.S. Navy, file fold, very fine.....Net	350.00
97	Accountant Of The War Dept , 1814 entire addressed to the Accountants Office at Washington, ms "Louisville Ky 27 Decm" pmk and "Free," Public Service endorsement of Zachary Taylor signed as Major 7 th Infy, docketed as having originated at Vincennes, Indiana Territory, light aging, minor edge wear, very fine usage.....Net	1,500.00
98	Accountant Of The War Dept. , 1812 folded letter addressed to William Simmons at Washington, ms "Sydney Grove Aug 4" Illinois Territory pmk and "Free", ¼p A.L.S. of Ninian Edwards , Governor of Illinois Territory, July 26, 1812 transmitting vouchers against the Indian Dept., restored, extremely fine usage.....Net	1,250.00
99	Accountant of the War Dept. , 1815 folded letter addressed to Tobias Lear at Washington, "Manlius N.Y." cds, ms "24 Jany" date and "Free" light, even toning, fine strike.....Net	75.00
100	Adjutants General , free frank of Robert Butler on 1814 A.L.S., 1p, to "Maj. Richard Graham, 7th. U.S. Inf., Lexington, Kentucky," ms "Cincinnati 15 Feby 1814" pmk and "Free," letter mentions accepting a resignation, aged folds, fine usage.....Net	100.00
101	Adjutant and Inspector General , A.Y. Nicholl free frank on 2p letter of A. Murray dated "Natchez, 6 April 1813" Mississippi Territory to the Deputy Quartermaster Genl. "North Western Army, Miami Rapids" (Ohio), brownish "Wash" City May 5" cds and "Free" hs, letter carried out of the mails to Washington, while the letter was in transit Major Hukill was with Harrison's army, under siege by the British at Fort Meigs, the siege was lifted May 8, 1813, aged, fine usage.....Net	125.00
102	Adjutant and Inspector General , D. Parker free frank on 1816, printed General order, signed, to Philadelphia, brownish "Wash" City Aug 6" cds and "Free" hs, very fine.....Net	75.00
103	Apothecary General , ms frank of Francis Le Baron , U.S. Apothary Genl., on 1815 folded letter to Peter Porter, M.C., at Washington, red "Albany N.Y. Dec 1" cds and "Free" hs, letter mentions "I beg you to have my interest in view & urge the continuance of the Apothary Genl.," file fold, very fine.....Net	300.00

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104	Auditor Of The Treasury , free frank of Richard Harrison on folded A.L.S., ½p, of A.J. Dallas to Collector of Customs at New York, letter begins "Mr. Baker has repeatedly mentioned to me that the British Packet has been seized at New York" and requests information, faint "Wash ⁿ City Jul 10" pmk and "Free" hs, aged fold and internal faults, fine content.Net	100.00
105	Commissary General , 1812 folded letter addressed to Calander Irvine at Philadelphia, letter from Leadenworth, Haven & Scovil regarding coat buttons being shipped, red "New Haven Ct Dec 20" ornamented, oval pmk and ms "17" rate correctly crossed out, light spot, very fine.Net	50.00
106	Commissary General , C. Irvine free frank on 1812 L.S. to "Lt. Col. Gaines, 24 th Reg U.S. Infantry, Knoxville Tenn," red "Phl 5 Oc" cds and "Free" hs, letter authorises Gaines to procure clothing for his troops locally as nothing available in Philadelphia, internal letter cracks, aged and faults.Net	50.00
107	Commissary General 1813 folded letter to Callander Irvine, endorsed by "J. Morton, U.S. Ordn. Service," reddish "Wash ⁿ City Nov 10" cds and "Free" hs, letter listing supplies to be forwarded incl. Powder Horns, Muskets, Powder, etc., very fine.Net	75.00
108	Commissioner Of The General Land Office , ms free frank of Edward Tiffin on 1814, A.L.S., 1p, to Samuel Williams at Cillicothe, Ohio, brownish "Wash ⁿ City Feb 2" cds and light "Free" hs, letter mentions that he will have 2 new Clerk positions "& had intended to appoint you and my brother," small corner discoloration on address leaf.Net	125.00
109	Comptroller Of The Treasury , ms free frank of Richard Rush on 1812 entire to Gloucester, Mass, brownish "Wash ⁿ City May 23" cds and "Free" hs, fine.Net	75.00
110	Comptroller of the Treasury , free frank of Richard Rush on 1814 L.S., Gelston Corres., reddish "Wash ⁿ City Feb 9" cds and "Free" hs, letter regarding a dis-allowed payment made by Gelston, aged folds, fine.Net	75.00
111	Comptroller of the Treasury , free frank of W.G.D. Worthington as Acting Comptroller on 1815 L.S. to the collector at Machias, Mass (District of Maine), brown "Wash ⁿ City Oct 3" cds and "Free" hs, good letter regarding payment "for saving sundry articles from the British Ship Diligent, ashore in your District" in 1813, edge tear and light toning, fine contents.Net	150.00
112	Inspector General , C.S. Todd Free frank on 1815 folded letter to the A.D. Paymaster at Cincinnati, oval "Chillicothe, Ohio March 20" pmk, letter of orders to proceed to Detroit to pay the troops, aged fold and edge wear.Net	100.00
113	Paymaster Of The Army , 1815 folded letter to Rober Brent at Washington, "Urbana, O" straight line pmk, ms "Sept 11" date and "Free" with Public Service endorsement of William Baird, letter forwarding receipts, ex Wean, file fold, very fine.Net	750.00
114	Paymaster Of The Army , 1815 folded letter addressed to Robert Brent at Washington, negative "Sackett's Harbor Ap. 1" oval pmk with ms "30" date in center, pmk as lot #157 but center removed, and ms "Free" to right, letter regarding Recruitment service, file fold and edge faults, very fine strike.Net	700.00
115	Paymaster of the Army , ms free frank of Robert Brent on 1813 printed circular signed, to the Deputy Paymaster of the N.W. Army, Ohio, red brown "Wash ⁿ City May 30" cds and "Free" hs, docketed as received "August 30, 1813," circular regarding payment due to deceased soldiers, age spots and toned folds, fine usage.Net	75.00
116	Treasurer , ms free frank of Thomas Tudor Tucker on partially printed draft, signed, to Joseph Strong at Salem, Mass., brownish "Wash ⁿ City May 6" cds and "Free" hs, very fine.Net	75.00

