

1843

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

OLD LINE, later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Burgundy

C. Bolton, Fox & Livingston



*Williamsville N.Y.  
 July 20 43*

July 2, 1843. Letter addressed to the German state of Wurttemberg, "Via Havre", was paid at Williamsville, New York to N.Y. City at the March 3, 1825 rate, double, at 25¢ x 2 = 50¢ over 400 miles as shown in manuscript. Williamsville is near Buffalo on the Ontario border.

SHIPS UP FOR FOREIGN PORTS (N.Y. Times).

Ship Burgundy, Wotton, 10 N.R., 8th July, C. Bolton, Fox & Livingstone.

July 7. Burgundy cleared at N.Y., sailed for Havre on July 8.

July 30. Burgundy arrived at Havre. French debited recipient at Wurttemberg with 1 franc 40 decimes with a credit to Wurttemberg of 6 decimes. This was combined into a total due of 1 franc 46 centimes. This was equivalent to about 28¢ U.S.



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*Via Havre & New York Packet*

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Care of Messrs H. Nollkenius & Co

Cairo

Care of James Rouse Esqr. Henderson

Louisville

Kentucky

North America

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March 27, 1844. Letter paid at Mannheim through to Le Havre as directionally endorsed: Via Havre & New York Packet. The French entry mark shows mail from Baden entering at Strasbourg. The French Bureau of Exchange also struck the small red oval, "11" being for Strasbourg and the A.E.D.: Affranchie a l'etranger jusqu'a destination (foreign paid to destination, i.e., dockside at Havre).

March 30. Backstamps, letter in transit at Paris and March 31, arrival at the Bureau Maritime at Havre. The Old Line packet Burgundy was scheduled to sail on April 8 from Havre for New York.

May 21. Arrived at New York Ship Burgundy, Wotton, from Havre (No Havre arrivals May 15-23 inclusive except Burgundy May 21.)

Letter rated Act of 1825 for a double letter going over 400 miles, N.Y. to Louisville, at 25¢ x 2 = 50¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter fee = 52¢ due. No postage was charged for forwarding to Cairo, Kentucky or to Henderson.

1832-33

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services



HAVRE-OLD LINE

New York to Havre

Bolton, Fox & Livingston

Packet Ship Charlmagne

Quadruple Ship Letter

442 tons, 124' x 28' beam, 14' depth of hold. Launched 1828 by C. Bergh & Co., N.Y. for the Havre-Second Line, later transferred to the Havre-Old Line, served the Second Line 1828-32, Old Line 1832-38.

Under the Old Line her passage times were much improved:

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Average passage</u>	<u>Shortest</u>	<u>Longest</u>
SECOND LINE	5 years	41 days	23	59
OLD LINE	6 "	34	23	47



Dec. 1, 1832. Charlmagne left Havre on one of her earliest passages under the Havre-Old Line flag.

Jan. 24. Charlmagne had arrived at New York Jan. 23, mail processed the next day.

Letter rated as a quadruple letter, Act of March 3, 1825, N.Y. to Philadelphia (90 miles) for a letter going 80 to 150 miles at 12½¢ x 4 = 50¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 52¢ as shown in manuscript.



1831

BALTIMORE TO HOLLAND VIA NEW YORK AND LE HAVRE  
OLD LINE

New York to Havre

Bolton, Fox & Livingston

Packet Ship DeRham



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OLD LINE

New York to Havre  
Packet Ship DeRham

Bolton, Fox & Livingston

January 8, 1831. Letter datelined at Baltimore and sent under cover to the forwarding agents DeRham, Iselin & Moore at New York. It concerns dealings in Dutch gin, "The foregoing is duplicate of our last Respect to you, and have the pleasure to inform you that the Ship Jefferson has arrived here a few days ago; and the 100 pipes of Gin on board of her are now landing. They will come to a good market; we sold yesterday 4 pipes of it at \$110, at which price we are in hopes to dispose of the whole of it..."



Par DE RHAM  
15 Jan 1831

January 15. Transit oval backstamp of the forwarding agents at New York (R.F. 3). They also struck their unique routing endorsement "Par DE RHAM" indicating handling aboard the Old Line packet ship DeRham.

Morning Courier and New-York Enquirer, Saturday Morning, Jan. 15.

LETTER BAGS - AT THE EXCHANGE READING ROOM, NEW-YORK

Vessel	Captain	Port	Sails
Ship DeRham	Depeyster	Havre	Jan. 15.

Cleared, Jan. 15, 1831. Ship De Rham, Depeyster, Havre; Bolton, Fox & Livingston.

PAYS D'OUTREMER  
PAR LE HAVRE



February 16. Letter arrived at Havre, France. Arrival marked as from countries overseas (PAYS D'OUTREMER) via Le Havre. Mail was forwarded overland to Holland.

*Franklyt  
over Arnhem*

February 24. Dutch entry backstamp showing mail from France entering at Arnhem, also arrival backstamp at Schiedam.



80 Dutch cents due for Ship Letter, Havre to Schiedam.  
N.B.: This was equivalent to about 32¢ U.S.

1835

OLD LINE, later UNION LINE  
Packet Ship Francis Depau

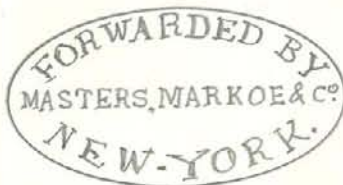
New York to Havre  
Forwarding Agent  
Masters Markoe & Co., N.Y.

595 tons, in service 1833-36. Condemned after an accident at Havre.

June 6, 1836. Letter datelined at Philadelphia as a duplicate letter, subsequent note of July 22, 1835. It went under separate cover to a forwarding agent in New York.

Morning Courier and New York Enquirer, Friday July 24. Cleared: Ship Francis Depau, Robinson, Havre, C. Bolton, Fox & Livingston.

For warding agent struck his cachet (R.F. 3) as a backstamp and handed the letter to the Francis Depau, as endorsed.

