

1873

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Calabria (ex-Australasian)

Forwarding Agents:

R. Andrews & Co., Paris
Morton, Rose & Co., London

2,902 tons, 332 x 42 ft. Iron screw steamer. Built by J. & G. Thompson, Glasgow. Keel laid Nov. 1, 1856, launched June 10, 1857 for European & Australian. 1859 purchased by Cunard. Chartered 1860 to Allan Line (one round voyage). 1869-70 new single-expansion engines installed; funnels reduced to one, re-named Calabria. In 1876 she was a British cable ship, scrapped 1898.



Sept. 22, 1873. Backstamp of Paris forwarder who forwarded letter by courier to London to avoid higher French postal rates (10¢ per 1/3 oz.)

Sept. 23. Morton Rose, acting as a forwarding agent, posted letter at the U.S. - British transatlantic rate of 3d. (6¢) per 1/2-oz., effective Jan. 1, 1870.



Sept. 23, 1873. London Inland Branch, Dubus 122, cancel. Code letters in the cds are "e" for stamp 89 (from 12 Feb. 1872 to 5 Jan. 1875) and "1" for the date letter assigned Sept. 23 1873. Stamp is 3d., Issue of 1873, Pl. 11.



R.M.S. Calabria, Capt. MacMickan, departed Liverpool Sept. 23, Queenstown Sept. 24.



Oct. 4. Calabria arrived Oct. 3 at N.Y. docks of C.G. Franklyn. Mail bulked to Boston where the Oct. 4 "PAID" mark was struck upon bulk being broken.

1874

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL



THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Calabria (Ex-Australasian)

Rates of Jan. 1, 1870 to July 1, 1875



October 28, 1874. A socked-on-the-nose strike of the Kanawha Court House, West Virginia killer cancels the 6¢ rate to Great Britain of 1870, reduced from the Jan. 1, 1868 rate of 12¢ per 1/2-oz. Rate paid by 6¢ Continental Bank Note Co., Issue of 1873.

October 31. R.M.S. Calabria departed from New York for Queenstown. This was a non-contract voyage.



November 10. Calabria arrived at Queenstown, same day paid transit at London's North District station.



1841

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Caledonia

3rd Return Voyage

March 27, 1841. A letter datelined at Baltimore and endorsed: pr. Britannia 1st April. This endorsement was in error as the R.M.S. Britannia had departed from Boston on March 16 on her 4th return voyage to Liverpool. Instead, the letter went aboard the R.M.S. Caledonia which was scheduled to sail from Boston on April 1.



March 28. This transatlantic letter was paid at Baltimore at the 1825 rates for a treble letter over 400 miles, Baltimore to Boston at 25¢ x 3 = 75¢, shown in red manuscript. This fee carried the letter only to Boston.

April 1. The R.M.S. Caledonia departed from Boston on her 3rd return voyage.

April 15. Caledonia arrived at Liverpool where the distinctive double oval backstamp was struck showing incoming mail from America.

April 16. London arrival backstamp. The letter was rated in England as a double letter at one shilling packet letter x 2 = 2 shillings, shown as 2/- in manuscript.



1841

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Caledonia

4th Return Voyage



PAID / *L*



May 29, 1841. A letter to Capt. William Drummond at Liverpool from his wife Mary, and endorsed: Via Boston. Postage, Act of 1825, of 12½¢ was paid for a letter conveyed 80 to 150 miles from Bath, Maine to Boston. As no treaty with Britain existed at this time, U.S. postage had to be paid to get a letter to the port of embarkation of the English Packets, at this time Boston.

June 1. R.M.S. Caledonia of the Cunard Line departed from Boston for Liverpool on her 4th return voyage.



June 14. Caledonia arrived at Liverpool where the Packet Letter Office struck the AMERICA/L backstamp. This was used on incoming British Packet Letters from North America.

Rate due was one shilling (1/-), the Packet Letter rate from the U.S. Rate was shown by the stylized one shilling handstamp.

1844

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Caledonia

19th Return Voyage

BATH
JUN
14
Me.

Steam Packet via Boston
PAID

Capt Wm Drummond
of Ship Rappahannock
Care of Messrs. E. & P. Heath,
Liverpool Eng

1844

PAID

19

June 14, 1844. A letter to Capt. William Drummond of the ship Rappahannock at Liverpool from his daughter because, "Mother is feeble and cannot write..."

Letter was posted at Bath, Maine and endorsed: Steam Packet via Boston. It was paid at the Act of 1825 rate for a letter conveyed 80 to 150 miles, Bath to Boston, at 12½¢.

June 16. R.M.S. Caledonia of the Cunard Line departed from Boston for Liverpool on her 19th return voyage.

AMERICA
L

June 29. Caledonia arrived at Liverpool. The AMERICA/L backstamp, struck at Liverpool, was used on incoming Cunard Line mail from North America.

