

## U.S. – Bremen Postal Treaties

U.S.–Bremen Treaty of 1853  
Bremen Contract Steamship

1853–1868

19 June 1858–31 December 1867



Folded Letter: Philadelphia to Boeblingen, Württemberg, 19 January 1860

Ship: **New York**

Company: **Norddeutscher Lloyd**  
(North German Lloyd Line)

Depart: **New York, 21 January 1860**  
Arrive: **Bremerhaven, 5 February 1860**

Rate: **---** letter sent unpaid  
3¢ U.S. debit to Bremen  
22 kreuzer postage due in Boeblingen

Notes: Double circle, blue handstamp "AMERIKA über Bremen" applied at Bremen with "22" in center for postage due in kreuzer, currency of the Southern German States. The Bremen mail rate to Württemberg changed from 22¢ to 15¢ a few months earlier.

## U.S. – British Postal Treaties

Pre U.S.–British Treaty  
Non-Contract Steamship

1838–1849

**2ND DELIVERY**



Folded Letter: Liverpool to Salem, Massachusetts, 30 August 1839

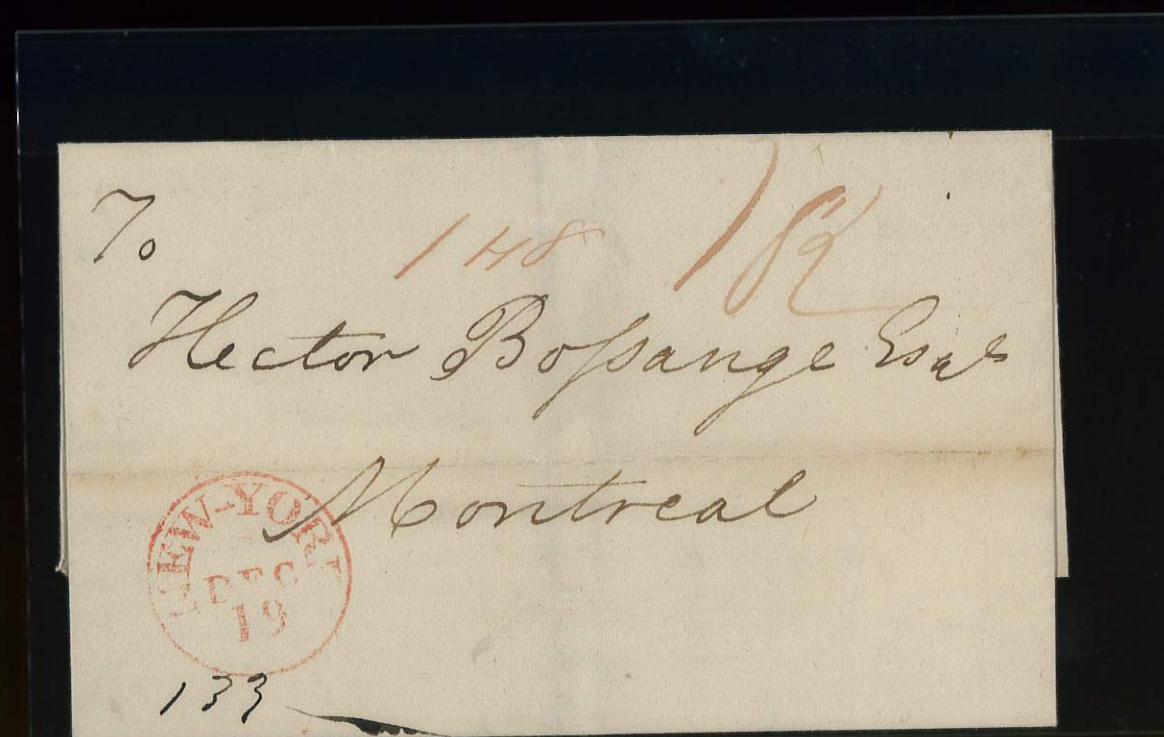
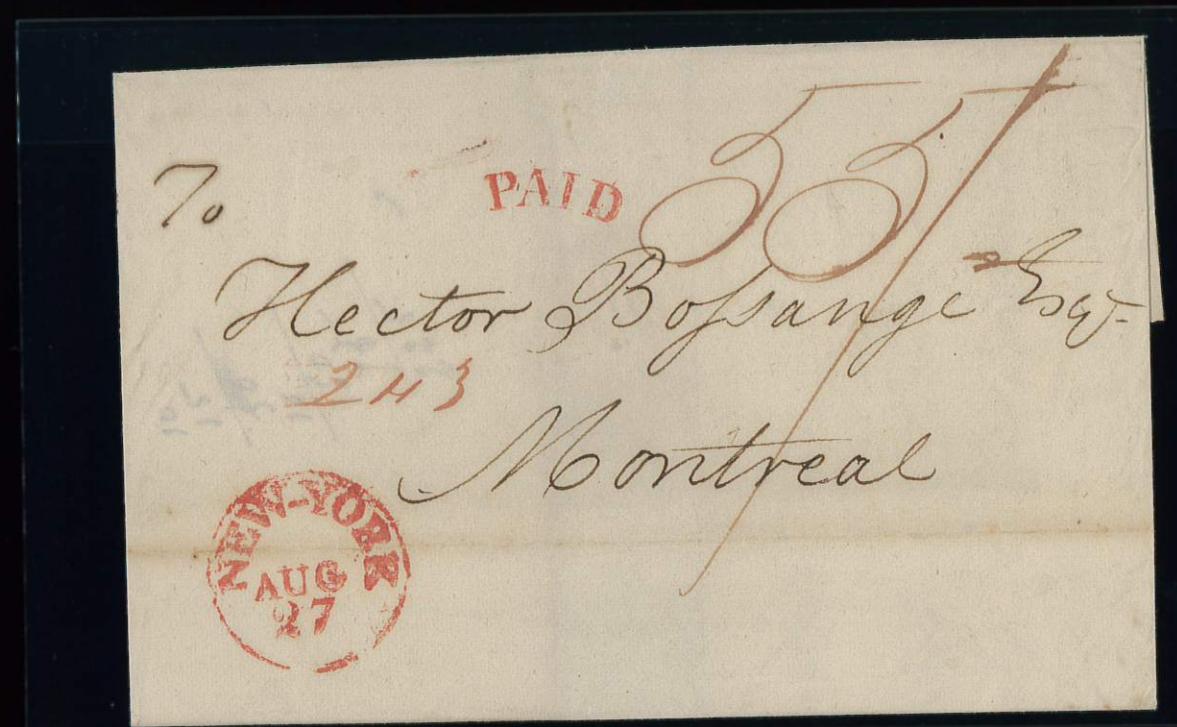
Ship: **British Queen**

