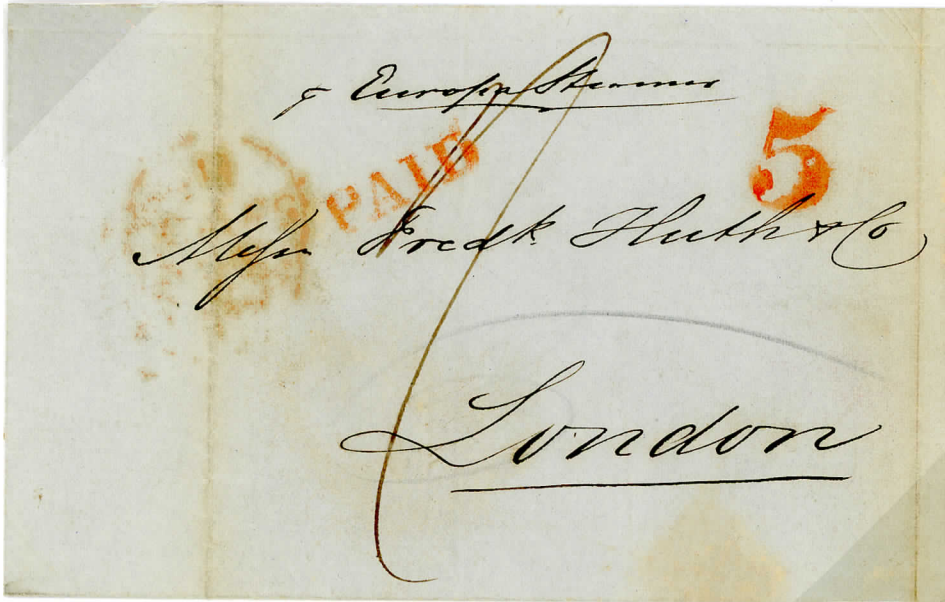


**Pre U. S. – British Treaty: 3 January 1849 to 15 February 1849
The Restored Rate Period**

On 3 January 1849 the retaliatory rate was rescinded by the Postmaster General. In December a new postal Convention had been signed and went into effect in mid-February. For approximately six weeks, before the convention rates went into effect, existing rates prior to the retaliatory period were in effect. The period is called the Restored Rate Period. Only three eastbound and four westbound Cunard voyages occurred during this period.



8 January 1849 New York to London via Boston (eastbound voyage)

Europa

Endorsed *p Europa Steamer*, the Boston post office marked the letter PAID 5, the inland rate from Boston to New York. The **Europa** d. NY 10 Jan., a. LP 22 Jan. Packet rate of 1/- postage due.



6 January 1849 Dublin to New York (westbound voyage)

Niagara

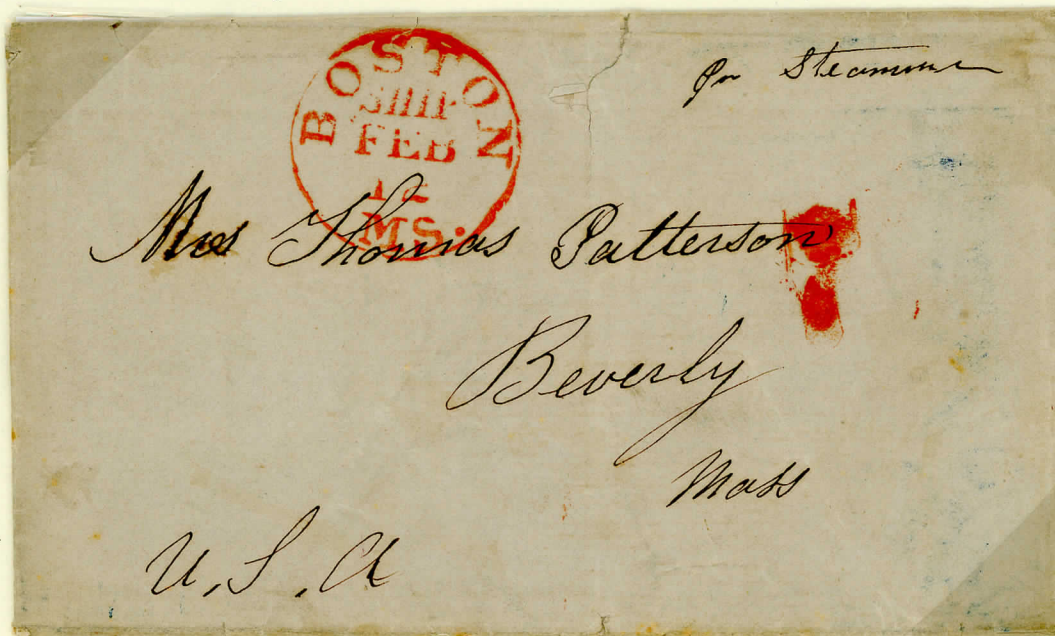
Red 4/PAID/JA26/1849/H on right side, red 1/- in upper left corner. Partial red BOSTON postmark. Red handstamp 7 cts. postage due: 5 cts. U.S. inland + 2 cts ship fee. **Niagara** d. LP 27 Jan, a. Bos. 11 Feb.

U.S. - G.B. Mails by Steamship

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Pre U.S. - British Treaty
British Contract Steamship

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24 January 1849 Havre, FR. to Beverly, MA
 26 January 1849 Boston, G.B. to Philadelphia

Niagara
 Niagara

The letter from Havre, FR was **Forwarded by Yours respectfully Wm. Slade, Havre** (reverse) and carried to Boston *pr. Steamer* where it was postmarked 12 February and rated 7 cts. (5cts. inland rate of under 300 miles + 2cts. ship fee).. The letter from Great Britain, postmarked BOSTON/ JA26/1849/8, was prepaid "1/-" for the packet rate, postmarked PAID in the orange-red London postmark and dated with the black Liverpool postmark L/JA27/B. The Packet **Niagara** departed Liverpool 27 January, arriving Boston 11 February, the last steamer carrying contract mail to arrive in Boston in the restored rate period. The Letter to Philadelphia was forwarded closed bag to the New York post office where it was rated 7 cts. postage due (5cts. inland + 2cts. ship fee).