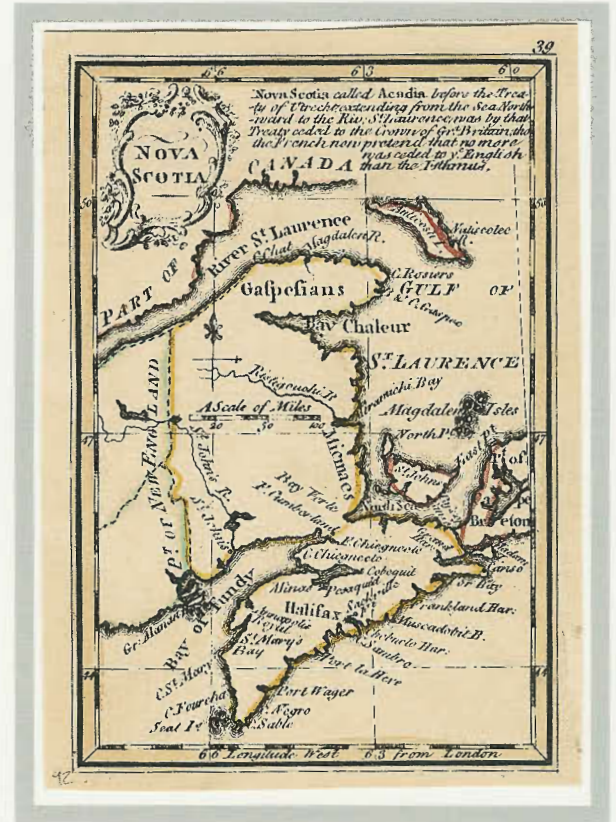


Nova Scotia: 1767 - 1868

The Nova Scotia postal system was under the direct control of the General Post Office in London from 1754 until 1851. In the pre-adhesive period prior to 1851, postal markings followed the British pattern with new devices being introduced in standard forms.

In 1851 Nova Scotia became responsible for its own postal system. Postmaster General Woodhouse remained in charge until Nova Scotia became a Province of Canada in 1867. Adhesive postage stamps denominated in pence and shilling were introduced in the fall of 1851. Bisecting of Nova Scotia stamps was authorized in 1854 to accommodate the new seven and one-half pence rate to England.

In 1860 Nova Scotia switched to a decimal currency and a new series of adhesive stamps were introduced with denominations in cents. These stamps remained in use until replaced by the Canadian issue in 1868.



This exhibit begins by tracing the development of the standard postal devices employed in Nova Scotia before the use of adhesive postage stamps. This is followed by a traditional presentation of the stamps and covers of the 1851 pence issue and the 1860 cents issue. The exhibit is organized as follows:

Pre-Adhesive Markings (Frame 1.)

A brief survey of pre-adhesive markings of Nova Scotia are shown with particular emphasis on the distribution of standard types of postal devices. Included is the earliest letter from Nova Scotia bearing a postmark.

1851-1857 Adhesive Pence Issues (Frames 2. and 3.)

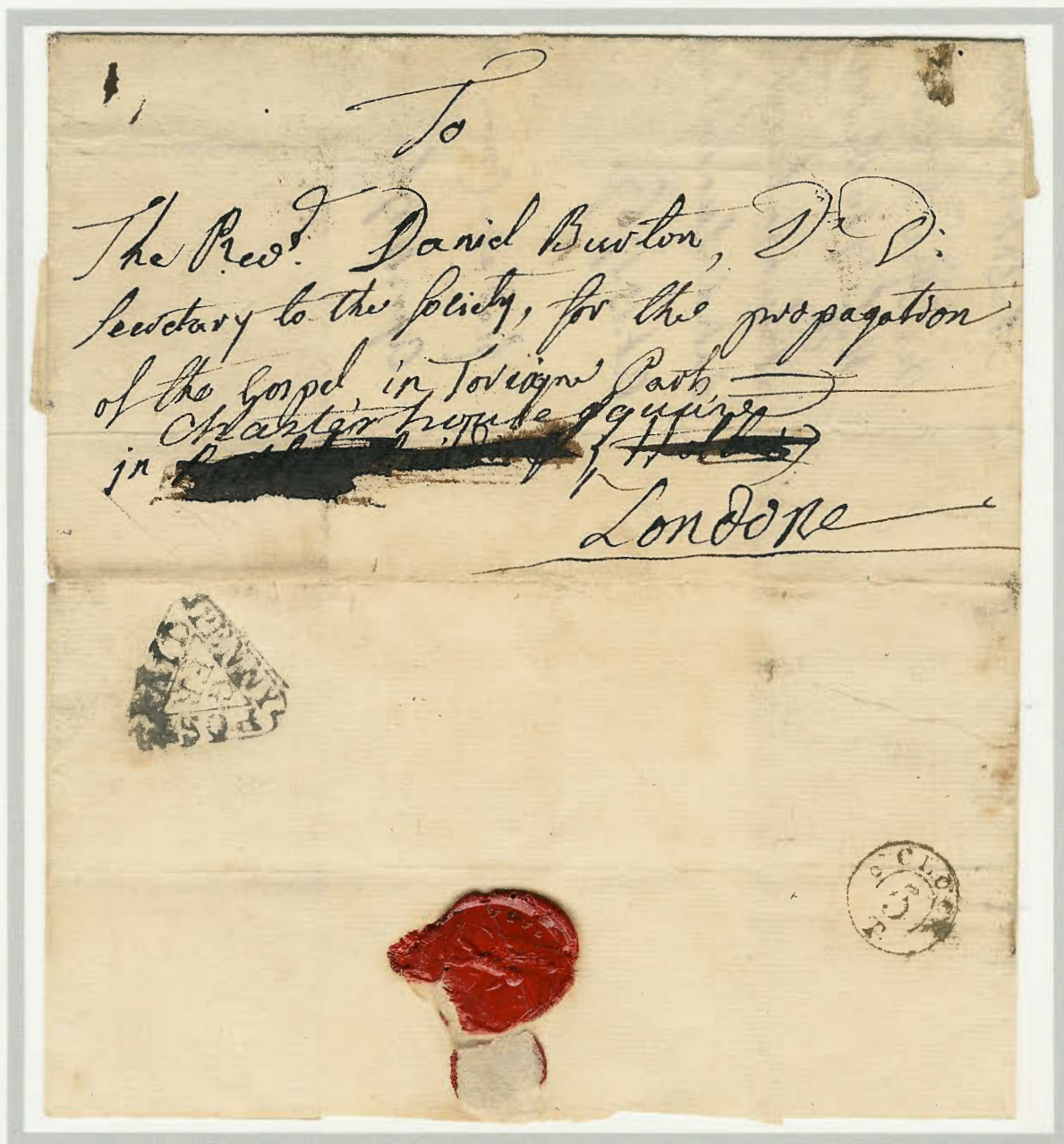
Essays, proofs, unused stamps, used stamps, multiples, cancels and varieties are shown broken down by the various printings. This is followed by an extensive showing of on cover usages which includes a complete range of known bisects, and both unique quadrisects.

1860-1863 Adhesive Cents Issues (Frames 4. and 5.)

Essays, proofs, unused stamps, multiples and varieties are shown. Also shown are on cover usages with combinations, multiples and bisects.

Pre Adhesive Usages

Earliest Reported Usage From Nova Scotia Bearing A Postmark



15 October 1767 Lunenburg to London, England
carried privately to England where it was deposited in the mails at London
Dockwra **Penny Post Paid** handstamp and time stamp

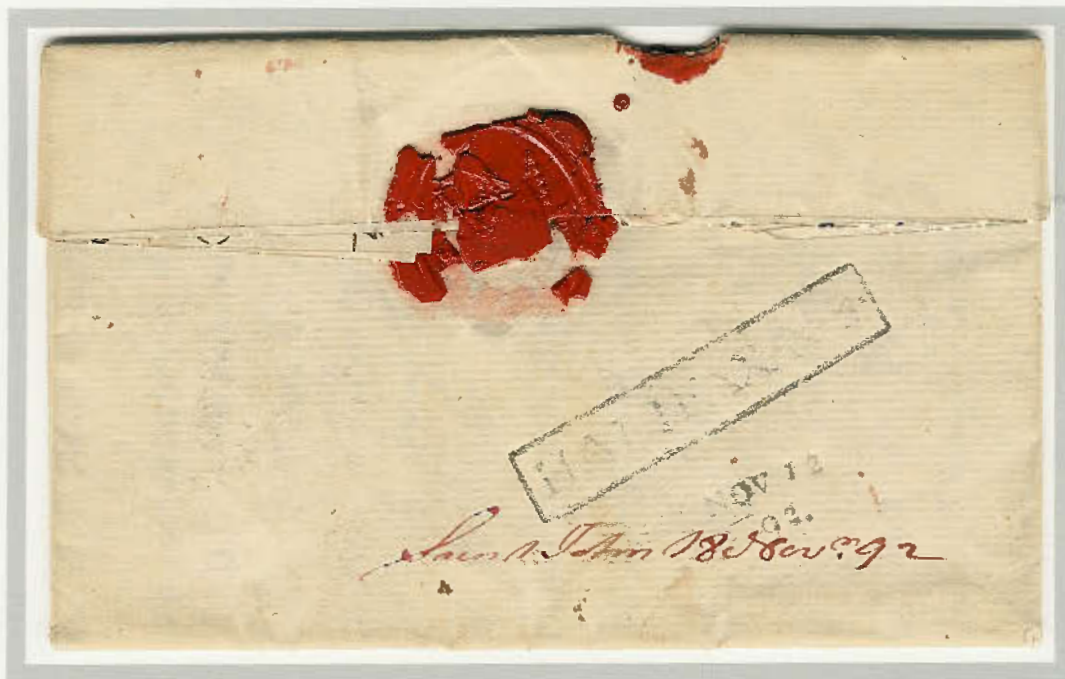
letter from Reverend Moreau, a French missionary

Pre Adhesive Usages

Halifax Postmarks



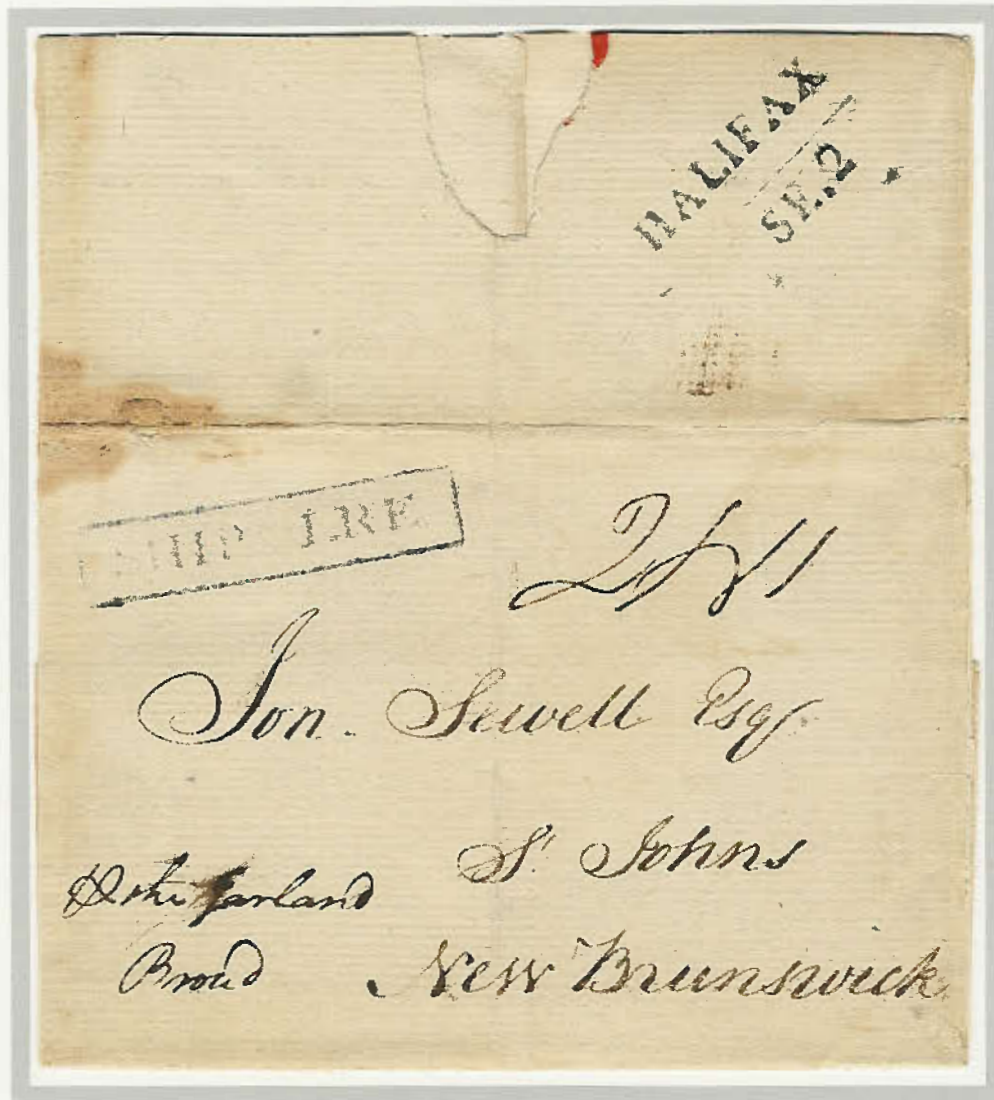
9 February 1788 Halifax to St. Johns, New Brunswick
boxed straight line postmark with date below



