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Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 31 December 1838

Ship: North America

Company: Black Ball Line

Depart: New York, 5 January 1839

Arrive: Liverpool, 25 January 1839

Rate: \$1.00 prepaid for quadruple rate
4s9d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $4 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus $4 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil and later in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 4s9d postage due for triple rate letter (3x8d ship fee plus 3x11d inland fee from Liverpool to London).



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Newcastle on Tyne, England, 3 January 1839

Ship: *Europe*

Company: Black Ball Line

Depart: New York, 19 January 1839
 Arrive: Liverpool, 8 February 1839

Rate: 25¢ prepaid for single rate
 1s7d postage due in Newcastle on Tyne

Notes: Letter prepaid 12½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 1s7d postage due for single rate (8d ship fee plus 11d inland fee for 189 miles from Liverpool to Newcastle on Tyne).



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Liverpool, England, 18 February 1839

Ship: *South America*

Company: *Black Ball Line*

Depart: *New York, 19 February 1839*

Arrive: *Liverpool, 15 March 1839*

Rate: *25¢ prepaid for single rate*
8d postage due in Liverpool

Notes: Letter prepaid 12½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 8d postage due for incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 8 March 1839

Ship: *Liverpool*

Company: Transatlantic Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 9 March 1839
 Arrive: Liverpool, 25 March 1839
 Voyage: 2nd Return

Rate: \$1.50 prepaid for quadruple rate
 4s9d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 4x25¢=\$1.00 freight money fee for a steamship plus 4x12½¢=50¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland fee into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 4s9d postage due in London for triple rate letter, 3x(8d ship fee plus 11d inland fee from Liverpool to London.



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Kidderminster, England via Liverpool, 6 April 1839

Ship: *Independence*

Company: Swallowtail Line

Depart: New York, 8 April 1839

Arrive: Liverpool, 29 April 1839

Rate: 25¢ prepaid for single rate
 8d postage due in Liverpool
 9d postage due in Kidderminster

Notes: Letter prepaid 12½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written in pencil then in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 8d postage due for incoming ship letter, which was paid by an agent who reposted letter to destination. Postage due at Kidderminster was for a single letter going just under 120 miles from Liverpool.

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Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 20 April 1839

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 23 April 1839
 Arrive: Bristol, 7 May 1839
 Voyage: 7th Return

Rate: 75¢ prepaid for double rate
 2s10d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x25¢=50¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 2x12½¢=25¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 2s10d postage due (2x8d ship fee plus 2x9d inland fee for just under 120 miles to London).



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Liverpool, England, 20 April 1839

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 23 April 1839

Arrive: Bristol, 7 May 1839

Voyage: 7th Return

Rate: 37½¢ prepaid for single rate
1s6d postage due in Liverpool

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 1s6d postage due (8d ship fee plus 10d inland fee).

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Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 17 May 1839

Ship: *Liverpool*

Company: Transatlantic Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 18 May 1839

Arrive: Liverpool, 2 June 1839

Voyage: 3rd Return

Rate: 75¢ prepaid for double rate
1s7d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x25¢=50¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 2x12½¢=25¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland fee into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 1s7d postage due in London for single rate letter (8d ship fee plus 11d inland fee from Liverpool to London).



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 23 May 1839

Ship: *Sheridan*

Company: *Dramatic Line*

Depart: *New York, 25 May 1839*

Arrive: *Liverpool, 19 June 1839*

Rate: *25¢* prepaid for single rate
1s7d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus $12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 1s7d postage due in London (8d incoming ship fee plus 11d inland fee for 206 miles to London).



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 23 August 1839

Ship: Siddons

Company: Dramatic Line

Depart: New York, 26 August 1839
 Arrive: Liverpool, 13 September 1839

Rate: 25¢ prepaid for single rate
 1s7d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 12½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written in black or red ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 1s7d postage due in London (8d incoming ship fee plus 11d inland fee for 206 miles to London).



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Heath near Halifax, England, 13 December 1839

Ship: *Liverpool*

Company: Transatlantic Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 15 December 1839

Arrive: Liverpool, 11 January 1840

Voyage: 7th Return (final voyage)

Rate: 37½¢ prepaid for single rate
8d postage due in Heath

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 8d postage due, the single incoming ship letter rate, with a handstamp.

