

# U.S. - British Postal Treaties

Pre 1848 Treaty  
British Contract Steamship

1840-1849  
3 January 1849-15 February 1849



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: Münster, Prussia to New York, 27 December 1848

Ship: *Canada*

Company: British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company  
(Cunard Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 13 January 1849  
Arrive: New York, 29 January 1849

Rate: 20 silbergroschen      paid for single rate  
1/8d                              Prussian credit to United Kingdom  
6¢                                 postage due at New York

Notes: Letter carried on second of four westbound Cunard mail voyage to the United States during the six week period when pre-retaliatory rates were restored before the new U.S.-U.K. postal convention went into effect. Prepayment in Germany covered all transit fees in the open mail through Prussia, Belgium, and British mail systems to U.S. port. New York marked 6¢ postage due, the incoming ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the arrival port. Scarce restored rate cover from Germany.



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Folded Letter: Manchester, England, to Boston, 12 January 1849

Ship: *Canada*

Company: British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company  
(Cunard Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 13 January 1849  
Arrive: New York, 29 January 1849

Rate: 1 shilling      paid for single packet rate  
7¢                      postage due in Boston

Notes: Letter carried on second of four Cunard mail voyages to the U.S. during six week period when pre-retaliatory rates were resumed before U.S.-G.B. postal convention became effective. Two voyages went to Boston and two to New York. Covers during this period are referred to as "restored rate" covers. The postage marked at New York and due in Boston consisted of 2¢ incoming ship letter fee plus 5¢ inland postage to Boston.



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Folded Letter: Liverpool to New York, 12 January 1849

Ship: *Canada*

Company: British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company  
(Cunard Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 13 January 1849  
Arrive: New York, 29 January 1849

Rate: 1 shilling prepaid for single packet rate  
6¢ postage due in New York

Notes: Letter carried on second of four Cunard mail voyages to the U.S. during six week period when pre-retaliatory rates were restored before U.S.-G.B. postal convention became effective. Two voyages went to Boston and two to New York. Covers during this period are referred to as "restored rate" covers. New York marked 6¢ postage due, the incoming ship letter rate for a letter addressed to the arrival port.



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Folded Letter: Brighton, England to Potosi, Missouri, 14 January 1849

Ship: *Niagara*

Company: British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company  
(Cunard Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 27 January 1849  
Arrive: Boston, 11 February 1849

Rate: 1 shilling prepaid for single packet rate  
12¢ postage due in Potosi (2¢ ship and 10¢ inland fees)

Notes: Letter carried on third of four Cunard mail voyages to the U.S. during six week period when pre-retaliatory rates were restored before U.S.-G.B. postal convention became effective. Two voyages went to Boston (this being the second one) and two to New York.



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Folded Letter: Rotherham, England to Marietta, Ohio, 22 January 1849

Ship: *Niagara*

Company: British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company  
(Cunard Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 27 January 1849  
Arrive: Boston, 11 February 1849

Rate: 1 shilling prepaid for single packet rate  
12¢ postage due (2¢ ship and 10¢ inland fees)

Notes: Letter carried on third Cunard mail voyage to the U.S. during six week period when pre-retaliatory rates were resumed before U.S.–G.B. postal convention became effective. Two voyages went to Boston (this being the second one) and two to New York.



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Folded Letter: Landford, England to Brooklyn, New York, 5 February 1849

Ship: *Europa*

Company: British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company  
(Cunard Line)

Depart: Liverpool, 10 February 1849  
Arrive: New York, 24 February 1849

Rate: 1 shilling prepaid for single packet rate  
7¢ postage due (2¢ ship and 5¢ inland fees)

Notes: Letter carried on fourth and last Cunard mail voyage to the U.S. during six week period when pre-retaliatory rates were resumed before U.S.–G.B. postal convention became effective.



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Philadelphia



12 January 1849 Manchester, England to Philadelphia  
2 shilling double packet rate paid  
12¢ postage due in Philadelphia

Canada 16 days (West)  
2nd of 4 Cunard westbound voyages  
Large red "12" handstamp of New York