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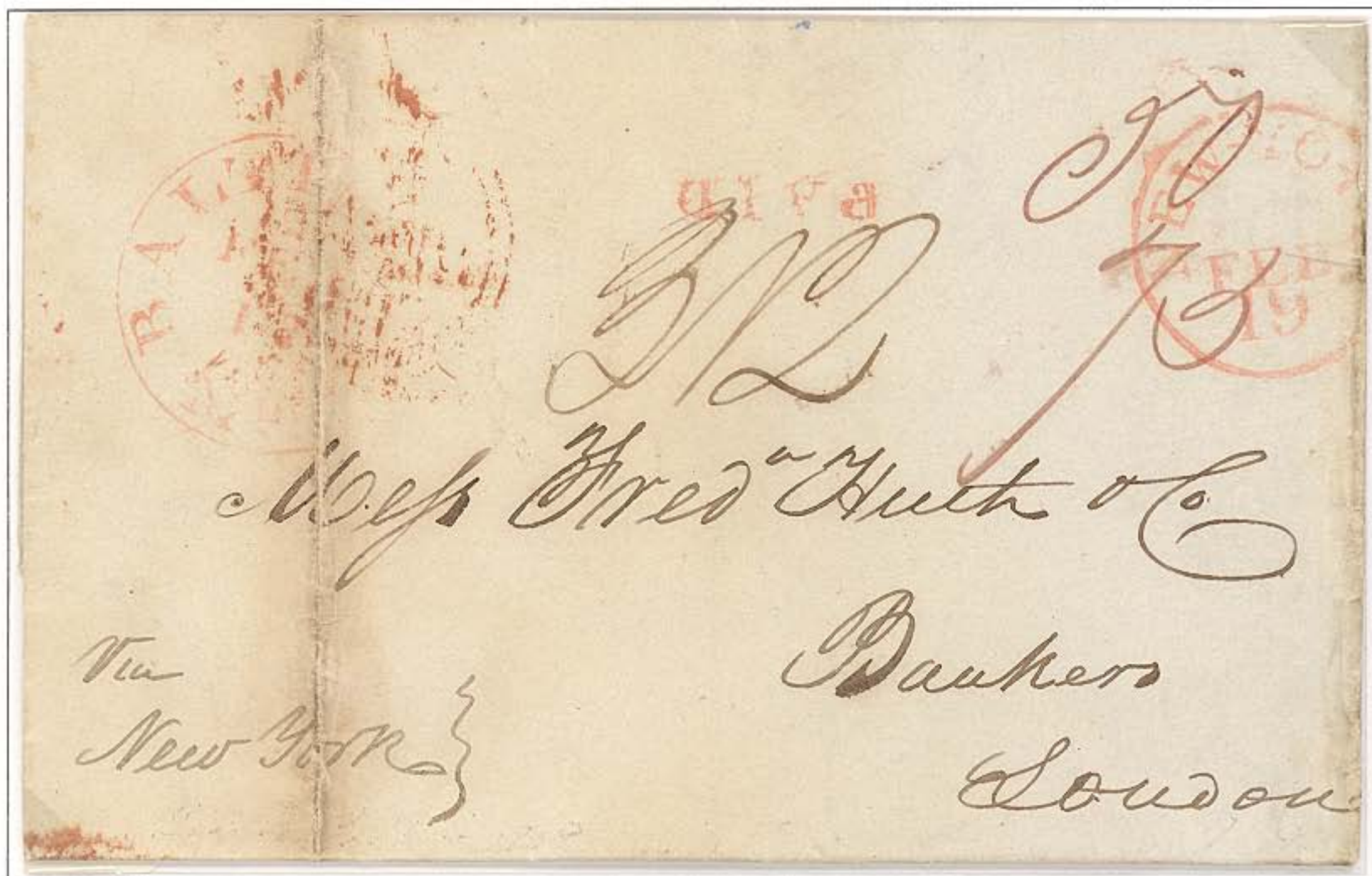


Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 22 December 1838

Ship: *Siddons*
 Company: Dramatic Line
 Depart: New York, 26 December 1838
 Arrive: Liverpool, 15 January 1839

Rate: 62½¢ prepaid for double rate
 3s2d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x18¾¢=37½¢ for inland fee to New York plus 2x12½¢=25¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship. Postage due consisted of 2x8d incoming ship letter fee plus 2x11d inland fee from Liverpool to London (206 miles). Baltimore always marked freight money fee and inland fees separately, usually one above the other in the upper right corner. On early freight money letters the word "ship" was also written.



Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 16 February 1839

Ship: *South America*

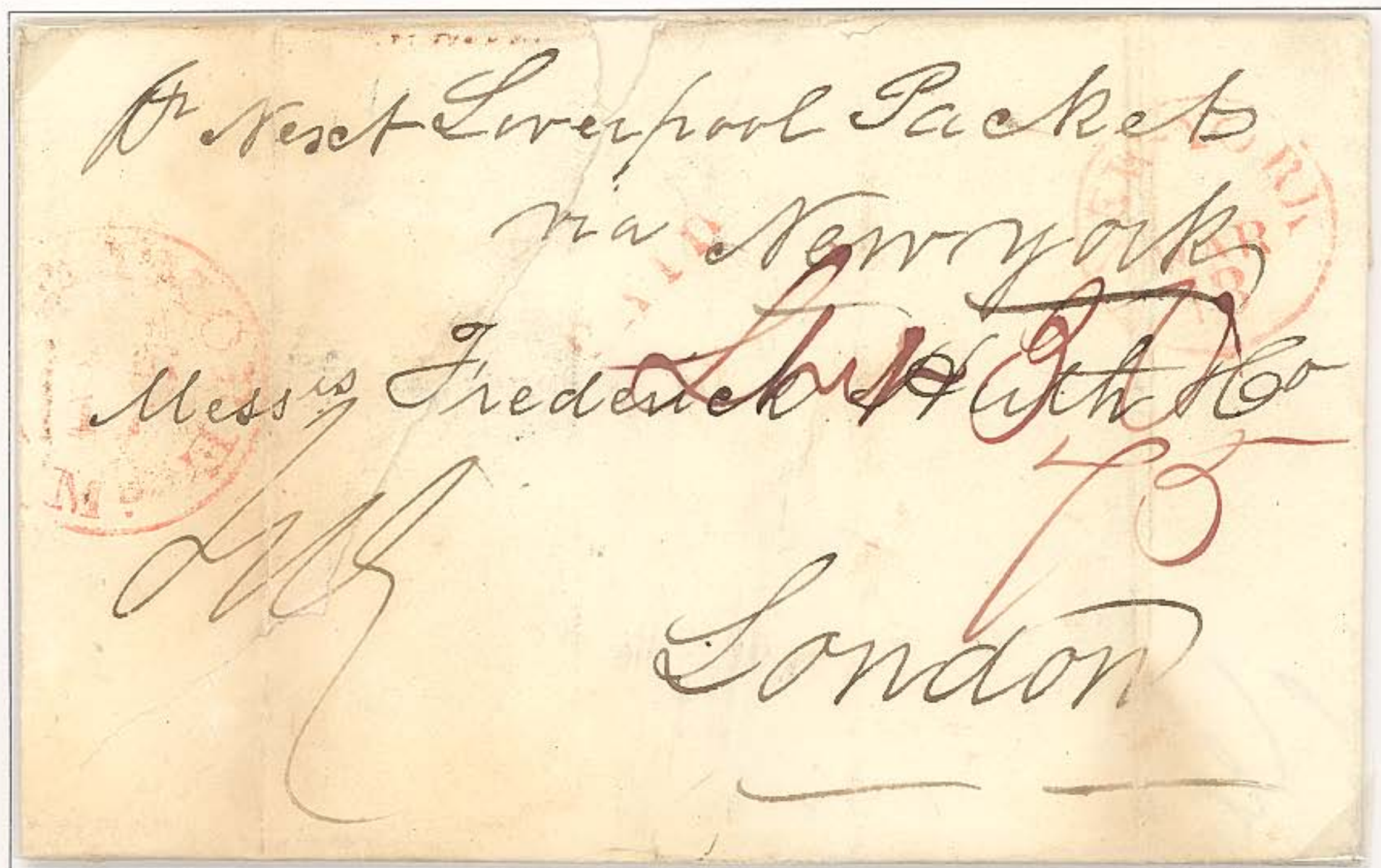
Company: *Black Ball Line*

Depart: *New York, 19 February 1839*

Arrive: *Liverpool, 15 March 1839*

Rate: \$1.25 prepaid for quadruple rate
3s2d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $4 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus $4 \times 18\frac{3}{4}\text{¢} = 75\text{¢}$ for inland fees to New York. Postage due consisted of 2x8d incoming ship letter fee plus 2x11d inland fee from Liverpool to London (206 miles). There was no consistent pattern in Baltimore of writing freight money fee over inland fee or vice versa. "Ship" notation not written on this letter, but red pen was used as in other early freight money covers.



Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 16 March 1839

Ship: *Orpheus*

Company: Black Ball Line

Depart: New York, 22 March 1839

Arrive: Liverpool, 14 April 1839

Rate: \$1.25 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 $4 \times 18\frac{3}{4}\text{¢} = 75\text{¢}$ for inland fees to New York. Postage due of 4s9d consisted of 3x8d incoming ship letter fee plus 3x11d inland fee from Liverpool to London (206 miles). Baltimore used no consistent pattern of writing freight money fee over inland fee or vice versa. "Ship" notation and red ink identify this as an early Baltimore freight money letter.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 18 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: \$1.31¼ prepaid for triple rate