Letter was assessed one shilling (1/-), the North American Packet Letter rate. The amount due was shown by the stylized shilling handstamp.

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1846

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Caledonia



PAID

10

October 6, 1846. A duplicate letter datelined at New Orleans. The letter docket reads, "Duplicate, Original per 'Hibernia' " The R.M.S. Hibernia had departed from Boston for Liverpool on October 16.

October 20. This letter was paid at New Orleans at the Act of 1845 rate of 10¢ per ½-oz. for a letter conveyed over 300 miles. This rate is shown by the bold "10" at New Orleans. Letter is endorsed: Pr Caledonia.

November 1. R.M.S. Caledonia of the Cunard Line departed from Boston for Liverpool.

November 15. Caledonia arrived at Liverpool, this letter arrived at London on the 16th, back-stamp. At London the letter was subject to the one shilling Packet Letter rate, shown in manuscript.



1847

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Caledonia

1138 ton, wooden paddle steamer, double side lever engine, 9 knots. 207 ft. x 34 ft. beam. Launched in 1840 by R. Wood, Port Glasgow. Maiden Voyage Sept. 19, 1840, Liverpool-Halifax-Boston, last voyage Nov. 10, 1849. 1850 sold to Spanish Navy. 1851 wrecked near Havana.



June 18, 1847. Letter paid at the Cunard packet letter transatlantic rate of 1 shilling (1/- shown in red manuscript). The large circular Dublin PAID mark is the type introduced in 1846 to supersede the formerly square ones. Numbers 1 to 8 are found at the top and identify the stamps.



R.M.S. Caledonia
cleared Liverpool on
the 19th. Packet Letter
Office backstamp at
L'pool.

July 3, 1847. Recorded arrival date of the Caledonia at Boston. Docket notes receipt at New York July 5. Letter rated under Act of March 3, 1845, half ounce letter under 300 miles + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 7¢ due.

1847

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Caledonia



October 18, 1847. Letter paid in cash at London at the one shilling (1/- shown in red manuscript). This was equivalent to 24¢ U.S, however, at this period did not include any transit within the United States. Letter was endorsed "pr Steamer from/Liverpool" and "Per Caledonia Oct. 19."

October 19. R.M.S. Caledonia of the Cunard Line departed this date from Liverpool for Boston via Halifax on her 35th outbound voyage.

November 5. Caledonia arrived at Boston and letter was bulked to New York where the 7¢ due mark was struck. Letter rated under the Act of March 3, 1845, half ounce letter under 300 miles of 5¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 7¢ due.

