

## Bermuda Stampless Mail to September 1865.

This group shows mail before the introduction of the Bermuda postage stamps in September 1865. and also it includes covers after September 1865 if they do not bear Bermuda stamps and have Bermuda markings related to the prestamp period.

The Bermuda markings are reference by the number system in Morris Ludington's book Bermuda Postal History of Stamps. The numbers of the Bermuda markings are from a personal census of Bermuda covers from auction records, published books, liaising with fellow collectors and photographic evidence when images have been included in auction catalogues. This list has 1300 covers to September 1865 and currently another 400 covers with Bermuda Queen Victoria stamps.

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PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	139 / 182

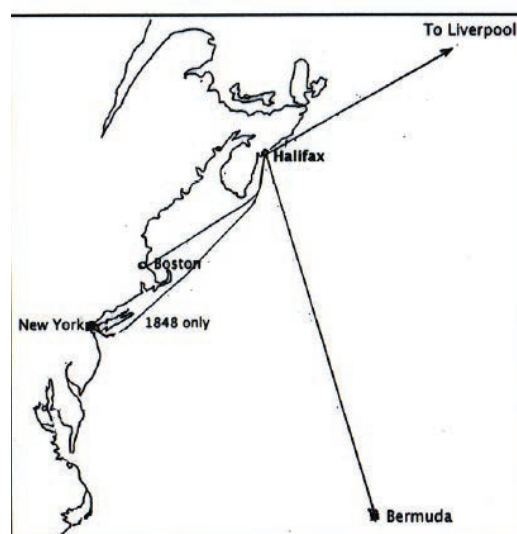
PM = Ludington code, H etc for location, colour, dates of used and the number of the covers from my census of these marks.

The commonly seen rates after 1

Country	1840	1852	1856	1862	1865	1872
UK	1/-	6d.		1/-		6d.
US	1/-		4d.			
BNA	4d.				6d.	3d.
BWI	4d.				6d.	

The development is as follows:

Route map for Subsections 1 & 2



Frame 1 (Pg 3-17). Early Letters from 1617 (earliest recorded in private hands), upto the introduction of the usage of Bermuda handstamps which stated being used in 1820

Frame 2 - 3 (Pg 18-79). Date stamps were introduced in Bermuda in 1820, examples of the markings are show by Ludington number which follows the date order of their introduction, Each section is then divided by Outgoing, Incoming and local mail and my area that these stamps were place on the cover - ie Hamilton, Ireland Island and St. Georges.

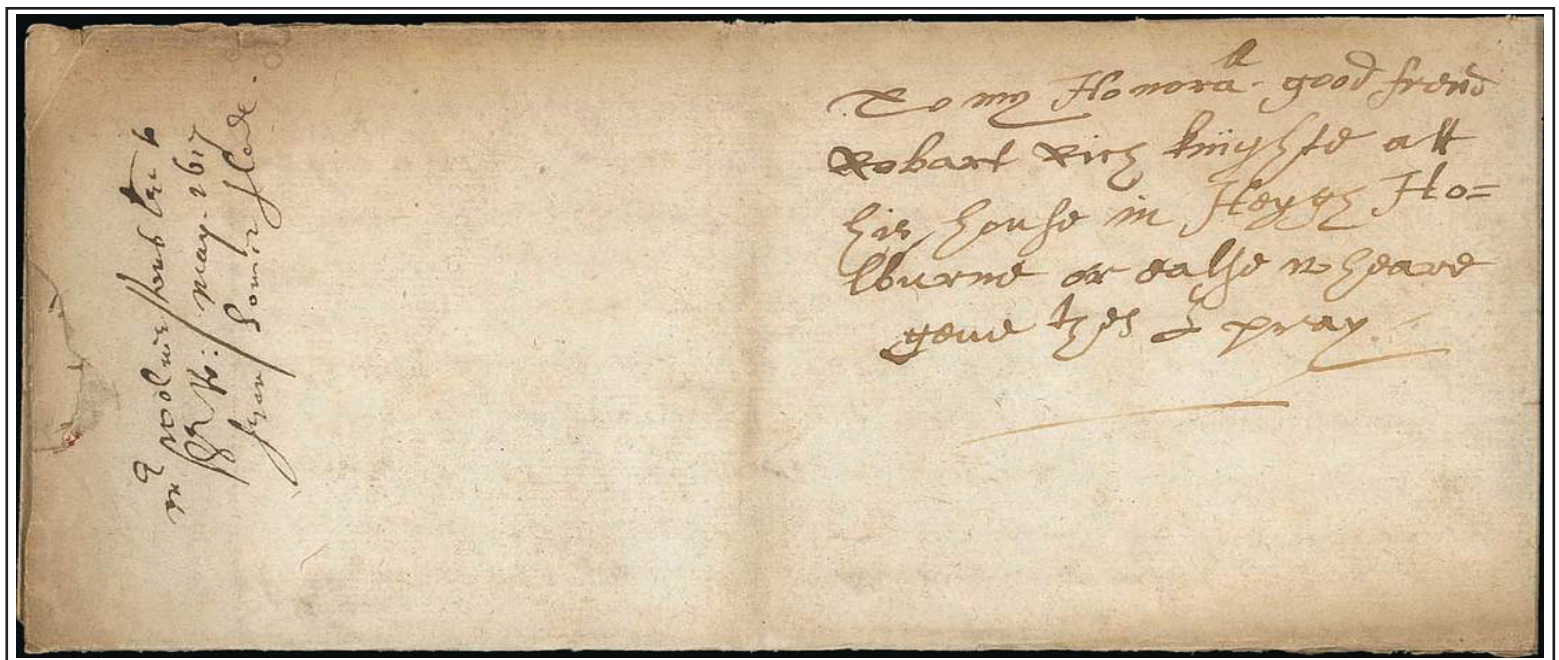
Frames 3 - 4. Paid stamps started use in 1838 and generally were used to show that the rate for the mail had been prepaid. A similar format to that of the Date stamps is followed for the Paid stamps/

Frame 5. Other interesting markings including Forwarders, Ship Letter handstamps

Frame 6. Postmaster signatures

Sotheby Park Bennet in New York sold the “Manchester” papers in the 1970s which included a number of letters from the Rich family who owned a share of the Bermuda Company. The letters are from their managers in Bermuda reporting on their holdings. The majority of these letters were bought and donated to the people of Bermuda and are held in the Bermuda National Archives. A few of these covers are still available to the philatelic market including the earliest and third earliest cover in private hands which are shown on this and the following page.

22 May 1617



This letter was carried on the *George*, a Company supply and transport ship, from Charles Wolferston in Bermuda to Sir Robert Rich a shareholder in the Somers Isles Company that had subdivided Bermuda.

The contents contains information about the colony after a quick voyage to Bermuda. He details some failure in whaling after the whales were too strong and swift for his crew to capture. The letter provides details about life in the early Bermuda settlement including comments about a plague of worms and rats. He mentions his intent to sail to the West Indies for trade, the arrival of three battered frigates with poor cargo, prospects of crops, the hope of profit in tobacco and diving for pearls. He reports receiving supplies, asks for twenty pounds of strong twine for a “mullet” net and that he has four people with him, one being Edward Athen of the “Mansfield tribe”, one of eight tribes on the island, designations that are still in place today. The letter docketed, possibly in Rich’s hand, as received “from Somers Islands”.

Letters recorded from the 1600s, still in private hands, are from 1617, two for 1620, 1628 and a letter from 1684.



## 14 October 1620

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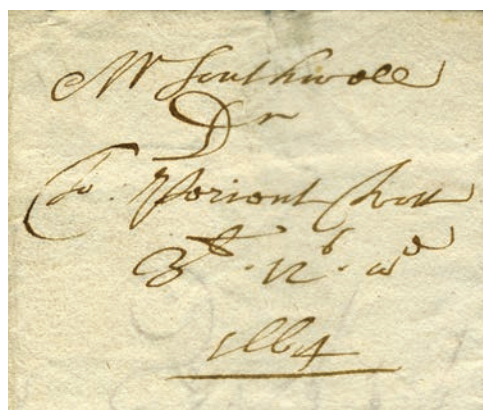
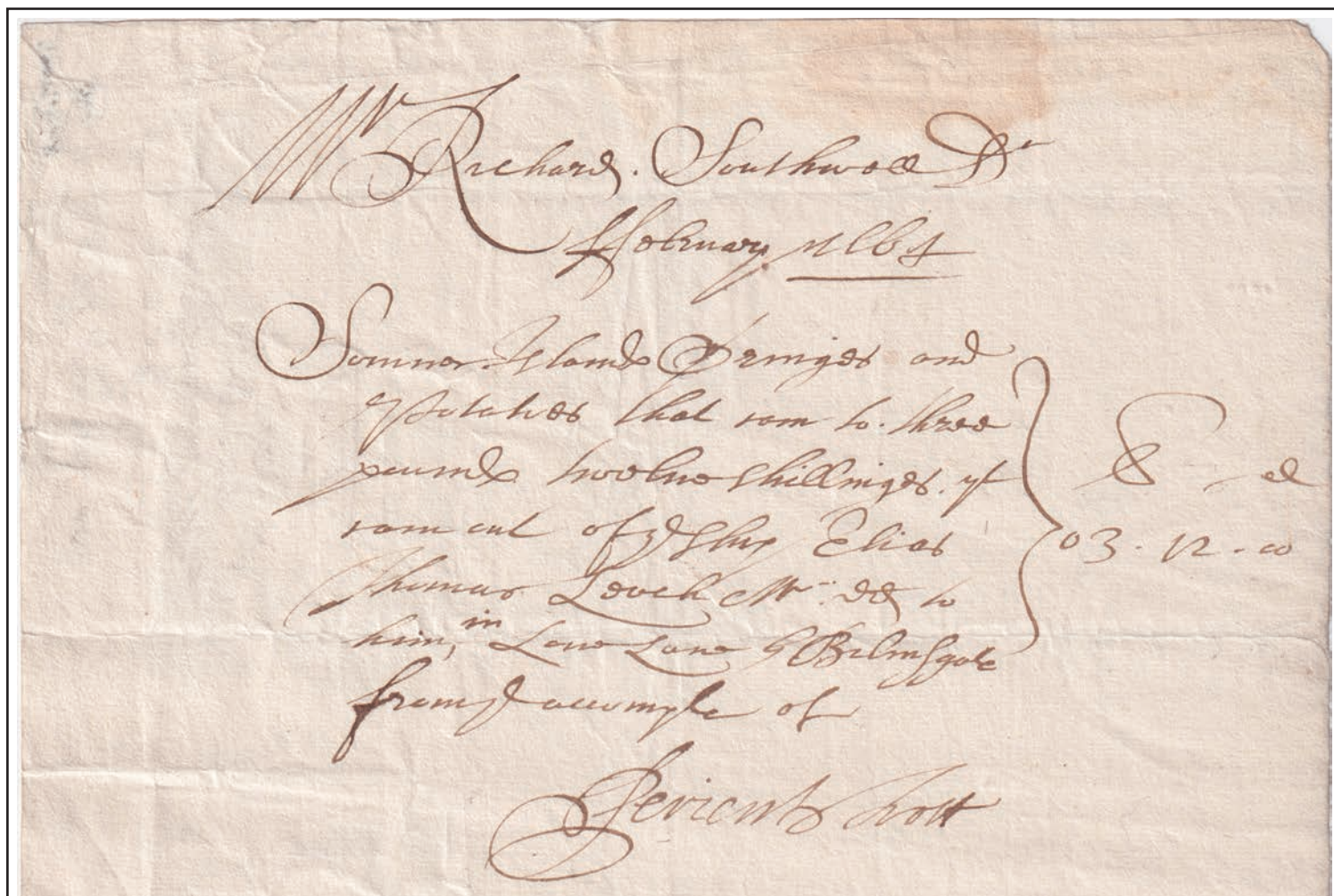
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### Third earliest letter in private hands from Bermuda

Letter from John Hammer with information about the tobacco plantation and the hanging of a prisoner.



7 February 1664



Letter written in London about accounts of Bermuda produced to a shareholder. The letter is Bermuda related but not to or from Bermuda

Mr Richard Southwold, Dr.,  
7 February, 1664.

Sommers Islands oranges and potatoes that come to three pounds twelve shillings, that come out of the Ship Elias. Thomas Loyal, Master, debit to him in Love Lane by Billingsgate for the account of Perient Trott

Perient Trott was a shareholder in Somers Isles (Bermuda was originally called the Somers Isles) Company, while he never got to Bermuda his family name survives to the current day.



Bermuda June 13<sup>th</sup> 1765.

Sir

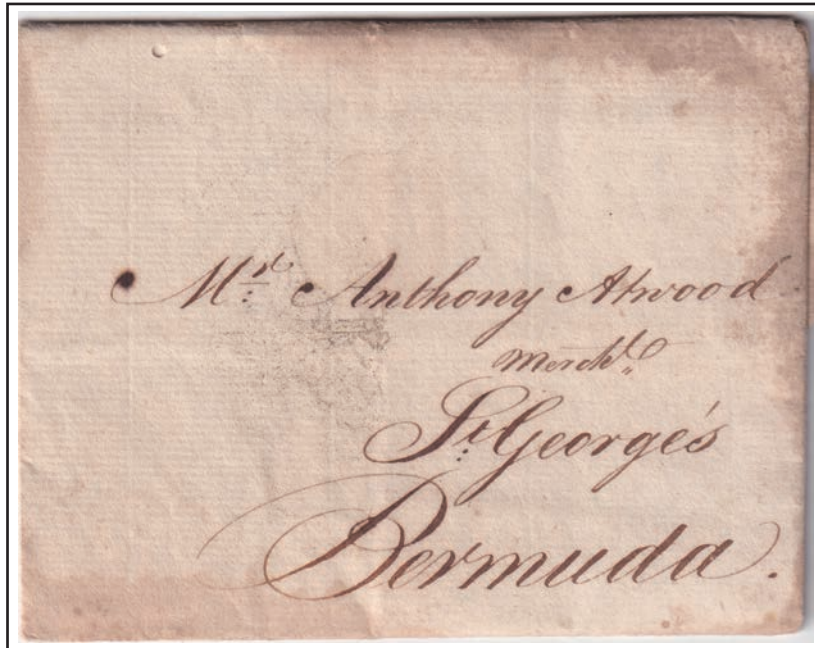
My last to you was of 13<sup>th</sup> February last past via Casco Bay, have not been favour'd with a line from you since, I hope you have been able to dispose of my Indigo & Sugar to Advantage, if not sold and wont fetch a Dollar ff<sup>ts</sup> I shall be Obliged to you if a good Opportunity for London to ship it to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Pigott & Drakeford Merch<sup>ts</sup> their, or if you should have dispos'd of it & no direct opportunity to ship the Dollars from Boston or Casco Bay to Bermuda, by the First of August, you would send me Bills of Exchange on London for the Amount of M<sup>rs</sup>. Hancock's or your own draft or endorsing, Provided the Exchange is not higher than 50 per Cent Bermuda Currency, which is what Sterling Bills are Negotiated at in our Island. If you do procure me Bill please to forward First Bill to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Pigott & Drakeford and send me Second, as soon as is convenient by way Casco Bay or New York, my being particular about the Bills is owing to my suffering considerably by a Protested Bill lately, and for future will not be concern'd in any but what are undoubted.

You'll please to Observe there is no Duty on the Indigo Sugar, nor Coffee shipped in my Sloop to Boston, as they were Wreck goods legally imported in this Island of which One Sixth part of the whole was demanded by the Governor of this Island as a proportion due to His Majesty, which I paid.

I shall at all times be very glad to receive any Commands, you will please to Honour me with or your Recommendation, with proper management and Dispatch, a Cargo from your Port would answer very well here. And if you have a mind to make a Trial  
with

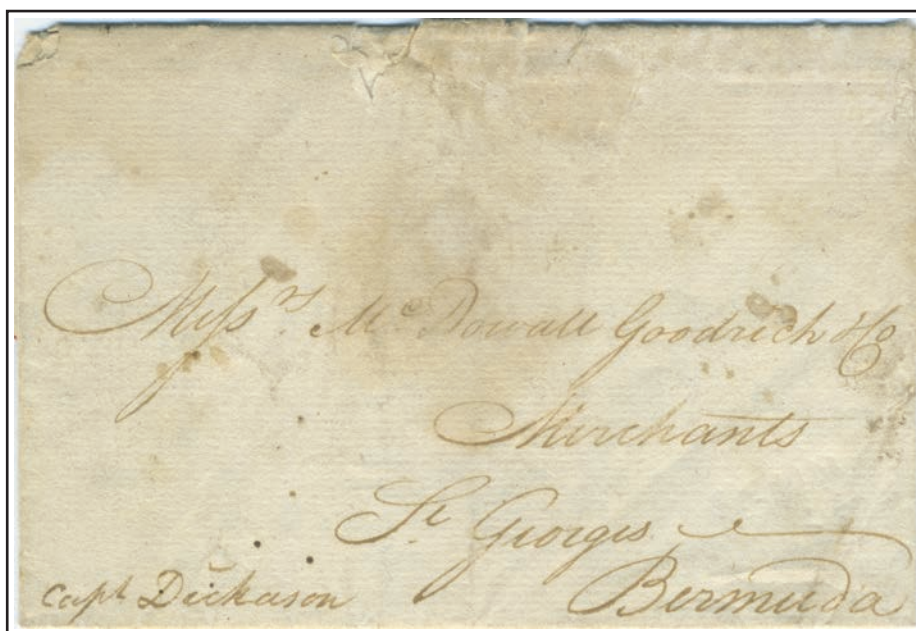


22 June 1782



**St Thomas to Bermuda**  
Earliest recorded incoming letter to Bermuda

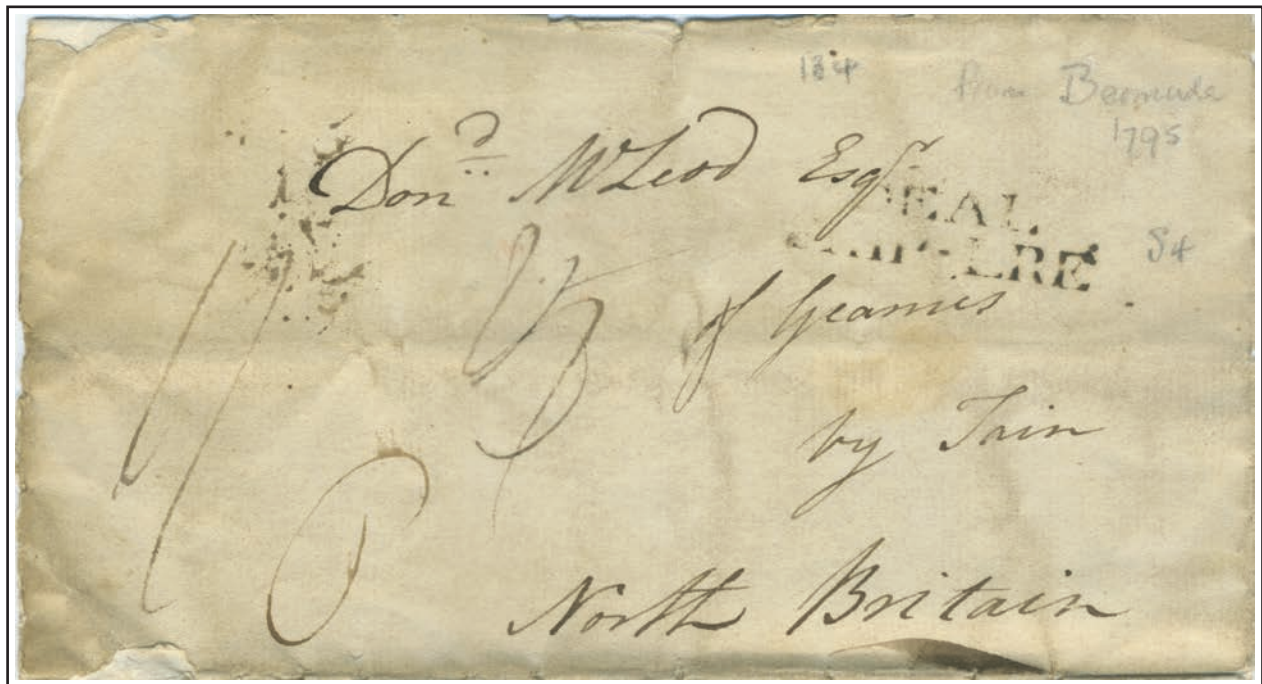
9 June 1789



**New York to Bermuda**  
Privately carried by Capt Dickinson. The letter discusses payments of currency and a bill of ten shillings for seed.

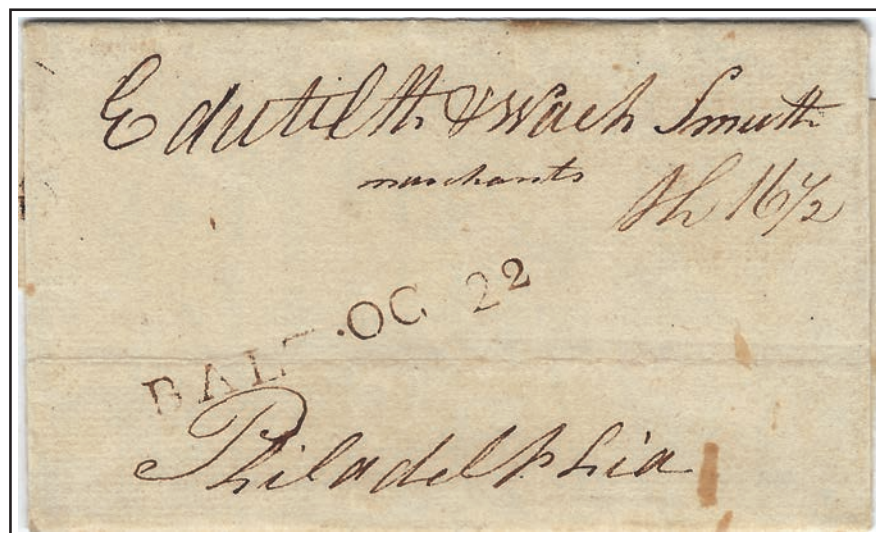


9 February 1795



**Bermuda to North Britain** (term in 1700s for North England / Scotland)

7 October 1795



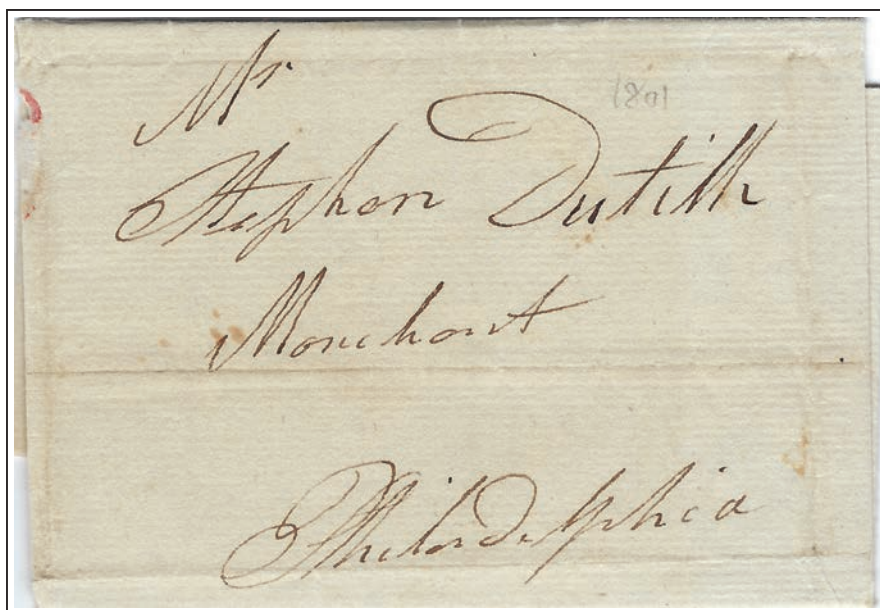
Entire letter to Duteth & Wachsmuth in Philadelphia hand carried to Baltimore by the brig “*Bremen*”, rated 16½c, made up of 4c ship fee and 12½c inland.

The letter is about the prize for the seizure of a ship and asking for instructions.

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29 December 1801

Private mail



Entire letter to Philadelphia carried by hand without rate markings.

15 February 1802



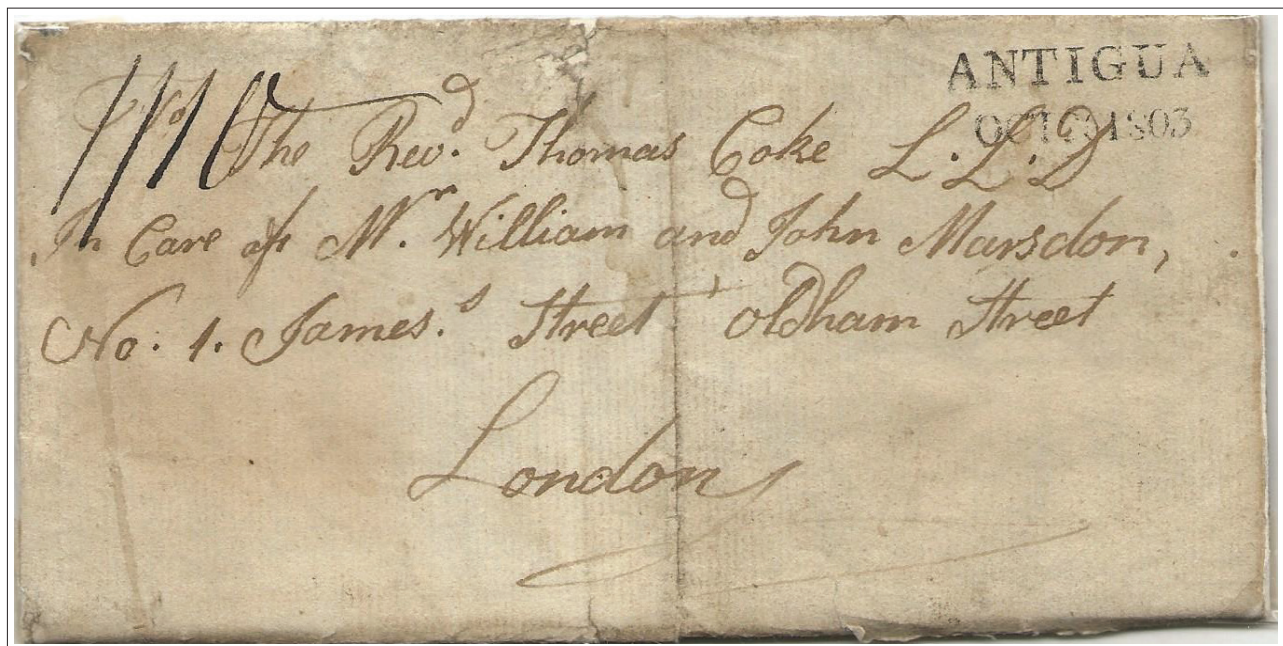
**Bermuda to Philadelphia via Charleston, South Carolina**

Entire to Philadelphia from Bermuda, it is marked with a manuscript "27" being 27 cent - 2 cents for the ship letter rate and 25 cents the inland rate from Charleston to Philadelphia over 500 miles.

Letter from Bermuda to Northern US, via Southern ports are uncommon at this period. the reasons were higher rates, longer times in transit and less frequent voyages from Bermuda



15 January 1803



Entire written in Bermuda in January and sent to Antugua to be then be sent to London for fear that other letters had been intercepted and due the sensitive contents of this letter. ANTIGUA / OCT 14 1803 handstamp.

An important historical letter written by Peter Pallais one of the early Bermuda silversmiths to Reverend Thomas Coke the first bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Peter Pallais and John Stephenson were arrested for preaching to blacks.

The letter also advises ... "Revd Sir these very men who is at the head of affairs are all traitors to their King and country for the are the very people that stole the powder out of the kings magazine in the last American war. The speaker of the house of assembly at this time was one Chief among these rebels, amd the present president of the council his father was one of them and the present colonial Parliament is composed of these traitors, I have all their names amnd witnesses, to witness it. We have got all their transactions at the time of the powder, they even threatened to hang the Governor." Where Bermuda helped steal 100 barrels of gunpowder which was supplied to Americans in 1775 and helped them become independant.

Unmarked

Private mail

2 March 1803



**Bermuda to Rhode Island via New York**

Hand carried on private ship to New York and it then entered the mail as an inland letter avoiding the 2c ship letter charge

10 December 1805



**Bermuda to Rhode Island via New York**

Entire letter from Bermuda to Philadelphia. The ship docked in New York, the letter was then carried overland to Philadelphia. Rated "14½"¢ (12½¢ for 90-150 miles)



Unmarked

Private mail

23 March 1805



Entire letter dated carried on the sloop *Cato* under Captain Darrell to New York. Then carried overland to Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Rated “14½”¢ (12½¢ for 90-150 miles and 2¢ ship rate), red New York “SHIP”.

The letter refers to sales of provisions to Tobago.

3 July 1805



#### Bermuda to New York via New London

The letter was written in Bermuda on 3 July 1805 and brought to New London (Connecticut) on the Brig *Harmony* under Captain Hunt, it included a 2c US ship letter fee and US inland postage of 12½c for New London to New York, 90 - 150 miles, for a total due on delivery of 14½c

Unmarked

28 June 1810

Private mail



**Bermuda to Middleton via New York**

Entire letter to Connecticut from Bermuda, it went via New York on ship *Nemo* under Captain Woodward.

Both letters were sent via New York and charged 14½c being the 2c US ship letter fee and US inland postage of 12½c for 90 - 150 miles.

9 August 1810



**Bermuda to Baltimore via New York**

Entire letter to Baltimore from Bermuda, it went via New York and was redirected back to New York. Showing unframed "ship" h.s. with Baltimore and New York (25.8) datestamps, all in red.



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7 February 1815

Private mail



Letter written in Demerara 7 Feb 1815 and sent via Bermuda m/s "p Brig Badden / via Bermuda". The letter arrived in Bermuda around 1 March 1815 but was held there until news of the treaty of Ghent, ending the war of 1812 was received. It then left Bermuda for New York on the Schooner Problem, Capt Patty Hawkes.

Rates: Bermuda ship letter rate paid in Bermuda 5d, Captain's fee for ship letter in NY 2c plus inland postage for NY to Norwich Landing, 90-159 miles 18 3/4c, total due on receipt 20 3/4c

15 April 1820

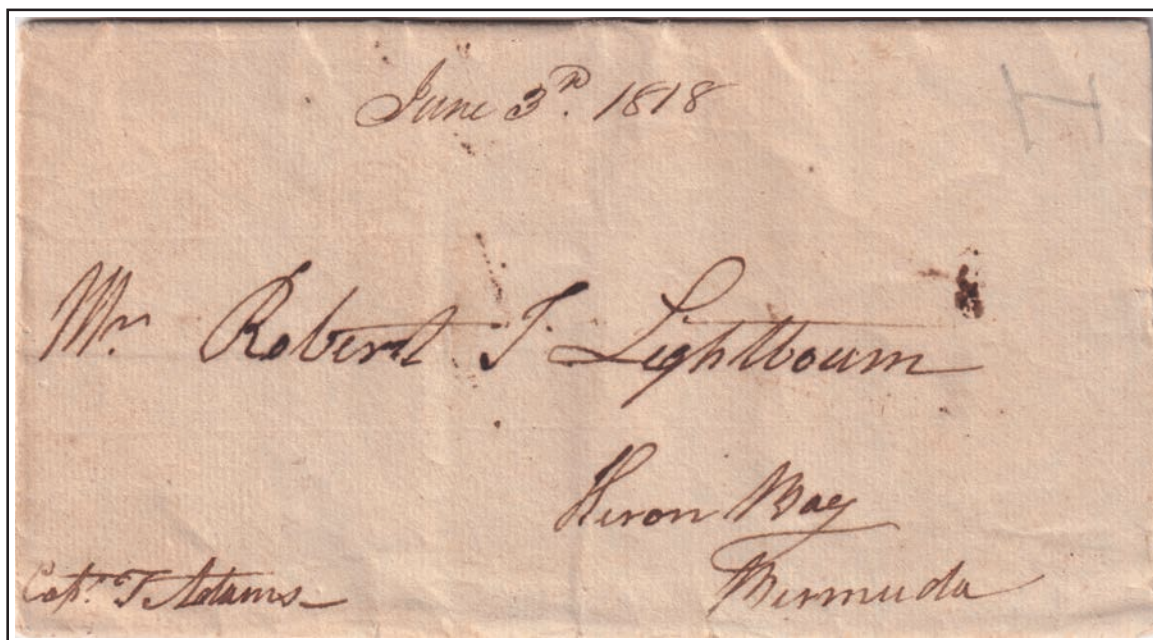


1820 EL to Norfolk, VA c/o Schooner *Decatur* and Capt Bell. Red SHIP and , ms 6c ship letter fee. No inland pstage was involved. The *Decatur* cleared St Georges with the letter on 15 April 1820.

