

1858

T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK  
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Persia



September 2, 1858. An interesting letter concerning poor health conditions in the British West Indies as the writer was ill at Demerara, and the possible discovery of gold in New Columbia. The letter was paid in Glasgow, Scotland at the one shilling (equivalent to 24¢ U.S.) rate per the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848. Payment is by a vertical pair of the Issue of 1856, 6d. lilac x 2 = 12d. or one shilling (12d.) Cancellation is by the Type B3 obliterator, characterized by 3 bars above and below the office number, office name in the date stamp straight. This type is found in use from 1858-68 of which there are many sub-types.

September 3. Transit lozenge at Liverpool. U.S. was credited with 5¢ U.S. Inland. Britain retained 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢. R.M.S. Persia of the Cunard Line sailed for New York September 4.

September 16. Persia arrived at N.Y., letter processed September 17. The N.Y. Exchange Office marked this as a PAID letter. This is a variety of the PAID/24 mark not listed in Winter, similar to his type 102, except this example has vertical letters in PAID and a differently shaped "24".



1869

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK

INMAN LINE

S.S. City of Brooklyn, Maiden Voyage

This letter from cotton broker Lemonius & Co., Liverpool was carried on the maiden viyage of the Inman Line's S.S. City of Brooklyn. This vessel was 2911 tons, 354' x 42½', clipper bow, 1 mast 3 funnels. She was launched in December 1868 by Tod & McGregor, Glasgow. Maiden voyage Liverpool-Queenstown-N.Y. Feb. 24, 1869, last voyage ditto April 6, 1876.



LEMONIUS & CO  
LIVERPOOL



February 24, 1869. Letter endorsed: p City of Brooklyn at Liverpool. It is paid as a treble letter at the 6d. rate of January 1, 1868, Britain to the U.S. by the 6d. deep violet Issue of 1865,

plate 6, and the one shilling Issue of 1867, plate 4, total rate 1sh.6d. Also seen is the LEMONIUS & Co.'s backstamp.

February 24. S.S. City of Brooklyn departed from Liverpool and touched at Queenstown the 25th.



March 10. City of Brooklyn arrived at New York. The letter is marked PAID ALL to Houston, the 6d. rate being all inclusive.



1869

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK

CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Scotia



LEMONIUS & CO  
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July 3, 1869. A letter paid at Liverpool at the all inclusive rate of 6d. (12¢) per ½-oz. x 3 = 1sh.6d., effective January 1, 1868 to December 31, 1869. Rate is made up of the one shilling (12d.) Issue of 1864, plate 4 and the 6d. Issue of 1867, plate 8.

Letter is backstamped with the company stamp of Lemonius & Co. and is endorsed: p "Scotia". R.M.S. Scotia of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool this date.



July 14. Scotia arrived at New York. Letter there processed as "PAID ALL" at the all inclusive rate of 1sh.6d. (36¢). Prepayment carried the letter to Houston, Texas.

1869

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA BOSTON  
CUNARD LINE

R. M. S. Aleppo



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July 27, 1869. A letter paid at Liverpool at the all-inclusive rate of 6d. (12¢) per ½-oz., effective January 1, 1868. The rate is paid by the 6d. Issue of 1869, red violet, no hyphen, plate 8.

Letter is backstamped with the company stamp of Lemonius & Co., Liverpool and is endorsed: Per Aleppo. R.M.S. Aleppo of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool July 27, touched at Queenstown July 28.

August 8. Aleppo arrived at Boston. The prepayment in Britain carried this letter all the way from Boston to Houston as well as on the transatlantic voyage.



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1869

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK

INMAN LINE

S.S. City of Brussels, Maiden Voyage



LEMONDES & CO  
LIVERPOOL



October 14, 1869. A letter from Lemondes & Co., Liverpool, (backstamp) to Houston, Texas, paid at the 6d. (12¢) all inclusive rate to the U.S., effective January 1, 1868 to December 31, 1869. Payment is by the 6d. Issue of 1867, plate 8, watermarked spray of roses. Cancellation is by the Liverpool duplex of the Western District. Letter is endorsed: p "City of Brussels."