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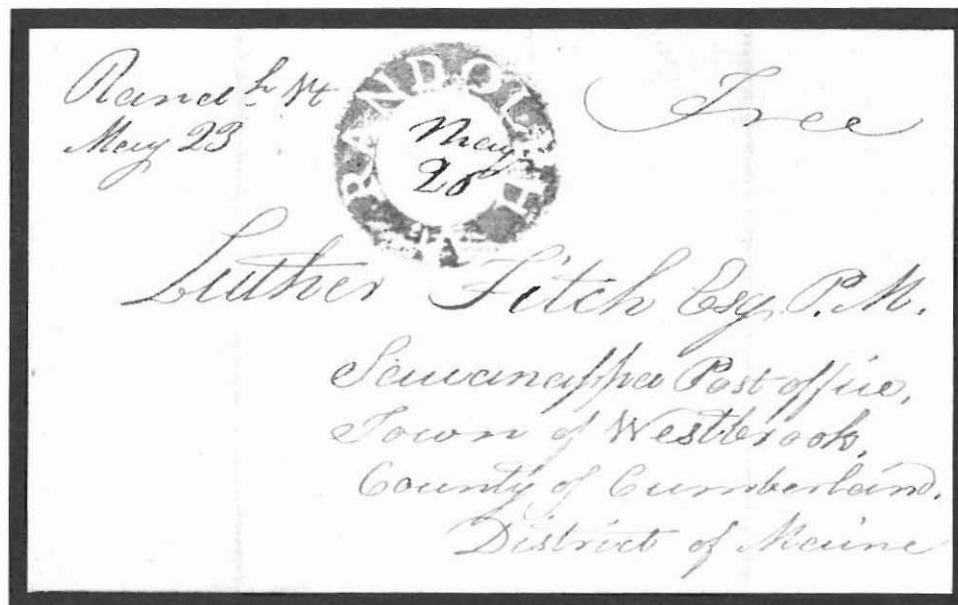
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117	Treasurer of the U.S. , Thomas T. Tucker free frank on 1814 entire to Reading, Penna., brown "Wash ⁿ City Jun 14" cds and "Free" hs, ink erosion above frank, fine.Net	75.00
118	Members of Congress , 1815 folded letter addressed to Genl. Peter Porter (Representative from N.Y.) at Washington, red "Albany Nov 29" cds and "Free" hs, letter regarding P.M. vacancy at Albany mentions "I dare say you will find many candidates for the office....Mr. Southwick is conspicuous," fine.Net	100.00
119	Members of Congress , 1815 entire addressed to William Hale (Rep. from N.H.), ms "Ex Feby 13" pmk of Exeter, N.H. and "37½" war surcharge rate, corrected at Washington with two strikes of "Free" hs in red, very fine.Net	100.00
120	Members of Congress , 1815 folded letter addressed to Genl. Peter Porter (Representative from N.Y.) at Washington, "Troy N.Y. Dec 8" oval pmk and "Free" hs, soiled fold, fine strike.Net	50.00



121	Deputy Postmasters , 1815 folded letter addressed to the P.M. of Westbrook, District of Maine, negative "Randolph Vt" wine-red circular pmk, ms "May 26" date in center, letter from William Nutting, the P.M., and his ms "Rand ^h Vt. May 23" and "Free" notations, ex Bingham, very fine.Net	1,500.00
122	Deputy Postmasters , ms free frank "N. Allen Post-Master Richmond" on 1815 folded letter to Albany, travelling free frank usage with "East Bloomfield N.Y. September" two line pmk, ms "23" date and "Free" hs, very light discoloration spot, ex Mayer, very fine.Net	950.00
123	Deputy Postmasters , ms "Warren May 26" (District of Maine) pmk and "Free B. Cushing P.M." endorsement on 1815 folded letter dated from Camden, good letter regarding ship building mentions "Capt. Glover is here, he and Mr. Brooks have finished the muddle for the ship," stain, fine letter.Net	75.00
124	Deputy Postmasters , ms "Greenville 14 Nov" pmk and "Free C. Stout P.M." on 1815 entire to Argyle., edges aged.Net	25.00