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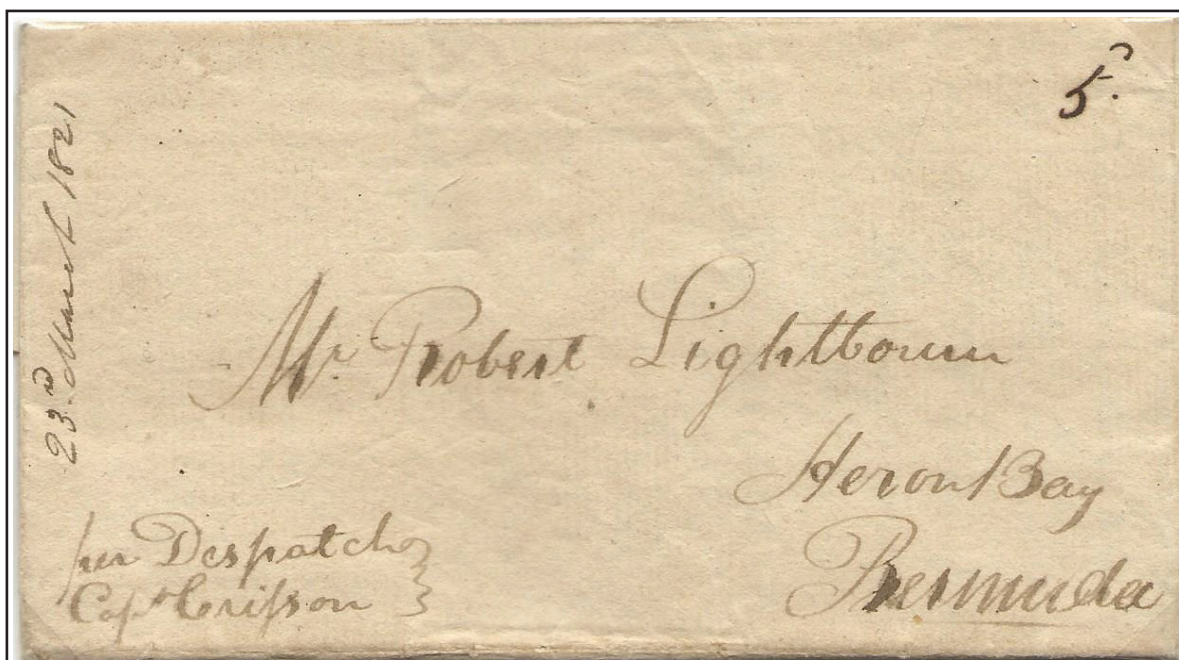
3 June 1818

Private mail



Entire from **Turks Island to Bermuda**. From October 1817 to October 1818 there was no official postal service in Bermuda. the newspaper publisher offered to carry letters twice each week for an optional tip to his delivery man. This service could have been used for the above letter. the schooner *Hamilton*, Capt Adams, arrived with the letter on August 10, 1818

23 March 1821



Entire from **Turks Island to Bermuda** rated 5d Bermuda ship letter rate applied by William Perot. The letter was advertized in the newspaper as available at the post office on the day of arrival. There was no charge for this service. The sloop *Despatch*, Capt Crisson, brought the letter to Hamilton and arrived on 14 April 1821



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Falmouth Packets and  
Naval vessels 1806 - 1826

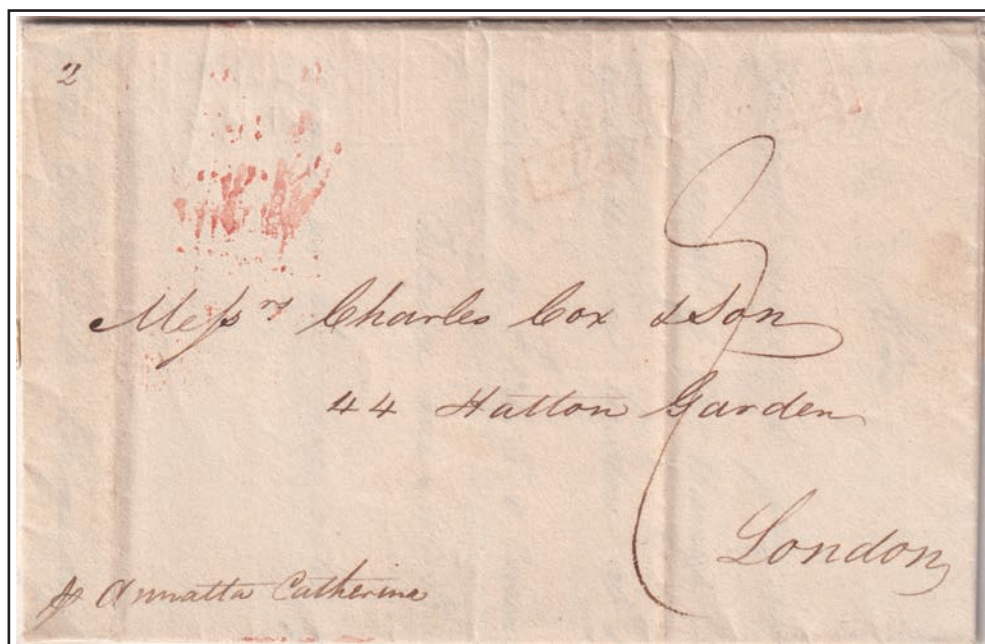
4 February 1808



HM packet *Princess Mary* left Plymouth on 12 February with the February mails arriving in St Georges 12 March.

The letter had been written and postmarked in London 4 February 1808, a week before the packet left Plymouth

22 September 1814



Entire from Bermuda to London, this letter was picked up by a licenced costal pilot from a passing ship and deposited in the mail at Sheerness. Under these circumstances the pilot received the 2d fee and no ship letter fee was due to the post office. The ship "*Amatta Catherine*", Capt Roper, from Bermuda direct to Sweden carried the letter.

Rate: Bermuda to London Costal Pilot's Fee 2d, Inland postage Sheerness to London 46 miles 7d, total 9d.

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Rate: 10d

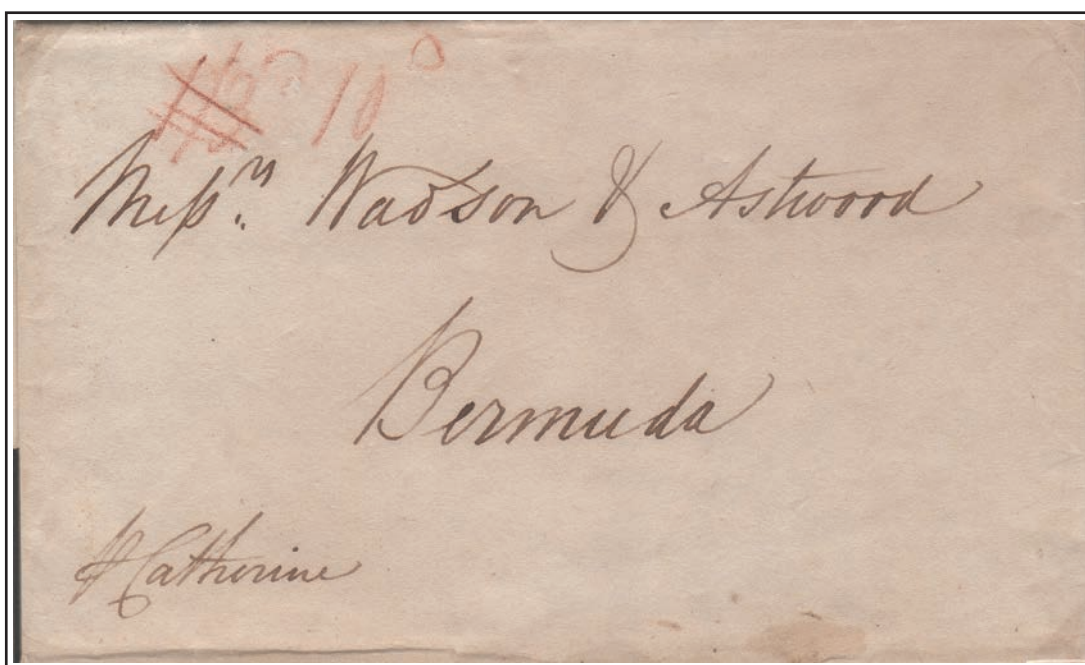
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### First Bermuda Postal Charge

Packet *Aventure*  
left Falmouth on  
16 August arriving  
in Bermuda on 25  
September

21 August 1812

AU 21 1812  
10d double rate to Bermuda  
1 August 79 to 25 December  
98  
Triple rate of 1/3 reduced to  
double rate



21 Aug. 1812 entire letter from "London" addressed to "Messrs. Wadson \* & Astwood, Bermuda" being endorsed "P. [Ship] Catherine"; the letter would have reached the island in Sept./Nov. 1812 at which time the short-lived First Official P.O. Act was in operation (it as declared illegal by London within a year!). There is the very first incoming Bermuda Ship Letter charge of "1/3d" (triple rate) changed to "10d" (double rate) all in red crayon on the front, which fits exactly the Bermuda 1st P.O. Act charges (see full text of the Act in Ludington, esp. Article 3 ref. incoming Ship Letters, on p.112). This may therefore be the earliest recorded Postage Due charge and, indeed the earliest postal marking of any kind, for Bermuda. There were no Bermuda P.O. handstamps until 1820.

Ex: Osborn, Pitts



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## Falmouth Packets and Naval vessels 1806 - 1826

6 April 1820



Packet *Swiftsure* left  
Falmouth on 13 April  
arriving Halifax on 15  
May. HM Schooner *Jane*  
left the next day arriving  
in Bermuda 1 June.

Entire from **London to Bermuda** rated 2/2 with additional Bermuda P.O.'s "5d" manuscript arrival charge for inland delivery, as well as a further manuscript "4" at top left thought to have been Charles C. Beach's rural delivery fee. The 5d charge believed to be in the hand of William Perot during his first period as official Postmaster of Hamilton.

24 March 1820



HM sloop *Cyrene* left  
Bermuda on 25 March  
arriving Halifax on 5 April.  
Packet *Queensbury* departed  
Halifax on 23 April arriving  
in Falmouth on 11 May.

**Bermuda to England** rated 2/2 crossed out and rerated at 2/3.

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8 August 1822

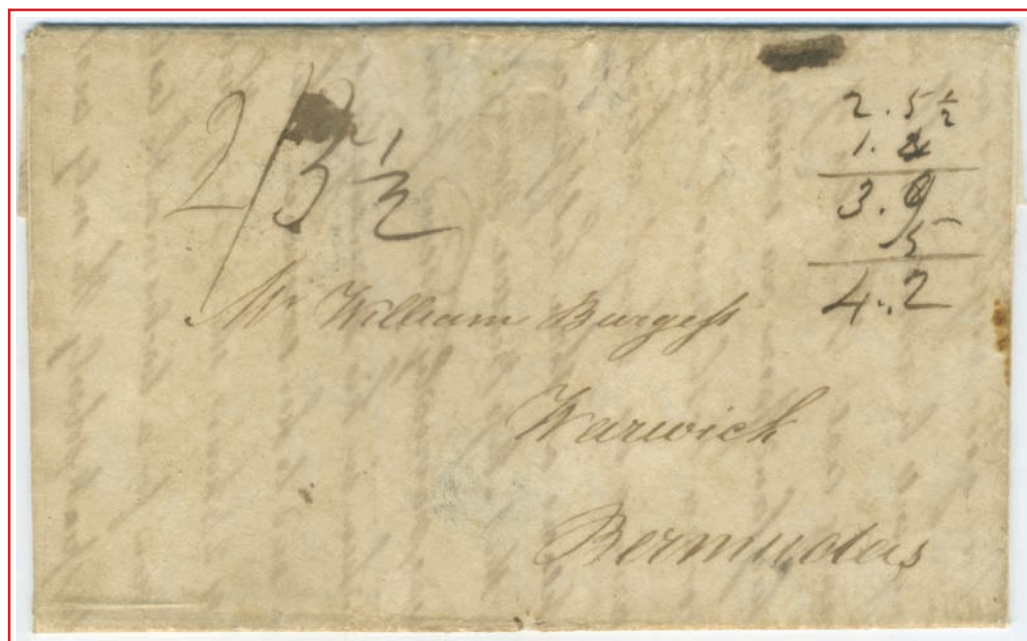
Falmouth Packets and  
Naval vessels 1806 - 1826



Entire from **London to Bermuda** rated 2/2. Perot then charged an additional 3d (10%) for monthly billing, 1/2 conversion to local currency plus 5d for inland postage for a total of 4/-

21 November 1823

December Falmouth Packet *Camden* departed 6 December took three months arriving in Halifax on 9 March 1823. The connecting vessel had already left for Bermuda so the *Camden* took the mail to New York hoping to find the HMS *Rifleman*. It then went back to Halifax arriving 1 April and had to wait until 17 May for HM Sloop *Argus*. The mail bag reached Bermuda on 27 May, six months after posting.



**Arkleton (north) England to Bermuda** rated 2/5 ½ being 1/2 inland postage plus ½d (Scottish charge) extra, 1/3 sea postage. Notes by William Perot convert the sterling to local currency adding 1/4 plus 5d for Bermuda inland mail for a total of 4/2.,



21 November 1825

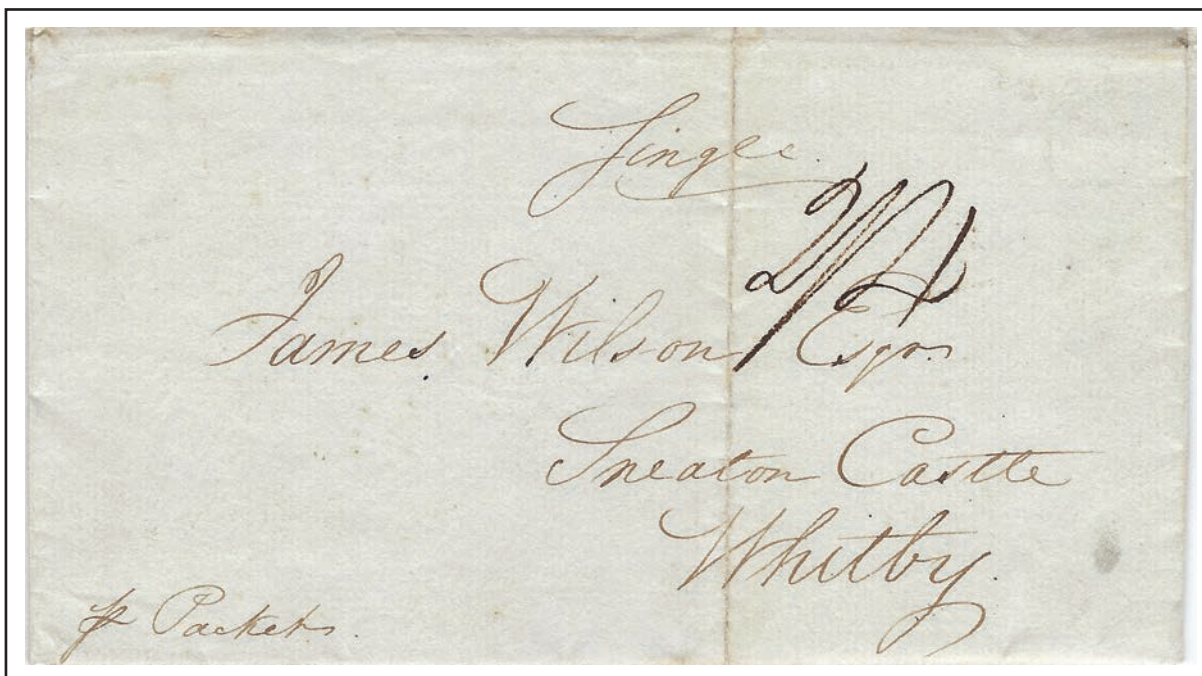


Likely Packet *Eclipse* from Falmouth on 21 December to Halifax arriving 6 February, then HM Brig *Rifleman* which departed Halifax on the 8 February arriving Bermuda on the 15 February.

#### Belfast to Bermuda via Dublin, Holyhead, London, Falmouth and Halifax

From 1821-1830, when the Bermuda inland service was operated unofficially by the postmasters at St Georges and Hamilton, it was usual not to note inland charges, if any, on prepaid incoming packet letters such as the one above. The faint calculations in the lower left reading "foreign 2 7/inland 9 / 3/4 were made in Belfast. The rate was prepaid as follows: 9d inland rate Belfast to Dublin, 2d packet rate Dublin to Golyhead, q/3 inland rate Holyhead to Falmouth via London amd 1/2 packet rate from Falmouth to Bermuda

17 February 1823



Packet HM Brig *Sparrowhawk* left Bermuda on 8 March arriving in Halifax on 18 March. Princess Elizabeth arrived in Halifax from Falmouth on 19 April departing on 26 April arriving back in Falmouth on 12 May

Entire letter marked "Duplicate", rated "2/4" and showing, on reverse, a strike of the "AMERICA/F" date stamp in green, being one of only a handful of this mark recorded on mail from Bermuda. Ex: Ludington,

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28 January 1827

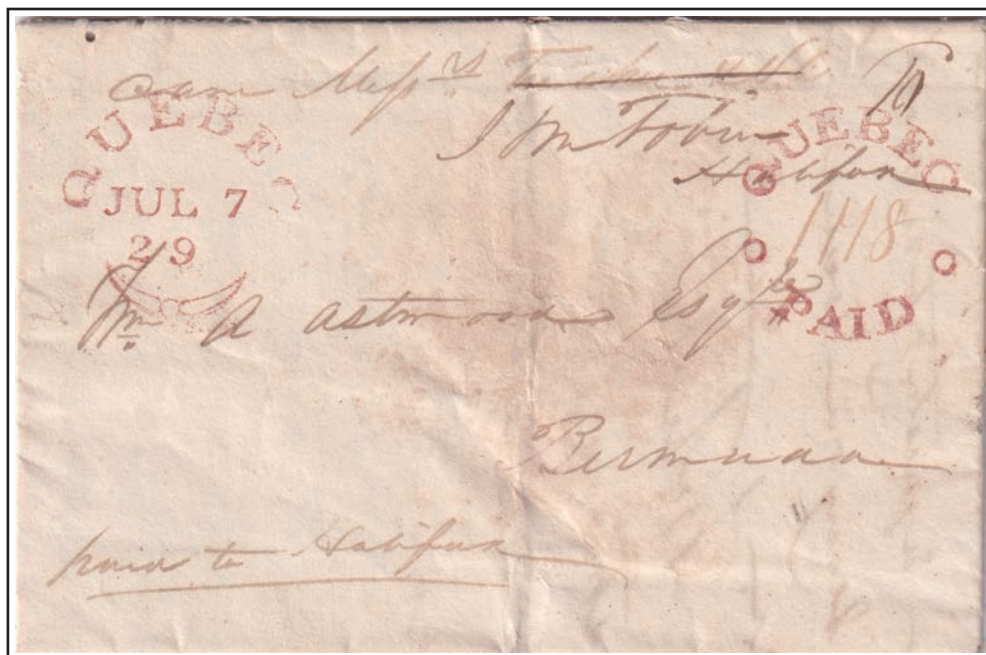
Falmouth Packets and  
North American packets  
1827 - 1833



**Edinburgh to Bermuda**, the packet *Princess Elizabeth* left Falmouth on 14 Feb 1827 and arrived in Bermuda on 5 April. This was the second mail by the revised routing.

The UK inland stamp charge for over 200 miles was  $\frac{1}{3}$  plus the Scottish turnpike fee of  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. Sea postage was  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; total  $\frac{2}{5} \frac{1}{2}$ . The Bermuda charges are not marked which is not unusual.

7 July 1829



Entire from **Quebec to Bermuda**, the contents refer to ship losses, horses, travels, etc.) endorsed "Paid to Halifax" and directed "Care [of] Messrs. J & M Forbes, Halifax" with red "QUEBEC/JUL 7/29" fleuron and "QUEBEC/[1/8]/o PAID o" on the front, charged a further "10d" 'Perot' postage (double the 5d Ship Letter rate?) on arrival.



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## Falmouth Packets and North American packets 1827 - 1833

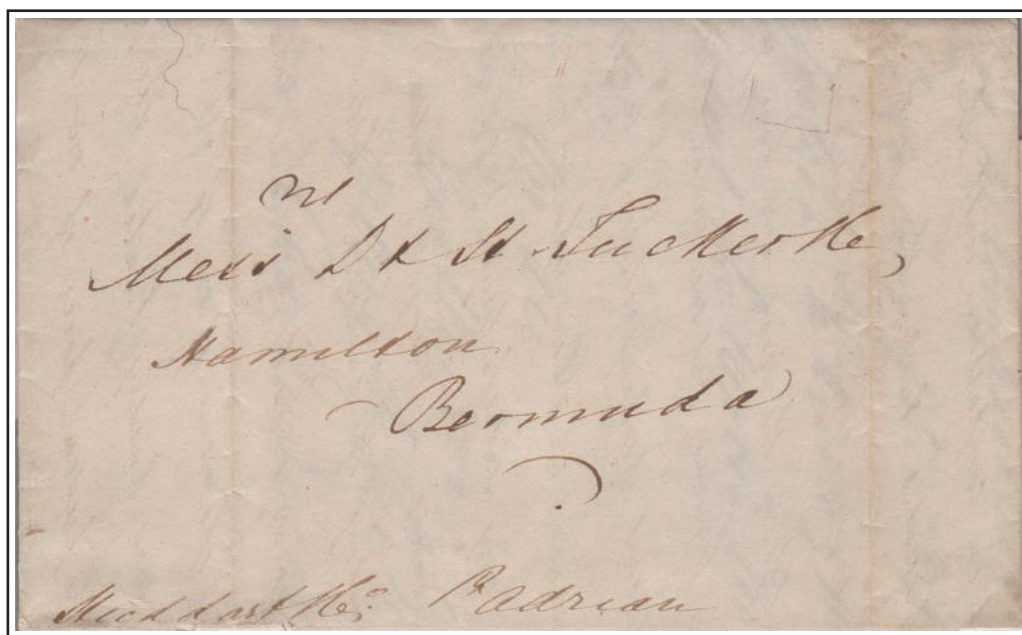
11 December 1830

Packet *Plover* left Liverpool on 11 December to Halifax arriving 29 December, departing on 1 January sailing onward to Bermuda arriving on 8 January.



Duplicate letter (original sent per packet *Osbourne*) dated London 9 October 1830. Upon arrival in Bermuda the 2/2 rate was converted to 4/- local currency. "A" in circle mis-routing mark [Jay L1045: issued to London Foreign Branch's "West India Room" in August 1830, showing that the letter should have been sorted for the North America mail-route, and so was re-routed from the West India Room and sent by the correct North American route.]

January 1833



Barque *Adrian*, Captain Foster entered Bermuda on February 29th, 1833 with stores for the Government and goods for merchants. This letter was carried outside of the mail service..

Unmarked

17 January 1836

Falmouth Packets and  
Cunard sail  
1833 - 1840



1836 (17 Jan.) entire letter to Edinburgh, headed "H.M. Ship President" (the guard ship on station at Bermuda), rated "1/3" (deleted) and "1/7", showing boxed "1/2" and, on reverse, framed "india letter/plymouth" in red overstruck by arrival datestamp (24.2). Interesting contents.

12 December 1837



Entire letter to Edinburgh, rated "2/2" (deleted) and "3/8", showing Scottish tall tax boxed "1/2", on front stepped Portsmouth Ship Letter. Ship letter rate from Bermuda to Portsmouth, double 2x8d = 1/4, inland rate Portsmouth to London, double 2x8d = 1/4. Corrected in London for total rate to Edinburgh 1/- plus Scottish toll tax 1/2d. Total on delivery 3/8 1/2.

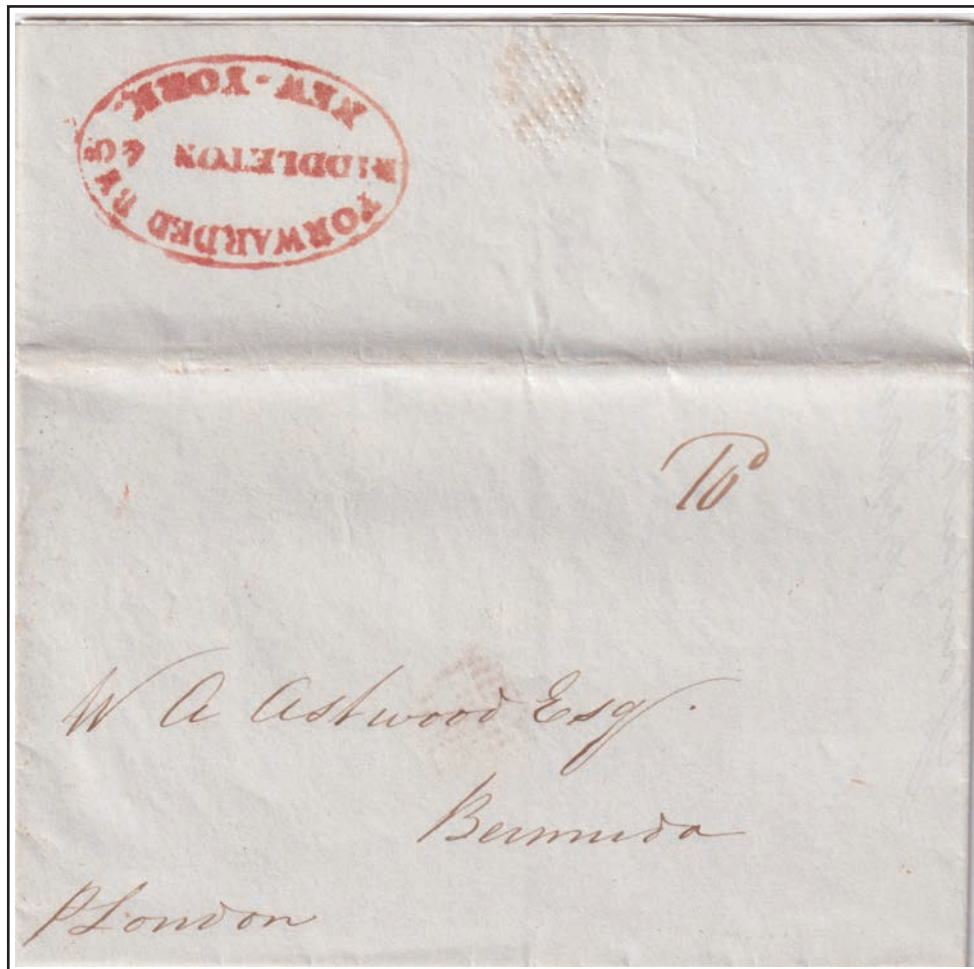
The double rate was charged because of an enclosure, the writer a Captain in the navy, was not eligible for a concession rate at this date even though seamen were.



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Falmouth Packets and  
Cunard sail  
1833 - 1840

29 January 1840

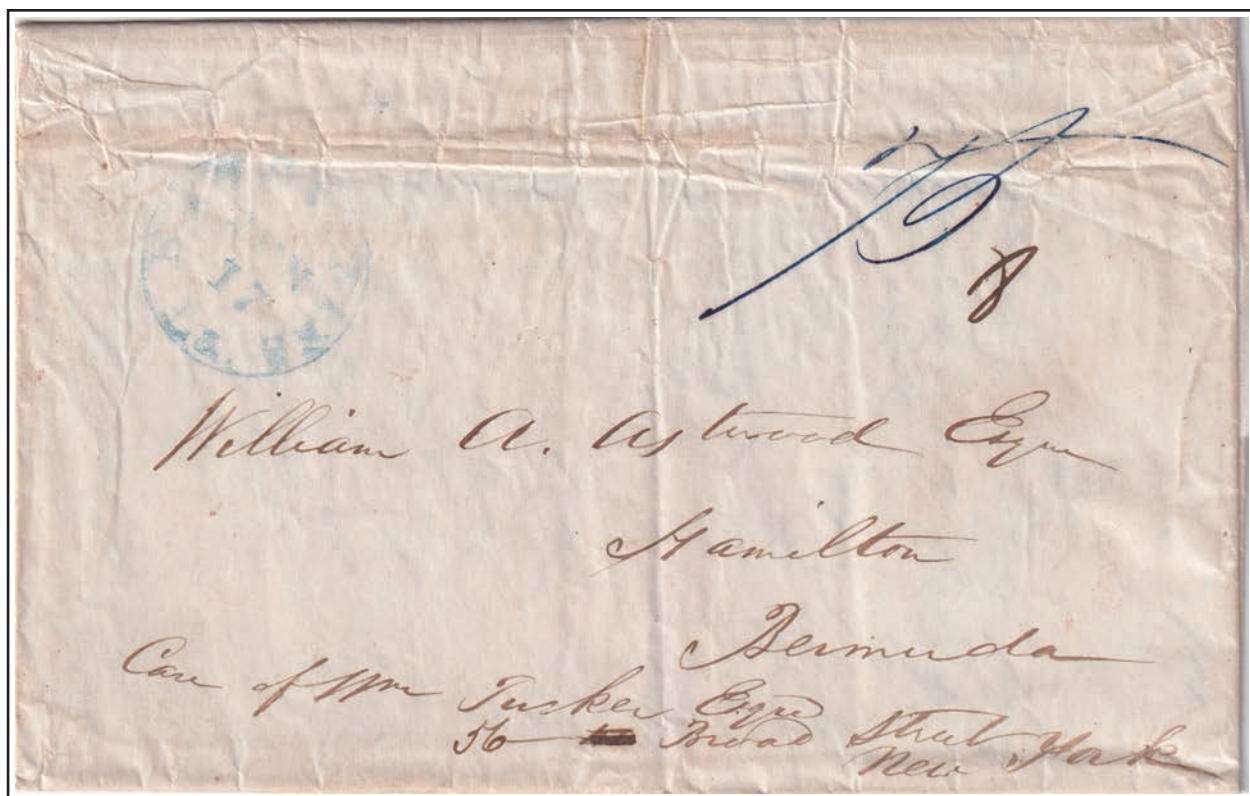


Entire from **London to Bermuda** sent under cover to New York and forwarded from there with red oval framed "FORWARDED BY/MIDDLETON & Co./NEW-YORK". Charged "10d", 5d for the ship letter rate, and 5d for inland postage. Astwood lived in Southampton.

Unmarked

New Orleans to Bermuda

10 October 1843



New Orleans to Bermuda via New York. Prepaid letter sent to Mr Tucker, a forwarding agent in New York. 75 cents triple inland rate from New Orleans to New York because it contained other letters within it. Plus 8d for double the Bermuda ship letter rate for letters weighing more than 1/2 ounce.

23 September 1847



New Orleans to Bermuda via New York. Prepaid letter sent to Middleton & Co., forwarding agents in New York with their hand-stamp on reverse. 10 cents inland rate from New Orleans to New York plus 4d for the Bermuda ship letter rate. There being no packet service between New York and Bermuda at this time, it was out on the next convenient ship to Bermuda as a ship letter and charge the 4d ship letter rate.



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Rate: 2s2d

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1840 - 1848

2 July 1840



1st voyage under  
the Cunard contract  
*Britannia* from Liverpool  
to Halifax, then mail  
boat *Velocity* to Bermuda  
arriving on 1 August

Packet *Britannia* left  
Falmouth on 4 July arriving  
in Halifax on 17 July  
and then on the Mail Boat  
*Velocity* from Halifax on  
18 arrived Bermuda on 1  
August

Front. Only recorded example of a Southgate illustrated cover to Bermuda

The last Admiralty packet left Falmouth on 6 June, 1840. Thereafter, Cunard steamships assumed the transatlantic route under contract with the Admiralty, using Liverpool as home base. Therefore this would have been sent on the first Cunard contract packet from UK. Ex: Ulrich, Freeland

17 May 1841

Packet *Acadia* left  
Liverpool on 19 May  
arriving in Halifax on  
31 May and then on the  
*Roseway* from Halifax on 3  
June arriving Bermuda on  
8 June.



