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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 23 March 1868

Ship: *Pennsylvania*

Company: National Steamship Company Limited
(National Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 26 March 1868

Arrive: New York, 12 April 1868

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Pennsylvania* as consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter British mail system. New York struck the third type of NEW YORK SHIP LETTER 4 circular datestamp, one used from December 1867-January 1875.

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Consignees for "Erin" / 33



Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 21 April 1868

Ship: *Erin*

Company: National Steamship Company Limited
(National Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 22 April 1868
Arrive: New York, 9 May 1868

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Erin* as consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due for a letter to an address in the arrival port.

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per "Denmark".



Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 19 September 1868

Ship: *Denmark*

Company: National Steamship Company Limited
(National Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 23 September 1868

Arrive: New York, 7 October 1868

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Rare mourning letter sheet used as a consignee letter and placed on board *Denmark* to accompany merchandise shipment without entering the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due for a letter to an address in the arrival port.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 23 December 1868

Ship: *Denmark*

Company: National Steamship Company Limited
(National Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 25 December 1868
Arrive: New York, 13 January 1869

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
6¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Denmark* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 6¢ postage due for reasons unknown. The correct rate for a letter to an address in the arrival port was 4¢.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 30 December 1868

Ship: *France*

Company: National Steamship Company Limited
(National Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 1 January 1869
Arrive: New York, 16 January 1869

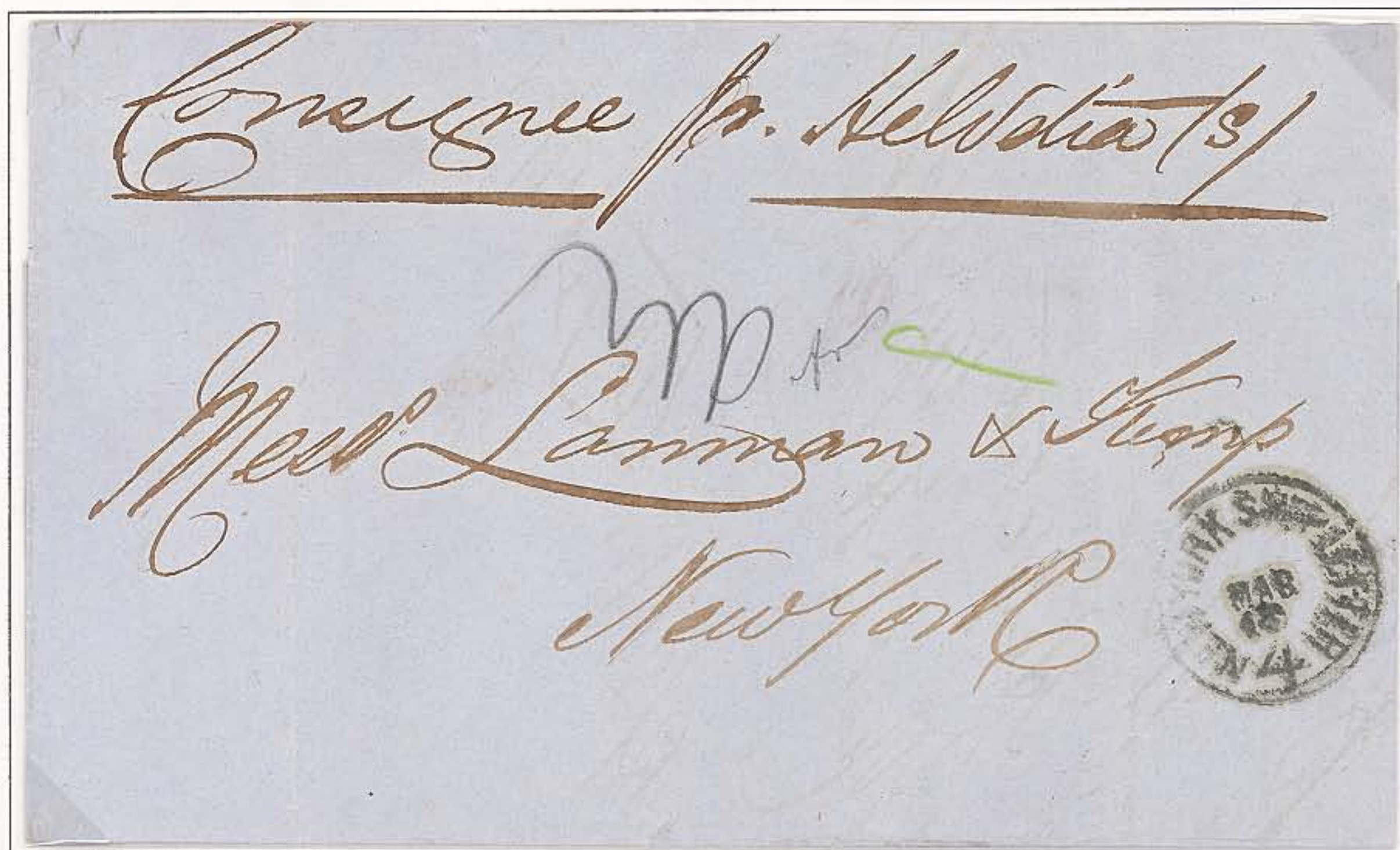
Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *France* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 2 March 1869

