1848 Treaty American Contract Steamship 1849-1867 20 February 1849-31 December 1867





Envelope: Alton, Illinois to Lewes, England, 16 June 1862

Ship:

North American

Company:

Montreal Ocean Steamship Company

(Allan Line)

Depart:

Quebec, 21 June 1862

Arrive:

Londonderry, 1 July 1862

Rate:

24¢

prepaid for single treaty rate

3¢

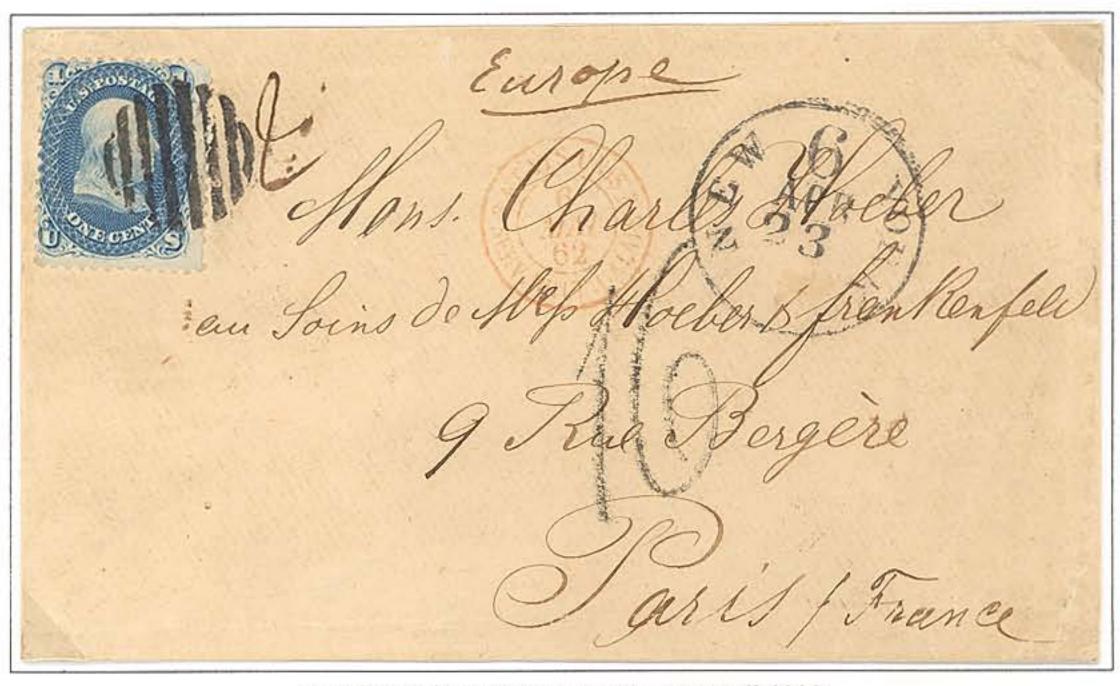
U.S. credit to G.B.

Notes:

Letter carried by rail on the St. Louis, Alton & Chicago Railroad to Chicago, where the unusual red 3/CENTS credit marking was applied. The letter was placed in a closed mail bag for England. From Chicago it was carried on the Michigan Central Railroad to Detroit and Canadian Grand Trunk Railroad to Quebec, where it went on

board the Allan Line steamer.

1857 Treaty British Contract Steamship via G.B. 1857-1870 1 April 1857-31 December 1869



Envelope: New York to Paris, 23 April 1862

Ship:

Asia

Company:

British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company

(Cunard Line)

Depart:

New York, 23 April 1862 Queenstown, 4 May 1862

Arrive:

Rate:

letter sent unpaid U.S. debit to France

16 decimes

6¢

postage due in Paris

Notes:

Letter prepaid 1¢ for carrier fee "to the mails," otherwise, it was completely unpaid. Since letter was double rate, New York debited 2x3=6¢ to France. Paris marked "2" rates in upper left alongside adhesive and 2x8=16 decimes postage due. Less than a half dozen examples have been recorded showing the 1¢ prepayment only to France.

1867 Treaty Contract Steamship 1868-1870

1 January 1868-30 June 1870





Envelope: Indianapolis, Indiana to Minden, Prussia, 7 May 1870

Ship:

Saxonia

Company:

Hamburg-Amerikanische Packetfahrt Aktien Gesellschaft (HAPAG)

(Hamburg American Line)

Depart:

New York, 10 May 1870

Arrive:

Hamburg, about 24 May 1870

Rate:

10¢

prepaid for single rate

6 silbergroschen

postage due in Minden

Notes:

Letter apparently weighed over 15 grams, requiring two rates. New York struck handstamp "2" in upper left to show two rates were required and applied circular INSUFFICIENT 4 SGR. marking to show deficient postage. Hamburg marked boxed "Unzureichend/frankirt" to show letter insufficiently paid and 6 silbergroschen postage due, the deficient postage plus 2 silbergroschen insufficiently paid letter fine.

Although a dogged appearing cover, it is an uncommon insufficiently prepaid letter

under the U.S.-NGU Convention.