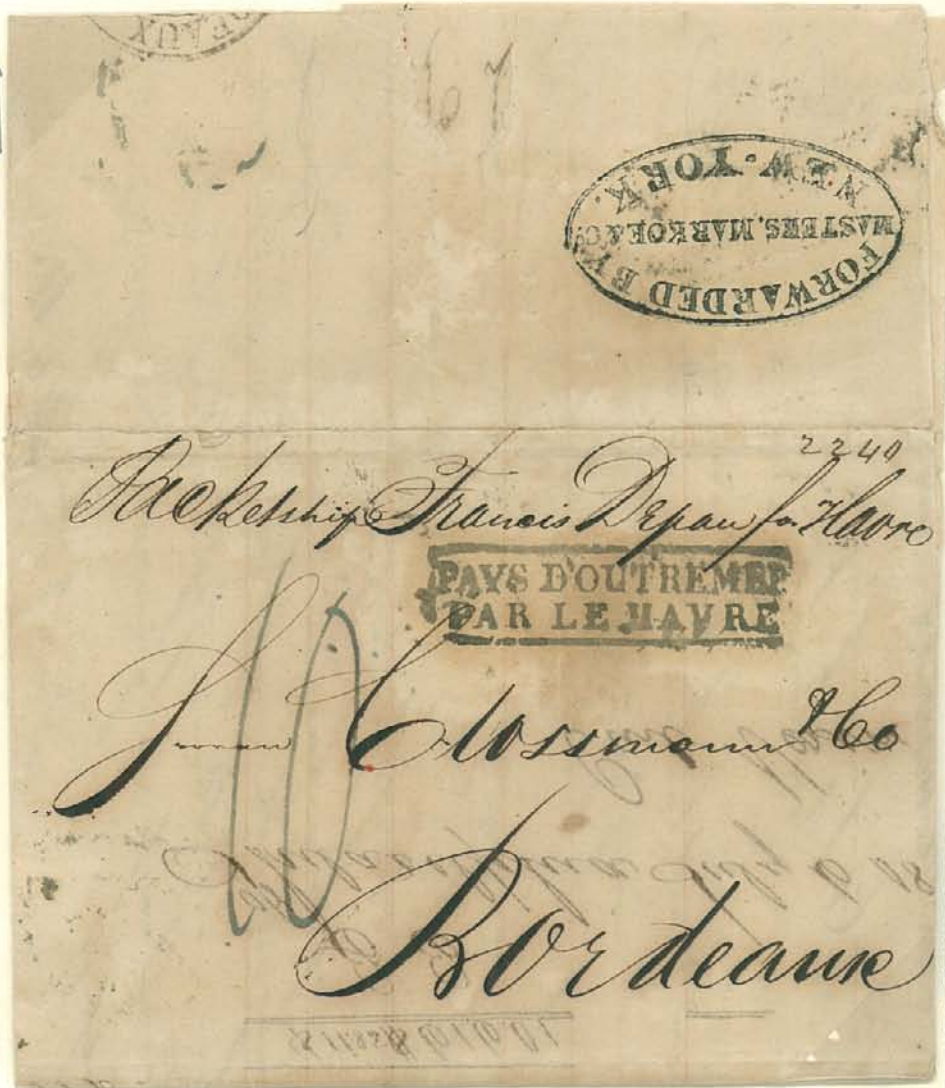


PAYS D'OUTREMER  
PAR LE HAVRE



Aug. 20. Francis Depau arrived at Le Havre, shown as a Ship Letter (Countries Overseas) by Havre. It was rated as a Ship Letter plus inland postage Havre to Bordeaux at 10 decimes.

Aug. 22. Bor-  
deaux arrival  
backstamp.



1833

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

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OLD LINE, later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Francois I

Bolton, Fox & Livingston

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8<sup>th</sup> Feb - 1833  
H. Butler, Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia.  
Francois I.

February 8, 1833. Letter datelined at Havre and handed directly to the captain of the Old Line packet Francois I, which sailed from Havre February 8.

Captain on this voyage was John B. Pell of a prominent old New York family, presumably brother of William W., also an Old Line commander. John was captain of the Stephania 1825-28, Henri IV '28-'32, Francois I '32-'36, Utica '36-'41 and St. Nicholas to '46.



April 9, 1833. Shipping & Commercial List, N.Y. Arrived N.Y.  
April 9, Francois I, Pell, February 8.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, single letter 80 to 150 miles at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

1832-33

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

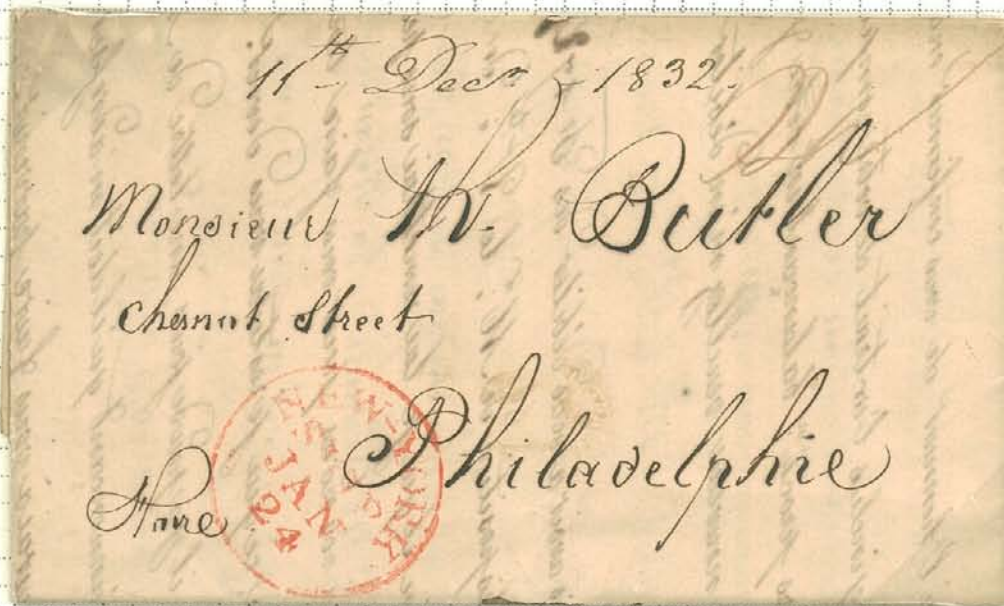
HAVRE-OLD LINE

Packet Ship Havre

Havre to New York

The ship Havre was in service for the Old Line from 1829 to 1837. While a transient she burned near Cork Feb. 10, 1839.

Captain on this voyage was the well-known Frederick Augustus DePeyster, born about 1785 in New York City of a prominent old Dutch family. He was in the China Trade until 1828. His packet services were: Havre Old Line '29 De Rham; '31 Havre; '33 Utica to '36; Liverpool Black Ball, '36 Columbus to '38; Dramatic '38 Sheridan to '44. He was the 2nd governor of Sailors Snug Harbor on Staten Island, resigned Nov. 9, 1869.



December 11, 1832. Letter datelined at Havre. The planned departure date of the Old Line's packet ship Havre from Havre was Dec. 10. Letter went aboard at sailing.



Jan. 24, 1833. N.Y. Shipping List.  
Jan. 24, arrived packet ship Havre De-  
peyster (sic) at N.Y. from Havre.

Letter rated Act of March 3, 1825,  
single 80 to 150 miles at 12½¢ + 2¢  
Ship Letter fee = 14½¢.



1836

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

HAVRE - OLD LINE

New York to Havre

Bolton, Fox & Livingston

Packet Ship Havre

Double Ship Letter

480 tons, 126' x 29' beam, 14'-6" depth of hold. Launched 1828 at Smith & Dimon, N.Y. Her average westbound passage was 39 days, shortest 22, longest 49 days. This passage of 37 days was about average.

Commander on this voyage was Capt. William C. Stoddard from Fairhaven, Mass. He served on Havre Old Line - '33 Havre, '37 Ville de Lyon, wrecked near La Hogue, France, Feb. 2, 1845.



P.P.



July 16, 1836. Cover, docketed 15th July, was posted at the Bureau maritime in Havre. Marked "P.P.", Port Payee, to dockside, Havre. The packet ship Havre, Capt. Wm. S. Stoddard, sailed the same day from Havre for New York.