Ship: *Helvetia*

Company: National Steamship Company Limited
(National Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 4 March 1869
Arrive: New York, 18 March 1869

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Helvetia* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 15 March 1869

Ship: *Nevada*

Company: Liverpool & Great Western Steamship Company Limited
(Guion Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 16 March 1869
Arrive: New York, 29 March 1869

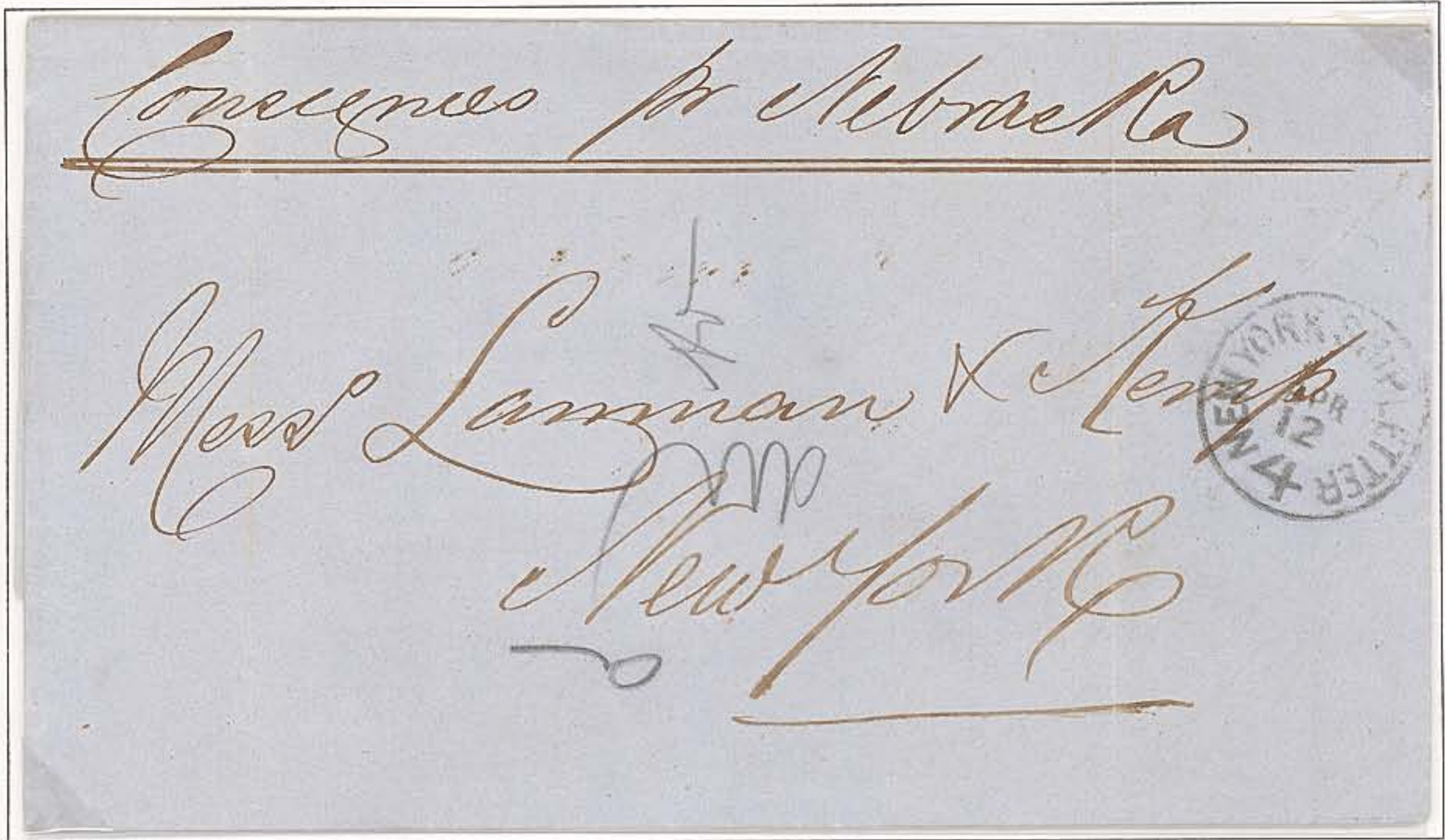
Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Nevada* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 29 March 1869

