

Treatment of Newspapers and Prices Current between USA and GB 1849 - 1875

The exhibit shows examples of rates and treatment of newspapers and registered and unregistered prices current (circulars / printed matter) between Great Britain and the USA in the 1848 Anglo-US Treaty period 1849 to 1875, before GPU, including the transit rate across the USA to the West Coast and prices current sent outside the mails - "bootlegged" - to the USA.



Tobacco prices circular sent from London via Queenstown and New York to Richmond, Va.

Paid 1d for delivery to destination effective 1st January 1869 and unaltered by the later Treaty change of 1st January 1870. Cunard 'Parthia' departed Liverpool 3rd October, arrived Boston 15th October 1871.

Extract from the 1848 Anglo-British Postal Convention

<small>English newspapers to the United States.</small>	ARTICLE XV. The rates to be taken on newspapers published in the United Kingdom, when conveyed between the United Kingdom and the United States, either by British or by United States packets, shall be one penny for each newspaper in the United Kingdom, and two cents in the United States. Conversely, no higher charges than those above stated shall be made by the British or by the United States Post-Office, on newspapers published in the United States, either when despatched from that country, or when delivered in the United Kingdom.
<small>No accounts for newspapers.</small>	There shall be no accounts between the two offices for the transmission of newspapers; each office shall retain the postage it shall have charged, according to the preceding stipulations.

Circulars were not explicitly addressed by the Treaty until 1867.

Newspapers and circulars between the USA and GB in the treaty period 1849 to 1867 are shown, including evidence of US postage due and treatment of circulars sent paid and unpaid to GB. Changes in circular rates resulting from changes to the Treaty in 1867, 1868 and 1869, which resulted in payment to destination rather than the previous payment to the port, are also shown.

Items are shown in chronological order, noting rates for newspapers and for circulars.

Boxed text indicates significant items in the exhibit.

Principal references:

Winter, RF: Understanding Transatlantic Mail Volume 1, American Philatelic Society, 2006
Hubbard, W & Winter, RF: North Atlantic Mail Sailings 1840-75, US Philatelic Classics Society, Inc 1988
Linn's World Stamp Almanac, 5th Edition, Amos Press, 1989, pages 374-5 for US domestic rates

Newspapers and Prices Current
Prices Current from US to GB 1848-1867 Treaty – Paid Circular

Charleston Courier – Letter sheet Review of the Market and Prices Current
sent via New York and Liverpool to Greenock in October 1850



'CHARLESTON S.C. 24 Oct 4' integral rate cds with matching 'PAID'
re-rated with large red '2' hand-stamp.

Cunard 'Niagara'
dep New York 9th Oct
arr Liverpool 20th Oct

Black '2' for 2d due, applied at Liverpool
'AMERICA / LIVERPOOL OC 20 ♥ 50' [Rob. P5]
'GREENOCK OC 21 1850 A'

