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Folded Letter: New Orleans, Louisiana to London, 4 February 1840

Ship: *England*

Company: Black Ball Line

Depart: New York, 23 February 1840

Arrive: Liverpool, 18 March 1840

Rate: \$1.00 prepaid for double rate
8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x25¢=50¢ inland fee to New York plus 2x25¢=50¢ freight money fee for a steamship, marked in red pen in the upper right corner. Since next non-contract steamship was not until 19 March, New York postmaster sent letter to England on sailing packet. Extra freight money fee normally refunded by New York postmaster. Liverpool marked 8d postage due for single ship letter.

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Folded Letter Outer Sheet: New Orleans, Louisiana to London, 10 December 1841

Ship: *New York*

Company: *Black Ball Line*

Depart: *New York, 22 December 1841*
Arrive: *Liverpool, 11 January 1842*

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, marked first in red crayon and then in blue ink in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 8d postage due for single ship letter.

MARGATE SHIP-LRE



Folded Letter: New Orleans, Louisiana, to London, 24 December 1841

Ship: *Montreal*

Company: Red Swallowtail Line

Depart: New York, 12 January 1842
 Arrive: off Margate, 2 February 1842

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

Notes: Letter prepaid 2 x 12½¢ = 25¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 2 x 25¢ = 50¢ inland fee to New York, marked as a combined rate in the upper right corner. Liverpool marked 8d postage due for single ship letter. Letter had been sent ashore when vessel was off Margate, probably because favorable winds were not present to continue to London. This is the first example recorded of both fees combined into one value at New Orleans. Philadelphia always combined the fees, but no other offices were thought to do the same



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: New Orleans, Louisiana to Havre, France, 15 April 1842

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 28 April 1842
 Arrive: Liverpool, 11 May 1842
 Voyage: 23rd Return

Rate: \$1.00 prepaid for double rate
 27 decimes postage due in Havre

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x25¢=50¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 2x25¢=50¢ inland fee to New York, both marked in blue pen in the upper right corner. London marked 1s6d debit to France under 1836 Anglo-French convention. Paris marked 27 decimes postage due (18 decimes to U.K. plus 9 decimes inland fee for 200 km. from Calais to Havre).



Folded Letter: New Orleans, Louisiana to Paris, France, 31 May 1845

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 12 June 1845

Arrive: Liverpool, 27 June 1845

Voyage: 37th Return

Rate: \$2.00 prepaid for quadruple rate
6 Franc 3 decimes postage due in Paris

Notes: Letter prepaid 4x25¢=\$1.00 freight money fee for a steamship plus 4x25¢=\$1.00 inland fee to New York, both marked in blue pen in the upper right corner. London marked COLONIES/&c ART.12 handstamp in red to debit France 3s4d per 30 grams under letter bill accounting article 12. Paris marked letter weight of 35 grams (upper left corner) and 6 Franc 3 decimes postage due (40 decimes to U.K. and 23 decimes French internal fees).