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Pre U.S.-Netherlands Treaty
Sailing ship from Holland

prior to 1868



Folded Letter: Rotterdam to Providence, Rhode Island, 17 August 1803

Ship: John (brig, captain Arnold)

Company: None

Depart: Rotterdam, 20 August 1803

Arrive: New York, 8 October 1803

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
36¢ postage due in Providence

Notes: Letter placed in ship letter bag in Rotterdam. New York marked "Sh 36" in red pen, upper right, for 36¢ postage due (2¢ incoming ship fee plus 2x17¢ U.S. inland fee for 189 miles from New York to Providence). Apparently letter contained one enclosure.

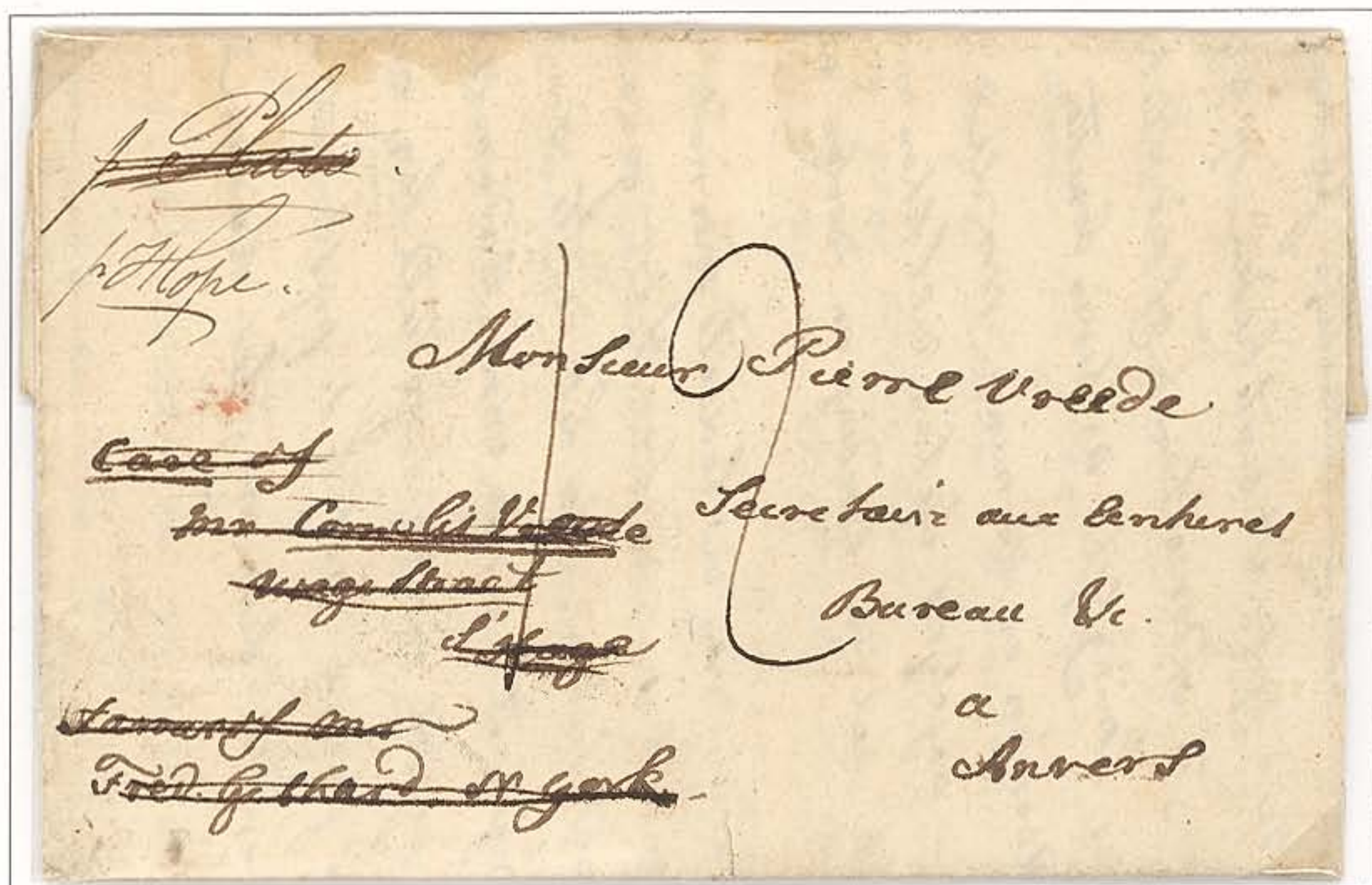
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*Den Helder
Zeebrief*

