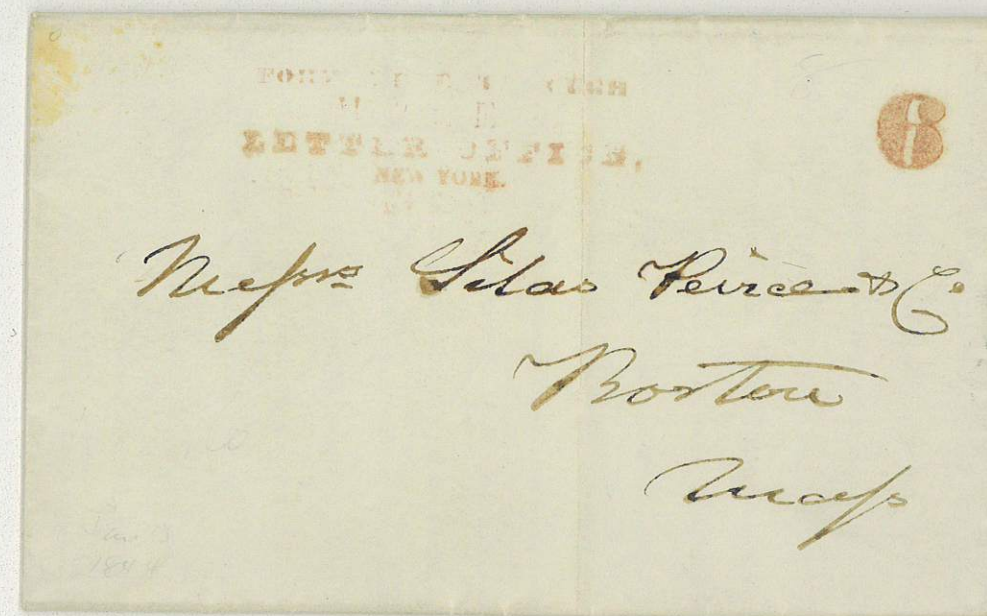


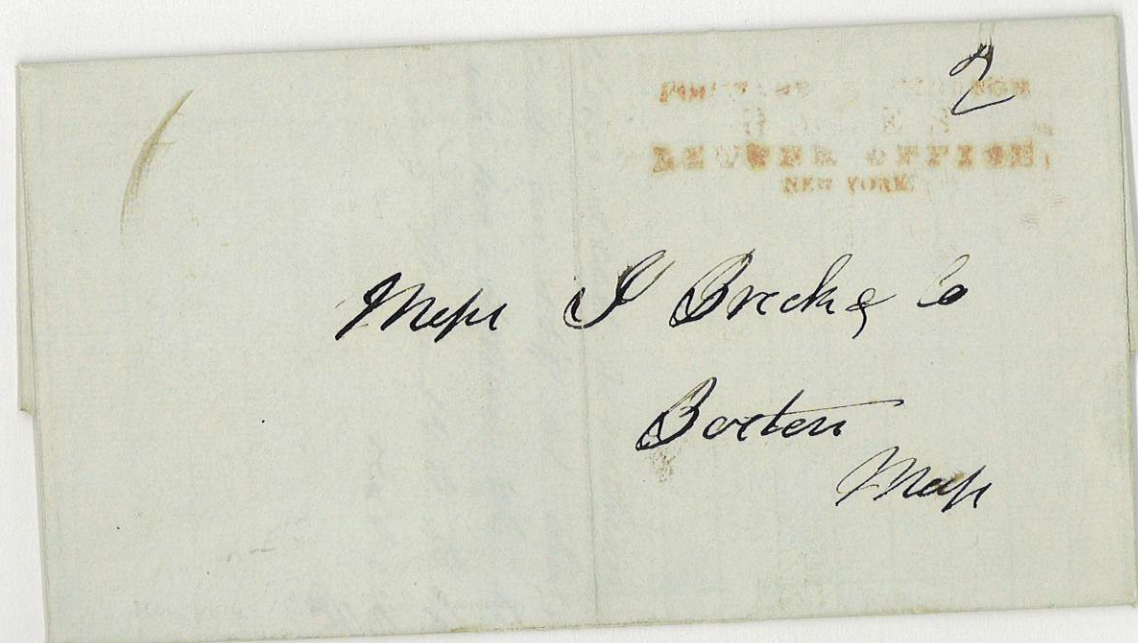
New York City, New York to Boston, Massachusetts, dated January 30, 1844.
This letter bears a F-30 forwarding handstamp and a C-12 collect handstamp, both in red.



