

# RAILWAY LETTER MAIL

London and South Western Railway

+ South Eastern Railway

Conjunctive Use  
Second and Third Day Uses

These two covers were carried on consecutive days in opposite directions on the same combination route utilizing the London & South Western Railway and the South Eastern Railway. Top cover to Bromley (second day use) and lower cover to Fordingbridge (third day use).



2 February 1891  
Fordingbridge Station, via  
Waterloo Station and Waterloo  
Junction to Bromley,  
"546" telegraph office  
Waterloo L. & S.W.R. UP Parcels  
and Waterloo Junction Parcels  
Office handstamps  
Bromley / Kent 10 (PM)  
2 February 1891 postmark



3 February 1891  
Bromley Station, via Waterloo  
Junction and Waterloo Station to  
Fordingbridge  
"BROMLEY SER" datestamp  
Waterloo DOWN Parcels Office  
and Waterloo Junction Parcels  
Office handstamps  
"FORDINGBRIDGE" station  
arrival cancel

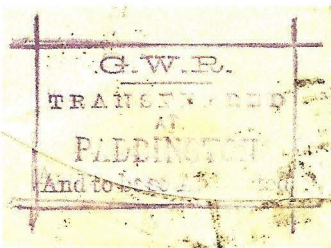
# RAILWAY LETTER MAIL

## Triple Conjunctive Uses

Barry Dock and Railways / Barry Railway  
+ Taff Vale Railway  
+ Great Western Railway

The name "Barry Dock and Railways" was changed to "Barry Railway" in August 1891.

G.W.R.  
TRANSFERRED  
AT  
PADDINGTON  
And to be so Abstracted



(backstamp)



May 1891 Barry Dock and Railways to London, 2d railway stamp (control #63) and 1d postage passed to Taff Vale Railway at Cogan, then to Great Western Railway to Paddington only reported example of the 2d stamp in private hands (a mint strip is in British Museum)



6 May 1898 Barry Dock station to Birmingham, 2d Barry Railway stamp and 1d postage passed to Taff Vale Railway at Cogan, then to Great Western Railway to Birmingham

## RAILWAY LETTER MAIL

Great Southern and Western Railway

Triple Conjunctive Use

+ City of Dublin Junction Railway

+ Dublin and South Eastern Railway



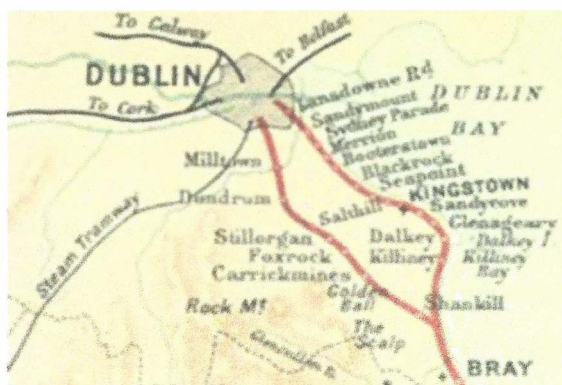
6 February 1898 Cork addressed to London, SE, prepaid 1d postage

Great Southern and Western Railway to Amiens St. station (Dublin), prepaid 2d fee

City of Dublin Junction Railway from Amiens St. Station to Westland Row station

Dublin South Eastern Railway from Westland Row to Kingstown

6 February 1898, 8PM entered the mails for carriage on Holyhead & Kingstown steam packet



On the 1898 map the black line coming in from the west is the Great Southern and Western Railway line from Cork and the red line shows the route of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway to Kingstown.

# RAILWAY LETTER MAIL

## Triple Conjunctive Use

Highland Railway  
+ North British Railway  
+ Midland Railway



WAYBILL  
from Kingussie  
to Perth  
to Carlisle  
to Birmingham

3 June 1891 Kingussie Station (Scotland) to Birmingham  
Highland Railway parcel label on reverse for delivery to the station rather than a post office  
ms "Kingussie" origin station name on label, Highlands Railway 2d stamp and 1d postage  
by Highlands Rly to Perth, North British Rly to Carlisle and Midland Rly to Birmingham

# RAILWAY LETTER MAIL

Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway

+ Midland Railway

+ Glasgow & South Western Railway

**Triple Conjunctive Use**

"To Be Posted" +

"Express Delivery" 3d rate

**Express Delivery:** In 1897 the rate remained at 3d but the distance from delivering post office to destination was increased to under four miles. The cover below skirted the letter of the regulations by accident or by design. The delivery messenger at Glasgow was happy.