1847

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL



THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Caledonia

35th Outbound Passage

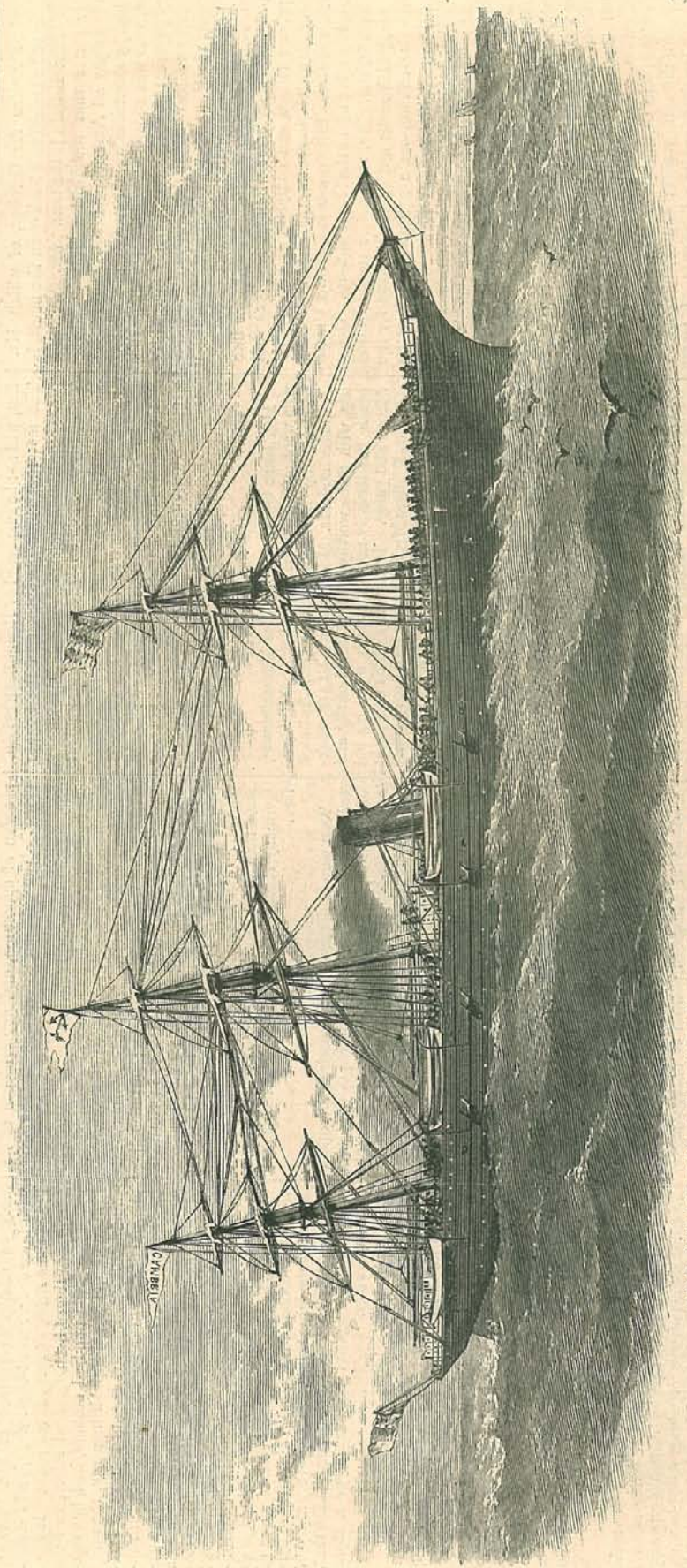


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October 19. R.M.S. Caledonia of the Cunard Line departed this date from Liverpool for Boston via Halifax. This was her 35th out-bound voyage.

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November 5. Caledonia arrived at Boston and letters were bulked to New York where the 7¢ due mark was struck. Letter rated under the Act of March 3, 1845, half ounce letter under 300 miles of 5¢ plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 7¢ due.



THE STEAMSHIP "CAMBRIA," WRECKED OFF THE COAST OF IRELAND OCTOBER 19.—[SEE PAGE 730.]

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THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET CO.

THE LUNARD LINE

SS CAMBRIA. 1422 tons. In Service 1845-56.
Sold to Italy. Wrecked Oct. 1870

1845

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Cambria

Maiden Voyage

1423 tons, 219' x 35', wooden paddle steamer, clipper bow, 1 funnel, 3 masts. Built by Robert Steele & Son, Greenock, engines by Robert Napier, Glasgow. Launched August 1, 1844. Maiden voyage January 4, 1845 (with this letter aboard) Liverpool-Halifax-Boston. January 1, 1848, first voyage Liverpool-Halifax-New York; subsequent voyages to New York or Boston. Last voyage to Boston was December 31, 1853. Was a Crimean War transport March 1854. In 1856 resumed Liverpool to Boston. Sold to Italy in 1860.



January 2, 1845. A letter dated at London to New York and endorsed: p Str. "Cambria". It went under cover to Liverpool where it was paid at the one shilling (1/- in red handstamp), the Packet Letter rate to America.

January 4. Transit at Liverpool. R.M.S. Cambria departed from Liverpool on her maiden voyage to Boston via Halifax.

January 24. Cambria arrived at Boston. Letter rated, Act of 1825, at 18-3/4¢ for a single letter conveyed 150 to 400 miles, Boston to New York, plus 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 20-3/4¢ due, shown in blue manuscript.

1845

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Cambria

Westbound Letter

Prior to the treaty rates of 1849, transatlantic letters by Cunard steamers had to be paid at both ends. In England the charge was 1 shilling for a single letter; in the U.S. it was the appropriate zone rate plus a 2¢ Ship Letter charge.



March 4, 1845. British Packet Letter charge to U.S., paid at Liverpool, was 1 shilling (shown as red stylized handstamp 1/-), equivalent to 24¢ U.S. The Cunard steamer R.M.S. Cambria sailed from L'pool March 4 for Boston via Halifax.

20 3/4

March 20. Docket notes letter received at Philadelphia. The Cambria had arrived at Boston March 18. Letter marked incoming with the scarce ~~Boston~~* blue 20-3/4 rate due showing 18-3/4¢ inland rate single 150-400 miles, Boston to Philadelphia + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 20-3/4¢.

See also USS 060.0

* Philadelphia mark

1845

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Cambria

Paid Eastbound Letter

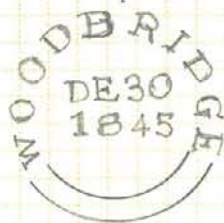


December 15, 1845. Letter paid at the rates effective March 3, 1845, of 5 cents for a half ounce letter going not over 300 miles, here New York to Boston, then the western terminal for the Cunard Line. Red manuscript "5" refers to this rate and large dated circular NEW YORK 5 PAID restates this fact. The RMS Cambria left Boston Dec. 16, 1845 for Liverpool via Halifax. At this

time only U.S. Inland could be prepaid taking letter to port of departure. British recipient had to pay the packet postage.