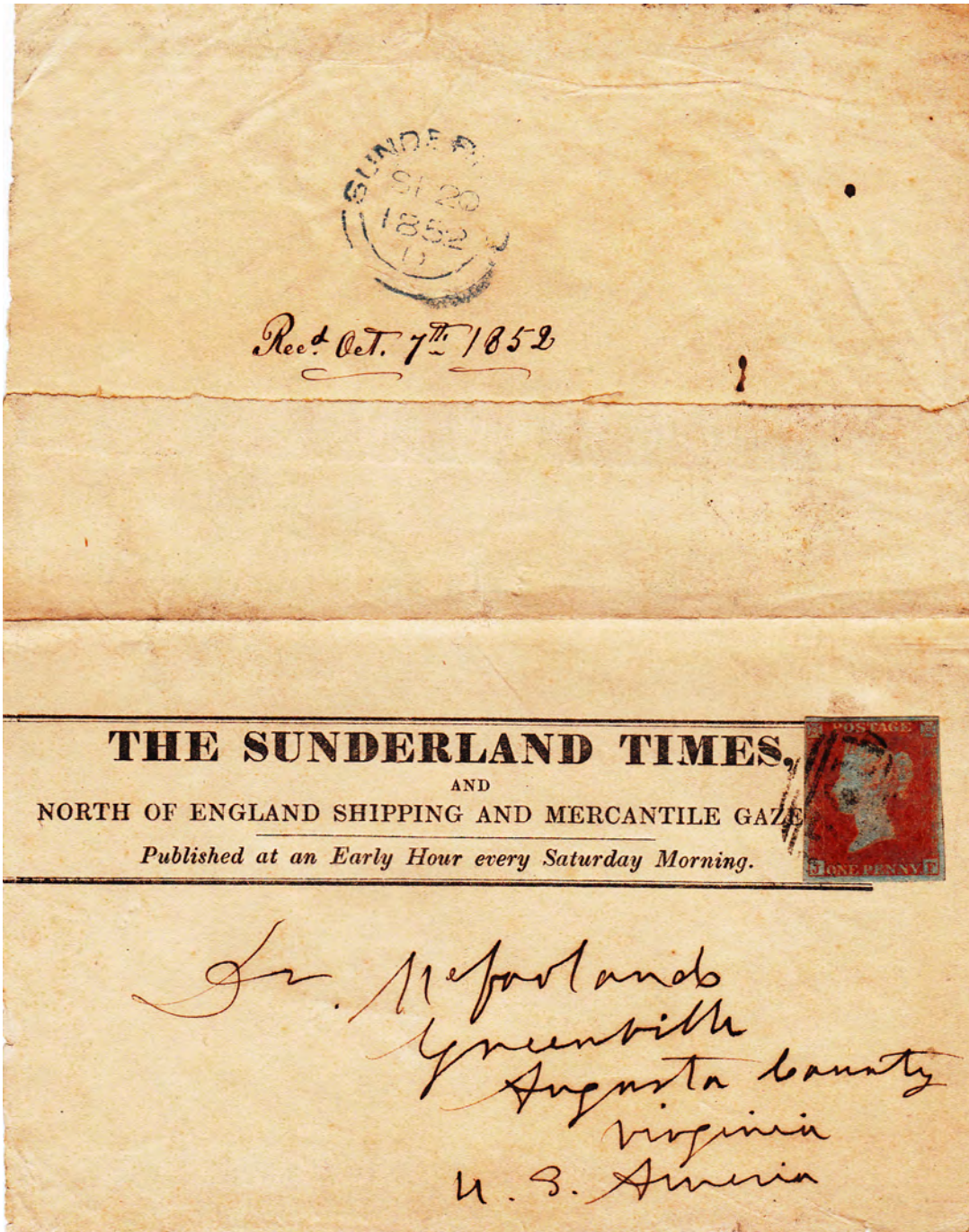
Rate: 2¢ in the US, prepaid without accounting; 2d postage due in GB.

The 1848 Anglo-British Postal Convention (effective February 1849) specifically mentioned newspapers but not printed matter. The US Post Office charged circulars at 2¢ per sheet¹. However, the British Post Office continued to charge incoming foreign printed matter the same as before the 1848 Treaty – namely 2d postage due each item.

1 Linn's World Stamp Almanac, 5th Edition, Amos Press, 1989, pages 374-5. Rate effective 1st July 1845 to 30th June 1851

Newspaper rate from GB to US 1848-1867

**Single copy of the Sunderland Times sent to Greenville, Va.
via Liverpool and New York in September 1852**



Rate: 1d in GB and 2¢ in the US per paper, without accounting, each country keeps its fees¹. New York rarely marked postage due on newspapers.

Collins Line 'Atlantic' dep Liverpool 22 Sep
arr New York 2 Oct

1 Winter, RF: Understanding Transatlantic Mail Volume 1, American Philatelic Society, 2006, pp149

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Printed circular from US to GB – US circular paid at 1851-52 domestic rate

Paid circular sent from Chicago, Ill, via Boston and Liverpool
to Bakewell in May 1852 – charged 9½d postage due as a letter



'CHICAGO ILL.
18 MAY'

'Circular' rate paid
at Chicago

PAID
2

^d
9½

Liverpool 9½^d
Postage due

BAKEWELL
receiver
JU 7 1852

Cunard 'Canada'
dep Boston 26 May
arr Liverpool 6 Jun

Liverpool Marks:

'AMERICA / LIVERPOOL JU 6 52' [Rob. P5] and postage due '9½^d' [Tab. M29]¹

Rate:

Under the 1848 treaty, circulars must be prepaid. The US domestic unsealed circular rate for 501 to 1500 miles was 2¢ paid, effective 1st July 1851 to 30th September 1852.² Chicago to New York is approximately 800 miles. At Liverpool the circular was treated as a letter and charged British ocean and inland postage (16¢ plus 3¢) for a total charge of 9½d.