Letter to Bermuda rated 1/- erased and replaced with 2/- (double rate), 2/3 local currency. The letter was underpaid with a single 1d imperf, and was therefore stamped with a circular "More to Pay".

Unmarked

29 August 1849

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886



Packet *Europa* left  
Liverpool on 1 September  
arriving in Halifax on 10  
September and then on  
the *Ospray* from Halifax  
on 11th arrived Bermuda  
on 16 September

The six one penny stamps were applied to pay for a late fee for sending this cover  
by train to Southampton

3 September 1856

Packet *Canada* left  
Liverpool on 13 September  
arriving in Halifax on  
24 September and then  
on the *Merlin* from  
Halifax on 24 September  
arrived Bermuda on 29  
September.



London to Bermuda with the 6d embossed paying the  
single packet rate to Bermuda, 1d accountancy mark



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Incorrect ratings  
Non prepayment

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886

17 May 1861



Packet *America* left  
Liverpool on 18 May  
arriving in Halifax on  
30 May and then on the  
*Merlin* from Halifax on 30  
May arrived Bermuda on  
4 June.

Although directed to go by packet at the 6d rate it was marked 8d, the ship letter rate by mistake. On arrival in Bermuda by packet the 8 was crossed out in blue crayon and corrected to 1/-, double the packet rate for a non prepaid letter

21 December 1865

Packet *Canada* left  
Liverpool on 23 December  
arriving in Halifax on 9  
January 1866 and then  
on the *Delta* from Halifax  
on 10 January arrived  
Bermuda on 15 January

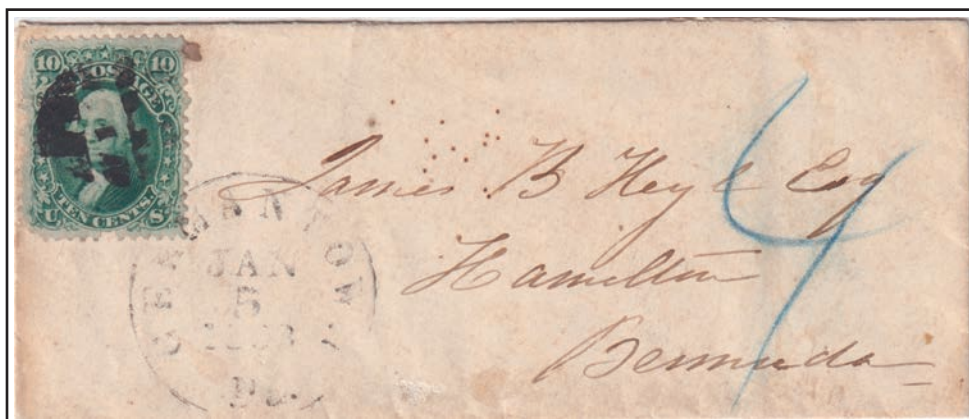


This letter was incorrectly marked 1/5, this being neither a packet nor a ship letter rate. In Bermuda it was cross out in blue crayon and correctly marked 2/-, 1/- packet rate to Bermuda and 1/- penalty for non prepayment

Unmarked

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886

24 December 1863



Envelope from New York via Boston, per *Europa* to  
Halifax and *Delta* to Bermuda, franked US 10¢, rated “4,”

24 December 1863



Packet *Africa* left Liverpool  
on 26 December arriving  
in Halifax on 7 January  
1864 and then on the  
*Alpha* from Halifax on 7  
January arrived Bermuda  
on 12 January

Envelope with “d1” Accountancy and “Hot Cross Bun” Inspector’s Mark mark from London to Bermuda  
endorsed “Via Queenstown p. RM Steamer for Halifax”.



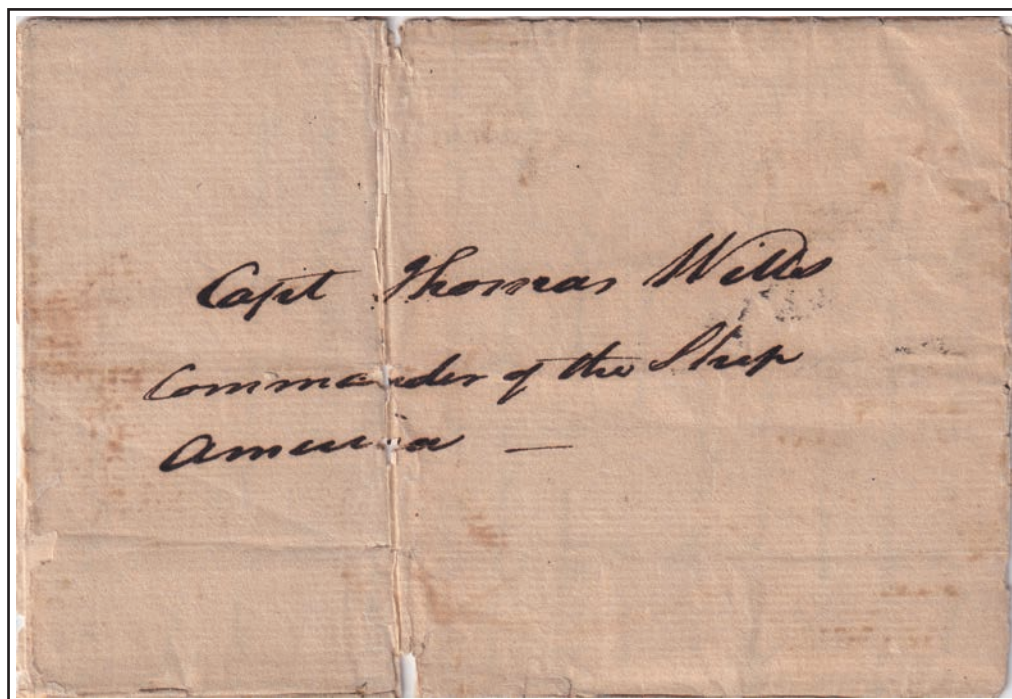
## Unmarked

## Local

Note, local letters were not marked with the datestamp or paid stamp until use of the P1 paid handstamp after September 1843 and the PM4 and PM5 date stamps from 1847. Only eleven local covers are recorded before these dates.

9 May 1801

One of two local covers recorded in the 1800s



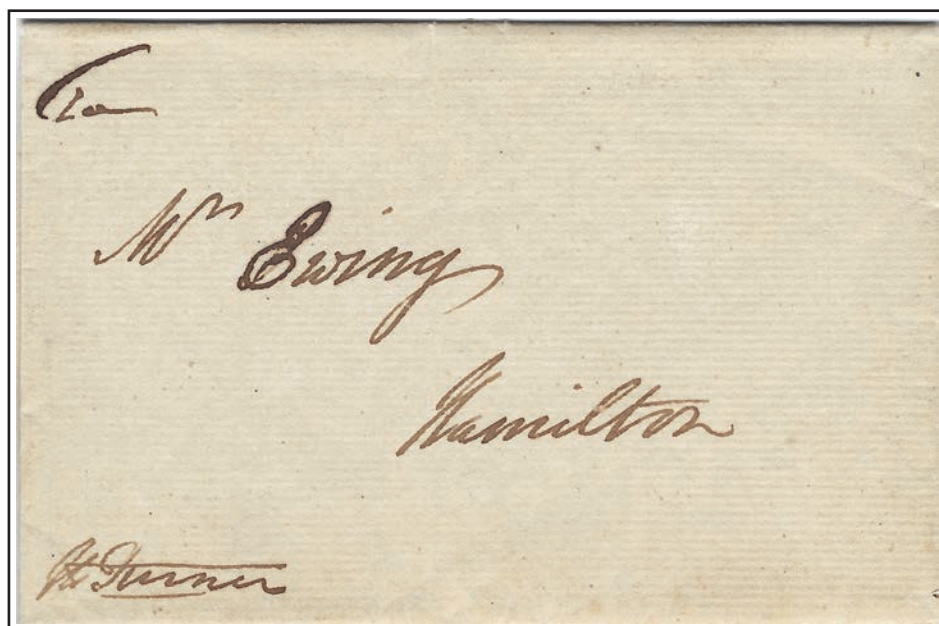
Second earliest record local mail, the letter was sent before public mail system was in Bermuda and was carried by private messenger. It was written by Senator William Bingham of Philadelphia while in Bermuda to the captain of his ship moored in the harbour.

9 May 1829

Four local covers are recorded in the 1820s

Entire letter sent privately (by Governor's servant) from "Gov[ernment]. H[ouse], Mt. Langton" to "Hamilton" written (in the third person) and signed (on the address wrapper) by the Governor of Bermuda, "Sir Hilgrove Turner"; the letter asks Mr. Ewing for entries from baptismal registers.

Sir H. Turner who claimed to have personally rescued the famous Rosetta Stone from the French in Egypt and escorted it back to Britain, where it remains in the British Museum.



There was no internal island mail service from its suspension in October. 1821 until its resumption in 1830 so no local rate markings.

# Date Stamps



PM1



PM2



PM3

The first datestamps were introduced in Bermuda in 1820 with small fleurons as used in other countries. In the 1960s and 70s these were considered very rare, over the intervening years more examples have come to the market. However, a large number of these have very poor marks.

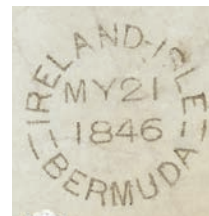
Current census of these marks record quantities as follows:

			Out	In	Local	Transit	Total
PM1	red	(2.1820 - 1.1824)	13	0	0	0	13
PM1	black	(12.1826 - 12.1827)	5	0	0	0	4
PM2	black	(6.1827 - 5.1849)	60	1	0	1	62
PM2	red	(6.1842 - 2.1845)	15	1	0	0	16
PM3	black	(3.1838 - 11.1839)	5	0	0	0	5

The PM1, PM2 and PM3 marks were all used in St Georges, it wasnt until 1841 when date stamps were used in Hamilton and Ireland Island. Hamilton



PM4



PM5

				Out	In	Local	Transit	Total
PM4	H	black	(12.1841 - 5.1849)	55	6	8	0	69
PM4	H	red	(5.1849 - 8.1864)	81	18	76	6	181
PM4	II	black	(2.1842 - 8.1850)	5	0	0	1	6
PM5	II	black	(2.1846 - 5.1864)	47	0	4	2	53
PM5	StG	red	(2.1845 - 4.1856)	48	2	26	6	82
PM5	StG	black	(5.1856 - 11.1866)	7	5	2	7	21

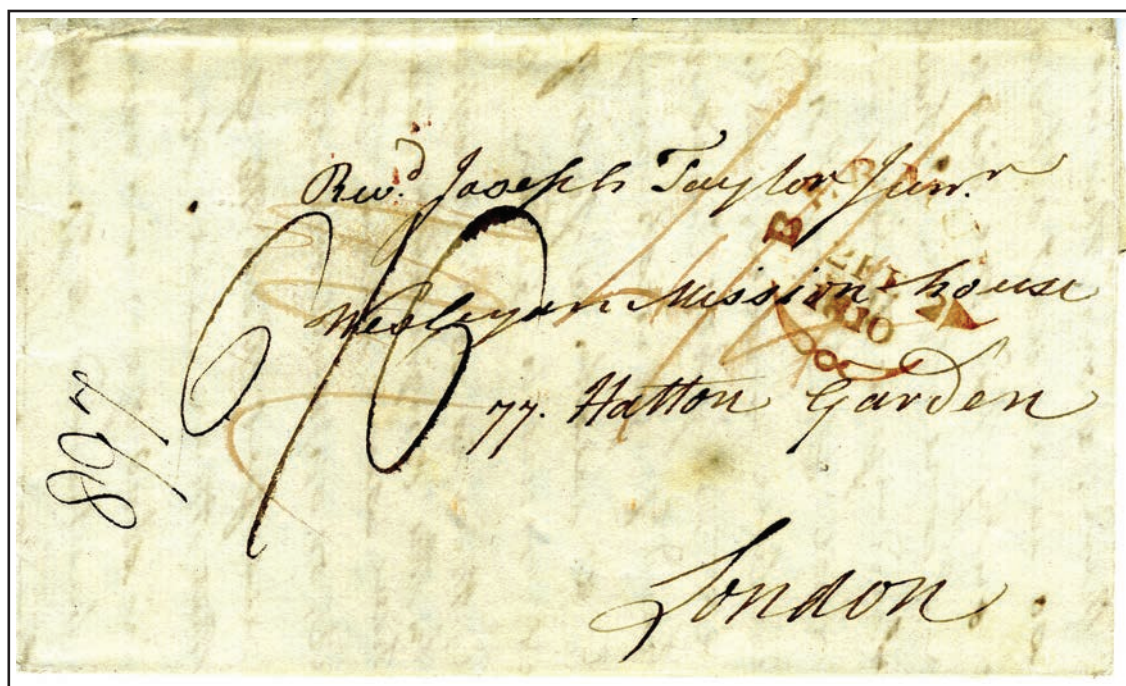


## Date handstamp

## St Georges PM1 red

Falmouth Packets and  
Naval vessels  
1806 - 1826

			EKD	LKD	#
PM1	StG	red	02 Feb 1820	19 Jan 1824	1 / 13



2 February 1820

Packet *Chesterfield* left Bermuda on 3 February to Falmouth arriving 6th April, via New York and Halifax

Entire letter to London with the *earliest recorded usage* of a Bermuda datestamp which is incorrectly marked 1810 instead on 1820. UK arrival for 9.A.P. on reverse. The covers bears 6/6 triple rate which has been erased and replaced with 4/4 for a double rate. Ex Hicks, Ulrich, Dickgiesser

15 June 1822

			EKD	LKD	#
PM1	StG	red	02 Feb 1820	19 Jan 1824	9 / 13

HMS *Nieman* left Bermuda on 3 February to Falmouth arriving 16th June, arriving Halifax 22 June. The packet *Fox* departed Halifax on 17 July arriving Falmouth on 8 August.



Entire to London rated 2/2 single rate.  
Ex: Urwich, Stitt, Ulrich



Date handstamp

St Georges PM1 black

Falmouth Packets and  
North American packets  
1827 - 1833

10 March 1827

		EKD	LKD	#
PM1	StG	black 02 Dec 1826	17 Dec 1827	2 / 5

Carried on a naval vessel from Bermuda to  
Halifax and then on the Falmouth packet  
*Redpole* which departed Halifax on 9 April and  
arrive in Falmouth on 5 May..



Entire letter to London, with one of five recorded small fleuron (PM1) in black dated 10.MR.1827. The cover was sent at the single rate of and has a UK arrival 7.AP.1827 in red, Wesleyan Missionary Correspondence,

Ex Tucker, Ulrich, Dickgiesser, Pitts



Date handstamp

St Georges PM2 red

Falmouth Packets and  
North American packets  
1827 - 1833

27 May 1831

			EKD	LKD	#
PM2	StG	red	17 Mar 1827	16 May 1849	9 / 63



HMS Packet *Briseis* departed Bermuda on 28 May 1831 arriving in Halifax on 5 June. The *Briseis* arrive back in Liverpool on 25 June.

London circular datestamp in red on reverse for 27 June 1831

			EKD	LKD	#
PM2	StG	red	17 Mar 1827	16 May 1849	10 / 63



HMS Packet  
*Winchester* departed  
Bermuda on 28 May  
1831 Portsmouth on  
17 June.



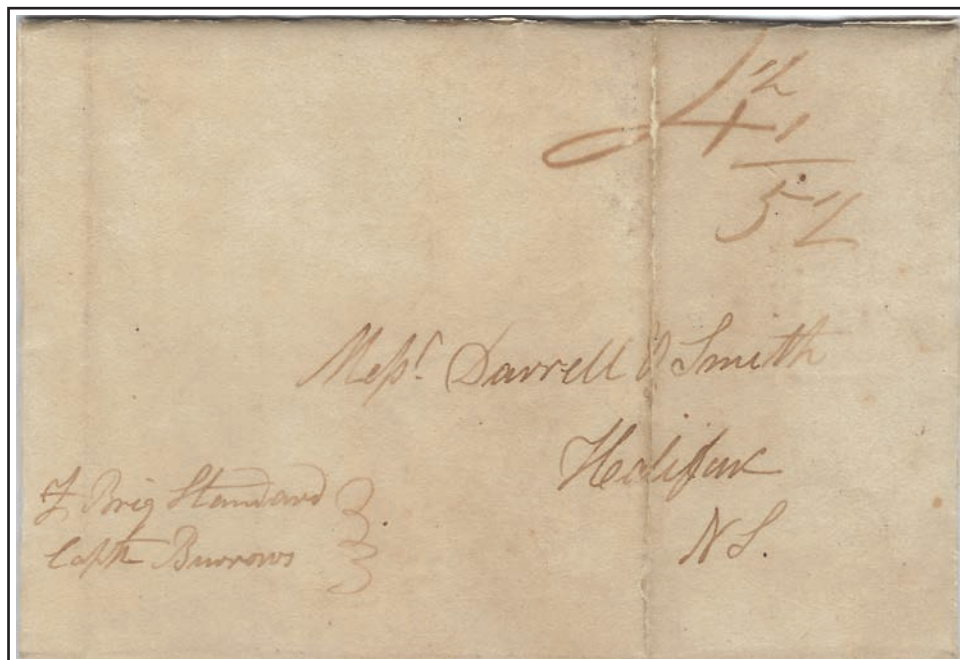
Due to the risk of ship wrecks or loss of the mails the senders often sent an original and a duplicate copy as shown with these two examples. London circular datestamp in red 18 June 1831

Date handstamp

St Georges PM2 red

Falmouth Packets and  
North American packets  
1827 - 1833

25 February 1834



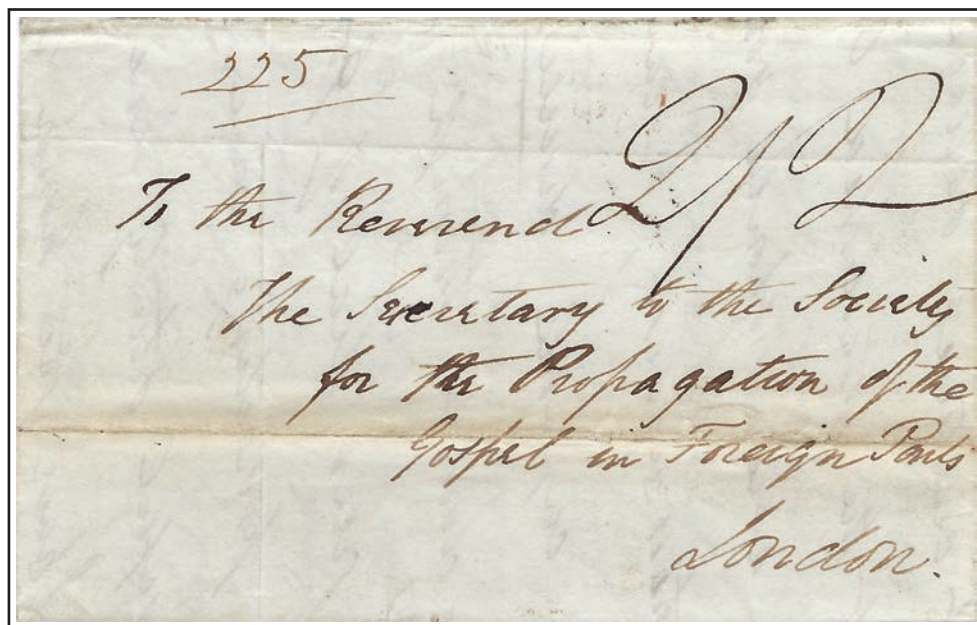
Privately carried to  
Halifax on the Brig  
*Standard* under  
Captain Burrows



Duplicate letter dated 25 February 1834 with Bermuda fleuron dated 13 April to Nova Scotia, rated 4d ship letter rate plus 1d delivery in Nova Scotia.

11 September 1834

			EKD	LKD	#
PM2	StG	black	12 Dec 1826	- - 1846	100 / 400



Bermuda to London with large fleuron PM2 rated 2/2



Date handstamp

St Georges PM2 black

Cunard steam and

Cunard sail

30 October 1840

1840 - 1848

			EKD		LKD	#
PM2	StG	black	12 Dec 1826	- -	1846	53 / 62



Cunard Roseway left Bermuda on 31 October arriving in Halifax on 17 November and then on the packet *Britannia* which departed on the 3 December and arrived in Falmouth on 14 December

Bermuda to London with the PM2 large fleuron in black. The rate for mail to the United Kingdom was reduced from 2/2 to 1s in early 1840.

7 December 1840

			EKD		LKD	#
PM2	StG	black	12 Dec 1826	- -	1846	55 / 62



Cover from Bermuda to London rated 1s in manuscript on the front. The reverse bears the Bermuda fleuron for 7th December 1840 and a London receiver for 17th January 1841.

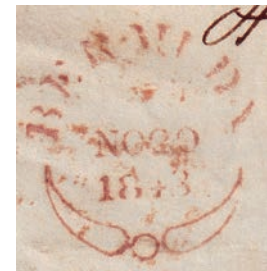
## Date handstamp

## St Georges PM2 red

## Cunard steam and Cunard sail 1840 - 1848

20 November 1843

			EKD	LKD	#
PM2	StG	red	22 Jun 1842	18 Feb 1845	11 / 16



Cover rated 4s from Bermuda to UK, and additional 4d was charged to redirect the cover from London to Weymouth (CDS DE 9, 1840).

18 February 1845

			EKD	LKD	#
PM2	StG	red	22 Jun 1842	18 Feb 1845	16 / 16



RMS *Tay* left Bermuda on 22 February to Southampton. Then letter was then sent via London to France



Letter to **France** rated  $\frac{3}{4}$  plus  $\frac{1}{3}$  for a total of  $\frac{4}{7}$  which is crossed out and 33 (decimes) substituted.



Date handstamp

St Georges PM3 black

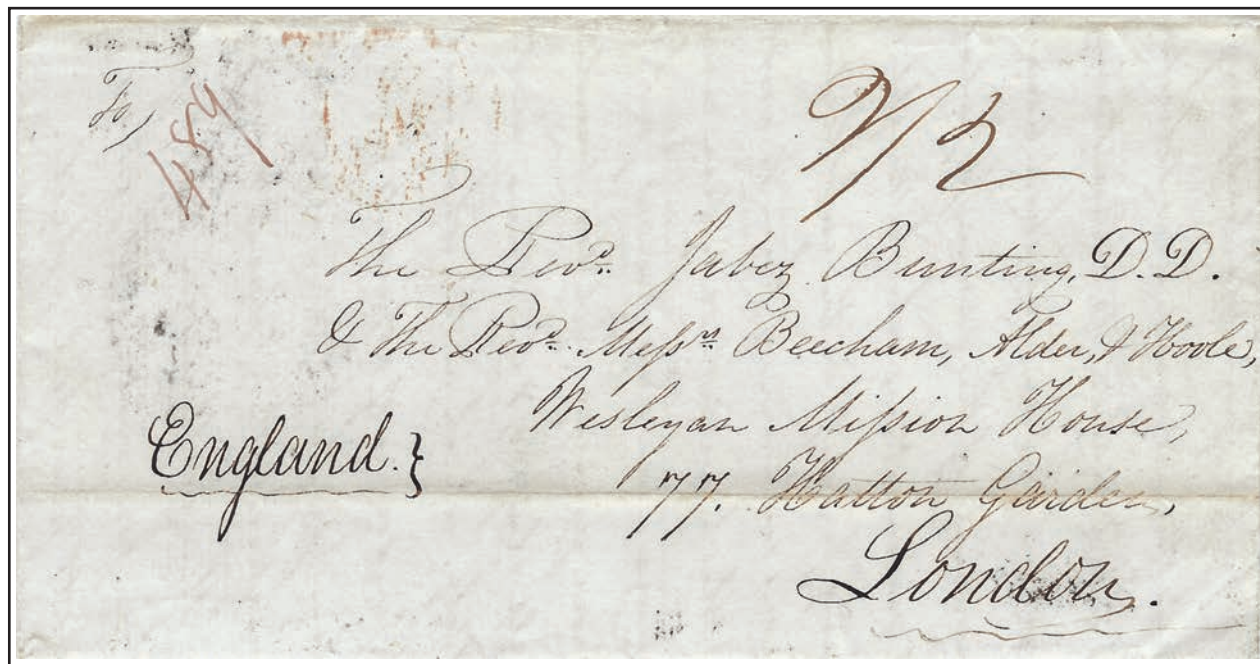
Falmouth Packets and

30 March 1838

Cunard sail

1833 - 1840

			EKD	LKD	#
PM3	II	blk	30 Mar 1838	19 Nov 1839	1 / 6



Entire letter to London with the earliest recorded St Georges type PM3 rated 2s2d for a single rate cover, manuscript "received 14 May". This cover is illustrated in Forand & Freeland on page 36. Ex Tucker

20 November 1838

			EKD	LKD	#
PM3	II	blk	30 Mar 1838	19 Nov 1839	3 / 6



Carried on HMS  
Pearl per manuscript  
direct to England



1838 entire letter to London rated "2/2" and bearing superb strike of PM3 dated NO 20 1838. Endorsed "H. M. S. Pearl" and red boxed "PACKET LETTER". This is the third of six recorded examples of the this mark and is so exceptional that it graces the front cover of the Forand & Freeland monograph.

Ex: Stitt, Ulrich, Ludington

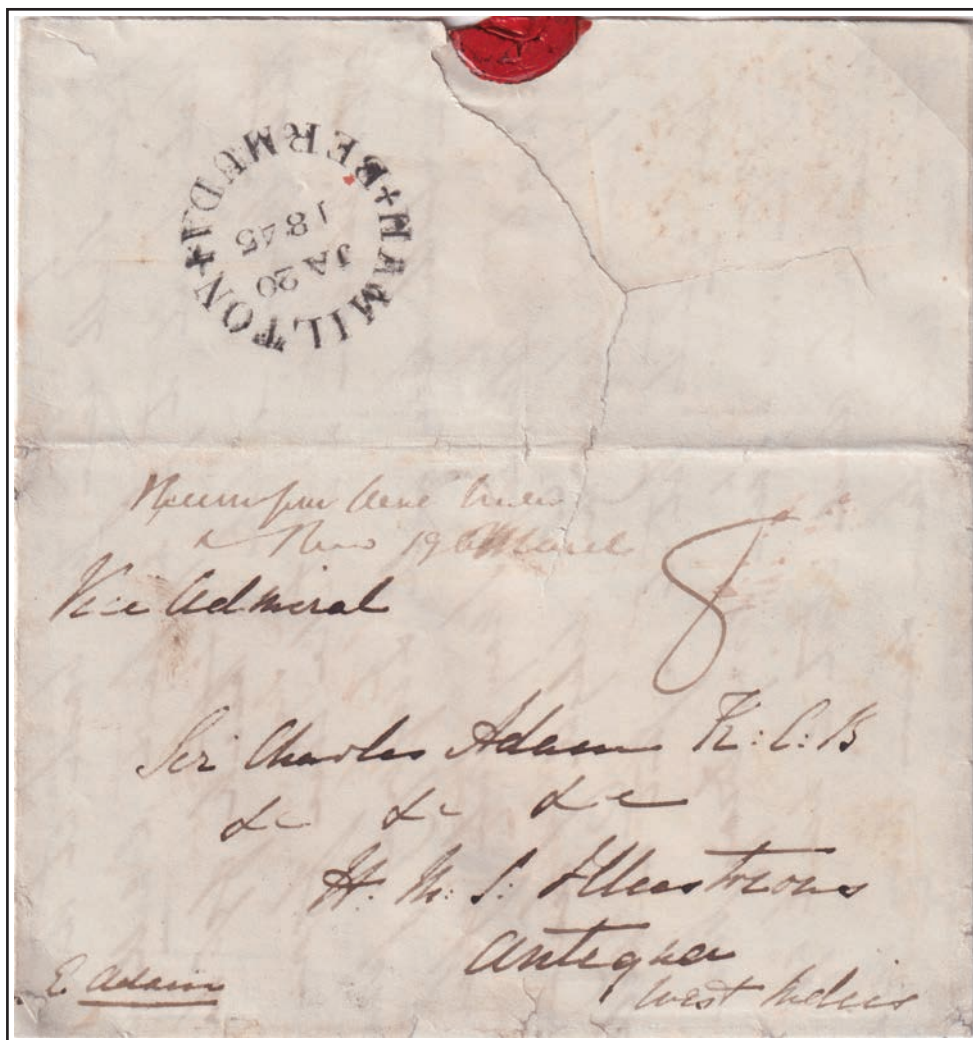
Date handstamp

Hamilton PM4 black

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1840 - 1848

20 January 1845

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	black	23 Dec 1841	7 May 1849	30 / 71



#### Bermuda to Antigua

1845 (20 Jan.) double rate entire from Bermuda per Trent to Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adams, K.C.B. on H.M.S. Illustrious at Antigua, rated "8" with "HAMILTON/BERMUDA" PM4 datestamp.

The letter is endorsed on lower left front "E Adam" and is likely from his wife, Elizabeth.

Adam joined the Navy in 1790 and had a distinguished career. from 1841-1844 he was commander-in-chief of the North America and West Indies Station aboard the HMS *Illustrious*.



Date handstamp

Hamilton PM4 black

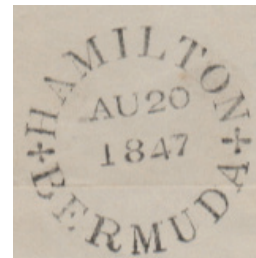
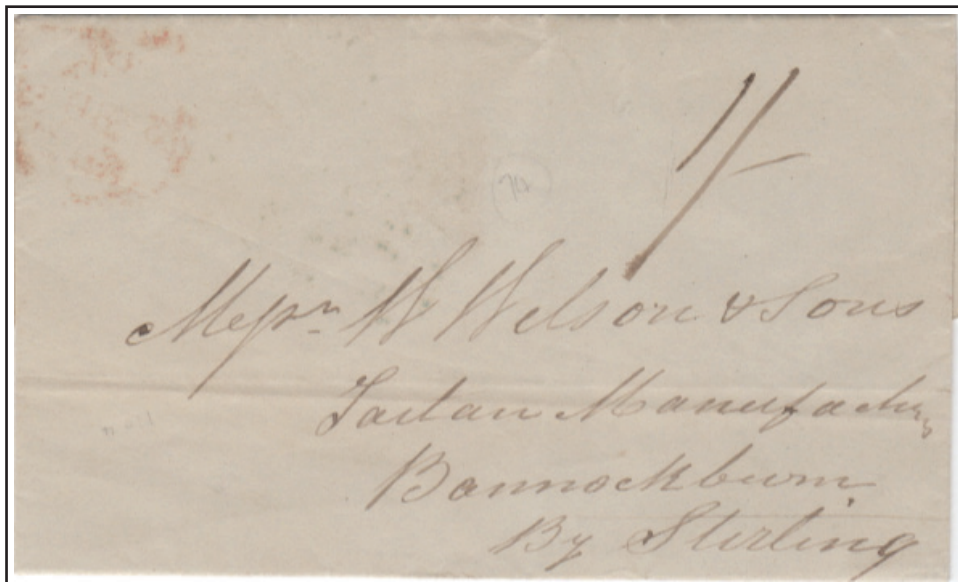
Cunard steam and

Cunard sail

1840 - 1848

20 August 1847

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	black	23 Dec 1841	7 May 1849	46 / 71



Entire letter to Scotland at the 1s single rate. The letter concerns "safe arrival of the Tartan," "the Reserve Battn received their supply by the last packet in good condition ...,"

21 January 1848

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	black	23 Dec 1841	7 May 1849	50 / 71



**London to Bermuda** (bylined London 31 Dec 1847). With the absence of any postal markings in is likely that this entire was carried by private ship and mailed at Hamilton on landing with the addresse being required to pay the local 1d delivery charge. This would account for the PM4 handstamp on the front of incoming mail.