4 October 1792 Chelsea, England to Frederick Town, New Brunswick
by Chesterfield packet from Falmouth to Halifax
12 November 1792 Halifax boxed straight line postmark with year date

Three Reported Examples

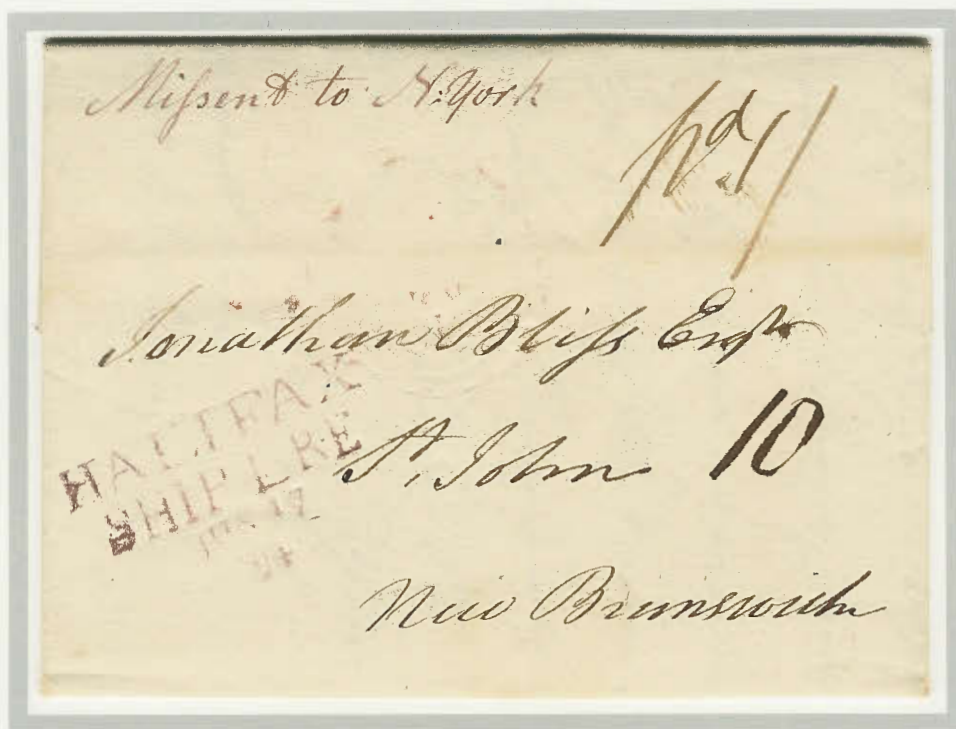
Pre Adhesive Usages
Halifax Ship Letter Marking



11 July 1788 England to St. Johns, New Brunswick
2 September 1788 Halifax two line transit backstamp and boxed Ship Letter handstamp
manuscript 2 sh. 1d rate

The earliest type of Halifax postmark as well as the earliest type of ship letter marking.

Pre Adhesive Usages
Halifax Postmarks



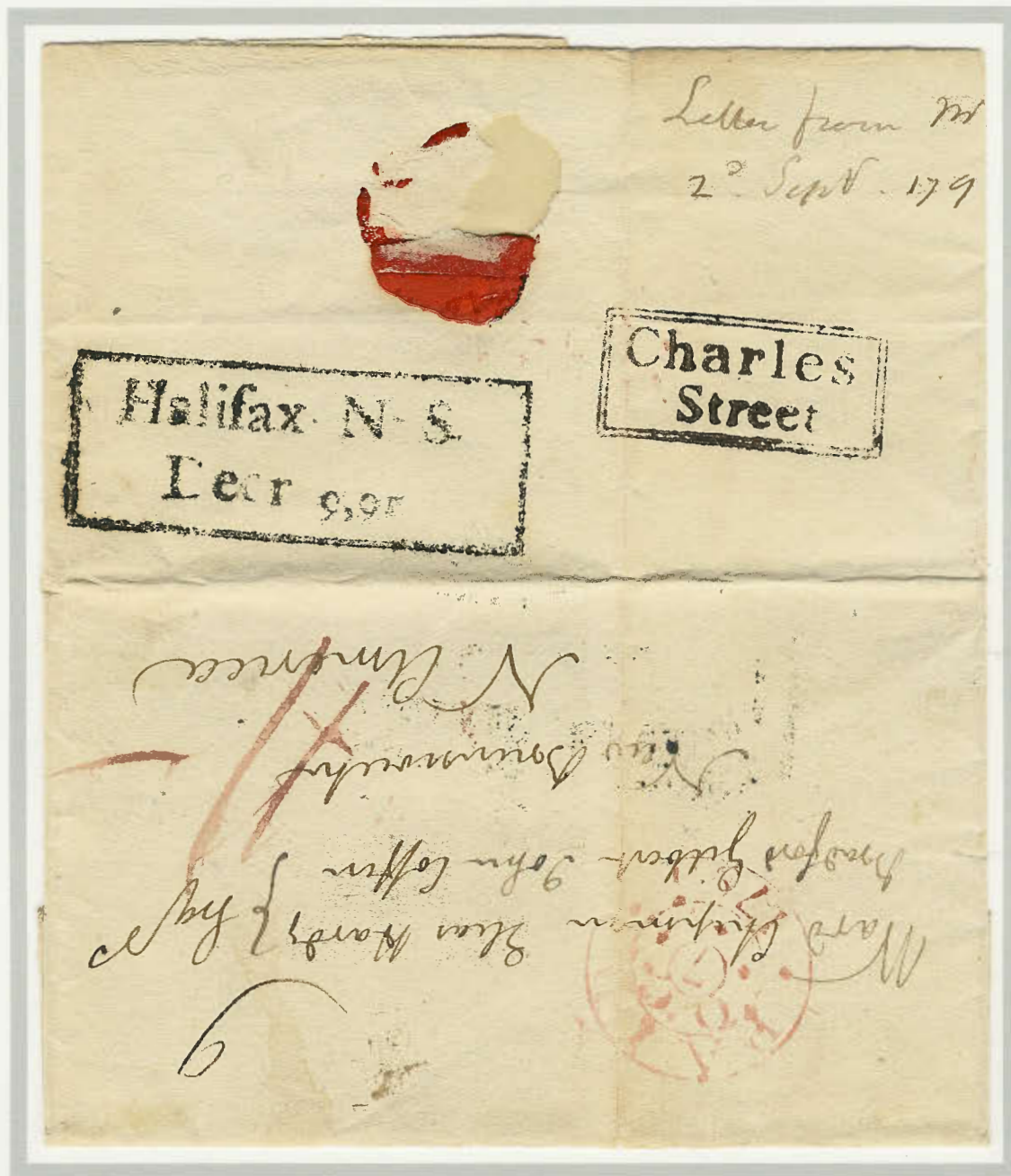
10 February 1794 London, England to St. John, New Brunswick
manuscript paid 1/- rate and "Missent to N. York"
17 June 1794 magenta Halifax Ship Letter postmark
manuscript 10p due

Fewer Than Three Reported Examples In Magenta

Letter of General Benedict Arnold.

Pre Adhesive Usages

Halifax Postmarks



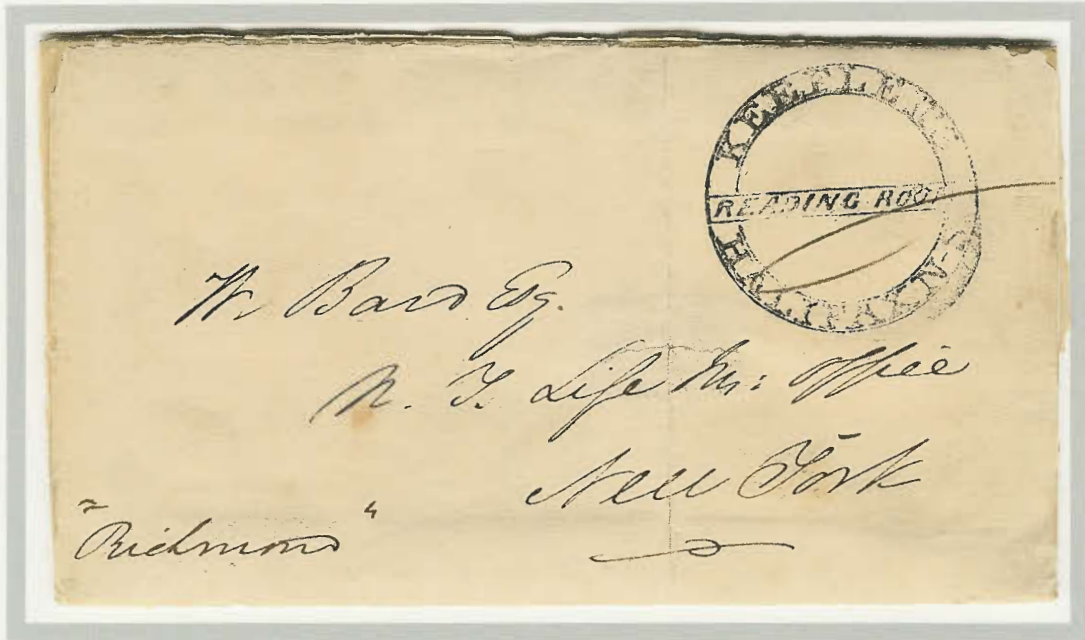
2 September 1795 England, via Halifax, to New Brunswick, boxed "Charles Street" origin

London Paid handstamp, manuscript 9d and 1 sh. rates

9 December 1795 Halifax boxed straight line postmark with date transit

Pre Adhesive Usages

Halifax

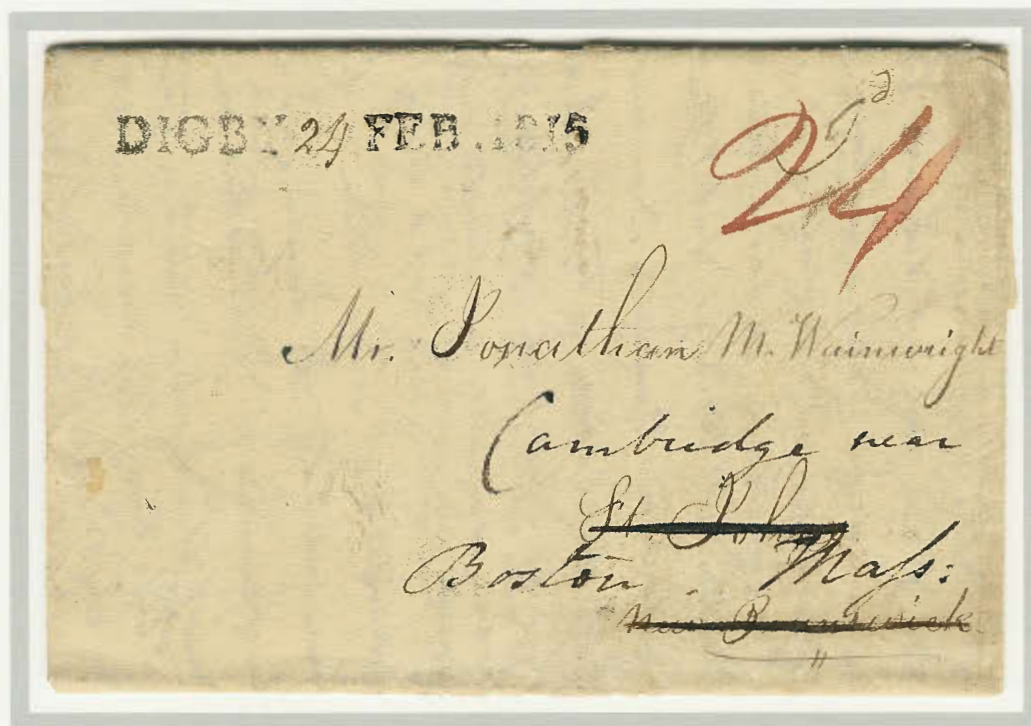


19 May 1838 Halifax to New York, United States
carried privately with **Keefler's Reading Room Halifax N.S.** handstamp
entered the mails at New York City as a ship letter with "6" cents due

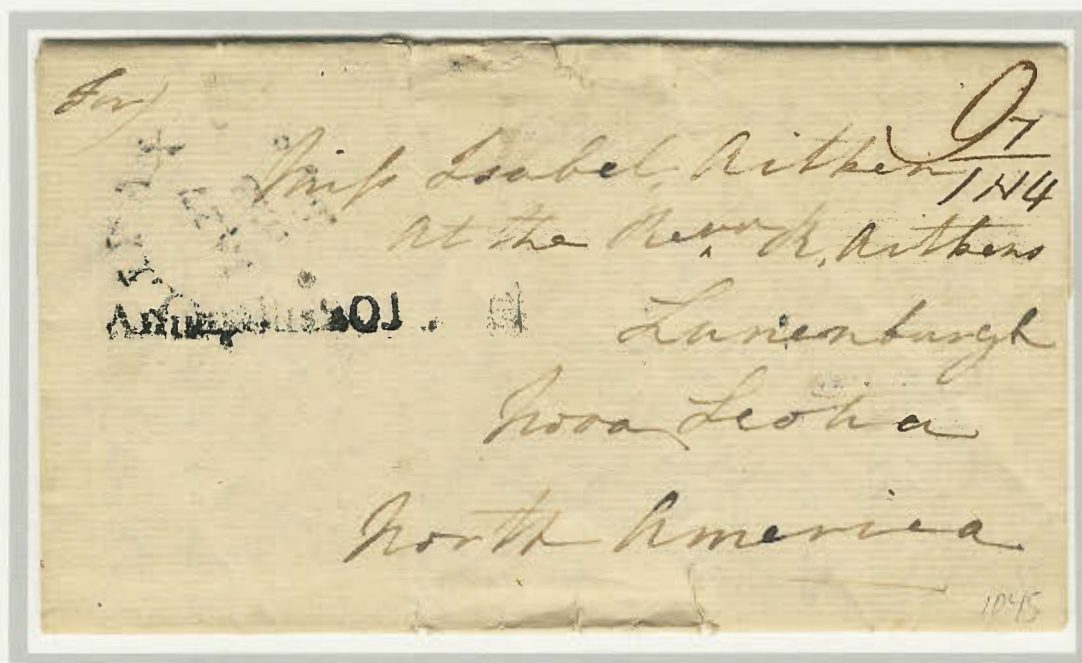


8 May 1843 Gibraltar to Liverpool, Nova Scotia
double circle with crown Ship Letter Halifax N.S. handstamp, manuscript "1/1 ½" due