¹ Tabcart, C: *Robertson Revisited*, James Bendon, Ltd., Limassol, 1997

² Linn's *World Stamp Almanac*, 5th Edition, Amos Press, 1989, pages 374-5.

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Printed circular rate GB to US 1848-1867 - US 2¢ charge shown

Printed circular sent from Liverpool to Richmond via New York
on board Cunard's 'Arabia' in March 1858



Rate: 1d in GB and 2¢ in the US per printed paper, without accounting, each country keeping its fees¹. US postage due of '2' cents marked in crayon.

Cunard Line 'Arabia' dep Liverpool 6 Mar 1858²
arr New York 20 Mar

The overseas GB postage was paid by 1d adhesive cancelled by '466' of Liverpool. The US 2¢ charge was applied at the Richmond, Virginia, office.

It is unusual to see the US 2¢ charge marked on such items

¹ Winter, RF: Understanding Transatlantic Mail Volume 1, American Philatelic Society, 2006

² Hubbard, W & Winter, RF: North Atlantic Mail Sailings 1840-75, US Philatelic Classics Society, Inc 1988

Printed circular rate GB to US 1848-1867 - US 2¢ charge shown

Printed circular sent from Liverpool to Richmond via Boston
on board Cunard's 'Canada' in November 1859

R. Edwards Tobacco
Registered for Transmission abroad.

ROBERT EDWARDS' TOBACCO CIRCULAR.

For "CANADA," via Boston *Circular* LIVERPOOL, November 3rd, 1859.

STOCK in the Warehouse, 1st October *Nov 3-1859*

Imported in October.....

	VIRGINIA.	KENTUCKY.	1859.	1858.	1859.	1858.
DELIVERED						
Imports—						
Exports—						
VIRGINIA L.						
STOCK 1st						
STOCK 1st						
STOCK, 1st						
Against 1st						
Deliveries fr						
1st Novem						
Against sam						
Ditto						

There

	Ireland	Scotland	Exportation	Resale	1859.	1858.
For Home	143	16	117	276		
Scotland	14	47	61			
Exportation	10	306	316			
Resale		83	83			
	208	39	436	431	272	1386 hlds. and tes.

The trade have purchased fully equal to their consumption, and the sales of Marylands would have been considerably extended, had the selections on sale afforded a larger proportion of really good colory grades; they also took about 500 bales Paraguay.

The operations for Ireland and Scotland have generally been of a retail character, and for the former almost confined to the lower classes of old Virginia Leaf and Western Strips: so far only a few hogsheds of the new crop having been sold.

The sales of Western Leaf have been on a larger scale than for some time past, including 300 hogsheds, mostly good and fine, for Africa, and 83 hogsheds for re-sale.

The market has been pretty steady throughout the month, and previous quotations are resumed, though in some few instances common Western Strips have been sold below them, and a concession made in poor nondescript Virginia Leaf.

The "North Carolina," from Virginia, with 639 hogsheds and 347 tierces, arrived yesterday.

ROBERT EDWARDS.

Printed by R. H. Fraser, of Dryden Road, at his Printing Office, 9, Cable Street, Liverpool, for ROBERT EDWARDS, 27, Graftwell Street, Liverpool.

Rate: 1d in GB and 2¢ in the US per printed paper, without accounting,
each country keeping its fees¹. US postage due of '2' cents marked in crayon.
Annotation: "Registered printed sheet" "for transmission abroad".

Cunard Line 'Canada' dep Liverpool 5 Nov 1859²
arr Boston 21 Nov

The overseas GB postage was paid by 1d adhesive cancelled by '466' of
Liverpool. The US 2¢ charge was applied at the Richmond, Virginia, office.

