



Folded Letter: Auburn, New York, to London, 7 October 1840

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 10 October 1840  
 Arrive: Bristol, 24 October 1840  
 Voyage: 16th Return

Rate: 43<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>¢ prepaid for single rate  
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 18<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>¢ for inland fee to New York plus 25¢ steamship freight money for a total of 43<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>¢. Postage due consisted of 8d incoming ship letter fee. Pencil notation "3/6" in lower left corner not understood. Freight money covers from Auburn are quite scarce.



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Folded Letter: Auburn, New York to London, 4 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: 43 3/4¢ prepaid for single rate  
 8d postage due in London  
 1d paid to redirected letter

Notes: Letter prepaid 18 3/4¢ for inland fee to New York plus 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship. Postage due consisted of 8d incoming ship letter. Mr. Junius Smith at Fenchurch Street address paid 8d postage due and redirected letter to a Cecil Street London address. Since letter marked for one penny fee it must have been prepaid to redirect.



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Folded Letter: New York to Cognac, France, 1 August 1848

Ship: *United States*

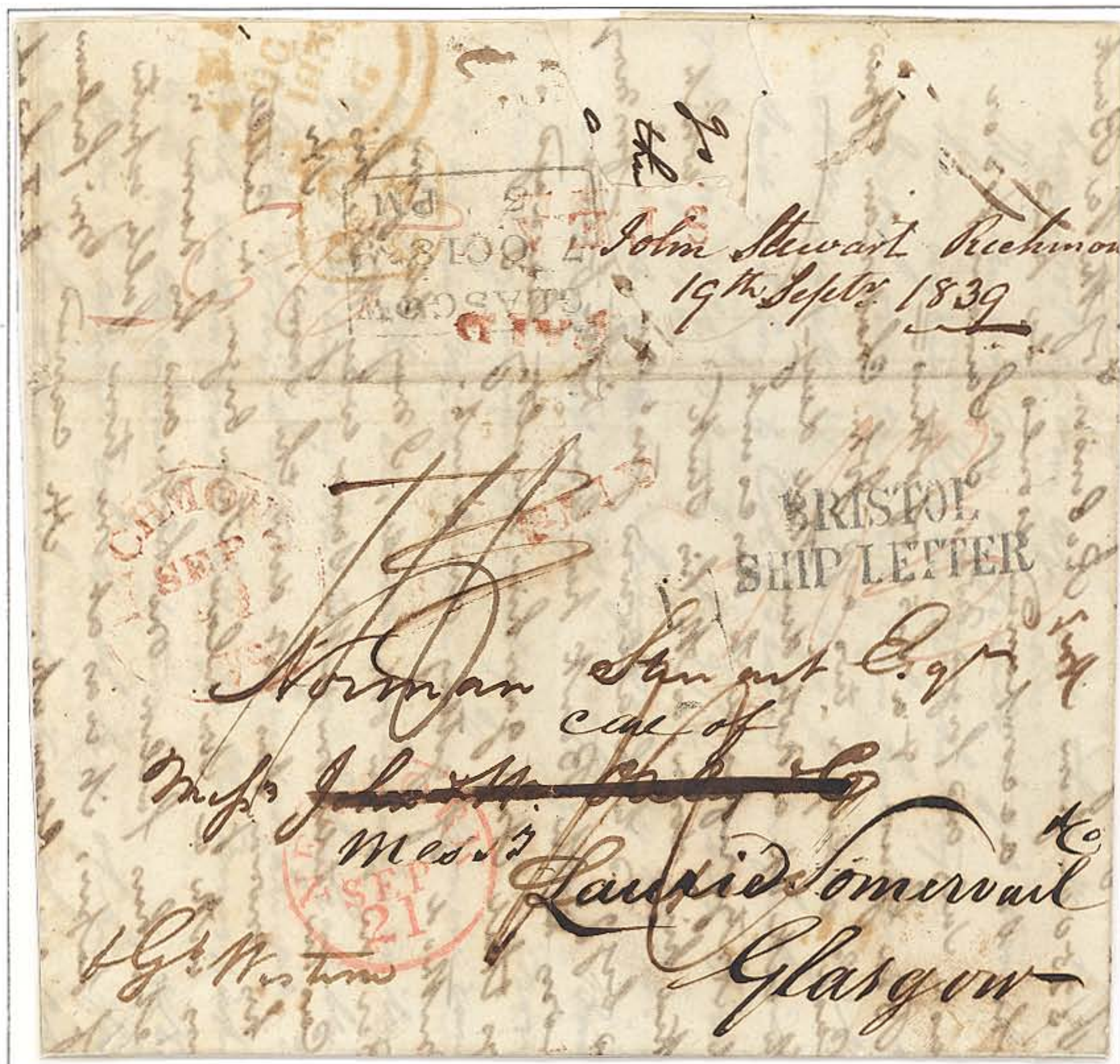
Company: Black Ball Line Steamship

Depart: New York, 5 August 1848  
 Arrive: Havre, 19 August 1848  
 Voyage: 3rd

Rate: 25¢ prepaid for single rate  
 9 decimes postage due in Cognac

Notes: Letter taken to Black Ball Line agent and 25¢ freight money fee paid (marked in pencil, top). Letter did not enter U.S. mail, so no inland fee paid. French clerk at Havre marked letter for 9 decimes postage due, 1 decime du mer plus 8 decimes French inland postage for distance of 430 km from Havre to Cognac. Backstamps show letter traveled to Paris by train and supplementary mail carriage to Bordeaux on the line to Châteauroux, an uncommon backstamp. Scarce non-contract steamship letter showing seldom seen freight money accounting at New York.





