



Folded Letter: Charleston, South Carolina to Greenock, Scotland, 10 December 1839

Ship: *Liverpool*

Company: Transatlantic Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 15 December 1839

Arrive: Liverpool, 11 January 1840

Voyage: 7th Return

Rate: 50¢ prepaid for single rate  
8d postage due in Greenock

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ inland fee to New York (upper right) plus 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship (lower left). Liverpool marked 8d postage due for an incoming ship letter with handstamp. "1d" written in red crayon alongside each rate not understood.



## SHIP-LETTER (red, reverse)



Folded Letter: Charleston, South Carolina to Greenock, Scotland, 25 September 1840

Ship: *British Queen*

Company: British & American Steam Navigation Company

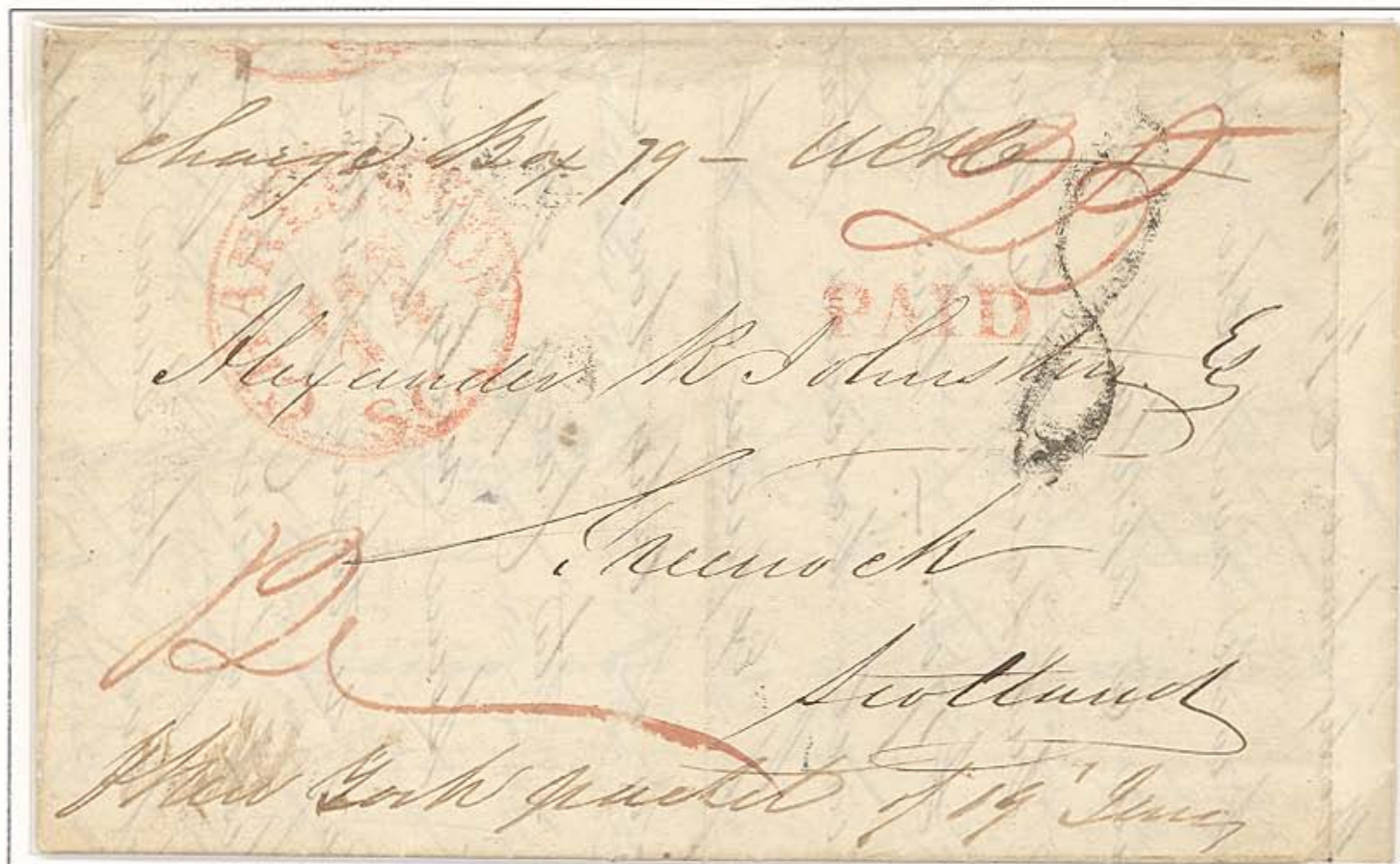
Depart: New York, 1 October 1840  
 Arrive: Portsmouth, 17 October 1840  
 Voyage: 7th Return

