

U.S. – France Mails by Steamship

U.S. – French Treaty of 1857
American Contract Steamship Direct

1857–1870
1 Apr 57–1 Jan 70



8 October 1859 New York to Lyon
Letter sent unpaid
8 decimes postage due in Lyon

Vanderbilt 12 days (East)
2x12¢ U.S. debit to France (N.Y. considered letter > ¼ oz.)
Private marking of W. Shall & Co. of New York in upper left



29 June 1860 New York to Paris
Letter sent unpaid (double rate)
16 decimes postage due in Paris for 8 gram letter

Illinois 15 days (East)
2x12¢ = 24¢ U.S. debit to France
Another private marking of W. Shall & Co.
of New York, this time in blue

U.S. - French Postal Treaties

1857 Treaty

British Contract Steamship via G.B.

1857-1870

1 April 1857-31 December 1869

BY STR. AFRICA



(Reverse)



Folded Letter: New York to Lyon, France, 24 May 1864

Ship: *Africa*

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

Depart: Boston, 25 May 1864

Arrive: Queenstown, 5 June 1864

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
6¢ U.S. debit to France
16 decimes postage due in Lyon

Notes: Blue handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing marking of W. Schall & Co., New York. Several different handstamps were used by this company for the steamships that they desired carry their letters. U.S. debit to France was $2 \times 3\text{¢} = 6\text{¢}$ for a letter weighing between $7\frac{1}{2}$ –15 grams. Paris marked letter required two rates (manuscript, upper left corner) and 16 decimes postage due.

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STR. AMERICA



Folded Letter: New York to Lyon, France, 20 March 1860

Ship: *Arabia*

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

Depart: New York, 1 March 1860
Arrive: Queenstown, 12 March 1860

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
6¢ U.S. debit to France
16 decimes postage due in Lyon