 4s3d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 3x25¢=75¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 3x18¾¢=56¼¢ inland fee to New York. Postage due consisted of 3x8d incoming ship fee plus 3x9d inland fee from Bristol to London (distance just under 120 miles).



Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 28 September 1839

Ship: *British Queen*

Company: British & American Steam Navigation Company

Depart: New York, 1 October 1839
 Arrive: Portsmouth, 15 October 1839
 Voyage: 2nd Return

Rate: \$1.75 prepaid for quadruple rate
 2s8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $4 \times 25\text{¢} = \$1.00$ freight money fee for a steamship plus $4 \times 18\frac{3}{4}\text{¢} = 75\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York. Postage due consisted of 2x8d incoming ship fee plus 2x8d inland fee from Portsmouth to London (distance of 72 miles).

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Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 14 November 1839

Ship: *Great Western*
 Company: *Great Western Steam Ship Company*

Depart: *New York, 16 November 1839*
 Arrive: *Bristol, 30 November 1839*
 Voyage: *11th Return*

Rate: *87½¢* prepaid for double rate
2s10d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x25¢=50¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 2x18¾¢=37½¢ inland fee to New York. Postage due consisted of 2x8d incoming ship fee plus 2x9d inland fee from Bristol to London (distance just under 120 miles).



Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 11 January 1840

Ship: *Stephen Whitney*

Company: Kermit Line

Depart: New York, 14 January 1840

Arrive: Liverpool, 3 February 1840

Rate: \$1.25 prepaid for quadruple rate
8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $4 \times 18\frac{3}{4}\text{¢} = 75\text{¢}$ for inland fees to New York plus $4 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a sailing ship. Liverpool marked single uniform ship letter rate of 8d due since letter weighed under half ounce. Americans still used rates based on number of sheets of paper and distance traveled. This letter had three enclosures to require four rates.