Folded Letter: Richmond, Virginia to Glasgow, Scotland via Liverpool, 19 September 1839

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: *Great Western Steam Ship Company*

Depart: *New York, 21 September 1839*  
 Arrive: *Bristol, 4 October 1839*

Rate: *43<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>¢ prepaid for single rate*  
*1s6d postage due in Liverpool*  
*11d postage due in Glasgow*

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 18<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>¢ inland fee to New York. Richmond marked the prepaid freight money fee on the reverse and used the red handstamp "STEAM" for a steamship. The freight money fee was marked in red ink. The inland fee was always marked on the front in the upper right corner, in this case in red ink. Bristol marked 1s6d due in Liverpool (8d ship fee plus 10d inland fee). Agent paid postage due and reposted letter unpaid. Postage due in Glasgow was 11d inland fee plus 1/2d Scottish road tax.



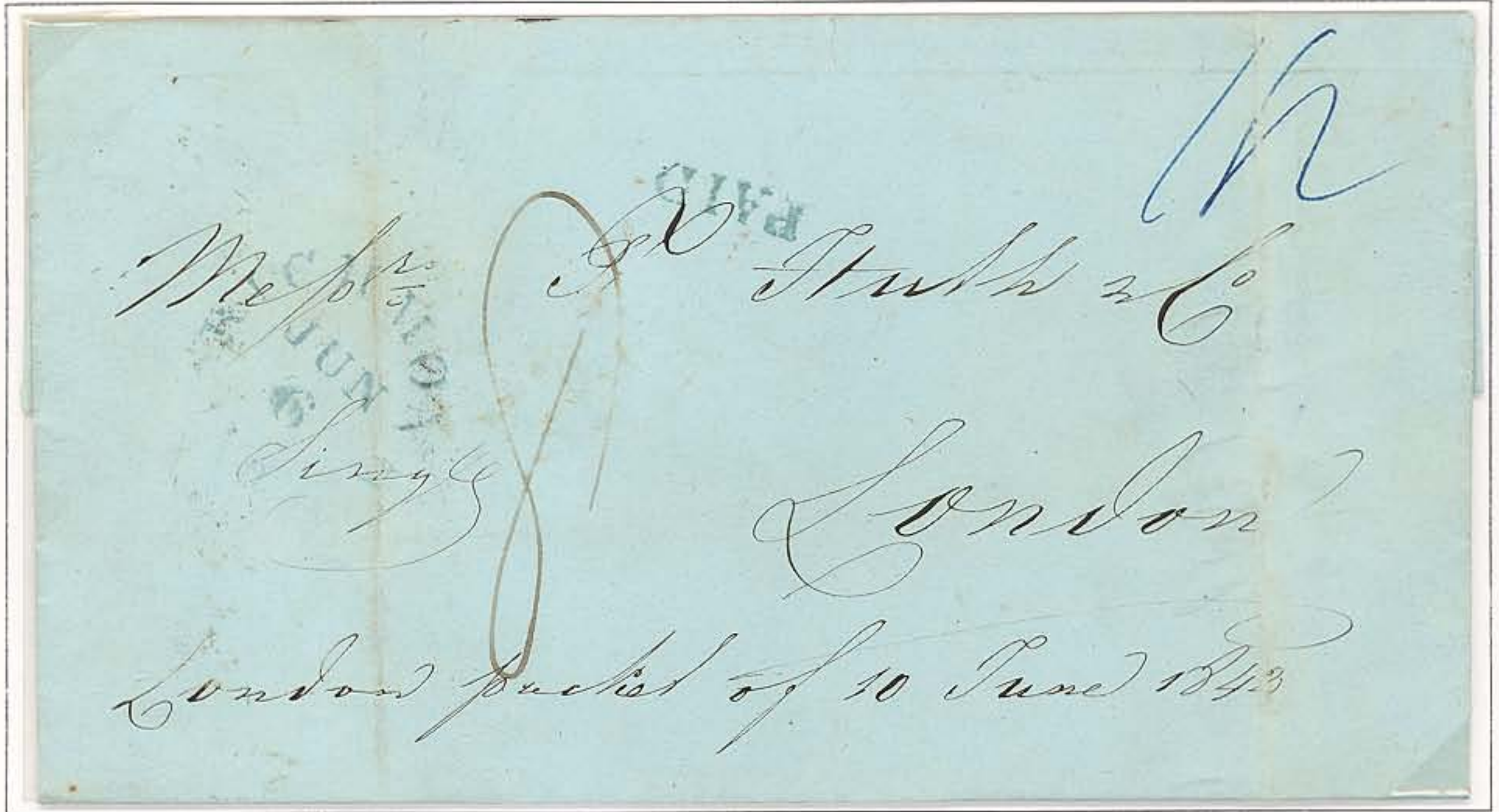
Sailing Ship

Single Rate

SHIP  
PAID



(blue, reverse)



Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland via Richmond, Virginia to London, 3 June 1842

Ship: *Wellington*

Company: Swallowtail Line of London Packets

Depart: New York, 12 June 1842  
 Arrive: off Weymouth, 4 July 1842

Rate: 31¼¢ prepaid for single rate  
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter datelined in Baltimore but mailed in Richmond. It was prepaid 12½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 18¾¢ inland fee to New York. Richmond marked freight money fees on the reverse along with either the handstamp "SHIP" if by sailing ship or "STEAM" if by steamship. The inland fee was always marked on the front in the upper right corner. Mail bags on this voyage were put off at Weymouth and sent directly to London where black SHIP-LETTER handstamp struck on the reverse. London marked 8d incoming ship rate due.