DÉBOURSE
SCHRAVENHAGE



Folded Letter: Olden Barneveld, New York to The Hague, Netherlands, 4 October 1818

Ship: *Hope*

Company: Unknown

Depart: New York, 7 November 1818

Arrive: Texel, Holland, 30 November 1818

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
12 Stuivers postage due in The Hague

Notes: Letter sent from Olden Barneveld, 15 miles north of Utica, by favor of Mr. Frederick Gethard to New York and placed in the ship's letter bag, avoiding U.S. mail system. The brig *Hope* landed the letter at Texel and it entered the Dutch mail system at Den Helder as a ship letter (Zeebrief handstamp on reverse). Here it was marked for 12 stuivers postage due at The Hague. Since the addressee was in Antwerp (later to be Belgium when country divided) the letter was redirected to Antwerp. A déboursé handstamp on the reverse struck by The Hague postmaster passed the 12 stuiver debit to the Antwerp postmaster. Uncommon ship letter with déboursé handling in Holland.

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Received & forwarded by Bonaffe Sagory & Co

Havre 13 November 1818



Folded Letter: New York to Schiedam, Netherlands, 13 October 1818

Ship: *Nimrod*

Company: Unknown

Depart: New York, 13 October 1818

Arrive: Havre, 13 November 1818

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
24 Stuivers postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter sent "out of the mails" to forwarding agent, Bonaffe Sagory & Cie of Havre, who posted letter unpaid to Holland on day of ship's arrival at Havre. Letter marked for 24 stuivers postage due on 11 gram weight, $2 \times 7 = 14$ decimes (14 stuivers) for 3rd rayon of France plus 10 stuivers Dutch inland fee from the French border.

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Folded Letter: Amsterdam to Providence, Rhode Island, 26 June 1827

Ship: unknown

Company: unknown

Depart: Amsterdam,
Arrive: Boston, 3 September 1827

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
22¢ postage due in Providence

Notes: Letter placed in ship letter bag in Amsterdam. Boston marked SHIP with red handstamp and 22¢ postage due in upper right (2¢ incoming ship fee plus 2x10¢ U.S. inland fee for 44 miles from Boston to Providence). Letter contained one enclosure requiring two rates. Talismanic notation in lower left, "W.G.P." (whom God protect), marked by letter writer for letter's safe delivery across the ocean.

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Reçu le 14 juin 1828 par Desmont
du Havre le 9 juillet 1828



Folded Letter: New York to Schiedam, Netherlands, 14 June 1828

Ship: *Talma*

Company: None

Depart: New York, 17 June 1828

Arrive: Havre, 9 July 1828

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
65 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter sent "out of the mails" to forwarding agent, Desmont of Havre, who posted letter unpaid to Holland on day of ship's arrival at Havre. Letter marked for 65 Dutch Cents postage due, 7 decimes for 3rd rayon of France (35 Cents) plus 6 stuivers (30 Cents) Dutch inland fee from the French border. Letter entered Holland at Bergen, marked with faint entry handstamp on reverse.

