



British Service			
Route 1. From New York, Boston or Portland. Single rate credit 12¢ (prepaid) or debit 3¢ (unpaid)			
Cunard Line	April 15, 1857	April 18, 1860	ET. UNIS SERV. BR. A.C.
Allan Line	April 25, 1857	December 17, 1859	ET. UNIS SERV. BRIT. CALAIS ET. UNIS. SERV. BR. HAVRE
notes: Sailings from Boston or New York by Cunard Line and from Portland by Allan Line. Not all Allan Line sailings were under British service after January 1859 (see also routes 4 and 5). Most British service mail carried via Calais and sorted on the "ambulant" between Calais and Paris (A.C. markings).			



British Service			
Route 2. From New York or Boston. Single rate credit 12¢ (prepaid) or debit 3¢ (unpaid)			
Cunard Line	November 9, 1859	December 25, 1867	ET. UNIS SERV. BR. A.C. ET. UNIS SERV. BRIT. CALAIS ET. UNIS. SERV. BR. HAVRE
notes: Sailings from Boston or New York by Cunard Line. Queenstown gradually replaced Liverpool as the first port of arrival and those town alternated during the transition period (see also route 1).			



British Service			
Route 3. From New York or Boston via Galway. Single rate credit 12¢ (prepaid) or debit 3¢ (unpaid)			
Galway Line	July 23, 1858	February 9, 1864	ET. UNIS SERV. BR. A.C. ET. UNIS SERV. BRIT. CALAIS ET. UNIS. SERV. BR. HAVRE
notes: Sailings from Boston or New York. Not all sailings carried mail for France.			



British Service			
Route 4. From Portland to Londonderry. Single rate credit 12¢ (prepaid) or debit 3¢ (unpaid)			
Allan Line	April 27, 1861	December 25, 1869	ET. UNIS SERV. BR. A.C. ET. UNIS SERV. BRIT. CALAIS ET. UNIS. SERV. BR. HAVRE
notes: (See also listings under routes 1, 5 and 8).			



American Packet via England			
Route 5. From New York or Portland. Single rate credit 6¢ (prepaid) or debit 9¢ (unpaid)			
Collins Line	April 11, 1857	January 16, 1858	ET. UNIS SERV. AM. A.C. ETATS-UNIS SERV. AM. CALAIS ET. UNIS. SERV. AM. V.A. HAVRE
Allan Line	January 1859	December 17, 1859	
Inman Line	April 2, 1857	September 9, 1858	
notes: The Collins Line ceased operations after the January 16, 1858 trip while the other lines changed their routes to via Southampton rather than Liverpool (see routes 7 and 8). Allan Line was not under American contract for all trips.			



American Packet via England			
Route 6. From New York to Southampton. Single rate credit 6¢ (prepaid) or debit 9¢ (unpaid)			
NGL Line	September 25, 1858	December 23, 1869	ET. UNIS SERV. AM. A.C. ETATS-UNIS SERV. AM. CALAIS ET. UNIS. SERV. AM. V.A. HAVRE
HAPAG Line	March 1, 1858	April 6, 1869	
notes: The two major German steamship lines began carrying American contract mail via Southampton in 1868. HAPAG switched their route to Plymouth and Cherbourg in April 1869 (see route 10) .			



American Packet via England			
Route 7. New York to Queenstown, via England. Single rate credit 6¢ (prepaid) or debit 9¢ (unpaid)			
Inman Line	September 25, 1858	December 25, 1869	ET. UNIS SERV. AM. A.C.
Cunard Line	January 1, 1868	December 29, 1869	ETATS-UNIS SERV. AM. CALAIS ET. UNIS. SERV. AM. V.A. HAVRE
notes: After January 1868 Cunard sailed under American contract and used only the port of New York for departures. The Inman Line changed their route to Queenstown with September 25, 1858 voyage.			