Dec. 29, 1845. London transit backstamp. Rate of 1 shilling, shown as 1/-, due from recipient.



Dec. 30. Receipt stamp at Woodbridge, Suffolk, England. The Revd. I. Maynard was no doubt happy to pay the shilling as the letter was informing him of an inheritance of £150.

1847

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Cambria

Forwarding Agent
W^m Slade Havre

1423 tons, 219 ft. x 35 ft. beam. Clipper bow, wooden paddle steamer. Built by Robert Steele & Son, Greenock (engines Robert Napier, Glasgow). Launched Aug. 1, 1844. Maiden voyage Jan. 4, 1845 Liverpool - Halifax - Boston. 1854 Crimean War transport. 1856 ran Marseilles - Malta. 1860 sold to Italy.

Jan. 31, 1847. Letter datelined Haver (sic) and concerns currency dealings in doubloons.

Forwarded by

Yours respectfully

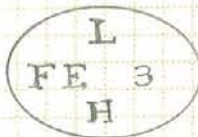
Havre

W^m Slade



Feb. 1, 1847. Letter put into post by forwarding agent Wm. Slade. French customarily showed foreign postage paid, here "15" (decimes) Paid to Destination (Liverpool) by the land route.

Feb. 2. Transit at Calais.



Feb. 3. Transit at London, same day transit at L'pool Packet Office.



Feb. 21. Cunarder RMS Cambria arrived Boston Feb. 20. This mark (Blake 294) and rate (B.594) show rate 5¢ single, not over 300 miles 5¢ + 2¢ Ship Letter charge = 7¢ due.



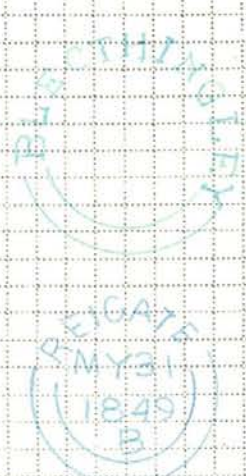
1849

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Cambria

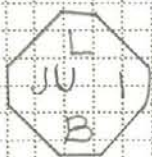
PAID/SHIP

May 31, 1849. Letter datelined at Godstone, Surry, about 6 miles east of Reigate.



1/- PAID

May 31. Letter was posted at the Bletchingley (mis-spelled BLECTHINGLEY) receiving office, a suburb of Reigate. It was marked with the "1/- PAID" in red, restated 1/- in large red manuscript. One shilling (24c) was the U.S.-British Treaty rate of 1848. Endorsed: Per Steamer/ frm Liverpool.



June 1. Transit paid mark at London with same day transit lozenge at Liverpool. The R.M.S. Cambria departed June 2 for New York. The Exchange Office marked a credit to the U.S. for 5c Inland postage. Britain retained 16c Sea (British Packet) + 3c British Inland = 19c.



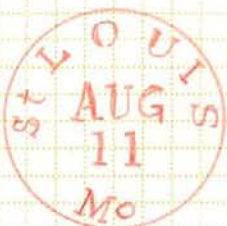
June 15. Cambria arrived at New York where this seldom seen PAID/SHIP mark was struck. Prepayment included internal U.S. delivery, New York to Portsmouth, N.H.

PAID
SHIP

1849

THE CUNARD LINE

R. M. S. Cambria



PAID
24

Aug. 11, 1849.
Letter to Leicester, England paid 24¢ in cash, being the treaty transatlantic rate. Small curved St. Louis PAID.

19

Aug. 15. The Shipping and Commercial List records the sailing of the RMS Cambria on this date from Boston to L'pool. Large red "19"

credits Britain with 16¢ sea (British Packet) plus 3¢ British Inland = 19¢. U.S. retained her 5¢ Domestic postage.



Sept. 3. Mark associated with the Cunard Line records arrival of the Cambria at Liverpool.



PAID
19

*Mr. J. Sherwin
Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Leicester
England*



Sept. 4. Arrival backstamp at the unusually named town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

1893

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
⚓
THE CUNARD LINE

R. M. S. Campania

Sept. 29, 1893. Letter posted at New York and endorsed: Per S.S. Campania. The New York Times in the Outgoing Steamships column noted the Campania, for Liverpool, mails close 5:00 A.M., ship to sail 8:30 AM, Sept. 30.

U.P.U. rate of 5¢ per 1-oz. paid by 5¢ Columbian Issue.



BY CABLE: Liverpool, Oct. 6. Cunard Line SS Campania, Capt. Haines, from New-York fpr Liverpool, passed Brow Head today.

October 8. Arrival backstamp at Braunschweig, Germany, 4-5 A.M.