Date handstamp

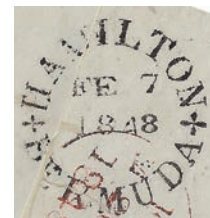
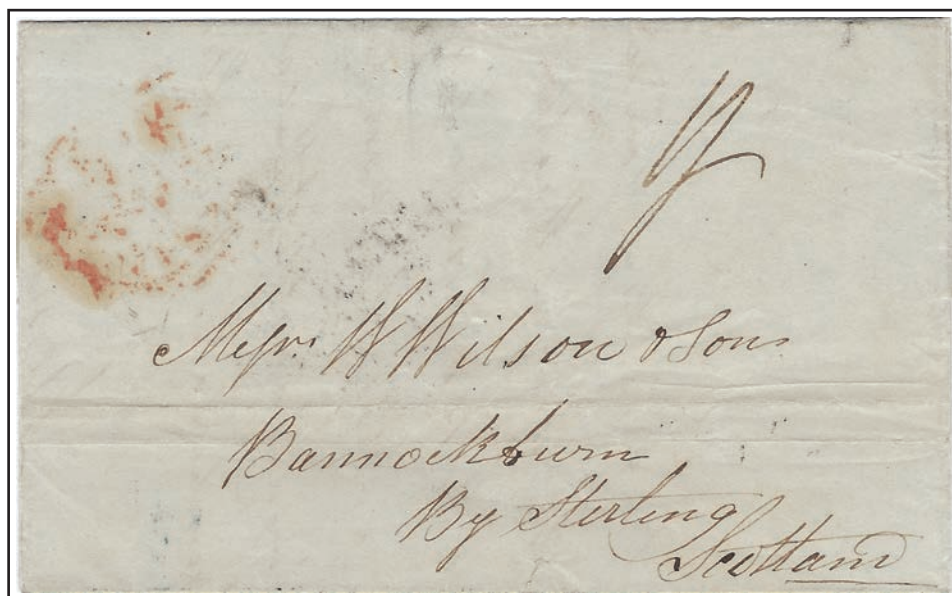
Hamilton PM4 black

7 February 1848

Cunard steam and

Cunard sail

1840 - 1848



Apparently sent directly on a naval ship as no packets would have gotten to England to match the arrival dates.

Letter from Hamilton to Bannockburn, Scotland dated 7th February 1848. Rated at 1s the reverse shows a Hamilton circular datestamp for February 7th 1848. Received in London 24th February (double rim c.d.s.) and delivered to Sterling 26th February (blue c.d.s.).



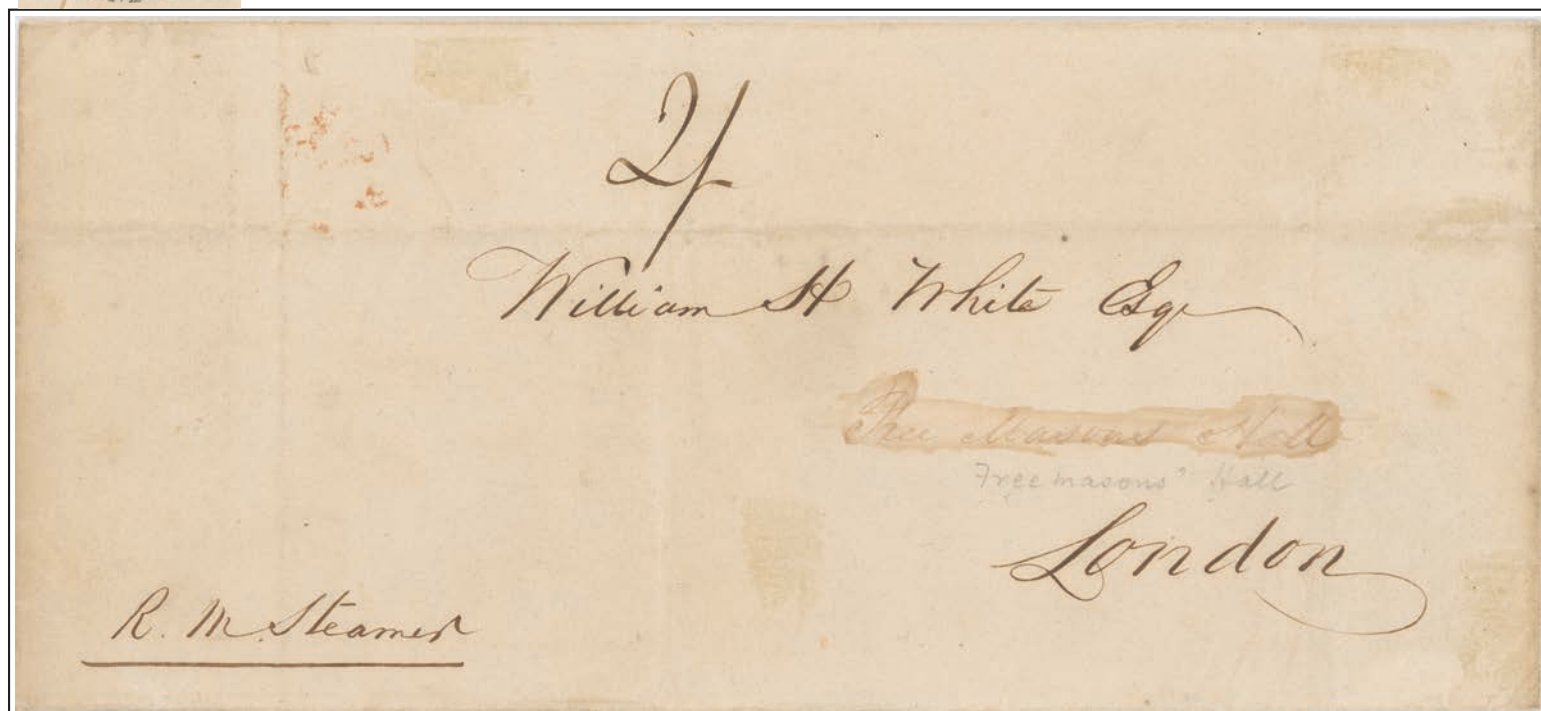
5 June 1848

Cunard steam and

Cunard sail

1848 (Apr 1) - 1886

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	black	23 Dec 1841	7 May 1849	56 / 70



Bermuda to London aboard the RMS *Tay* and rated 2s double rate. Ex Bridgemore Brown



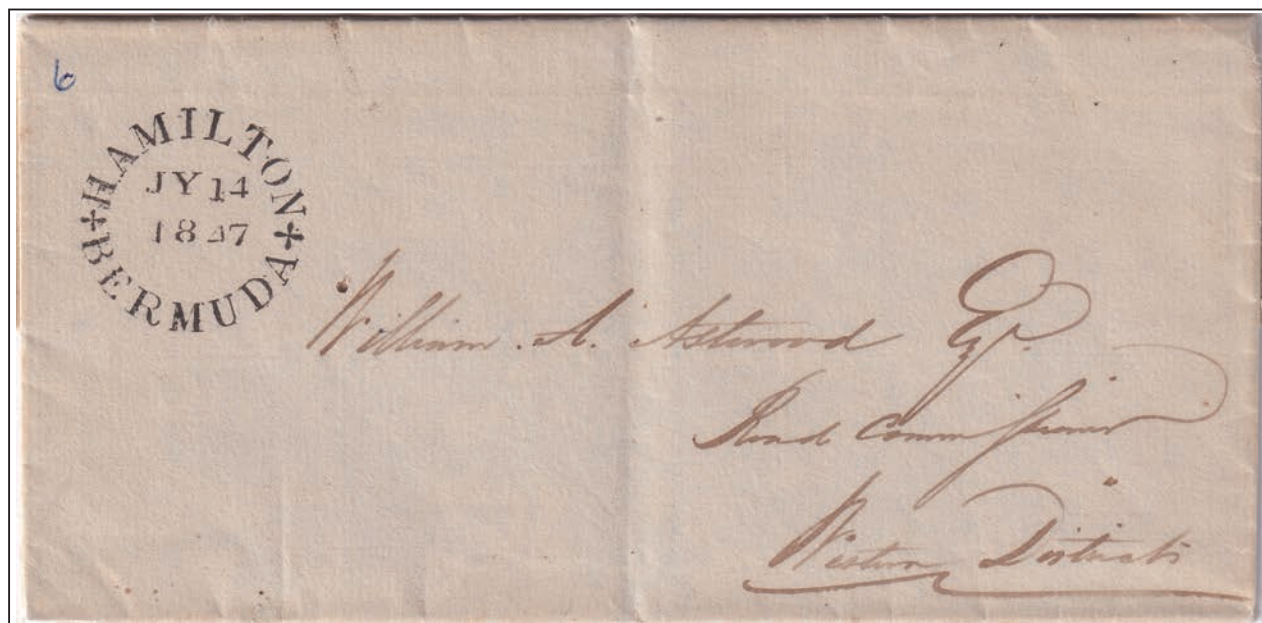
Date handstamp

Hamilton PM4 black

Local

14 July 1847

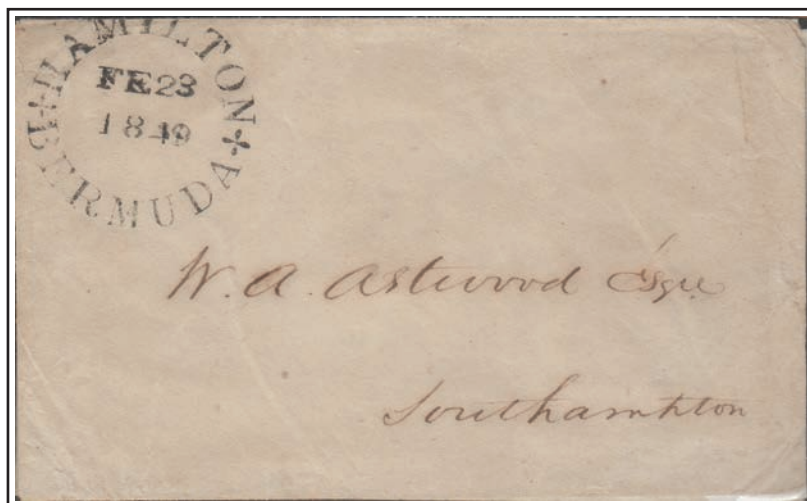
			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	black	23 Dec 1841	7 May 1849	45 / 71



Entire letter sent from Hamilton to William Astwood described  
“Western Districts”, he lived in Southampton

23 February 1849

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	black	23 Dec 1841	7 May 1849	64 / 71



Small envelope sent to William Astwood, correctly addressed to him in Southampton

Only 8 local covers are recorded with the Hamilton PM4 in black

Date handstamp

Hamilton PM4 red

1 June 1857

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	129 / 182

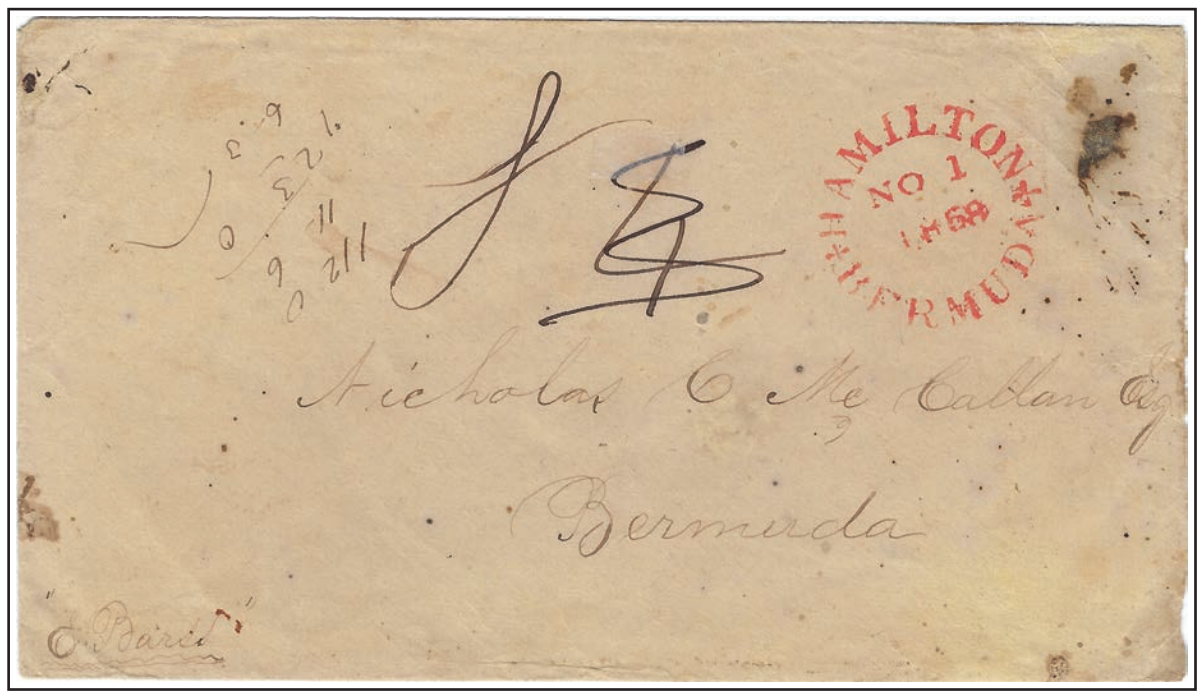
Lady Chapman left  
New York on 26 May  
arriving in Bermuda  
on 1 June



Envelope sent from the US to Bermuda with a Hamilton PM4 arrival datestamp, on the reverse is an oval  
"Forwarded by Middleton & Co," , rated "4" ship rate.

1 November 1858

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	139 / 182



Envelope from the US to Bermuda with a Hamilton PM4 arrival datestamp. Rated with a manuscript 4  
crossed out with manuscript 8 replacing it for the ship letter rate above 1/2oz to 1oz. There is also a manu-  
script "E. Barss", a Bermuda owned barque. Ex Tucker



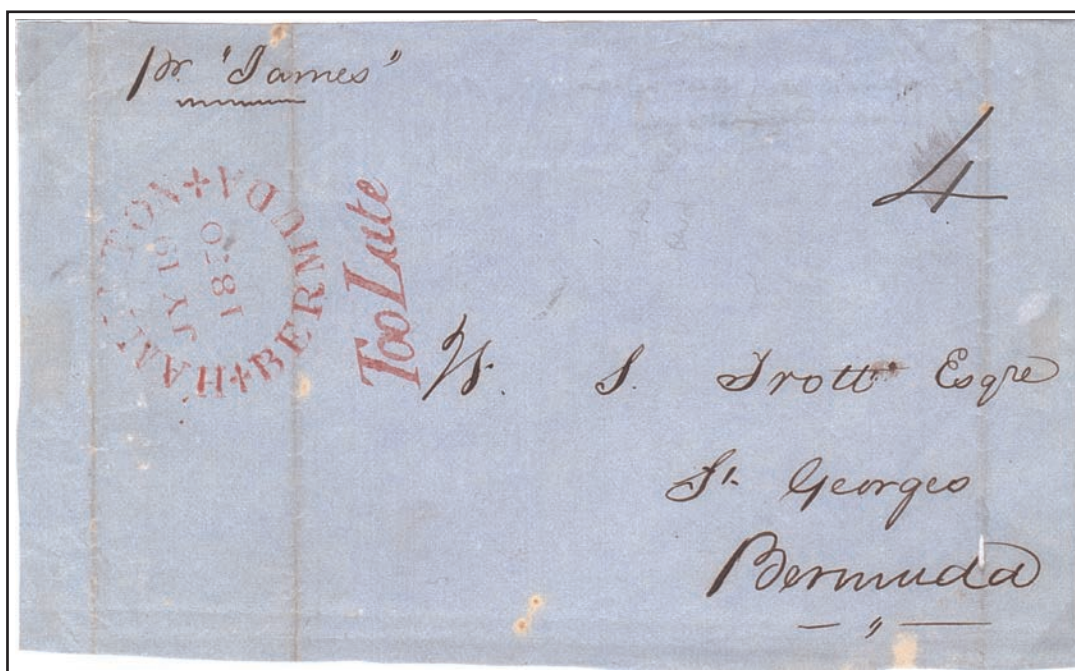
Date handstamp

Hamilton PM4 red

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 (Apr 1) - 1886

19 July 1850

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	100 / 400



Front - EL PM4 + "Too Late" (MISC-1) per James H to B, rated "4" as if from Halifax, rather than ship letter 8d. rate from GB, ex-Ludington, Freeland

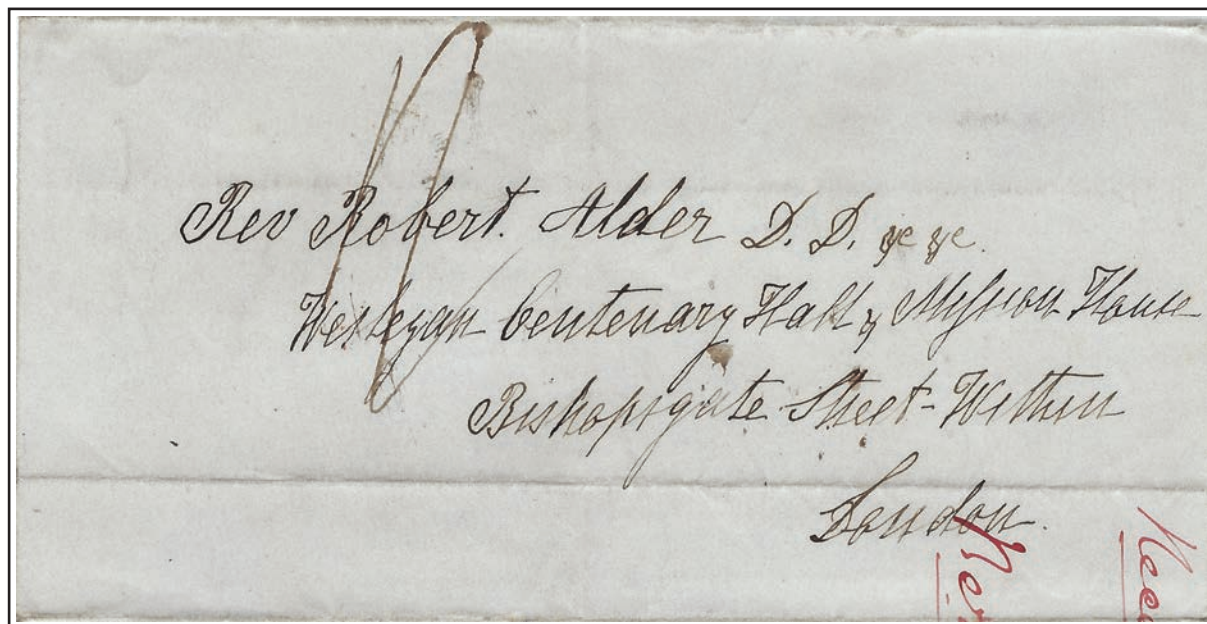
# Date handstamp

# Hamilton PM4 red

# Cunard steam and Cunard sail 1848 (Apr 1) - 1886

23 November 1850

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	41 / 181



Cunard Falcon left Bermuda on 23 November arriving in Halifax on 28 November. The packet Cambria departed Halifax 29 November arriving Liverpool on 10nDecember.

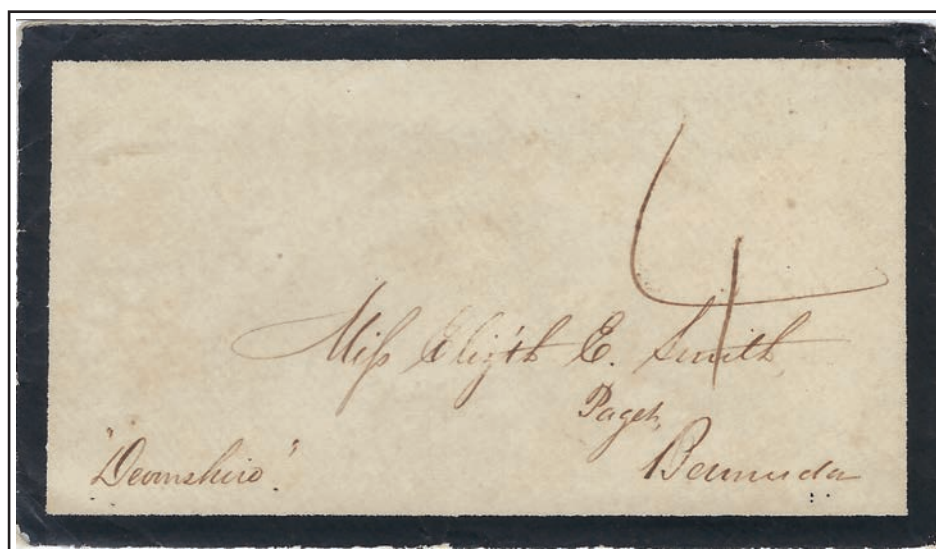
Outer wrapper from Bermuda to London with Hamilton PM4 on reverse. Rated 1/- for single rate to London at 1s rate

1 September 1859

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	144 / 181



HMS Brig Devonshire left Bermuda on 26 June arriving in New York on 29 June



Incoming mourning envelope with Hamilton PM4 arrival datestamp on reverse with manuscript "Devonshire" to Paget, Bermuda, rated "4," for the ship letter rate of 1/2 oz. ex-Ludington



## Date handstamp

## Hamilton PM4 red

## Cunard steam and

## Cunard sail

1848 (Apr 1) - 1886

13 July 1861

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	156 / 182



Packet Arabia left  
Queenstown on 14 July  
arriving Halifax on the 23rd  
July. Cunard's Delta left  
Halifax on 25th July arriving  
in Bermuda on 30th July

Letter from London to Bermuda bearing Great Britain 1855-57 6d, endorsed in ms "Via Queenstown/Pr R.M.S. Steamer/for Halifax". Ex Tucker

20 June 1862

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	168 / 182



9d rate used for closed mail on private ships from Bermuda to New York and then by packet from New York to UK. This was in effect from 1861 to 1862.

Ex Osborn

Date handstamp

Hamilton PM4 red

Cunard steam and

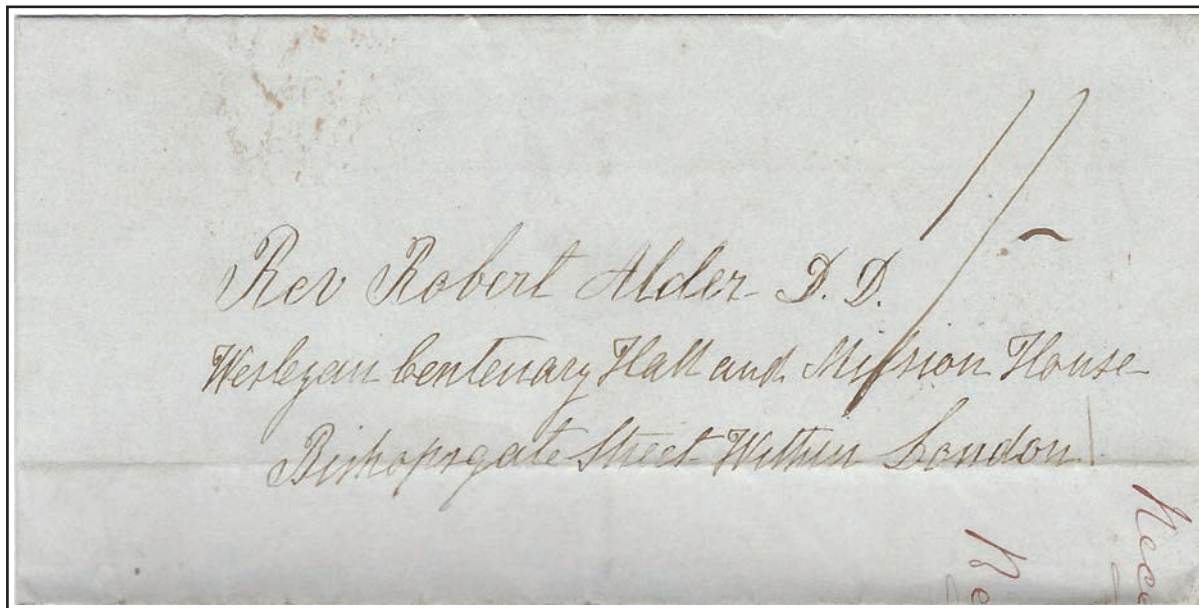
Cunard sail

Rate: 1s

8 February 1851

1848 (Apr 1) - 1886

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	49 / 182



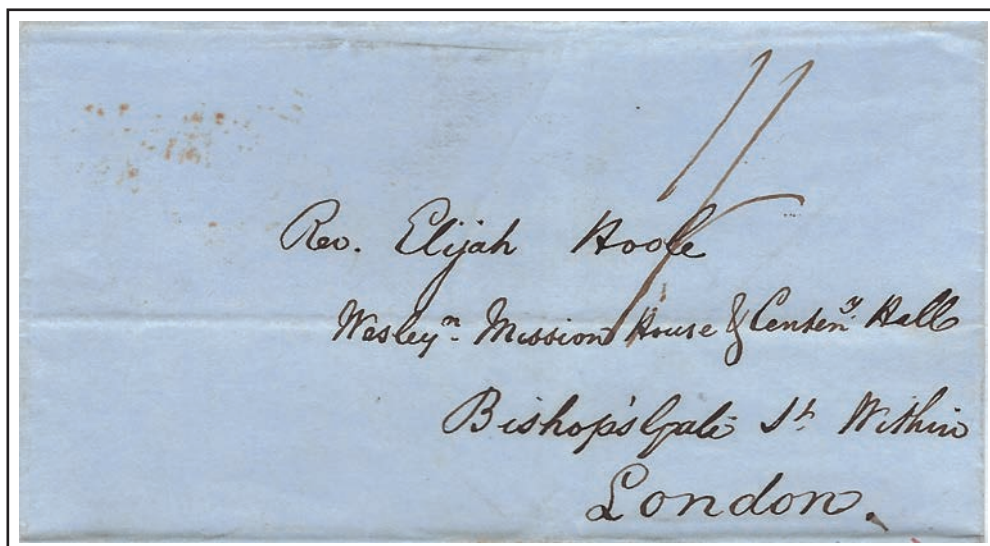
Cunard mail boat *Ospray* left Bermuda on 9th February arriving in Halifax on 13th. Packet *Canada* departed Halifax on 14th February arriving in Liverpool on 23rd.

2 June 1851

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	56 / 182



Cunard mail boat *Ospray* left Bermuda on 2nd June arriving in Halifax on 6th June. Steamship *Canada* departed Halifax on 12th June arriving in Liverpool on 21st.



Entire from Hamilton to London with a good strike of the Hamilton PM4 in red on the reverse



Date handstamp

Hamilton PM4 red

Local

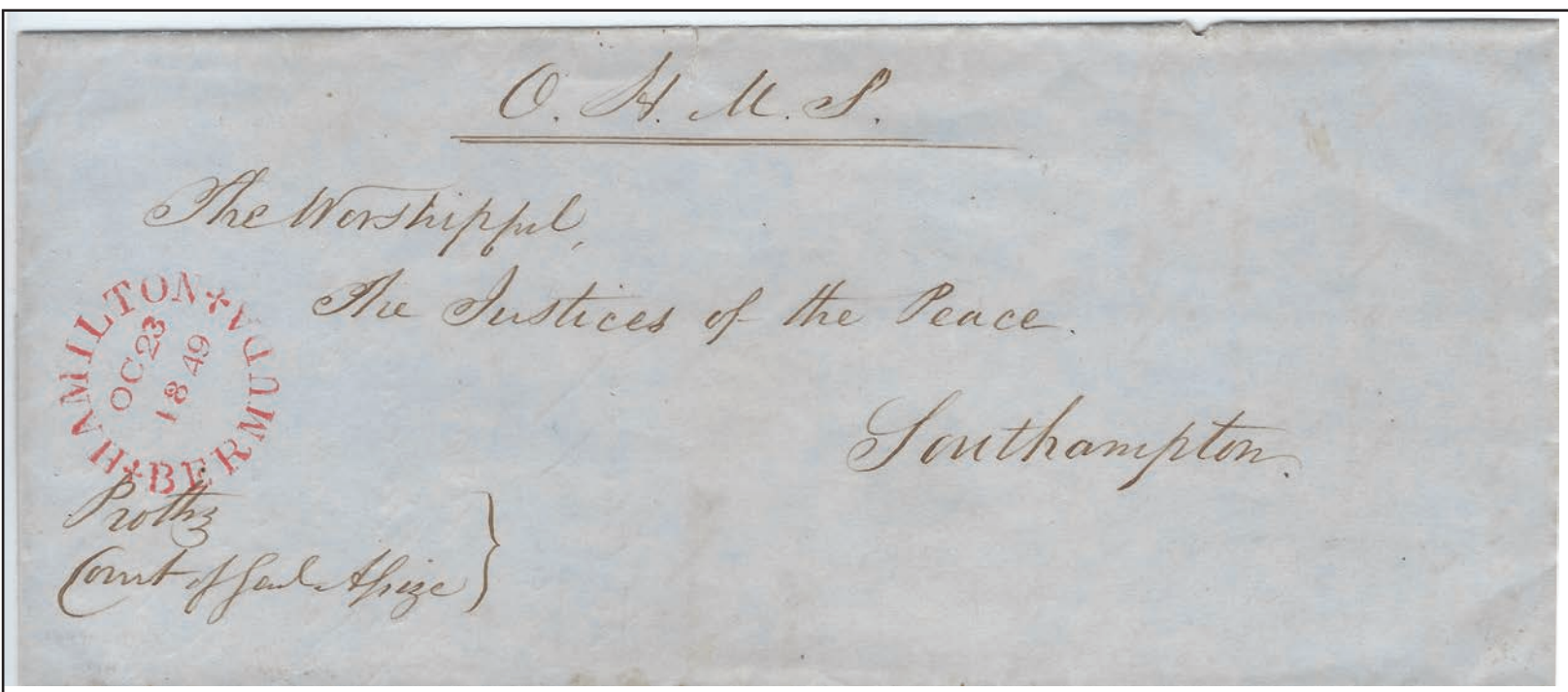
14 February 1851



Valentines envelope

23 October 1849

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	6 / 182



O.H.M.S. entire from the Court of General Assize at Hamilton to the Justices of Peace at Southampton, showing a superb strike of the “HAMILTON/BERMUDA” datestamp in red being the sixth earliest recorded usage of this mark

Ex Stitt, Pitts

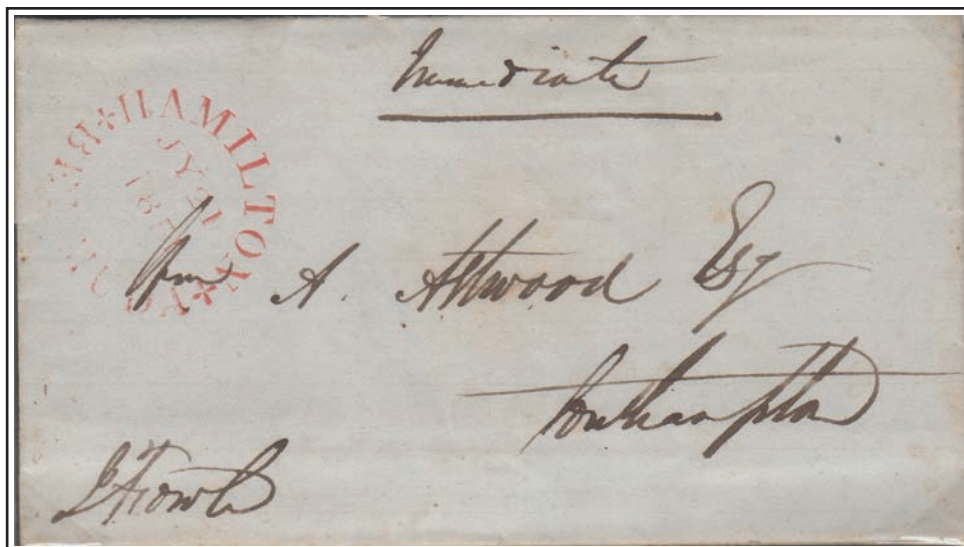
Date handstamp

Hamilton PM4 red

Local

21 July 1851

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	60 / 182



Entire letter from Hamilton to Southampton, letter from the Governor's Secretary re: "the deplorable increase of drunkenness....In this colony," marked "Immediate,"  
Ex-Ulrich

16 January 1857

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	121 / 182



The enclosed letter from Ambrose Gosling declines to order any ice because  
"our Ice House is in need of repair"



Date handstamp

Hamilton PM4 black

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 (Apr 1) - 1886

22 December 1865

Route: US  
Via: Halifax

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	black	10 Dec 1841	07 May 1849	5 / 68



Letter dated "9 Dec" (1865) and hand carried about the Brig *Harnitha* "Consignee" showing on reverse a superb strike in black being one of only six recorded examples used as datestamps after 25 Sept 1865.

ex-Tucker, Leuhusen

Date handstamp

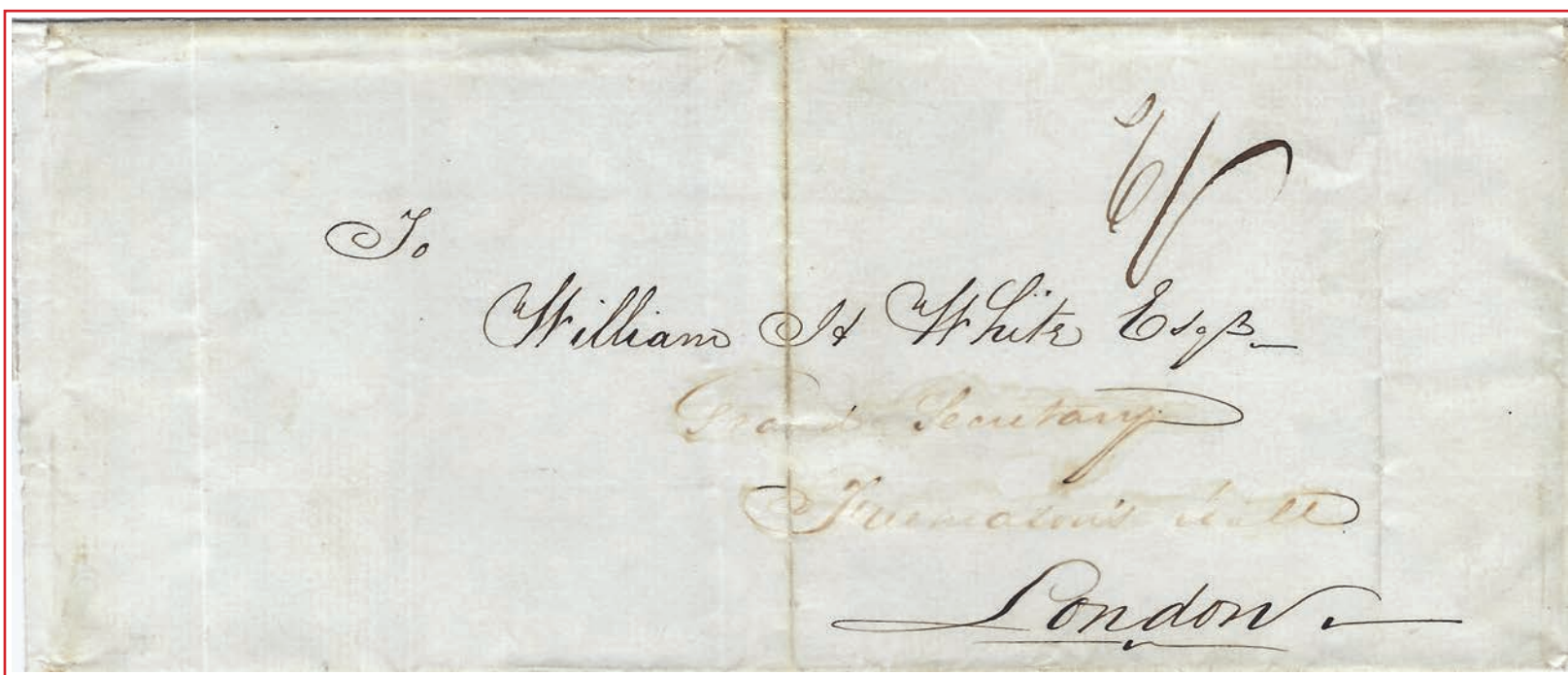
Ireland Island PM4  
black

Royal Mail Service  
1842 - 1845

19 July 1845

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	I	black	4 Feb 1842	20 Aug 1845	5 / 6

RMS *Dee* left Bermuda  
on 21st July direct to  
Southampton.