August 22. Havre arrived at New York. Cover rated, Act of 1825, zone 80 to 150 miles, N.Y. to Philadelphia at 12½¢ x 2 (double letter) = 25¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 27¢.

August 25. Letter was forwarded to Tho. Butler at Newport, Rhode Island. It took an additional forwarding charge of 18-3/4¢, 150 to 400 miles, x 2 = 37½¢.



1833

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
OLD LINE

Havre to New York                      Bolton, Fox & Livingston  
Packet Ship Henri IV

427 tons, 116' x 28'-8" x 14'-4" depth of hold, launched 1826 by C. Bergh & Co., N.Y. Was in the Old Line service 11 years, until 1837. She became a transient; wrecked N.Y. Bar, arriving from Mazatlan, Dec. 15, 1839. Her average westbound passage was 36 days, shortest 20 days, longest 55 days.

Captain was John Castoff, born c.1803, 5'-6". He commanded the Havre '32, Henry IV to '34, Francois I '37 and Louis Phillippe to '45.



September 16, 1833. Letter datelined at Havre. A duplicate letter is also inclosed dated August 24, 1833, the original of which had gone by the packet ship Erie of the Havre - Second Line. The Henri IV departed from Havre the same day as datelined, September 16.

N.Y. Shipping & Commercial List. October 24. Ship Henri IV arrived at New York from Havre, Capt. Castoff.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, 80 to 150 miles, New York to Philadelphia, 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ due, shown in manuscript.



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The Packet Services  
OLD LINE

Havre to New York

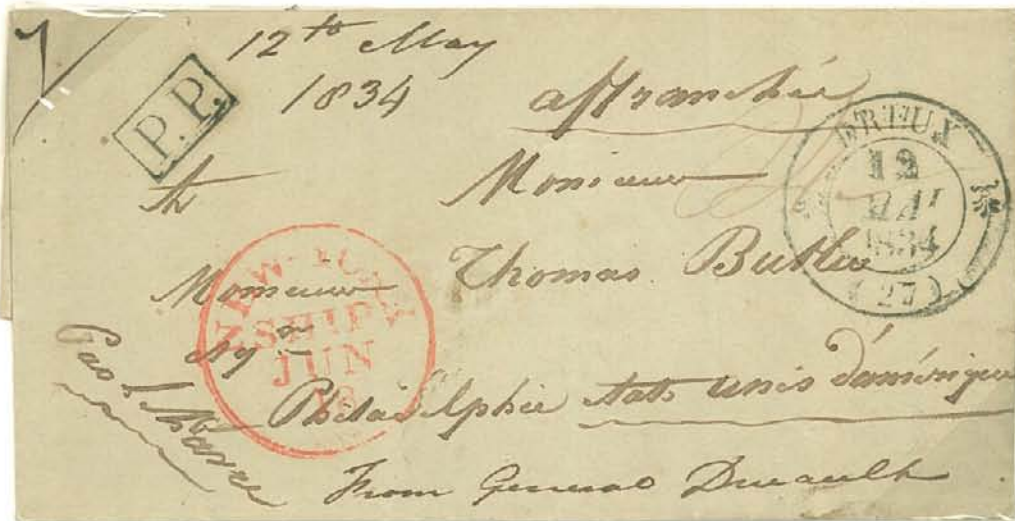
Bolton, Fox & Livingston

Packet Ship Henry IV



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May 12, 1834. Letter dated at Dreux, France and endorsed: Par l'Havre. It was paid to the port of embarkation [P.P.] at le Havre per the manuscript notes on the reverse, effective Jan. 1, 1828, 7½ gram letter 150 km., Bureau to Bureau at 4 decimes + 1 dec. Ship Letter = 5 decimes.

May 16. The Old Line packet ship Henry IV departed from Havre.

Shipping and Commercial List (N.Y.)  
Arrived at New York June 17, ship Henry IV, Castoff, from Havre.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, 80 to 150 miles, New York to Philadelphia, at 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ due, shown in manuscript.



1835

OLD LINE. later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Normandie

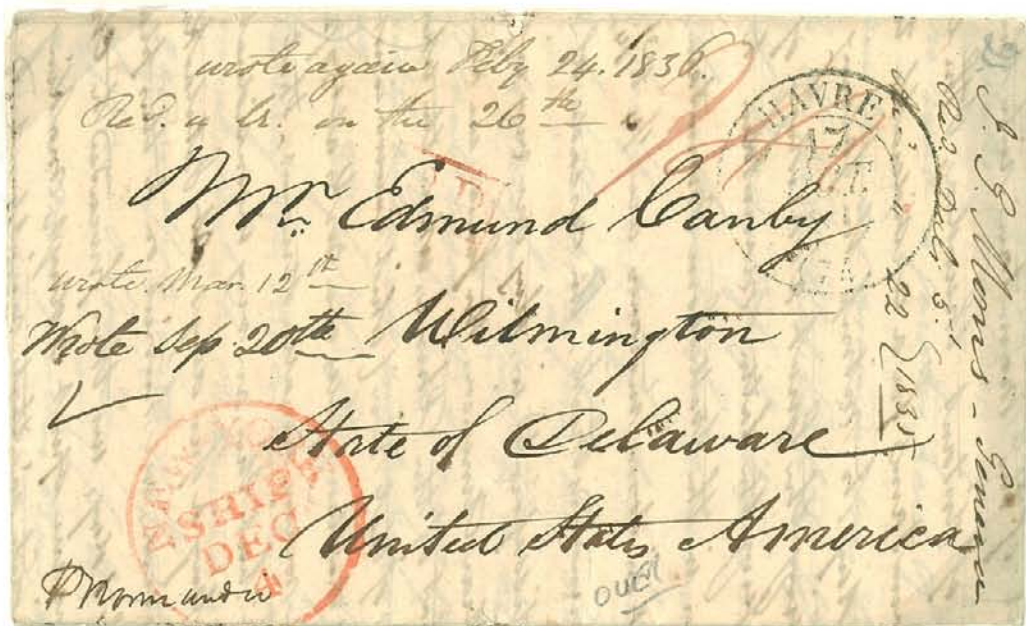
Havre to New York

October 4, 1835. A long letter from a tourist written from Geneva, Switzerland. It was forwarded under cover to Paris.

*Forwarded by J. G. Morris  
Paris Welles & Co.*

P.P.

The Paris forwarding agents Welles & Co. (backstamp) in turn forwarded the letter to LeHavre, endorsed: p. Normandie. They paid French postage to the port at LeHavre, P.P. = Port Payee.



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October 17. Transit at Havre, sailing date of Normandie for New York.

N.Y. Shipping & Commercial List. Arrived N.Y. December 4: Ship Normandie, Pell.....Havre.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, single letter conveyed 80 to 150 miles, N.Y. to Wilmington, Del., at 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ due, shown in red manuscript.

N.B.: Ship Normandie, 500 tons, in Old Line service 1834-37. "Went missing" Liverpool to New York December 1844.