October 14. S.S. City of Brussels of the Inman Line departed from Liverpool on her maiden voyage. She touched at Queenstown the 15th.



October 24. City of Brussels arrived at New York. Prepayment in England carried the letter to Texas at no further charge.

1869

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK

CUNARD LINE

S.S. Nemesis (First Chartered Voyage)

The Nemesis was originally launched for P. & O. in 1857, then sold to Peter Denny in 1869, who lengthened her from 312' to 352½', increasing her tonnage from 2018 to 2717 tons. She was on charter to Cunard in 1869 and 1870 where she made six round voyages. In 1871 she made three round voyages for the Inman Line and four for North German Lloyd in '72-3.

During Nemesis' service for Cunard, five of her six voyages from New York were made when the company was refusing to carry the American mails to England, so that her first trip in 1869 became the first and last time she carried the Cunard mails from New York. (Chronicle 92:288).



LEMONIUS & CO  
LIVERPOOL.



Oct. 30, 1869. Letter posted at Liverpool and paid by the cotton brokers Lemonius & Co., backstamp. The 6d. (12¢) rate of Jan. 1, 1868, is paid by the Issue of 1868, plate 8, cancelled by the duplex of Liverpool, the killer showing the Western District off-

ice of Liverpool which was divided into four districts in 1864. The Nemesis departed from L'pool for N.Y. on her 1st charter voyage for Cunard carrying this letter.



Nov. 11. Nemesis arrived N.Y., letter processed Nov. 12. PAID ALL to Texas. On her return voyage to England Nov. 17, she carried the only eastbound American mails of her charter career for Cunard.



1869

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK

INMAN LINE

S.S. City of London

This letter from cotton broker Lemonius & Co., Liverpool was carried on the penultimate voyage of the Inman Line under the Jan. 1, 1868, 6d. (12¢) rate. On Jan. 1, 1870, the Additional Articles of the U.S.-British Postal Treaty, the rate became 3d. (6¢) per ½-oz. The Postmaster General could pay no more than 6¢ per oz., consequently, Cunard, HAPAG and Inman refused to carry the U.S. mails at the reduced rate. British mails from Queenstown were still carried on the westbound voyages. By the second week in May 1870, Inman again began to carry the U.S. mails, having signed a contract at the reduced rates.



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December 9, 1869. A letter paid at Liverpool at the 6d. rate of Jan. 1, 1868, by the Issue of 1869, plate 8, cancelled by the Liverpool Western District duplex. The Inman Line's

S.S. City of London, as endorsed, departed for New York this date, touching at Queenstown the 10th.

December 23. City of London arrived at New York. Letter is marked PAID ALL to Houston, Texas.



1869

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK

CUNARD LINE

S.S. Nemesis (On Charter to Cunard)

This 2717 ton steamship was laid down as Delhi at Tod & McGregor, Glasgow. 352½' x 41½' beam, clipper bow, iron, screw, 11 knots. She was launched in 1857 as Nemesis for Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. She was sold in 1869 to Peter Denny, lengthened from her original length of 312' and 2018 tons. Her first voyage under charter to Cunard, Liverpool-Queens-town-New York, was October 30, 1869. Her return voyage to Liverpool, leaving N.Y. Nov. 17, 1869, was the only voyage which she carried the mails eastbound from New York. In all she made six round voyages for Cunard.



LEMONIUS & CO  
LIVERPOOL.



Dec. 14, 1869. Letter paid at the 6d. (12¢) transatlantic rate of Jan. 1, 1868, Britain to U.S. Adhesive, Issue of 1869, plate 8, is cancelled by the Liverpool duplex, Western District. Liverpool was divided into four postal

districts (N, E, S and W.) in 1864. Letter is backstamped with the company mark of Lemonius & Co., cotton brokers at Liverpool. S.S. Nemesis departed Dec. 18 for New York on the 2nd charter voyage for Cunard.



December 29. Nemesis arrived at New York. This letter was marked PAID ALL to Texas by the New York Exchange office.



1870

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK

CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. China

April 16, 1870. A letter from Frederick Huth & Co. acknowledging receipt of House's draft for £1000, and noting that the cotton market, as is usual at that time of year, is dull.