**Six examples recorded**

Ireland Isle outer sheet to London on the Royal Mail Service *Dee* very clear strike, Ludington PM4 on reverse. Manuscript 6/- in black for a triple rate, London arrival 5 August 1845 in red.

Ex Ulrich, Dickgiesser, Freeland (illustrated on page 53)



Date handstamp

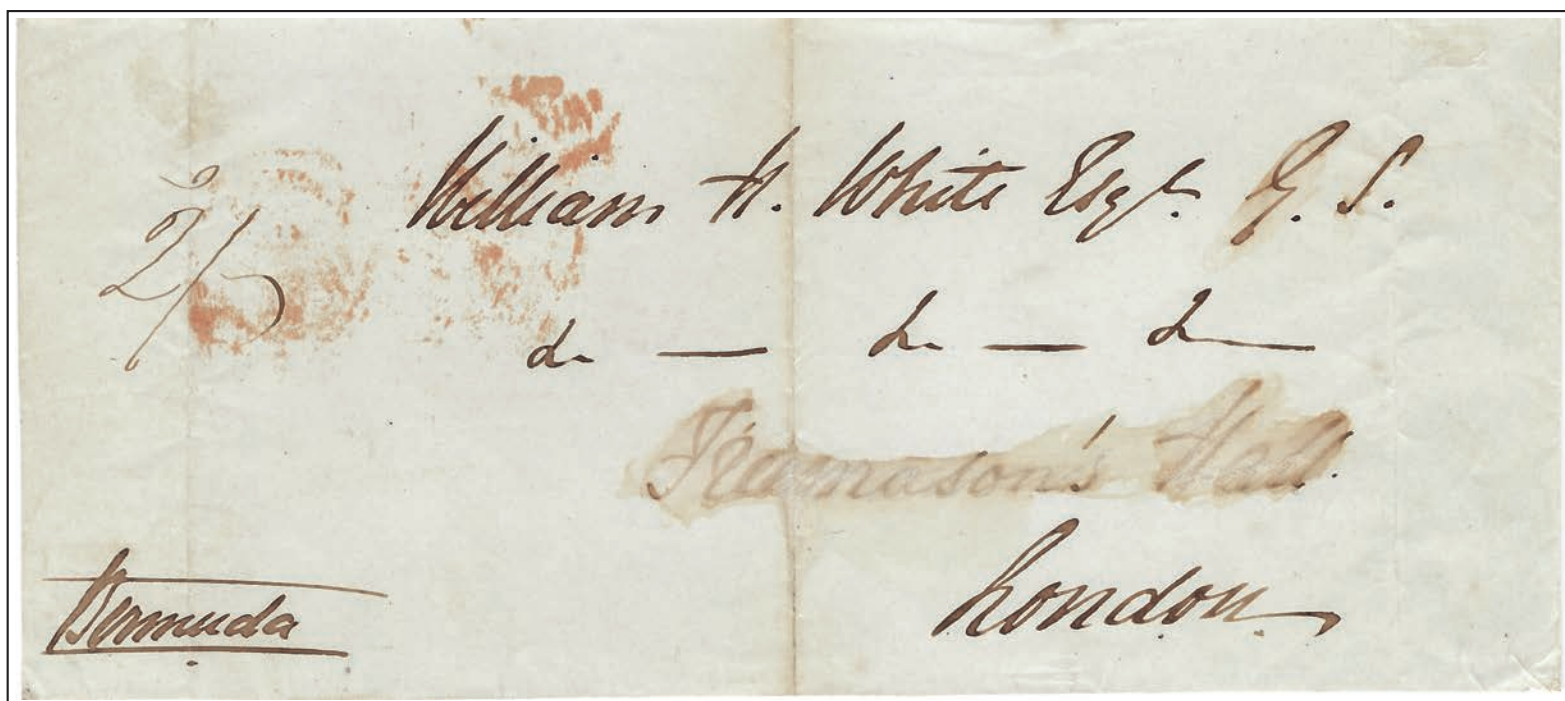
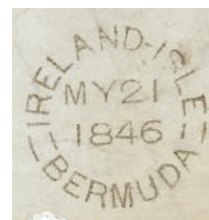
Ireland Island PM5  
black

21 May 1846

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1840 - 1848

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	II	black	19 Feb 1846	9 May 1864	2 / 53

RMS *Tweed* left  
Bermuda on 22 May  
to Southampton



Second earliest recorded example of the Ireland Island PM5 sent at 2s (double rate), sent on RMS *Dee* which departed Bermuda on the 2st and arrived in Southampton on the 5 Aug with arrival backstamp on the reverse

Ex Bridgemore-Brown, Ludington

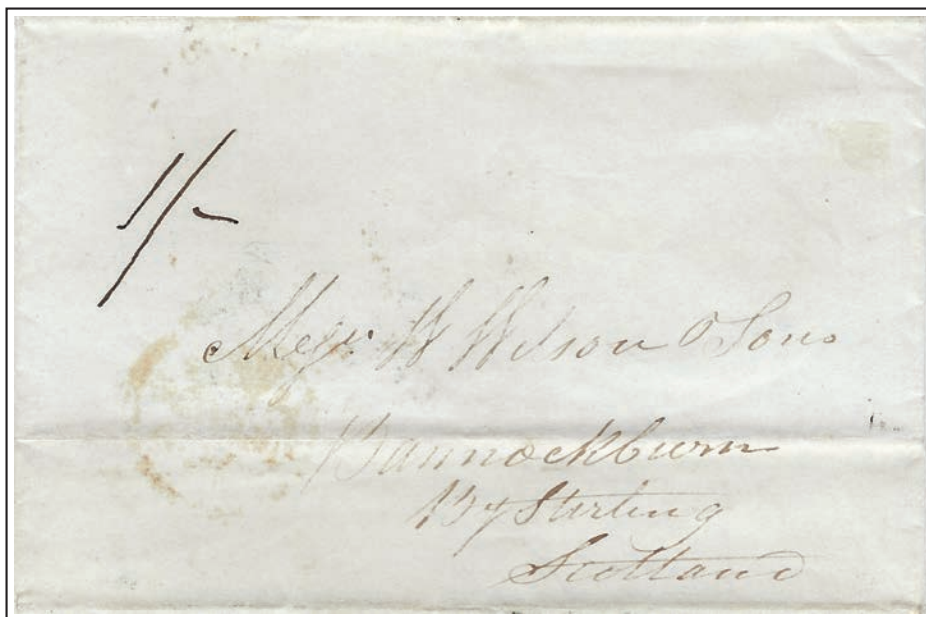
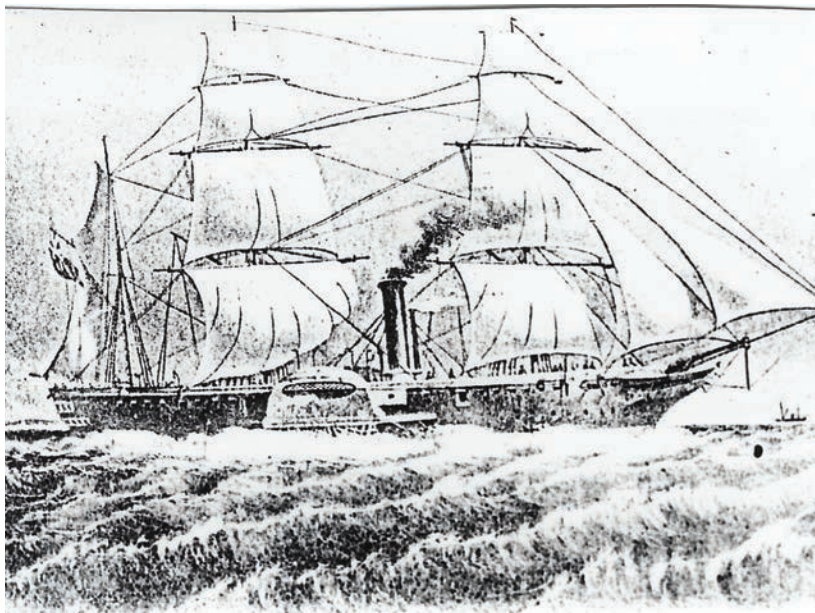
Date handstamp

Ireland Island PM5  
black

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886

8 October 1848

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	II	black	19 Feb 1846	9 May 1864	10 / 53



Single rated cover at 1s from Ireland Island to Scotland



Date handstamp

Ireland Island PM5  
black

LOCAL

25 November 1857

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	II	black	19 Feb 1846	9 May 1864	24 / 53



*Only four examples of the Ireland Island PM5 on local mail are recorded*

Ireland Island to Hamilton local envelopw with one of four local Ireland Island PM5 postmarks  
Ex Tucker, Osborn

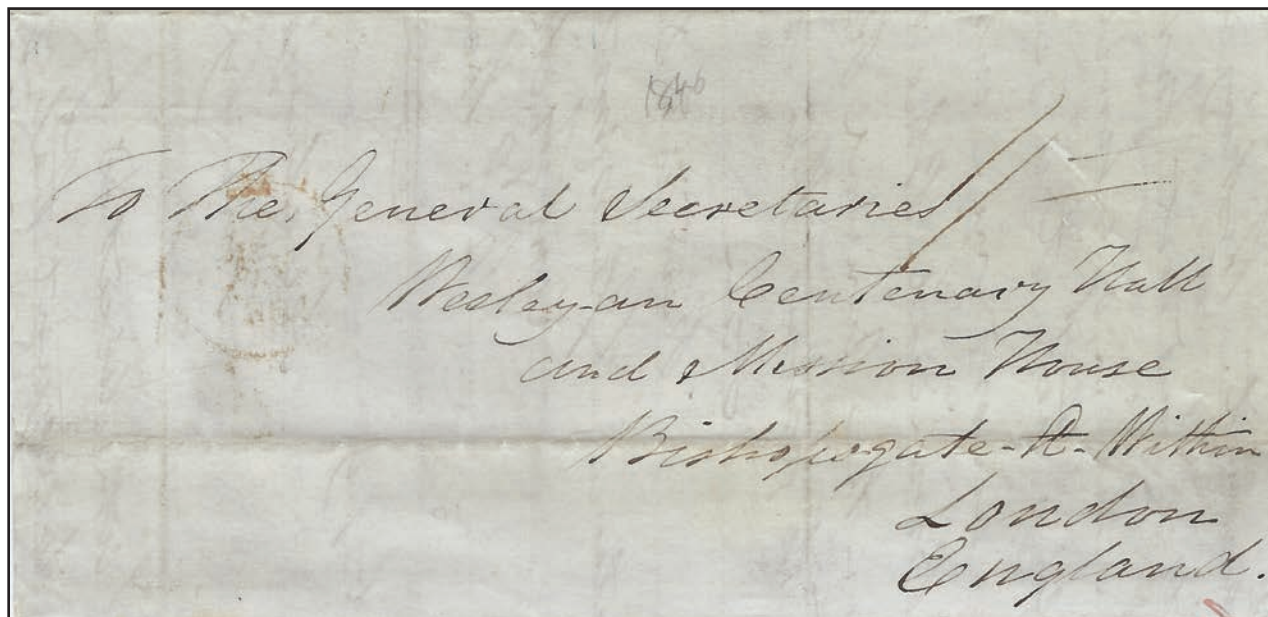
Date handstamp

St Georgea PM5 red

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1840 - 1848

19 January 1846

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	8 Apr 1856	5 / 82



RMS Trent left  
Bermuda on  
29 January for  
Southampton

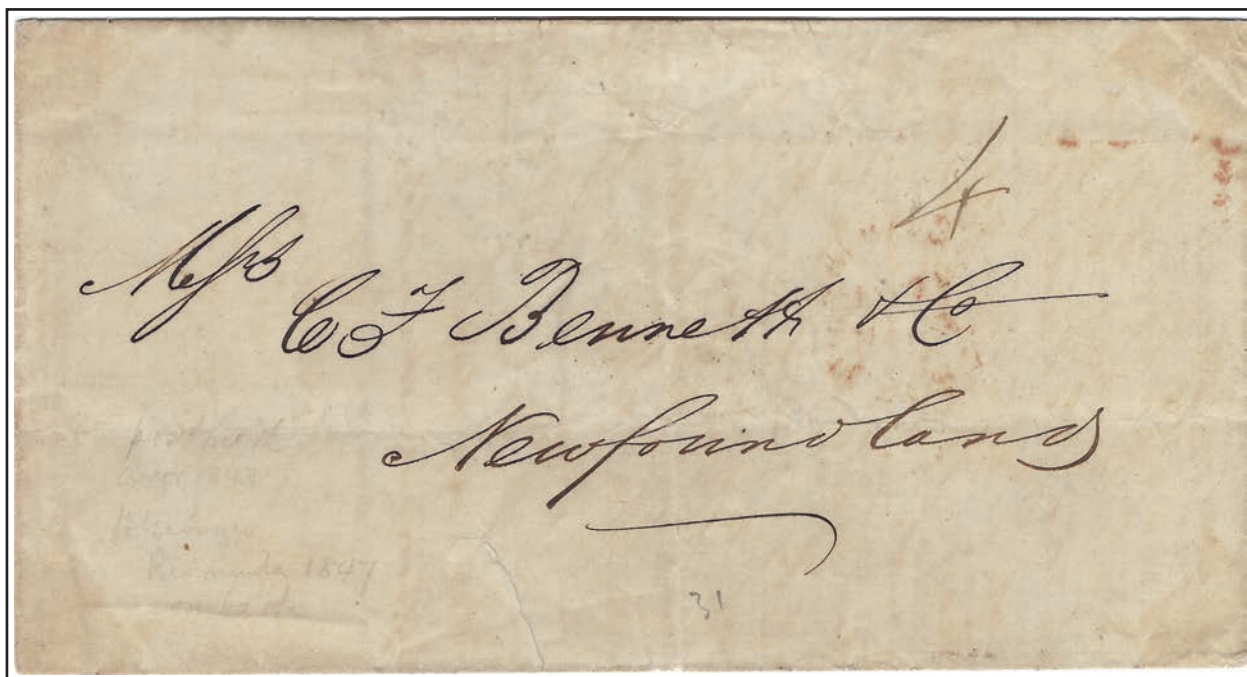
Entire sent to London at the single rate of 1s

3 August 1847

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	8 Apr 1856	13 / 82



Cunard Roseway  
left Bermuda on  
3 August arriving  
in Halifax on 10  
August



Entire letter to **Newfoundland** with St Georges PM5 on the reverse. Also Halifax arrival AU 10 1847, finally St Johns Newfoundland AU 23. The letter is rated 4d being the ship letter rate.

Ex Ulrich



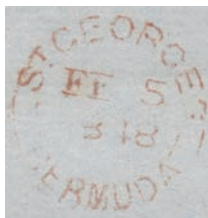
Date handstamp

St Georges PM5 red

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1840 - 1848

5 February 1848

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	8 Apr 1856	20 / 82



RMS *Tay* left Bermuda  
on 8 February to  
Southampton



Letter from **St Georges to Bannockburn, Scotland** dated 5th February 1848. Rated at 1s. The reverse shows a St. Georges circular datestamp for February 5th 1848. Received in London 24th February (double rim c.d.s.) and delivered to Sterling 26th February (blue cds).

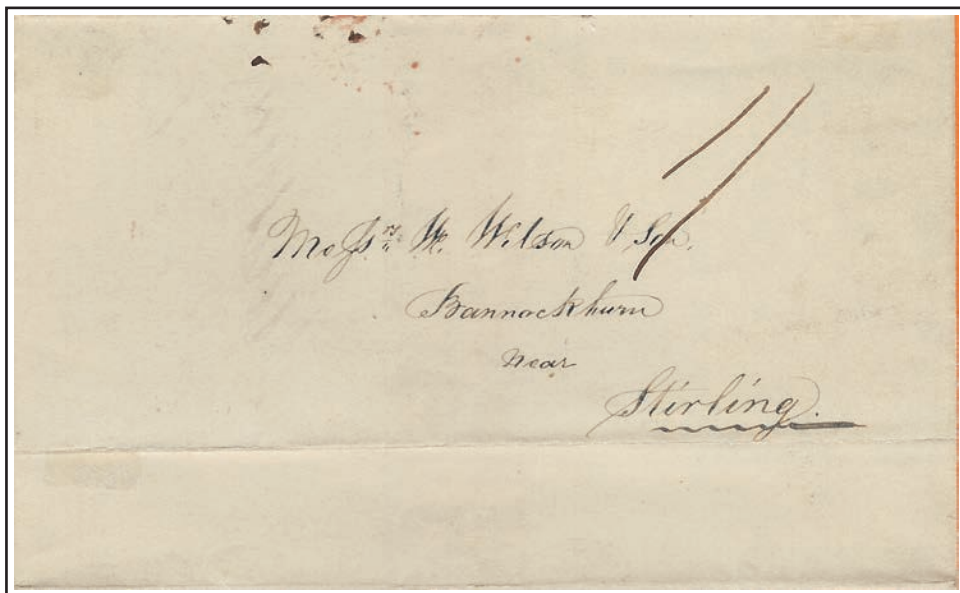
Date handstamp

St Georges PM5 red

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886

19 April 1848

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	8 Apr 1856	25 / 82



Cunard *Velocity* after a delay left Bermuda on 7 May arriving in Halifax on 12 May and then on the packet *America* to Liverpool arriving on 22 May

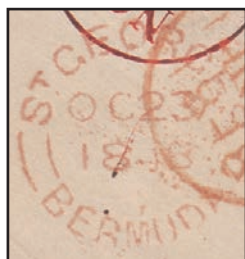


Entire letter **from Bermuda to Scotland** to the tartan manufacturers, Wilson & Co. in "Stirling signed by the Commanding Officer of the "1st Battalion, 42nd Highland Regiment" charged "1/-" single packet rate  
Ex Ingalls, Osborn

23 October 1848

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	8 Apr 1856	36 / 82

Cunard *Ospray* left Bermuda on 25 October arriving in Halifax on 30 and then on the packet *Niagra* 3 November to Liverpool arriving on 13 November



Another entire letter **from Bermuda to Scotland** to the tartan manufacturers, Wilson & Co. in "Stirling signed by the Commanding Officer of the "1st Battalion, 42nd Highland Regiment" charged "1/-" single packet rate



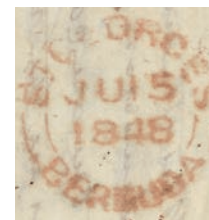
Date handstamp

St Georges PM5 red

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886

15 June 1848

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	8 Apr 1856	27 / 82



Great Western from Philadelphia to Bermuda on 9 June arriving in Bermuda on 15th. The the brig *Jane* to St Johns and the *Medway* on 3 July to Jamaica arriving on 6 July

Mailed to Jamaica from Bethlehem PA on 27 May, this letter carried from **Philadelphia to Jamaica via Bermuda**. The letter was prepaid 1s4d and 5 cents to pay the carriage from Bethlehem to Philadelphia. 8 transit covers are recorded with the St George PM5.

Illustrated in Freeland and Forand on page 60

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	8 Apr 1856	64 / 82

28 January 1851



Cunard *Ospray* left Bermuda on 8 February arriving in Halifax on 13, and then on the packet *Canada* leaving Halifax on 14 February to Liverpool arriving on 23.



This entire is a financial statement with a remittance sent by the Officer Commanding the 42nd., presently stationed in Bermuda. The postal rate of 1/- is indicated on the front of this cover with an italic "CR" handstamp of the Caledonian Railway alongside, indicating the routing from London

Date handstamp

St Georges PM5 black

Cunard steam and

Cunard sail

25 November 1856

1848 - 1886

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	black	17 May 1856	13 Nov 1866	5 / 21



Cunard mail boat *Delta's* first trip from Halifax. Arrived and departed Bermuda on the 25th November for St Thomas

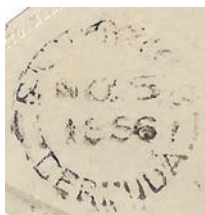
Halifax to Bermuda, unusual having the St Georges PM5 as an arrival datestamp

25 November 1856

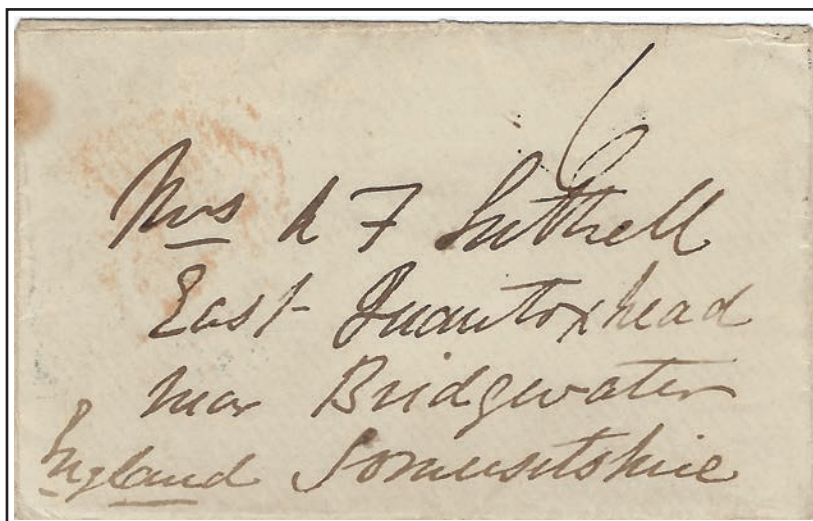
Route: UK

Via: St Thomas

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	black	17 May 1856	13 Nov 1866	6 / 21



Cunard mail boat *Delta's* first trip from Halifax. Arrived and departed Bermuda on the 25th November for St Thomas arriving on 1st December. Royal Pail Steam Packet left St Thomas for Liverpool arriving on 15 December



E PM5 St G complete with letter headed HMS *Basilisk* at Bermuda, per Delta to St T, RMSP to GB, rated "6," ex-Ludington 67, Freeland  
Delta's first trip



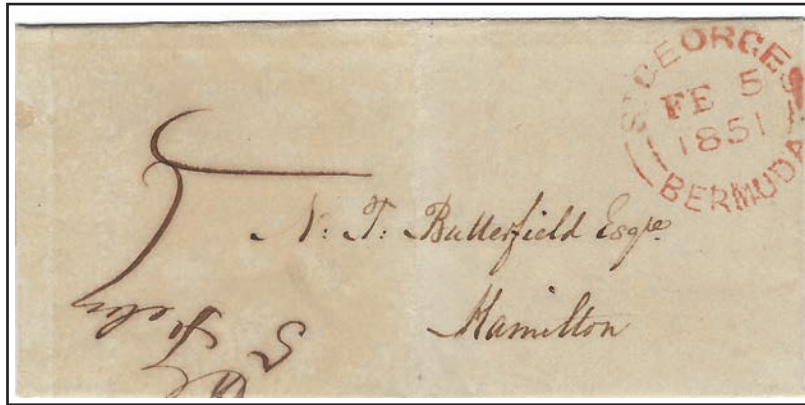
Date handstamp

St Georges PM5 red

LOCAL

5 February 1851

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	8 Apr 1856	65 / 84

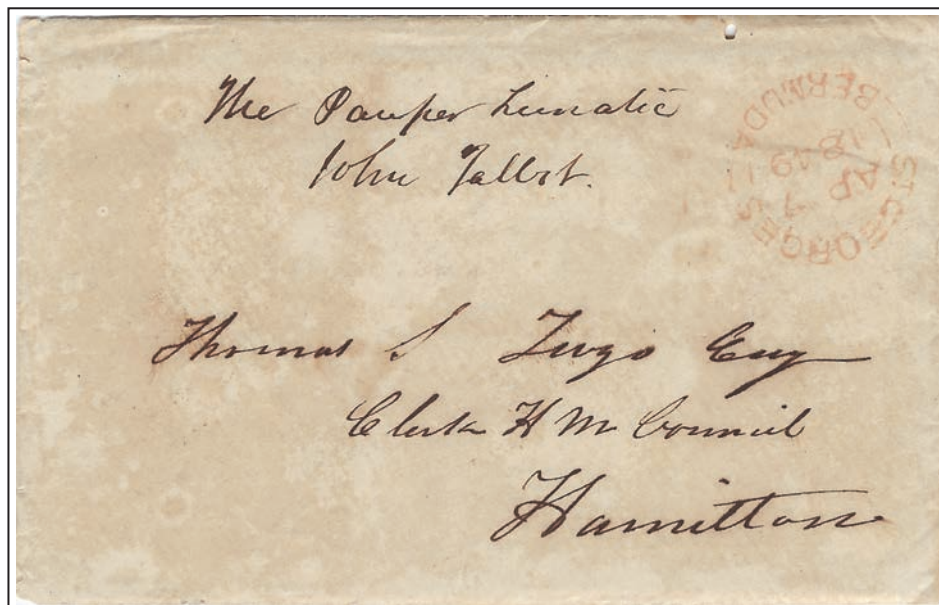


Small entire sent from St Georges to NT Butterfield (whom the bank was named after)  
Ex Ludington, Osborn

*20 local covers are recorded with the St George PM5 in red*

7 April 1849

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	8 Apr 1856	39 / 84



Letter from the two Churchwardens in St Georges denying responsibility for the maintenance of one pauper lunatic admitting responsibility for the maintenance of a second one but asking that his property be sold to support his maintenance.

Ex Tucker

# PAID HANDSTAMPS



P1



P2



P3i



P3ii

Bermuda paid handstamps started in 1839, the naming nomenclature is taken from Morris Ludington's work. The P1 mark is for St Georges. The P2, more commonly referred too as "crown circles" are undated and therefore usually had the datestamp applied to the back of the envelope but occasionally on the front of the envelope..

Personal census of these marks records quantities as follows:

				Out	In	Local	Transit	Total
P1		red	(4.1843 - 7.1846)	12	2	8	0	22
P2	H	red	(9.1847 - 11.1863)	45	0	0	0	45
P2	I	red	(4.1847 - 5.1864)	33	0	0	0	33
P2	StG	red	(10.1845 - 3.1851)	17	1	0	1	19
P3i	StG	red	(1.1847 - 3.1861)	15	3	46	0	64
P3ii	StG	red	(3.1861 - 11.1863)	24	0	6	0	30



P4



P5

				Out	In	Local	Transit	Total
P4	H	red	(6.1863 - 1.1865)	13	0	1	1	14
P5	H	red	(5.1864 - 9.1865)	7	0	4	0	11
P5	I	red	(5.1865)	1	0	0	0	1
P5	StG	red	(7.1864 - 8.1865)	1	0	3	1	5
P6	I	red	(5.1864)	1	0	0	0	1



## Paid handstamp

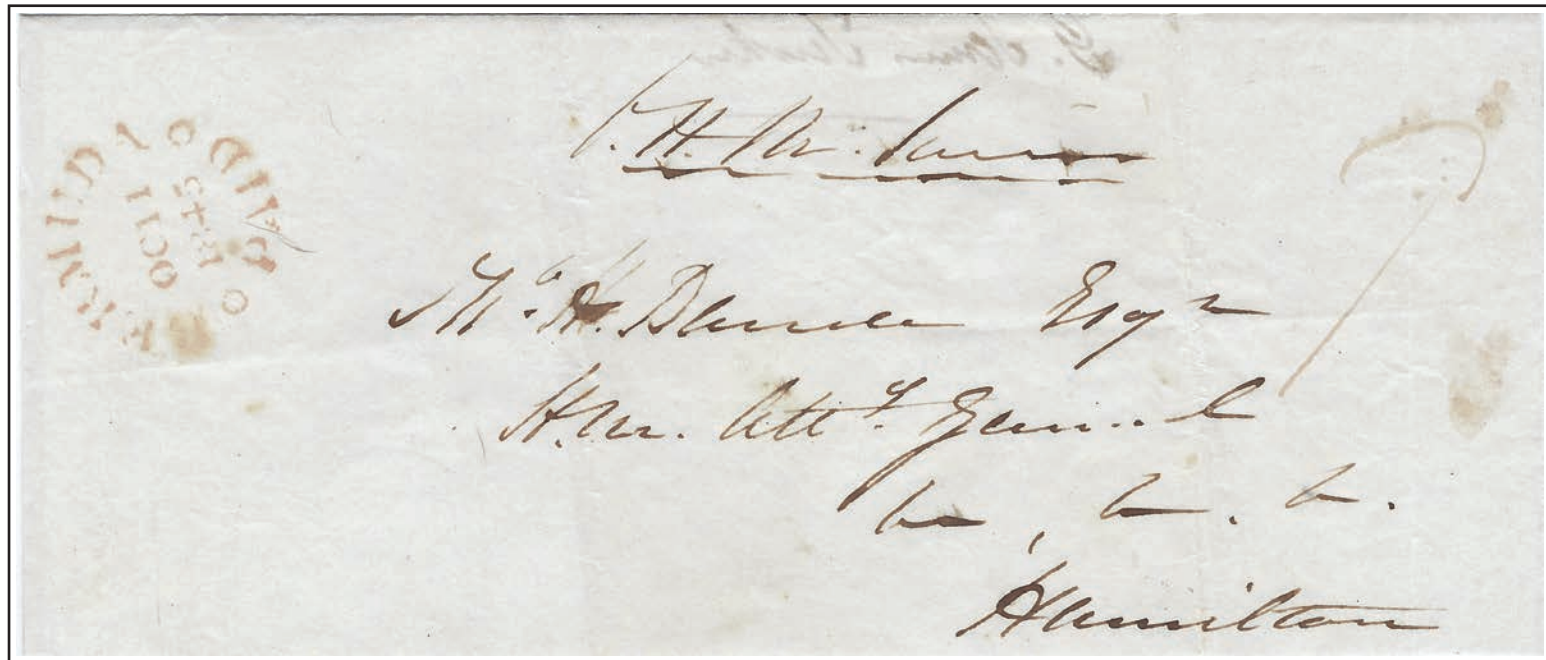
## St Georges P1 red

## LOCAL

P1 Bermuda's first paid stamp was used at St. Georges by postmaster James Taylor. 16 examples are recorded from Sep 1839 to July 1846. This letter from G. L. Tucker, prepaid one penny, was sent by mail carriage along North Shore road to Hamilton. The daily average of letters carried in this year was fifteen.