1900

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

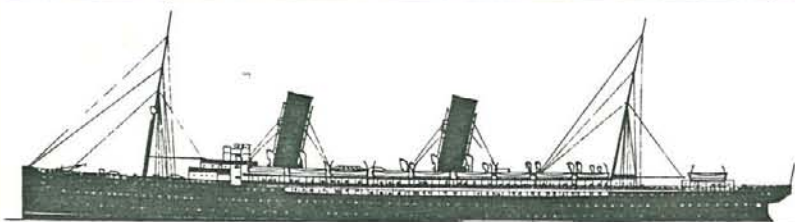


THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Campania

First twin-screw Cunarder

12,950 tons, 601' x 65', 21 knots. Fairfield Co. Ltd., Glasgow, launched Sept. 8, 1892, maiden voyage April 22, 1893, Liverpool-Queenstown-N.Y. April 25, 1914 last voyage Liverpool-N.Y. (250 round voyages total), various charters until sold to British Admiralty; became aircraft carrier. Nov. 5, 1918, sunk in collision with H.M.S. Revenge in Firth of Forth.



1893 CAMPANIA 12,950 tons
First twin-screw Cunarder. Sister ship: LUCANIA.

January 11, 1900. Letter paid at Hoylake, England by a ha'penny, Issue of 1887 and a pair of 1d., Issue of 1881 (16 corner dots) to total the 2½d. U.P. U. rate. Cancelled by the "Squared Circle" with three arcs between central circle and outer corner.

Jan. 13. By cable from London: SS Campania, Capt. Walker, sailed from Liverpool for New York today.



BOSTON
MASS
JAN 21 12-PM '00 RECEIVED



Jan. 20. Campania arrived at New York. Boston mail bulked by rail to Boston where it was processed Jan. 21. Receipt flag cancel back-stamp at Station A, Boston.

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1849

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada

8th Eastbound Voyage



24 24 PAID

December 11, 1849. Letter paid in cash at Providence, R.I. to London at the rate of 24¢ per 1/2-oz., the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate.

19

December 12. Letter was in transit at New York where the R.M.S. Canada departed this date on her 8th return voyage. The Exchange Office marked a credit to Britain of 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢. U.S. retained 5¢ for U.S. Inland postage.



December 25. Canada arrived at Liverpool. London arrival mark on the same day.

1850

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada



February 23, 1850. A paid letter posted at Liverpool to Bath, Maine and endorsed: pr. Cunard Steamer. Payment of one shilling (equivalent to 24¢ U.S.) was shown by the 1/- red handstamp. This was the U.S. - British Treaty of 1848 rate per ½-oz. U.S. was credited with 5¢ U.S. Inland. Britain retained 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢. R.M.S. Canada departed from Liverpool this date for New York.

March 11. Canada arrived at New York, letter processed the 12th as a PAID letter.



W. 100

N.B.: Winter lists this mark as W.100, used 10 Aug. 1849 to 1 Dec. 49. This example expands date of use forward to 12 Mar. 1850.

1850

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL



THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada

Paid letter



Paid 1/-



Oct. 18, 1850. Letter paid in cash at Sheffield, England. Black indistinct receiving mark on face looks like an undated circular MORTON STREET. Red 1/- mark on face shows 1 shilling (24¢) paid.



B. 562

Oct. 19. Liverpool Packet Letter Office oval backstamp. R.M.S. Canada sailed this date from Liverpool for Boston. 5 CENTS credits U.S. for 5¢ U.S. Inland. Boston "24" restates in U.S. currency that the equivalent to 24¢ had been prepaid. This mark, common in black for 24¢ collect, is seldom seen in red, only 1849 through 1851.



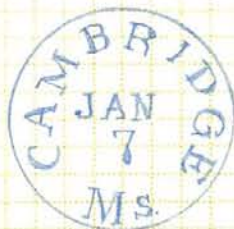
B. 701

Oct. 30. Britannia had arrived at Boston Oct. 29. This Boston Exchange Office mark restates the fact that the letter was paid.

1852

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada



PAID

24

January 7, 1852. Letter posted at Cambridge, Mass., with payment of the 24¢ U.S.-British Treaty rate per ½-oz. charged to Box 182 per the notation at upper left corner of cover face.

19



Jan. 7. R.M.S. Canada departed from Boston this date for Liverpool. U.S. was debited for 16¢ Sea postage (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ as shown by the red Exchange Office mark.

Jan. 18. Arrival date of Canada at Liverpool agrees with this "PAID IN/AMERICA" mark at L'pool, mark associated with the arrivals of the Cunard Liners there.



Jan. 19. Backstamp. Clearly struck arrival mark at Ludlow, Salop, England, also shows in faint offset on folded letter face.