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1799 POSTAL RATES

Rates of Postage for Single Letters

<i>Not over 40 miles.</i>	<i>8 cents</i>
<i>40 to 90 miles.</i>	<i>10 cents</i>
<i>90 to 150 miles.</i>	<i>12½ cents</i>
<i>150 to 300 miles.</i>	<i>17 cents</i>
<i>300 to 500 miles.</i>	<i>20 cents</i>
<i>Over 500 miles.</i>	<i>25 cents</i>

125	Newark • N.J. Jun 18 cds, 1799 style pmk, and ms “8” rate on 1801 folded entire to New York, file folds, fine strike. Net	125.00
126	Newark • N• J Oct 19 cds, 1799 style, and ms “10” rate on 1802 folded letter to Philadelphia, very fine. Net	125.00
127	Georⁿ Ptk. Aug 12 cds, 1799 style, and ms “12½” rate on 1800 folded letter to Philadelphia, file fold fine. Net	175.00
128	Geneva March 12 ms pmk and “12½” rate on 1813 folded letter with, mourning box address, to Bridgewater (N.Y.), letter announces the death of a brother, mentions treatment with Laudanum, stains and tears, the only reported mourning cover of the period. Net	300.00
129	Newb^l Ms Jul 18 cds, 1799 style, “Paid” hs and ms “17” rate on 1800 folded letter to Warren, Maine, very fine. Net	125.00
130	Pitts^g Pa Jan 10 brownish cds 1799 style, and ms “20” rate on 1800 folded letter to Philadelphia, fine. . Net	200.00
131	Dedham Ms. Dec 16 ms pmk and “20” rate on 1814 folded letter to Col. Abraham Eustis (Nephew of Sec. of War), care of Genl. Izards Division, Northern Army, Via Albany, forwarded by Army P.M. to Williamsville, N.Y. with “ford 8” and back to Albany with “Wmsville Jay 20-ford” pmk and “17” rate addition, good letter from lonely wife, ex Salzer, very fine. Net	250.00
132	Aug^a Ga Jul 8 cds, 1799 style, and ms “25” rate on 1805 folded letter to Philadelphia, very fine. Net	125.00
133	Guyandotte Cabell County Va ms pmk and “28 Sheets 56” pamphlet rate endorsement on large wrapper endorsed on flap “A list of the Land Tax in the County of Cabell for the Year 1814” addressed to the State Auditor in Richmond, 2c per sheet for distance over 100 miles, edge faults and foxing, the earliest recorded usage for this class of mail. Net	1,250.00
134	Bristol R.I. Jany 31 ms pmk and “8” rate on 1815 folded letter to Col. Turner at East Greenwich, last day usage before war surcharge rates became effective, aged, very fine usage. Net	175.00
135	Stage ms endorsement on March 23, 1815 folded letter, carried our of the mails from New York City to “Flushing, L.I.,” the letter includes an invitation to a Grand Ball, (held to celebrate the recent Peace) illustrated in “Stagecoach East,” very fine. Net	300.00

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1815 WAR SURCHARGE RATES

By an act of Congress, passed December 23, 1814 the postal rates then in effect (the 1799 rates) were to be increased by 50%. This surtax was an indirect taxation to help defray the cost of the War of 1812 and was part of a larger tax scheme proposed and implemented by Alexander J. Dallas, the Secretary of the Treasury. It was the first time that postal charges were used as a way of increasing revenue and in the thirteen months that they were in effect the net revenue of the Post Office increased by \$290,000.

Rates Of Postage For Single Letters

Not over 40 miles.....	12 cents
40 to 90 miles.....	15 cents
90 to 150 miles.....	18¾ cents
150 to 300 miles.....	25½ cents
300 to 500 miles.....	30 cents
over 500 miles.....	37½ cents

- 136 **P.O. Circular** announcing war surcharge rates, 1p, 4 to, December 28, 1814, signed in type Return J. Meigs, Jun., Post-Master General listing the new postal rates effective "(on) and after the first of February next," circular does not mention ship rates or letter for office of mailing delivery, with integral address leaf with "General Post Office" imprint, to the P.M. at Athens, N.Y., aged fold.....Net 250.00



- 137 **Baltimore Md. Feb 1** red cds and ms "25½" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to New Geneva, Penna., first day of new rates, letter mentions war news

"We expect if the British are not totally cut up at New Orleans they will pay us another visit this spring....you have heard of their magnanimous fight with our frigate President, razee and three frigates against her, one of the largest size, the Endymion she silenced, but superior numbers of such fearful odds obliged the gallant Decatur to surrender."

the only reported example, very fine.....Net 950.00

- 138 **Newport R.I. Dec 13** red cds and ms "12" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Providence, very fine.....Net 150.00

RATES OF POSTAGE.

Postmasters will take notice, that by an act of Congress, passed on the 23d instant, the several rates of postage are augmented fifty per cent; and that after the first of February next, the

Rates of Postage for single Letters will be,

		<i>Cents.</i>
For any distance not exceeding	- 40 miles,	12
Over 40 miles and not exceeding	90 do.	15
Over 90 do.	- 150 do.	18 $\frac{3}{4}$
Over 150 do.	- 300 do.	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
Over 300 do.	- 500 do.	30
Over 500	- - - -	37 $\frac{1}{2}$

Double letters, or those composed of two pieces of paper, double those rates.

Triple letters, or those composed of three pieces of paper, triple those rates.

Packets, or letters composed of four or more pieces of paper, and weighing one ounce or more, avoirdupois, are to be rated equal to one single letter for each quarter ounce.

Newspapers.