April 16, 1870. Fredr. Huth & Co. prepaid this letter at the 3d. (6¢) rate of January 1, 1870. Their company stamp noted "Prepaid." Adhesives are the one penny, Issue of 1864, and 2d. Issue of 1858, plate 12. Letter is endorsed: via Queenstown.

April 16. R.M.S. China of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool, touched at Queenstown April 17.



April 27. China arrived at New York. The prepayment in Britain carried this letter from New York to Houston, Texas under the Treaty.

1870

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK  
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Russia



May 14, 1870. A single letter to Texas posted at Liverpool by Frederick Huth & Co. who applied their handstamp inscribed "Prepaid". The letter was paid at the January 1, 1870 transatlantic rate of 3 pence (6¢) by a copy of the Issue of 1867, plate 5. Letter endorsed: per Russia (s.) via Queenstown.

R.M.S. Russia of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool May 14 for New York via Queenstown. She touched at the latter port May 15.

May 25. Russia arrived at New York. The New York Exchange Office processed the letter as "PAID ALL" to Houston Texas.





1870

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK  
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Java



May 28, 1870. A letter posted at Liverpool from Frederick Huth & Co. informing T.W. House that cotton imports from Bombay in large amounts is hurting the sales of Texas cotton. Huth struck their corner card showing this letter was prepaid. Prepayment was at the 3d. (6¢) rate of January 1, 1870, made up by the penny red, Issue of 1864, plate 129 and the 2d. blue, Issue of 1869, plate 13, perf. 14. This was an all-inclusive rate. Letter is endorsed: per Java (s)/ via Queenstown.

May 28. R.M.S. Java of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool with this letter aboard. Java touched at Queenstown on the 29th.



June 8. Java arrived at New York. The prepaid postage carried this letter all the way to Houston, Texas with no further charge.

1859

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA BOSTON  
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Niagara



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April 23, 1859. A double weight letter (over  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz., but not over 1 oz.) paid at Liverpool by a pair of the one shilling, Issue of 1856. At one shilling (24¢) x 2 = 48¢ equivalent was paid. The 6d. lilac Issue of 1856 appears to represent a late fee, as it does not fit into the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate of 24¢ (1/-) per  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. Letter is endorsed "per Niagara" and is backstamped at the Liverpool Packet Letter Office (P.L.O.). U.S. was credited for 5¢ U.S. Inland x 2 = 10¢.

April 23. R.M.S. Niagara of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool.



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May 6. Niagara arrived at Boston. Letter was passed as PAID and the prepayment equivalent to 48¢ was restated in the red handstamp.

Prepayment in England carried the letter to Houston, Texas at no further charge.



1866

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK  
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Australasian



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January 27, 1866. A letter from Liverpool to Houston, Texas paid at four times the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate per  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. or 1sh. x 4 = 4sh. Payment is by a block of four of Great Britain, Issue of 1863, plate 1. Britain retained 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ x 4 = 76¢. U.S. was credited with 5¢ U.S. Inland x 4 = 20¢, shown in red manuscript. Letter is endorsed: pr. "Australasian".



January 27. R.M.S. Australasian of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool, touched at Queens-town the 28th where this letter went aboard with the English and Irish mails.

February 9. Australasian arrived at New York. Letter was processed as fully paid to Houston, Texas.

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK  
CUNARD LINE R.M.S. Per

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April 13. Persia arrived at New York. The pre-payment carried the letter to Houston, Texas.



1866

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA BOSTON  
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Java



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October 27, 1866. A double weight letter ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 oz.) paid at Liverpool by a horizontal pair of the one shilling Issue of 1865, plate 4. It is endorsed: p Java SS. A credit was allowed to the U.S. for U.S. Internal postage at 5¢ x

2 = 10¢, shown in red manuscript. Under the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848, Britain would retain 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ x 2 = 38¢. Rate was one shilling (24¢) per  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz.

October 27. Transit backstamp at the Liverpool Packet Letter Office. R.M.S. Java of the Cunard Line sailed from Liverpool for Boston on this date.