1854

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada Collides with Steamer Ocean in Boston Harbor
S.S. Neptune carries Canada's mails into Boston

On November 11, 1854, R.M.S. Canada departed Liverpool for Boston via Halifax. On November 24 at about 5:30 P.M. as she was passing south of Deer Island in Boston Harbor she encountered four Eastern steamers, Ocean, Boston, Forest City and Eastern State all outbound for Maine. In the channel between Deer and Long Islands the Canada was unable to maneuver and consequently she struck the Ocean abaft of the larboard (port) wheel-house, cutting her down to the water's edge. The Ocean took fire immediately although Canada was able to back away. Ocean retained enough engine power to run ashore on Deer Island where the vessel burned to the water line. The Canada, Boston and other vessels saved many from the water into which they had leaped to escape the flames. Several drowned and many were injured, mainly from burns.

As a consequence, Canada anchored near Long Island head, so the Cunard Agent, Mr. S.S. Lewis sent the small (154 tons) wooden paddle steamer Neptune to bring Canada's mails, this letter among them, into Boston where they arrived about 12 P.M. on the 24th.



November 10, 1854. Unpaid letter to New York headed at Liverpool. The letter heading is endorsed: pr Canada. U.S. debited for 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢. Transit Liverpool oval backstamp.

November 11. R.M.S. Canada sailed from Liverpool for Boston.

November 24. Canada arrived at Boston, and on entering the harbor collided with steamer Ocean, cutting her down to the water line and setting her on fire. Ocean was a total loss. Canada backed off and anchored. S.S. Neptune took Canada's mails in to Boston, arriving at midnight of the 24th.

November 25. Canada's mails processed at Boston. 24¢ due, the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 per 1/2-ox. U.S. retained 5¢ U.S. Inland.



1857

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada

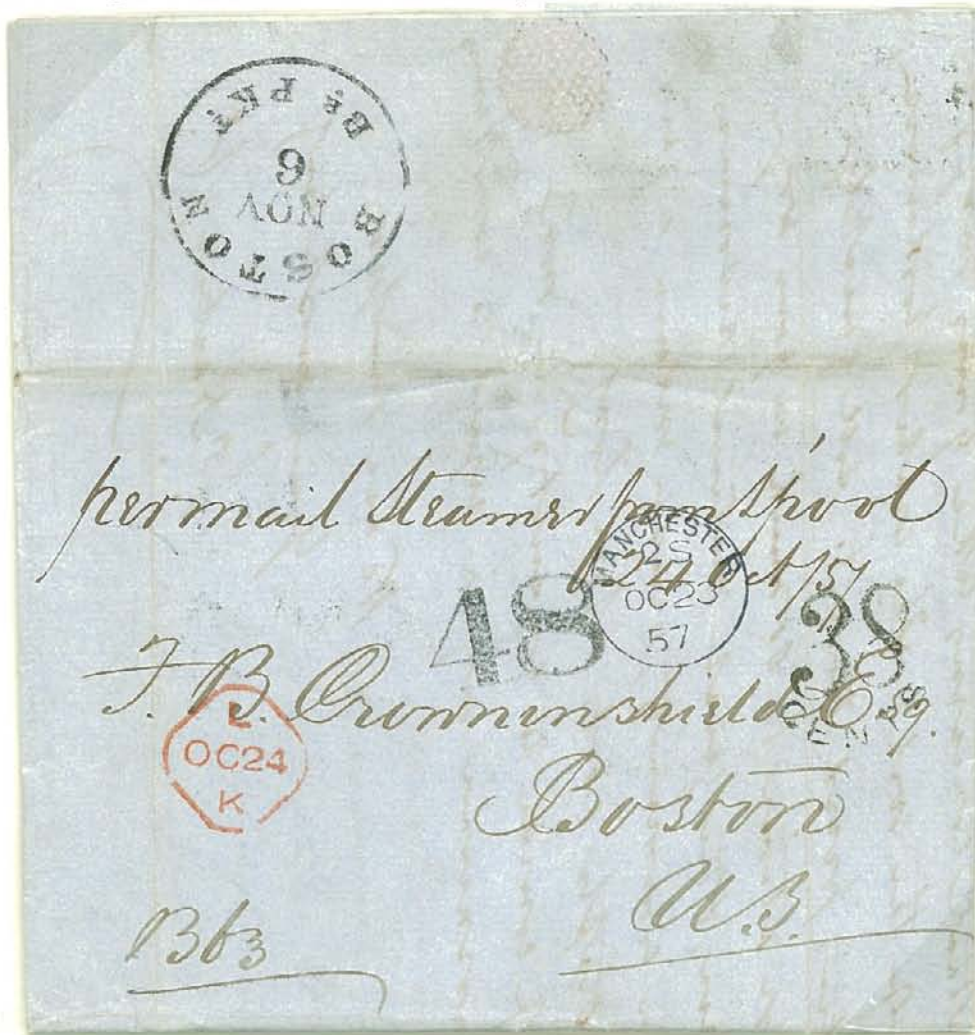
Double rate letter

October 23, 1857. Letter datelined at Manchester, England, addressed to F.B. Crowninshield of the famous Salem merchant family. Letter is headed: pr Canada. Posted unpaid at Manchester.