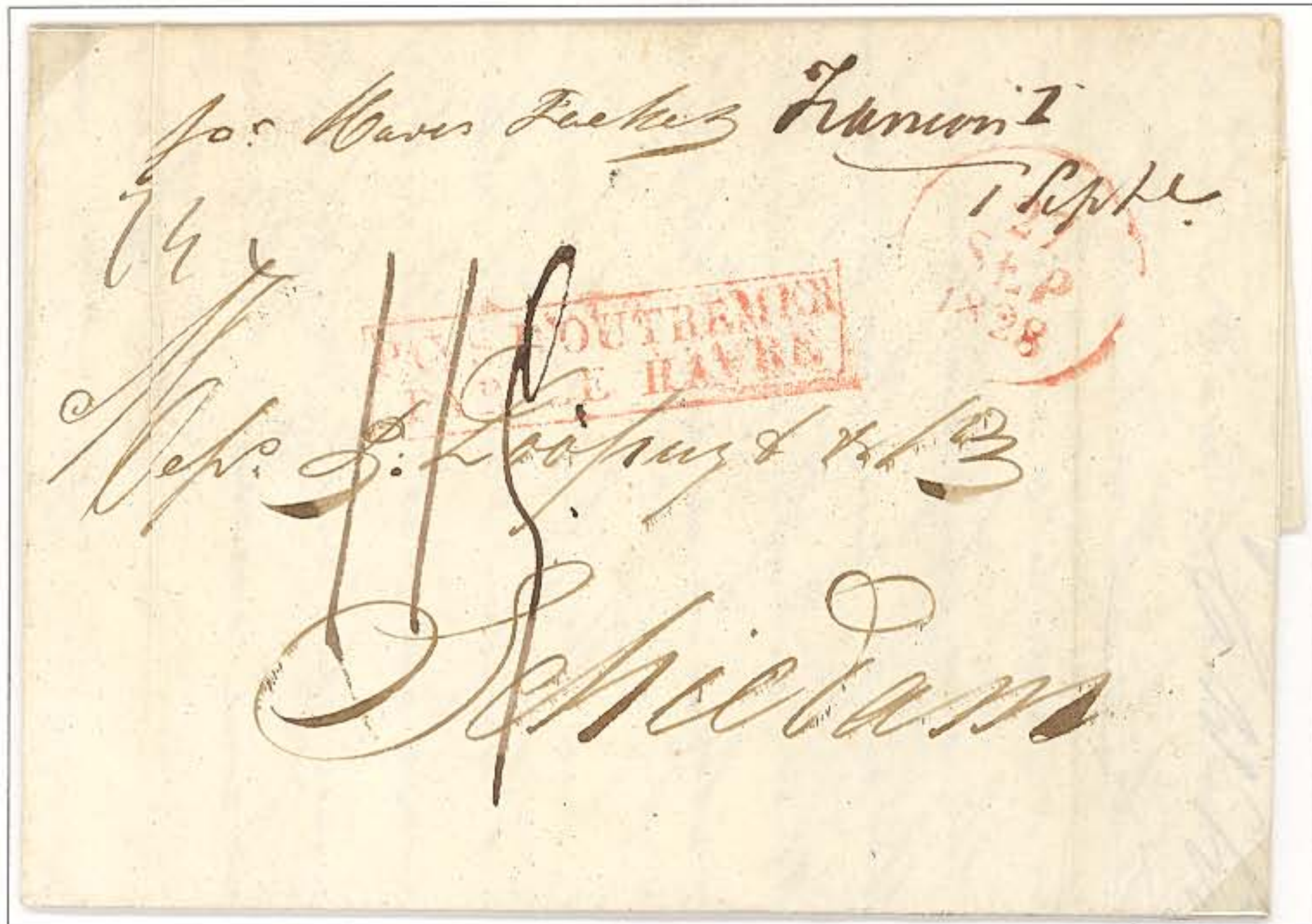
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(Reverse)



Folded Letter: Baltimore to Schiedam, Netherlands, 29 August 1828

Ship: *Francois I*

Company: Union Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 1 September 1828

Arrive: Havre, 26 September 1828

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
115 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter carried privately (probably in another letter) to New York, where forwarding agent DeRham, Iselin & Moore of New York, placed it in the sailing packet's letter bag. Dutch marked 115 Cents postage due for 7½ gram weight letter, 1½ x (45 Cents French fee plus 30 Cents Dutch fee) = 112.5 Cents, rounded to 115 Cents. Although French portion was to increase from 9 to 10 decimes (45 to 50 Cents) by April 1828, it appears that this increase occurred later.

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Folded Letter: New York to Schiedam, Netherlands, 29 November 1828

Ship: *Edward Quesnel*

Company: First and Second Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 1 December 1828

Arrive: Havre, 23 December 1828

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
195 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter carried privately (probably in another letter) from New York to Havre, where forwarding agent Desmont of Havre (manuscript on reverse) posted it to the Netherlands. Havre postmark was a provisional datestamp used 10/1828—12/1829. Dutch marked 195 Cents postage due for 20 gram weight letter, 3 x (7 decimes French fee plus 6 stuivers Dutch fee) = 21 decimes (105 Cents) plus 18 Stuivers (90 Cents), totaling 195 Cents.