Ship: *Nebraska*

Company: Liverpool & Great Western Steamship Company Limited
(Guion Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 30 March 1869

Arrive: New York, 11 April 1869

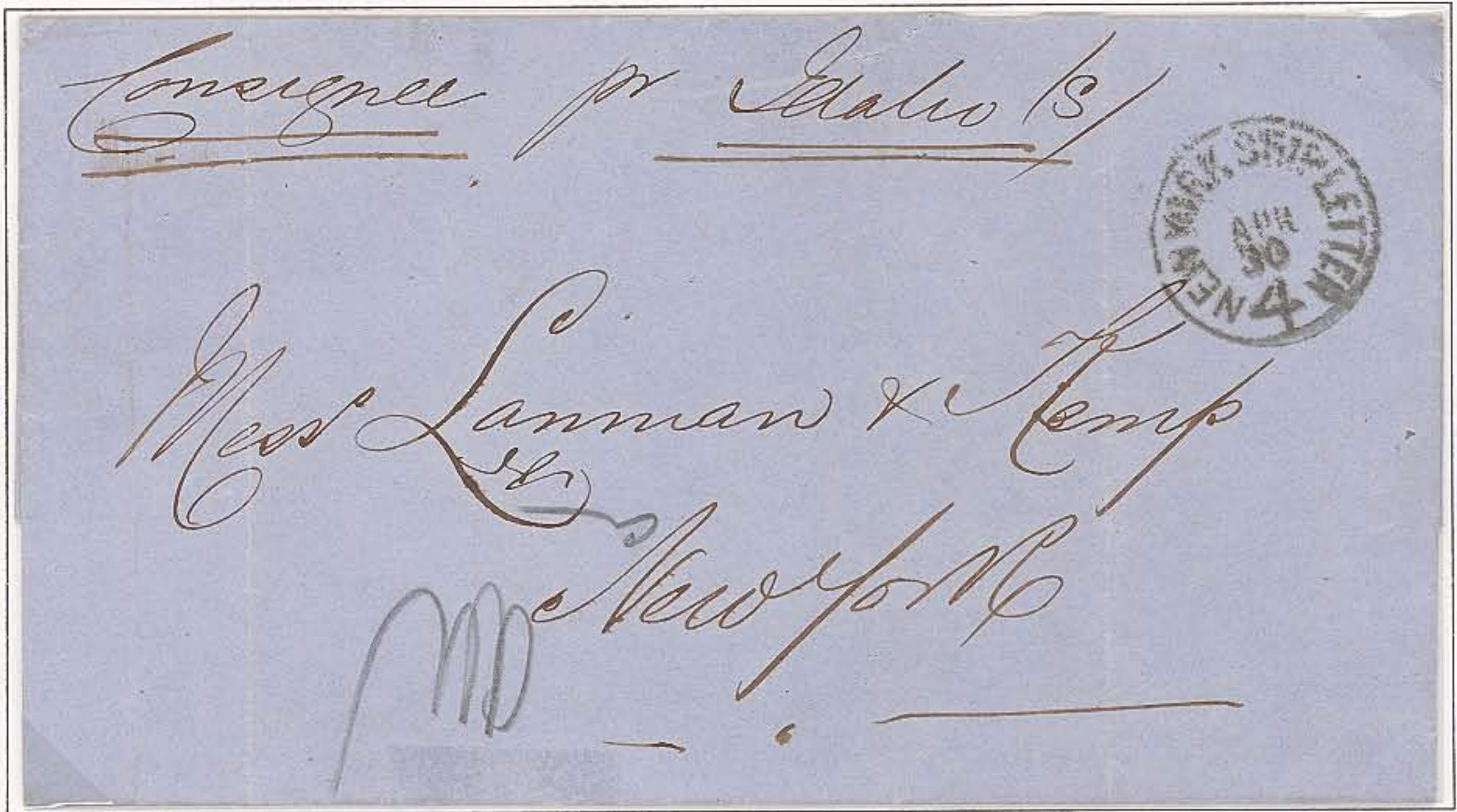
Rate: - - - letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Nebraska* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 12 April 1869

Ship: *Idaho*

Company: Liverpool & Great Western Steamship Company Limited
(Guion Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 13 April 1869
Arrive: New York, 29 April 1869

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Idaho* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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Consignees "a/s" Minnesota



Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 10 November 1869

Ship: *Minnesota*

Company: Liverpool & Great Western Steamship Company Limited
(Guion Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 10 November 1869
Arrive: New York, 23 November 1869

Rate: - - - letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

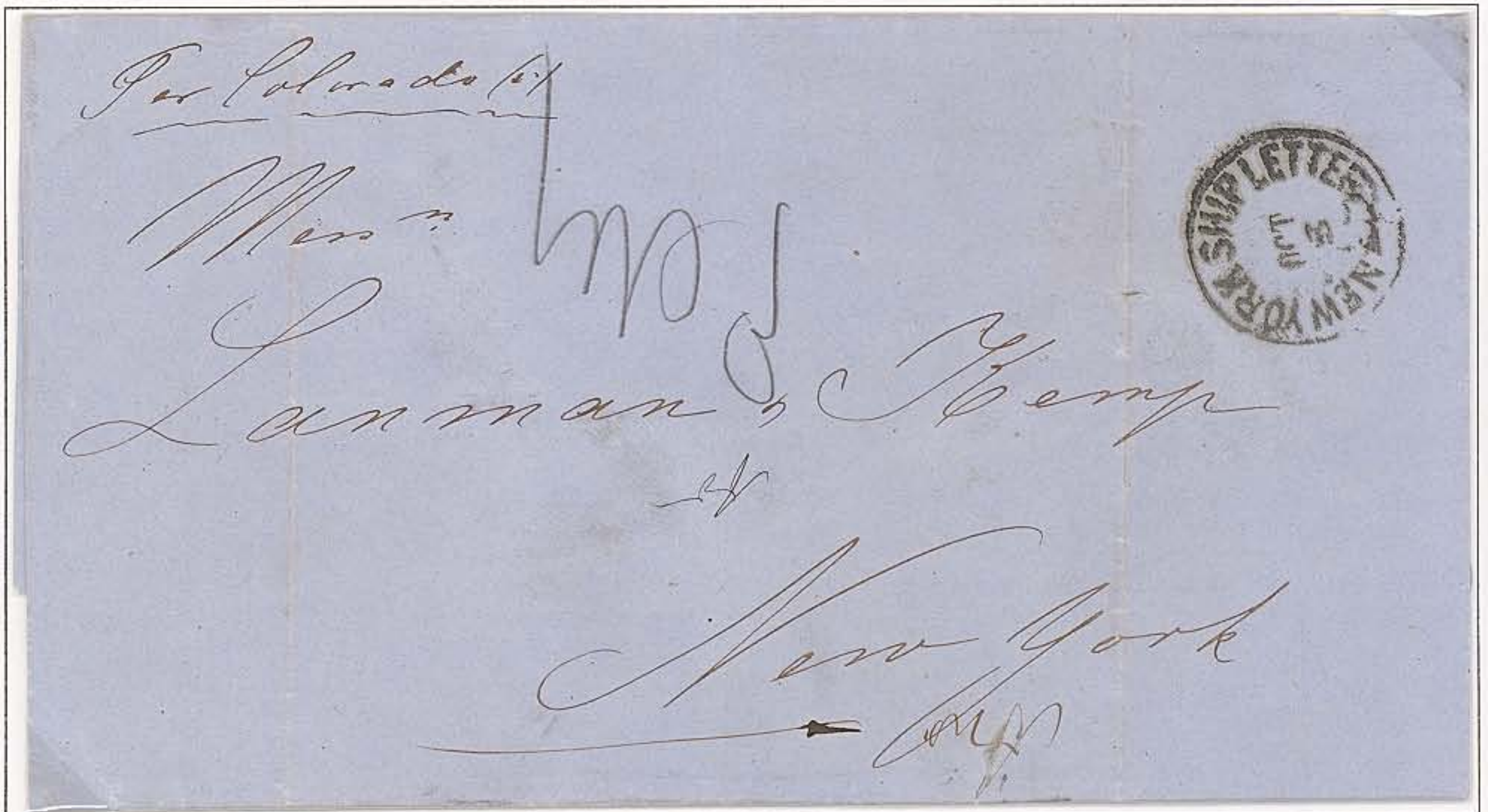
Notes: Letter placed on board *Minnesota* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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Per Colorado



Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 21 September 1870

Ship: *Colorado*

Company: Liverpool & Great Western Steamship Company Limited
(Guion Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 21 September 1870
Arrive: New York, 3 October 1870

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Colorado* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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Per Wisconsin 41



Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 30 August 1871

Ship: *Wisconsin*

Company: Liverpool & Great Western Steamship Company Limited
(Guion Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 30 August 1871
Arrive: New York, 10 September 1871

