

9. Via Cape Horn

The S.S. "Great Britain": The voyage of the "Great Britain" appears to have been a private contract steamship. The European and Australian Royal Mail Co. steamer "Simla" was initially intended to take the May mails. However, her voyage was delayed instead to carry the June mail. There appears to have been a compromise with both ships sailing in late May. The "Simla", which travelled overland via Suez and Marseille arrived in Liverpool on the 1.8, three weeks before the "Great Britain" sailing via Cape Horn. There were only a couple of steamship sailings via this route.

Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/2 - for a 1/2oz ship letter to the Kingdom of Prussia.

"8"(d) manuscript in black debit to the Kingdom of Prussia for the incoming ship letter fee.

"26/8"(silbergroschen) manuscript in black at lower right conversion of the British incoming letter fee to be paid by the recipient.



Port Albert, Victoria 11.5.1857 to Halle, Kingdom of Prussia

Route - Victorian contract steamship: Departed Melbourne 21.5.1857 per "Great Britain", via Cape Horn to Liverpool 22.8; by rail to London 24.8; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen 25.8 to Halle, arriving 26.8.1857. (97 days).

Ex Perry, Kellow



Adelaide, South Australia 13.5.1857 to Saddleworth, England

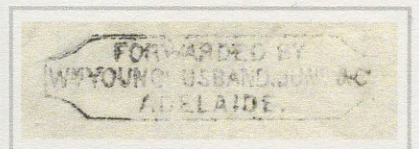
Route - Private steamship: Departed Adelaide 15.5.1857 per "Colchester" to Melbourne. **Victorian contract steamship:** Departed Melbourne 21.5. per "Great Britain" via Cape Horn to Liverpool 22.8; by rail to Manchester, arriving 23.8.1857. (100 days).

Ex Blake

Double Rate:

Prepayment of 1/- for a 1/2oz ship letter to England.

Note: Although endorsed for the "Simla" on the quicker route via Marseille, this envelope was allocated to the "Great Britain".



A scanned image of the Adelaide forwarding cachet on the reverse.

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A scarce imperforate usage of the 6d supplementary mail fee using two different shades of the 6d value



Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/- comprising 6d for a 1/2oz ship letter to England plus 6d supplementary mail fee from Sydney to Melbourne.

Sydney, New South Wales 16.5.1857 to Edinburgh, Scotland

Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 16.5.1857 per "Governor General" to Melbourne. **Victorian contract steamship:** Departed Melbourne 21.5.1857 per "Great Britain", via Cape Horn to Liverpool 22.8; by rail to Edinburgh, arriving 24.8.1857. (100 days).

Note: There must have been some urgency for this letter as the envelope was initially endorsed for the European and Australian Royal Mail Co. steamer "Simla" but was crossed out and allocated in the supplementary mail for an additional 6d to catch the S.S. "Great Britain", which left on the 21.5, as opposed to the "Simla" which left on the 30.5.



Single Rate:

Prepayment of 6d for a 1/2oz ship letter to England.

Melbourne, Victoria 17.6.1859 to Lutterworth, England

Route - Non contract steamship: Departed Melbourne 18.6.1859 per "Oneida", via Montevideo 6.8, Rio de Janeiro 14.8 and St. Vincent 26.8 to Southampton 6.9; by rail via London 7.9 to Lutterworth, arriving 8.9.1859. (82 days).

Note: It is unusual that this cover was sent via the non-contract steamship "Oneida". The P&O Line contract steamship "Benares" sailed on the same day via Suez with the mails reaching Southampton in 51 days, demonstrating the speed of the overland route when compared to this voyage via Cape Horn of 82 days.

10. Via Panama

Historical overview

The search for quicker routes to England and the United States of America turned to the Pacific Ocean. New technologies in steam power enabled quicker crossings of the world's largest ocean. The terminus at Panama was well established in the 1850's to transport mail from the western United States to the eastern side of the continent. The opening of the railway to San Francisco provided further opportunities for letters addressed as far away as Europe.

Usage of the Panama route prior to the introduction of the contract steamer service in 1866

Although the route via Panama to the United States and Great Britain had been available from the late 1840's, there have been no covers recorded transiting in the opposite direction until the discovery of this envelope in 2018.