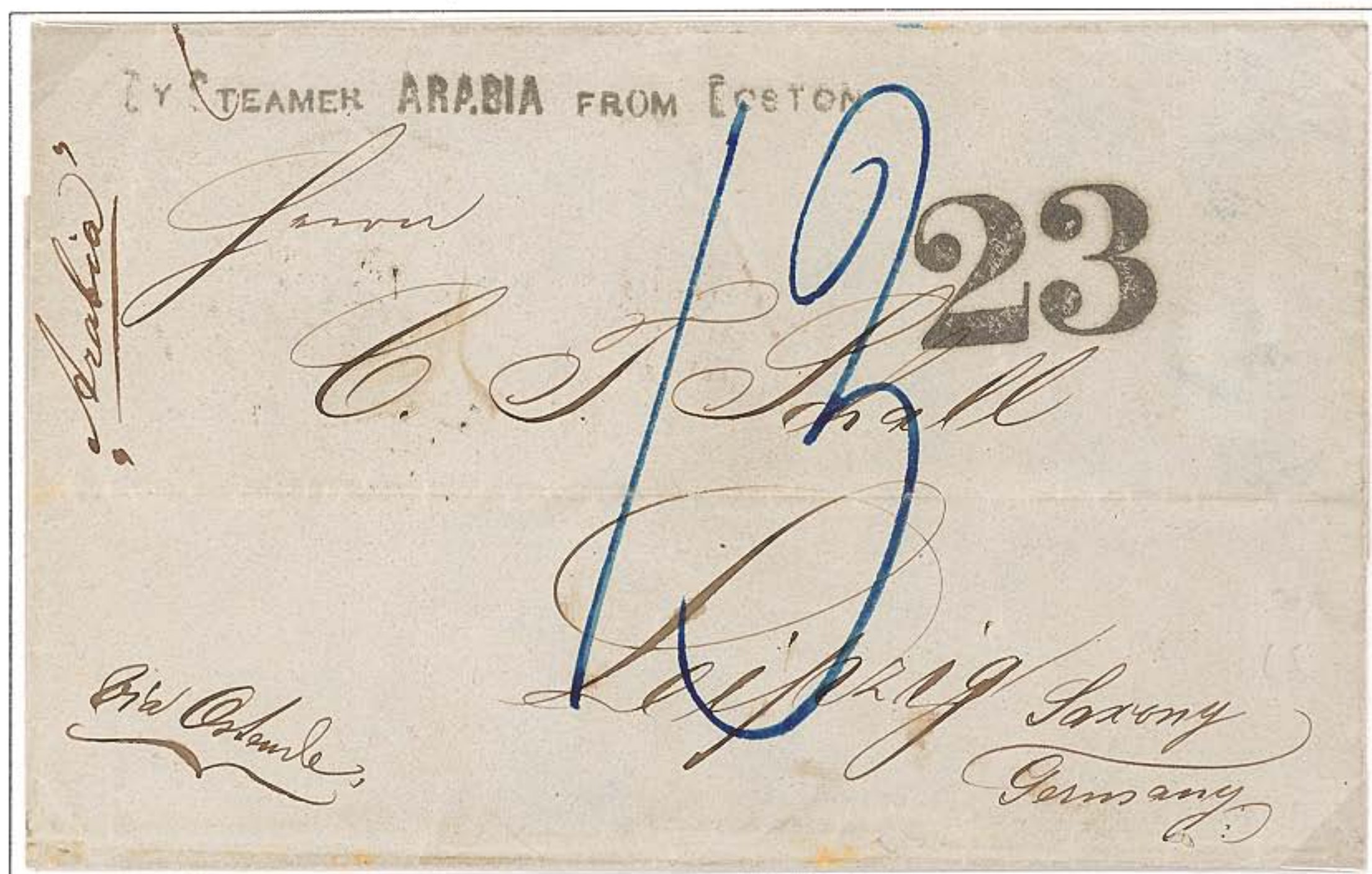
Notes: Black handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing mark of W. Schall & Co., New York. Several different handstamps were used by this company for the steamships that they desired carry their letters. U.S. debit to France was $2 \times 3\text{¢} = 6\text{¢}$ for a letter weighing between $7\frac{1}{2}$ –15 grams. Paris marked letter for $2 \times 8 = 16$ decimes postage due. Uncommon private route marking.

U.S. - Prussia Postal Treaties

U.S.-Prussia Treaty of 1852
British Contract Steamship

1852-1868
16 October 1852-31 December 1867

BY STEAMER ARABIA FROM BOSTON



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: New York to Leipzig, Saxony, 16 December 1856

Ship: *Arabia*

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

Depart: Boston, 17 December 1856
Arrive: Liverpool, 28 December 1856

Rate:	---	letter sent unpaid
	23¢	U.S. debit to Prussia
	13 silbergroschen	postage due in Leipzig

Notes: Boston exchange office used separate handstamp to show debit (large black "23" in upper right corner) and packet service (BOSTON B^R. PK^T. circular datestamp on reverse). Private steamship routing handstamp of sender, W. Schall & Co. of New York, in upper left corner. This is the first of numerous handstamps used by the company that showed the departure port in addition to the steamship name.

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BY STR. ARABIA



Folded Letter: New York to Lyon, France, 28 February 1860

Ship: *Arabia*

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

Depart: New York, 1 March 1860
Arrive: Queenstown, 12 March 1860

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
3¢ U.S. debit to France
8 decimes postage due in Lyon

Notes: Black handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing mark of W. Schall & Co., New York. Several different handstamps were used by this company for the steamships that they desired carry their letters. U.S. debit to France was 3¢ for a letter weighing less than 7½ grams. Paris marked 8 decimes postage due. Uncommon private route marking.

