

U.S. - French Postal Treaties

1857 Treaty

British Contract Steamship via G.B.

1857-1870

1 April 1857-31 December 1869



Printed Circular Outer Sheet: Philadelphia to Aigueperse, France, 15 July 1859

Ship: *Asia*

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

Depart: New York, 20 July 1859

Arrive: Liverpool, 31 July 1859

Rate: 1¢ prepaid for single printed matter rate
15 centimes postage due in Aigueperse

Notes: Printed circular of J.B. Lippincott & Co., Publishers, sent in French Treaty Mails at newspaper rate but underpaid by 1¢. U.S. prepayment made with single 1¢ blue 1857 Type V adhesive (Scott No. 24). New York allowed circular to go underpaid. Paris marked 15 centimes postage due. Circular redirected from Clermont-Ferrand to Aigueperse. Paper scrape on adhesive makes Franklin appear to have a beard.

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Printed Circular: New Orleans to Brugg, Switzerland, 18 February 1860

Ship: Arago

Company: New York & Havre Steam Navigation Company
(Havre Line)

Depart: New York, 3 March 1860
Arrive: Havre, 17 March 1860

Rate: 2¢ prepaid for single printed matter rate
15 rappen postage due in Brugg

Notes: Prepayment made with pair of 1¢ 1857 adhesives, Type V. Printed circulars to Switzerland, transported directly to France, were charged 15 rappen in Switzerland, while those sent via England required 20 rappen. Those by American packet are less common. Swiss marked postage due of 15 rappen, as they usually did, in red pencil in the center of the cover. Small, crossed through "4 n" may be equivalent in kreuzer currency

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Printed Circular Outer Sheet: New York to Brugg, Switzerland, 15 September 1860

Ship: *Illinois*

Company: Vanderbilt European Line
(Vanderbilt Line)

Depart: New York, 22 September 1860
Arrive: Havre, 7 October 1860

Rate: 2¢ prepaid for single printed matter rate
15 rappen postage due in Brugg

Notes: Prepayment made with pair of 1¢ 1857 adhesives, Type V. New York had the wrong year date slug in their circular datestamp, or never removed the 1859 year date. Printed circulars to Switzerland, transported directly to France, were charged 15 rappen in Switzerland, while those sent via England required 20 rappen. The former are very uncommon.

U.S. – British Postal Treaties

1848 Treaty
British Contract Steamship

1849–1867
15 February 1849–31 December 1867



Printed Circular: New York to Leghorn (Livorno), Italy, 18 June 1861

Ship: *Australasian*

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

Depart: New York, 19 June 1861
Arrive: Queenstown, 28 June 1861

Rate: 2¢ prepaid for single printed matter rate
15 centesimi postage due in Leghorn

Notes: Prepayment made with two 1¢ 1857 adhesives, Type V. By March 1861, the Kingdom of Italy was declared, formed from the various Italian States. Tuscany, the state in which Leghorn was located, no longer had its own identity and currency. This circular was probably sent in the British mails as it has no French markings.