

Boston Postal History U.S.-French Convention of March 2, 1857 (eff. Apr. 1)



Boston to Paris, France

November 26, 1869

French Line steamer Lafayette (NY on November 27 - Brest on December 8)

Rates

The breakdown of the double rate was 2x3c for the U.S., 2x6c sea post, 2x2c for British transit, and 2c4c for French Transit. The French transit marking indicated that the letter was sent to NY and entered the French postal system on a French Line H steamer. The Boston marking indicating that there was a 24c credit to France indicates that it went on a French steamer and that France would provide the 4c credit to the U.K.

Markings

The Boston postmark is BPM 871, reported in red from 4/8/62 to 5/13/63. This is obviously a much later use of this marking. The French octagonal marking indicates that the letter was sent to NY and that the letter was carried on a French Line H steamer.

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