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

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ inland fee to New York (upper right) plus 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship (lower left). Charleston postmaster marked in the upper left that the amount was charged against Box 79 and in the upper right corner that it was a single paid letter. London marked 8d postage due for an incoming ship letter and a red handstamp SHIP-LETTER on the reverse. Since *British Queen* had no contract to carry mail, her mail was considered ship and not packet letters.



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Folded Letter: Charleston, South Carolina to Grennock, Scotland, 13 January 1841

Ship: *Columbus*

Company: Black Ball Line

Depart: New York, 22 January 1841  
 Arrive: Liverpool, 13 February 1841

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

Notes: Letter prepaid 12½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 25¢ inland fee to New York. Liverpool marked 8d single ship letter rate due with black handstamp. Charleston freight money covers are uncommon and those by sailing ship, scarce.



*Engeland  
over Rotterdam* (red, reverse)



Folded Letter: Charleston, South Carolina to Schiedam, Holland, 18 November 1841

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 23 November 1841

Arrive: Bristol, 6 December 1841

Voyage: 22nd Return

Rate: 50¢ prepaid for single rate  
 8d postage due in London  
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Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ inland fee to New York (upper right) plus 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship (lower left). Bristol marked 8d postage due for an incoming ship letter. London agent paid postage due and reposted letter to Holland unpaid. G.P.O. in London debited Holland 1s4d in upper right. Holland thought letter prepaid and charged only 50 Cents postage due.





Folded Letter: Charleston, South Carolina to London, 4 June 1842

Ship: *United States*

Company: Kermit Line

Depart: New York, 14 June 1842

Arrive: Liverpool, 5 July 1842

Rate: \$1.12½      prepaid for triple rate by sailing ship  
8d                  postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 3x25¢=75¢ inland fee to New York (upper right) plus 3x12½¢=37½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship (lower left). United States fees based on number of sheets of paper and not on the weight. The British postage due was for a single rate incoming ship letter weighing less than ½ oz.





Folded Letter: Charleston, South Carolina to Edinburgh, Scotland, 11 June 1842

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 16 June 1842

Arrive: Bristol, 29 June 1842

Voyage: 24th Return

Rate: 50¢ prepaid for single rate  
8d postage due in Edinburgh

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ inland fee to New York (upper right) plus 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship (lower left). Bristol marked 8d postage due for an incoming ship letter.





Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Charleston, South Carolina to London, 20 April 1843

Ship: *New York*

Company: *Black Ball Line*

Depart: *New York, 1 May 1843*  
 Arrive: *Liverpool, 20 May 1843*

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

Notes: Letter prepaid *12½¢* freight money fee for a sailing ship plus *25¢* inland fee to New York. Liverpool marked *8d* single ship letter rate due. Oval handstamp is corner card of sending company, Herckenrath, Lowndes & Co.





Folded Letter: Charleston, South Carolina to London, 20 May 1843

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 25 May 1843  
 Arrive: Liverpool, 8 June 1843  
 Voyage: 29th Return

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

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ inland fee to New York (upper right) plus 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship (lower left). Liverpool marked 1s4d double rate postage due then corrected to 8d for a single incoming ship letter. Oval handstamp is corner card of sending company, Herckenrath, Lowndes & Co.





Folded Letter: Charleston, South Carolina to London, 15 February 1844

Ship: *Rochester*

Company: *New Line*

Depart: *New York, 21 February 1844*

Arrive: *Liverpool, 15 March 1844*

Rate: 75¢ 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  $2 \times 25\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$  inland fee to New York. Liverpool marked 8d single ship letter rate due with black handstamp. Charleston freight money covers are uncommon and those by sailing ship, scarce.