11 October 1845

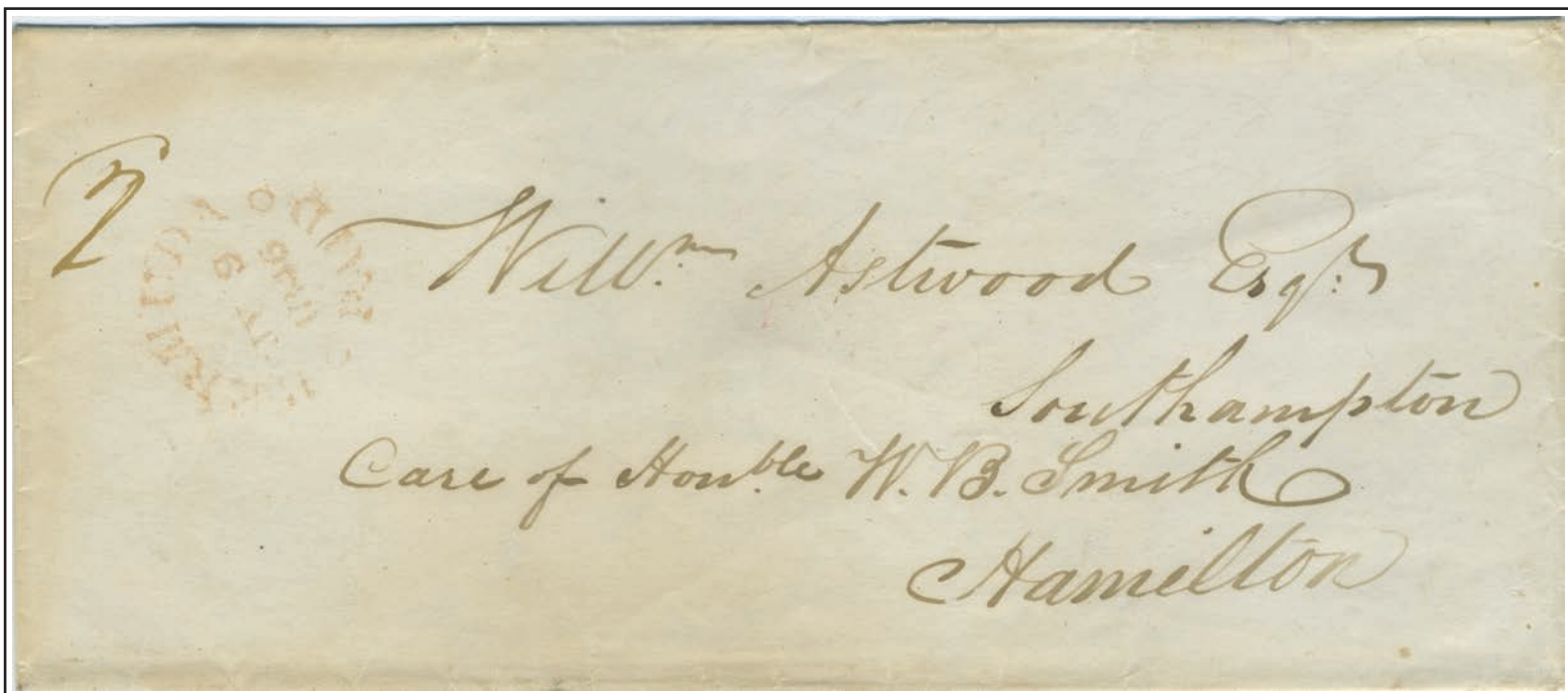
			EKD	LKD	#
P1	StG	red	13 Apr 1835	9 Jul 1846	16 / 20



Local entire from "G. James Tucker" addressed to the Attorney General in "Hamilton" and endorsed "O.H.M. Service" but prepaid the internal 1d postage with a red manuscript "1d" at right. Ex Ulrich, Osborn

9 July 1846

			EKD	LKD	#
P1	StG	red	13 Apr 1835	9 Jul 1846	20 / 20



Entire rated "2d" double local mail rate, this is the **last recorded date** for this mark and it is rate is see local mail send at above the single rate. Ex Ulrich, Spink Nov 2010

# Paid handstamp

# Hamilton P2 brick red Crown Circle

# Cunard steam and Cunard sail 1848 - 1886

5 June 1848

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	H	red	14 Sep 1847	17 Nov 1863	02 / 45
PM4	H	black	10 Dec 1841	07 May 1849	66 / 71



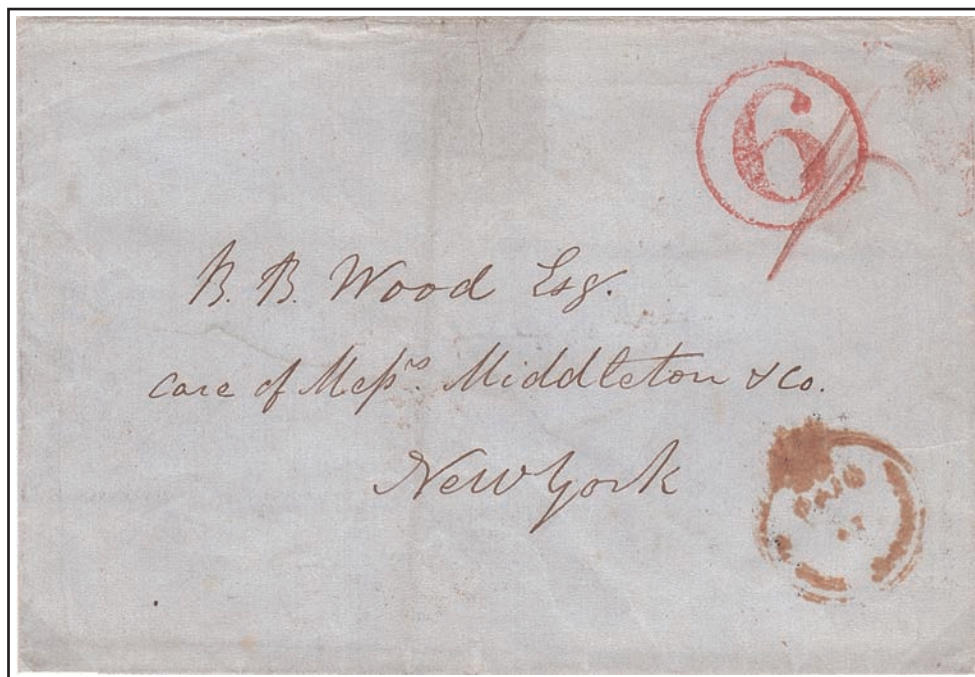
1s rate single rate to England. This is the second earliest example of the Hamilton crown circle and only three examples are recorded in this brick-red colour before it was changed to a carmine-red in late May 1849.

Ex Osborn, not listed in Forand Freeland

5 May 1849

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	H	red	14 Sep 1847	17 Nov 1863	03 / 45
PM4	H	blk	10 Dec 1841	07 May 1849	67 / 71

RMS Thames left  
Bermuda on 8 May



Very few crown circle cancels are used on mail to the US. This envelope is rated 1s and then the circle with a 6 being 6 cents due. This handstamp is shown in Ludington (1978) page 85, and in Ludington & Osborn (1971), page 17



**Paid handstamp**

**Rate: 4d**

**Hamilton P2 carmine red**

**Crown Circle**

**9 February 1851**

**Cunard steam and**

**Cunard sail**

**1848 - 1886**

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	H	red	Sep 1847	17 Nov 1863	16 / 45
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	50 / 182



Cunard mail boat *Ospray* left Bermuda on 9 February arriving in Halifax on 13 February.

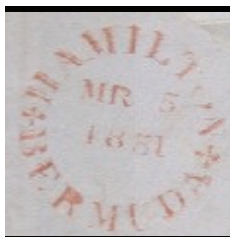


Envelope sent **from Hamilton to St John's Newfoundland** at the ship mail rate of 4d.  
Ex Caspary, Freeland

**5 March 1851**

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	H	red	Sep 1847	17 Nov 1863	17 / 45
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	53 / 182

Cunard mail boat *Ospray* left Bermuda on 5 March arriving in Halifax on 10 March.  
Second trip for 1851



Envelope **from Hamilton to Halifax, Nova Scotia** with the Hamilton crown circle in red and the manuscript rate of 4d. The reverse bears the Hamilton PM4 datestamp in red for 5th March 1851. Also the oval Halifax receiving mark in black for 10th March

**Paid handstamp**

**Hamilton P2 carmine red  
Crown Circle  
7 April 1862**

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886**

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	H	red	Sep 1847	17 Nov 1863	37 / 45
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	163 / 182



**Mail to Grenada**

Cunard's *Delta* left Bermuda on 7 April arriving in St Thomas The RMS *Thames* carried the mail onwards to Grenada

4d ship rate cover sent to Grenada, the only recorded stampless cover sent to Grenada.

**17 November 1863**

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	H	red	14 Sep 1847	17 Nov 1863	45 / 45
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	177 / 182



Cover to HM British Legation in Washington. Red ms "4(d)" ship rate and black send via Nova Scotia with oval transit 25 Nov.



# Paid handstamp

27 March 1850

# Ireland Island P2 red Crown Circle

# Cunard steam and Cunard sail 1848 - 1886

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	II	red	Jul 1848	May 1864	3 / 33
PM5	II	blk	17 May 1856	24 Nov 1866	12 / 53



Cunard *Ospray* left Bermuda on 28 March arriving in Halifax on 2 April and then on the packet *Niagra* departed on 5 April to Liverpool arriving on 16.

Envelope from Ireland Island to Castle Eden, Near Durham, England with the Ireland Island paid crown circle and the PM5 datestamp, manuscript 'By Halifax'. Rate 1s, upon arrival it received the red paid datestamp 16 April 1850 and on the reverse a datestamp of Perry Hill in blue for 17th April.

27 November 1858

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	II	red	Jul 1848	May 1864	9 / 33
PM5	II	blk	17 May 1856	24 Nov 1866	25 / 53

per *Delta* (4 Dec) to Halifax (9 Dec) and packet *Europa* (16 Dec) to Liverpool with Liverpool arrival 26 December 1858

The printed contents headed "Medway", a hulk used as barracks, gives instructions as to what is and what is not permissible with regard to the writing of letters by convicts; the written portion refers to monies due from a loan given by the convict to a Mr Kirby and which is still outstanding. The entire with overall staining on face panel, wear at folds and other small faults, though a unique item from the Convict Station on Ireland Isle.



Letter sent from a F. W. Stewart, a convict, marked "Postpaid", rated "6d" and showing a strike at lower left corner of the Ireland Island crown circle, alongside the arrival Paid Liverpool Br. packet c.d.s. for 26 December. Ex Ludington, Freeland

# Paid handstamp

# Ireland Island P2 red Crown Circle

# Cunard steam and Cunard sail 1848 - 1886

13 July 1859

Rate: 4d

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	II	red	Jul 1848	May 1864	11 / 33
PM5	II	blk	17 May 1856	24 Nov 1866	27 / 53
4d h/s		red	Sep 1859	Dec 1862	1 / 3



Cunard's *Delta* left  
Bermuda on 13 July  
arriving in New York  
on 29 July



Morning entire re death of the sender's mother and appointment as assistant Chaplain to Convict depart-  
ment. Sent on the Delta to Halifax and then by rail to Montreal. *One of 3 examples recorded examples of  
the 4d mark.* Ex Tucker

18 April 1861

			EKD	LKD	#
PM5	II	black	19 Feb 1846	09 May 1864	42 / 53
R1	4D		13 July 1859	23 Jan 1864	01 / 03
R2	6D		02 Dec 1858	12 May 1865	17 / 23



The *only recorded cover with the two Grote marks* and without an accompanying crown circle. The 6d  
handstamp was originally stamped as if this cover was being sent to Canada or England, the 6d was  
erased and replaced with the 4d handstamp denoting the correct ship letter rate to the USA.

Ex Osborn, Pitts



# **Paid handstamp**

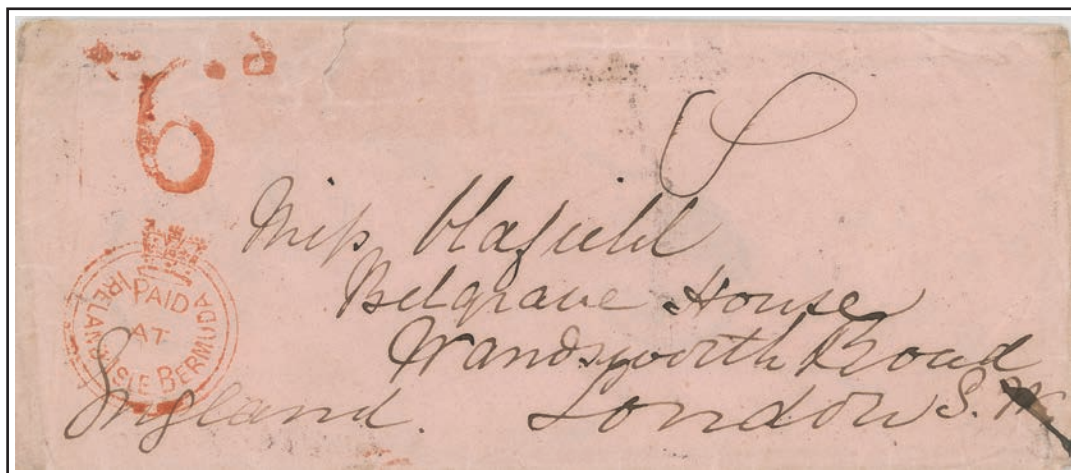
# **Ireland Island P2 red Crown Circle**

# **Cunard steam and Cunard sail 1848 - 1886**

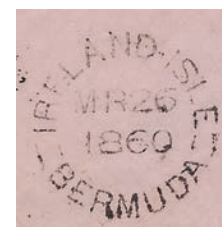
26 March 1860

**Rate: 6d**

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	II	red	23 Apr 1847	09 May 1864	17 / 33
PM5	II	blk	17 May 1856	24 Nov 1866	33 / 53
R2 6D			02 Dec 1858	12 May 1865	8 / 23



Cunard *Delta* left Bermuda on 27 March arriving in Halifax on 31 March and then on the packet *Canada* departing on 6 April to Liverpool arriving on 15.



Entire to London at the 6d rate with the Grote handstamp, the letter references life in the islands and visits to the theatre

Ex-Cartier, Leuhausen

**Rate: 1s**

9 May 1864

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	II	red	23 Apr 1847	09 May 1864	33 / 33
PM5	II	blk	17 May 1856	09 May 1864	53 / 53
R3 1S			09 May 1864	09 May 1864	1 / 1



Mourning entire with the *only recorded Grote 1s handstamp*, also with the *lat recorded dates for the Ireland Island crown circle and the PM5 datestamp* (on reverse) sent at the 1s single rate to England.

Ex Dickgiesser, Freeland

**Paid handstamp**

**St Georges P2 red  
Crown Circle  
to Cuba**

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1840 - 1848**

**19 August 1846**

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	StG	red	21 Oct 1845	30 Mar 1851	5 / 19
PM4	H	blk	18 Feb 1845	08 Apr 1856	41 / 71

Royal Mail Steamer *Severn*  
left Bermuda on 21 August  
arriving in Nassau before  
being sent onward to Cuba



Entire from St. George's to Havana at the packet rate of 1/- (endorsed in Perot's hand) on the front with blue Havana arrival c.d.s. and matching blue h.s. "1" arrival charge-mark on front. Reverse has a Hamilton PM4 datestamp.

The only example recorded to Cuba and this cover is illustrated in Forand & Freeland on page 77.  
Ex Ludington



**Paid handstamp**

**St Georges P2 red  
Crown Circle**

**20 October 1847**

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1840 - 1848**

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	StG	red	21 Oct 1845	30 Mar 1851	6 / 19
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	08 Apr 1856	15 / 81

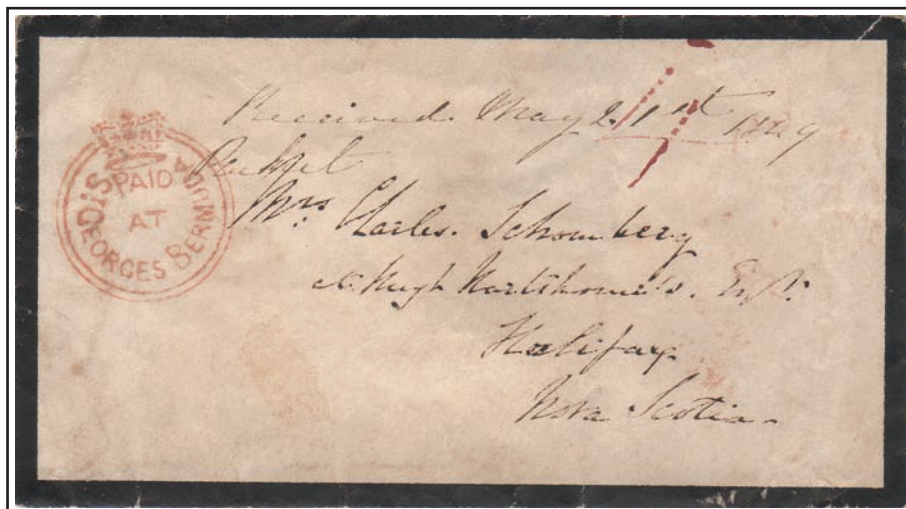
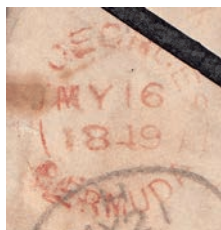


Entire letter from St Georges to England at the 1s single rate with the St George PM5 on the reverse

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886**

**16 May 1849**

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	StG	red	21 Oct 1845	30 Mar 1851	9 / 19
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	08 Apr 1856	40 / 81



St Georges to Nova Scotia, 4d ship letter rate.

**Paid handstamp**

**St Georges P2 red  
Crown Circle**

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886**

**9 February 1851**

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	StG	red	21 Oct 1845	30 Mar 1851	16 / 19
PM5	StG	red	18 Feb 1845	08 Apr 1856	66 / 81

Cunard mail boat *Ospray*  
left Bermuda on 9 February  
arriving in Halifax on 13  
February. First trip for 1851



Envelope from St Georges to the Bishop of Halifax sent at the 4d ship letter rate, the entire is back-stamped with the St Georges PM5



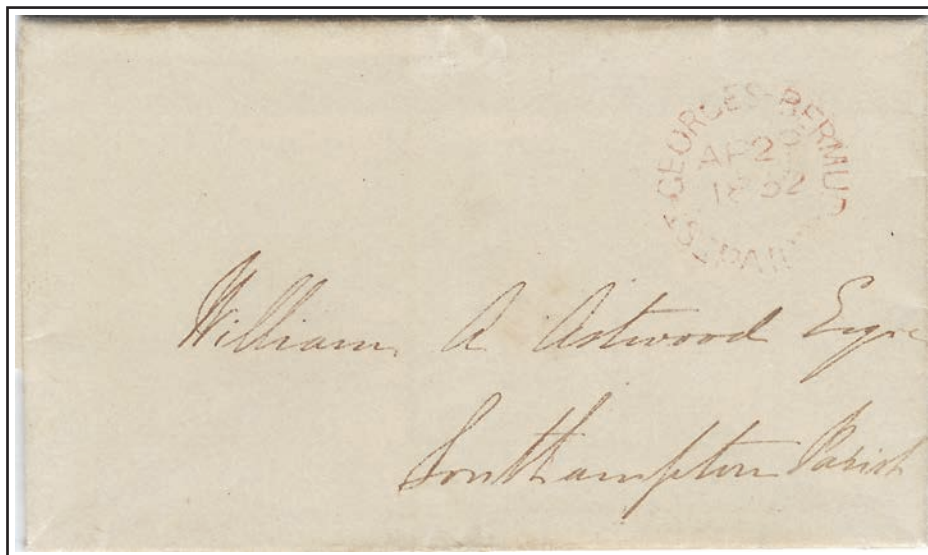
Paid handstamp

St Georges P3i red

LOCAL

27 April 1852

			EKD	LKD	#
P3i	StG	red	15 Jan 1847	26 Mar 1861	7 / 64



St Georges to Southampton Parish with first type of the St Georges paid P3i.  
Ex Leuhusen

9 June 1854

			EKD	LKD	#
P3i	StG	red	15 Jan 1847	26 Mar 1861	30 / 64



St Georges to Hamilton re: a letter to be forwarded to Turks Is..  
Ex- Ludington, Osborn

**Paid handstamp**

**St Georges P3i red**

**LOCAL**

			EKD	LKD	#
P3i	StG	red	15 Jan 1847	26 Mar 1861	49 / 64

**2 December 1857**

Cunard's *Delta* left Bermuda on 6th December arriving in Halifax on 10th. The packet *America* left Halifax on 18th December arriving Liverpool on 28th



OHMS envelope from Colonel Hemphill of the 26th Cameronians to the Court of General Assize re: copies of the judgments against two Privates, Brightmate and Parkins, of his regiment, ex-Tucker, Ingalls



**Paid handstamp**

**St Georges P3i red**

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886**

**7 November 1857**

			EKD	LKD	#
P3i	StG	red	15 Jan 1847	26 Mar 1861	48 / 64

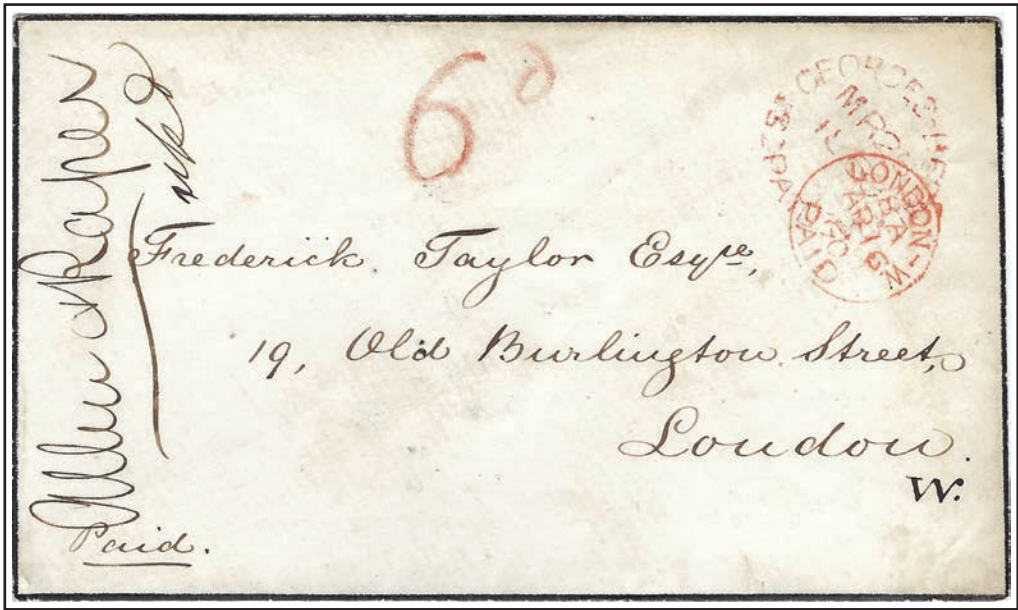


Cunard's *Delta* left Bermuda on 7 November arriving in Halifax on 12. The packet *Canada* left Halifax on 20 November arriving Liverpool on 29

Ex Ulrich, Freeland

**24 March 1860**

			EKD	LKD	#
P3i	StG	red	15 Jan 1847	26 Mar 1861	58 / 64



Cunard's *Delta* left Bermuda on 27 March arriving in Halifax on 31 March. The packet *Canada* left Halifax on 6 April arriving Liverpool on 15

ex-Cartier, Freeland

**Paid handstamp**

**St Georges P3i red**

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886**

**19 May 1860**

			EKD	LKD	#
P3i	StG	red	15 Jan 1847	26 Mar 1861	60 / 64



Cunard's *Merlin* left Bermuda on 19 May arriving in Halifax on 23 May. The *Europa* left Halifax on 1 June arriving Liverpool on 10th

**Mail to Ireland**

**St Georges P3ii red**

**29 November 1862**

			EKD	LKD	#
P3ii	StG	red	26 Mar 1861	02 Nov 1863	25 / 30



Cunard's *Delta* left Bermuda on 29 November arriving in Halifax on 4 December. The *Africa* left Halifax on 11 December arriving Liverpool on 20th

**Morning envelope send to England at the 6d single rate**



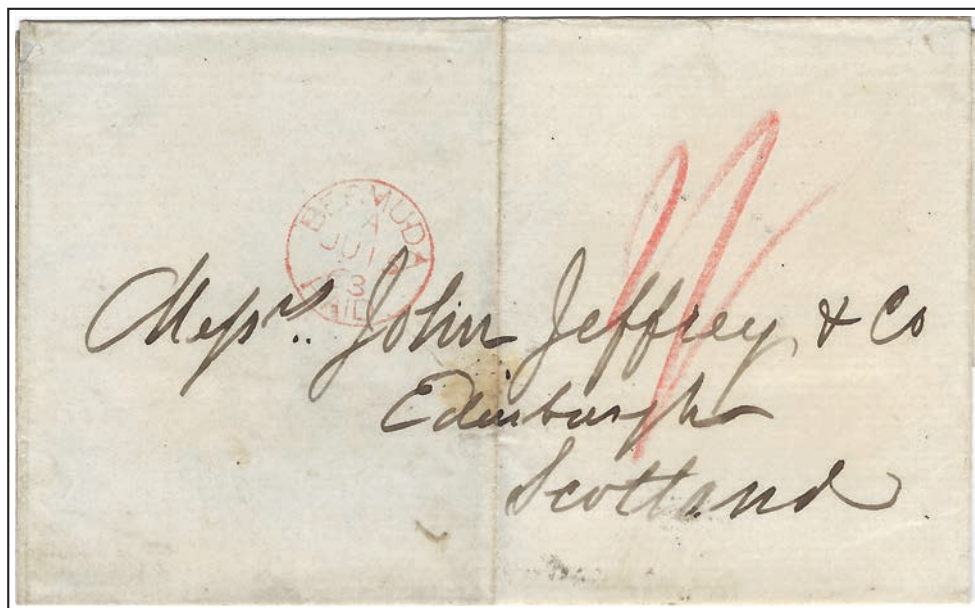
**Paid handstamp**

**St Georges P4 red**

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886**

**15 June 1863**

			EKD	LKD	#
P4	StG	red	03 Jun 1863	21 Jan 1865	2 / 15



Cunard Steamship *Merlin*  
left Bermuda on 15 June  
arriving in Halifax on 19  
June, Packet *Africa* left  
Halifax on 26 June and  
arrived Liverpool on 5 July  
on 29 June

Prepaid letter to Edinburgh showing the short-lived Paid "A" postmark allocated to St Georges rated 1/- sent on the last trip of the *Merlin*.

Ex Leuhausen

**8 July 1864**

			EKD	LKD	#
P4	StG	red	03 Jun 1863	21 Jan 1865	11 / 15



Cunard *Alpha* left  
Bermuda on 8 July  
arriving in Halifax on  
17 July, Packet *Asia*  
left Halifax on 22 July  
arriving in Liverpool on  
1 August

Envelope rated "2/-" changed to "1/-," prepaid 1/- from the Oldfield correspondence. Backstamped Rhyl (31 Jul) and Abergele (1 August).

Ex Ludington

**Paid handstamp**

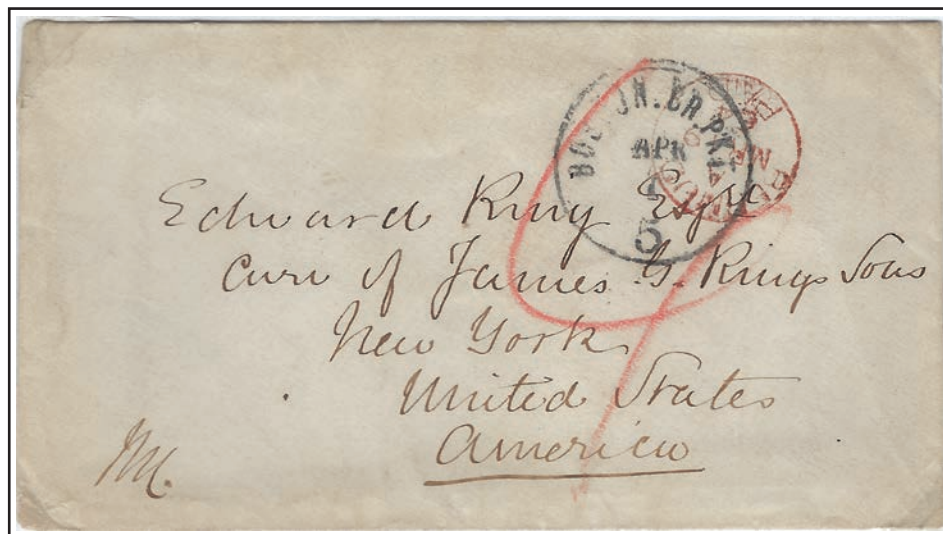
**Hamilton P4 red**

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886**

**9 March 1864**

			EKD	LKD	#
P4	StG	red	03 Jun 1863	21 Jan 1865	5 / 15

*Alpha* left Bermuda on 19 March arriving in Halifax on 25 March  
before being sent to Boston and then onwards to New York



Envelope sent from Bermuda to New York. It went the long way around going to Halifax then Boston before finally onwards to New York.



**Paid handstamp**

**Hamilton P5 red**

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886**

**18 March 1865**

			EKD	LKD	#
P5	H	red	20 May 1864	28 Sep 1865	5 / 11

**Route: UK  
Via: Halifax**



Cunard mailboat *Alpha* departed Bermuda on 20th Mar, arriving Halifax on the 23rd. The packet *Africa* left Halifax on the 31st to Liverpool (10th Apr).

Envelope to Charles W Gray in London via Halifax bearing the Hamilton P5 paid hand stamp. Therate would have been 1/- and marked 11d for the amount due the british Post Office. Ex-Ludington, Free-land

**2 September 1865**

			EKD	LKD	#
P5	H	red	20 May 1864	28 Sep 1865	9 / 11



Cunard mailboat *Alpha* departed Bermuda on 2nd Sep, arriving Halifax on the 6th. The packet *Africa* left Halifax on the 15th to Liverpool (24th Sep).

Envelope from Hamilton to London, England rated 1s, 11d for the amount due to the British Post Office, with the Hamilton P5 Paid handstamp for 2 September 1865 and the London paid receiving stamp for 25 Sep 1865.