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1835

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

OLD LINE

New York to Havre

Bolton, Fox & Livingston

Packet Ship Rhone

471 tons, 127'-11", beam 28'-5", depth of hold 14'-2". Built by C. Bergh & Co., New York. Launched 1831, served until 1843 when she became a Baltimore-Liverpool packet. Her average westbound passage was 38 days. Her passage here of 39 days was at average.

Captain was John Rockett, in the New Orleans service to 1832. Havre Old Line Henri IV, '32 to '34; Rhone '35 to '36; Burgundy to '39. He contracted fever from immigrants while commanding sp. Eutaw from Liverpool; after two days of illness died March 6, 1842 while ship was coming up lower bay at New York.



June 1, 1835. Letter datelined at Havre and handed directly to Capt. Rockett as June 1 was the planned departure date of Rhone from Havre.

July 9. Shipping & Commercial List (N.Y.) Arrived July 9, Rhone, Rockett, from Havre.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, 80 to 150 miles, New York to Philadelphia, 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ due.

July 10. Letter forwarded from Philadelphia to Thomas Butler at Newport, Rhode Island, rate of 150 to 400 miles, 18-3/4¢ due.



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TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
OLD LINE, New York to Havre  
Packet Ship Rhone

The Packet Services  
Bolton, Fox & Livingston



October 22, 1836. Letter, endorsed "Via N. York & Havre," was paid at Baltimore at the domestic rate of 18-3/4¢ for a single letter conveyed 150 to 400 miles, Act of March 3, 1825 [red manuscript under the Havre datestamp.]

N.Y. Journal of Commerce, Oct. 22. FOR HAVRE, Packet of the 24th inst. - The packet ship Rhone, Skiddy, master, will leave on her regular day as above. For freight or passage apply to the Captain on board foot Rector St., N.R. or to C. BOLTON, FOX & LIVINGSTON.

Monday Oct. 24: Cleared ship Rhon (sic), Skiddy, Havre.



PAYS D'OUTREMER  
PAR LE HAVRE

*Trouve dans une  
boîte de bureau J*

J.16



November 14. Rhone arrived at Havre and this letter sent to Paris with the charge of 6 decimes for a Ship Letter.

November 15. The forwarding agent at Paris paid the 6 decimes and forwarded the letter to another Paris address. It was marked in in manuscript, "Trouve dans une boîte de bureau J" and also struck with the boxed J.16. This refers to an unpaid letter "found in a box." As such, it was subject to a collect charge of 15 decimes. Blue Paris transit backstamp.

1834

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

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OLD LINE, later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Sylvie de Grasse

Havre to N.Y.

641 tons, 140'-6", 31'-8" beam, 15'-10" depth of hold. Built 1833, by D. & H. Burgess, Hartford, served until 1848, then sold for California. Wrecked in the Columbia River in 1849.

Captain on this voyage was Louis Wiederholt, born about 1804 in France, naturalized. He commanded the Howard of the Savannah Line in '28. His Havre commands were '31 DeRham wrecked on Rock-away Beach, Long Island, March 1831; '32 Manchester; '34 Sylvie de Grasse to '41.



August 7, 1834. Letter datelined at Havre. The Havre Old Line's packet Sylvie de Grasse left Havre August 8 for New York.



September 19, arrived New York Silvia (sic) de Grasse, Wiederholdt. Mail processed Sept. 20 as a Ship Letter.

Rate, Act of 1825, 80-150 miles, N.Y. to Philadelphia, 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter fee = 14½¢ as shown in manuscript.

1835

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

OLD LINE, later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Sylvie de Grasse

Havre to New York



November 5, 1835. Letter posted at Dreux, France and endorsed: Par l'havre. It was paid to the port of embarkation [P.P.] at LeHavre per the manuscript notations on the reverse, effective January 1, 1828, viz.: 7½ gram letter 150 km., Bureau to Bureau, at 4 decimes + 1 decime Ship Letter = 5 decimes prepaid.

November 8. Published departure date from Havre of the Old Line packet ship Silvie de Grasse.



Shipping & Commercial List (N.Y.). Arrived at New York December 25, Silvie de Grasse, Weiderhokdt, from Havre.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, 80 to 150 miles, New York to Philadelphia, at 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ due, shown in manuscript at upper right.



1836

OLD LINE  
Packet Ship Silvie de Grasse

New York to Havre  
Forwarding Agent:  
Hudson's News Room &  
Foreign Ship Letter Office



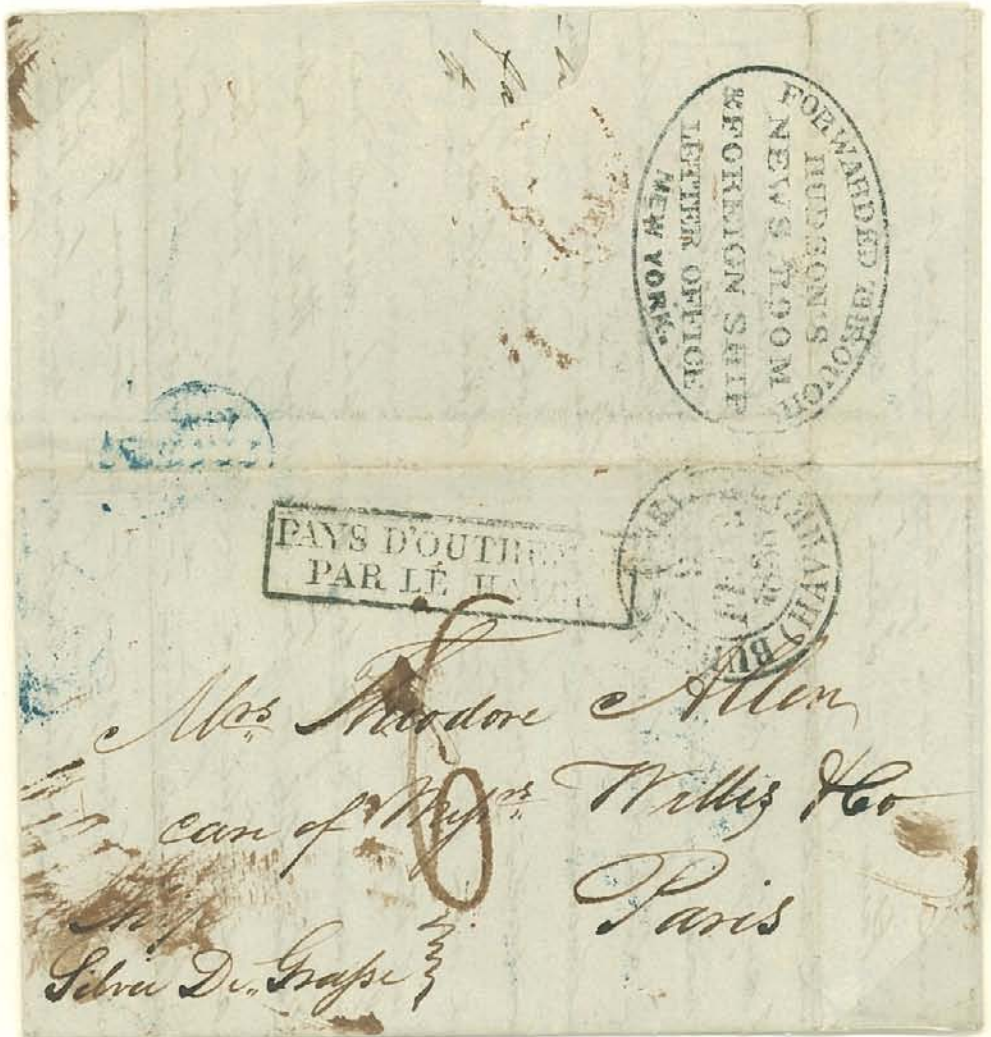
January 15,  
1836. Letter headed at New York, "Dear Caty.  
I feel as if I could not allow the Silvie de  
Grasse to depart without holding some communi-  
cation with you..."