Melbourne, Victoria 25.5.1865 to Victoria, **Vancouver Island**

Single Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 1/- and underpaid 5d for a ½oz ship letter of 1/5d to Vancouver Island. The underpayment not recognised by postal officials.

Postal markings:

"11"(d) manuscript in black debit to Great Britain for forwarding to Vancouver Island.

Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 26.5.1865 per "Madras" to Galle 16.6; "Mooltan" 19.6 to Suez 6.7; overland to Alexandria; "Poonah" 8.7 via Malta 11.7 to Marseilles 15.7; by rail via London 17.7 to Liverpool. **Inman Line:** Departed Liverpool 19.7 per "City of New York" to New York 31.7. **Private steamship:** Departed New York 1.8 per "Ocean Queen" to Aspinwall; by rail to Panama. **Pacific Mail Steamship Co:** Departed Panama 11.8 per "Golden City" to San Francisco 25.8. **Private steamship:** Departed San Francisco 28.8 per "Sierra Nevada" via Portland to Victoria, arriving 16.9.1865. (114 days).

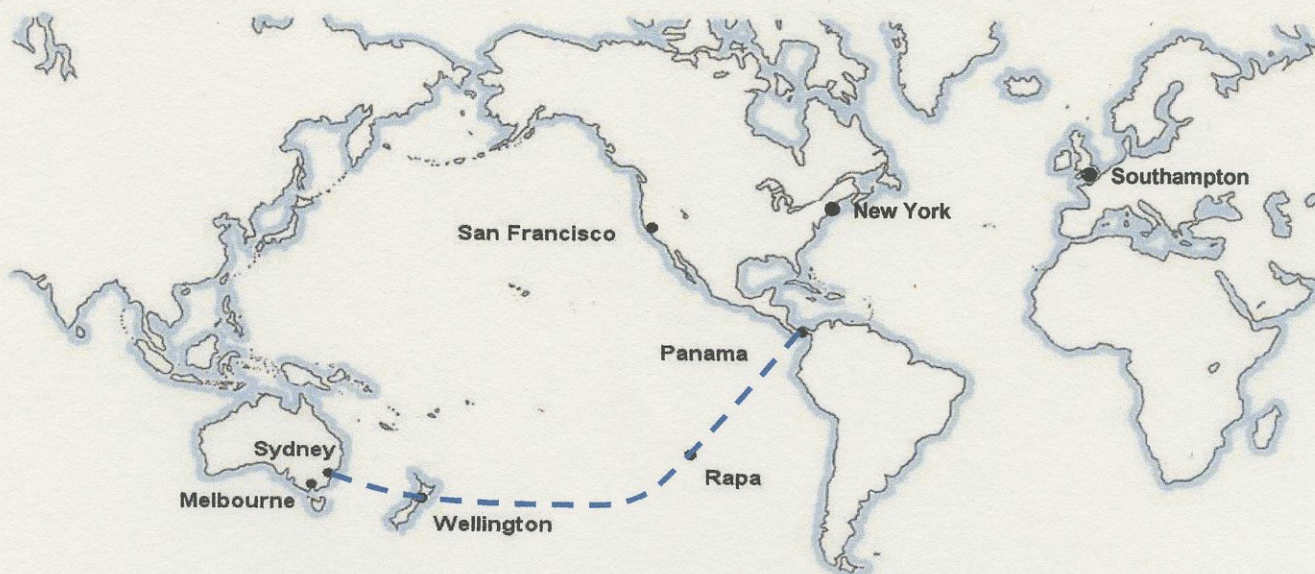
Ex Kramer

The earliest cover from the Australian Colonies to Vancouver Island recorded

The only cover from the Australian Colonies using the southern route via Panama recorded

10. Via Panama

In 1866 the New South Wales and New Zealand governments contracted the Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company for a monthly service between Sydney, Wellington, and Panama. The mails were then conveyed overland to Colon to join up with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company service to Southampton. The contract was terminated in January 1869 when the New Zealand government was unable to continue with the service.



A map showing the route via Panama for the Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company contract.

Rate:

Prepayment of 2/- for a ship letter to Peru.