Pre Adhesive Usages
Straight Line Postmarks



24 February 1815 Digby to St. Johns, New Brunswick
manuscript 9d due for carriage to St. Johns
28 March 1815 **forwarded** to United States by W. Chapman with notation on verso



20 January 1823 Annapolis, via Halifax, to Lunenburg
manuscript "1/4" total due

Pre Adhesive Usages

1824 Style Postmarks: Antigonish / Arichat



12 January 1825 Antigonish to Halifax
Post Office Antigonish double circle origin postmark
1/10 rate plus 1p local delivery for 1/11 total due



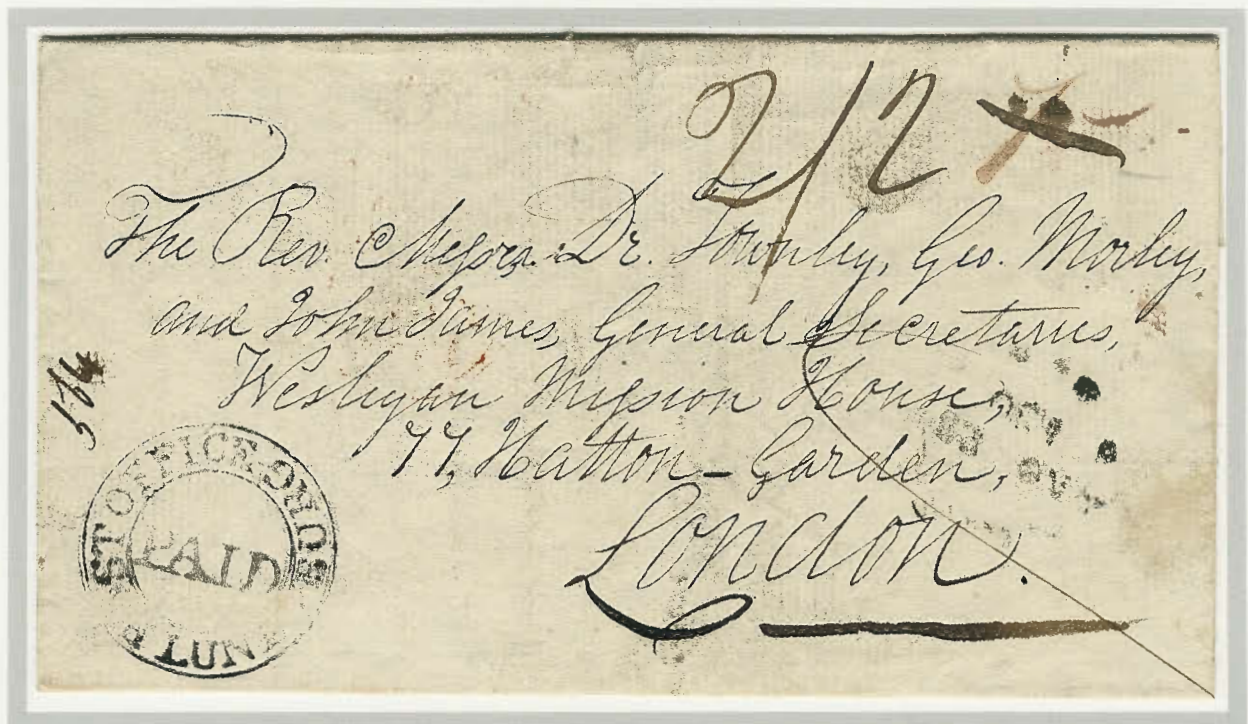
21 April 1827 Arichat to Shelbourne
Post Office Arichat double circle origin postmark
20 April 1827 Halifax transit, 1/3 plus 1/1½ rate for 2/4½ total due

Pre Adhesive Usages

1824 Style Postmarks: Digby / Lunenburg



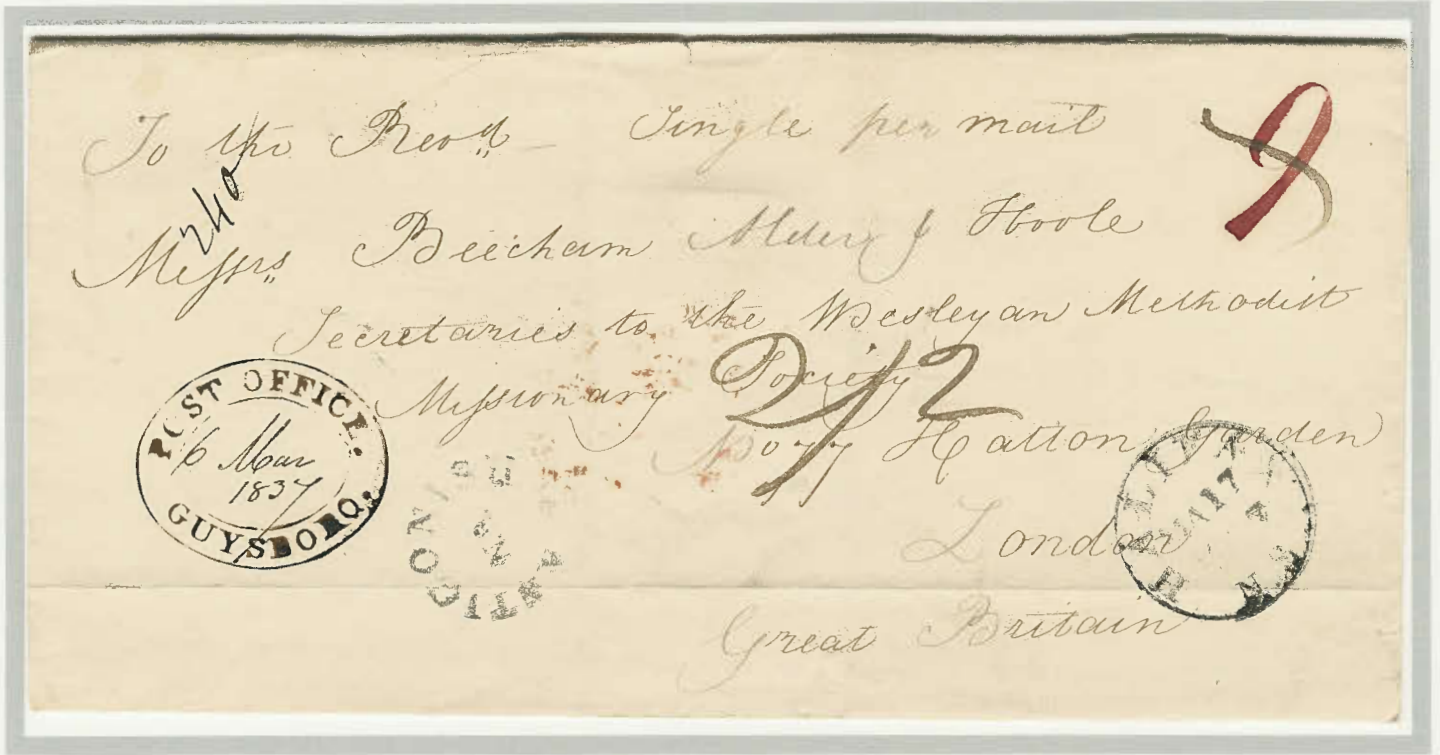
8 October 1827 Digby to Halifax
Post Office Digby double circle origin postmark
OHMS endorsement, free carriage to Halifax plus 1d local delivery



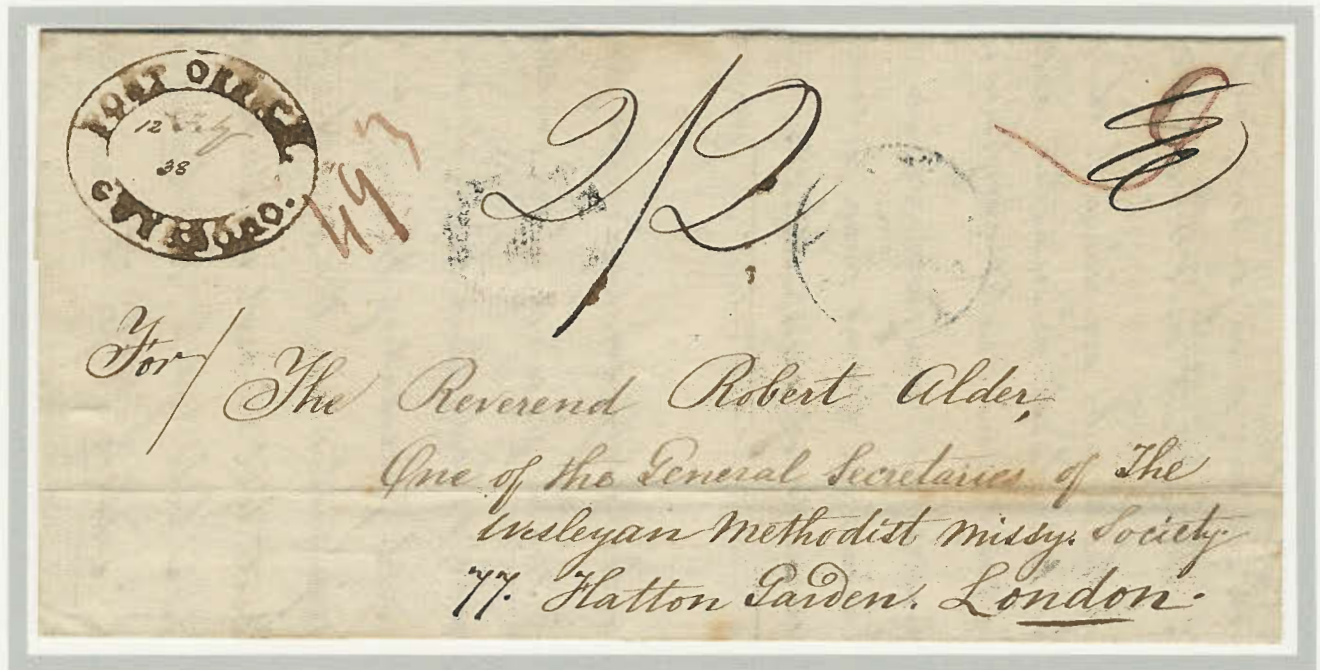
23 October 1831 Lunenburg, via Halifax, to England
Post Office **Paid** Lunenburg double circle origin postmark
manuscript "2/2" due at London

Pre Adhesive Usages

1824 Way Office Style Postmarks: Guysboro



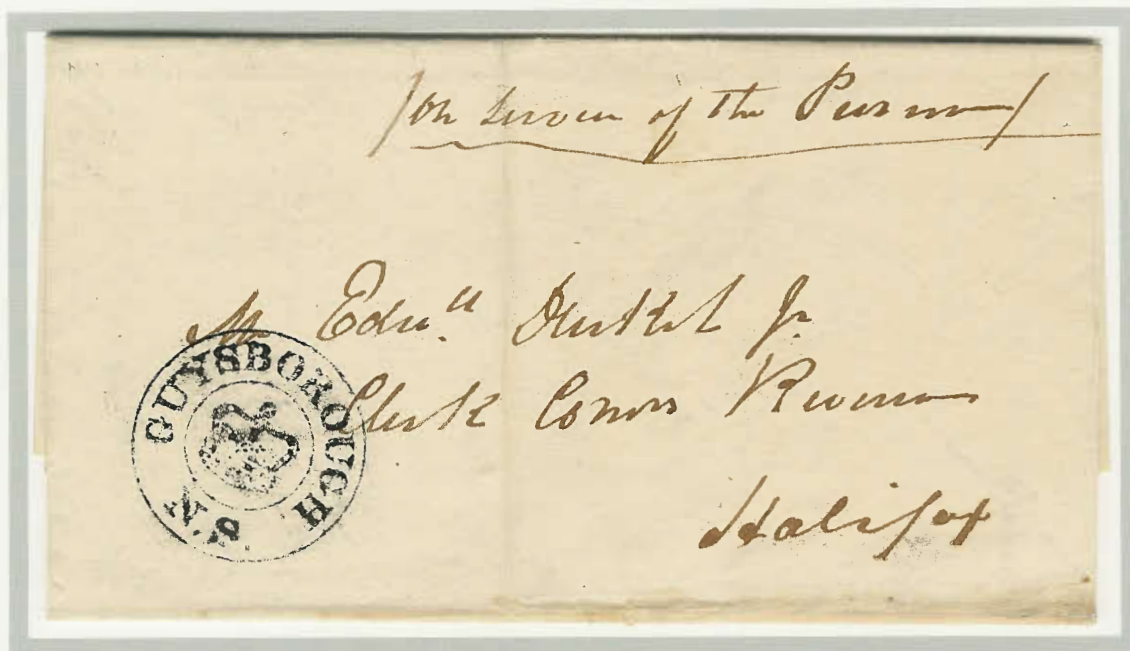
6 March 1837 Guysboro to England
Guysboro Post office double oval, Antigonish and Halifax transits
9p rate corrected to 2/2 due, London arrival