2 July 1901 Clitheroe Station, posted via Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway to Glasgow conflicted endorsements as "Express Delivery" required taking to post office at origin prepaid Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway 1900 Issue 2d stamp and 1d postage carried to Colne and transferred to Midland Railway for carriage to Carlisle at Carlisle it was transferred to Glasgow & South Western Railway to Glasgow

2 July 1901 entered mails at Glasgow with "6:15PM" postmarks

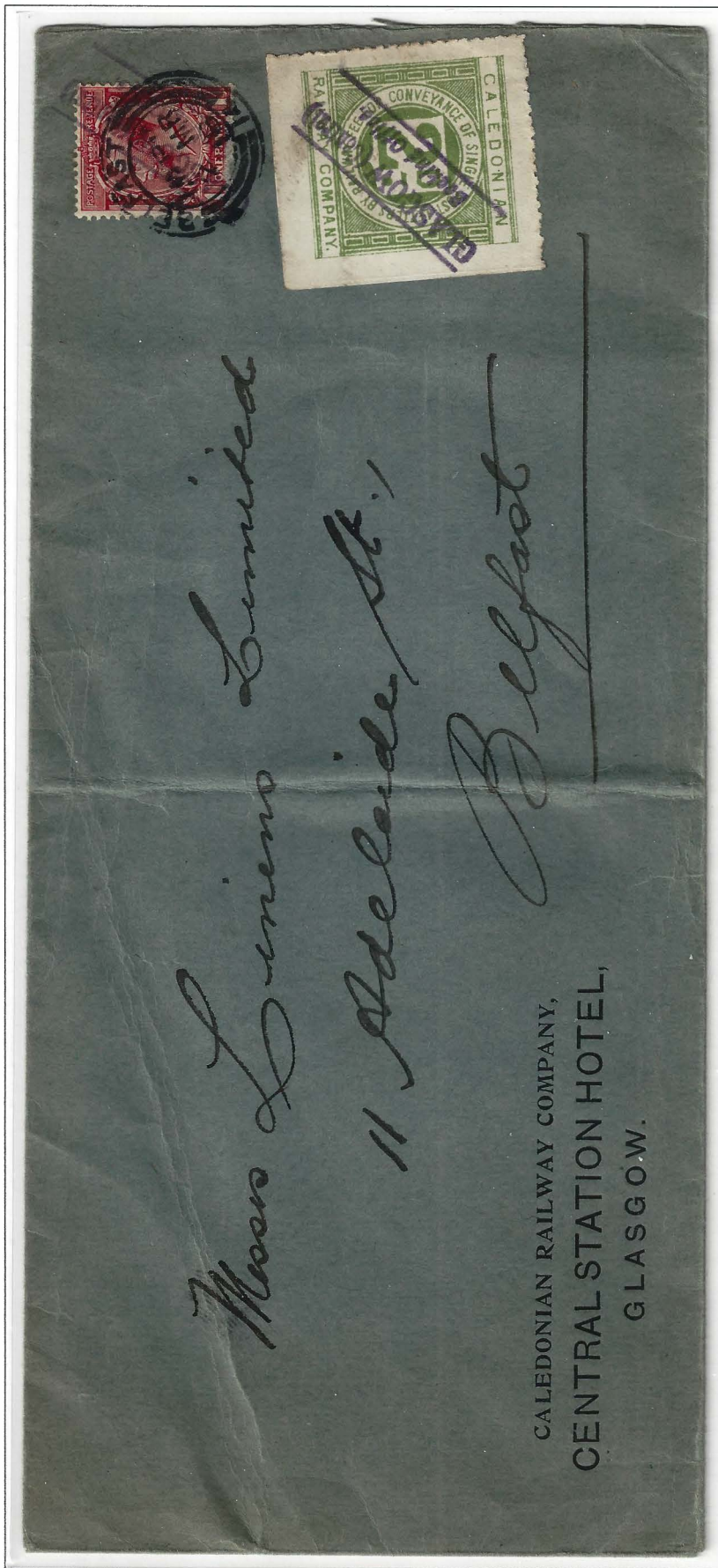
"3d to pay" express delivery service performed from post office to address (within 4 miles)



Caledonian Railway

Conjunctive Use by Rail and Steam

+ Caledonian Steam Packet Company



1 March 1918 Glasgow, via Ardrossan  
and steamer to Belfast

prepaid 1d postage

Caledonian Railway 2d railway stamp  
with "Glasgow (Central) /  
Booking Office" cancel

1 March entered the mails at Belfast  
for local delivery

**Conjunctive Use:** Carried by the  
Caledonian Railway from Central  
Station Hotel, Glasgow to Ardrossan  
and by Caledonian Steam Packet  
Company from their Montgomerie Pier  
across the Firth of Clyde to Belfast.