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Folded Letter: New York to Schiedam, Netherlands, 29 November 1828

Ship: *Sully*

Company: First & Second Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 1 December 1828

Arrive: Havre, 21 December 1828

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
195 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter carried privately (probably in another letter) from New York to Havre, where forwarding agent Desmont of Havre (manuscript on reverse) posted it to the Netherlands. Havre postmark was a provisional datestamp used 10/1828—12/1829. Dutch marked 195 Cents postage due for 20 gram weight letter, 3 x (7 decimes French fee plus 6 stuivers Dutch fee) = 21 decimes (105 Cents) plus 18 Stuivers (90 Cents), totaling 195 Cents. This is a duplicate letter to the one sent by another vessel on the previous page reaching its destination one day earlier.

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*Frankryk
over Arnhem* (Reverse)



Folded Letter: New York to Schiedam, Netherlands, 7 November 1833

Ship: *Albany*

Company: Union Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 8 November 1833

Arrive: Havre, 27 November 1833

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
400 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter taken to ship letter bag in New York and not to the post office in New York. French marked this heavy letter weighed 40 grams and required five rates. Dutch marked 400 Dutch Cents postage due, 5 x 50 Dutch Cents for French transit and 5 x 30 Dutch Cents for transit in Netherlands = 5 x 80 Dutch Cents = 400 Dutch Cents. Since no mail allowed to transit Belgium from 1830-1835 due to Belgian revolt, letter sent via Germany on the route Paris-Thionville-Trier-Aachen-Düsseldorf-Wesel-Emmerich and exchanged with Netherlands at Arnhem.

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Folded Letter: Boston to Haarlem, Netherlands, 10 November 1834

Ship: Unknown

Company: Unknown

Depart: Boston, ~10 November 1834

Arrive: Den Helder, 17 January 1835

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
60 Dutch Cents postage due in Haarlem

Notes: Letter placed unpaid in ship's letter bag at Boston. At the arrival seaport of Den Helder (41 miles northwest of Amsterdam) the letter was marked for 60 Dutch Cents (12 stuivers) postage due in Haarlem, 34 miles north northeast. This was the incoming ship letter fee to any location in Holland. The ZEE-BRIEF postmark was applied at Den Helder to show the letter entered the Dutch mail system as a ship letter.

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Folded Letter: New York to Schiedam, Netherlands, 6 February 1835

Ship: *Oceanus*

Company: None

Depart: New York, ~7 February 1835

Arrive: Den Helder, 8 March 1835

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
60 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter placed unpaid in ship's letter bag at New York. At the arrival seaport of Den Helder (41 miles northwest of Amsterdam) the letter was marked for 60 Dutch Cents (12 stuivers) postage due in Schiedam, 4 miles west of Rotterdam. ZEE-BRIEF postmark applied at Den Helder to show letter entered the mail system as a ship letter.