12 February 1838 Guysboro to England
Guysboro Post office double oval, Halifax transit
9p rate corrected to 2/2 due, London arrival

Pre Adhesive Usages

1841 Style Crown Postmarks: Guysborough



19 September 1841 Guysborough to Halifax

Guysborough N.S. double circle crown origin postmark, On Service Of The Purser free mail



1842 Guysborough to Halifax

Guysborough N.S. double circle crown origin postmark, On Service free mail

Pre Adhesive Usages

1841 Style Postmark, Crown Removed: New Glasgow



7 April 1842 New Glasgow to Halifax
New Glasgow N.S. double circle origin postmark
free mail on Provincial service

Pre Adhesive Usages

1845 Style Crown Paid Handstamp: St. Margarets Bay



14 November 1856 St. Margarets Bay to Bridgewater
St. Margarets Bay N.S. paid crown handstamp, origin backstamp and 3p rate

Fewer Than Five Reported Examples

Pre Adhesive Usages

1845 Style Crown Paid Handstamp: Amherst



4 August 1849 Amherst to United States

Amherst N.S. paid crown handstamp, origin backstamp and 11½p rate

St. Johns, New Brunswick and Robbinston, Maine transits



Amherst to Halifax

Amherst N.S. paid crown handstamp, origin backstamp and 3p rate

Pre Adhesive Usages

Ship Letter Handstamp: Sydney C.B. / Annapolis



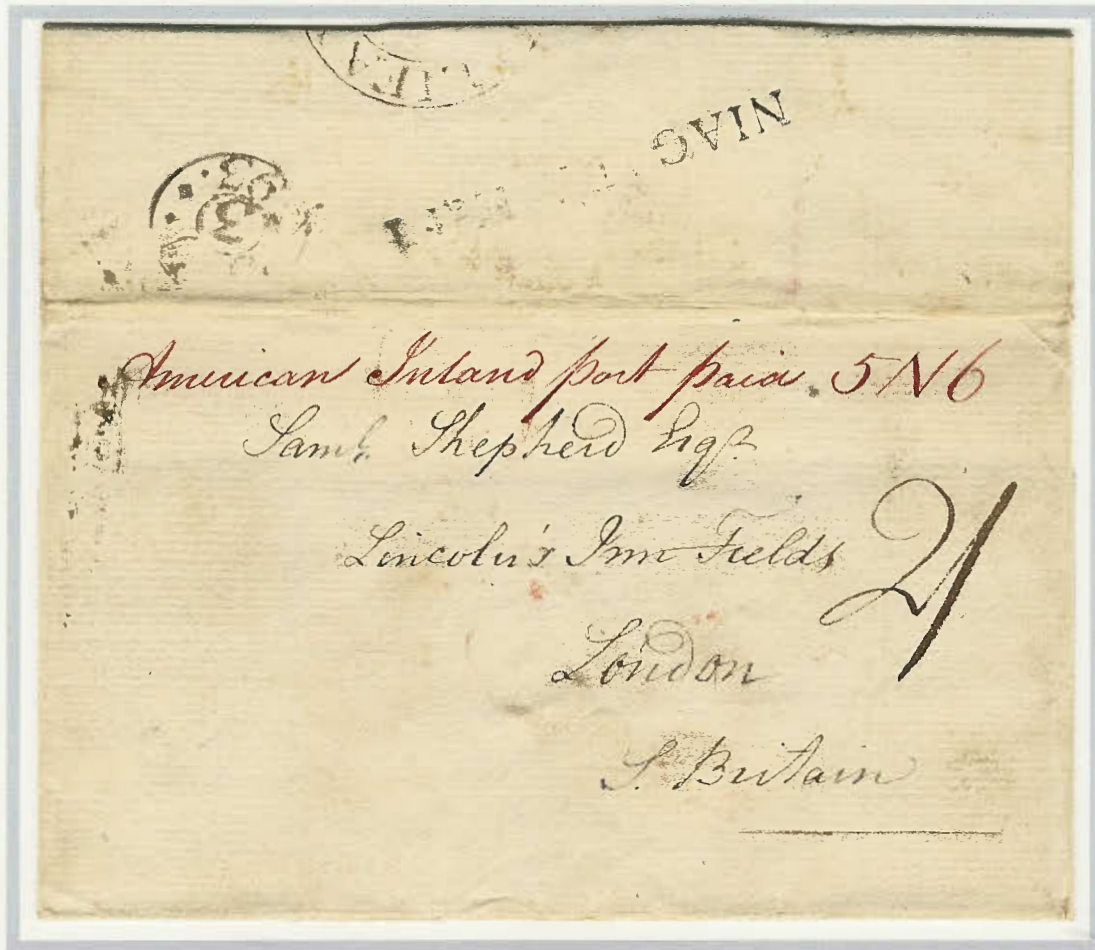
16 April 1849 St. Pierre de Miquelon, via Sydney Cape Breton, to France
Sydney C.B. Ship Letter handstamp and date stamp on verso
Halifax transit, French entry, Colonies & Art handstamp and "17" decimes due



24 October 1850 St. John, New Brunswick to Digby
Annapolis Ship Letter handstamp, date stamp on verso, manuscript 9d rate

Halifax

1793 Transit



1 March 1793 Niagara On The Lake, Canada to England

“American Inland Post Paid” endorsement

“5N6” rate (5 shillings, 6 pence) double 2s9d rate for 1201 to 1300 miles

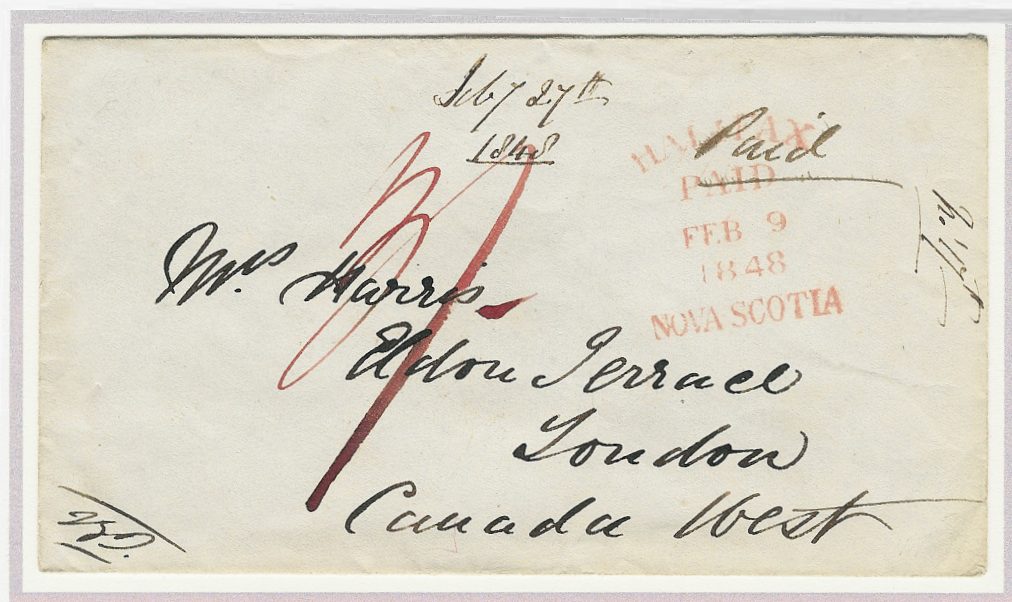
Halifax, Nova Scotia transit backstamp, manuscript “2/-” due packet rate

The Only Reported Example From Niagara Showing This Endorsement

The endorsement on this letter indicates that inland postage, as opposed to packet postage, had been prepaid. The “American” refers to North American (Canadian) postage rather than the United States postage in this usage.

Halifax

1848 Tombstone Paid To Canada West

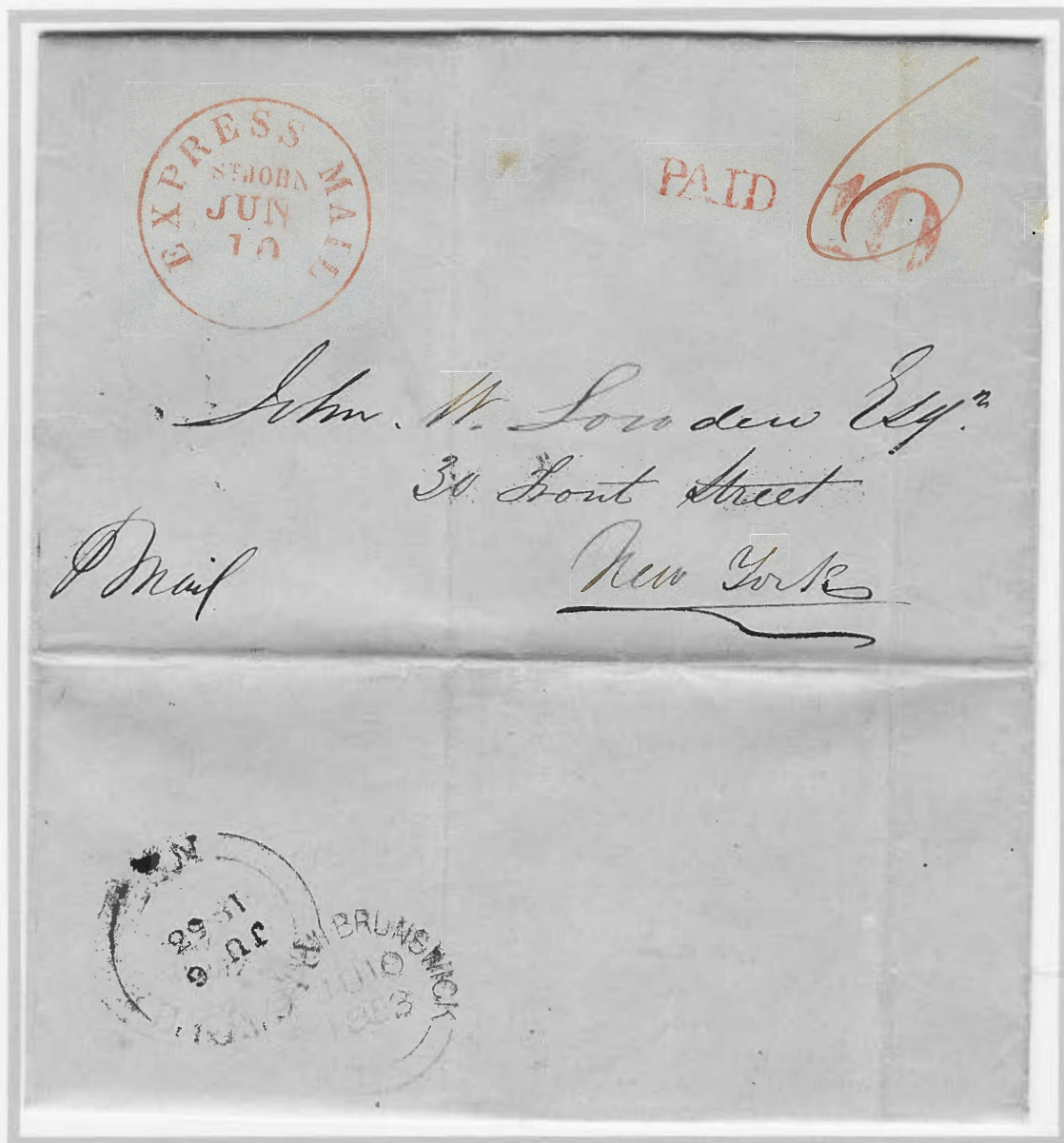


9 February 1848 Halifax to London, Canada West
paid 3/- double rate, early usage of a cover rather than folded letter sheet
19 February 1848 transit backstamp
27 February 1848 London arrival backstamp

The mail transit time in the Winter months was about twice what it was during the Summer.

Pictou

1853 Express Mail Route To New York



6 June 1853 Pictou, via New Brunswick, to New York
Pictou "Paid" handstamp and manuscript 6d land rate
10 June 1853 Saint John, New Brunswick transit backstamp
red **Express Mail St John** United States route agent postmark and "10" rate handstamp

The Only Reported "Express Mail" Usage From Nova Scotia

Letter given to United States route agent at New Brunswick and carried by water from New Brunswick to Boston on steamer Admiral.

Nova Scotia Pence Issues Of 1851 - 1860

The 1851 issue stamps of Nova Scotia, although printed in several separate printings, were sent to Nova Scotia in only three shipments. The first and second shipments both occurred in the fall of 1851. The last shipment took place in July, 1857. Although some catalogs list several distinct shades, this exhibitor believes that only the two distinct shades of each value, representing the 1851 shipments and the 1857 shipment, deserve recognition. In 1853 a one penny value was added to the set. This stamp exists in only one shade from a single shipment made in April, 1853.

The bisecting of the three and six pence stamps was first authorized by Postmaster General Woodgate in October, 1854 specifically to make up the 7 1/2 pence rate to Great Britain. Other bisects were accepted but not authorized. On January 1, 1860 Nova Scotia switched to a decimal currency and the pence issue was replaced.