"1/-" manuscript in red credit for the British post office in Panama for forwarding to Peru.

"2" (centavos) manuscript in blue for local delivery through the British post office service in Peru to be paid by the recipient.

The only stamped cover from the Australian Colonies to Peru recorded



Sydney, New South Wales 30.4.1867 to Callao, Peru

Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 1.4.1867 per "Rakaia" to Panama 5.6.; **Pacific Steam Navigation Co:** By steamship to Callao, arriving 17.6.1867. (77 days).

Ex Davis, Palmer

The only cover from New South Wales to Peru recorded

10. Via Panama

Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/1d for a ½oz ship letter to England.

Postal markings:

"1d" handstamp in red representing the additional 1d payment required for ship letters Via Panama between 16.1. to 23.5.1867.

Note: This cover was posted during the "intermediate" rate via Panama. There are no gazetted increases in either Queensland or New South Wales records for the new contract period until 23.5.1867. The rate prior to the contract was for 1/-.



Brisbane, Queensland 30.3.1867 to Gateshead, England

Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 1.4.1867 per "Rakaia" to Panama 5.5.; by rail to Colon. **Royal Mail Steam Packet Co:** Departed Colon 6.5 per "Solent" to St Thomas 14.5. "Douro" 14.5 to Southampton 26.5; by rail via London 27.5 to Gateshead, arriving 27.5.1867. (56 days).

Ex Campbell, Davis

Seven covers from Queensland via the Panama contract route are recorded, this being the only "intermediate" rate example



Brisbane, Queensland 27.6.1867 to Helensburgh, England

Route - Queensland Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 28.6.1867 per "Lady Bowen" to Sydney. **Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company:** Departed Sydney 1.7 per "Ruahine" via Wellington 8.7 to Panama 6.8; by rail to Colon. **Royal Mail Steam Packet Co:** Departed Colon 6.8 per "Solent" to St Thomas 12.8. "Rhône" 16.8 to Southampton 26.8; by rail via London 27.8 and Glasgow 27.8 to Helensburgh, arriving 28.8.1867. (61 days).

Ex Stevenson, Manning

Seven covers from Queensland via the Panama contract route recorded

10. Via Panama



Single Rate - Overpaid:

Prepayment of 2/8d for ½oz ship letter and overpaid 1/2d to British Columbia.

Note: The prepayment of this cover is confusing. The published rate for a ½oz ship letter to British Columbia is 1/6d, with a 1oz letter being 3/-. Even the rates to Canada do not equate to this postage.

Bathurst, New South Wales 30.7.1868 to New Westminster, **British Columbia**

Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 2.8.1868 per R.M.S. "Rakaia" to Panama 4.9. **Pacific Steam Navigation Co:** "Sacramento" 3.10 to San Francisco; "Helen. W. Almy" 20.10 to British Columbia.

Ex Forrest, Palmer

The only cover from New South Wales to British Columbia recorded



Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/4d for a ½oz ship letter to Jamaica.

"1"(d) handstamp in black for internal postage to be paid by the recipient.

Postal markings:

"PANAMA/8 MR 1874/TRANSIT" datestamp

Sydney, New South Wales 17.1.1874 to Kingston, **Jamaica**

Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 17.1.1874 per "City of Melbourne" to San Francisco. **Pacific Steam Navigation Co:** "Mohongo" 22.2 to Panama 8.3.; by steamship to Kingston, arriving 24.3.1874. (66 days).

Ex Forrest, Palmer

The earliest cover from the Australian Colonies to Jamaica recorded

11. Via San Francisco

Historical overview

With the collapse of route via Panama at the end of 1868, the eastern Australian Colonies and New Zealand were at the end of the long route via Suez. The trans-continental railroad between San Francisco and New York was completed in May 1869 making San Francisco a potential terminus of the Pacific leg of the journey to Europe. The contract via San Francisco was fractured, with a number of operators awarded and then dismissed from service.

1870-1871: Australasian Steam Navigation and North Pacific Transportation Company

1871-1873: California, New Zealand and Australian Mail Company

1874-1875: Australasian & American Mail Steamship Company

1875-1885: The Pacific Mail Steamship Company

1885-1891: Union Steamship Company of New Zealand and the Oceanic Steamship Company of the USA (joint venture).