The cover is endorsed: Ship/ Silvie de Grasse,  
and was handed into the Hudson's News Room where  
the oval backstamp was struck. (R.F. 3). Hudson's was a professional  
forwarding agent, i.e. charged a fee for their service.

Shipping and Commercial List, N.Y.: Cleared N.Y. January 16, 1836,  
Ship Silvie de Grasse, Wiederholdt....Havre. J.J. Boyd.



February 9.  
Silvie de Grasse  
arrived at Havre,  
letter rated as a  
Ship Letter, 6  
decimes due,  
Havre to Paris.



1839

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
OLD LINE

New York to Havre

Bolton, Fox & Livingston

Packet Ship Silvie de Grasse

January 28, 1839. Letter datelined at Savannah, Georgia, concerns the shipment of brandies and the complications of transferring monies to pay for the same.

January 28. Letter paid at Savannah to New York at the zone rate of March 3, 1825, at over 400 miles, 25¢. Letter to Cognac is endorsed: Via New York & Havre.



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February 4. Letter in transit at New York. Shipping & Commercial List. VESSELS UP FOR FOREIGN PORTS...HAVRE. Ship Silvie de Grasse, Wiedeholdt, 9 N.R., 8th Feb., C. Bolton, Fox & Livingston.

PAYS D'OUTREMER  
PAR LE HAVRE

March 6. Silvie de Grasse arrived at Le Havre, letter marked with the Ship Letter designation: Countries Overseas, Voie Le Havre. Paris transit backstamp.

March 8. Arrival backstamp at Cognac. 9 decimes rate due.



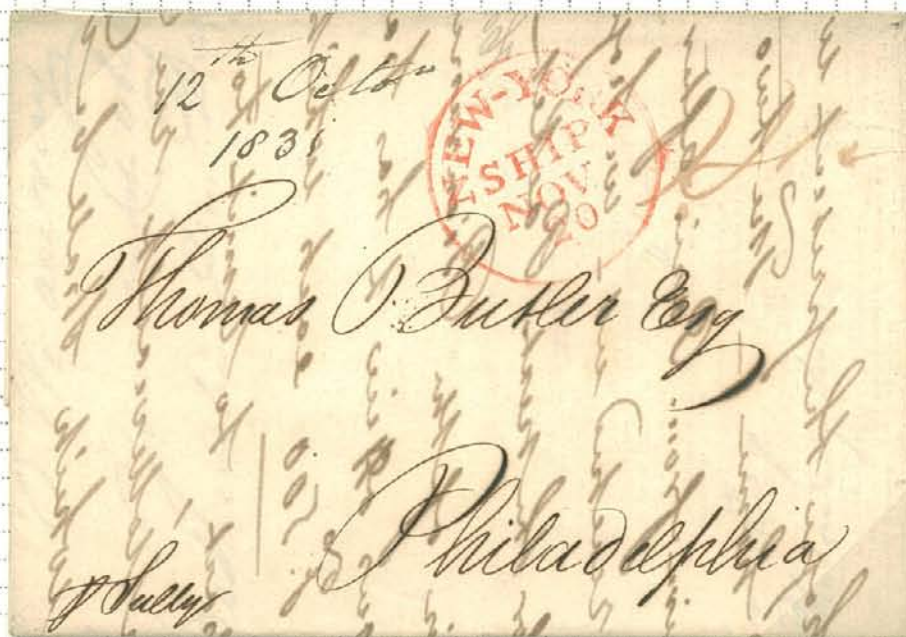
1831

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
OLD LINE

New York to Havre                      Bolton, Fox & Livingston  
Packet Ship Sully

456 tons, 120' x 28'-9" x 14'-4" depth of hold. Built by C. Bergh & Co., New York. Launched 1827, in service to 1846. Her average westbound passage was 38 days, this voyage of 41 days was about average.

Captain on this voyage was William C. Pell (c.1800-1884), 5'-11" born N.Y. Havre line, '31 Sully; '34 Normandy; '37 Francois I; '39 Iowa to '42. This voyage was his first year with the Old Line.



October 12, 1831. Letter datelined at Havre. The planned departure date of Sully was Oct. 10, although a day or two delay from the scheduled date is not unusual.



November 20. N.Y. Shipping List: Arrived ship Sully, Pell, at N.Y. from Havre.

Letter rated Act of 1825, single letter 80 to 150 miles, N.Y. to Philadelphia, at 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter fee = 14½¢ due.

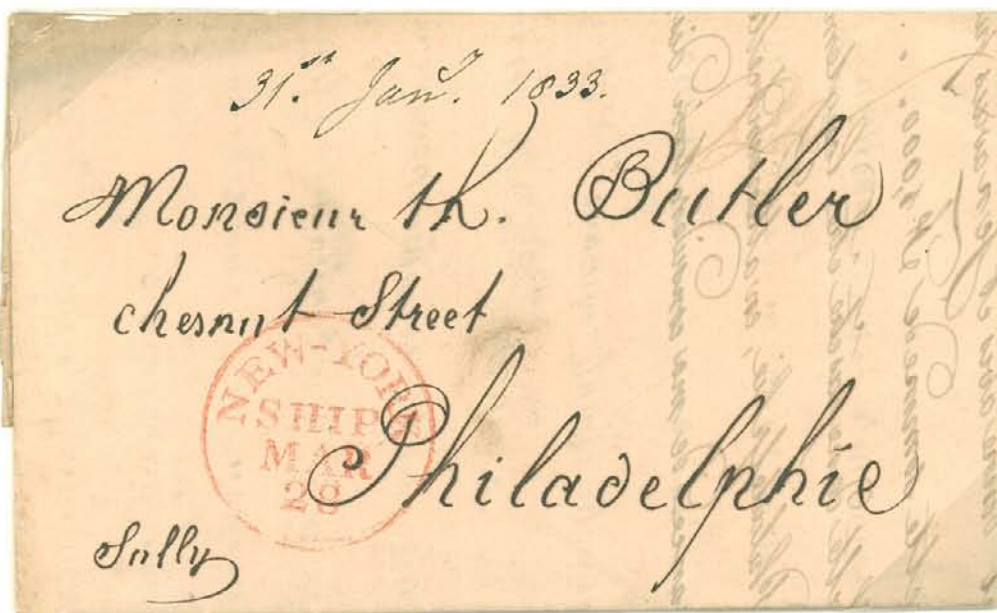
1833

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
OLD LINE

New York to Havre  
Packet Ship Sully

Bolton, Fox & Livingston

January 31, 1833. Letter datelined at Le Havre. It is endorsed "Sully" indicating it was to go by the Old Line packet Sully which departed from Havre on February 1.