Unused Examples



1851 printing
3p dark blue



1857 printing
3p blue



1851 printing
6p yellow green



1857 printing
6p dark green



1851 printing
1sh cold violet



1857 printing
1sh purple



1853 printing
1p reddish brown

Pence Issues

Unused Varities And Multiples

This re-entry is the most prominent variety to be found on any of the pence issues.



1p re-entry at top
(position 49)



1s purple showing
portion of **watermark**

Watermark consists of "T.H. Saunders" twice on each complete sheet of 160 subjects.

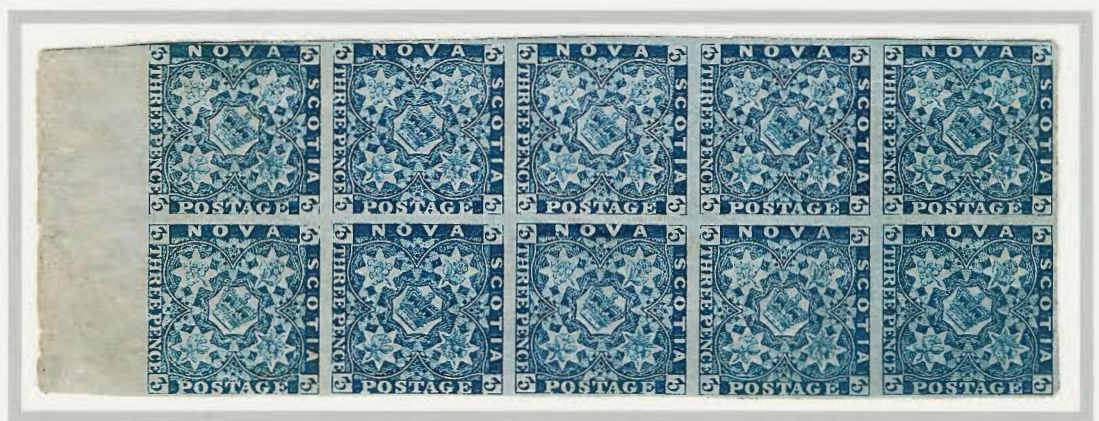


1853 printing
1p red brown



1857 printing
3p blue

1857 printing
3p blue



Pence Issues

Essays



die essays with uncleared corners

Six Or Fewer Reported Examples Of Each

Proofs



1s black plate proof on card



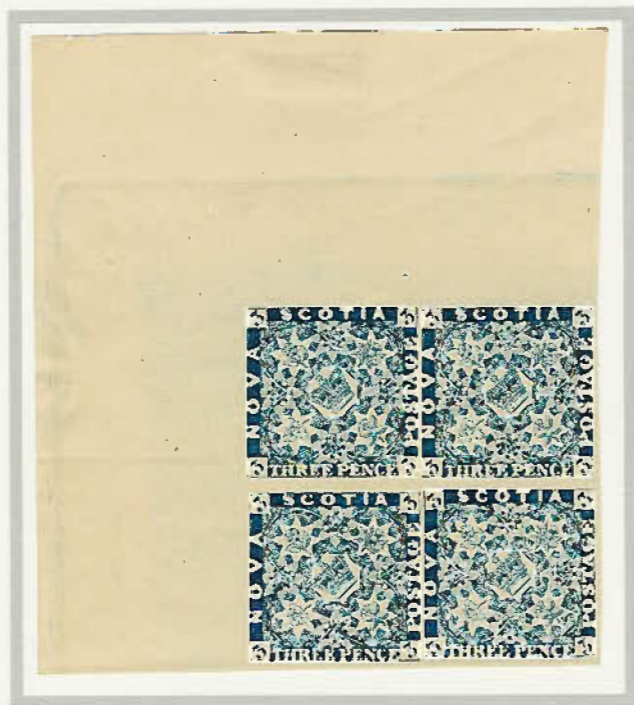
1s black plate proof on card



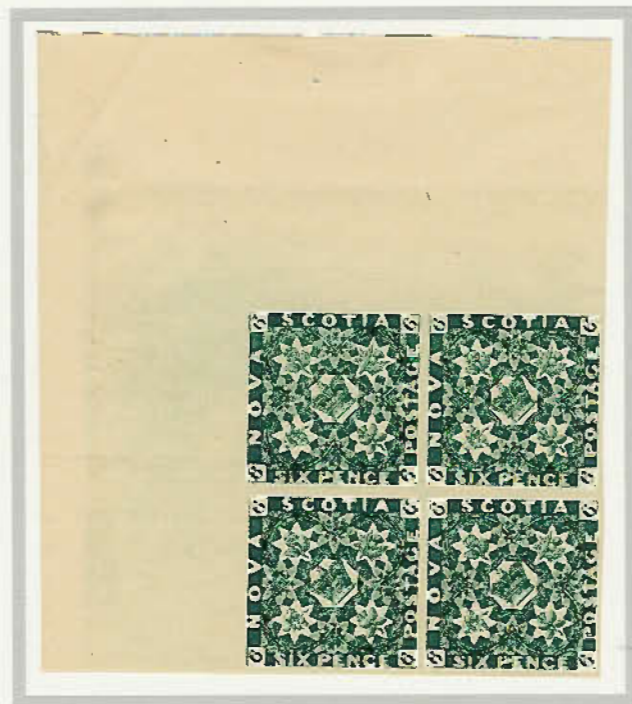
1p black plate proof on card

Pence Issues

Reprints



3p in blue



6p in dark green



1s in gray black



1p in brown

In 1890 reprints were pulled on the authority of Mr. Haggert, the Postmaster General of Canada. The original plates were used. It is believed that five sheets of each value was printed. The paper is thin and hard and the colors used differ from original colors

**Three Pence
Used Examples**

1851 Printing - Dark Blue



red "10" cancel

"3" cancel



1857 Printing - Blue



The A series cancels, numbered from A91 to A98, were used on Atlantic Mails Boats from June, 1859.



"A91" cancel

"A94" cancel

"A95" cancel

There were three shipments of the three pence stamps sent to Nova Scotia. The first and second shipments (1851) consisted of stamps in the dark deep blue shade (termed dark blue for purposes of this exhibit) and the third shipment (1857) contained stamps in the blue shade. Complete sheets consisted of 160 subjects.

**Six Pence
Used Examples**

1851 Printing - Yellow Green



"A97" cancel



1857 Printing - Dark Green



"A91" cancel

"A98" cancel



There were two shipments of the six pence stamps sent to Nova Scotia. The first shipments (1851) consisted of stamps in the yellow green shade and the second shipment (1857) contained stamps in the dark green shade. The stamps were printed in complete sheet of 160 subjects.

Three Pence Blue (1857 Printing)

Internal Usage / Interprovincial Usage / Usage To United States

7 December 1858
Baddeck to Mabou



1 December 1859 Amherst
registered to Moncton,
New Brunswick
6p registry fee plus 3p rate
paid with strip

**Three Reported Covers
Bearing Strips Of 3p**

13 February 1858
Halifax **double rate** to
United States
double 5p packet rate
paid in combination
with 6p yellow green
and 1p



Three Pence Blue (1857 Printing)

Usages To The United States



25 June 1858 Windsor to Woodstock, New Jersey, United States

6p land rate paid with pair 3p blue

sent via St. Johns, Newfoundland with transit postmark and "Paid 10" exchange handstamp



6 April 1860 Halifax to Batavia, New York, United States

prepaid 12c land rate with pair 3p blue

sent by steamer as overpaid 10c packet rate with 5c due applied at Boston

The "Cents" decimal rates went into effect on April 1, 1860

Three Pence Blue (1857 Printing)

Bisects Paying Private Ship Fee / Bisect Usage To Canada



August 1860 Halifax to Sydney, Cape Breton by private ship *Merlin*
private ship fee rate of 3c due at Halifax and Cape Breton
total of 6c paid with **two diagonal bisects** of 3 pence blue
Three Reported Examples Of Two Bisects Used Together



1858 Halifax to Montreal, Canada
7 ½p rate paid with bisect and single 6p dark green

The Only Reported Combination With Six Pence Dark Green To Canada

Three Pence Blue (1857 Printing)
Bisect Usages To Scotland / To England



16 November 1857 Maitland Cohants to Glasgow, Scotland
7 ½p rate paid with pair and attached bisect of 3p blue



20 October 1859 Halifax to Leicester, England
7 ½p rate paid with bisect of 3p blue and single 6p dark green

Six Pence Yellow Green (1851 Printing)

Internal Usages

28 April 1857
Look Island
double rate
to Asspee Bay



5 April 1856
Aylesford **registered**
to Halifax
6p registry fee plus
3p rate paid in
combination with
3p dark blue

15 April 1858 Kentville
double rate registered
to Halifax
6p registry fee plus double
3p rate postage paid with
two singles



Six Pence Yellow Green (1851 Printing)

Usages To United States / Via United States To Canada

25 October 1851 Halifax to
New York
6p land route rate

Early Usage
Three Reported Used In 1851



9 April 1857 Halifax
quadruple 5p packet
rate to United States
paid in combination
with pair 1p and
single 1s purple
**Only Reported
Example
Of Franking**

13 October 1853 Halifax
via United States
to Montreal, Canada
St. John Express Mail
Portland, Maine transit

**Fewer Than Five Reported
Examples Used On This
Route**



Six Pence Yellow Green (1851 Printing)
Usage To England / Usage To New Brunswick



7 October 1856 Wallace **double rate** to London, England
double 7 ½p rate paid with two copies in combination with 3p blue

Fewer Than Five Reported Examples Showing This Rate



26 April 1858 Annapolis **double rate registered** to St. Johns, New Brunswick
6p registry fee plus double 3p interprovincial rate paid with two copies

Fewer Than Five Reported Examples Of Registered Usage To New Brunswick

Six Pence Yellow Green (1851 Printing)

Bisect Usages / Quadrisect Usage

18 August 1860

Annapolis to

Bridgetown

bisect paying 6c rate



Aylesford registered
to Halifax
6p registry fee plus
3p rate paid with
single and attached
bisect of 6p



19 October 1860 Bridgetown local usage, 2c rate paid with quadrisect

The Only Reported Example Of Six Pence Quadrisect

Six Pence Dark Green (1857 Printing)

Earliest Reported Usage / Usage To Sardinia / Combination With One Shilling

28 July 1858 Lower
Horton to Toronto,
Canada

**The Earliest
Reported Usage Of
Six Pence Dark Green**



23 February 1860 Halifax to
Nizza, Sardinia
20c rate paid with single 1p, 3p
blue and 6p
**The Only Reported Pence
Issue Cover To Sardinia**

18 December 1859
Halifax to Bridgetown
eleven times rate
paid in combination
with two copies
1 shilling purple and
single 3p blue



Six Pence Dark Green (1857 Printing)

Bisects Usages



1 April 1860 Whycocomagh C.B. to Baddeck, C.B.
6c rate paid with bisect

First Day Of Cents Rates



7 March 1860 Kentville to Bridgetown
6c rate paid with bisect

One Shilling Cold Violet (1851 Issue)

Usage To Scotland / Usage To India



22 January 1852 Halifax to Glasgow, Scotland

1 sh 3p rate paid with 1 shilling cold violet and 3 pence dark blue

The Earliest Reported Usage Of One Shilling



21 May 1853 Sydney to Madras, India, mourning cover

2 sh 6p rate paid with pair 1 shilling cold violet and single 6 pence yellow green

The Latest Of Five Reported Pairs Used To India

One Shilling Cold Violet (1851 Printing)

