

# Appendix E

## Via Nicaragua Sailings, 1851 to 1856

This appendix includes sailing information for steamships carrying non post office mails sent via Nicaragua between San Francisco and New York City (see Chapter 8). Covers sent on this route lack San Francisco post office postmarks and may often be identified by New York entry postmarks or express company markings consistent with such use.

Abbreviations - Places
ASP - Aspinwall
HAV - Havana, Cuba
KIN - Kingston, Jamaica
NO - New Orleans
NYC - New York City
SFC - San Francisco
SJN - San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua
SJS - San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua



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1851 Eastbound Trips Via Nicaragua						
Dep SFC	Steamer	Arv SJS	Dep SJN	Steamer	Arv NYC	Notes
Jul 14 1851	<i>Pacific</i>	Jul 29	Aug 4	<i>Prometheus</i>	Aug 13	
Jul 31	<i>Independence</i>	Aug 16	Aug 26	<i>Prometheus</i>	Sep 4	
Sep 6	<i>Pacific</i>	Sep 20	Sep 26	<i>Prometheus</i>	Oct 4	
Oct 4	<i>Independence</i>	Oct 19	Oct 26	<i>Prometheus</i>	Nov 6	via HAV Oct 30 / Nov 1
Oct 15	<i>North America</i>	Oct 26	Nov 8	<i>Daniel Webster</i>	Nov 16	
Nov 1	<i>Pacific</i>	Nov 16	Nov 23	<i>Prometheus</i>	Dec 1	
Nov 16	<i>Gold Hunter</i>	?	Dec 9	<i>Daniel Webster</i>	Dec 19	via HAV Dec 13/14
Dec 1	<i>Independence</i>	?	Dec 21	<i>Prometheus</i>	Dec 29	
Dec 15	<i>North America</i>	?	Jan 1	<i>Daniel Webster</i>	Jan 11	via HAV Jan 6
1852 Eastbound Trips Via Nicaragua						
Jan 2 1852	<i>Pacific</i>	?	Jan 19	<i>Prometheus</i>	Jan 30	via HAV Jan 24/25
Feb 2	<i>North America</i>	?	Feb 19	<i>Prometheus</i>	Feb 28	
Feb 14	<i>Pacific</i>	Feb 27	Mar 5	<i>Daniel Webster</i>	Mar 15	
Mar 1	<i>Independence</i>	Mar 17	Mar 25	<i>Prometheus</i>	Apr 3	
Mar 17	<i>New Orleans</i>		Apr 4	<i>Daniel Webster</i>	Apr 12	
Mar 23	<i>Monumental City</i>	Apr 13				
Apr 1	<i>Pacific</i>		Apr 19	<i>Northern Light</i>	Apr 27	via HAV Apr 23
Apr 16	<i>Independence</i>		May 8	<i>Daniel Webster</i>	May 16	
May 1			May 19	<i>Northern Light</i>	Jun 2	
May 14	<i>Pacific ?</i>		Jun 11	<i>Prometheus</i>	Jun 22	dates to May 19?
Jun 2	<i>Independence</i>	Jun 17				
Jun 3	<i>Pacific</i>	Jun 14	Jun 24	<i>Northern Light</i>	July 2	
Jul 3	<i>Pacific</i>	Jul 11	Jul 21	<i>Prometheus</i>	Jul 29	
Jul 16	<i>S.S. Lewis</i>		Jul 7	<i>Northern Light</i>	Aug 15	
Jul 31	<i>Independence</i>	Aug 15	Aug 21	<i>Prometheus</i>	Aug 30	
Aug 14	<i>Pacific</i>	Aug 27	Aug 30	<i>Northern Light</i>	Sep 7	
Sep 1			Sep 20	<i>Prometheus</i>	Oct 3	
Sep 15	<i>S.S. Lewis</i>		Oct 4	<i>Star of the West</i>	Oct 15	
Oct 1	<i>Independence</i>	Oct 16	Oct 23	<i>Prometheus</i>	Nov 1	via HAV Oct 27
Oct 16	<i>Pacific</i>	Oct 30	Oct 31	<i>Star of the West</i>	Nov 8	
Nov 1	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>	Nov 15	Nov 18	<i>Prometheus</i>	Nov 27	
Nov 15	<i>S.S. Lewis</i>		Dec 8	<i>Star of the West</i>	Dec 19	
Dec 2	<i>Independence</i>	Dec 17	Dec 20	<i>Prometheus</i>	Dec 29	
Dec 15	<i>Pacific</i>	Dec 27	Jan 1	<i>Northern Light</i>	Jan 9 1853	
The VPI steamers <i>Daniel Webster</i> (after Jul 24 1852) and <i>Pampero</i> operated between SJN and NO						