Sailing Ship

Triple Rate



Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 22 January 1840

Ship: *Sheridan*

Company: *Dramatic Line*

Depart: *New York, 26 January 1840*
 Arrive: *Liverpool, 12 February 1840*

Rate: $93\frac{3}{4}\text{¢}$ prepaid for triple rate
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $3 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 37\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus $3 \times 18\frac{3}{4}\text{¢} = 56\frac{1}{4}\text{¢}$ for inland fees to New York. Liverpool marked single uniform ship letter rate of 8d due since letter weighed under half ounce. American still used rates based on number of sheets of paper and distance traveled. This letter had two enclosures, marked in the upper left, and required three rates.

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Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to Wolverhampton, England, 24 March 1840

Ship: North America

Company: Black Ball Line

Depart: New York, ? April 1840
Arrive: Liverpool, 26 April 1840

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

Notes: Letter prepaid 12½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 18¾¢ for inland fees to New York. Liverpool marked single uniform ship letter rate of 8d due.

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Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 29 March 1840

Ship: *British Queen*

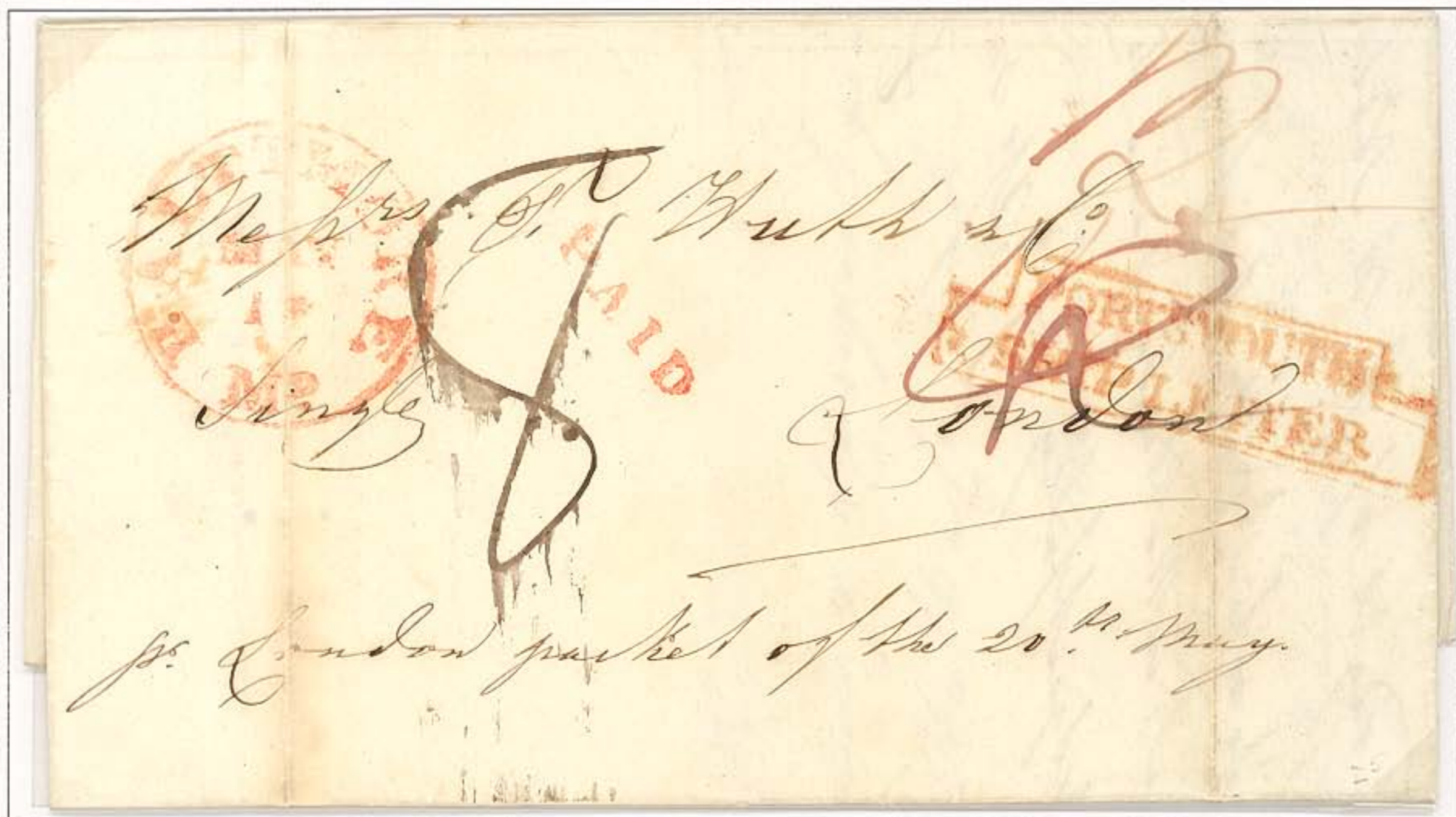
Company: British & American Steam Navigation Company