Used To Ireland / Internal Usage



9 June 1854 Halifax to Baltinglass, Ireland

1 sh 3p rate paid with 1 shilling cold violet and 3 pence dark blue

19 June 1854 Liverpool Paid transit

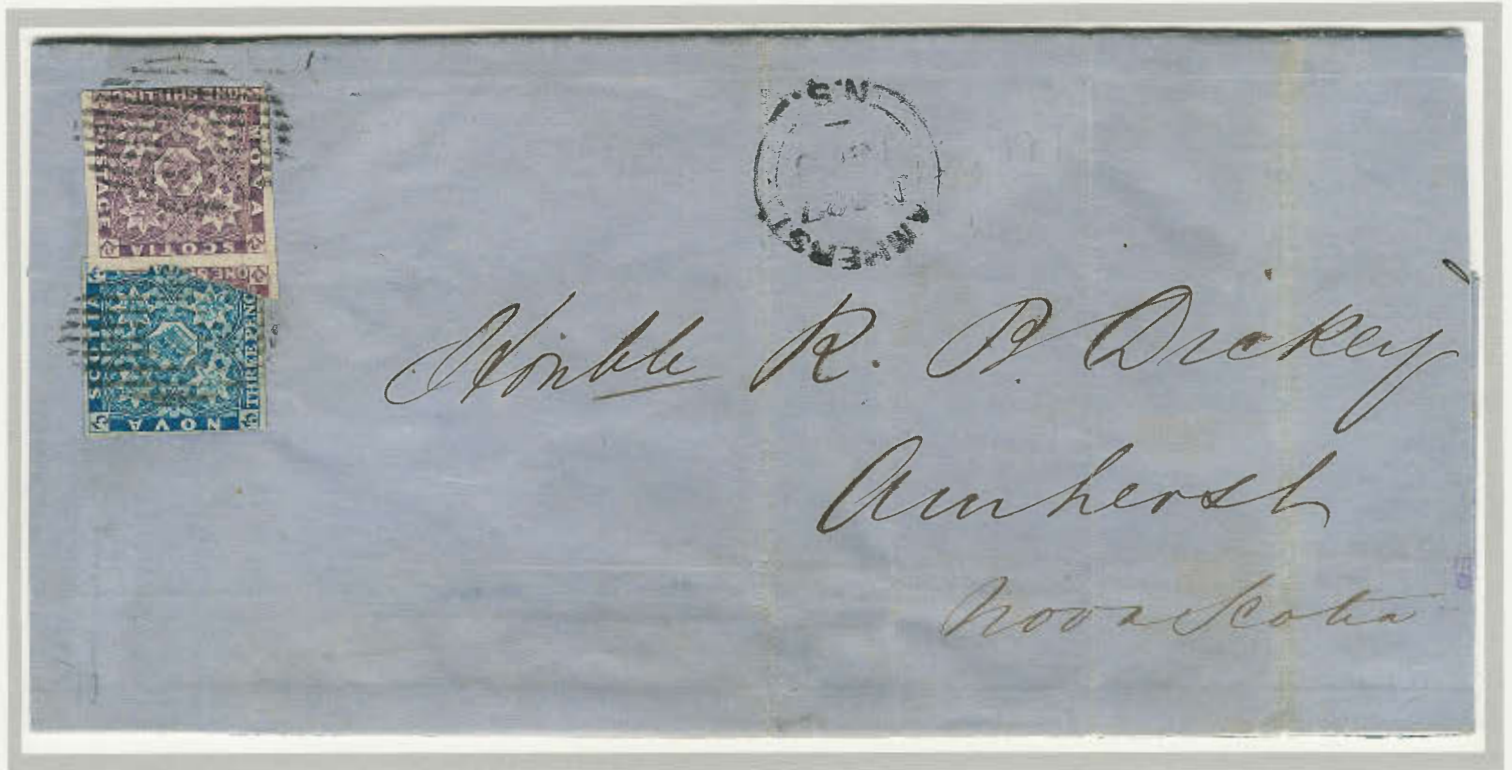


13 December 1853 Guysborough to Halifax

quadruple domestic 3p rate paid with 1 shilling cold violet

One Shilling Purple (1857 Issue)

Latest Usage / Bisect Used To The United States



26 November 1860 Halifax **registered** to Amherst

12c (6p) registry free plus triple rate postage paid in combination with 3p blue

Latest Reported Usage Of A One Shilling Stamp (used after pence stamps removed from sale)



4 September 1860 Canning to Waterville, Maine, United States

12c (6p) rate paid with bisect 1 shilling purple

The Only Reported One Shilling Bisect Usage To The United States

One Shilling Purple (1857 Issue)

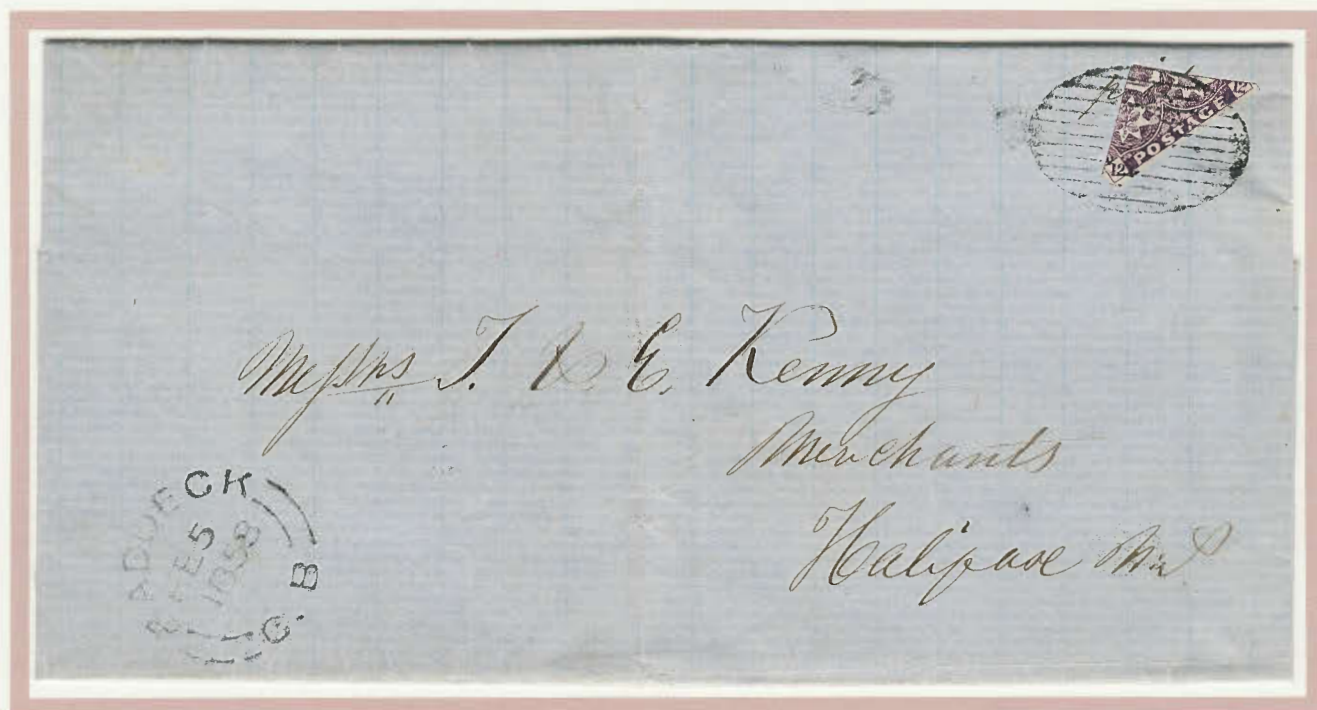
Bisect Used To England / Quadrisect Internal Usage



6 April 1858 Halifax to Liverpool, England

7 ½p rate paid with bisect 1 shilling purple and bisect 3p blue

Two Reported Examples Of This Usage



5 February 1858 Baddeck to Halifax

3p rate paid with one quarter 1 shilling purple

The Only Reported Usage Of One Shilling Quadrisect

One Penny (1853)

Circular Rate / Service Rate / Internal Usage

7 April 1858 Pictou to
Kentville, 1p circular rate
**Fewer Than Ten Reported
Circular Rate Usages**



29 July 1858 Pictou to England
1p rate to military address
**Fewer Than Five Reported
Examples Of Service Rate Usage**



30 May 1857 Halifax double rate to Pictou
two horizontal strips, one strip repaired margin
The Only Reported Example Of This Franking

One Penny (1853)

Earliest Reported Usage / Usage To Newfoundland



24 May 1853 Halifax **quadruple rate** to Boston, United States
quadruple 5p packet rate paid with pairs 1 penny, 6 pence yellow green and 3 pence dark blue
Earliest Reported Usage Of One Penny, Only Reported Example Of Franking



20 September 1859 Pugwash to Harbor Grace, Newfoundland
8p rate (3p internal plus 5p packet from Halifax) paid with pair 1 penny and single 6 pence dark green
Two Reported Combination Covers To Newfoundland

One Penny

Used To The United States



2 November 185(7) Halifax to New York, United States
5p packet rate paid with horizontal pair 1 penny and single 3 pence dark blue



18 November 1857 Halifax to New York, United States
5p packet rate paid with horizontal pair 1 penny and single 3 pence blue

One Penny

Used To The United States



18 December 1854 Wolfville to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States

8p rate (3p internal plus 5p packet) paid with horizontal pair 1 penny and single 6 pence yellow green



January 1860 to Boston, Massachusetts, United States

8p rate (3p internal plus 5p packet) paid with two copies 1 penny and single 6 pence dark green

One Penny (1853)

Bisects Used To Great Britain



29 April 1857 Dorchester to London, England

7 ½p rate paid by single and attached bisect of 1 penny plus 6 pence yellow green

4 June 1857 London arrival



1858 front to Peebles, Scotland

7 ½p rate paid by single and bisect of 1 penny plus two copies 3 pence blue

7 December 1858 London transit

Two Of The Four Reported Examples Of One Penny Bisect

Nova Scotia Cents Issue Of 1860 - 1863

The pence issue stamps of Nova Scotia were replaced by an issuance of stamps denominated in cents in 1860 following the adoption of decimal currency in January.

Five different "cents" denominations were issued in October, 1860. An additional two cents value was added in May, 1863 to accommodate the new postal rate for letters within the same county. All of the stamps were engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Company of New York.

There were two printings of the two cents, eight and one half cents, ten cents and twelve and one half cents values. Three printings were needed for the one cent and five printings for the five cents value.

Although the issue has some very minor production varieties, the only major variety occurs on the one cent. It exists imperforate vertically. It is believed the five or six sheets were produced. Toned paper variations are reported existing in the same sheet with normal paper on some values.

This issue was gradually replaced by the stamps of Canada after Nova Scotia became part of the Confederation on July 1, 1867. In February, 1895 remainders of unused Nova Scotia stamps were sold by the government. There were no five cents stamps included.

Unused Examples



1 cent



2 cents



5 cents



5 cents
toned paper



8 ½ cents



10 cents



12 ½ cents

1860 - 1863 Issue

Unused Blocks



1 cent



2 cents



5 cents
(this value not remainderd)



8 1/2 cents



10 cents



12 1/2 cents

One Cent Unused Varieties



imperforate vertically
block of fifteen

Constant Plate Varieties



plate flaw at
bottom right



hairline plate crack
between stamps

The imperforate vertically error is the only significant error on this issue of the stamps. It exists from an estimated six sheets. Other reported varieties are all minor plate flaws.

**One Cent
Essays And Proofs**



die essay, background cross hatched
American Bank Note Company (Die) 95 imprint



posthumous die proof

Plate Proofs On India



blocks show marginal imprints

One Cent Specimen Overprints



magenta Specimen overprint in serified letters



thick and thin Specimen overprint in sans-serif letters



black and magenta thick Specimen overprints in sans-serif letters

The thick Specimen overprint in sans-serif letters exists on the same sheet as the thin overprint. The thick overprints come from horizontal rows 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10.

One Cent
1868 Trade Sample Sheet



sheet in red on bond paper

Salesman's sheet from special American Bank Note Company plate showing samples of their work. Two Nova Scotia designs are included, the eight and one-half cents and the one cent.

One Cent
1868 Trade Sample Sheet



sheet in green on heavy card

Salesman's sheet from special American Bank Note Company plate showing samples of their work. Two Nova Scotia designs are included, the eight and one-half cents and the one cent.

**Two Cents
Die Proof**



die proof
American Bank Note Company (Die) 412 imprint

Plate Proofs On India



issued color



top imprint block in unissued color

**Five Cents
Die Proof**



die proof

American Bank Note Company (Die) 95B imprint

Plate Proofs On India



unissued colors



issued color



unissued colors

Specimen Overprints



magenta Specimen overprint in serified letters



gold, thick and thin Specimen overprint in sans-serif letters

**Eight & One Half Cents
Die Proof**



die proof

American Bank Note Company (Die) 121 imprint

Plate Proofs On India



block in unissued color



issued color



block in unissued color

Specimen Overprints



thick (top row) and thin (bottom row) Specimen sans-serif overprints



magenta Specimen overprint in serified letters



thin (top row) and thick (bottom row) Specimen sans-serif overprints

**Ten Cents
Proofs On India**



issued color



unissued color

Specimen Overprints



magenta Specimen overprint in serified letters



gold and faint gold, thin Specimen overprint
in sans-serif letters



thick and thin Specimen overprints
in sans-serif letters

Twelve & One Half Cents Die Proof



die proof

American Bank Note Company (Die) 94 imprint

Plate Proofs On India



issued color



block in unissued color

Specimen Overprints



Specimen overprints in serified letters



thin Specimen overprints in sans-serif letters



**One Cent
Domestic Usages**

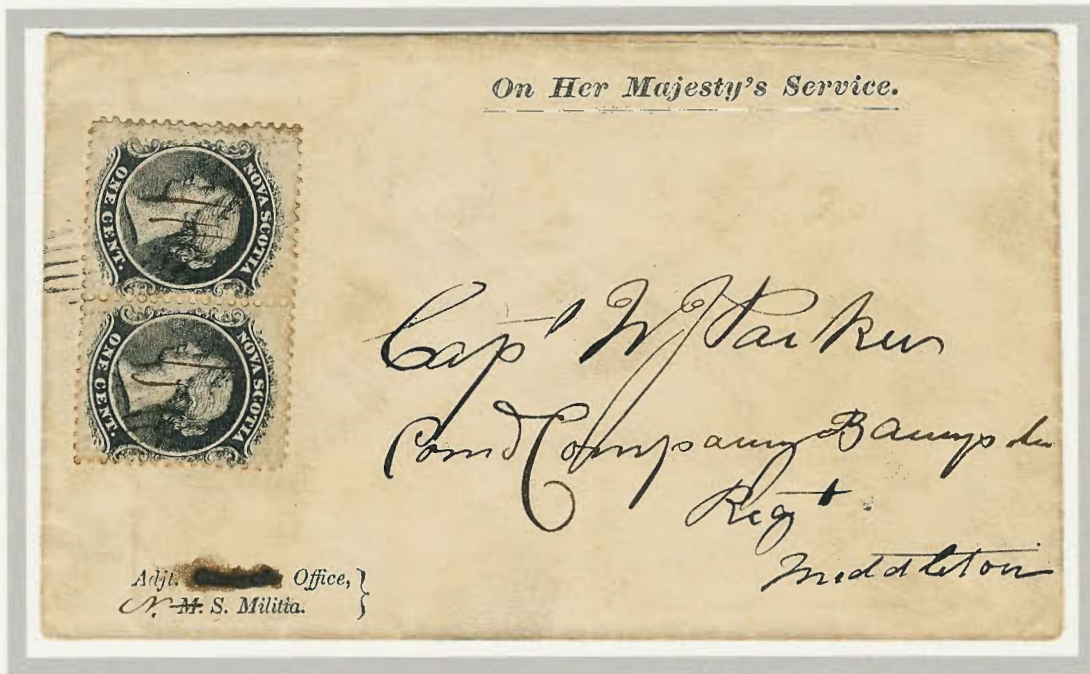


3 March 1865 Halifax to Inverness
1c circular and printed matter rate prepaid



8 January 1864 Halifax to Amherst
More-To-Pay handstamp and "4" (cents) due handstamp
because this was sealed, it was subject to 5c letter rate