Company: **British & American Steam Navigation Company**

Depart: **London, 1 September 1839**  
Arrive: **New York, 20 September 1839**

Rate: **---** letter sent unpaid  
20¾¢ postage due in Salem

Notes: Letter taken directly to ship letter bag in London and not posted, avoiding ship letter rate. This was *British Queen*'s second voyage to New York. Postage due included 2¢ ship fee and 18¾¢ for U.S. inland fee. New York struck red 2nd DELIVERY hand-stamp to account for delay in handling of letter, which was probably brought to the post office subsequent to the principal mail bag delivery by the ship's captain. This marking is scarce on transatlantic steamship covers.



### U.S. – British Postal Treaties

Pre 1848 Treaty  
British Contract Steamship

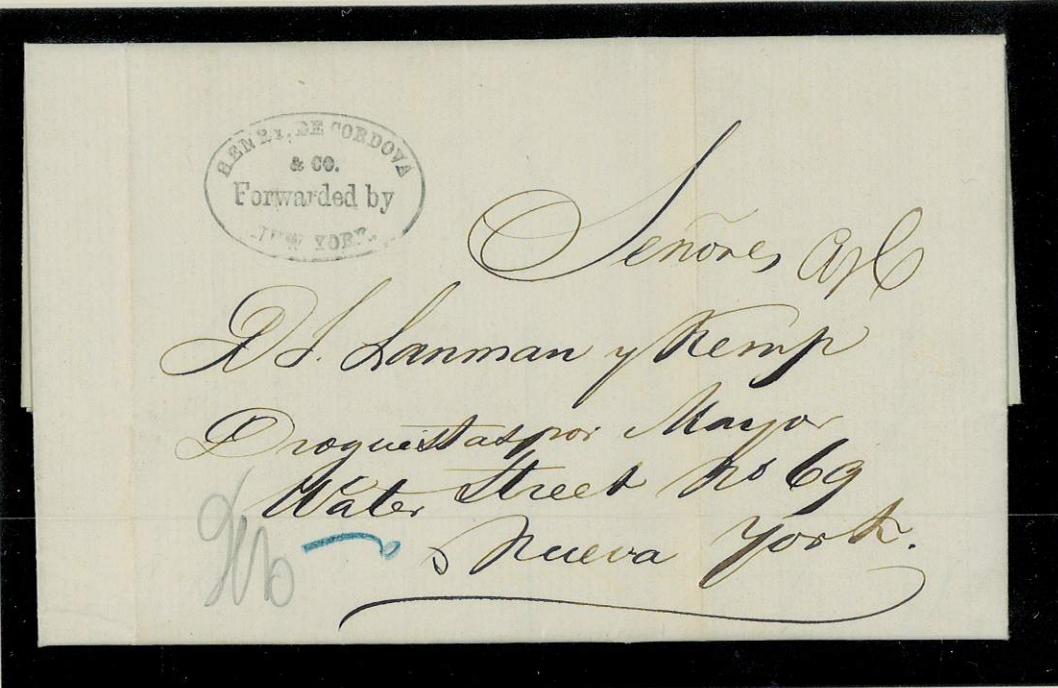
1840–1849  
4 July 1840–27 June 1848



Folded letter: Liverpool to City Point, Virginia, 10 June 1848

Ship: *Britannia*  
Company: British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company (Cunard Line)  
Depart: Liverpool, 10 June 1848  
Arrive: New York, 26 June 1848  
Rate: 1 shilling      prepaid for single packet rate  
          12¢      postage due (2¢ ship and 10¢ inland fees)  
Notes: Letter carried on ninth and final voyage by Cunard steamer to New York before retaliatory rate period. New York ship markings appear on Cunard covers for only six months in 1848 and six weeks in early 1849 before treaty rates became effective.