Each paper carried not exceeding 100 miles, or for any distance, not being carried out of the state in which it is printed, - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

If carried out of the state where printed, and over 100 miles, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ do.

Magazines and Pamphlets,

	<i>Cents.</i>
Carried not over 50 miles, for each sheet,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Over 50 and not exceeding 100 miles,	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Over 100 miles,	3

But pamphlets are not to be received or conveyed by post on the main line, or any cross road, where the mail is large.

RETURN J. MEIGS, Jun.

Post-Master General.

*General Post-Office,
December 28, 1814.*

139	York. Jun 2 , District of Maine, staight line pmk, "Paid" hs and ms "12" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Portsmouth, N.H., ex Ashbrook, very fine.....Net	300.00
140	Hudson N. York Nov 11 fancy pmk and ms "24" war surcharge rate (12x2) on 1815 entire to Albany, file fold, very fine.....Net	100.00
141	Hudson N. York Oct 19 fancy pmk, ms "1¼ Oz - - 60" war surcharge rate (12x5) on 1815 entire to Albany, age stain, ex Baker, fine.....Net	175.00
142	W,dsb.dge Au. 19, punctuated, red straight line pmk of Wardsbridge, N.Y. and ms "15" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Six Mile Run, N.J., letter dated from Hopewell, edge restoration and light soiling, very fine strike.....Net	700.00
143	Downingtown, Pa straight line pmk and ms "15" war surcharge rate on Feb 3, 1815 folded letter of James M. Porter , Major & Judge Advocate, to the Gov. of Penna. at Harrisburg, letter requests change in the time for a General Court Martial "for the trial of the delinquents and deserters...of the Pennsylvania Militia," ex Salzer, very fine.....Net	475.00
144	Palmyra Ohio Nov 25th ms pmk and "15" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter, dated from New Marlborough, (Mass), to Canfield, Ohio, ms "Advtd" advertised endorsement on reverse and ms "Canfield" pmk, aged, the only reported advertising usage of the period, very fine usage.....Net	375.00
145	Newport R.I. Feb 26 green cds and ms "15" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Dartmouth, Mass., senders notation "Mr. Tucker is requested to send this letter immediately as it is on urgent business" authorised carrier delivery for a 2 cent fee, A. Tucker was P.M. at Dartmouth, letter mentions news of Peace, light edge toning and small tear, ex Salzer, very fine usage.....Net	350.00
146	Pough^e N.Y. Oct 30 red cds, "Paid" hs and ms "15" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to New York, good letter attempting to purchase a "Marine Buck" to be engaged to a farmer, mentions that he is willing to pay more than the \$3 that "full bloods have been sold at," very fine.....Est.	150.00
147	Lexington Kentucky August 8 oval pmk and ms "15" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to "William May, near Bardstown, Ky," minor edge soiling at foot, ex Chambers, very fine strike.....Net	175.00
148	Hartford* rimless pmk with ms Feb 6 date and "15" war surcharge rate on printed circular to Stonington, correctly rated with letter postage rate as not a newspaper or pamphlet, light soiling, fine.....Net	75.00
149	Fort George March 15 1815 ms pmk and "15" war surcharge rate on folded letter to Charlton, letter dated from Caldwell, very fine.....Net	100.00
150	Baltimore Md Dec 23 red cds, "Paid" hs and ms "15" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Hagerstown, very fine.....Net	50.00
151	Hartford • Con• Mar 18 red cds, "Paid" hs and ms "30" war surcharge rate (15x2) on 1816 entire to Woodstock fine.....Net	75.00
152	Baltimore Md Oct 28 red cds and ms "30" war surcharge rate (15x2) on 1815 folded letter to Hagerstown, very fine.....Net	50.00
153	Manlius N.Y. cds, arc "Paid." hs, ms "20 April 1815" date and "18¾" war surcharge rate inside Paid hs on folded letter to Martin Van Buren as Atty. Genl. of N.Y. at Albany, top left corner lightly aged, ex Lounsbery, very fine.....Net	200.00