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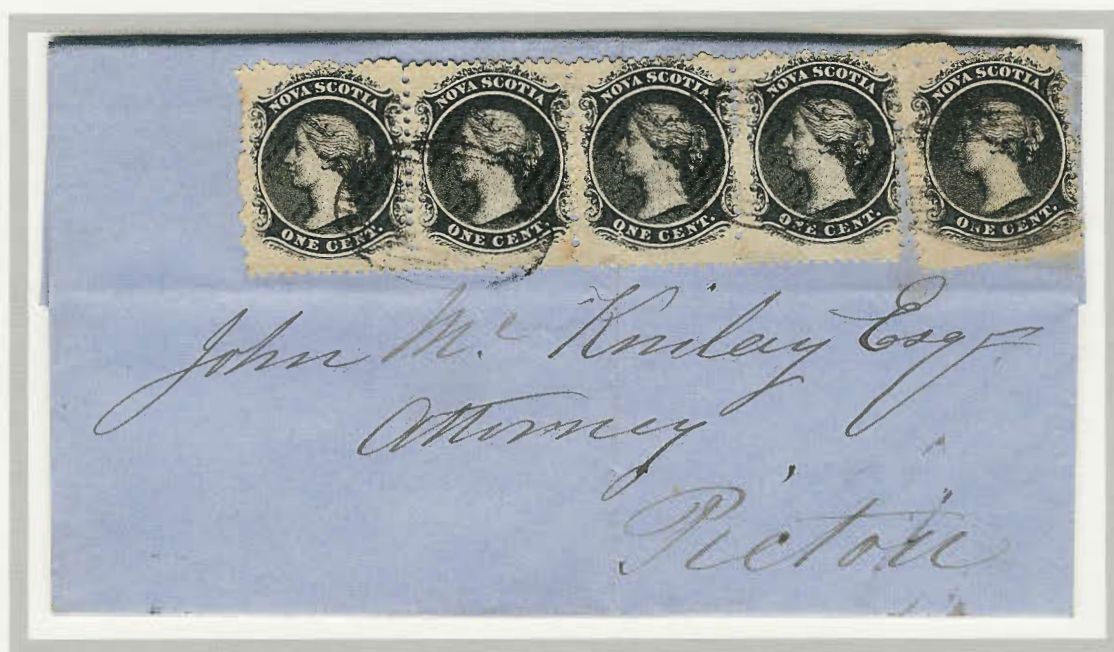


May 1861 Wilmot to Middletown
2c soldier's letter rate prepaid with pair 1c



21 March 1865 Lawrencetown to Bridgetown
2c county rate prepaid with two copies 1c showing part imprint

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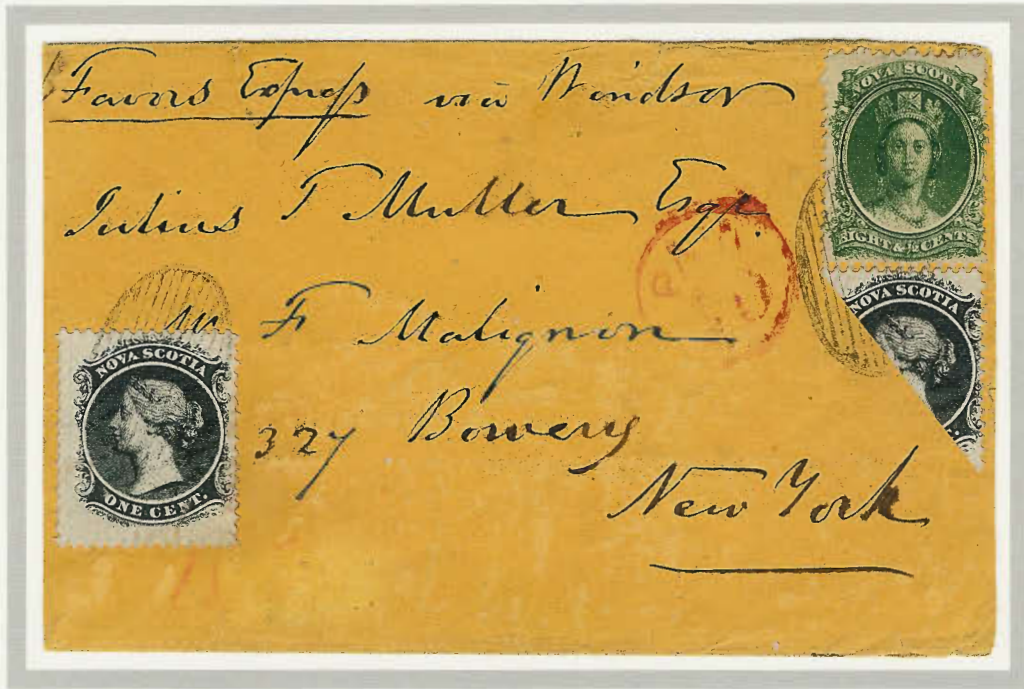


1 January 1861 Halifax to Pictou
5c rate paid with strip of four and single 1c, an early usage

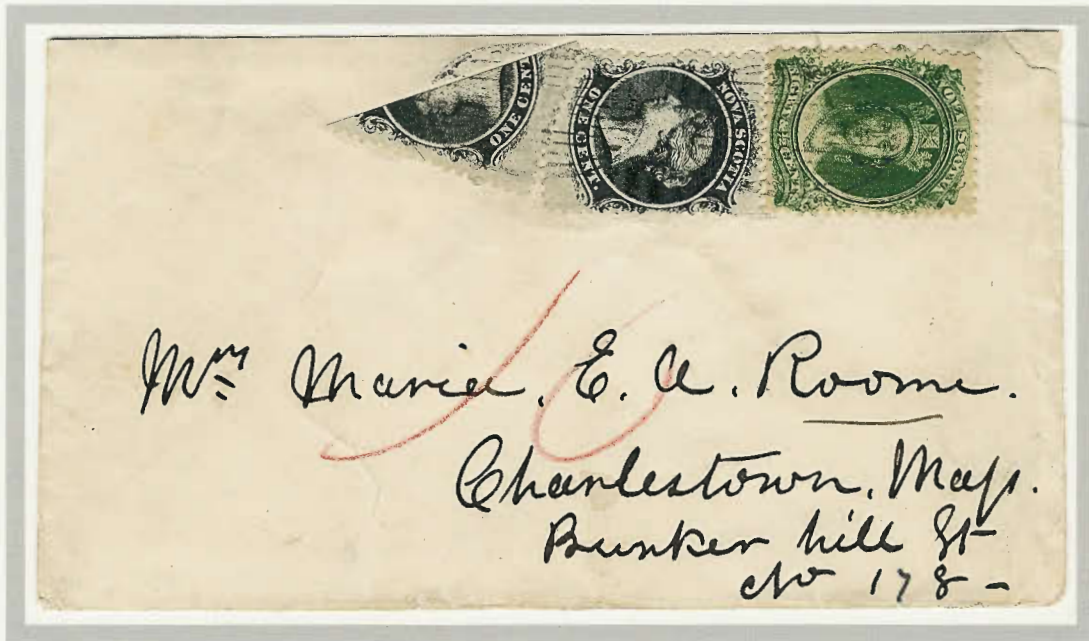


4 July 1861 Halifax to Ragged Islands
5c rate prepaid with strip of five 1c

One Cent
Bisect Usages



5 December 1861 Halifax to United States, endorsed "Favors Express via Windsor"
10c rate repaid with 8 ½c plus single and bisected 1c



9 April 1864 Halifax to United States
10c rate repaid with 8 ½c plus single and bisected 1c

**Cents Issue
Mailboat Cancels**

A91 Cancels - Cunarder S.S. Canada



A92 Cancels - Cunarder S.S. Asia



A93 Cancels - Cunarder S.S. Java



A94 Cancel - Cunarder S.S. China



A95 Cancels - Cunarder S.S. Africa



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**Cents Issue
Mailboat Cancels**

A97 Cancels - Cunarder S.S. Europa



A98 Cancels - Cunarder S.S. Arabia



**United States 1861 Issue Stamps
Halifax Route Mailboat Cancels**

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Two Cents
Domestic Usages



29 May 1866 Bridgetown to Wilmot
2c county rate



21 February 1865 Parsboro to Little Forks
2c county rate

The 2c rate for letters posted and delivered within the same county went into effect on May 11, 1863.

Two Cents
Domestic Usages



24 October 1863 Woodville to Halifax
5c rate prepaid with two copies 2c plus single 1c



25 August 1865 Halifax to Canning
5c rate prepaid with pair 2c plus single 1c

Eight & One Half Cents
Usages On Cover



9 January 1868 Halifax to Paris, France
correct 17c rate prepaid, mis-rated in England with "Paid-Only To England" handstamp

Two Reported Examples Of This Franking To France



1866 Halifax **registered** to Bridgewater
5c rate plus 10c registry fee overpaid ½c with 8 ½c in combination with 2c and 5c

Eight & One Half Cents

Usage On Cover



September 1861 Halifax to Ponce, Puerto Rico

8 1/2c rate prepaid, boxed "S. Thomas" transit

The Only Reported Example Of This Destination With Cents Issue

Eight & One Half Cents

Usages On Cover



July, 1867 Halifax to Great Britain

12 ½c rate prepaid in combination with two copies 2c



24 February 1861 Halifax to United States

8 ½c ocean rate prepaid, Boston transit

Ten Cents
Usages On Cover



30 September 1862 Halifax to United States
10c packet rate prepaid



28 October 1862 Halifax **double rate** to United States
double 10c packet rate prepaid

Ten Cents
Usages On Cover



26 February 1867 Windsor to California, United States
15c rate for distances in the United States over 3,000 miles, prepaid in combination with 5c



27 April 1865 Hants Port **registered** to Cornwalls
5c rate plus 10c registry fee prepaid in combination with 5c

**Ten Cents
Usage On Cover**



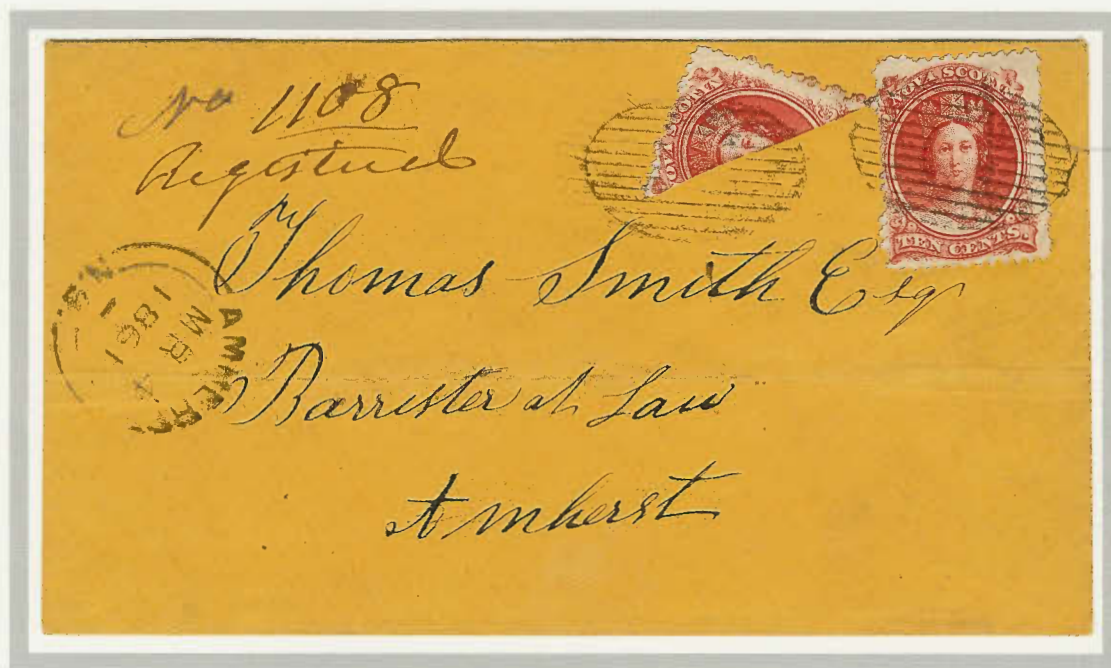
June 1864 Halifax to Calcutta, India
23c rate to India prepaid with 10c pair in combination with 2c and 1c

Three Reported Examples Of Cents Issue Used To India

**Ten Cents
Bisect Usages**



18 December 1860 Wilmot to Bridgetown
5c rate prepaid with 10c bisect



4 March 1861 Wallace **registered** to Amherst
5c rate plus 10c registry fee prepaid with single and bisect 10c

Twelve & One Half Cents

Usages On Cover



26 May 1864 Halifax to Scotland

12½c rate prepaid



August 1867 Halifax to Leghorn, Italy

“Paid-Only To England” handstamp and partially prepaid with 12½c
manuscript “20” due on arrival