## RAILWAY LETTER MAIL

Caledonian Railway Company

Conjunctive Use

+ London & North Western Railway



16 January 1907 Lockerbie Station, via Carlisle, to Manchester

Caledonian Railway Company 2d railway stamp and 1d postage, "LOCKERBIE" in diamond cancels transferred at Carlisle to L&NW Railway for carriage to Manchester where it was posted

The Caledonian Railway was a major Scottish railway company. It was formed with the objective of linking English railways and Glasgow. It reached Edinburgh and Aberdeen, with a dense network of branch lines in the area surrounding Glasgow. It was absorbed into the London, Midland and Scottish Railway in 1923.

Lockerbie • Carlisle  
Manchester •

# RAILWAY LETTER MAIL

Cambrian Railways

Conjunctive Use

+ London, Brighton and South Coast



October 1900 Buttington, by Cambrian Railways via London, to Brighton  
prepaid Cambrian Railways 2d stamp and 1d postage  
"Transferred at 'VICTORIA' & to be abstracted" handstamp  
London, Brighton and South Coast Railway from Victoria Station to Brighton  
9 October 1900, entered the mails with 11:30 AM postmark



## RAILWAY LETTER MAIL

Cheshire Lines Committee

Conjunctive Use by Rail and Steam

+ Non Contract Steam Packet

Prior to 1910, letters to overseas destinations were not to be accepted for transmission as railway letters. This 1931 use below is the only reported example of a railway letter conjunctive use by railway and steam after 1910.



17 September 1931 Manchester, via Harwich and non contract steamer to Holland transferred at Harwich to a non contract steamer to Hook of Holland where it entered mails prepaid with Cheshire Lines Committee 3d and 2½d postage UPU rate to Holland

The Railways Act of 1921 grouped most of Britain's railways into the (Big Four). The Cheshire Lines Committee was not included in the grouping but the management of the railroad consisted of three directors of each of the following railways; London, Midland and Scottish Railways, the Great Central Railway and the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER). The above cover was carried from Manchester to London on the Midland Railway and from London to Harwich on the LNER.

## RAILWAY LETTER MAIL

Glasgow & South Western Railway

+ Laird Line of Steamers

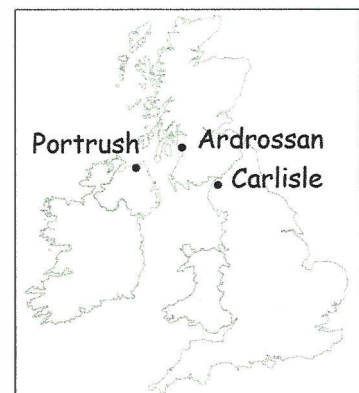
Conjunctive Use by Rail

and Steam to Ireland



(Tuesday) 2 September 1902 Carlisle to Portrush (Ireland), Carlisle manuscript cancel on 2d Glasgow & South Western Railway 1897 issue 2d railway stamp and 1d postage carried from Carlisle to Ardrossan by rail and transferred to Laird Line steamer for Portrush after the 5½ hour ferry trip, entered the mails at Portrush with 3:30 PM postmarks

The Laird Line operated two "daylight" steamers in September 1902 between Portrush, Ireland and Ardrossan, Scotland. The steamers were advertised as departing Ardrossan every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10 A.M. after connection with the Glasgow & South Western Railway trains to arrive in Portrush in 5½ hours. The steamers *Azalea* and *Cedar* were in use for the service at this date.



First Period (Feb 1, 1891 to Jan 14, 1920)  
2d railway fee



12 January 1906 Felixstowe, via Liverpool St. Station (London) to Watford, 1d postage  
endorsed "To be posted at Liverpool st on arrival"  
Great Eastern Railway 2d stamp and postage with "Felixstone Cancelled datestamps of 1905  
to Liverpool Street Station, transferred to London & Northwestern Railway for Watford  
12 January 1906 Watford datestamp on reverse



Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland)

Ewen Covers

+ London & North Western Railway (and steamer)

Conjunctive Use

First Period (Feb 1, 1891 to Jan 14, 1920)  
2d railway fee



2 June 1905 Castleblayney Station by Great Northern Railway to Dublin (Church Road)  
**conjunctive use** with London & North Western Railway owned steamer to Birkenhead  
and then by London & North Western Railway to the mails at London SE, 1d postage  
Great Northern Railway Company 2d stamp and postage with crossed Castleblayney cancels