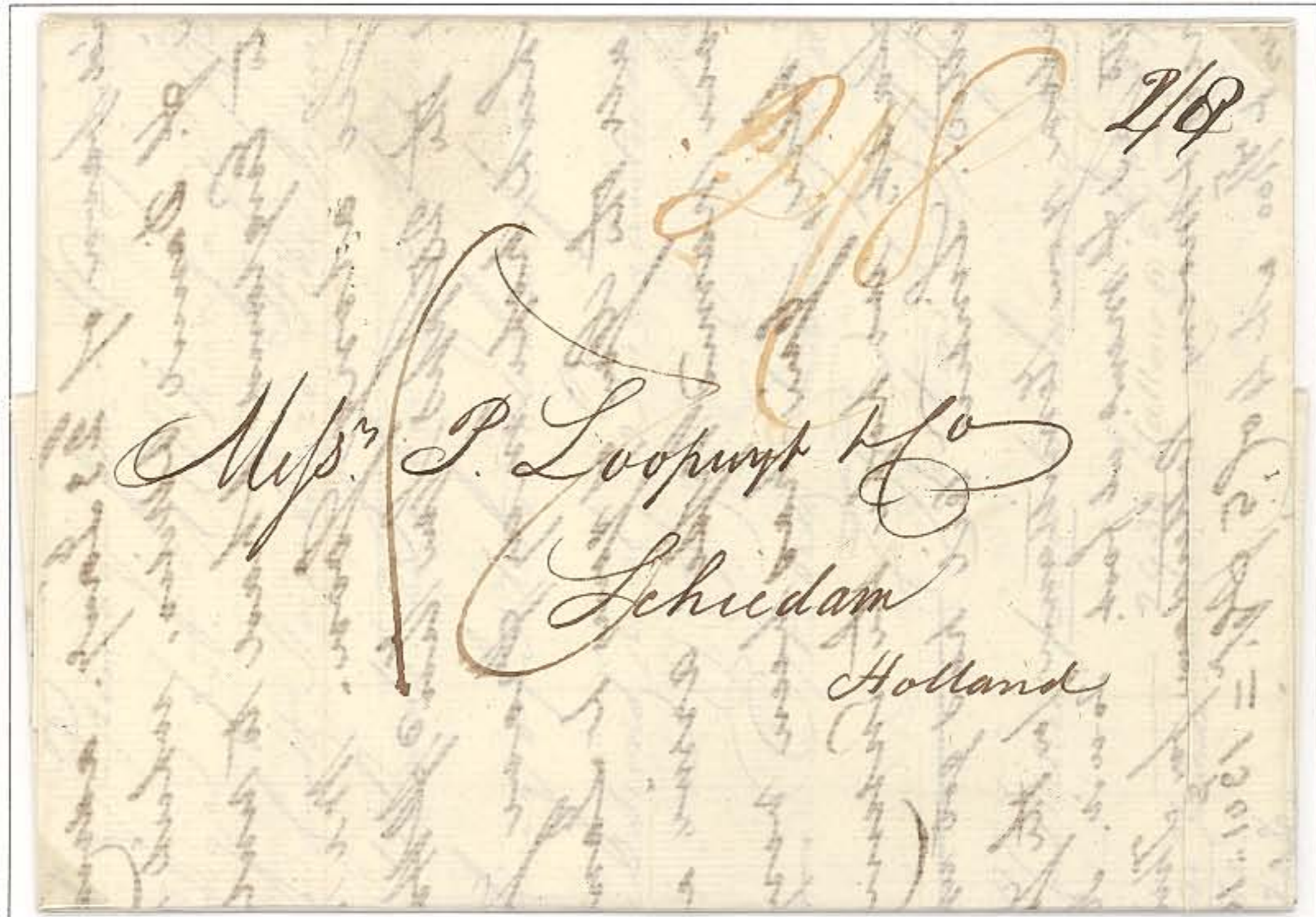
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forwarded by Baring Brothers &

(Reverse)



Folded Letter: Boston to Schiedam, Netherlands, 2 May 1836

Ship: unknown

Company: unknown

Depart: New York, May 1836
Arrive: Liverpool, June 1836

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
50 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter carried privately (probably in another letter) on a sailing ship from New York to Liverpool, and then taken to London, where forwarding agent Baring Brothers & Company (manuscript on reverse) posted it to the Netherlands. Letter paid 2 x 1s4d = 2s8d for a letter with enclosure to the Netherlands. Letter entered the Netherlands at Rotterdam, where Dutch marked 50 Dutch Cents postage due for a letter brought from U.K. by government packet.

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New York July 17th 1837
Forwarded by
Wm. DeForest

(Reverse)



Folded Letter: Baltimore to Schiedam, Netherlands, 14 July 1837

Ship: *Formosa*

Company: Union Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 17 July 1837

Arrive: Havre, 15 August 1837

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
120 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