Twelve & One Half Cents

Usages On Cover



February 1864 Halifax to Ceylon
23c rate overpaid with two singles of 12½c

Two Reported Examples Of Cents Issue Used To Ceylon



January 1863 Halifax double rate to England
double 12½c rate prepaid with pair

Twelve & One Half Cents
Usages On Cover



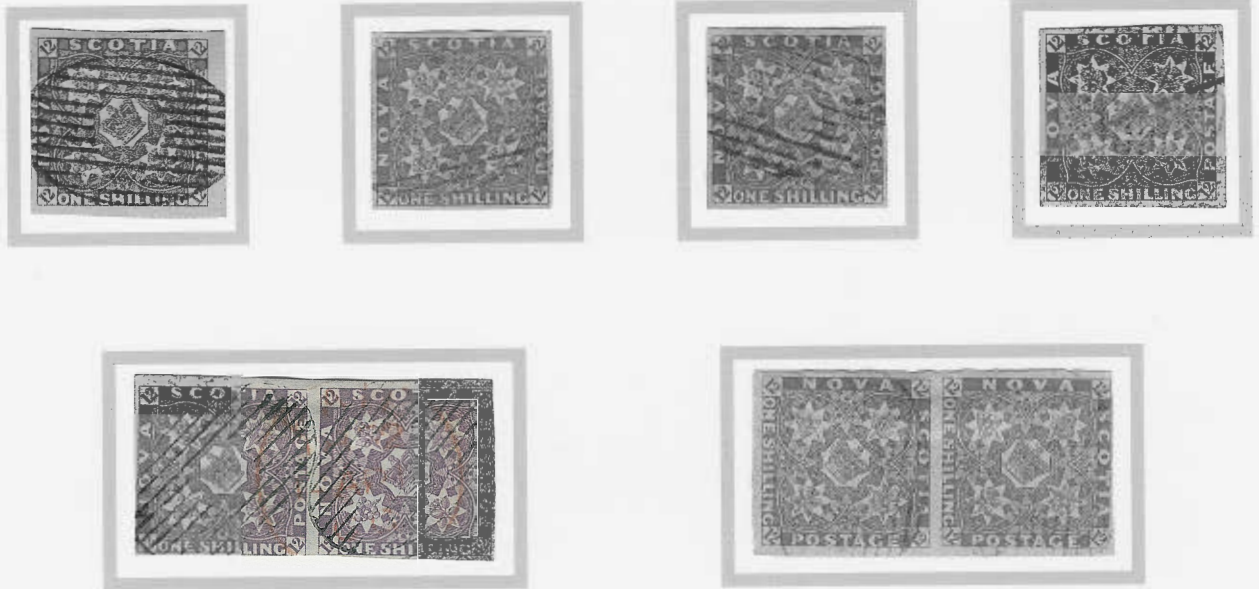
August 1867 North West Arm C.B. to Harbour Grace, Newfoundland
13½c rate prepaid in combination with 1c



20 March 1865 Pugwash to Harbour Grace, Newfoundland
13½c rate prepaid in combination with 1c

**One Shilling
Used Examples**

1851 Printing - Cold Violet



1857 Printing - Purple



showing part of watermark

There were three shipments of the one shilling stamps sent to Nova Scotia. The first and second shipments (1851) consisted of stamps in the cold violet shade and the third shipment (1857) contained stamps in the purple shade. Watermark consists of "T.H. Saunders" twice on each complete sheet of 160 subjects.

**One Penny
Used Examples**

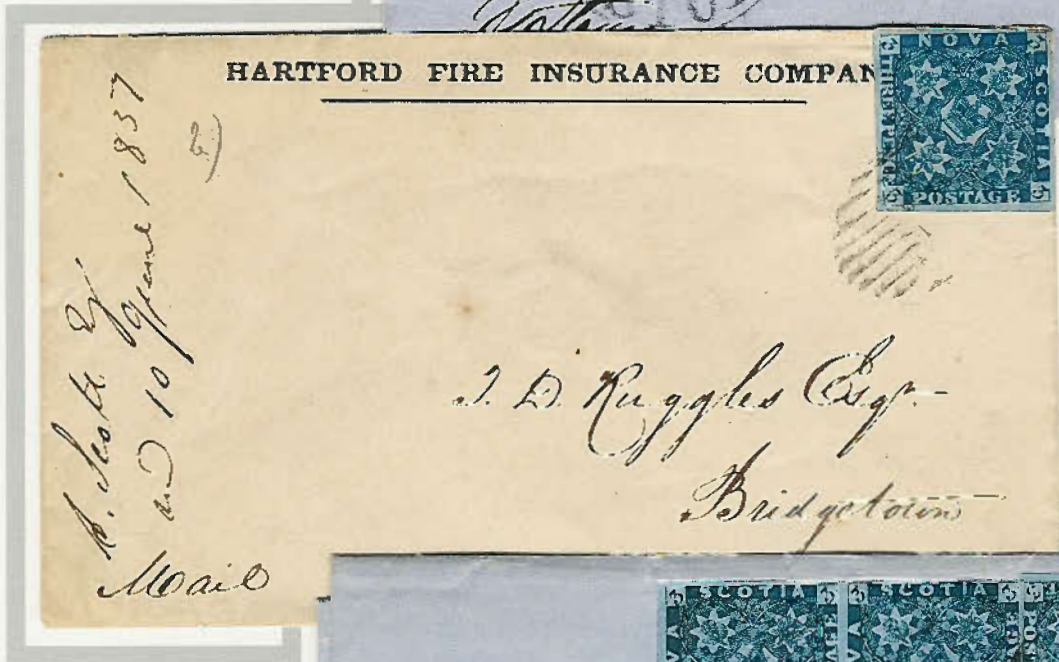


A single shipment of one penny stamps which was made to Nova Scotia in 1853. This shipment consisted of 600,000 stamps in sheets of 120 subjects.

Three Pence Dark Blue (1851 Printing)

Usage To United States / Internal Usages

7 May 1855 Halifax
double 5p packet rate to
United States
paid in combination
with 1p and 6p yellow
green



10 June 1857 Halifax
to Bridgetown

26 June 1856
Kentville to Halifax
double rate
registered (6p
registry fee) paid
with pairs

Three Reported
Covers Bearing
Two Pairs 3p



Three Pence Dark Blue (1851 Printing)

Interprovincial Usages



11 April 1856 Amherst to Salisbury, New Brunswick
3p interprovincial rate paid with 3 pence dark blue
17 April 1856 Salisbury **forwarded** to Hillsborough with 3p due handstamp



19 October 1857 Digby **triple rate** to St. John's, New Brunswick
triple 3p rate paid with 6p yellow green and 3p dark blue

Three Pence Dark Blue (1851 Printing)

Bisect Usages To Canada / To Scotland / To England

29 June 1856

Lawrenceville to
Montreal, Canada
7 ½p rate paid with
bisect of 3p blue and
single 6p yellow green



The Rev?

Dr. George Smith
of Tolbooth Church,
Edinburgh,
Scotland



27 December 1855 Pictou to
Edinburgh, Scotland
7 ½p rate paid with bisect of
3p and single 6p yellow green

18 June Wolfville
to London, England
7 ½p rate paid with
bisect of 3p and
two singles



Six Pence Dark Green (1857 Printing)

Internal Usages



20 April 1859 Baddeck **double rate registered** to Halifax
6p registry fee plus double 3p postage paid with pair

The Only Reported Usage Of Six Pence Dark Green Pair On Cover



6 February 1860 Parrsborough **triple rate** to Amherst
9p rate paid in combination with 3p blue

Six Pence Dark Green (1857 Printing)

Usages To The United States

16 January 1859 Truro
to New Hampshire
6p land route rate



18 April 1859
Pictou to New York
6p land route rate

27 September 1859
Locks Island to Maine
6p land route rate



Two Reported
Examples Of Six Pence
On Advertising Cover

**Two Cents
Bisect Usages**

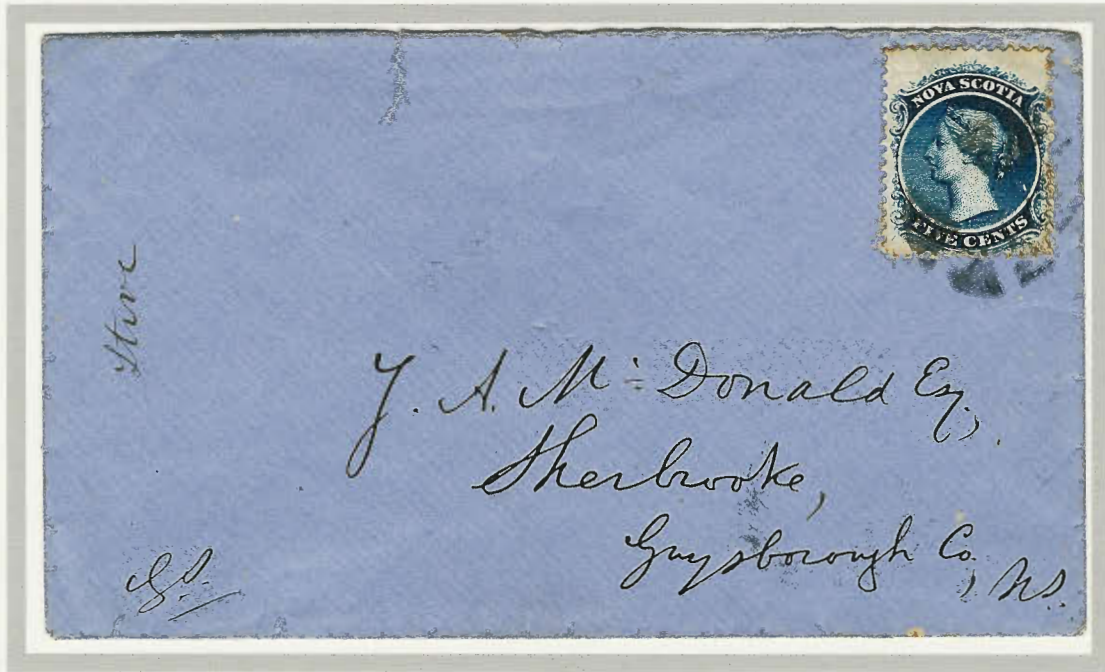


September 1865 Halifax to Wallace
5c rate paid with pair and attached diagonal bisect 2c



21 February 1866 Halifax to Gagetown
5c rate paid with pair and horizontal bisect 1c

Five Cents
Usages On Cover



5 June 1865 Halifax to Sherbrooke

5c rate prepaid, cork cancel used only at Halifax from October, 1864 until June, 1866



2 November 1865 Halifax to United States

10c land rate paid with two copies 5c

Five Cents
Usages On Cover

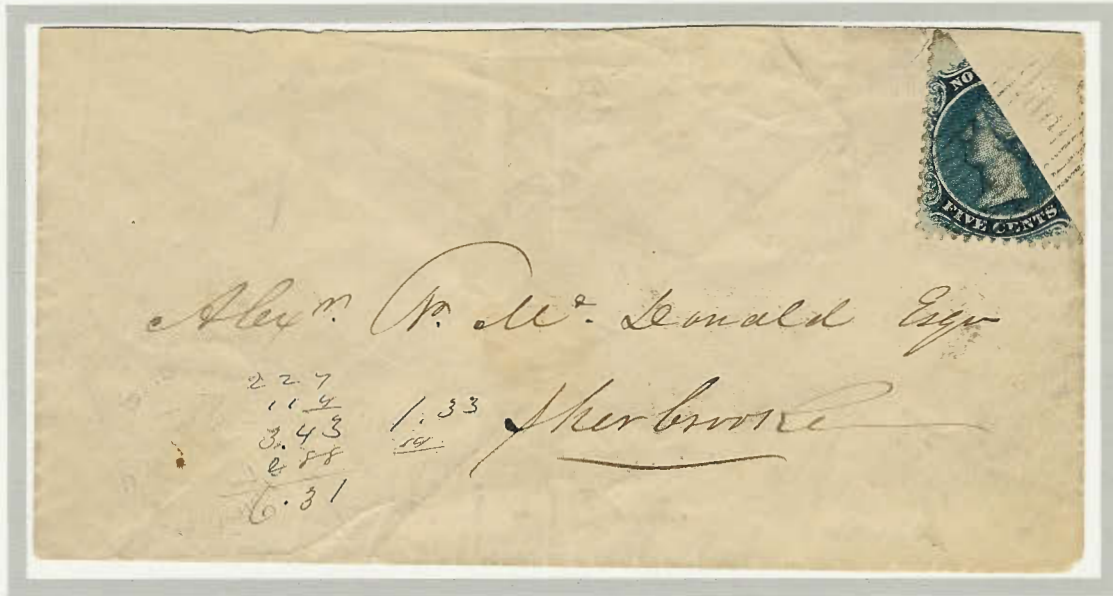


26 July 1866 Halifax **registered** to Newport
5c rate plus 10c registry fee prepaid with pair and single 5c



9 June 1864 Truro to Edinburgh, Scotland
12 ½ c rate overpaid with pair 5c and singles 2c and 1c

Five Cents
Usages On Cover



7 August 1864 Sherbrooke St. Mary's local usage
 2c rate overpaid with 5c bisect

Fewer Than Four Reported Bisect Usages



May 1863 Halifax to France
 17c rate overpaid with 12½c and 5c