March 38. N.Y. Shipping List & Price Current. Arrived at New York March 27, Packet Ship Sully, Capt. Forbes, from Havre.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, single letter 80 to 150 miles at 12½¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ due, shown in red at upper right.

Captain on this voyage was Thomas Forbes, born ca. 1800 at New York, he was 5'-8". He was 2nd mate on the Greenock packet Friends in 1822. His service for the Havre Old Line was Sully '32; Rhone '36 for two voyages.



1836

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
OLD LINE

New York to Havre

Bolton, Fox & Livingston

Packet Ship Sully

March 21, 1836. Letter datelined at Rome. It gives a day-to-day travelogue of the writer, Theodore Allen, through Italy. The letter was sent under cover to Paris, care of the forwarding agents Welles & Co., who impressed their backstamp and in turn forwarded it under cover to Havre.

*Forwarded by J. M. Lewis & Co.  
Paris Welles & Co.*



**P.P.**



April 11. Transit handstamp at Havre where letter was directed to the packet Sully by the forwarding agent. The planned departure date was April 8, but Sully sailed on the 11th.

May 16. Shipping and Commercial List (N.Y.) Sully arrived at New York, 6c, Ship Letter rate for a letter addressed to the port of entry, due.

Captain on this passage was David Lines from New Haven, Conn. He had a long career in the Havre packets, '35 Rhone, '36 Sully, '39 Burgundy, '42 Iowa, '47 New York to '50. He 'converted' to steam, being commander of S.S. Washington to Bremen in '54, S.S. Arago to Havre 1856 and after.

1837

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
The Packet Services  
OLD LINE

Havre to New York  
Packet Ship Sully

Bolton, Fox & Livingston

P.P.



March 4, 1837. Letter dated at Dreux, France and endorsed: Par le havre. It was paid to the port [P.P.] at Havre per the manuscript notations on the reverse, effective Jan. 1, 1828, 7½ gram letter 150 km., Bureau to Bureau, at 4 decimes + 1 dec. Ship Letter = 5 decimes.

March 8. Packet ship Sully of the Old Line departed from Le Havre.

Shipping and Commercial List (N.Y.) Arrived at New York April 8,9, Ship Sully, Capt. Lines ...Havre.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, 80 to 150 miles, N.Y. to Philadelphia, at 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ due.

1836

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

OLD LINE

Havre to New York  
Packet Ship Havre

Bolton, Fox & Livingston



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March 30, 1836. A letter posted at Dreux, France, paid to the port, i.e. from Dreux to Le Havre. It is noted in manuscript "affranchie" also, Par le Havre, the latter signifying the name of the Old Line packet Havre.

Manuscript notations on the reverse show the rate of January 1828 of 4 decimes for a letter not over 7½ grams conveyed 80-150 kilometers, plus 1 decime "voie de mer", total 5 decimes paid.



April 1. Posted sailing date of the Old Line packet Havre from Le Havre for New York.

Shipping and Commercial List, N.Y.: Arrived N.Y. May 8, Ship Havre, Stoddard, from Havre.

Letter rated, Act of 1825, for a single letter 80 to 150 miles at 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter = 14½¢ due.

Commander was Capt. Charles Stoddard from Fairhaven, Mass. who had commanded New Orleans packets, the Havre Old Line Havre 1833-37, then Ville de Lyon, wrecked near La Hogue, France, February 2, 1845.



1844

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

OLD LINE

Havre to New York  
Packet Ship Sully

Bolton, Fox & Livingston



July 30, 1844. A letter posted at Paris and endorsed: Par le Havre. It was paid 6 decimes per the manuscript note on the reverse and stamped "P.P." This was Port Paye, or paid just to the port at Havre.

July 31. LeHavre transit backstamp, from which port the Old Line packet ship Sully departed.



Shipping and Commercial List, N.Y. Arrived at New York September 7, 8, 1844. Ship Sully, Edgar....Havre,

Letter rated, Act of 1825, for a single letter 80 to 150 miles, New York to Philadelphia, at 12½¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 14½¢ due, shown in manuscript.



1837-38

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
OLD LINE. later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Ville de Lyon Havre to New York  
Syra, Greece via Forwarding Agent: Larue & Palmer  
Havre

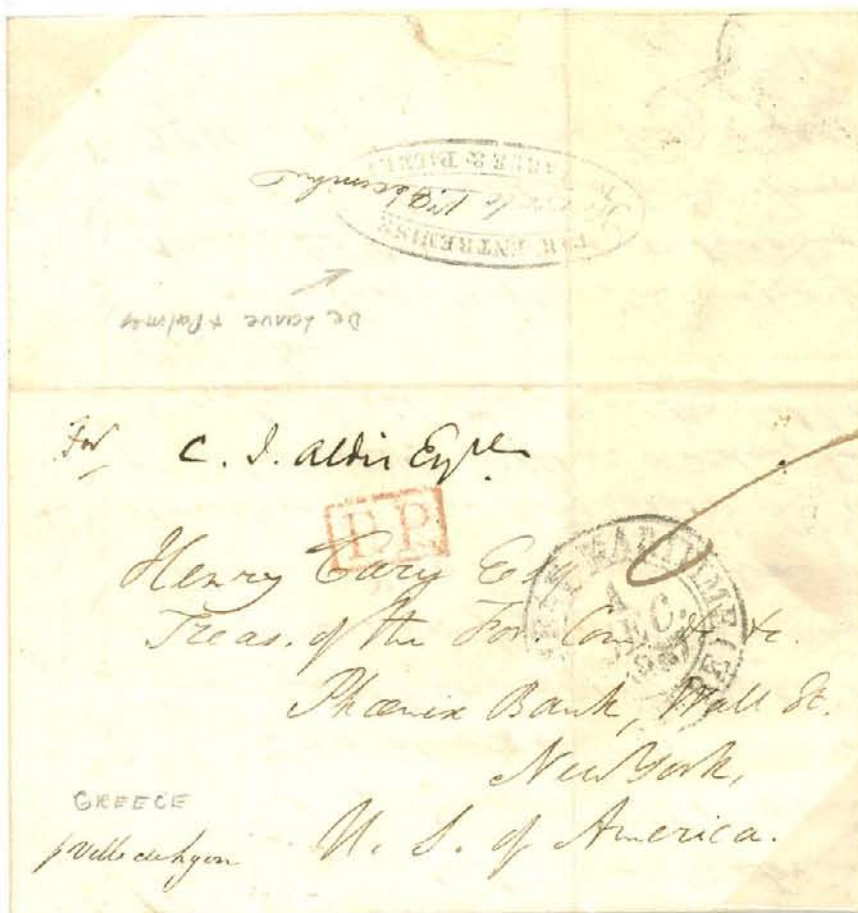


November 10, 1837. Letter datelined at Syra and sent under cover to the forwarding agents Larue & Palmer at Havre. The forwarders struck their oval backstamp (RF 3) pen dated December 1, and endorsed the cover: p Ville de Lyon. The letter was handed into the post office at Le Havre.