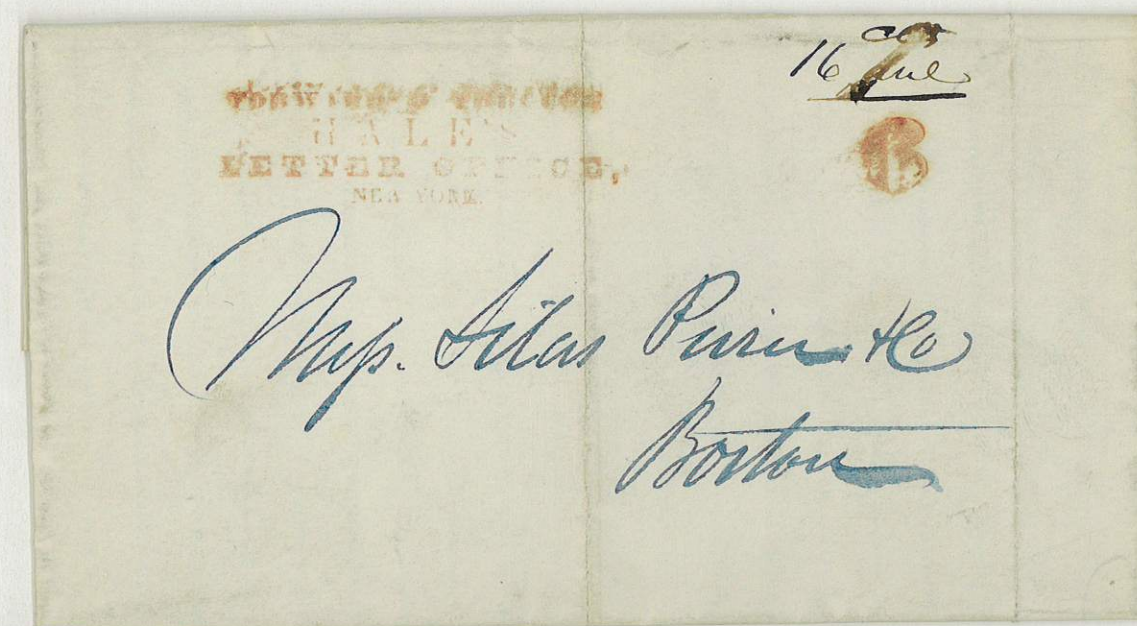
New York City, New York to Boston, Massachusetts dated January 13, 1844.
This letter bears a red F-30 forwarding handstamp and a red C-12 collect handstamp. This cover is the earliest known use for both handstamps.



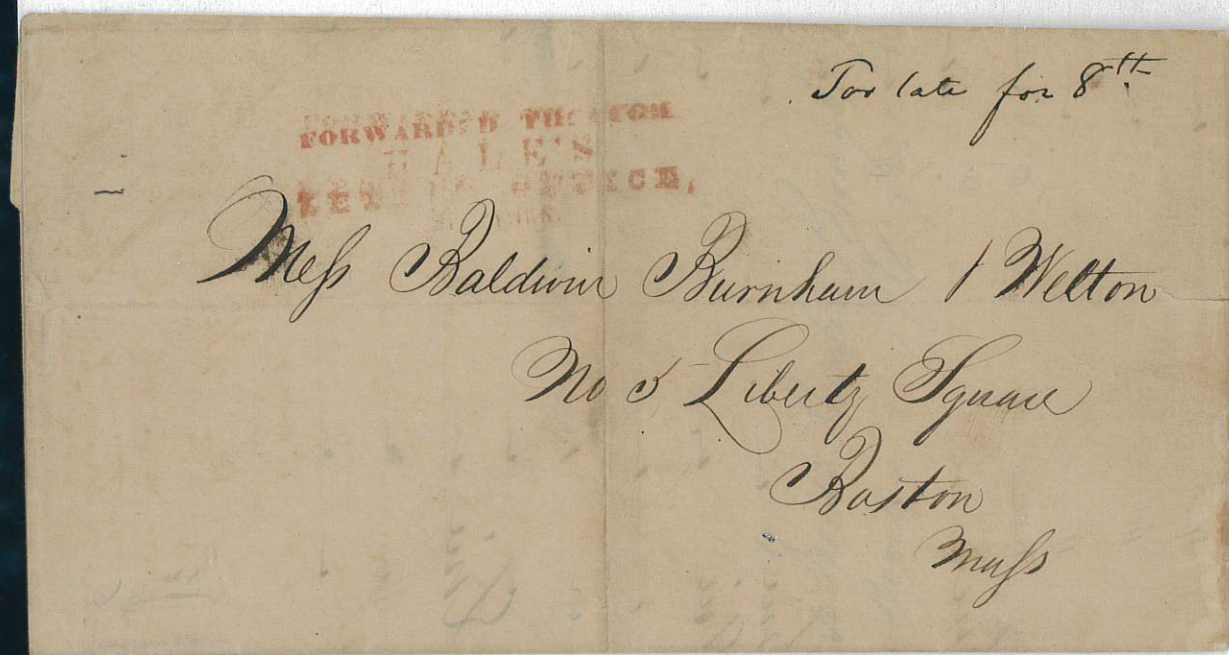
New York City, New York to Boston, Massachusetts dated (January) 1844. This letter bears a red F-30 forwarding handstamp and a manuscript "2" notation, the latter indicating local delivery in Boston was desired.



New York City, New York to Boston, Massachusetts, dated January 20, 1844.
This letter bears the F-30 forwarding handstamp, of which seventeen examples are known, all in red ink. In this handstamp the letters in all four lines of print are vertical. Also present is a C-12 collect handstamp in red. A manuscript notation "16 Cts due" is in the upper right corner. It is not clear how this amount due was calculated.



New York City, New York to Boston, Massachusetts, dated February 7, 1844.
This letter bears a red F-30 forwarding handstamp and a manuscript notation "Too late for the 8th". This letter arrived at the Hale office after the mails had been closed on the 8th, hence the notation.



New York City, New York to Boston, Massachusetts, dated January 22, 1844.
This letter bears a F-30 forwarding handstamp and a C-12 collect handstamp, both in red. Like many of the early New York to Boston letters, this one is addressed to the Silas Pierce (S.S. Pierce) Company.



New York City, New York to Boston, Massachusetts, dated February 8, 1844.
This letter bears a F-30 forwarding handstamp and a C-12 collect handstamp, both in red. This is the latest known use of the F-30 forwarding handstamp.



New York City, New York to Boston, Massachusetts, dated January 29, 1844. It bears a F-30 forwarding handstamp and a C-15 collect handstamp, both in red. The C-15 is one of only five known to exist. The letter also bears a manuscript "Double" notation, indicating why the C-15 was applied.