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STR. ASIA



Folded Letter: New York to Lyon, France, 3 January 1860

Ship: Asia

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

Depart: New York, 5 January 1860
Arrive: Liverpool, 16 January 1860

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
9¢ U.S. debit to France
24 decimes postage due in Lyon

Notes: Asia departed New York one day late because of a snow storm. Black handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing mark of W. Schall & Co., New York, whose company marking is on the reverse. Handstamps for several different steamships were used by this company to indicate desired vessels to carry their letters. U.S. debit to France was $3 \times 3¢ = 9¢$ for a letter weighing between 15 and $22\frac{1}{2}$ grams. Paris marked $3 \times 8 = 24$ decimes postage due. Uncommon private route marking.

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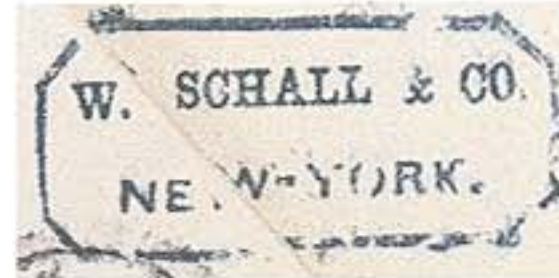
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BY STR. AUSTRALASIAN



(Reverse)



Folded Letter: New York to Aigre, France, 22 March 1863

Ship: *Australasian*

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

Depart: New York, 26 March 1863
Arrive: Queenstown, 4 April 1863

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
3¢ U.S. debit to France
18decimes postage due in Aigre

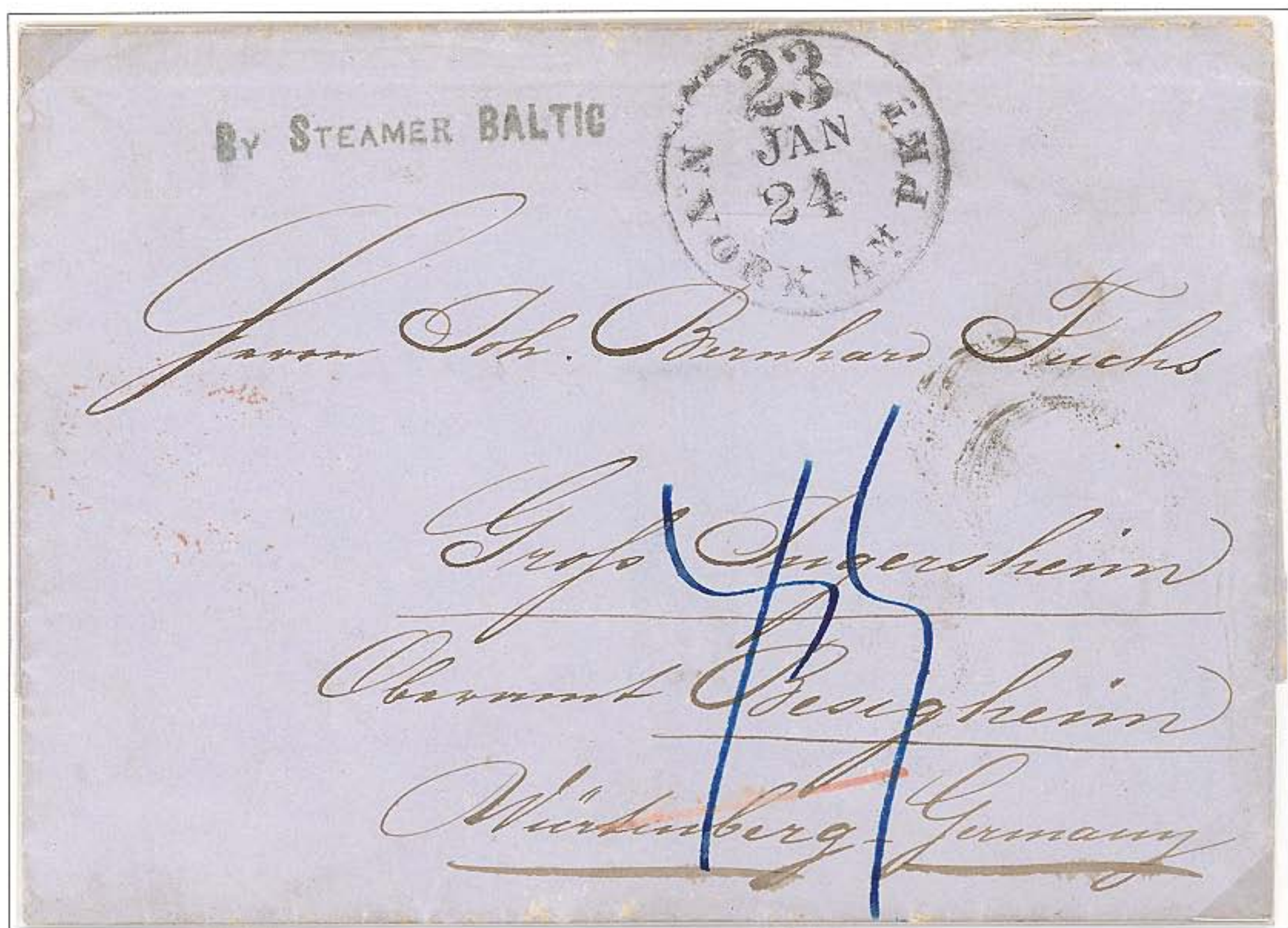
Notes: Dark blue handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing mark of W. Schall & Co., New York. Several different handstamps were used by this company for the steamships that they desired carry their letters. U.S. debit to France was 3¢ for a letter weighing less than 7½ grams. Paris marked 8 decimes postage due. Uncommon private route marking.