Depart: New York, 1 April 1840
 Arrive: Portsmouth, 16 April 1840
 Voyage: 4th Return

Rate: \$1.31¼ prepaid for triple rate
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 3x25¢=75¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 3x18¾¢=56¼¢ inland fee to New York. Portsmouth marked 8d incoming ship letter postage due. Letter contained two enclosures for three rates in U.S. but was under one half ounce for one rate in G.B.

**PORTSMOUTH
SHIP LETTER**



Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 16 May 1840

Ship: *Gladiator*

Company: Swallowtail Line of London Packets

Depart: New York, 20 May 1840
 Arrive: Portsmouth, 17 June 1840

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

Notes: Letter prepaid 12½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 18¾¢ for inland fee to New York. Portsmouth marked single uniform ship letter rate of 8d due. London sailing packets often stopped at Portsmouth and put mails off as in this case.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 6 June 1840

Ship: *George Washington*

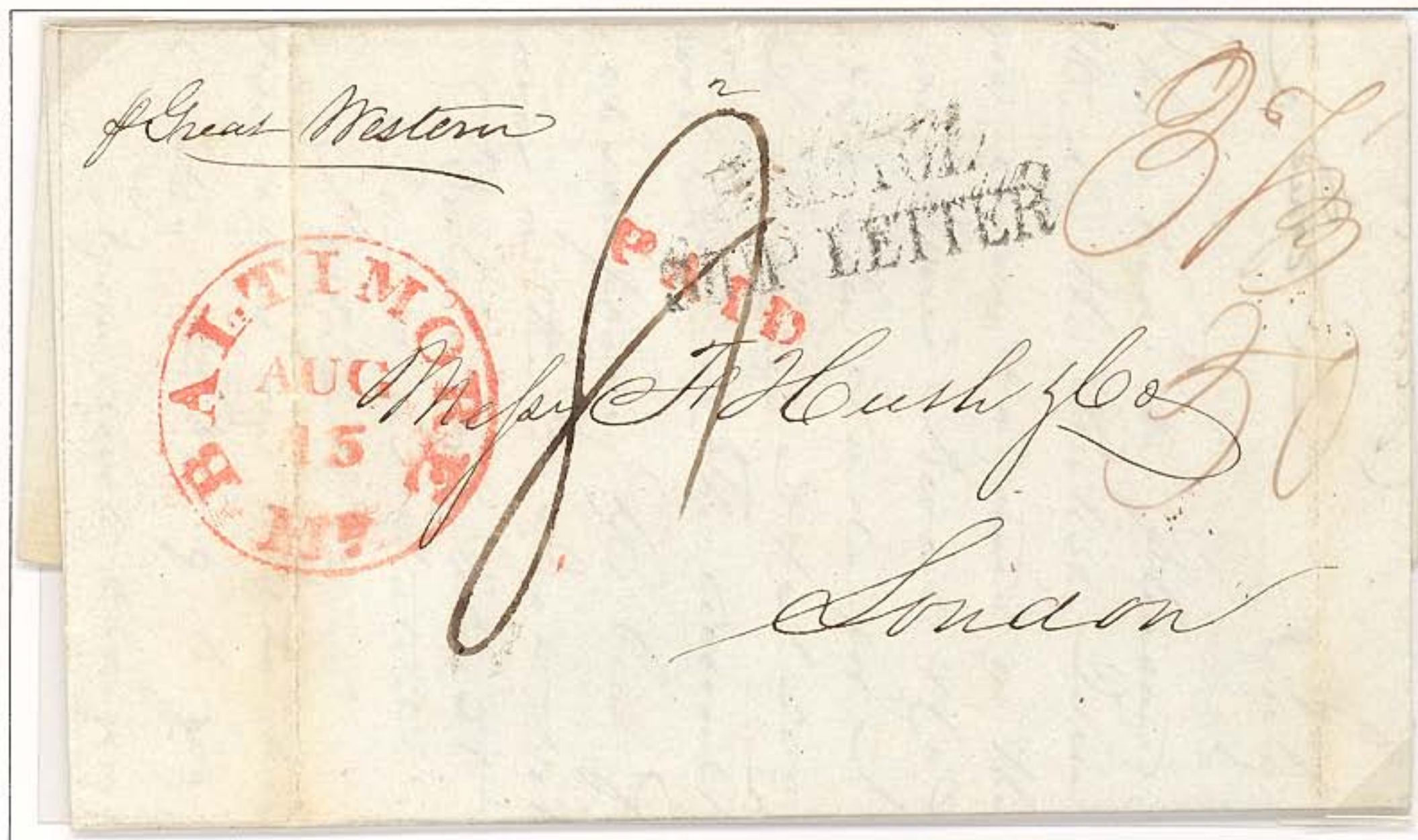
Company: Swallowtail Line

Depart: New York, 8 June 1840

Arrive: Liverpool, 1 July 1840

Rate: \$1.25 prepaid for quadruple rate
8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $4 \times 12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus $4 \times 18\frac{3}{4}\text{¢} = 75\text{¢}$ for inland fees to New York. Pencil accounting marked when letter first paid and later marked in red pen in separate operation. Liverpool marked single uniform ship letter rate of 8d due since letter weighed under half ounce. Americans still used rates based on number of sheets of paper and distance traveled. This letter required four rates.



Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 14 August 1840

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: Great Western Steam Ship Company

Depart: New York, 18 August 1840
 Arrive: Bristol, 1 September 1840
 Voyage: 15th Return

Rate: 87½¢ prepaid for double rate
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid $2 \times 18\frac{3}{4}\text{¢} = 37\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$ inland fee to New York plus $2 \times 25\text{¢} = 50\text{¢}$ freight money fee for a steamship. Bristol marked 8d postage due for incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 15 August 1840