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Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Heath near Halifax, England, 31 January 1840

Ship: *George Washington*

Company: *Swallowtail Line*

Depart: *New York, 7 February 1840*
 Arrive: *Liverpool, 10 March 1840*

Rate: *50¢ prepaid for double rate*
8d postage due in Heath

Notes: Letter prepaid $2 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 25\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus $2 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 25\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil and later in black or red ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 8d postage due in Heath (8d uniform incoming ship fee) with a handstamp.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 16 March 1840

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 19 March 1840

Arrive: Bristol, 3 April 1840

Voyage: 12th Return

Rate: \$1.50 prepaid for quadruple rate
1s4d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $4 \times 25\text{¢} = \$1.00$ freight money fee for a steamship plus $4 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 1s4d postage due, the double incoming ship letter rate.



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Heath near Halifax, England, 17 March 1840

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 19 March 1840
 Arrive: Bristol, 3 April 1840
 Voyage: 12th Return

Rate: 37½¢ prepaid for single rate
 8d postage due in Heath

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 8d postage due for incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 18 March 1840

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: *Great Western Steam Ship Company*

Depart: *New York, 19 March 1840*
 Arrive: *Bristol, 3 April 1840*
 Voyage: *12th Return*

Rate: *75¢* prepaid for double rate
1s4d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $2 \times 25\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a steamship plus $2 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 25\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 1s4d postage due for a double incoming ship letter.

Steamship

Quadruple Rate

**SHIP LETTER
PORTSMOUTH**

(red, reverse)



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 30 May 1840

Ship: *British Queen*

Company: British & American Steam Navigation Company

Depart: New York, 1 June 1840
 Arrive: Portsmouth, 16 June 1840
 Voyage: 5th Return

Rate: \$1.50 prepaid for quadruple rate
 1s4d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $4 \times 25\text{¢} = \$1.00$ freight money fee for a steamship plus $4 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Portsmouth marked 1s4d postage due in London, 2x8d incoming ship letter fee.



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 9 June 1840

Ship: *United States*

Company: *Kermit Line*

Depart: *New York, 13 June 1840*
 Arrive: *Liverpool, 1 July 1840*

Rate: 25¢ prepaid for single rate
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 12½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil and later in black or red ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 8d postage due in London, the uniform incoming ship fee.



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 23 June 1840

Ship: Great Western

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 1 July 1840

Arrive: Bristol, 15 July 1840

Voyage: 14th Return

Rate: 75¢ prepaid for double rate
8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $2 \times 25\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a steamship plus $2 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 25\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 8d postage due for an incoming ship letter.

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Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 30 June 1840

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: *Great Western Steam Ship Company*

Depart: *New York, 1 July 1840*
 Arrive: *Bristol, 15 July 1840*
 Voyage: *14th Return*

Rate: *37½¢* prepaid for single rate
8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 8d postage due in London for an incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 9 July 1840

Ship: *Virginian*

Company: Kermit Line

Depart: New York, 14 July 1840
 Arrive: Liverpool, 11 August 1840

Rate: 50¢ prepaid for double rate
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $2 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 25\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus $2 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 25\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil and later in black or red ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 8d postage due in London, the uniform incoming ship fee.



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 30 July 1840

Ship: *British Queen*

Company: British & American Steam Navigation Company

Depart: New York, 1 August 1840
 Arrive: Portsmouth, 15 August 1840
 Voyage: 6th Return

Rate: 37½¢ prepaid for single rate
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Letter sent directly to London where SHIP LETTER LONDON circular datestamp marked on reverse in red. London marked 8d postage due for single incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 27 November 1840

Ship: *British Queen*

Company: British & American Steam Navigation Company

Depart: New York, 1 December 1840
 Arrive: Portsmouth, 22 December 1840
 Voyage: 8th Return

Rate: 75¢ prepaid for double rate
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $2 \times 25\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a steamship plus $2 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 25\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Letter sent directly to London where SHIP LETTER handstamp marked on reverse. London marked 8d postage due for single incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Heath near Halifax, England, 7 December 1840