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2 Hubbard, W & Winter, RF: North Atlantic Mail Sailings 1840-75, US Philatelic Classics Society, Inc 1988

Newspapers and Prices Current
Newspaper rate from GB to US 1848-1867 – multiple copies

**Four copies of the London Daily News sent from Liverpool
to New York in October 1863**



Annotation: 4 papers. New York rarely marked postage due on newspapers.

Rate: 1d in GB and 2¢ in the US per paper, without accounting, each country keeps its fees¹.

‘466’ Liverpool cancellation over GB 4d adhesive.

Cunard Line ‘Africa’	dep Liverpool	3 Oct
disabled off Cape Race	arr St John’s Newfoundland	13 Oct
Royal Navy ‘HMS Vesuvius’	dep St John’s Newfoundland	
	arr Boston	21 Oct ²

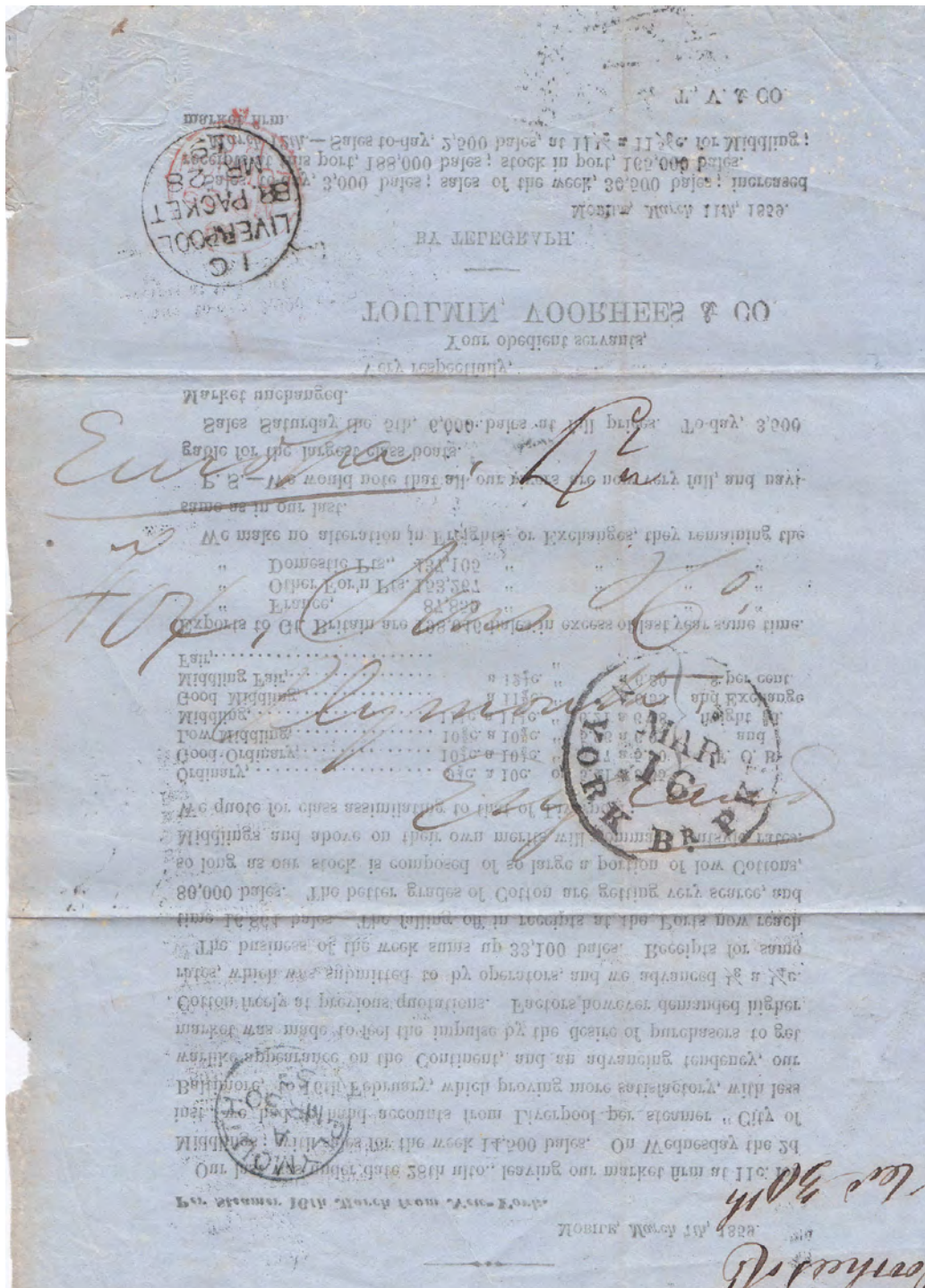
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² Hubbard, W & Winter, RF: North Atlantic Mail Sailings 1840-75, US Philatelic Classics Society, Inc 1988

