

TWO CAPES ROUTE

SAILING SHIP VIA ENGLAND

NSW - 1845

Recd at Illinois College
enclosed in another not Post-
paid

JACKSONVILLE
JUN 30
1845

Gerrard Irvine
St Louis

JUL 3 Mos

If you can find no direct way of sending us a letter
send your letter under cover directed to the post-
master General London with one shilling enclosed
to pay the sea postage

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12 January 1845 letter headed "Sydney" enclosed in another letter to a friend in Jacksonville Illinois, since sender did not know addressee's St. Louis address. Note at right - "If you can find no direct way of sending us a letter, send your letter under cover direct to the Postmaster General London with one shilling enclosed to pay postage." Mail between the continents was not easy - no 1840s letters from USA to Australia have been recorded.



New York, 17 Sep 1875 - 5 cent Am. Pkt. Rate - **New York foreign mail cancel** - 11 Oct sailing of City of Melbourne from San Francisco arriving Sydney on 10 Nov - Melbourne b/s of 15 Nov No arrival charges, but Victoria would not sign a postal treaty with the United States until 1878.