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1853 Eastbound Trips Via Nicaragua						
Dep SFC	Steamer	Arv SJS	Dep SJN	Steamer	Arv NYC	Notes
Jan 1 1853	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>	Jan 12	Jan 17	<i>Star of the West</i>	Jan 28	
Jan 14	<i>Independence</i>	Jan 31	Feb 4	<i>Northern Light</i>	Feb 13	
Jan 31	<i>Pacific</i>		Feb 20	<i>Star of the West</i>	Mar 3	via HAV Feb 25
Feb 15	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>		Mar 6	<i>Prometheus</i>	Mar 15	
Mar 1	<i>S.S. Lewis</i>		Mar 23	<i>Star of the West</i>	Mar 31	
Mar 15	<i>Pacific</i>	Mar 30	Mar 31	<i>Prometheus</i>	Apr 10	
Apr 1	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Apr 16	<i>Star of the West</i>	Apr 25	
Apr 16	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>		May 4	<i>Prometheus</i>	May 12	
May 1	<i>Pacific</i>	May 13	May 16	<i>Star of the West</i>	May 25	
May 16	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		May 31	<i>Prometheus</i>	Jun 9	
Jun 1	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>		Jun 16	<i>Northern Light</i>	Jun 24	
Jun 15 ?	<i>Cortes ?</i>					
Jul 1	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Jul 16	<i>Northern Light</i>	Jul 25	
Jul 15	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>		Aug 1 ?	<i>Star of the West</i>	Aug 9	
Aug 1	<i>Cortes</i>		Aug 15	<i>Northern Light</i>	Aug 23	
Aug 16	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Sep 1	<i>Star of the West</i>	Sep 9	
Sep 1	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>	Sep 15	Sep 16	<i>Northern Light</i>	Sep 25	
Sep 16	<i>Cortes</i>		Oct 1 ?	<i>Star of the West</i>	Oct 9	
Oct 1	<i>Pacific</i>	Oct 14	Oct 17	<i>Northern Light</i>	Oct 27	
Oct 16	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Oct 31	<i>Star of the West</i>	Nov 9	
Nov 1	<i>Cortes</i>	Nov 12	Nov 17	<i>Prometheus</i>	Nov 29	via HAV Nov 22-23
Nov 16	<i>Pacific</i>		Dec 1	<i>Star of the West</i>	Dec 13	
Dec 1	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>	Dec 14	Dec 16	<i>Northern Light</i>	Dec 24	
Dec 16	<i>Cortes</i>		Dec 31	<i>Star of the West</i>	Jan 9	
Dec 31	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>	Jan 12	Jan 15	<i>Northern Light</i>	Jan 24 1854	

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1854 Eastbound Trips Via Nicaragua						
Dep SFC	Steamer	Arv SJS	Dep SJN	Steamer	Arv NYC	Notes
Jan 16	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>	Jan 28	Jan 31	<i>Star of the West</i>	Feb 9	
Feb 1	<i>Cortes</i>		Feb 15	<i>Northern Light</i>	Feb 23	
Feb 16	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>	Mar 1	Mar 5	<i>Star of the West</i>	Mar 14	
Mar 1	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Mar 17	<i>Northern Light</i>	Mar 25	
Mar 16	<i>Cortes</i>		Mar 31	<i>Star of the West</i>	Apr 9	
Apr 1	<i>Pacific</i>		Apr 17	<i>Northern Light</i>	Apr 25	
Apr 15	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Apr 30	<i>Star of the West</i>	May 8	
May 1	<i>Cortes</i>	May 14	May 17	<i>Northern Light</i>	May 25	
May 15	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>		May 31	<i>Star of the West</i>	Jun 8	
Jun 1	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>	Jun 14	Jun 17	<i>Prometheus</i>	Jun 25	
Jun 16	<i>Cortes</i>		Jul 3	<i>Star of the West</i>	Jul 12	
Jul 1	<i>Pacific</i>	Jul 13	Jul 16	<i>Prometheus</i>	Jul 24	
Jul 15	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>	Jul 28	Jul 29	<i>Star of the West</i>	Aug 7	
Aug 1	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>	Aug 14	Aug 16	<i>Prometheus</i>	Aug 24	
Aug 16	<i>Cortes</i>		Aug 31	<i>Star of the West</i>	Sep 8	
Aug 31	<i>Pacific</i>		Sep 16	<i>Prometheus</i>	Sep 25	
Sep 16	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Oct 1	<i>Northern Light</i>	Oct 8	
Sep 30	<i>Cortes</i>		Oct 15	<i>Star of the West</i>	Oct 27	via KIN Oct 19-20
Oct 24	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>	Nov 6	Nov 7	<i>Northern Light</i>	Nov 14	
Nov 9	<i>Cortes</i>	Nov 20	Nov 23	<i>Star of the West</i>	Dec 2	via KIN Nov 27
Nov 24	<i>Uncle Sam</i>			<i>Northern Light</i>	Dec 15	
Dec 9	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>	Dec 21	Dec 23	<i>Star of the West</i>	Jan 1	via KIN Dec 28
Dec 23	<i>Cortes</i>			<i>Northern Light</i>	Jan 15 1855	via KIN Jan 11