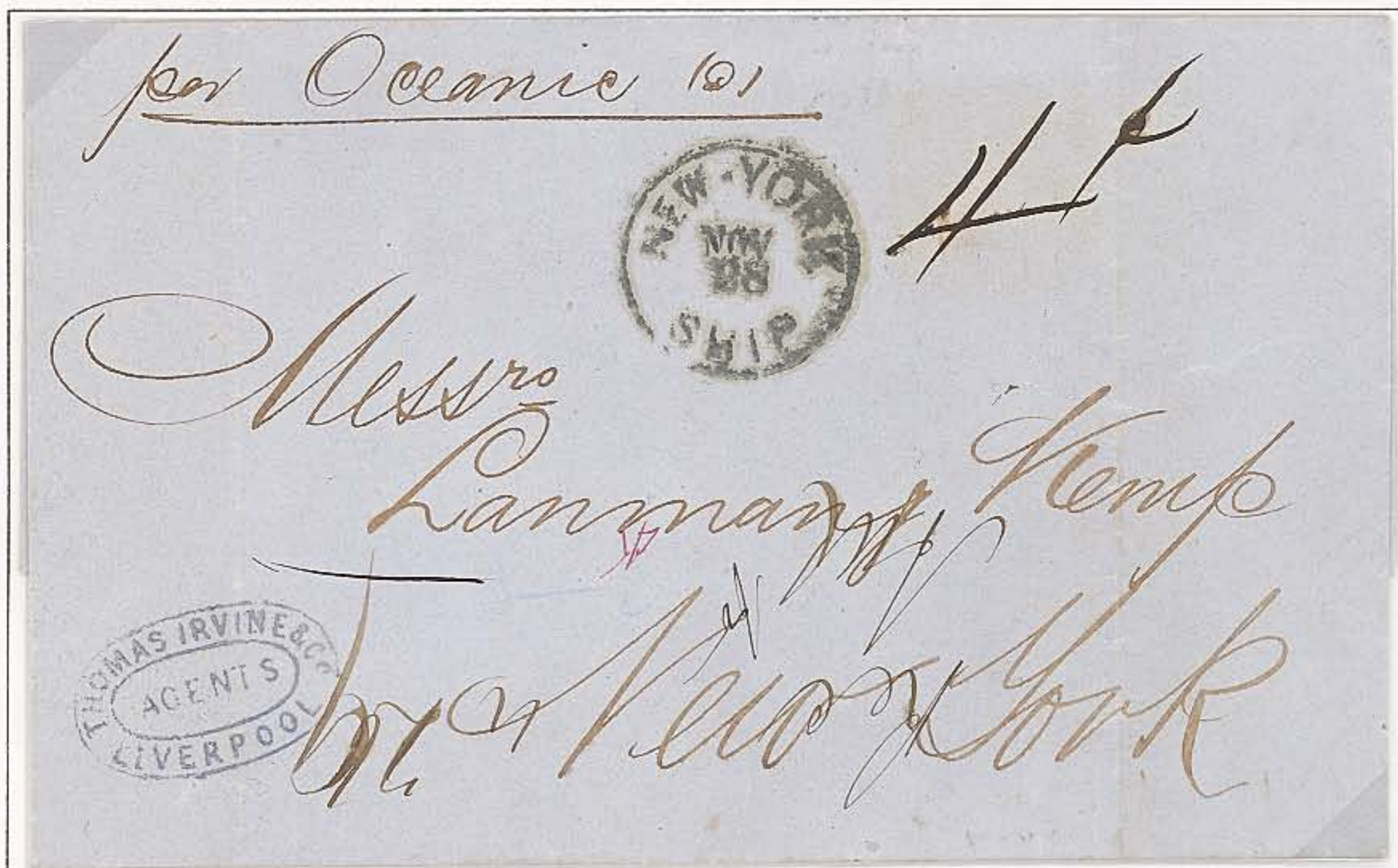
Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Wisconsin* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. *Wisconsin* did carry regular British mails on this voyage in addition to loose letters that were considered ship letters. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival. Ship letters on regular contract mail vessels are not common.