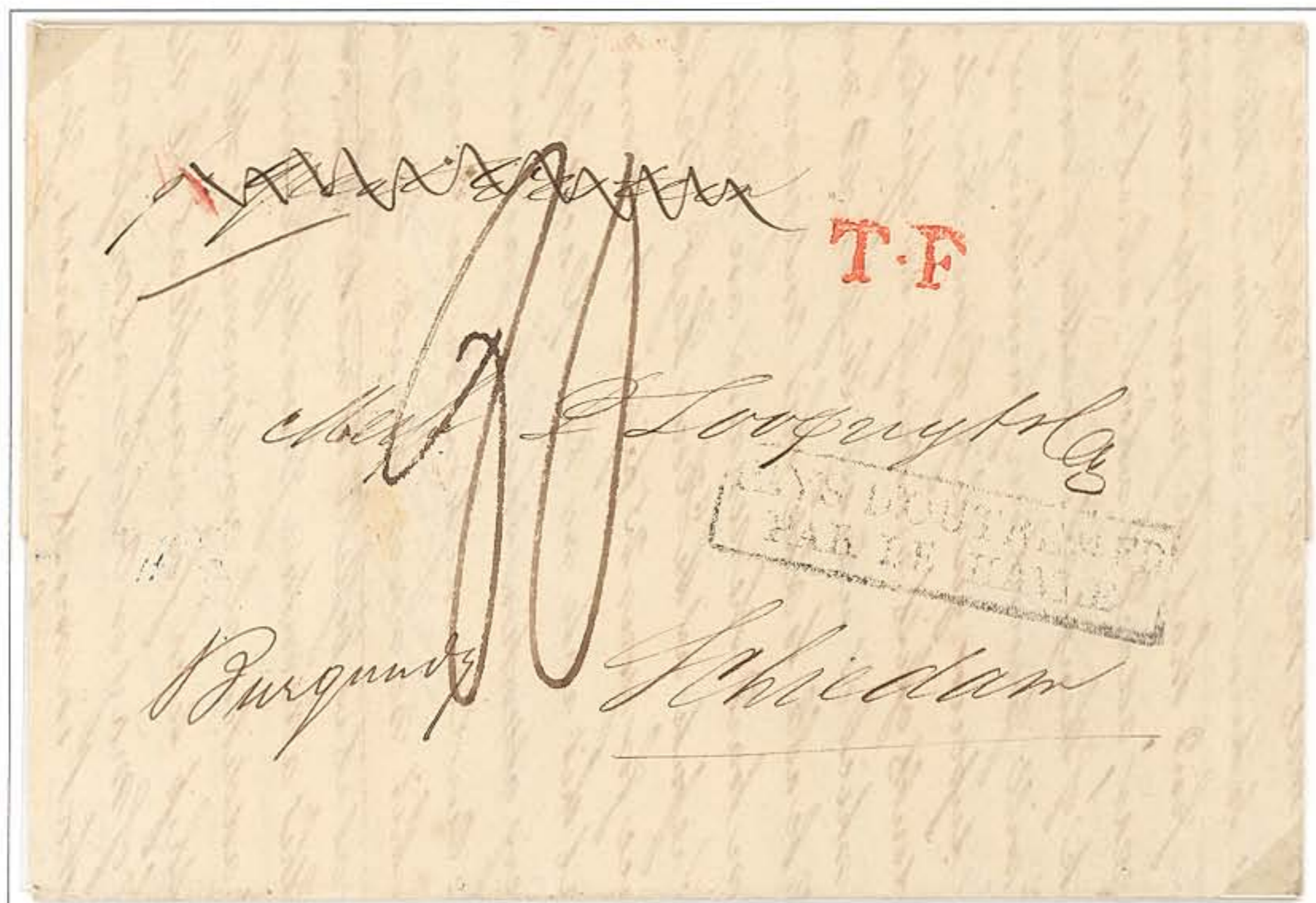
Notes: Letter carried privately (probably in another letter) to New York forwarding agent William W. DeForest, who placed it in the ship's letter bag and endorsed the reverse. Havre marked letter weight of 7½ grams and Dutch marked 120 Cents postage, 1½ x (50 Cents French + 30 Cents Dutch) = 120 Cents.

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The late for the Great Western (Reverse)



Folded Letter: Charleston, South Carolina to Schiedam, Netherlands, 9 August 1838

Ship: *Burgundy*

Company: Union Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 17 August 1838

Arrive: Havre, 6 September 1838

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
80 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter carried privately (probably in another letter) to New York forwarding agent Faber & Merle (handstamp on reverse), who placed it in the ship's letter bag. Letter intended for steamship *Great Western*, which departed the day before. Agent marked on reverse that letter missed the steamship. Dutch marked 80 Cents postage, 50 Cents French + 30 Cents Dutch.