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 9 December 1840
 Arrive: Bristol, 23 December 1840
 Voyage: 17th Return

Rate: \$1.50 prepaid for quadruple rate
 2s8d postage due in Heath

Notes: Letter prepaid 4x25¢=\$1.00 freight money fee for a steamship plus 4x12½¢=50¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 2s8d postage due in London, 4x8d incoming ship letter fee.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 9 April 1841

Ship: *British Queen*

Company: British & American Steam Navigation Company

Depart: New York, 11 April 1841
 Arrive: Liverpool, 28 April 1841
 Voyage: 9th Return (final voyage for British)

Rate: 37½¢ prepaid for single rate
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 8d postage due for single incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Manchester, England, 30 April 1841

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: *Great Western Steam Ship Company*

Depart: *New York, 1 May 1841*
 Arrive: *Bristol, 14 May 1841*
 Voyage: *18th Return*

Rate: *37½¢* prepaid for single rate
8d postage due in Manchester

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 8d postage due in Manchester for an incoming ship letter. This is a letter front and partial back only

U.S. – France Mails by Steamship

Pre U.S. – French Treaty
Non-Contract Steamship via G.B.

1838–



19 October 1838 Philadelphia to Paris
\$1.50 prepaid for 4x12½¢ inland and 4x25¢ freight money fees
4s6d British debit to France
8 franc 4 decimes postage due in Paris

Royal William 16 days (East)
Second of only three round voyages
Postage due = 54 dec. to G.B. and 30 dec. French
Philadelphia combined inland and freight money fees



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Liverpool, England, 31 July 1841

Ship: Great Western
 Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company
 Depart: New York, 7 August 1841
 Arrive: Bristol, 20 August 1841
 Voyage: 20th Return
 Rate: 37½¢ prepaid for single rate
 8d postage due in Liverpool

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written in this case in red crayon in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 8d postage due in Liverpool for an incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Feckenham, England, 24 September 1841

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: *Great Western Steam Ship Company*

Depart: *New York, 25 September 1841*
 Arrive: *Bristol, 8 October 1841*
 Voyage: *21st Return*

Rate: *37½¢* prepaid for single rate
8d postage due in Feckenham

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written in this case in red pen in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 8d postage due in Feckenham for an incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Alcester, England, 24 September 1841

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: *Great Western Steam Ship Company*

Depart: *New York, 25 September 1841*

Arrive: *Bristol, 8 October 1841*

Voyage: *21st Return*

Rate: *37½¢ prepaid for single rate*
8d postage due in Alcester

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 12½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written in this case in red pen in the upper right corner. Bristol marked 8d postage due in Alcester for an incoming ship letter. Letter sent to Warminster in error and marked on red pen at top "Missent to Warminster."

F. W. L.



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 10 August 1842

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 11 August 1842
 Arrive: Liverpool, 24 August 1842
 Voyage: 25th Return

Rate: \$1.12½ prepaid for triple rate
 1s4d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 3x25¢=75¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 3x12½¢=37½¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in pencil (upper left corner) then later in red ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 2x8d=1s4d postage due for a double incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Heath near Halifax, England, 31 January 1843

Ship: *Columbus*

Company: Black Ball Line

Depart: New York, 1 February 1843
 Arrive: Liverpool, 12 March 1843

Rate: 50¢ prepaid for double rate
 8d postage due in Liverpool

Notes: Letter prepaid $2 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 25\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus $2 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 25\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written in this case in red ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 8d postage due in Heath with a handstamp, the uniform rate for a single incoming ship letter.

Steamship

Double Rate

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Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to London, 6 May 1846

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 7 May 1846
 Arrive: Liverpool, 21 May 1846
 Voyage: 41st Return

Rate: 60¢ prepaid for double rate
 1s4d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x25¢=50¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 2x5¢=10¢ inland fee to New York. Philadelphia always combined both the freight money fee and the inland rate into one value written first in red pencil (upper left corner) then later in black ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 2x8d=1s4d postage due in London for double rate ship letter.