Ex Tucker

**Paid handstamp**

**Hamilton P5 red**

**LOCAL**

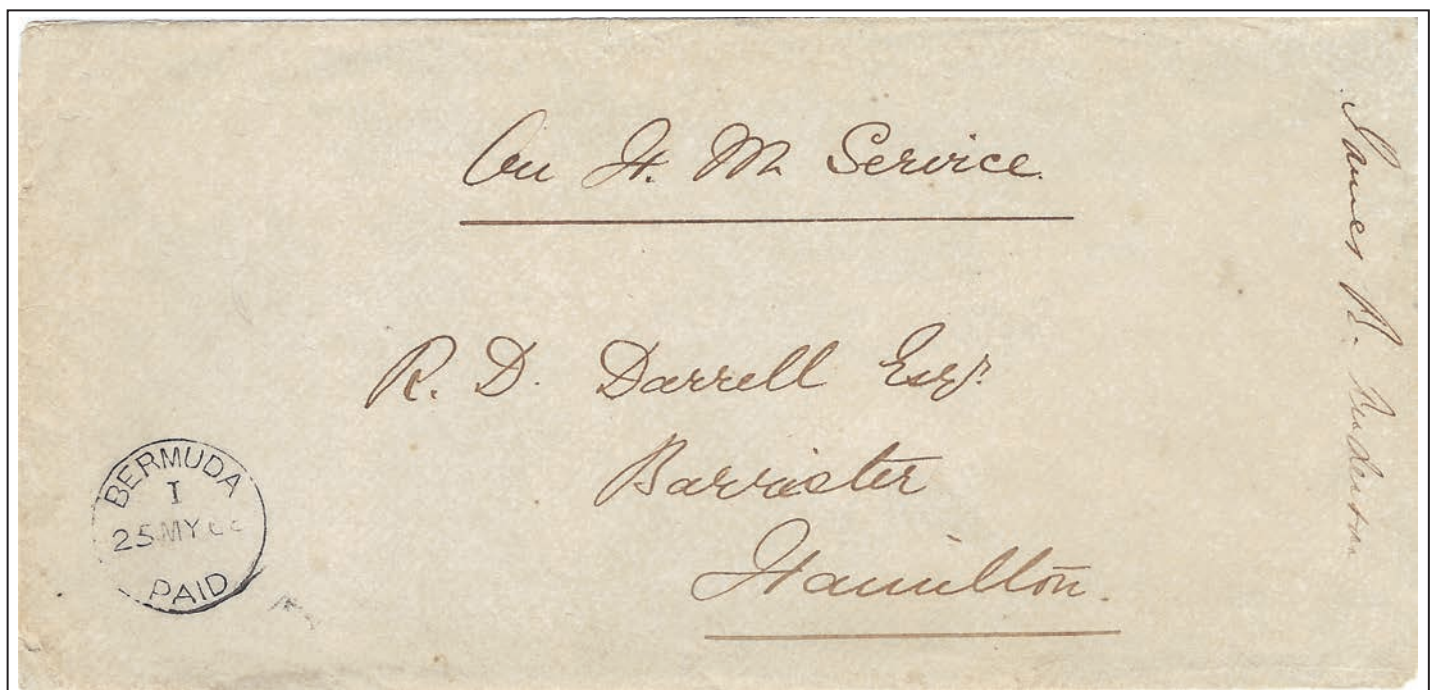
**20 May 1864**



Hamilton P5 (EKD) on large piece to St Georges.  
Although incomplete, this is the only recorded lo-  
cal usage of the rare Hamilton P5 paid mark  
earliest recorded date  
Ex Leuhusen

**Ireland Island P5 black**

**25 May 1868**



One or 2 copies are recorded in red before the introduction of stamps,



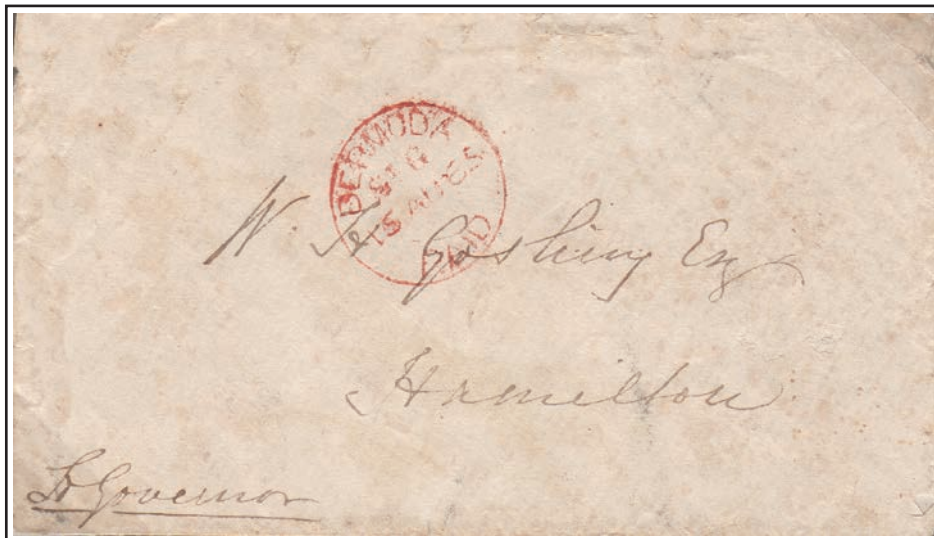
**Paid handstamp**

**St Georges P5 red**

**LOCAL**

**15 August 1865**

			EKD	LKD	#
P5	StG	red	30 Jul 1864	15 Aug 1865	5 / 05



P5 St Georges (last recorded date) to Hamilton, with crest on flap from Lt. Gov to WH Gosling.  
Ex-Tucker, Ulrich, Ludington

**25 July 1865**

**Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886**

			EKD	LKD	#
P5	H	red	20 May 1864	28 Sep 1865	5 / 6



OHMS letter from Return Letter Branch which is crossed out with small straight line registered and crown with curved registered beneath which is unrecorded for Bermuda but reportedly applied in Bermuda. Various additional rate markings including blue 3, 1/2 and 2 in red and black ink 12 243 which maybe registration numbers

# BERMUDA SHIP LETTERS

Ship Letter handstamps are found on mail carried by a captain or agent on a non-contract basis. These letters were supposed to be given to the post office and marked by a SHIP LETTER handstamp, but these were rarely used in Bermuda.

While 5 different handstamps are recorded in the Date Stamp Impression Books only 3 of these are known to have been used. The numbers are taken from Ludington, type S1 is known in two versions and according to Ludington the genuineness of the second handstamp is undetermined, however in my opinion there is no reason to doubt these are legitimate.

BERMUDA  
SHIP LETTER

S1i

30 Aug 1845 - c9 jan 1852

BERMUDA  
SHIP LETTER

S1ii

30 Aug 1845 - c9 Jan 1852

HAMILTON-BERMUDA  
SHIP LETTER

S2

30 Aug 1845 - c9 jan 1852

BERMUDA  
SHIP-LETTER

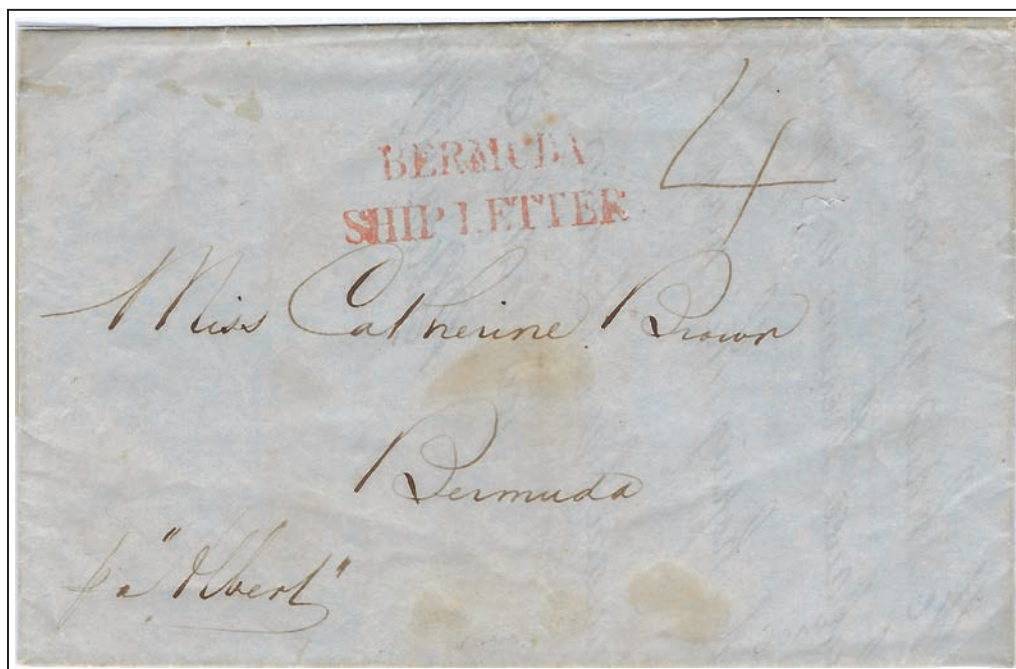
S5

30 Aug 1845 - c9 jan 1852

**Private ship  
England to Bermuda**

**31 December 1849**

		EKD	LKD	#
S1 i	red	30 Aug 1845	c9 Jan 1852	13 / 22



Entire letter from C. Gray & Son to Miss Catherine Brown / Bermuda.  
Endorsed per *Albert* and rated 4d ship rate.  
ex Hicks



Ship letter

S1 red  
16 April 1850

Private ship  
New York to Bermuda

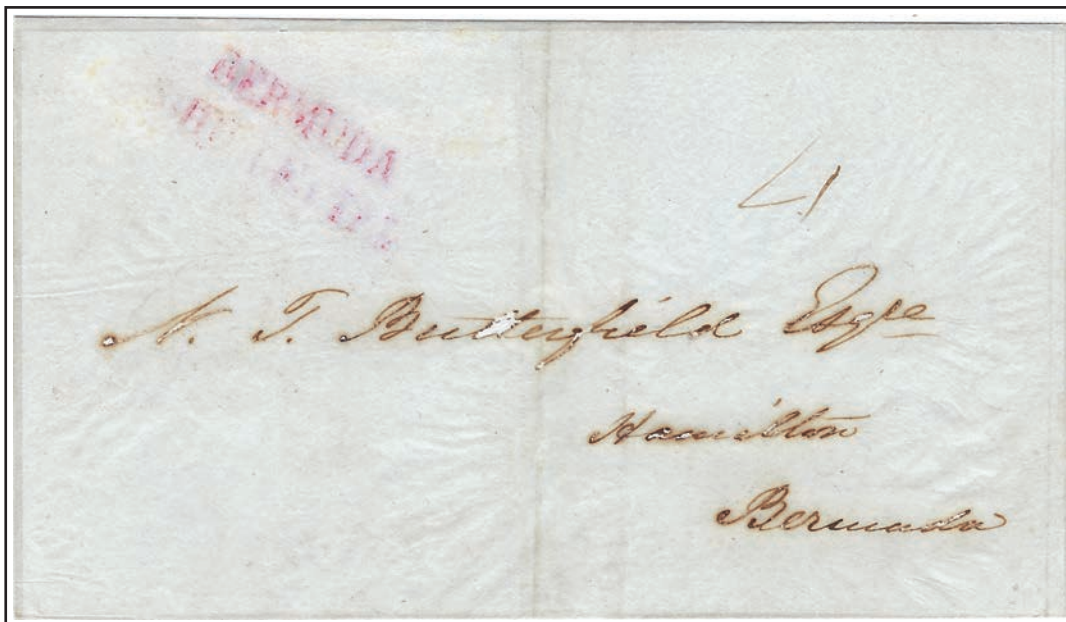
		EKD	LKD	#
S1 i	red	30 Aug 1845	c9 Jan 1852	16 / 22



16th April 1850 from New York rated 4d and carried on the ship 'Flora' with the St Georges handstamp of 'Bermuda Ship Letter'.

20 September 1855

		EKD	LKD	#
S1 ii	red	23 Sep 1850	12 May 1857	03 / 04



Entire letter forwarded from Baltimore, rated "4".  
Ex Ulrich, Pitts

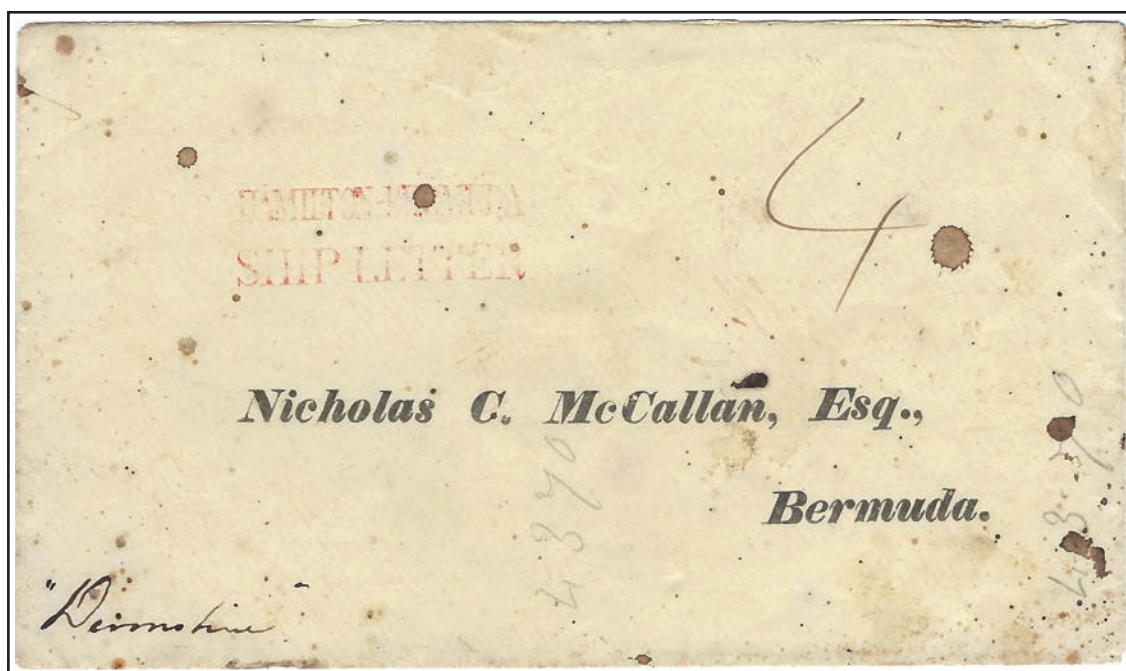
Ship letter

S2 red

Private ship  
England to Bermuda

November 1862

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	169 / 181
S2		red	Mar 1862	Jul 1864	6 / 6



Pre-printed envelope addressed to Bermuda showing on the front in manuscript '4' and 'Devonshire' (the ship). The front also bears one of six recorded Hamilton-Bermuda/Ship Letter handstamp in red. Back-stamped with a red PM4 Hamilton datestamp for 24th November 1862.

Ex Tucker

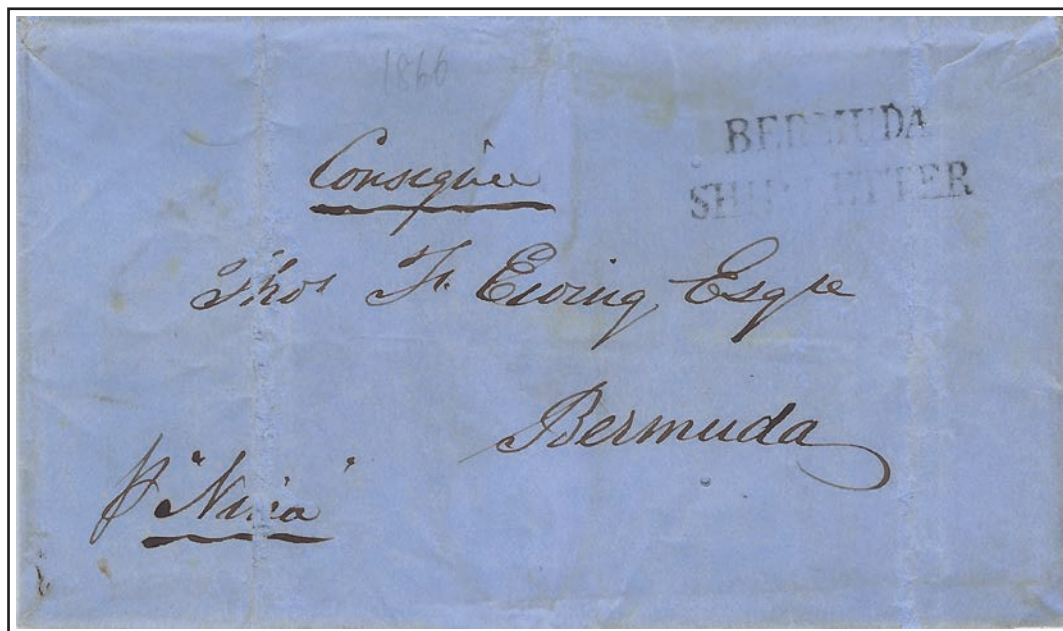


Ship letter

S1 black

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886

17 March 1866



Steamship's *Nina*  
left London on 3rd  
January arriving in  
Bermuda on 17th  
March



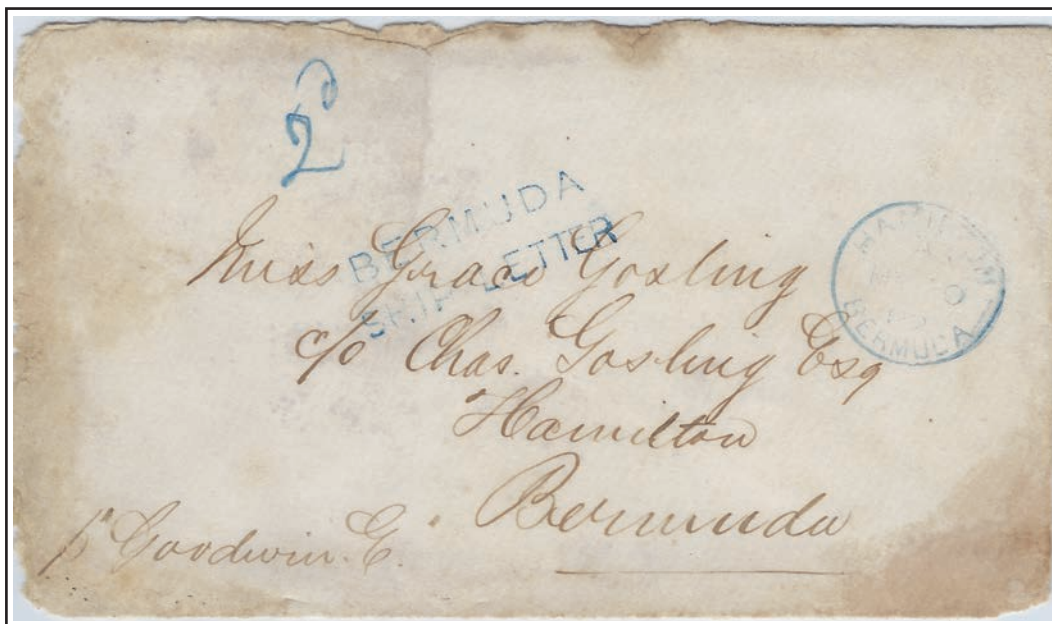
Consignee letter from London showing the straight-line Bermuda Ship Letter struck upon arrival. The rarely used Ship Letter and-stamp indicated an incoming letter carried by private ship. Only three examples have been seen in black.

Tucker, Ulrich, Leuhusen

S5 blue

May 1882

		EKD	LKD	#
S5	blue	May 1862	May 1882	1 / 2



Cover inscribed "p Goodwin E", rated "2d" and showing a solid strike of the "Bermuda/Ship Letter" S5 handstamp at center with MY 30 Hamilton arrival (H1) handstamp at right, all in blue. Earliest of two recorded examples.

Ex. Ulrich, Pitts

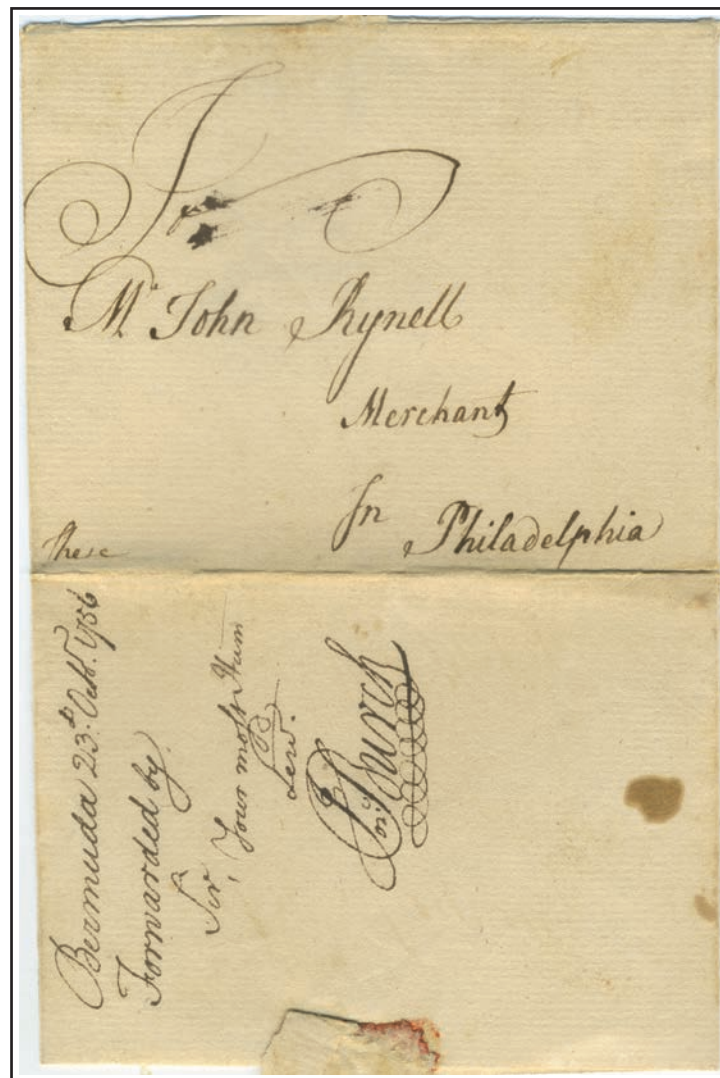
# FORWARDERS

Early letters were often sent care of a person and asked to be forwarded. These section covers letters with manuscript forwarding, And this group includes a number of handstamp forwarding marks from Bermuda - these are all very rare with a number being either the only recorded example or one of two known.

Ludington on page 150 shows the handstamps that are here but advises that each are the only recorded examples, I discovered and sold another RS Musson example to David Pitts and since I have. Ludington also mentions manuscript examples signed by WB Perot for 1833 so the example from 1825 would be newly recorded and for AJ Musson from 1858 which is the example shown in this exhibit.

Bermuda merchants also had offices in New York

**23 October 1756**



Outer sheet of a letter addressed to John Thynell a merchant in Philadelphia.

"Forwarded by Jon. Burch"

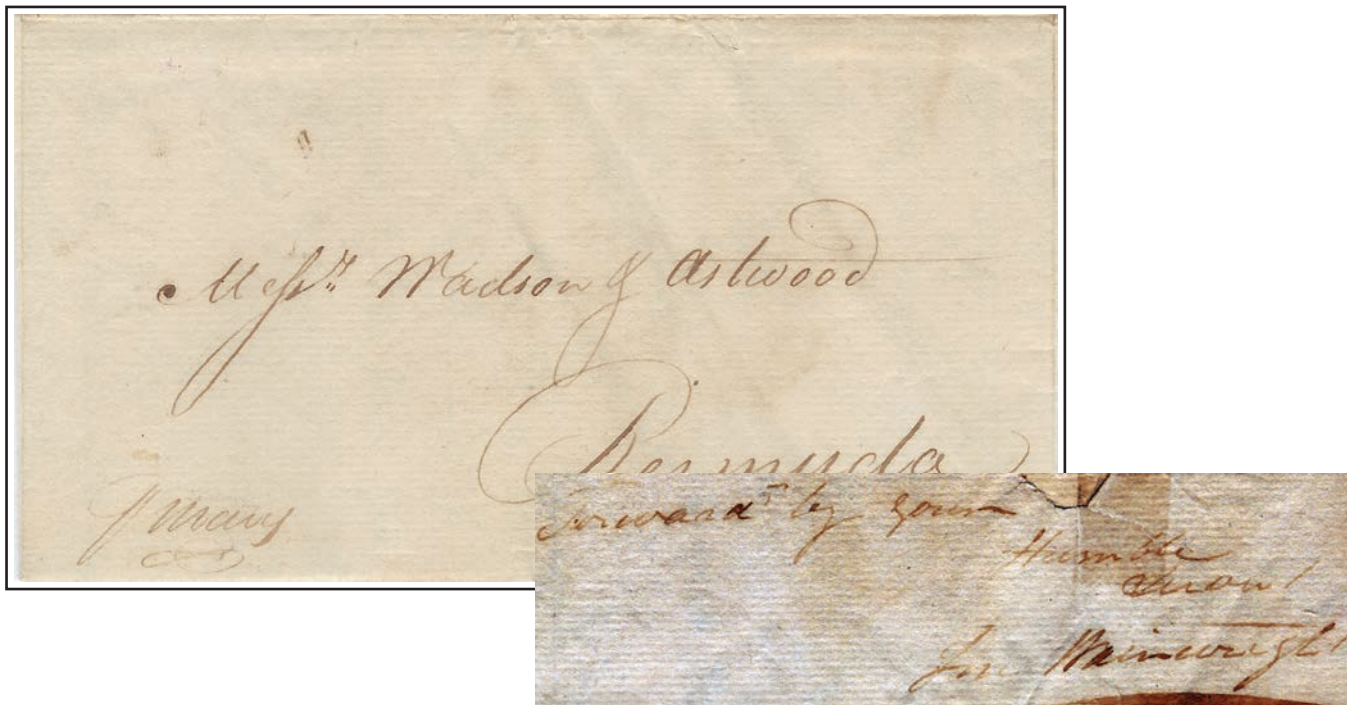
Earliest recorded date of a letter into Colonial America and earliest recorded forwarded marking from Bermuda



Forwarders

22 July 1809

Jn Wainwright

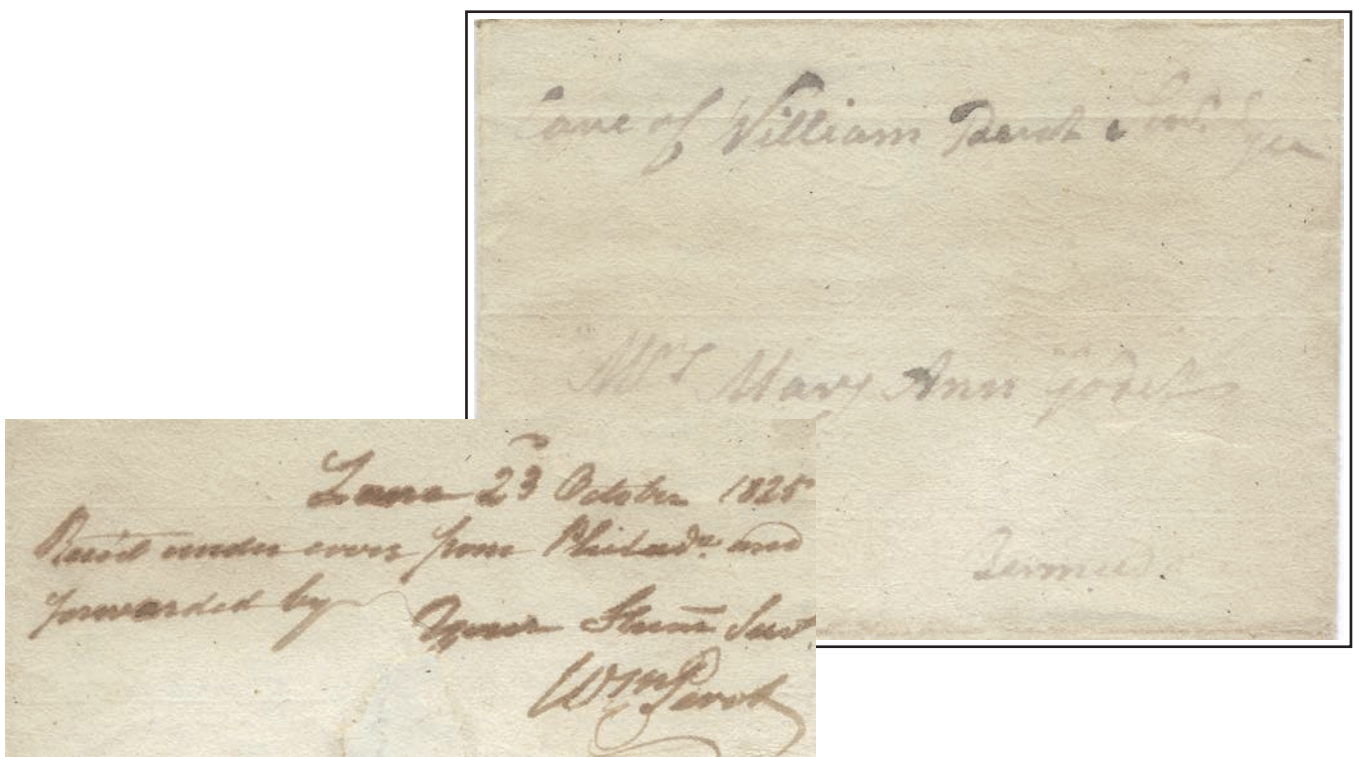


Entire letter from London “p Mary” to Bermuda forwarded on arrival locally with manuscript “Forwarded by your Humble Servant Jn. Wainwright” on reverse.

Ex Ludington

23 October 1825

Wm Perot



Letter sent from St Eustatius, Danish West Indies on 11 August addressed to Mary Ann Godet, “Care of Wm Perot Esq, Bermuda”. Manuscript forwarded with Perot’s signature and dated 23rd October 1825

Ex Ulrich

## Forwarders

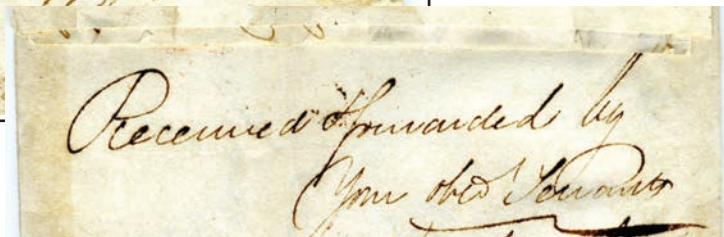
## Tuckers & Laurie

Both of these New York companies and well known as forwarding mail to Bermuda, although one usually sees the Tucker & Lauries handstamp from the 1830s.



5 February 1817

Very early Tucker & Lauries forwarder.



## Middleton & Co

26 July 1851

### Rates.

1/- from Liverpool to Halifax  
 1/4 Halifax to Montreal  
 1/4 plus 6 ie 1/10 Canadian cents to the border.  
 5 cents US to New York representing 38 (cents) and including the 1/10 Canadian charge  
 4d for the Swan private ship charge New York too Bermuda



Unpaid letter posted at Charing Cross to an officer of the 20th regiment stationed in Montreal, which had just been transferred to Bermuda. It was forwarded by rail to agents Middleton & Co. in New York who forwarded it to Bermuda per the Swan, which left New York on 24 August and arrived in Bermuda on 8 December following an expensive journey



Forwarders

Henry E. Higgs

RMSP

RMSP. Brig *Great Western*  
departed New York on  
**16 January arriving**  
**in Bermuda on 22**  
**June**



Only recorded example

9 October 1849

			EKD	LKD	#
P2	StG	red	21 Oct 1845	30 Mar 1851	13 / 19



Entire letter from Baltimore, rated “4” and showing St Georges Bermuda” Crowned circle and, on reverse the only recorded example of the oval-framed “forwarded by/Henry E. Higgs/Foreign Letter Office/Bermuda” oval cachet and with St. Thomas double-arc d.s. (25.10) alongside. The front also showing a strike of the oval-framed “by/Kenyon’s/Foreign Letter Office/New York” hand stamp in red.

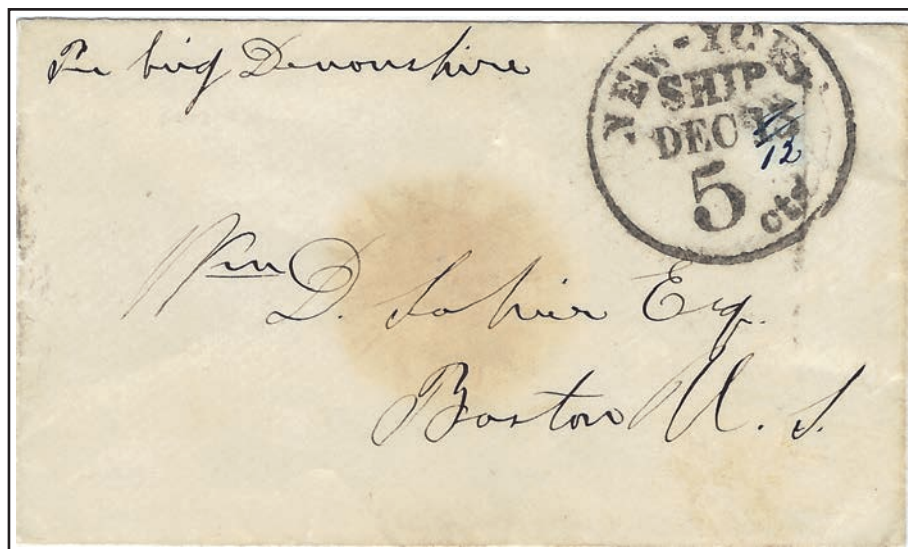
Ex Ludington, Brooks

Forwarders

c. 1850

B. Wilson Higgs

Only recorded example



Circa 1850 envelope “Per Brig Devonshire” to Boston showing, on reverse, oval-framed “B. Wilson Higgs/Bermuda” forwarding agents cachet (FA2, the sole example recorded) and, on face, “NEW YORK/SHIP/5 cts” datestamp with date altered from 12 to 13 in manuscript.