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CENTS

48



Oct. 24. Red transit lozenge of the Liverpool packet office. R.M.S. Canada of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool this date. Debit to U.S. of 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ x 2 (double letter) = 38¢, British share of U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate per ½-oz. x 2.

Nov. 5. Canada arrived at Boston, letter processed Nov. 6. Double rate of 24¢ x 2 = 48¢ due. U.S. retained 5¢ U.S. Inland x 2 = 10¢.

1858

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada

Canada calls at Cork to pick up mails of S.S. Ariel

S.S. Ariel of the Vanderbilt European Line had departed from Bremen on December 26, 1857 and called at Southampton on December 31. After departing Southampton, Ariel broke her main shaft and returned to Queenstown on January 15, 1858. The Cunard Line at this time made direct runs from Liverpool to Boston or New York. On this outward passage, R.M.S. Canada made a special call at Queenstown (Cork) on January 17 to transfer Ariel's passengers and mails. Ariel was taken to Liverpool for repairs.



19 CENTS

January 15, 1858. An unpaid letter from Baring Bros. & Co. at London, endorsed: pr. "Canada". London crowned receiving mark of even date, U.S. was debited for 16¢ Sea (British Packet) = 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ under the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rates

January 16. R.M.S. Canada sailed from Liverpool.

January 17. Canada makes a special call at Cork for Ariel's mail and passengers.

January 29. Canada arrived at Boston with her own and Ariel's mails. Mail processed January 30 where the Boston Exchange Office mark was struck twice. 24¢ due under the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rates.



B.766

1858

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada

66th Return Voyage

Washington, DC to London via Boston

Forwarding Agent

Geo. Peabody & Co., London



24

February 8, 1858. An unpaid letter posted at Washington City, D.C., addressed to Mr. Alfred P. Rockwell, care of the London forwarders, Geo. Peabody & Co. It was marked "24" at upper right (partially under the British stamp,) the U.S.-British Treaty rate of 1848, signifying 24¢ due.

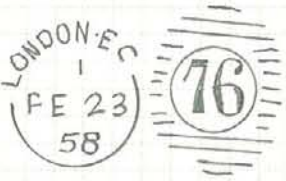


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Feb. 10. Transit backstamp at Boston noting handling by British Packet. R.M.S. Canada departed this date from Boston for Liverpool via Halifax on her 66th return passage. The Boston Exchange Office debited Britain with 5¢ for U.S. Inland postage. Britain would retain 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.

Feb. 22. Canada arrived at Liverpool, arrival backstamp Feb. 23 at London. One shilling (24¢) was due per the manuscript 1/- mark.

Feb. 23. Geo. Peabody & Co. deleted their name and forwarded the letter to No. 9 Bolton Street, Piccadilly, paying the penny rate by a Penny Red adhesive. This was cancelled at the East Central, London office (Dubus 25a.)



1858

THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada

69th Outbound Passage

Canada detained 55 hours off Halifax by fog

July 2, 1858. Letter dated at London notes to Messrs. Archer & Bell that they had received their favors of June 18 by the North Star (Vanderbilt European Line - North Star departed from New York June 19, arrived at Southampton July 1.)



July 2. An unaid letter posted at London and endorsed: Canada. The U.S. was debited for 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ x 2 (double weight letter weighing between ½-oz. and 1 oz.) = 38¢.

July 3. R.M.S. Canada departed from Liverpool on her 69th westward transatlantic passage.

July 13. Canada was hove to off Halifax for 55 hours because of dense fog. She was finally able to make Halifax harbor and departed from that port for Boston on the 16th.

48

W. 317

July 17. Canada arrived at Boston. Double weight letter was charged under the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate at 24¢ x 2 = 48¢. After remitting 38¢ to Britain, U.S. retained 5¢ U.S. Inland x 2 = 10¢.

The "48" is a New York marking.

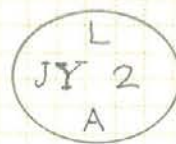
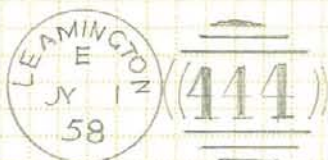
1858

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

Cunard Line

R. M. S. Canada

Philadelphia Exchange Office



July 1, 1858. Letter paid at the 1 shilling (24¢) transatlantic Treaty rate per ½-oz., Britain to U.S. Two 6d. stamps, Issue of 1857, pay the rate (12d. = 1/-). "444" is the British Post Office number assigned to Leamington.

July 2. Liverpool cds and Packet Office oval backstamps. RMS Canada sailed from Liverpool on July 3 for Boston.