First Period (Feb 1, 1891 to Jan 14, 1920)  
2d railway fee



7 June 1894 Narberth (Pembrokeshire), via Whitland, to the mails at London, 1d postage and  
Pembroke & Tenby Railway 2d stamp with "Narberth Station / P&TR / June 7 94" cancels  
carried to Whitland and transferred to the Great Western Railway to Paddington (London)  
boxed "G.W.R. / Transferred / At / Paddington / And to be so Abstracted" handstamp  
8 June 1894 entered the mails with Paddington postmark and London EC backstamp  
"Immediate" possibly added at London EC to indicate an addressee special delivery request on file

only reported example on cover (2 unused and 2 used stamps are also known)



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The addressee, H. & E. Albert, ran this advertisement  
in newspapers throughout Great Britain in June 1894.

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Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway

+ Midland & Great Northern Joint Railway

**Conjunctive Use**

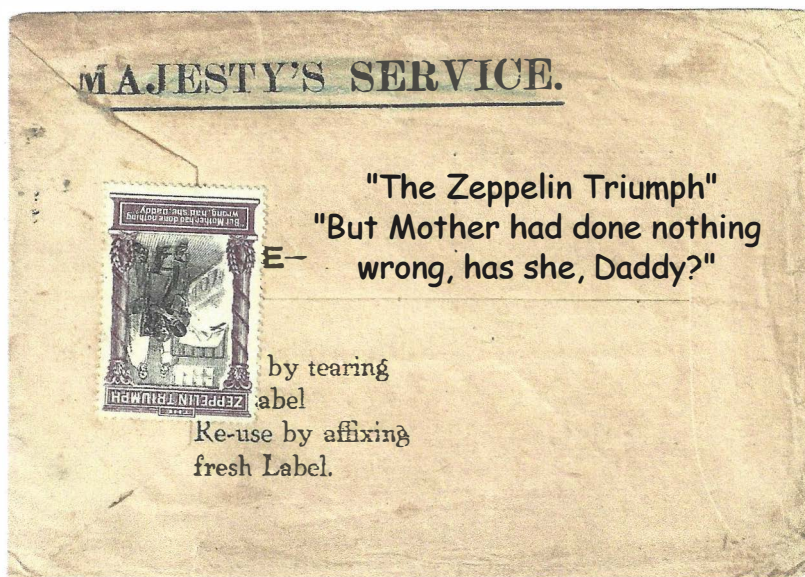
**Fourth Period**

1 Jun 1920 - 31 Aug 1920

3d fee + 2d postage



23 August 1920 Lytham to Sheringham where it entered the mails, OHMS imprinted cover Lancashire & Yorkshire RLY. prepaid "Threepence" on 2d railway stamp plus 2d postage L & Y Railway from Lytham to Crowle Central and Midland & Great Northern Joint Railway remailed 25 August 1920 from Sheringham to a hotel in North Devon



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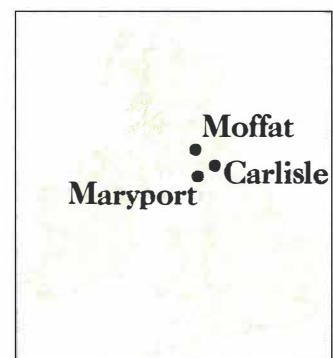
Maryport & Carlisle Railway  
+ Caledonian Railway

Conjunctive Use



4 August 1896 by Maryport & Carlisle Railway to Carlisle and Caledonian Railway to Moffat  
Maryport & Carlisle Railway 2d railway stamp, first printing, and 1d postage  
endorsed "Railway Letter to be posted on arrival"  
entered the mails at Moffat for local delivery

Maryport & Carlisle Railway was formed in 1836 and operated a small but profitable railway to connect Maryport and Carlisle in Cumbria, England. There were many small collieries in the area and efficient access to the harbor at Maryport was important. After 1918 the industries on which the line was dependent declined steeply, and the railway declined.



# RAILWAY LETTER POSTAGE

Highland Railway

+ North British Railway

Scotland

Conjunctive Use



16 April 1901 cover to Edinburgh, by Highland Railway to Perth and then North British Railway  
The Highland Railway 2d stamp, crayon cross cancel and 1d postage with cross cancel  
by Highlands Railway to Perth and North British Railway to Edinburgh, arrival datestamp

The Highland Railway was one of the smaller British railway operating north of Perth and serving the farthest north of Britain. It began as an amalgamation of smaller lines in 1865. By 1922 the railway had 484 miles of track.

The North British Railway map at right includes the route between Perth and Edinburgh.