Ex Ulrich, Pitts



22 May 1868

J. Mallaby Higgs

Two recorded examples



An envelope sent from St Georges to USA, landed in Boston.



Forwarders

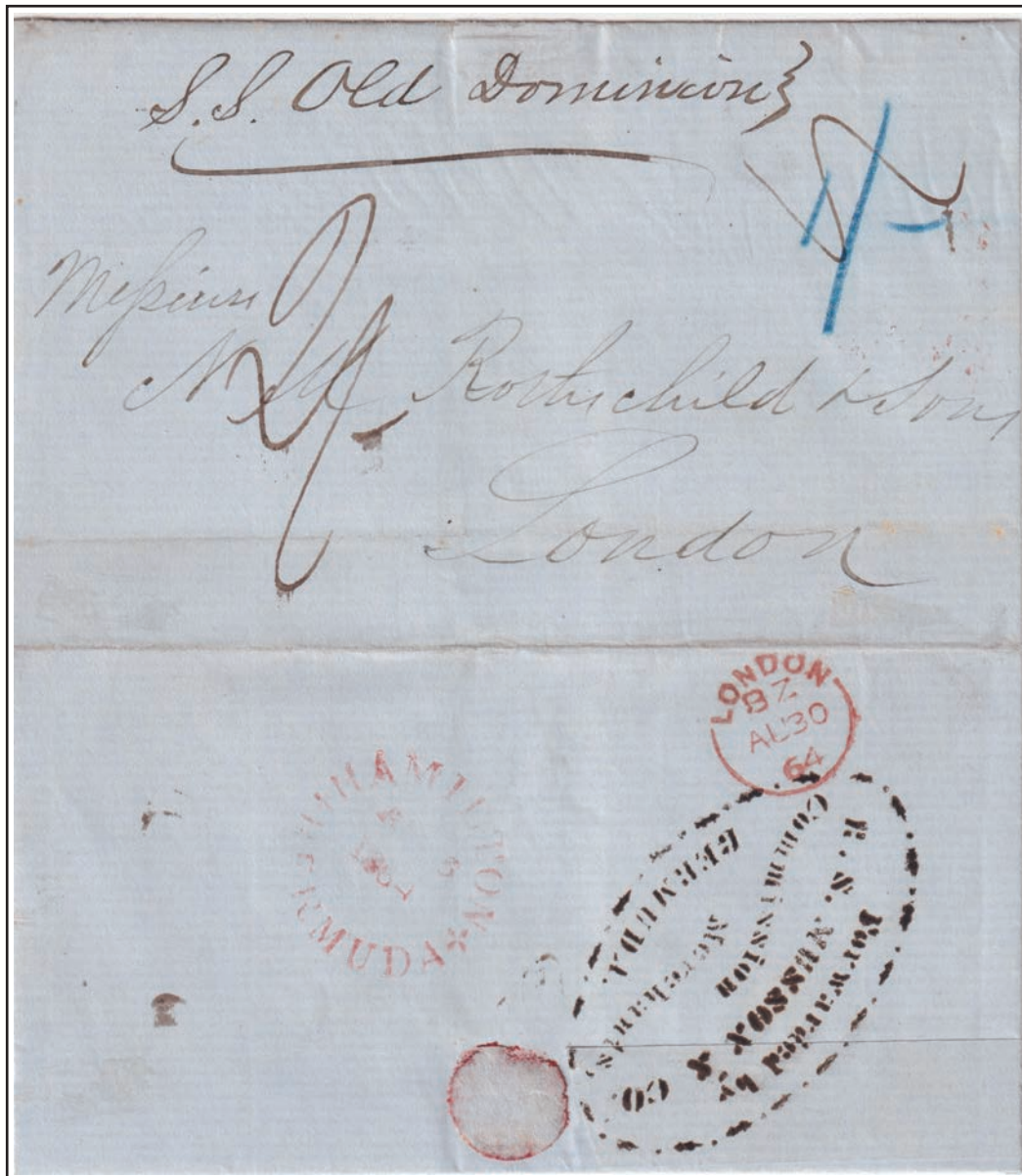
16 July 1864

R. S. Musson & Co

BLOCKADE RUNNER

Two recorded examples

			EKD	LKD	#
PM4	H	red	16 May 1849	30 Aug 1864	181 / 182



endorsed "S.S. *Old Dominion*" and carried on that blockade runner from Wilmington on Jul. 23, arriving at Hamilton Jul. 26, transferred to St. George's to catch the Cunard *Alpha* for Halifax, departing Aug. 5 and arriving Aug. 9, then by Cunard *Africa* on Aug. 19, arriving Liverpool Aug. 29, red London Aug. 30

**Petersburg Va. to London via Wilmington N.C. and Hamilton, Bermuda.** Entire docketed Petersburg Jul. 16, 1864, addressed to Rothschild & Sons in London, endorsed "S.S. *Old Dominion*" and carried on that blockade runner from Wilmington on Jul. 23, arriving at Hamilton Jul. 26, bold "Forwarded by R.S. Musson & Co. Commission Merchants, Bermuda" oval stencil-style handstamp on back, posted unpaid with blue crayon "1/-" shilling due, Hamilton PM4 datestamp "AU 5 1864" on back. Re-rated "2/-" shillings due, adding 1 shilling for unpaid letter,

Ex Ludington, Walske

4 December 1863

## BLOCKADE RUNNER

Carried the blockade runner *Flora* from  
Bermuda on 4th December, arriving in  
Wilmington on 8th December.



Only recorded example

Envelope from Bermuda to Charlotte N.C. via Wilmington N.C. Incoming blockade-run cover addressed to Charlotte N.C., “Forwarded by N. S. Walker St. Georges Bermuda” oval handstamp at top, “Wilmington N.C. Dec. 9” circular datestamp and manuscript “12” cents due for 10c rate to Charlotte plus 2c ship fee.

Major Norman S. Walker was the senior Confederate agent in Bermuda from February 1863 until June 27, 1864. The yellow fever epidemic caused him and his family to leave the island; his wife and children for England, and Major Walker to the Confederate States on government business. After an abandoned effort to establish Halifax as a principal port for blockade-running, Major Walker and his family traveled to Bermuda and eventually returned to England (source: Rev. William Parkes, “Per Walker: Major Norman S. Walker and Bermuda Blockade Mail”, *Confederate Philatelist*, May-June 1982 and July-Aug. 1982, Nos. 207-208).

A few covers are recorded in the Special Routes census with manuscript notations from Bermuda with “Walker”, however these are now considered not to be from Major Walker in Bermuda but applied by Henry Pinckney Walker in Charleston on his correspondence to Gustavus Meyers in Richmond

Ex Walske



Miscellaneous

UNITED STATES VIA BERMUDA

Route: USA  
Via: Bermuda

18 July 1852

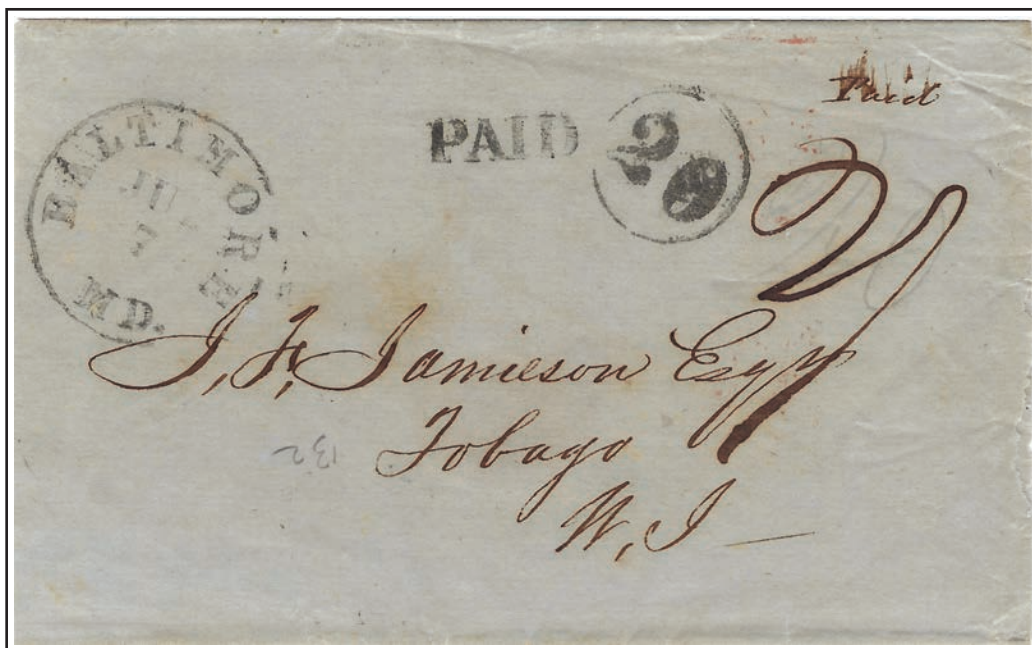
*Too Late*

MISC-1



UNITED STATES  
VIA-BERMUDA

MISC-3



Quebec & Gulf Ports Steamship's *Merlin* left New York on 8th July on her last voyage to Bermuda arriving on 12th, and then sailed to St Thomas arriving 18th July. The *Great Western* departed on 18th arriving Barbados on 21st and finally the *Eagle* left Barbados on 22 July arriving Tobago on 24 July.

Entire sent from **Baltimore to Tobago via New York, Bermuda** with "UNITED STATES/VIA BERMUDA" (MISC-3), and St Thomas (double circle on reverse), "20"[¢] + rated "2/-" (double rate), "Too Late" (MISC-1).

The MISC-3 mark was registered at GPO London on 31 October 1851 for use on the Cunard service. This cover was carried on *Merlin*'s last voyage from New York to Bermuda before she was transferred onto the Halifax-Bermuda route. This is the earlier of **two examples recorded**.

ex-Ludington, Ingalls, Freeland



*Mr. Warner  
H. G. Appleton Esq.  
Plumlas.  
Grassbyville  
North Wales.*



ROYAL

BERMUDA

No. 20.---Vol. XXXIV.

## The Visit of His Royal Highness Prince Alfred to Bermuda.

We shall not apologise to our readers for the hurried, imperfect, and even in many respects faulty, sketch, which, amid the haste and excitement of the Prince's Reception, we rudely chalked out for them last week. To those who understand anything of the difficulty of preparing matter for the press, such an apology would be superfluous. With those, on the other hand, who, knowing no more of a newspaper than what they find impressed on the surface of its pages, cannot at all sympathise with an Editor's trials and troubles, it would be wholly unavailing.

Bermuda kept such a holiday on Monday, the 6th May, as it never kept before; and alas! for the luckless Editor, who, on a great holiday, has on his helpless hands the issue of a paper which all are eagerly looking for, to learn from its pages the sayings and doings of all concerned in the pageantry of the day. As his duties are increased his resources are diminished, and, like the Hebrew of yore, he finds not only that he must make brick without straw, but that the tale of his labour must not be one whit abated.

With this preface we proceed to give a *resumé* of the principal events which have marked an episode in our Island History so remarkable, and in every respect so gratifying, as the visit of His Royal Highness Prince Alfred.

On the forenoon of the 2nd instant a signal was made at Mount Langton for a Man-of-war Steamer off, and the anxiety with which H. M. S. *St. George* had on the previous day been looked for was, to a great extent, relieved, for who could doubt that the stranger had at length arrived? And very soon it became generally known that in truth the *St. George* had dropped her anchor in Grassy Bay, and that the long looked for Prince was within the waters of Bermuda. The Governor immediately dispatched a special message to the *St. George*, by the hands of His Excellency's Private Secretary Mr. Plow. Now all was anxiety to hear when the Prince would make his formal entry into the Colony. The preparations for his reception had necessarily been kept back because shrubbery, foliage, and flowers were to play an important part in the decoration of the town, and these of course could not be collected until the latest hour.

Not to spin out this narrative unnecessarily, we may say that it was very soon known that Monday, the sixth of May, was to be the day thenceforth to be marked with red in our annals, as having witnessed the reception among us of His Royal Highness Prince Alfred, as a publicly recognized Prince of the Blood Royal.

How the interval between the *St. George's* arrival and the official landing of our illustrious visitor was passed, we do not know, but we understand that His Excellency the



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ving thus been officially and formally welcomed to the shores H. R. H., accompanied by His Excellency The Governor, His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief, Rear Admiral Sir Alexander D. C. B., and Colonel Munro, C. B., His Royal Highness's Suite, and some others, and followed by the President and Members of Her Majesty's Council, the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, the Ecclesiastical Commissary and the Mayor and Corporation of Hamilton, and the Gentlemen who were to be presented to H. R. H., all of whom here fell into the procession, walked down the Front street to the Public Hall.

On the other side of the Front Street, in the galleries as below, the Prince was regarded with the most interest. With a somewhat hurried step he advanced occasionally to the right and to the left and acknowledged with considerable grace the compliments and acclamations of the people. Opposite Messrs. D. and H. His Royal Highness passed under an Archway, which was covered with garlands and banners bearing various mottoes.

One of these opposite the store of the Honble. Messrs. D. and H. Hall was particularly admired. On either side was lined by the Members of the various Fraternities and Friendly and Charitable Societies, a most respectable looking body of men, well dressed and highly decorous. The Societies displayed their distinctive banners and ensigns, among which were some of beautiful design.

The stately Arch on the line of the procession spanned the Street near the stores of Messrs. D. and H. It was an exceedingly handsome structure, of a large middle arch and two smaller side arches, the whole covered with evergreens, and displaying in bold gold letters on a scarlet ground, the words "WELCOME TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALFRED." Four large and handsome flags waved over the Arch, which was designed by Mr. Keane, G. R. Frich, Jr. A little beyond it the Prince crossed the grounds of the Public Buildings under an Archway, and very appropriate character, the designer of which we hear, was the last-named gentleman. Above the Arch were five stone pillars which stand on each side of the Arch, were raised superstructures of brain stones, and sea-rocks, forming two pedestals supporting anchors from which sprang a ponderous cable a round-headed Arch. Over the centre, in a coil of rope, was the significant initial which in so many places was displayed throughout the town.

Prince, and those forming the line of procession, issued between two double tiers of seats, which had been erected on this part of the route for the families of officers, members of Council, and members of the House of Assembly, with that regard for the comfort and convenience of the public, which had been so fully

considered. The Governor on the one side and the Admiral on the other unite to pay honour? It can be no other than His Royal Highness Prince Alfred himself. And who is the grave and intelligent looking man by his side or a little in retreat? That must surely be His Royal Highness's

World, but we have the happiness of meeting, and welcoming a scion of a Royal House, over which presides a Queen, and a Mother, whose virtues add fresh lustre even to the splendid Crown which she wears.

What better can we wish Your Royal Highness than that, under the blessing of Providence, your future career may be worthy of the illustrious examples, and royal virtues, which adorn the domestic circle of which your Royal Highness is a Member?

Your Royal Highness also appears among us as an Officer of that branch of Her Majesty's Service with which the power of Great Britain has so long and so intimately been connected; and we trust that you will live to maintain, and even to add to, the renown of the Royal Family of England, as well by a distinguished professional career, as by your private virtues. The people of Bermuda, itself a not unimportant outpost of the Empire, especially feel how nearly their own security and happiness are dependent on the Naval supremacy of Great Britain; and with the efficiency of that service to which Your Royal Highness is attached, they, to a great extent, identify their own best and dearest interests.

During the reading of this Address His Royal Highness regarded the Speaker with perfect self-possession and composure, but it seemed to some of the bystanders that the Prince's expressive countenance exhibited some signs of an amiable emotion at the warm-hearted allusions to our beloved Sovereign. Whether this was imagination or not there can be no doubt that His Royal Highness read the brief response with marked and graceful emphasis. It was in the following terms:

GENTLEMEN,

As the Representatives of the Inhabitants of these Islands, accept my warmest acknowledgments for the welcome which I received from all classes of the Community to-day, for your Loyal Address, and for your congratulations upon my arrival in Bermuda.

I shall have great pleasure in making known to THE QUEEN your affectionate expressions of attachment to Her Crown and Person, and be assured that Her Majesty will receive these with gratification.

I thank you for the kind wishes which you have expressed for my welfare in my Profession, and if I am ever called upon to maintain its honour, I trust that I may realize the hopes which you have expressed; and in doing so contribute to the security and happiness of Bermuda, which has my best wishes for prosperity.

ALFRED.

His Honour THE SPEAKER,  
and the Honourable Members  
of the House of Assembly, Bermuda.

Bermuda 6th May 1861

The Speaker then presented the Members of the Assembly by name, and they presently afterwards

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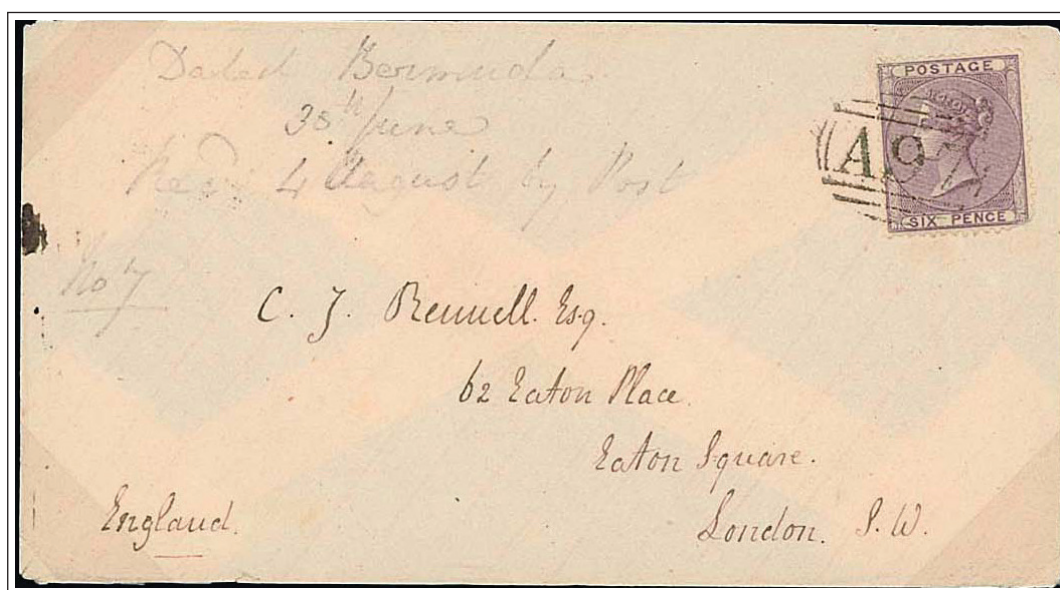


Miscellaneous  
Steam ship handstamp - A97

Cunard steam and  
Cunard sail  
1848 - 1886

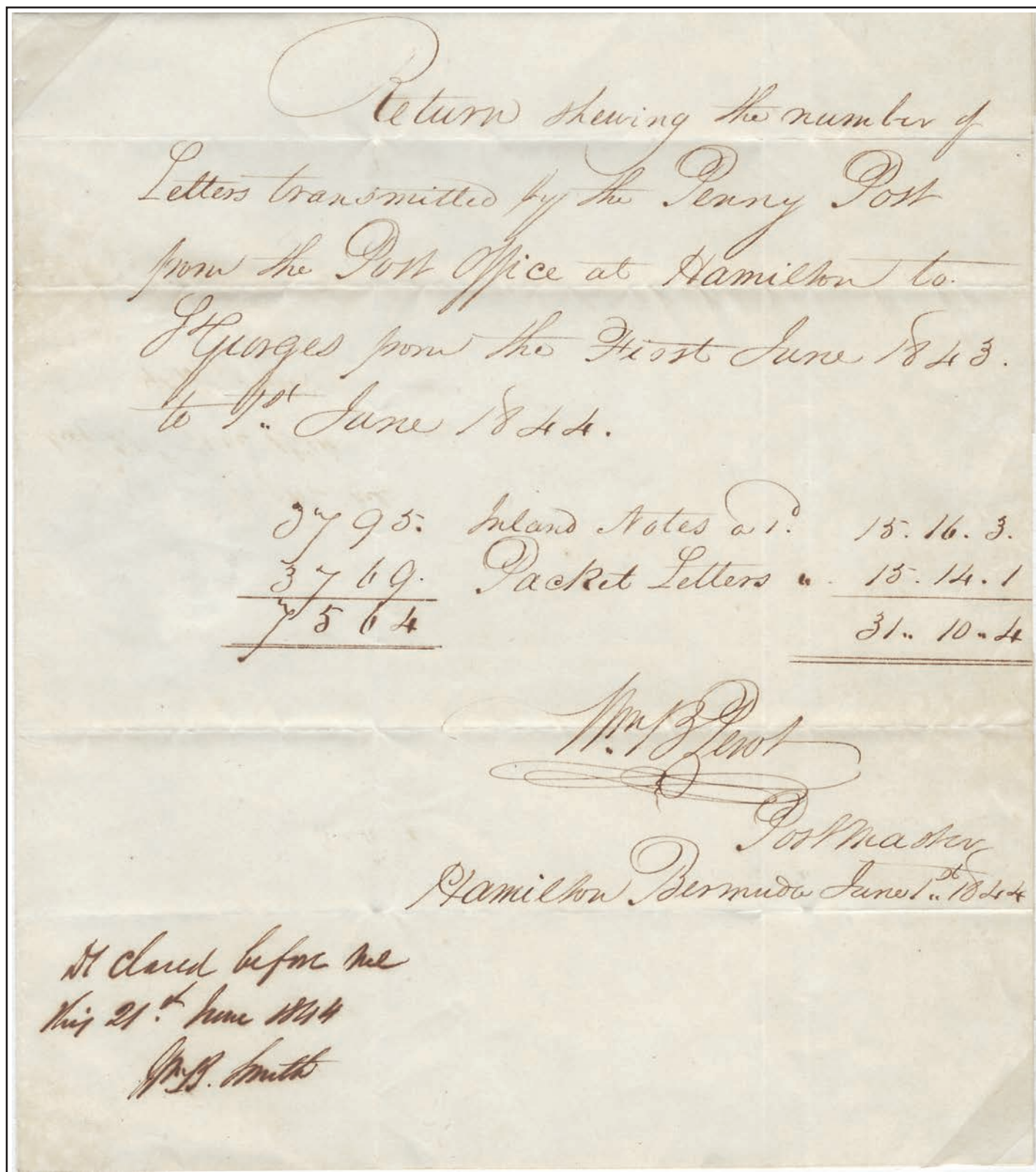
per HMS *Orlando*  
to Halifax, Cunard  
steam ship *Europa* to  
England

30 June 1862



E franked 6d. tied by Europa A97 hs,  
ex-Osborn I 1041, Freeland. Europa's 89th transatlantic crossing

London arrival AU 4, 62



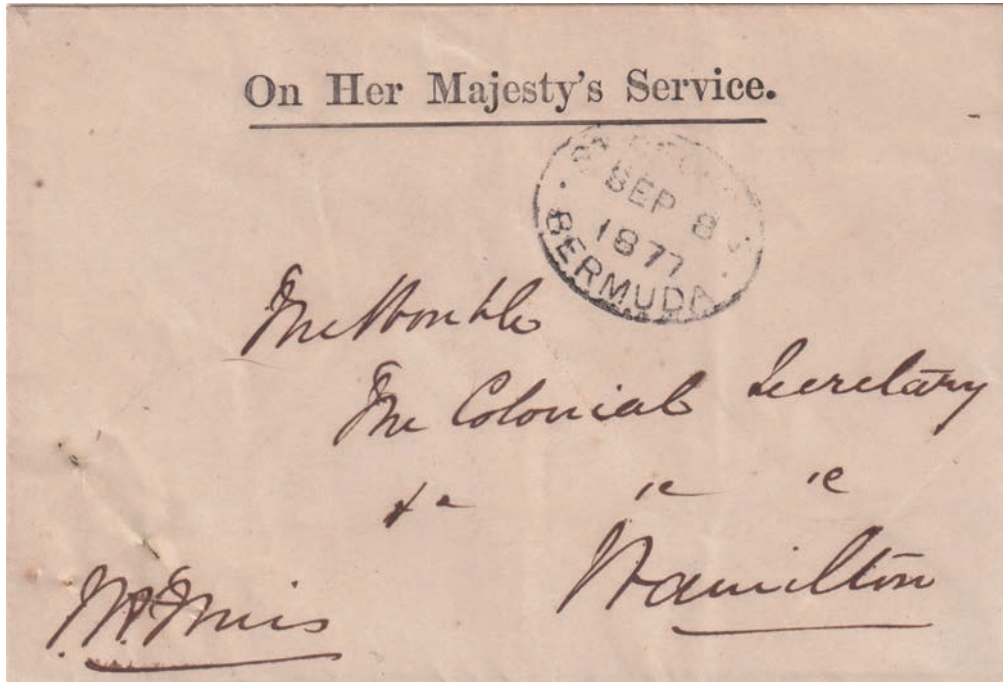
1844 (1 June) entire letter from William B. Perot to the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, being a summarized "Return shewing the number of Letters transmitted by the Penny Post at Hamilton to St. Georges from First June 1843 to 1st. June 1844", recording a total of some 3,795 items sent Inland and 3,769 by Packet Letter, signed "Wm. B. Perot", marked "Declared before me this 21st. June 1844 Wm. B. Smith" and subsequently published in the Royal Gazette on 25 June; fine and rare.

Ex: Ludington, Saul, Pitt

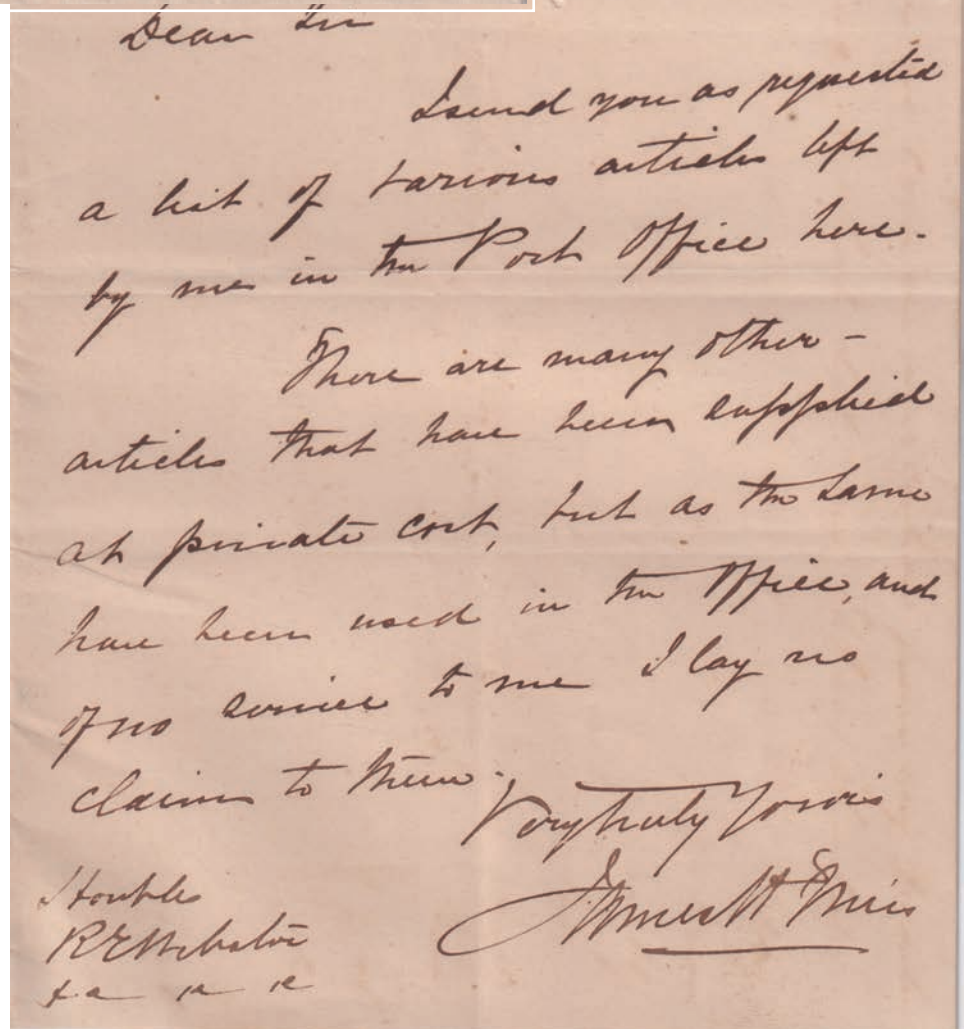


Miscellaneous  
Postmaster signature

J. H. Thies



OHMS envelope signed  
by Thies during his  
time as postmaster of St  
Georges (1860 to 1878)



Later letter signed by Thies

**Miscellaneous**  
**Postmaster signature**

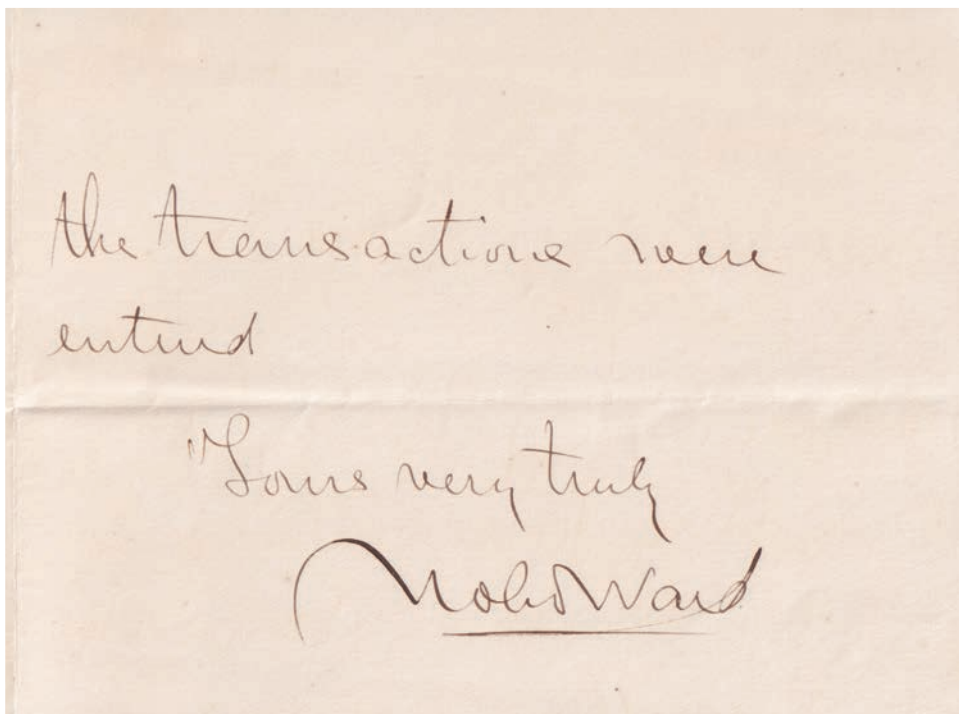
**Robert Ward**

Embossed "Bermuda (crown)  
POST OFFICE"  
St Georges  
October 21, 1880

Dear Sir

It is my wish that his Excellency  
should forward to the Secretary of State  
my letter of the 15th August, and I will  
send you a letter tomorrow morning  
to that effect. I would have sent it in  
before but I am desirous of embracing  
in it the Amount of Money Order Cash  
that passed through my hands while  
Postmaster at Hamilton and which I  
was not able to arrive at until yesterday  
- owing to not being able to find the  
Money Order Journal in which the  
transactions were entered.

Yours very truly,  
Robt Ward



The transactions were  
entered

Yours very truly  
Robert Ward