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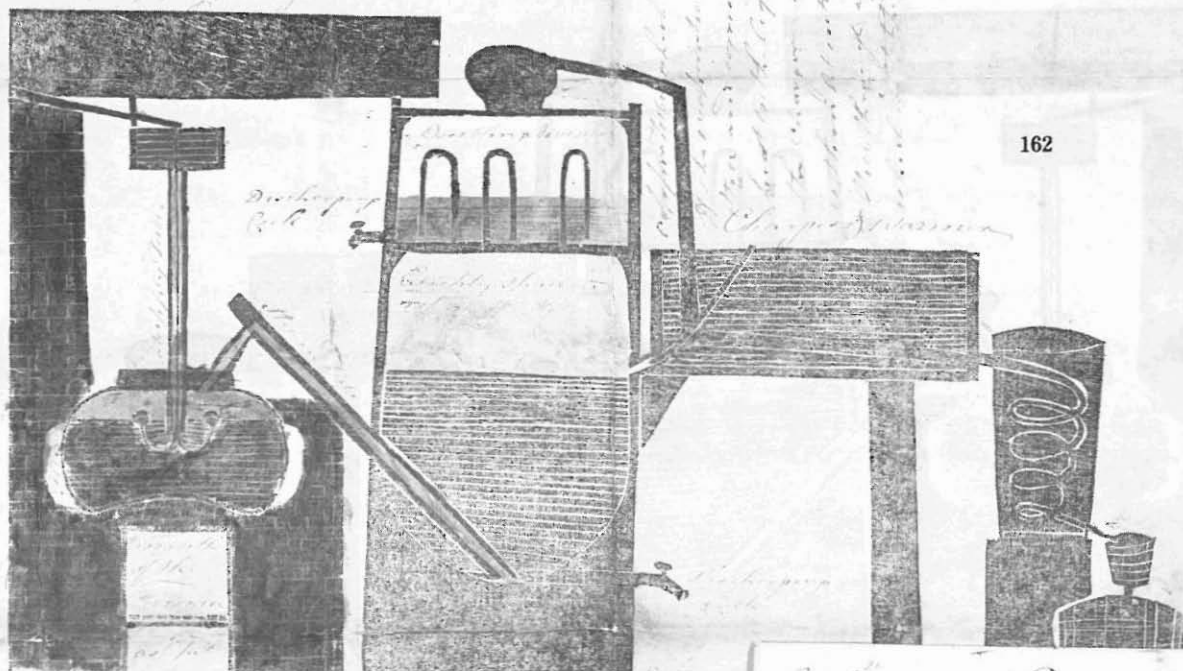
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| 154 | Middletown Ct. , magenta, rimless oval pmk, "Paid" hs, red ms "Oct 17" date and "18¾" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Albany, N.Y., very fine.....Net | 150.00 |
| 155 | Richmond (NY) Dec 5th ms pmk and "Paid 18¾" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Easton, very fine.....Net | 50.00 |
| 156 | Boston Ms Oct 30 mostly clear red cds and red ms "56¼" war surcharge rate (18¾x3) on 1815 folded letter to Portland, District of Maine, military letter regarding requisitions for two boats "I wish one of them for my own use, the other for the officers - I wish mine to be a light and handsome boat," fine.....Net | 100.00 |



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| 157 | Sackett's Harbor Apl negative, eagle and shield illustrated oval pmk, ms "20th" date and "25½" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Martin Van Buren at Albany, the earliest illustrated postmark of America, the only recorded example, edges restored, ex Lounsbery.....Net | 5,000.00 |
| 158 | St. Francisville, (Lou), February 15, 1815 two line, year dated pmk and ms "25½" war surcharge rate on folded letter to New Orleans, letter regarding security for debt in the form of two negroes and mentions "The British are still off our coast," lightly aged, ex Jarrett and Warm, very fine strike.....Net | 1,250.00 |
| 159 | Rochester September two line pmk and ms "Paid 25½" war surcharge rate on September 4, 1815 folded letter to Albany, light offset from pmk, very fine strike.....Net | 600.00 |
| 160 | Aurelius, N.Y. July straight line pmk, ms "3" date and "25½" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter from Woodhouse, Canada to New Milford, Conn., good letter describes a journey "over the ground of most of the late engagements" with descriptions, letter in bright green ink, minor age spots, fine.....Net | 400.00 |
| 161 | Aurelius N.Y. Sep cds with ms "30" day and "Paid 25½" war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Albany, very fine.....Net | 150.00 |
| 162 | Wash" City Mar 25 brownish cds and ms "25½" war surcharge rate 1816 folded letter and Wood-block printed, hand colored, 2p illustration for "Gillespie's improved Steam Still," letter of Robert Gillespie, red ms label and description of the still, restored folds, and exceptional item.....Net | 750.00 |

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163	Vincennes June 22 ms Indiana Territory pmk and ms “76½” war surcharge rate (25½x 3) on 1815 folded letter to Lexington, Ky, aged and edge faults, very fine usage.....Net	850.00
164	Lexington Kentucky April 30 oval pmk and ms “Paid 25½” war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Urbana, Ohio, edge worn and stains.....Net	50.00
165	Williams Ville(NY) Oct 30 ms pmk, “Paid” and “25½” war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Albany, very fine.....Net	50.00
166	Aurelius N.Y. July straight line, pmk, ms “8” date and “Paid 30” war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Pittsfield, Mass., letter dated from Auburn, cleaned and restored file fold very fine strike.....Net	300.00
167	York Jun 28 straight line District of Maine pmk and ms “30” war surcharge rate on folded letter to Philadelphia, Penn., very fine.....Net	275.00
168	Sackett’s Harbor June negative oval pmk, as illustrated pmk (lot #157) but center removed, ms “21” date on reverse of 1815 folded letter to Charlestown, Mass, ms “30” war surcharge rate , letter dated U.S. Brig Jones , age spots and minor faults, believed to be only recorded example with “June” month at foot, ex Salzer, very fine strike.....Net	750.00
169	Burton O. March 9 ms pmk and “30” war surcharge rate on 1816 folded letter to Juniata, Penna, ms Mis- sent and part strike “Pitts ^e P Ap2” magenta cds, aged edges, very fine usage.....Net	250.00
170	Geneva 2 Feb unusual style cds and ms “30” war surcharge rate on 1816 folded letter to New York, file fold, very fine.....Net	150.00
171	New York Jul 12 red cds and ms “30” war surcharge rate on 1815 folded entire “to Buffalo or Manchester” endorsed on flap by sender “Major Camp at Buffalo will be pleased to forward this with dispatch,” very fine.....Net	100.00
172	Pt. Harmar, Marietta O. June 17 th magenta ms pmk and “30” war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Genl. J. Bloomfield at Burlington, N.J., very fine.....Net	125.00
173	Fayetteville N.C. Nov 7 red cds and red ms “37½” war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Providence, R.I., fine.....Net	150.00
174	Ral^h N.C. Mar 30 cds, red ms “Paid 75” war surcharge rate (37½x2) on 1816 entire to Woburn, Mass, last day of war surcharge rates, minor edge faults, very fine usage.....Net	350.00
175	Fort Hawkins 30 Decr 1815 ms Georgia pmk and “37½” war surcharge rate on folded letter to New York, soldiers letter mentions “we are under marching orders for Augusta the Indians appear to be peaceable and tranquil - the 7 Regt. that marched into the Indian nation returned three days ago,” wrinkles and age spots, ex Salzer, very fine usage.....Net	500.00
176	Boston Ms. Jul 6 red cds and ms “37½” war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Louisville, Kentucky, fowarded back to Boston with ms Louisville Ky “24 July forwarded” pmk and “+ 37½ = 75” rate addition, fine.....Net	275.00
177	Providence R.I. May 17 red cds and ms “37½” war surcharge rate on 1815 folded letter to Natchez, Miss. Territory, “Nate ^c M.T. July 4” territorial cds, ms “ford” and “+ 25½ = 63” rate addition for forwarding to New Orleans internal fold separations, ex Salzer, very fine usage.....Net	400.00