December 1. The receiving backstamp at the Maritime Bureau, Le Havre.

December 2. The Old Line packet ship Ville de Lyon departed from Havre..



N.Y. Journal of Commerce, January 8, 1838. ARRIVED. Packet ship Ville de Lyon, Stoddard, from Havre, 2d. Dec., with mdze to Bolton, Fox & Livingston.

Letter ~~rated~~ at New York at 6¢ for a single Ship Letter addressed to the port of arrival. Docket on letter also notes, "Red'd. 8 Jan. 1828."

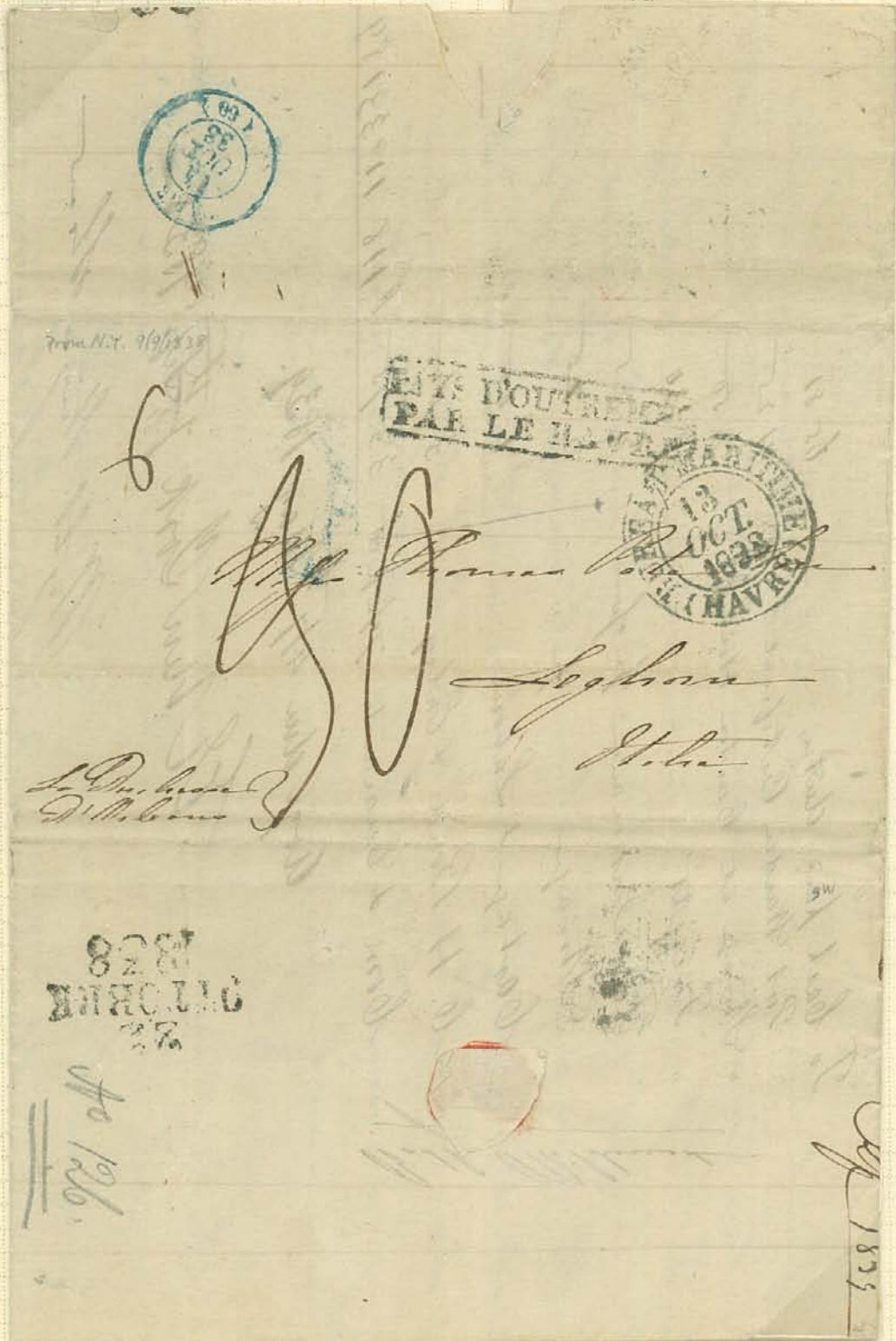
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New York to Havre

Packet Ship Ville de Lyon



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Packet Ship Ville de Lyon

September 9, 1838. Letter datelined at New York and endorsed "La Duchesse D'Orleans". This was a new 798 ton packet ship of the Havre-Whitlock Line. She was due to sail on her maiden voyage Sept. 8. The N.Y. Shipping List shows her as scheduled to sail Sept. 8, and cleared Sept. 7 for Havre. No doubt this letter missed the sailing by one day.

Sept. 16. The Packet Ship Ville de Lyon, 791 tons, in service 1837-1845 for the Old Line, sailed on this date for Havre with this letter. Letter put directly into the letter bag aboard ship, thus no U.S. postal markings.



October 13, 1838. Letter received at Havre and handled by the Bureau Maritime. They struck it with the "Overseas countries by way of Havre" mark (Salles 86, Type III).

Letter forwarded on unpaid to Paris.

PAYS D'OUTREMER  
PAR LE HAVRE



October 14. Transit backstamp at Paris.

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Oct. 22, 1838. Arrival datestamp at Leghorn, Italy. 30 decimes due for an unpaid letter. "6" gives credit to Italy for inland postage.

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TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

OLD LINE, later UNION LINE

Packet Ship Francois 1<sup>er</sup>

New York to Havre  
FORWARDING AGENT  
Bonnaffé Boisgerard & Co.  
Havre, France



1838

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
OLD LINE, later UNION LINE  
Packet Ship Francois I

The Packet Services  
New York to Havre  
FORWARDING AGENT  
Bonnaffé Boisgerard & Co.  
Havre, France

Packet Ship Francois I was ship rigged, 496 tons, 127'-3" x 29'-4" beam, launched 1828 at N.Y. by C. Bergh & Co. She served 17 years from 1828-41, but was temporarily out of service after an accident 1839-41.

Her average Westbound passage was 36 days, fastest 24 days, longest 56 days. On this 40 day voyage in 1838 she was just longer than average.

Her captain on this voyage was William W. Pell (c.1800-1884), 5'11", born N.Y. He served as captain aboard the following Havre packet ships: '31 Sully, '34 Normandie, '37 Francois I, '39 Iowa to '42.



P.P.

July 17, 1838. Letter datelined at Havre by William Lee, brother of the addressee. It was handled by the Havre forwarding agent Bonnaffe Boisgerard & Co. who applied their oval backstamp in blue (RF2), and routed it "p. Francois 1st / Via New York". P.P. = Port Payee, thus forwarder paid letter to the dockside at Havre.