A map showing the route via San Francisco followed by all five mail contracts.



The first voyage of the San Francisco route

Rate:

Prepayment of 2/- for a ½ oz ship letter to the Sandwich Islands.

Note: The prepayment does not conform to any published rates to the Sandwich Islands and the United States. Published rates in January 1870 were only available to the islands via Suez.

The only cover from Queensland to the Sandwich Islands recorded

Rockhampton, Queensland 29.1.1870 to Honolulu, **Sandwich Islands**

Route: Departed Rockhampton 29.1.1870 by private ship to Brisbane. **Australasian Steam Navigation Co:** Departed Brisbane 8.2 per "City of Brisbane to Sydney. **The Australasian Steam Navigation and North Pacific Transportation Co:** Departed Sydney 26.3 per "Wonga Wonga to Honolulu, arriving on the 18.4.1870. (79 days).

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Brisbane, Queensland 23.7.1870 to Dublin, Ireland

Route: **Australian Steam Navigation Co:** Departed Brisbane 23.7.1870 per "City of Brisbane to Sydney. **The Australasian Steam Navigation and North Pacific Transportation Co:** Departed Sydney 30.7 per "Wonga Wonga via Auckland 7.8 to Honolulu; "Ajax" 26.8 to San Francisco 6.9; by rail to New York. **Guion Line:** Departed New York 14.9 to Queenstown 26.9; overland to Dublin, arriving on the 28.9.1870. (67 days).

Ex Stevenson, Manning

Very few covers from Queensland are recorded via San Francisco during the "unknown rate period"

Single Rate:

Prepayment of 8d for a ½ oz ship letter to British Columbia.

Note: The rate for a ½ oz ship letter to Canada and it's provinces was reduced from 1/2d to 8d on the 10.2.1874.



Sydney, New South Wales 3.7.1875 to Victoria, **British Columbia**

Route - The Australasian & American Mail Steamship Co: Departed Sydney 3.7.1875 per "Mikado" via Auckland 9.7 to San Francisco 2.8. **Great Northern Pacific Steamship Co:** Departed San Francisco 7.8 to Victoria, arriving 9.8.1875. (37 days).

Three covers from New South Wales to British Columbia recorded

11. Via San Francisco



Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/3d for a ½ oz ship letter to St. Vincent.

Postal markings:

“PAID/ALL” handstamp in black applied at Sydney representing paid to destination.

Pimpana, Queensland 10.4.1876 to Kingstown, St. Vincent

Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 12.4.1876 per “City of Brisbane” to Sydney. **The Australasian & American Mail Steamship Co:** Departed Sydney 6.5 per “Australia” to Fiji 15.5; “Colima” 15.5 to San Francisco 5.6; by rail to New York 14.6; by steamer to Bridgetown, Barbados. **Royal Mail Steam Packet Co:** Departed Bridgetown 1.7 per “Don” to St. Thomas 3.7; by private sailing ship to Kingstown, arriving 21.7.1876. (102 days).

Ex Gilbert-Lodge; Messenger; Friedman

The only cover from the Australian Colonies to St. Vincent recorded



Double Rate:

Prepayment of 4d for a ½ oz ship letter to New Zealand.

Rockhampton, Queensland 20.5.1876 to Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Rockhampton 21.5.1876 per “Queensland” to Brisbane 23.6; “Egmont” 27.6 to Sydney. **The Australasian & American Mail Steamship Co:** Departed Sydney 2.6 per “City of San Francisco” to Auckland 5.6; overland via Napier 10.6 to Hawkes Bay. (over 21 days).

Ex Manning

Three Chalon covers from Queensland to New Zealand recorded

11. Via San Francisco

Single Rate:

Prepayment of 8d for a ½ oz ship letter to Canada.

"2" manuscript in red credited to the United States for 2 cents inland postage.

"5" (cents) applied at Windsor for internal postage due from a non-treaty country to be paid by the recipient.

Postal markings:

"MORE-TO-PAY" applied at Windsor recognising the internal postage due.