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1870–1875



Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 15 November 1871

Ship: *Oceanic*

Company: Ocean Steam Navigation Company Limited
(White Star Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 16 November 1871
Arrive: New York, 28 November 1871

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: In March 1871, the White Star Line commenced operations between Liverpool and New York. Contract mails were not carried until October 1872. Letter placed on board *Oceanic* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York introduced a new ship letter circular datestamp in April 1870 and used it on this letter with a manuscript 4¢ postage due for reasons unknown since the normal handstamps, which combined the date and rate in one marking, were still in use.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 31 January 1872

Ship: *Idaho*

Company: Liverpool & Great Western Steamship Company Limited
(Guion Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 31 January 1872
Arrive: New York, 18 February 1872

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
6¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Idaho* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. *Idaho* did carry regular British mails on this voyage in addition to loose letters that were considered ship letters. New York marked 6¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to a location beyond the port of arrival, for reasons unknown. Ship letters on regular contract mail vessels are not common.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 15 February 1872

Ship: *Baltic*

Company: Ocean Steam Navigation Company Limited
(White Star Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 15 February 1872
Arrive: New York, 26 February 1872

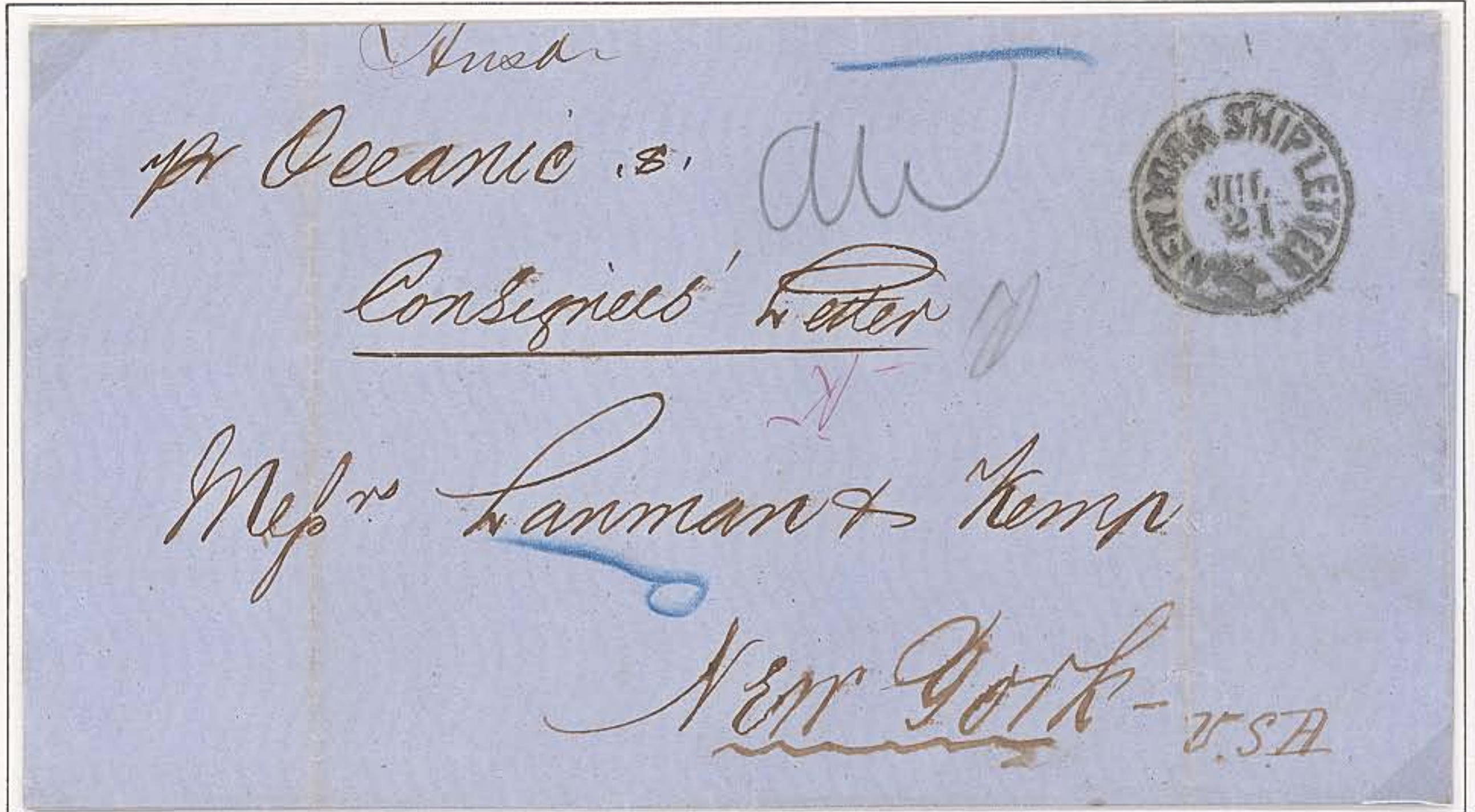
Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Oceanic* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 11 July 1872

Ship: *Oceanic*
Company: Ocean Steam Navigation Company Limited
(White Star Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 11 July 1872
Arrive: New York, 21 July 1872

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Oceanic* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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MA Baltic #



Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 4 September 1872

Ship: *Baltic*

Company: Ocean Steam Navigation Company Limited
(White Star Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 6 September 1872
Arrive: New York, 15 September 1872