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178	New Orleans Mar 30 ornamented cds and ms "37½" war surcharge rate on 1816 printed circular from Gov. of Louisiana to Governor of N.H. at Portsmouth, last day war surcharge rates, circular regarding proposed amendment limiting terms for Senators, minor age spot, fine.Net	350.00
179	(Rossville Mo) February 4, 1815 territorial period dateline on folded letter to St. Genevieve, their ms "75" war surcharge rate (37½x2) letter refolded, internal cracks, fine usage.Net	75.00
180	Concord Ms March 14 ms pmk and "12" war surcharge rate with "Way 1 = 13" rate addition for way fee on 1816 folded letter from Sterling, Mass to Lynn, Mass., fine.Net	350.00
181	Walpole (N.H.) Oct 6 1815 ms pmk and "Way 19¾" war surcharge rate (18¾) plus 1 cent way fee on folded letter from Windsor, Vt. to Boston, Mass., carried out of the mails down the Connecticut River , good political letter, very fine usage.Net	400.00
182	Athens Pa Ap 19 ms pmk and "Way 26½" war surcharge rate (25½) plus 1 cent way fee on 1815 entire to Albany, lightly aged fold, very fine usage.Net	300.00
183	Merrittstown Pa 6 th June ms pmk and "Way 31" war surcharge rate (30) plus 1 cent way fee on 1815 folded letter from Uniontown, Penna. to Mansfield, Ohio, edge faults, very fine usage.Net	300.00
184	Millersburg (Ky) May 22 ms pmk and "Way 38½" war surcharge rate (37½) plus 1 cent way fee on 1815 folded letter from Winchester, Ky. to Hartford, Conn., ex Ashbrook, very fine.Net	350.00
185	(Newburyport, Mass) their ms "1" rate for office of mailing delivery rate on Dec. 12, 1815 folded letter from Alexandria, Va., carried out of the mails to Newburyport, the only recorded example of the correct rate applied to a local delivery letter, very fine.Net	1,250.00
186	Albany Jan 3 red cds and red ms "1½" unauthorised war surcharge rate for office of mailing delivery on 1816 folded entire carried out of the mails from New York to Albany, ex De Lisle, very fine.Net	350.00
187	New York Oct 2 red cds and red ms "1½" unauthorised war surcharge rate for office of mailing delivery on 1815 folded letter carried out of the mails from Newburgh to New York, very fine.Net	400.00
188	(Albany, N.Y.) their ms "1½" unauthorised war surcharge rate for office of mailing delivery on Feb. 23, 1816 folded letter, dated from Albany, to Albany, the only recorded example that did not originate in another city, minor edge faults, ex De Lisle.Net	300.00
189	Phl 11 Se red cds and no rate indication on August 30, 1815 folded letter from New York, carried out of the mails to Philadelphia for office of mailing delivery, the few similar examples are all without rate indication so it is not known what the P.M. charged, fine usage.Net	75.00
190	New York Feb 11 red cds, "Ship" hs and ms "79½" war surcharge ship rate [(25½x3) + 3], unauthorised 3c ship fee, Oct. 31, 1814 entire from Cork, Ireland to Baltimore, Md, entered the mails prior to March circular clarifying the 2c ship fee, this is the only recorded example from New York that shows the incorrect 3c fee, edge faults, ex Baker.Net	1,000.00
191	Albany Mar 29 cds, "Ship" hs and ms "15" (12 + 3) war surcharge ship rate, unauthorised 3c ship fee, the only recorded example from Albany, the latest recorded usage of "Ship" hs, file fold, very fine.Net	750.00