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$\frac{30}{50}$ (Reverse)



Folded Letter: Rotterdam to Kingston, Massachusetts, 4 September 1838

Ship: *Louis Phillipe*

Company: Union Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: Havre, 9 September 1838
Arrive: New York, 20 October 1838

Rate: 80 Dutch Cents paid for single rate
20 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ postage due in Kingston

Notes: Letter payment included 30 Dutch Cents for transit from Rotterdam to Bergen and 50 Dutch Cents transit from Bergen to Bordeaux. Calculations were always to Bordeaux even though letter left from Havre. Postage due included 2¢ ship fee plus 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ inland fee to Kingston. Letters from Netherlands to the United States by sailing packets from France are not common.

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*Frankryk
Over Breda* (Reverse – red)



Folded Letter: Baltimore to Schiedam, Netherlands, 14 February 1840

Ship: *Silvie de Grasse*

Company: Union Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 16 February 1840

Arrive: Havre, 16 March 1840

Rate: 37½¢ prepaid for double rate
120 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter prepaid only for U.S. inland fees to New York as freight money fees were not charged on the Havre packets. Postage due in Schiedam included 75 Cents French internal plus 45 Cents Dutch internal fees, both calculated at 1.5 times or the rate for a 7½–10 gram letter. Letter weight written upper left, "7" and "." for ½ gram. Dutch entry marking showed letter from France with entry at Breda.

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Folded Letter: New York to Schiedam, Netherlands, 8 July 1843

Ship: *Burgundy*

Company: Union Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 8 July 1843

Arrive: Havre, 30 July 1843

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
200 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter placed in ship letter bag and not taken to New York post office. Letter weighed 15 grams, marked in the upper left corner, requiring $2\frac{1}{2}$ rates. Postage due in Schiedam was $2\frac{1}{2} \times$ (50 Cents French internal plus 30 Cents Dutch internal fees) = $2\frac{1}{2} \times$ 80 Cents = 200 Dutch Cents. Late use of sailing packet to Havre since most mail by this time was sent on the Cunard packets to the United Kingdom.

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Folded Letter: Baltimore to Schiedam, Netherlands, 14 September 1846

Ship: *Silvie de Grasse*

Company: Union Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 16 September 1846

Arrive: Havre, 9 October 1846

Rate: 5¢ prepaid for single rate
80 Dutch Cents postage due in Schiedam

Notes: Letter prepaid 5¢ for U.S. inland fee to New York (less than 300 miles) and no freight money fee as it was not required on the Havre packets. Letter marked "5" in pencil, probably when it was first taken to Baltimore post office, then later marked with the PAID and oval "5" in blue ink in a separate marking operation. Postage due in Schiedam included 50 Cents French internal plus 30 Cents Dutch internal fees.

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Envelope: Buffalo, New York, to Deventer, Netherlands, 15 August 1848

Ship: *Admiral*

Company: Union Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 23 August 1848

Arrive: Havre, 23 September 1848

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
130 Dutch Cents postage due in Deventer

Notes: Letter endorsed "By American Ship[deleted]/Steam Packet" and paid only 10¢ to the steamship departure port, New York. Unfortunately, the retaliatory rate was not paid in addition to the inland fee so the letter could not be put on the mail steamship. New York postmaster placed it on a sailing packet to Havre instead. Postage due in Deventer was $1\frac{1}{2} \times (50 \text{ Dutch Cents French transit} + 35 \text{ Dutch Cents Netherlands transit}) = 1\frac{1}{2} \times 85$ Dutch Cents or 130 Dutch Cents. The payment by the sender may have been intentional to avoid the 24¢ retaliatory fee knowing that the New York postmaster had to send the letter by ship if it was paid only to New York. Letter sealed with red wax on the reverse, impressed with a United States Seated Liberty dime. Scarce cover to the Netherlands avoiding retaliatory rate.

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Folded Letter Outer Sheet: New York to Amsterdam, 21 January 1850

Ship: *New York*

Company: Union Line of Havre Sailing Packets

Depart: New York, 23 January 1850

Arrive: Havre, 21 February 1850

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
130 Dutch Cents postage due in Amsterdam

Notes: Letter shows no sign of prepayment and may have been dropped in New York letter box unpaid. Since British Open Mail rate had not been paid, letter could not be sent to Boston for the next day sailing of the Cunard steamer as endorsed. Instead, letter was placed on board a Havre Line sailing packet by the New York postmaster to go directly to France. Postage due included 75 Cents French internal and 55 Cents Dutch internal fees for a 7½-10 gram letter.