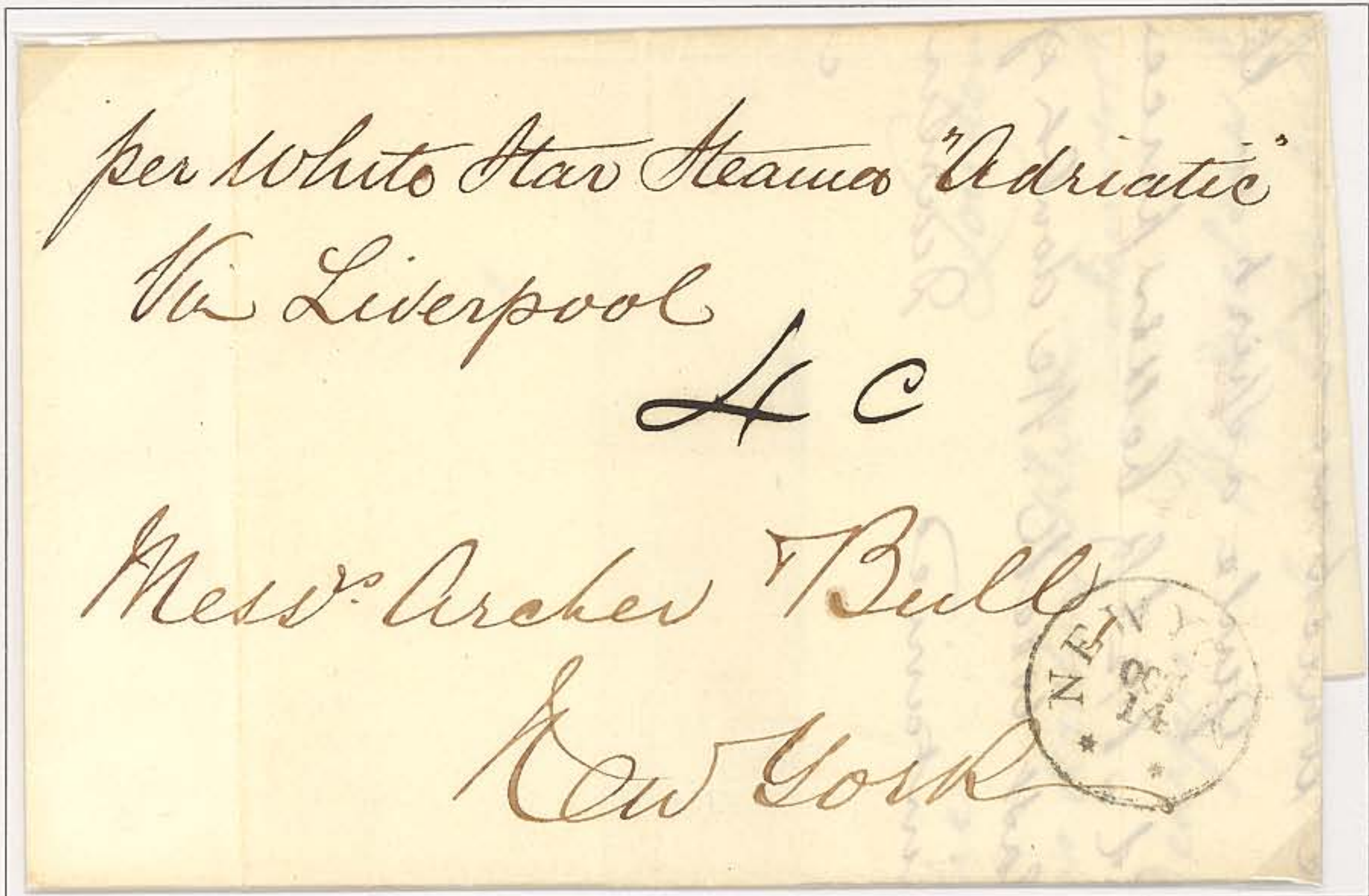
Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
8¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Baltic* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 8¢ postage due, double ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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Folded Letter: London to New York, 2 October 1872

Ship: *Adriatic*

Company: Ocean Steam Navigation Company Limited
(White Star Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 3 October 1872
Arrive: New York, 12 October 1872