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U.S.-Prussia Treaty of 1852
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1852-1868
16 October 1852-31 December 1867

BY STEAMER BALTIC



Folded Letter: New York to Gross Ingersheim, Württemberg, 23 January 1855

Ship:	<i>Baltic</i>	
Company:	New York & Liverpool United States Mail Steamship Company (Collins Line)	
Depart:	New York, 25 January 1855	
Arrive:	Liverpool, 5 February 1855	
Rate:	---	letter sent unpaid
	23¢	U.S. debit to Prussia
	45 kreuzer	postage due in Gross Ingersheim

Notes: Private steamship routing handstamp of sender, W. Schall & Co. of New York, in upper left corner. The company used a number of different handstamps some showing just the steamship name and others adding the departure port.

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BY STR. EUROPA



Folded Letter: New York to Paris, France, 29 May 1860

Ship: *Europa*

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

Depart: Boston, 30 May 1860

Arrive: Queenstown, 9 June 1860

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
6¢ U.S. debit to France
16 decimes postage due in Paris

Notes: Black handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing mark of W. Schall & Co., New York, whose company marking is on the reverse. Handstamps for several different steamships were used by this company to indicate desired vessels to carry their letters. U.S. debit to France was $2 \times 3¢ = 6¢$ for a letter weighing between $7\frac{1}{2}$ and 15 grams. Paris marked $2 \times 8 = 16$ decimes postage due. Uncommon private route marking.

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BY STR. FULTON



Folded Letter: New York to Paris, France, 25 May 1860

Ship: *Fulton*

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

Depart: New York, 26 May 1860
Arrive: Havre, 8 June 1860

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
24¢ U.S. debit to France
16 decimes postage due in Paris

Notes: Black handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing mark of W. Schall & Co., New York, whose company marking is on the reverse. Handstamps for several different steamships were used by this company to indicate desired vessels to carry their letters. U.S. debit to France was $2 \times 12¢ = 24¢$ for a letter weighing between $7\frac{1}{2}$ and 15 grams. Paris marked $2 \times 8 = 16$ decimes postage due. Uncommon private route marking.

