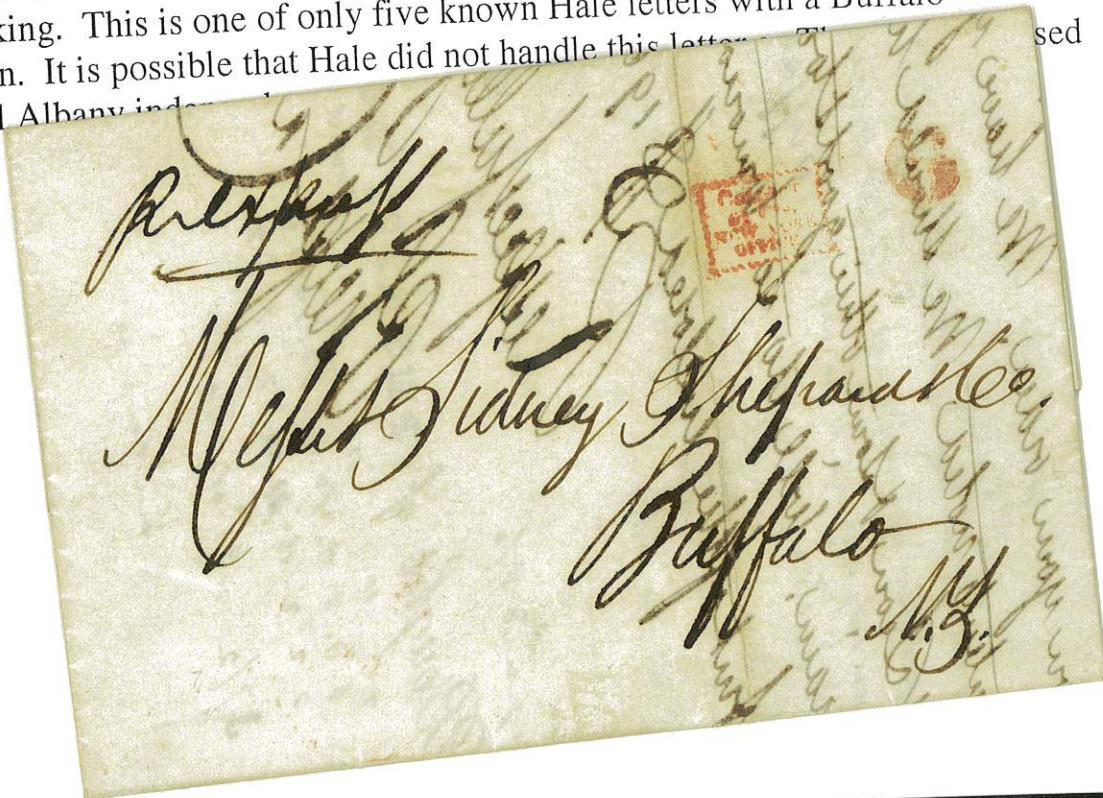


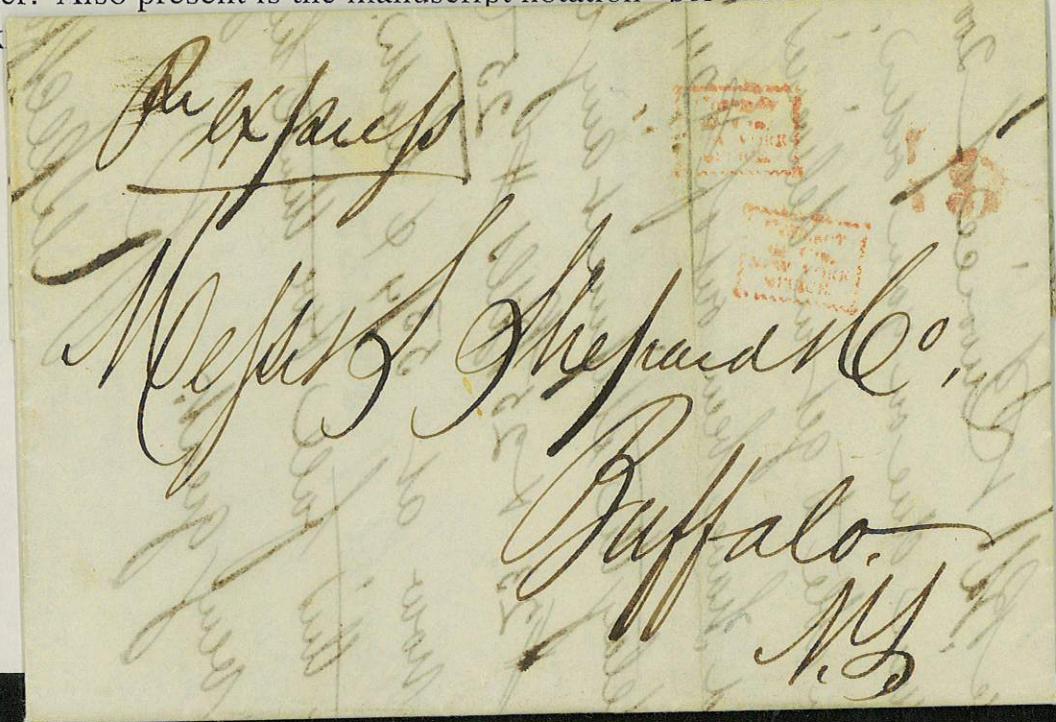
Boston, Massachusetts to Buffalo, New York dated July 27, 1844. It bears a red F-3 forwarding handstamp and a black C-9 collect handstamp. There are no conjunctive markings and presumably Hale carried this letter all the way to Buffalo. This is during the few month period when Hale was competing directly with Pomeroy over this route.