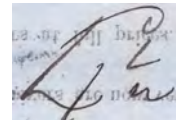
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Printed circular from US to GB 1848-1867 – unpaid circular treated as a letter

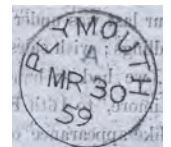
Unpaid printed circular sent from Mobile, AL, via New York and Liverpool to Plymouth in March 1859 – charged 4½d postage due



Liverpool packet mark with red London transit dated MR 29 struck over



4½d Postage due



Plymouth receiver MR 30 59

Cunard 'Europa' dep New York 16 Mar arr Liverpool 28 Mar

Marks

New York: '5 N. YORK B^R PK^T MAR 16' [Exchange office debit 5¢ against GB, Winter type 74]
 Liverpool: '1C LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET MR 28 59' [Rob. P16] and manuscript postage due '4½d'

Under the 1848 treaty, circulars had to be prepaid. The circular was treated as an unpaid letter at New York and charged 5¢ debit against GB (also, 'Open Circular' not specified on the address panel). At Liverpool the circular was treated as such and charged 2d plus 2½d to pay the US 5¢ debit for a total charge of 4½d (by UK rules, irrespective of the treaty, which was mute on circulars until 1867).

Printed circular from US to GB 1848-1867 – paid circular

Prepaid printed Circular sent from New Orleans to Liverpool on board
Cunard Line's 'Arabia' departing New York 25th June 1856



Marks: 'AMERICA / LIVERPOOL / JY 5 56' Liverpool packet mark [Rob. P5]
'2' Liverpool postage due mark
'LIVERPOOL JY 6 1856 n 1' experimental dotted circle mark (1856-7)

Rate: US sender prepays 2¢¹ and GB recipient pays 2d for printed circulars less than 2 oz. between 1849 and 1865, without accounting². Printed matter was paid only within the country of origin, not to destination.

1 Linn's World Stamp Almanac, 5th Edition, Amos Press, 1989, pages 374-5. 501-1500 miles: 2¢ from 1st July 1851 to 30th June 1863
2 Understanding Transatlantic Mail Volume 1, R F Winter, American Philatelic Society, 2006

Newspapers and Prices Current

Prices Current from GB to US 1848-1867 – “bootlegged” to Boston

Prices Current sheet sent from London outside of the mails via Liverpool and Boston to Salem on board Cunard Line's 'Asia' in June 1855



The prices current was put into the mails (by an agent) at Boston for Salem, Mass. The US 1¢ adhesive pays the domestic rate for unsealed circulars of 3oz. or less anywhere in the U.S. [effective 1st October 1852].