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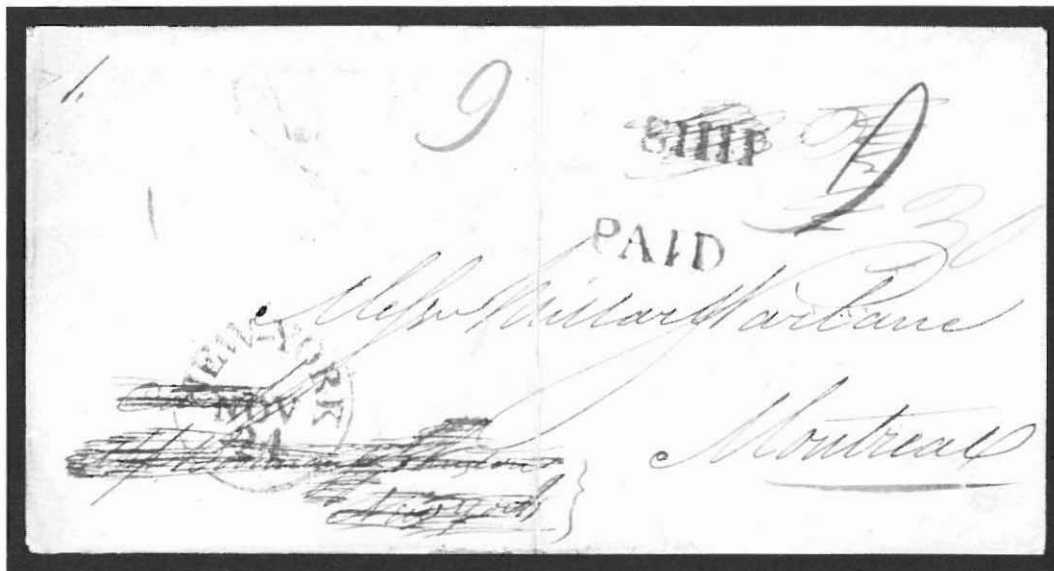
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- 192 **Post Office Circular**, printed circular signed by Postmaster **Return J. Meigs**, General Post Office, March 21, 1815 to the P.M. at Athens, N.Y. with brown "Wash" City Mar 27" cds and "Free" hs, circular clarifying non contract ship rates and announcing the letting of contracts for steamboat service on the Hudson River, aged folds, very fine circular.....Net 250.00
- 193 **(Providence, R.I.)** their red "Ship" hs and ms "9" port of entry **war surcharge** rate on 1815 folded letter from Savannah per "Brig Eagle" to Providence, ms "Decm 25" docket, file fold, very fine.....Net 250.00



- 194 **(Liverpool, England)** Aug 30, 1815 dateline on folded letter, via New York, to **Montreal**, entered the mails in New York with red "Ship" hs and ms "9" **war surcharge** port of entry ship rate, ms **forwarders** endorsement on flap "Recd & forwarded yr. mo. ob. servt. Boorman & Johnston," re-entered the mails with red "New York Nov 24" cds "Paid" hs and ms "30" **war surcharge** rate for payment to Canadian border, red ms "9d" due, file fold, extremely fine usage.....Net 1,500.00
- 195 **Providence R.I.** Aug 17 orange red cds, ms "Ship 14" (12 + 2) **war surcharge** ship rate on August 10, 1815 folded letter from New York, per "Easton" to Newport, R.I., very fine.....Net 275.00
- 196 **New York Mar 4** red cds, "Ship" hs and ms "20¾" (18¾ + 2) **war surcharge** ship rate hs on Jan 1, 1816 folded letter from **Cadiz** to Philadelphia, fine.....Net 325.00
- 197 **New York Aug 12** red cds, "Ship" hs and ms "27½" (25½ + 2) **war surcharge** ship rate on July 20, 1815 folded letter from **Point Petre, Guadaloupe** to Newburyport, Mass., letter mentions "This place is in a complete state of confusion they expect every hour when the English will make an attack on the Island as they are still under the Napoleon flag," small discoloration spot, fine.....Net 325.00
- 198 **New-York Jul 31** red cds, "Ship" hs and ms "53" [(25½x2) + 2] **war surcharge** ship rate on May 30, 1815 folded letter from **Amsterdam** to Providence, R.I., extremely fine.....Net 275.00
- 199 **London Paid Ship Letter** Jan 2 1816 partially clear red cds and ms rate on folded letter from **London** to Plattsburg, N.Y., faint "New York Mar 14" cds, "Ship" hs and ms "32" (30 + 2) **war surcharge** ship rate, file folds and lightly soiled.....Net 300.00



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Newport 24th Nov. 1815

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, March 21, 1813.

SIR,

AN offer has been made to the owners of the several steam boats to contract for carrying the mail by their boats, and to deliver and receive the mails at a certain wharf at the several landings. There has not yet been time to receive an answer; but presuming that they will contract, and agree to deliver the mail at a wharf convenient to your office, it appeared proper to advise you of the project, that you may have the mail carried to and from the wharf, provided it can be done at a reasonable price, of which you will please to advise me. Letters conveyed in this way are to be rated with postage in the same manner as those conveyed by land, excepting that no one is to be charged with more than quadruple postage, unless they contain more than four distinct letters.

By an act passed at the last session of Congress, published in the National Intelligencer of the 7th instant, every master of a vessel is required to deliver all letters which he carries, into the post-office of the place to which they are addressed, if he stops there, under a penalty of thirty dollars. It will be necessary for you to endeavor to prevent and to prosecute for any infractions of this act.

The masters of steam boats and other vessels, who do not carry the mail by contract, are entitled to receive two cents for each letter and packet which they deliver to a post-master: these letters and packets are chargeable with a postage of nine cents.