Ship: *Great Western*

Company: *Great Western Steam Ship Company*

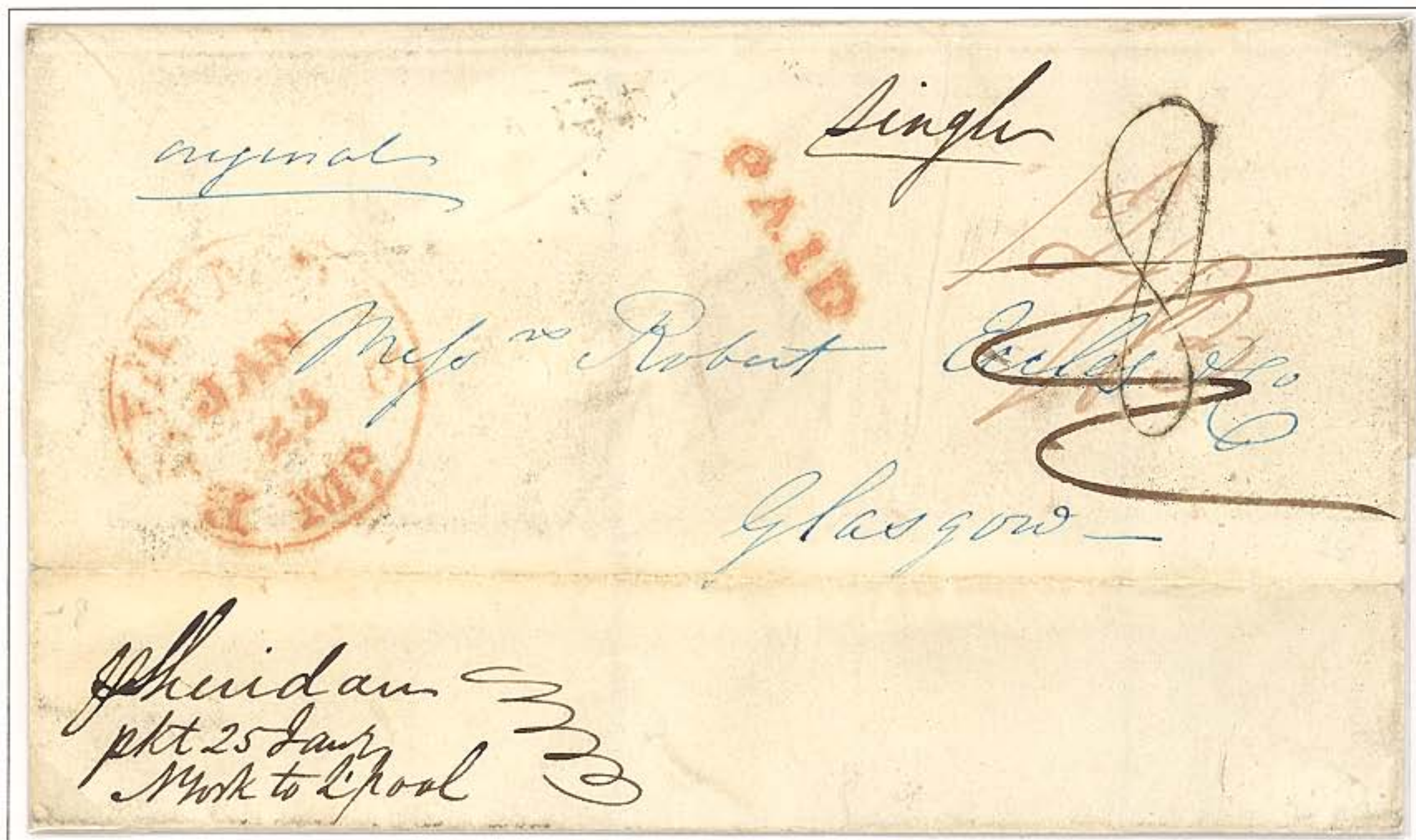
Depart: *New York, 18 August 1840*

Arrive: *Bristol, 1 September 1840*

Voyage: *15th Return*

Rate: *43³/₄¢ prepaid for single rate*
1s4d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 25¢ freight money fee for a steamship plus 18³/₄¢ inland fee to New York. Bristol marked 2x8d=1s4d postage due for double incoming ship letter. It is unusual for a letter of this period, when the American were still rating letters by distance and the number of sheets of paper, to be marked one rate in the U.S. and two rates in G.B. Baltimore may have erred in rating this letter.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to Glasgow, Scotland, 23 January 1841

Ship: Sheridan

Company: Dramatic Line

Depart: New York, 25 January 1841
 Arrive: Liverpool, 17 February 1841

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

Notes: Letter prepaid 12½¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 18¾¢ for inland fee to New York. Liverpool crossed through Baltimore prepayment markings and showed 8d single uniform ship letter rate due with black handstamp.