Cunard 'Asia'
dep Liverpool 9th June
arr Boston 21st June

Boston mark ties the adhesive

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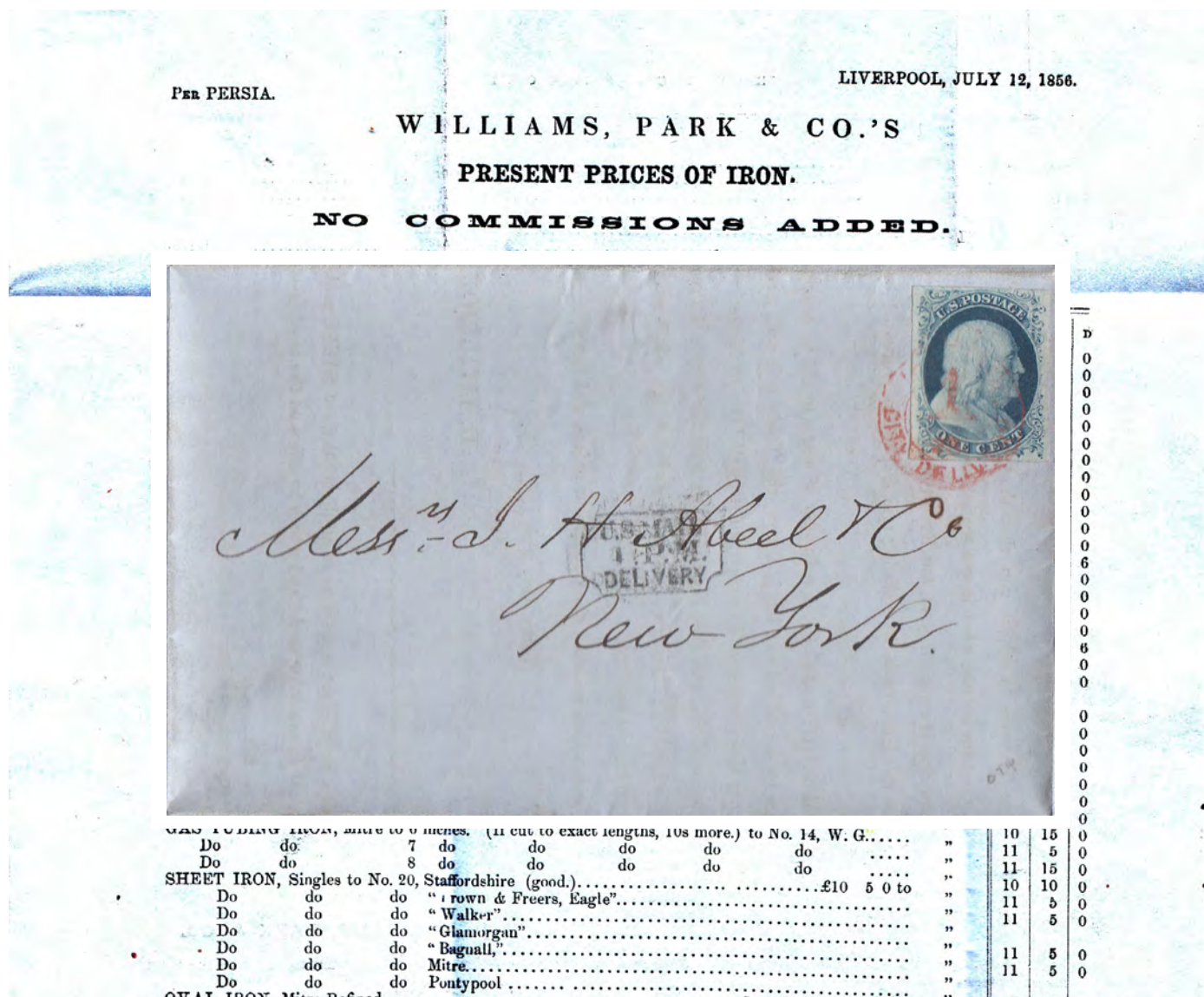
Mark applied in Boston:
'BOSTON 22 JUN PAID' [BPM 603]

Shown behind the cover is an image of the content showing the date and intent for carriage on board the 'Asia'. The paper is extremely flimsy which may have permitted a number of items to be made into a bundle for transatlantic transmission.



Newspapers and Prices Current
Prices Current from GB to US 1848-1867 – “bootlegged” to New York

Prices Current sheet sent from Liverpool outside of the mails to New York on board Cunard Line's 'Persia' in July 1856



The prices current was put into the mails (by an agent) at New York for local delivery to a New York recipient. The agent paid the 1¢ City Carrier delivery fee receipted by the 1¢ adhesive which is cancelled by the New York City Delivery cancel.

Cunard 'Persia'
 dep Liverpool 12th July
 arr New York 23rd July

Marks applied in New York:
 'PAID U.S.MAIL CITY DELIVERY 1 [JUL 23]'
 'U.S.MAIL 4 P.M. DELIVERY'



Example of City Delivery Mark

Shown behind the cover is an image of the content showing the date and intent for carriage on board the 'PERSIA'.