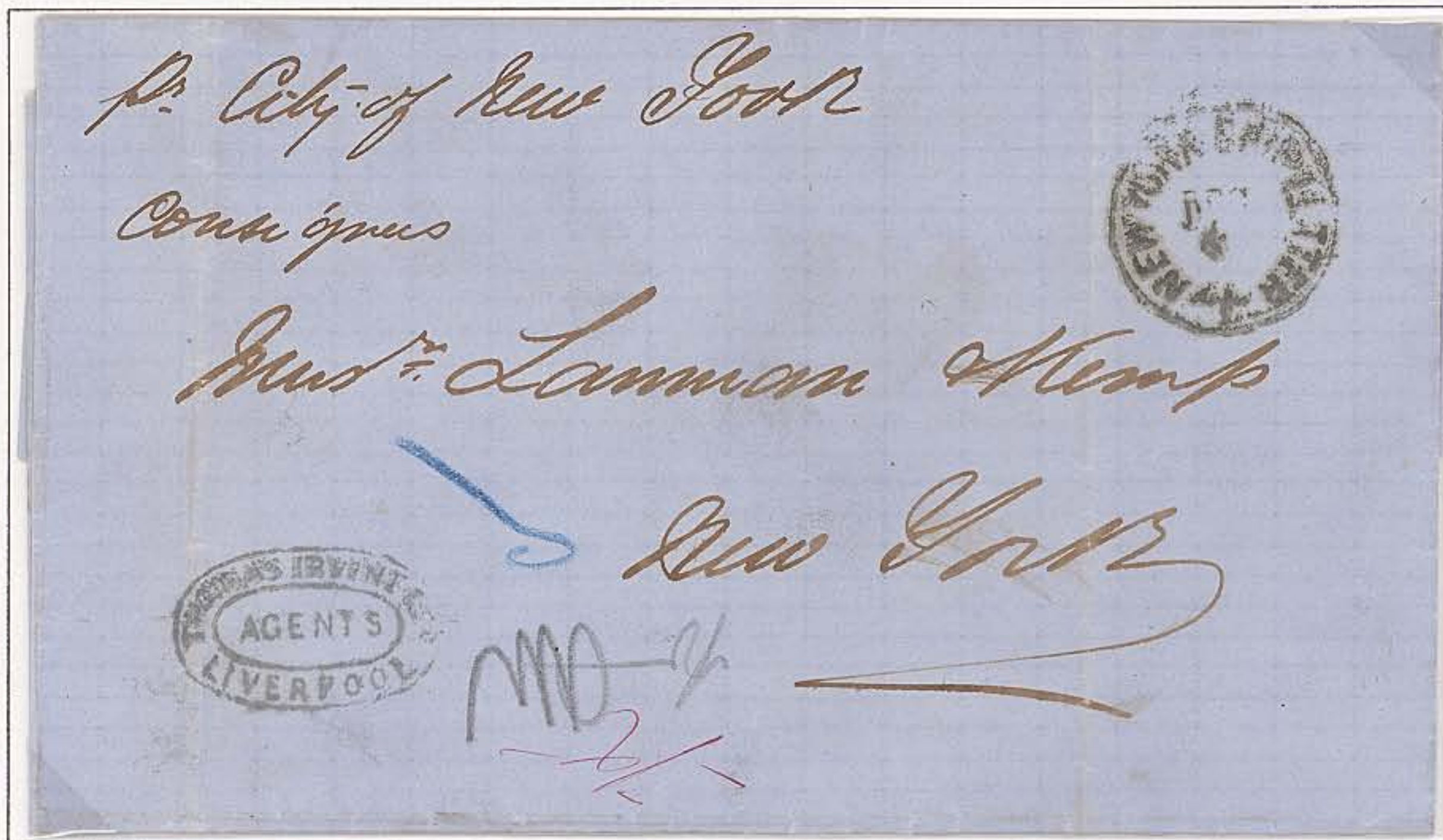
Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter carried privately to Liverpool, placed in the ship letter bag of *Adriatic*, and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 12 November 1872

Ship: *City of Washington*

Company: Liverpool, New York & Philadelphia Steam Ship Company
(Inman Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 19 November 1872
Arrive: New York, 4 December 1872

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *City of Washington* and not *City of New York* as endorsed. It was a consignee letter to accompany a merchandise shipment, probably sent on the latter steamship, and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 3 September 1873

Ship: *Wyoming*

Company: Liverpool & Great Western Steamship Company Limited
(Guion Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 3 September 1873
Arrive: New York, 19 September 1873

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Wyoming* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. New York marked 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.

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1875–1879



Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 17 February 1876

Ship: *Republic*

Company: Ocean Steam Navigation Company Limited
(White Star Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 17 February 1876
Arrive: New York, 29 February 1876

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
4¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter placed on board *Republic* as a consignee letter to accompany merchandise shipment and did not enter the British mail system. Fourth type of SHIP LETTER 4 circular datestamp of New York used from November 1875–February 1876. Letter marked for 4¢ postage due, the ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of arrival.