5
CENTS



Struck aboard ship, this mark allows a credit of 5¢ to U.S. for U.S. Inland postage. Britain retained 16¢ sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.

July 19. Records show the Canada landed July 18 at Boston. Philadelphia mail was bulked to there where bulk was broken July 19 and this PAID mark struck showing 24¢ had been prepaid.

1859

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada

Liverpool Packet Letter Office



Feb. 12, 1859. Unpaid single rate letter (not over ½-oz.). It cleared the Liverpool Packet Letter Office where the "P.L.O." was applied on the face which was rarely done, usually it was employed as a backstamp. Another example of the P.L.O. mark on the face is from this same correspondence on the Cunard sailing just before this, that of the R.M.S. America on Jan. 29.



R.M.S. Canada sailed from Liverpool on Feb. 12, 1859 for Boston.

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Debit mark struck aboard ship giving Britain 16¢ sea postage (British Packet) + 3¢ Inland = 19¢. U.S. retained 5¢.

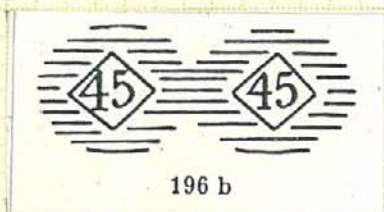
Feb. 26, 1859. Date of Boston Exchange Office mark agrees with the arrival date of the Canada. Recipient restated the amount due in red crayon as in all of the Sise & Co. correspondence.

1859

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
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THE CUNARD LINE

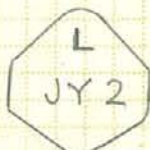
R.M.S. Canada

Late Fee



July 1, 1859. Letter concerns shipments of Bengal ginger, opium, etc. to the account of Messrs. Archer & Bull and indicates enclosures and bills of lading. As a result, letter took a double rate of 1 shilling x2 (48¢ total), paid by a pair of shilling stamps, Issue of 1856. In order to meet the sailing of R.M.S. Canada from Liverpool on July 2, the sender paid a late fee of one penny. These were cancelled by the joined duplex of the London Inland Office (Dubus 196b) which was primarily used to cancel Baltic and Crimea military mail, usually bearing three 1d. stamps. Backstamped in blue at London. Red inspector's cross shows special attention to this letter (late fee.)

R.M.S. Canada departed from Liverpool July 2. Transit stamp, lozenge of the Packet Letter Office.



10
CENTS
PAID

July 13. Arrival of Canada at Boston. N.Y. mail bulked to N.Y. and marked PAID. Exchange Office debited Britain for 5¢ U.S. Inland x 2 = 10¢. Britain retained 16¢ Sea (British packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ x 2 = 38¢. Late Fee did not enter into the international accounting.

1859

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
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THE CUNARD LINE
R.M.S. Canada



Sept. 22, 1859. Single letter paid by 1/- stamp, Issue of 1856, at Bristol.



Sept. 23. London transit backstamp.

Sept. 24.
R.M.S. Canada left Liverpool for Boston this date. Letter went transit, Bristol-London-Liverpool to meet the sailing.



Exchange Office credit to U.S. for 5¢ U.S. Inland postage.



Oct. 8. Arrival date of Canada at Boston. Exchange Office mark shows 24¢ (1/-) had been prepaid.

B. 768

1861

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL



THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada

Clonakilty, Ireland
to Ohio



August 9, 1861. Receipt mark for an unpaid letter at Clonakilty, County Cork, Ireland (also previously spelled ClohnaKilty, spelling changed in 1857). A rather scarce Irish town.



Letter went to Queenstown (Cork) for the arrival of the Cunard Mail Packet.

August 10. R.M.S. Canada departed from Liverpool this date and picked up the Irish and European mails at Queenstown the 11th. This was her 90th outbound voyage.

August 23. Arrival date of Canada at Boston. Exchange Office debited U.S. with 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢. 24¢ due from the recipient in Loveland, Ohio. U.S. retained 5¢.



B.765

August 26. Arrival date at Loveland per docket on reverse.

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1862

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
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THE CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Canada

Philadelphia Exchange Office



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TAIBACH
AP 4
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April 4, 1862. 1 shilling transatlantic Treaty rate, equivalent to 24¢ U.S., paid by Issue of 1856. Circular date backstamp at Taibach, Glamorganshire, Wales. "773" is the British Post Office number assigned to Taibach in the lists of 1844-57. Town name was changed to Port Talbot, and is so shown on the list of 1887.

R.M.S. Canada sailed April 5 from Liverpool for Boston.

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CENTS

PHILA 24 APR 18 PAID BR PKT

Letter marked with 5¢ credit to U.S. for U.S. Inland. Britain retained 16¢ sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.

April 18. Canada had arrived April 17 at Boston. Mail bulked to Philadelphia where this Type 12 (Chronicle 90) mark was struck showing 24¢ (1/-) paid.