Samuel Cunard and Eastern Seaboard Mails Halifax to New York

On 20th September 1849 the charge for letters forwarded by British packet between the ports of Halifax and Boston or New York was reduced from one shilling Sterling to fourpence Sterling, fourpence halfpenny per half ounce. If not prepaid, inland postage in the United States had to be added.

Halifax, Nova Scotia to New York, via Boston, 26th May 1851.



A letter prepaid the fourpence Sterling port-to-port charge in Halifax and carried by Cunard Line 'Canada' to Boston, Massachusetts.² The letter passed through Boston on 28th May and was charged a further five cents inland postage to New York.

¹ British Colonist, 4th September 1849, cited in C.M. Jephcott, V.G. Greene & H.M. Young 'Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick', p. 235. (originally 5 George III, cap. 25, effective 10th October 1765). Supported by G.P.O. Halifax table dated 5th October 1849, illustrated in Jephcott, Greene, Young, p. 85.
² J.C. Arnell, 'Atlantic Mail, p.294: 'Canada' departed Halifax on 26th May for Boston on 28th May 1851.

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