Newspapers and Prices Current
Newspaper from US to GB and from GB transiting the US to California 1848-1867

New York Herald sent to Dartford in April 1865



Rate: 2¢ paid in US and 1d charged as due in GB, with no accounting. Payment to destination not allowed¹.

Possible sailings²:

Inman Line 'Etna'

dep New York 15th April 1865

arr Liverpool 28th April

HAPAG 'Teutonia'

dep New York

15th April 1865

arr Southampton

28th April

**Newspaper wrapper sent from Liverpool to San Francisco
on board Cunard's 'Arabia' in July 1862**



Rate: Paid 2d in GB, no charge shown in USA

Cunard Line 'Arabia'²

dep Liverpool

26th July 1862

arr Boston

7th August

Under the Anglo-American treaty articles finalised in June 1849, California was a 'foreign country'. Thus the newspaper rate was 2¢ (1d) plus US transit charge of 2¢. The British Post Office Instructions issued between April 1850 and July 1863 maintained the rate at 2d prepaid³.

1 Understanding Transatlantic Mail Volume 1, R F Winter, American Philatelic Society, 2006
2 North Atlantic Mail Sailings 1840-75, W Hubbard & R F Winter, US Philatelics Classics Society, Inc 1988
3 The Postage Rates of the North Atlantic Mails 1635-1950, M B Montgomery, 1991

Newspapers and Prices Current

Printed circulars from GB to US 1867, 1868 and 1869 – paid to destination

Printed circular front sent from Liverpool to Charleston via New York
on board Cunard's 'Russia' in May 1868

Postmarked 9th May 68

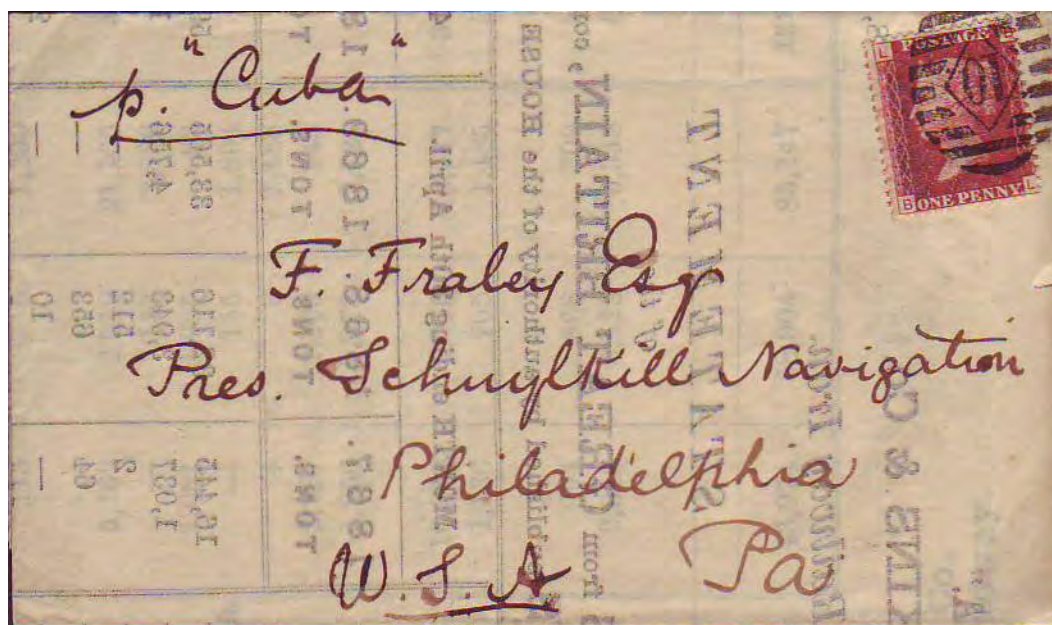
Cunard 'Russia'
dep Liverpool 9 May
dep Queenstown 10 May
arr New York 19 May¹

Rate: 2d in GB for newspapers up to 4 oz.
Prepayment was required and covered all
fees to destination². The British Post
Office considered circulars as being
under the newspaper category.

Effective
1st October 1867 to 31st December 1868.



