### Pre U.S. - British Treaty: 4 July 1840 to 1 July 1845

Packet Letters - British Contract Steamships



29 May 1841 New York to Cognac, FR

Caledonia

Carried outside the mails by HARNDEN messenger from NYC to Boston. Given to purser of the **Caledonia**, d. Bos. 1 June, a. LP 14 June. Received double black oval LP backstamp, forwarded to London where it was struck with the red boxed **Packet Letter** used for cross-channel mail originating outside the British Isles. Rated 1/- postage due. Forwarded to France. Postmarked at Calais and marked 26 decimes postage due. Arriving Cognac 19 June.



#### 16 October 1844 Boston to Newcastle, GB

Caledonia

Forwarding Agent Cachet HARNDEN'S Boston. Conveyed on the **Caledonia**, d. Bos. 16 Oct., a. LP 30 Oct. where it received the red dc LIVERPOOL PAID and the 1/- packet rate in red ink.

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Non-contract and Contract Steamships



17 April 1840 Boston to London

"Liverpool Packet" (non-contract steamship)

Forwarded by the Boston office of HARNDEN'S EXPRESS on a Liverpool Packet steamship on Apr. 20. Black LIVERPOOL/SHIP PACKET (reverse). Noted "Rec. 15 May 1840." Harnden's fee of 8 cts. at Boston. Letter sent one month prior to Cunard Packet service.

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#### 2 March 1845 Salem to London

Cambria

Placed in the mail aboard the Cunard Packet Cambria by the forwarding agency of HARNDENS/PACKAGE EXPRESS & FOREIGN LETTER OFFICE/No. 8 COURT ST. BOSTON and hand-stamped with Harndens' red PdH in red circle, indicating that the letter was prepaid. The Cambria, making its second voyage, d. Bos.1 Apr., a. LP 13 Apr. Postmarked with the red LIVERPOOL/AP 13/1845/PAID and the black FORWARDED BY/HARNDEN & Co./No. 20 WATER St./LIVERPOOL with the image of a steamship. London post office added its tombstone postmark in orange red W/PAID/4 AP 4/1845 and the red ink 1/- Packet rate.



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