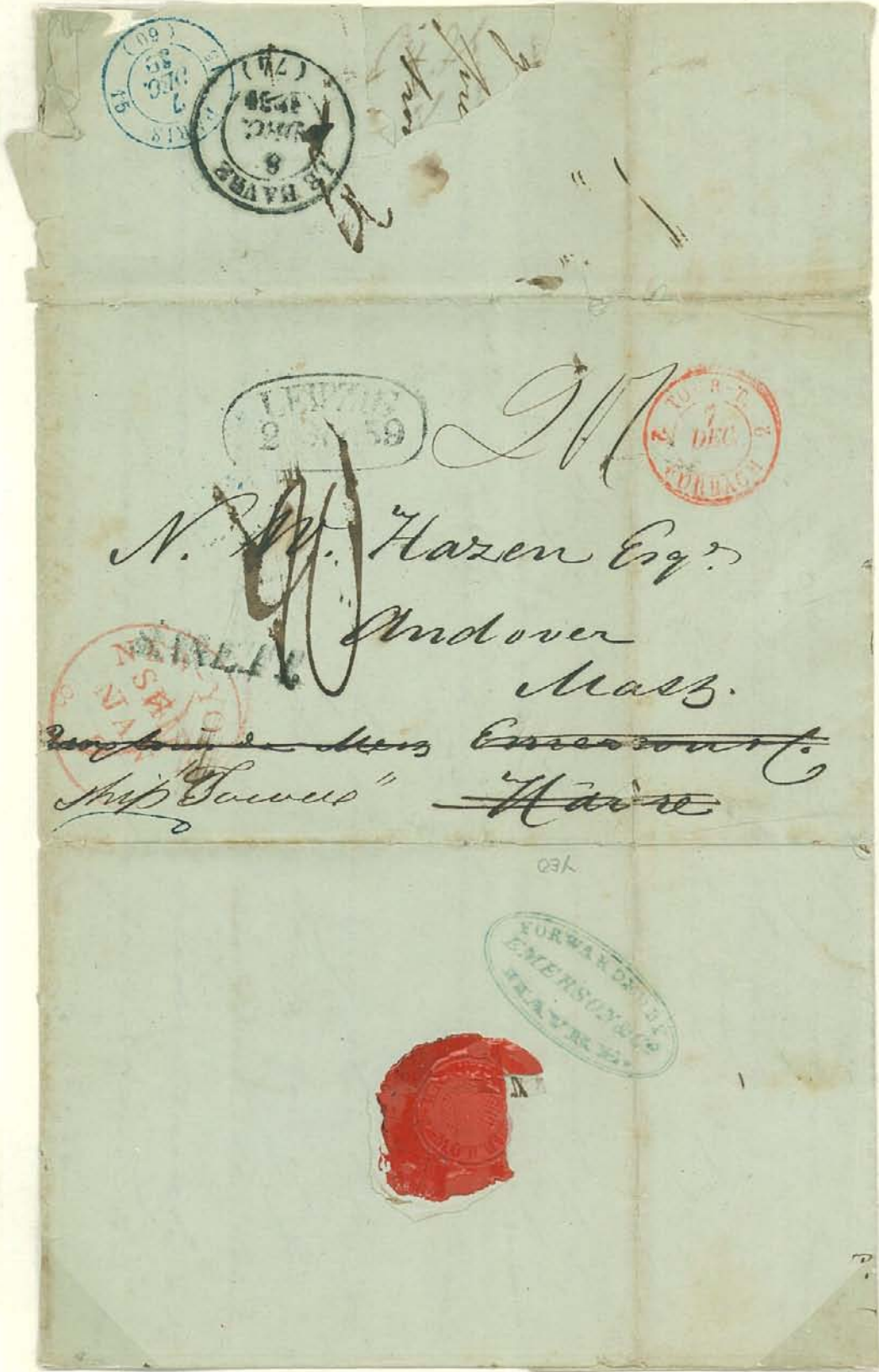
July 17. Transit at the Bureau Maritime, Havre. The Packet Ship Francois I was marked up in the shipping lists to clear to sail from Havre July 16. This letter passed aboard at the sailing.

Aug. 28. Shipping lists record the arrival of the Ship Francois I, Pell, at N.Y. from Havre Aug. 27, mail processed next day. Rated Act of Mar. 3, 1825, over 400 miles (N.Y. to Phipsburg, Maine, near Bath) at 25¢ + 2¢ ship letter charge = 27¢ due, as shown in manuscript.

1839 - 40

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
OLD LINE, later UNION LINE  
Packet Ship Iowa

The Packet Services  
Havre to New York  
Forwarding Agent:  
Emerson & Co., Havre



1839-40

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
OLD LINE, later UNION LINE

The Packet Services  
Leipzig to Andover, Mass.  
via Havre and N.Y.

Packet Ship Iowa

Forwarding Agent:  
Emerson & Co., Havre

Packet Ship Iowa, ship rigged, 874 tons, 155'-6" x 35'-2" beam, launched 1839 at New York by Webb & Allen. She served until 1848 when she became a transport for the Mexican War; then sold for California.

Westbound passages were: average 33 days, shortest 22 days, longest 48 days. This trip, 30 days, just under average.

Her captain on this voyage was William W. Pell (c.1800-84), 5'-11", born N.Y. He captained the Iowa from 1839-'42. Other Havre packets he served on were: '31 Sully, '34 Normandie, '37 Francois I.

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Dec. 2, 1839. Letter datelined and posted at Leipzig, unpaid, to Andover, Mass. in care of the Havre forwarding agent Emerson & Co.

Dec. 7. Letter went into the Thurn & Taxis postal system. This French entry mark (Noel 1287), which was struck at Paris, shows entry at Forbach from a Tour-et-Taxis (TOUR-T) country.

PARIS  
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DEC  
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FORWARDED BY  
EMERSON & CO  
HAVRE

Dec. 7. Paris transit backstamp.

Letter received by Emerson & Co. who paid the 20 decimes due, applied their handstamp (RF2) on the reverse, and forwarded the letter unpaid to Andover by Old Line packet.

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1839  
(74)

NEW-YORK  
SHIP  
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Dec. 8. The Old Line Havre packet Iowa sailed this date for New York, Captain Pell.

Jan. 8, 1840. Shipping lists record the arrival of the Iowa Jan. 7 from Havre. Rated Act of March 3, 1825 zone rate single, 150-400 miles, N.Y. to Andover of 18-3/4¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 20-3/4¢ due.

1840

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

The Packet Services

OLD LINE

Packet Ship Iowa

Havre to New York

Bolton, Fox & Livingston



April 18, 1840. A letter posted at Le Havre, France and endorsed: p. Iowa. It is noted P.P. = Port Payee, signifying paid only to the pier at Havre. This is a cover that contained several sheets.

The New York papers advertised that the Packet Ship Iowa of the Havre Old Line was scheduled to sail from Havre on the 16th of April, but the Havre postmark shows that she sailed on the 18th.



Shipping and Commercial List, N.Y. : Arrived at New York, May 25, Ship Iowa, Pell...Havre.

Captain on this voyage was William W. Pell, who commanded the Iowa from 1839 to 1843.

This letter took a double letter rate per Act of 1825, over 400 miles at 25¢ x 2 = 50¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 52¢ due.