Yours, respectfully,

P. Meigs

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APRIL 1816 RESTORED RATES

By an act of Congress, passed February 1, 1816 the War Surcharge Rates were repealed. The postage rates of March, 1799 were restored. During the repeal hearing a firm policy to encourage communication was established. This policy continued to be a cornerstone for postal expansion during the 19th century.

Rates Of Postage For Single Letters

<i>Not over 40 miles.</i>	<i>8 cents</i>
<i>40 to 90 miles.</i>	<i>10 cents</i>
<i>90 to 150 miles.</i>	<i>12½ cents</i>
<i>150 to 300 miles.</i>	<i>17 cents</i>
<i>300 to 500 miles.</i>	<i>20 cents</i>
<i>over 500 miles.</i>	<i>25 cents</i>

200	Newport R.I. Apr 1 cds and ms "8" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Providence, first day of rate , ex Turner, very fine.....Net	750.00
201	Charlestown Ms. April 28 magenta ms pmk and "8" restored rate on 1816 entire to Lynn, file fold, fine... ..Net	250.00
202	Litchfield Ct April 6 ms pmk and "8" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Hartford, file fold, fine... ..Net	300.00
203	Hudson N. York Apr 25 fancy cds, "Paid" in circle hs and ms "16" restored rate (8x2) on 1816 entire to Albany, very fine.....Net	350.00
204	Windham Ct April 30 ms pmk and "10" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Lyme, last day restored rate, very fine.....Net	425.00
205	Wilmington O. Apl 10 1816 ms pmk and "10" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Newport, Kentucky, file fold, fine.....Net	300.00
206	Schenectady N.Y. April 7 ms pmk and "20" restored rate (2x10) on partially printed, 1816 bill for Augustus Porter, Jr.'s term at Union College, to Niagara, he later was Mayor of Detroit and a U.S. Senator, very fine.....Net	250.00
207	Lancaster Ms April 30 ms pmk, "10" restored rate altered to "20" and then "30" for triple rate on 1816 folded letter to Lynn, Mass, last day restored rate, light edge discoloration, very fine usage.....Net	300.00
208	Bridgetown, W.N. Jersey Apr 4 oval pmk and ms "3 Oz \$1.20" restored rate (12x10) on large, 1816 folded letter and wrapper to Philadelphia, minor faults, very fine usage.....Net	450.00
209	Snickers Gap Va 3 April ms pmk and "15" rate on 1816 folded letter to Petersville, Md, rated in error as war surcharge rate instead of restored rate which went into effect on April 1, edge wear, very fine usageNet	400.00
210	Harris'b Va April 17 brownish pmk of Harrisonburg and ms "12½" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Philadelphia, file fold, fine.....Net	300.00
211	St. Louis Apr 1 two line Missouri Territory pmk and ms "12½" restored rate on 1816 folded entire to Jackson, first day restored rates, fine.....Net	1,000.00

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212	Brunswick (District of Maine) April 19 th ms pmk and "12½" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Boston, the "Free Public Service" notation correctly crossed out as the regional Adj. Genl. to whom it is addressed did not have free mail privilege, letter regarding election of officers, worn file fold.....Net	275.00
213	Cincinnati (NY) April 26 ms pmk and "50" restored rate (12½x4) on 1816 folded letter to Albany, endorsed "the Postmaster at Albany will please to forward this immediately" which authorised carrier delivery for 2 cent fee in Albany, minor edge faults, very fine usage.....Net	500.00
214	Phil 1 Apr red cds and red ms "17" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Providence, R.I., first day restored rate, ex Chambers, very fine.....Net	400.00
215	Schenectady April 7 ms pmk and "17" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to R.I., ms docket, very small stain spot, fine.....Net	200.00
216	Boston Ms Apr 25 red cds and ms "17" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Rochester, minor edge soiling, fine strike.....Net	150.00
217	New-York Apr 20 red cds and ms "17" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Providence, R.I., very fine..Net	200.00
218	New York Apr 5 red cds and ms "17" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Mass., slightly soiled fold, fineNet	175.00
219	New York Apr 19 partially clear red cds and ms "17" restored rate on 1816 folded letter, contract service via Hudson River, to Albany,, slightly aged fold, fine usage.....Net	175.00
220	Hartford Con Apr 26 red cds and ms "34" restored rate (17x2) on 1816 folded letter to Vermont, soiled...Net	100.00
221	Hartford Con Apr 6 red, ornamented cds and ms "20" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Canadaigua, N.Y., file folds, letter of Andrew Kingsbury, very fine strike.....Net	250.00
222	Readg 9 April ms pmk of Reading, Penna and ms "Paid 20" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Chillicothe, Ohio, fine.....Net	250.00
223	Detroit 13 Apl red ms Michigan Territory pmk and "Paid 25" restored rate on 1816 folded letter to Portsmouth, N.H., minor edge tear, very fine usage.....Net	475.00
224	New Orleans Apr 15 ornamented cds and "Free" hs on 1816 folded letter to John Mason, Commissary General for Prisoners of War at Washington, Free hs incorrectly struck as addressee did not have franking privilege, ms "75" triple rate, "Wash ⁿ City May 12" cds and "ford. 18=93" rate addition for forwarding to Georgetown, letter enclosed a letter for British agent for P.O.W., very fine usage that originated during restored rate period and was forwarded after the period ended.....Net	350.00
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