Railway Iron exports circular sent from London to Philadelphia via New York
on board Cunard's 'Cuba' in June 1869



Dated London
5th June 1869

Cunard 'Cuba'
dep Liverpool 5 June
dep Queenstown 6 June
arr Boston 15 June

Rate: 1d in GB for 1st oz.,
2d for second oz.
Prepayment included all
fees to destination without
accounting.

Effective 1st January 1869.

1 Hubbard, W & Winter, RF: North Atlantic Mail Sailings 1840-75, US Philatelic Classics Society, Inc 1988

2 Winter, RF: Understanding Transatlantic Mail Volume 1, American Philatelic Society, 2006

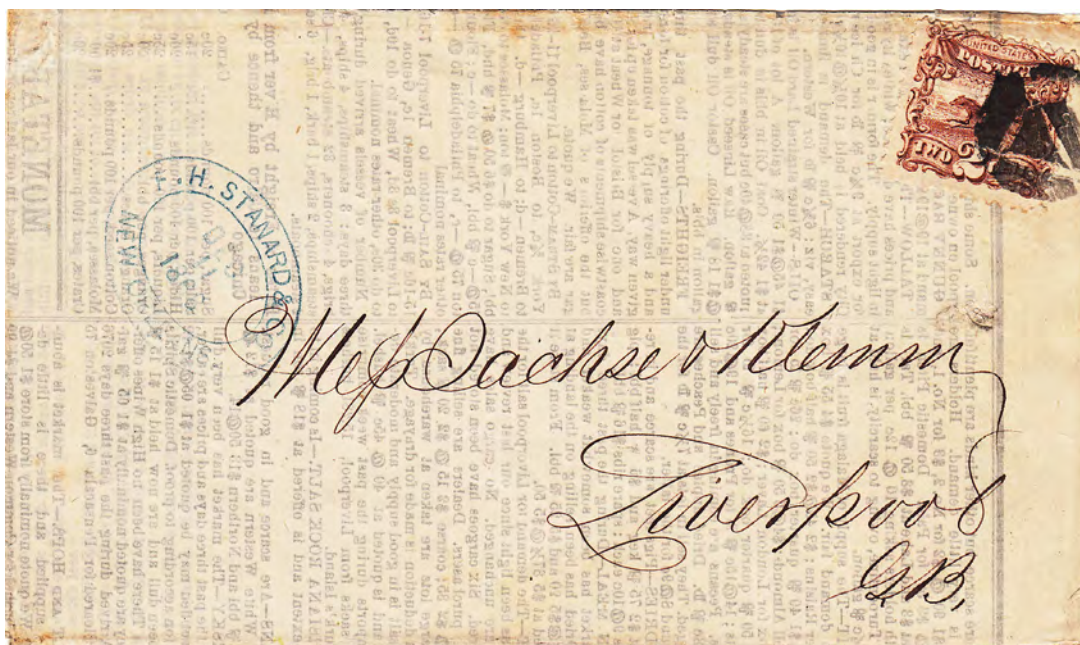
Newspapers and Prices Current
Printed circulars from US to GB 1867-1869 – paid to destination

**Folded Cotton Prices Current sent from New Orleans
to Liverpool in October 1868 – 6¢ rate**



PFC 0193227

**Printed Prices Current sent from New Orleans
to Liverpool in December 1869 – 2¢ rate**



Effective October 1, 1867, US circulars to Britain were included in the book rate of 6¢ per 4 oz., prepaid to destination, i.e. no further postage due in GB¹.

The circular rate to Britain was reduced from 6¢ to 2¢ effective January 1, 1869.
The US newspaper rate of 2¢ remained unchanged during this period.

¹ Winter, RF: Understanding Transatlantic Mail Volume 1, American Philatelic Society, 2006, pp 154, 155

Newspaper
sent from
Guernsey to
Long Island
27 June 1874

Rate:
1d for registered
newspapers to
4oz.

Fees paid to destination¹.

Guernsey '324'
obliterator.
No US arrival
marks.

La Gazette de
Guernesey
Journal politique
et littéraire
(périodique)

The Guernsey Gazette, political and literary journal (periodical)

Published in
French
1791-1936

Registered to be sent abroad.

¹ British Postal
Guide 1870
(1st October) pp68
Foreign &
Colonial Postage