U.S. - British Postal Treaties

1848 Treaty
American Contract Steamship

1849-1867
20 February 1849-31 December 1867

BY STEAMER HERMANN



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: New York to Leipzig, Saxony, 27 January 1855

Ship: *Hermann*

Company: Ocean Steam Navigation Company
(Ocean Line)

Depart: New York, 27 January 1855
Arrive: Southampton, 13 February 1855

Rate:	21¢	paid for British Open Mail rate by American Packet
	3½ sgr.	U.K. debit to Prussia
	7 sgr.	postage due in Leipzig

Notes: Black handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing mark of W. Schall & Co., New York, whose company marking is on the reverse. Handstamps for several different steamships were used by this company to indicate desired vessels to carry their letters. British debited Prussia 3½ silbergroschen under 1852 Anglo-Prussian Postal Convention. Aachen exchange office marked 7 silbergroschen due from addressee. Scarce use of private route marking on British open mail to Germany.

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BY STR. ILLINOIS



Folded Letter: New York to Paris, France, 6 April 1860

Ship: *Illinois*

Company: Vanderbilt European Line

Depart: New York, 7 April 1860

Arrive: Havre, 24 April 1860

Rate:	---	letter sent unpaid
	24¢	U.S. debit to France
	16 decimes	postage due in Paris

Notes: Letter carried on maiden voyage of the *Illinois*. Black handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing mark of W. Schall & Co., New York, whose company marking is on the reverse. Handstamps for several different steamships were used by this company to indicate desired vessels to carry their letters. U.S. debit to France was $2 \times 12¢ = 24¢$ for a letter weighing between $7\frac{1}{2}$ and 15 grams. Paris marked $2 \times 8 = 16$ decimes postage due. Uncommon private route marking.

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(Reverse)



Folded Letter: New York to Lyon, France, 12 October 1858

Ship: *Arabia*

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

Depart: New York, 13 October 1858
Arrive: Liverpool, 25 October 1858

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
6¢ U.S. debit to France
16 decimes postage due in Lyon

Notes: Black handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing mark of W. Schall & Co., New York. Several different handstamps were used by this company for the steamships that they desired carry their letters. The handstamp for the previous Cunard steamer departing a week earlier was used on this letter, then the steamship name was changed in manuscript. U.S. debit to France was $2 \times 3\text{¢} = 6\text{¢}$ for a letter weighing between $7\frac{1}{2}$ –15 grams. Paris marked letter required two rates (manuscript, upper left corner) and 16 decimes postage due. Uncommon private route marking.

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1857-1870

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BY S.F.R. PERSIA



(Reverse)



Folded Letter: New York to Cognac, France, 1 December 1863

Ship: *Persia*

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

Depart: New York, 2 December 1863
Arrive: Queenstown, 11 December 1863

Rate: --- letter sent unpaid
6¢ U.S. debit to France
8 decimes postage due in Cognac

Notes: Blue handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing marking of W. Schall & Co., New York. Several different handstamps were used by this company for the steamships that they desired carry their letters. U.S. debit to France was $2 \times 3\text{¢} = 6\text{¢}$ for a letter weighing between $\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Paris weighed letter less than 7.5 grams and marked letter for 8 decimes postage due.

U.S. - French Postal Treaties

Pre 1857 Treaty

American Contract Steamship via G.B.

1847-1857

1 September 1851-1 January 1857

BY STEAMER WASHINGTON



Folded Letter Outer Sheet: New York to Paris, 28 November 1856

Ship: *Washington*

Company: Ocean Steam Navigation Company
(Ocean Line)

Depart: New York, 29 November 1856
Arrive: Southampton, 14 December 1856

Rate: 21¢ paid for British Open Mail rate by American packet
8 decimes postage due in Paris

Notes: *Hermann* carried French mails on this voyage to Bremerhaven, stopping at Southampton to put off the non-German mails. This letter was conveyed directly across the Channel to Le Havre by auxiliary steamer, receiving a special French entry marking at Le Havre. Black handstamp in upper left corner was a private routing mark of W. Schall & Co., New York, whose company marking is on the reverse. Handstamps for several different steamships were used by this company to indicate desired vessels to carry their letters. Paris marked 8 decimes postage due. Uncommon private route marking.