

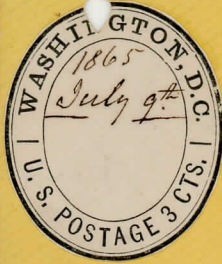
PERSONALIZED CANCEL

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Letter contains contents, matter of no importance. It is to be advertised and then destroyed without examination.

Contents of importance or of a private nature, if undelivered, it is not to be advertised and returned to writer.

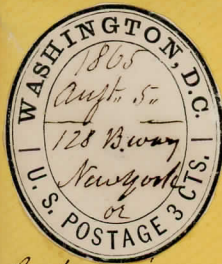
Endorsement shows letter being written to Baltimore, Maryland, by a New York City resident. He is on business in Washington, D.C., and wishes the letter to be returned to his residence if not taken by addressee. Return postage to be collected on delivery.



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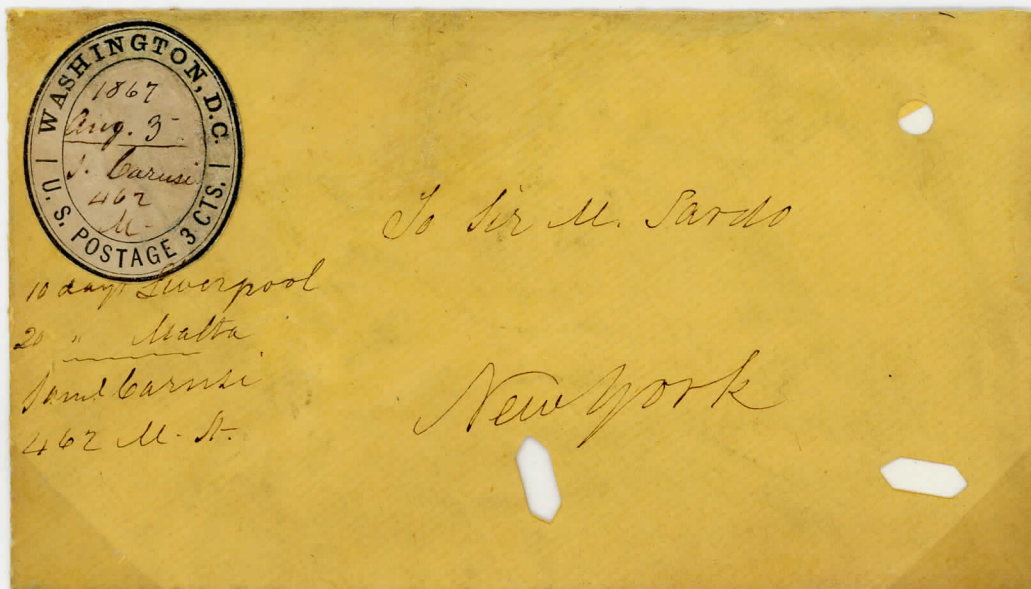
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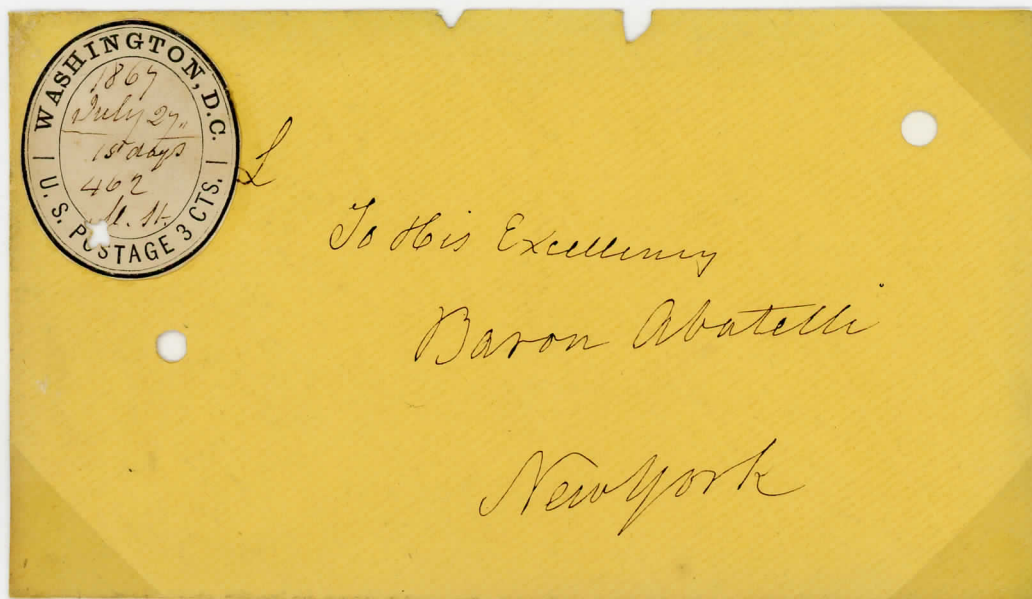
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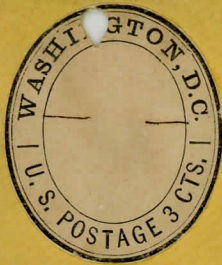