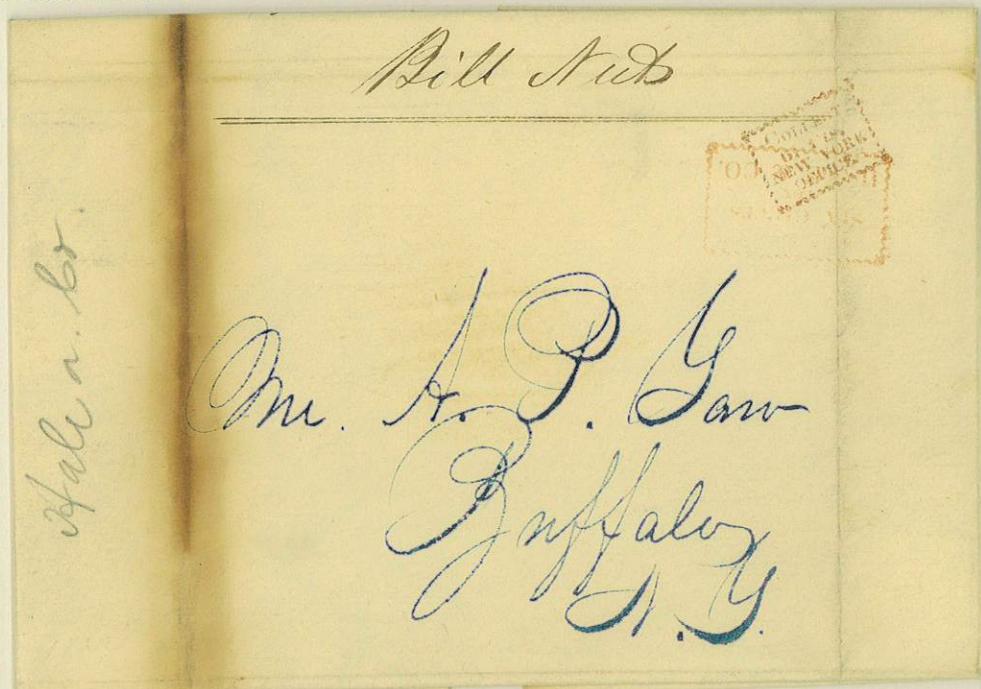
New York City, New York to Buffalo, New York dated July 24, 1844. This letter bears a red C-12 collect handstamp and another collect handstamp that is not a Hale marking. This is one of only five known Hale letters with a Buffalo destination. It is possible that Hale did not handle this letter. It is addressed by several Albany inden



New York City, New York to Buffalo, New York dated July 29, 1844. The letter bears a red Hale C-14 collect handstamp and two Pomeroy collect handstamps. Hale carried the letter to Albany and handed to Pomeroy for delivery to Buffalo. With three collect handstamps the addressee may have been charged 18 3/4 cents for this letter. Also present is the manuscript notation "per express". This is also the latest k



New York City, New York to Buffalo, New York dated August 23, 1844. This letter bears a red C-2 collect handstamp and another collect handstmap that is not Hale. It also bears a manuscript notation "Hale & Co.". This is the latest known of five Hale letters with a Buffalo destination.



Buffalo, New York to Springfield, Massachusetts dated 9/26/44. This letter bears a red C-1 collect handstamp probably applied in Springfield. This is the only known Hale letter with a Buffalo origin. There are no other markings on this letter indicating that Hale alone may have carried it from Buffalo to Springfield. This was about the time Pomeroy Letter Express ceased operation and perhaps Hale had no alternative.