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1855 Eastbound Trips Via Nicaragua						
Dep SFC	Steamer	Arv SJS	Dep SJN	Steamer	Arv NYC	Notes
Jan 9	<i>Uncle Sam</i>	Jan 20	Jan 22	<i>Star of the West</i>	Jan 30	via KIN Jan 25-26
Jan 24	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Feb 6	<i>Northern Light</i>	Feb 14	via KIN Feb 10
Feb 9	<i>Cortes</i>	Feb 21	Feb 23	<i>Star of the West</i>	Mar 4	via KIN Feb 27
Feb 26	<i>Uncle Sam</i>		Mar 11	<i>Northern Light</i>	Mar 19	
Mar 9	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>	Mar 22	Mar 24	<i>Star of the West</i>	Apr 3	via KIN Mar 28-29
Mar 24	<i>Cortes</i>		Apr 8	<i>Northern Light</i>	Apr 15	
Apr 9	<i>Uncle Sam</i>	Apr 21	Apr 23	<i>Star of the West</i>	May 2	via KIN Apr 28
Apr 24	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		May 8	<i>Northern Light</i>	May 16	
May 9	<i>Cortes</i>	May 22	May 24	<i>Star of the West</i>	Jun 1	
May 16	<i>Uncle Sam</i>		May 30	<i>Northern Light</i>	Jun 6	
			Jun 16	<i>Star of the West</i>	Jun 24	
Jun 16	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Jul 1	<i>Northern Light</i>	Jul 8	
Jun 30	<i>Cortes</i>	Jul 13	Jul 16	<i>Star of the West</i>	Jul 25	via KIN Jul 20
Jul 16	<i>Uncle Sam</i>	Jul 27	Jul 29	<i>Northern Light</i>	Aug 5	
Aug 18	<i>Uncle Sam</i>	Aug 29	Aug 31	<i>Northern Light</i>	Sep 8	
Sep 4	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>			<i>Star of the West</i>	Sep 30	
	<i>Cortes</i>	Oct 3	Oct 5	<i>Northern Light</i>	Oct 13	
Oct 5	<i>Uncle Sam</i>		Oct 25	<i>Star of the West</i>	Nov 3	
Oct 20	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Nov 2	<i>Northern Light</i>	Nov 11	
	<i>Cortes</i>	Nov 20	Nov 17	<i>Star of the West</i>	Nov 28	via KIN Nov 23
	<i>Uncle Sam</i>	Dec 1	Dec 3	<i>Northern Light</i>	Dec 11	
Dec 5	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>	Dec 18	Dec 20	<i>Star of the West</i>	Dec 29	via KIN Dec 24
Dec 20	<i>Cortes</i>		Jan 4	<i>Northern Light</i>	Jan 12 1856	

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1856 Eastbound Trips Via Nicaragua						
Dep SFC	Steamer	Arv SJS	Dep SJS	Steamer	Arv NYC	Notes
Jan 5	<i>Uncle Sam</i>		Jan 19	<i>Star of the West</i>	Jan 29	
	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Feb 5	<i>Northern Light</i>	Feb 13	
Feb 4	<i>Cortes</i>		Feb 19	<i>Star of the West</i>	Feb 28	via KIN Feb 23
	<i>Uncle Sam</i>		Mar 5	<i>Northern Light</i>	Mar 13	
Mar 5	<i>Brother Jonathan</i>		Mar 22	<i>Star of the West</i>	Apr 2	via KIN Mar 28
Apr 4	<i>Uncle Sam</i>		Apr 21	<i>Orizaba</i>	Apr 29	via KIN Apr 26
May 5	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		May 24	<i>Orizaba</i>	Jun 1	via KIN May 28
Jun 21	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Jul 7	<i>Orizaba</i>	Jul 14	
Aug 5	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Sep 22	<i>Tennessee</i>	Oct 2	via KIN Sep 27
Sep 20	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Oct 6	<i>Texas</i>	Oct 18	via KIN Oct 11-12
Oct 12	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>		Nov 8	<i>Texas</i>	Nov 16	the <i>Tennessee</i> dep SJS Nov 5 for NO arv Nov 11
Nov 20	<i>Orizaba</i>		Dec 5	<i>Tennessee</i>	Dec 15	
Dec 31	<i>Sierra Nevada</i>	Jan 2	Jan 13	<i>James Adger</i>	Jan 24 1857	via Key West Jan 17, the <i>Texas</i> dep Jan 13 for NO
<p>The December 31, 1856 departure of the <i>Sierra Nevada</i> from San Francisco was the last trip that connected across Nicaragua to a Vanderbilt steamer on the Atlantic side. Costa Ricans controlled the entire transit route from January 11, 1857. Later trips between Nicaragua ports and the United States continued for several months but included stops at Aspinwall or Panama City where all through passengers and freight were discharged.</p>						