American Packet via England			
Route 8. From Portland to Ireland, via England to Calais. Single rate credit 6¢ (prepaid) or debit 9¢ (unpaid)			
Allan Line	June 23, 1860	March 31, 1861	ET. UNIS SERV. AM. A.C. ETATS-UNIS SERV. AM. CALAIS
notes: The Allan Line changed their route in June 1860 to stop in Londonderry rather than Liverpool. After carriage across England, the mails were landed at Calais.			



American Packet Direct			
Route 9. From New York via Southampton to Havre. Single rate credit 3¢ (prepaid) or debit 12¢ (unpaid)			
Havre Line	April 4, 1857	November 9, 1861	ET. UNIS. SERV. AM. D. HAVRE
Vanderbilt Line	April 16, 1857	October 20, 1860	
NASC Line	April 14, 1860	November 17, 1860	
notes: The North Atlantic Steamship Company (NASC) made only six trips in 1860.			



American Packet Direct			
Route 10. From New York via Plymouth to Cherbourg. Single rate credit 3¢ (prepaid) or debit 12¢ (unpaid)			
HAPAG Line	April 13, 1869	December 28, 1869	ETATS UNIS 2 CHERBOURG 2
notes: From April 1869 HAPAG steamers began carrying direct American packet mail in closed bags to Cherbourg.			



American Packet Direct			
Route 11. From New York via Falmouth to Havre. Single rate credit 3¢ (prepaid) or debit 12¢ (unpaid)			
Havre Line	November 25, 1865	October 26, 1867	ET. UNIS. SERV. AM. D. HAVRE
notes: In 1865 the Havre Line resumed trips to France but changed the intermediate port of call from Southampton to Falmouth.			



French Packet			
Route 12. From New York direct to Havre. Single rate credit 12¢ (prepaid) or debit 3¢ (unpaid)			
French Line	July 6, 1864	May 26, 1865	ETATS- UNIS PAQ. FR. LE HAVRE ETATS- UNIS PAQ. FR. 2 LE HAVRE 2
notes: The French Line commenced operations in 1864 with a subsidy from France. The route was directly to Havre until rail connections were completed to Brest in 1865 when that stop was added. A few trips in 1865 did not include the Brest stop which was made constant after June 2, 1865 New York departure. The "2 LE HAVRE 2" markings applied in Paris. In addition to the above, name of paquebots markings are reported from the ships <i>Washington</i> , <i>Lafayette</i> and <i>Europe</i> .			



French Packet			
Route 13. From New York to Brest and Havre. Single rate credit 12¢ (prepaid) or debit 3¢ (unpaid)			
French Line	June 23, 1864	December 25, 1869	ETATS- UNIS PAQ. FR. H. No 1. (also 2, 3, 4) ETATS- UNIS PAQ. FR. BREST (also with 2) ETATS- UNIS PAQ. FR. LE HAVRE (also with 2) LIGNE H PAQ. FR. No 1. (also 2, 3, 4)
notes: The French Line was designated "Ligne H" in March 1866 and four sets of devices numbered 1 to 4 were issued. Prior to that date, mail was marked with either the Brest datestamp applied in Paris or the Le Havre datestamp. After Line H designation, mail was sorted onboard by a French postal agent and postmark dates correspond to New York departure dates. Most mails were off-loaded at Brest and handled by rail to Paris. The "2 BREST 2" and "2 LE HAVRE 2" markings were applied in Paris			

Additional Routes and Companies - No Covers to France Reported	
Ocean Line	Operated as an American Packet, via England, from New York to Southampton from April 18 to June 13, 1857. No covers to France are reported
Baltimore & Liverpool Steamship Company	Operated as an American Packet, via England, from Baltimore to Liverpool from October 1, 1865 to September 15, 1868. No covers to France are reported
North American Lloyd	Operated as an American Packet, from New York, via England, between Baltimore and Liverpool from February 21 to July 20, 1866. No covers to France are reported