The letter is addressed to a resident of Malta now living in New York City. He will leave for Liverpool in 20 days; then on to Malta. If not delivered and held for the usual time, the letter is to be returned to sender. All postage is to be pre-paid.



The letter is addressed to New York City, where the addressee is to stay 15-20 days and depart for Europe. If not delivered, it is to be returned as per endorsement.

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IMPROVEMENT IN POSTAGE-STAMPS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL CARUSI, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a certain new and improved System of Postage-Stamps; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying specimen-sheets, which form part of this specification, and to the specimen-envelopes with stamps thereon.

One of the features of my system of stamps is that of cancelling the stamp by the post-marking of it, the post-marking being done by the writer of the letter, or of the address or superscription.

Another feature is that of each post-office having its own stamps, the post-office being named in or by the stamp.

A third feature is that of indicating, by writing on the stamp, the character of the letter, as to whether it is valuable and important, and as to what disposition should be made of the letter under certain contingencies and circumstances.

Other features of the system will appear as progress is made with this description of the system.

My system is applicable to stamps that can be pasted on the envelope—the gummed stamp—or stamped on the envelope, as now used, and to every form of stamp, of whatever color, whether local or general, as also to every denomination of stamp.

The condition of the stamp, as it will be in sheets, or stamped on the envelope, supplied by the Post-Office Department or contractor to the different post-offices, is indicated on the specimen-sheet at A, this stamp being for the post-office at Washington, D. C.; and the difference between this and the stamp for some one other office will be in the name of the town or city only. It will be noticed that this stamp is divided by two short lines, *a* and *b*, into an upper and lower section or parts, the upper part or section being a space for cancellation, the lower part or section a space for residence or memoranda, while the surface of the envelope below the stamp can be used for notices relating to remanding, transmitting, &c.

If, in the hurry of business, or from any cause, a letter with this stamp, A, uncanceled should be dropped in the post-office receiving-box, the chief clerk is authorized either to cancel the stamp, as indicated at B, and forward the letter as per superscription, or to open it, and, ascertaining the writer's name and address, to write it on the stamp, or on the envelope, and then, putting the letter in the envelope, to have the city carrier deliver it to the writer, charging three cents therefor, or such other sum as the law may direct. If the writer of the letter cannot be found, the letter should be advertised, and, if still undelivered, and considered to be of value, may be retained in some proper place for a reasonable period of time, and held subject to suitable conditions, to insure protection to the writer or owner of the letter.

When the stamp on letters or other matters is simply marked "cancelled," as shown by the stamp B, such letters are considered by the office as containing no matter of importance, and, if not called for by or delivered according to the address, they undergo the usual process of advertising, &c., after which, without examination, they are destroyed at the office of their destination. Matter of this kind may be remanded, if any errors are supposed to have occurred, which is done by application to the postmaster previous to their being destroyed. Cases of this kind may often occur, but are easily corrected.

Letters or other matter directed to parties in New York, cancelled and endorsed as shown by C, are considered to contain matter of importance, or of a private nature. If, after the usual course of delivery with or at the office or by the carrier, without the party addressed being found, they must not be advertised, but be returned to the writer, as per stamp and endorsement. This endorsement may contain both the name and residence of the writer. The name, either in full or in initials, may be omitted, but the residence should always be inserted, as otherwise the delivery cannot be effected.

The stamp shown at D indicates that the party writing to G. Willis, at Baltimore, Maryland, is a resident of New York, now on business at Washington, D. C., and desires his letter returned to him at his residence, New York, \$3 per endorsement, if not taken out at Baltimore, the return-postage to be collected on delivery.

The stamp shown at E indicates that the party addressed is a resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, at present in the city of Baltimore. The writer resides at Washington, D. C., and he desires the letter to be sent to the New Orleans address, if it is not taken out at Baltimore. If not taken out at New Orleans, it should be returned to the writer at Washington, as per stamp and endorsement.