"Henry De Cordova/& Co/Forwarded by/New York" 29x26 mm oval handstamp on 1863 folded letter to New York City



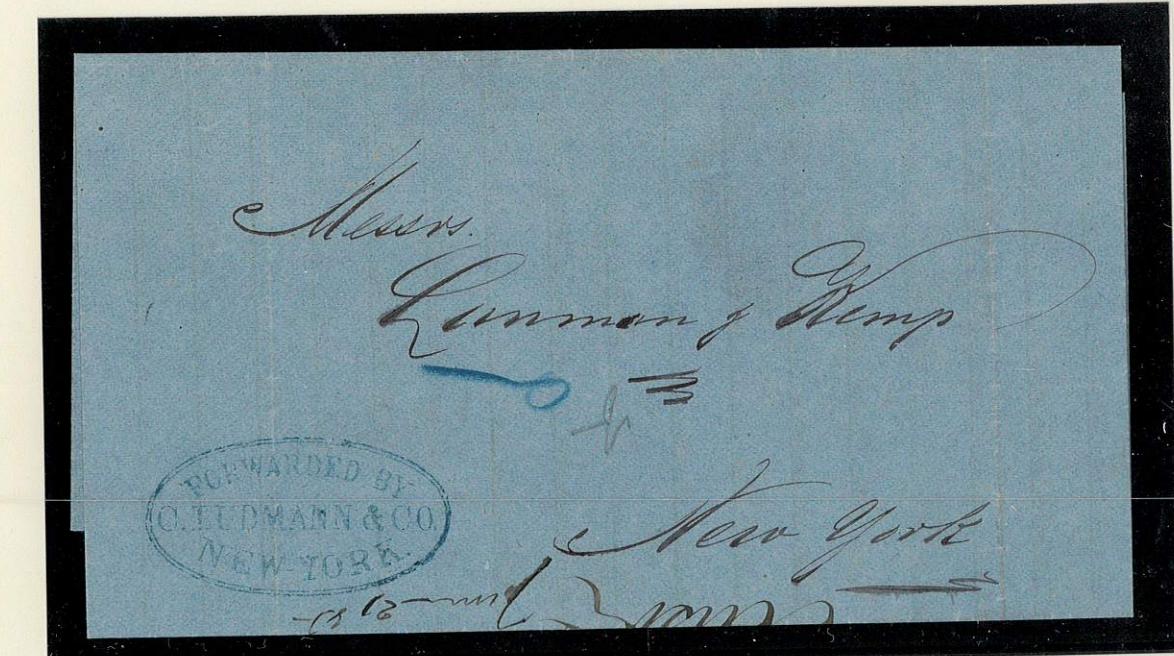
Blue "JM&L de Escoriaza/Jun 18 1868/New York" 35x21mm double oval handstamp on 1868 folded letter to London, England, with "New York/Jun/18" (1868) 29 mm cds, manuscript "2/1" rate marking, and Red London receiver's backstamp -- ex. Hahn



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Forwarding of ocean mail between countries was facilitated by private companies during the first half of the 19th century. Forwarding agents carried letters by ship to the country of address and delivered the mail to a post office upon arrival for inland delivery. Forwarding agents also accepted incoming mail, which they forwarded to local post offices for delivery within the US.

Blue "Forwarded By/C. Ludman & Co/New York" 40x21 mm oval handstamp on 1873 folded letter to New York City



Blue "Thackray & Co/New York" 35x20 mm double oval handstamp with manuscript  
"per Schooner Empress" on 1879 folded letter to New York City



Philadelphia, PA folded address sheet to Saxony, Germany with "23/N. York. BR.PK./MAR 27"  
cds (Prussian Convention Mails), Philadelphia, Pa., Mar 26 cds, "30" rate handstamp, and "Henry  
Farnum & Co./Philadelphia" forwarders handstamp. Endorsed "Per Africa via Boston" but sent to  
NY, with Red Aachen transit backstamp and blue manuscript "13" sgr due for German inland



Blue "Lomoyne & Bell/New York" 31x16mm double oval handstamp on folded address  
sheet to Paris, France, with Red "New-York/Am Packet/Jan/28" (1854) 33 mm cds



Red "Peterssen & Barjau/New-York" 36x19 mm oval handstamp on 1862 folded letter to  
New York from San Juan, Puerto Rico



New York, NY folded letter to Cognac, France carried on the Havre Line steamship "Arago," departing New York 10/16/1858, arriving Southampton 10/28/1858 and Havre 10/29/1858, with black "New York/24/Oct 16" cds (the 24 indicating 6c US inland, 18c sea), and black double line "LE HAVRE A PARIS 30 29 OCT 58 A" railroad transit cds



Red "Forwarded/By/Miller & Houghton/New York" 42x17 mm oval handstamp on 1862 folded letter to New York City, with manuscript "Sch. Trident" -- ex. De Voss