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Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 5 August 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: \$1.75 prepaid for quadruple rate
 1s4d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 4x25¢=\$1.00 freight money fee for a steamship plus 4x18¾¢=75¢ inland fee to New York. Bristol marked 2x8d=1s4d postage due for double incoming ship letter. When Baltimore changed to blue ink for its circular datestamp in 1841 it changed to blue ink for marking the prepaid rates.

*Forwarded by Messrs E. Busch & Co
Liverpool 4 November 1841*

(Reverse)



Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to Schiedam, Holland, 2 October 1841

Ship: Scotland

Company: Red Star Line

Depart: New York, 11 October 1841

Arrive: Liverpool, 3 November 1841

Rate: 62½¢ prepaid for double rate
8d postage due in Liverpool

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x12½¢=25¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 2x18¾¢=37½¢ for inland fees to New York. It was sent to Liverpool where forwarding agent, E. Busch & Co., paid incoming 8d ship rate and then sent letter under cover to Holland.

SHIP-LETTER (reverse)



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 29 March 1842

Ship: *Ontario*

Company: Swallowtail Line of London Packets

Depart: New York, 1 April 1842
 Arrive: Brighton, 2 May 1842

Rate: 62½¢ prepaid for double rate
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x12½¢=25¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 2x18¾¢=37½¢ for inland fees to New York. *Ontario* stopped off Brighton and sent mails ashore. Letter marked at London as ship letter and rated for single uniform ship letter rate of 8d due. Brighton was an unusual place to land the London packet mails and the reason is not known. London sailing packets often stopped at Portsmouth and put mails off but in this case the vessel proceeded a little further east before landing mails.

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Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 5 April 1842

Ship: *Independence*

Company: Swallowtail Line

Depart: New York, 10 April 1842

Arrive: Liverpool, 3 May 1842

Rate: \$1.56¹/₄ prepaid for quintuple rate
2s8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 5x18³/₄¢=93³/₄¢ for inland fees to New York plus 5x12¹/₂¢=62¹/₂¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship for this letter marked 1¹/₄ ounces in weight. Liverpool marked 4x8d=2s8d postage due.

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Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 4 March 1843

Ship: Patrick Henry

Company: Swallowtail Line

Depart: New York, 11 March 1843

Arrive: Liverpool, 1 April 1843

Rate: 62½¢ prepaid for double rate
8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x18¾¢=37½¢ for inland fees to New York plus 2x12½¢=25¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship. Liverpool marked 8d postage due for a single incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 20 January 1844

Ship: *Queen of the West*

Company: Swallowtail Line

Depart: New York, 24 January 1844

Arrive: Liverpool, 9 February 1844

Rate: 62½¢ prepaid for double rate
8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x12½¢=25¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 2x18¾¢=37½¢ for inland fees to New York. Liverpool marked 8d postage due for a single incoming ship letter.



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 9 March 1844

Ship: *Virginian*

Company: Kermit Line

Depart: New York, 11 March 1844

Arrive: Liverpool, 1 April 1844

Rate: 62½¢ prepaid for double rate
8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 2x18¾¢=37½¢ for inland fees to New York plus 2x12½¢=25¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship. Liverpool marked 8d postage due for a single incoming ship letter.

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Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Baltimore, Maryland to London, 26 February 1845

Ship: *Ohio*

Company: Black Star Line

Depart: New York, 1 March 1845
 Arrive: Liverpool, 26 March 1845

Rate: 93³/₄¢ prepaid for triple rate
 8d postage due in London

Notes: Letter prepaid 3x12¹/₂¢=37¹/₂¢ freight money fee for a sailing ship plus 3x18³/₄¢=56¹/₄¢ for inland fees to New York, the latter rate written over an erroneous rate. Liverpool marked 8d due for single incoming ship letter.