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November 7. Java arrived at Boston. She did not call at Queens-town outbound due to a heavy gale. The Boston Exchange Office noted the letter as a double packet letter, 24¢ x 2 = 48¢ paid. Letter refers to damaged cotton per the Weser.

1866

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA BOSTON  
CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Java



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December 8, 1866. A letter endorsed: p Java, concerns short weight on a shipment of cotton. The consignor attributes it resulted from the repacking of the cotton bales for repicking. Originally the bales had been double wrapped with burlap, single wrapped when rebaled. The 6% loss he contends was the difference between single and double wrapping. A duplicate letter is included dated December 5, the original of which was sent per S.S. City of New York.

Letter paid at the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate of one shilling per  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz, paid by the Issue of 1865, plate 4. U.S. was credited with 5¢ for U.S. Inland. Backstamp at the Liverpool Packet Letter Office.

December 8. R.M.S. Java, Cunard Line, departed from Liverpool.

December 21. Java arrived at Boston. Letter was passed as PAID at the prepayment equivalent to 24¢ U.S., which was restated in the handstamp.

Payment at Liverpool carried letter to Texas.





1867

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK

CUNARD LINE

R.M.S. Persia

August 24, 1867. A letter Quaker dated (8 mo. 24th) by cotton broker C. Grimshaw & Co. at Liverpool. They say, "We wrote thee on the 17th Inst...and regret to see that Galveston is having the yellow fever, which may account for our non receipt of letters from either Houston or Gavelston." Letter is endorsed: paid Per "Persia" via Cork (Queenstown.)



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August 24. Letter notes several enclosures. It was triple rated at one shilling (24¢) per ½-oz. per the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848. Payment by the 1/- Issue of 1865, plate 4, and the 2/- Issue of 1867, plate 1. This was equivalent to 24¢ x 3 = 72¢ U.S. Britain credited U.S. for 5¢ U.S. Inland x 3 = 15¢, shown in red. Britain retained 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ x 3 = 57¢. Stamps are cancelled by the British P.O. number 466 of Liverpool. The Packet Letter Office back stamp shows transit on August 24.

The R.M.S. Persia, as endorsed, departed on even date for New York, touching at Queenstown on the 25th.

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September 4. Persia arrived at New York. Payment in Britain carried the letter from New York to Houston, Texas.

1867

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK  
INMAN LINE

S.S. City of Paris

September 2, 1867. A letter from John Patton Junr. & Co., shipping and insurance agents at Liverpool. It solicits business, including, "Through our connections to the North we are in a very favourable situation in regard to shipment of gas & other coals."

The letter is endorsed: p. Russia (of the Cunard Line). The R.M.S. Russia departed from Liverpool September 7, however, this letter was not posted until September 11.



21 CENTS

September 11, 1867. Letter posted paid at Liverpool at the one shilling (24¢) rate by the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848. Payment by Great Britain Issue of 1867, plate 4, wmk. spray of rose. The U.S. was credited with 16¢ Sea (American Packet) + 5¢ U.S. Inland = 21¢.

September 11. S.S. City of Paris of the Inman Line departed from Liverpool, touched at Queenstown the 12th.



September 22. City of Paris arrived at New York. The New York Exchange Office passed this letter as PAID all the way to Houston, Texas.



1869

THE T.W. HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE  
BRITAIN TO TEXAS VIA NEW YORK  
INMAN LINE

S.S. City of Antwerp



LEMONIUS & CO  
LIVERPOOL



February 10, 1869. Letter endorsed: Per City of Antwerp, at Liverpool. It is paid as a treble letter at the 6d. (12¢) rate of January 1, 1868, Britain to the U.S., by the 6d. dull violet plate 6 and the one shilling, plate 4, Issue of 1867, total rate 1sh.6d., equivalent to 36¢ U.S.. Also seen is the LEMONIUS & Co.'s backstamp.

February 10. S.S. City of Antwerp, Inman Line, departed from Liverpool. She touched at Queenstown on the 11th.



February 24. City of Antwerp arrived at New York, the letter marked PAID ALL to Houston, the 6d. rate being all inclusive.