Maryborough, Victoria 6.1.1877 to Toronto, Canada

Route - Private steamship: Departed Melbourne 8.1.1877 per "City of Adelaide" to Sydney. **Pacific Mail Steamship Co:** Departed Sydney 12.1 per "City of Sydney" via Auckland 17.1 to San Francisco 10.2; by rail via Chicago to New York; by rail to Toronto, arriving 19.2.1877. (44 days).

Note: The contract for the via San Francisco route was with the New South Wales and United States of America governments. Victorian mail was treated as underpaid and had to pay the additional 2 cents postage. Conversely, Canada was also a non-treaty country, with the 5 cents additional postage to be paid by the recipient.

Single Rate:

Prepayment of 6d for a ½ oz ship letter to United States of America.

Postal markings:

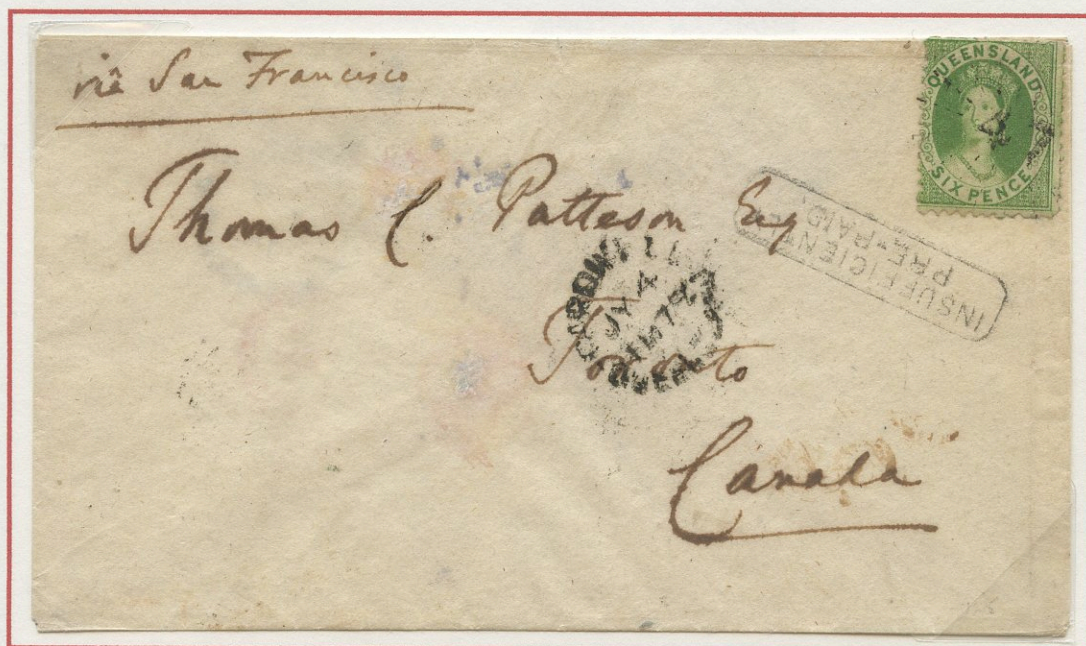
"PAID/ALL" applied at Sydney indicating the envelope was pre-paid to the United States.



Brisbane, Queensland 20.5.1877 to Cincinnati, United States

Route - Private steamship: Departed Brisbane 22.5.1877 per "Governor Blackall" to Sydney. **Pacific Mail Steamship Co:** Departed Sydney 1.6. per "Australia" via Auckland 6.6 to San Francisco 28.6; by rail via Chicago to Cincinnati, arriving 5.7.1877. (46 days)

11. Via San Francisco



Single Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 6d and underpaid 3d for a ½ oz ship letter of 9d to Canada.

Postal markings:

“INSUFFICIENTLY/ PRE-PAID” handstamp in black.

Note: Unusually there are no postage due markings on this cover and it appears that the outstanding postage was not collected by the recipient.

Cardwell, Queensland 4.7.1879 to Toronto, **Canada**

Route - Private steamship: Departed Brisbane 11.7.1879 per “Victoria” to Sydney. **Pacific Mail Steamship Co:** Departed Sydney 17.7.1879 per “Australia” via Auckland 22.7 to San Francisco 13.8; by rail via Chicago and New York to Toronto.

Ex Campbell, Boston

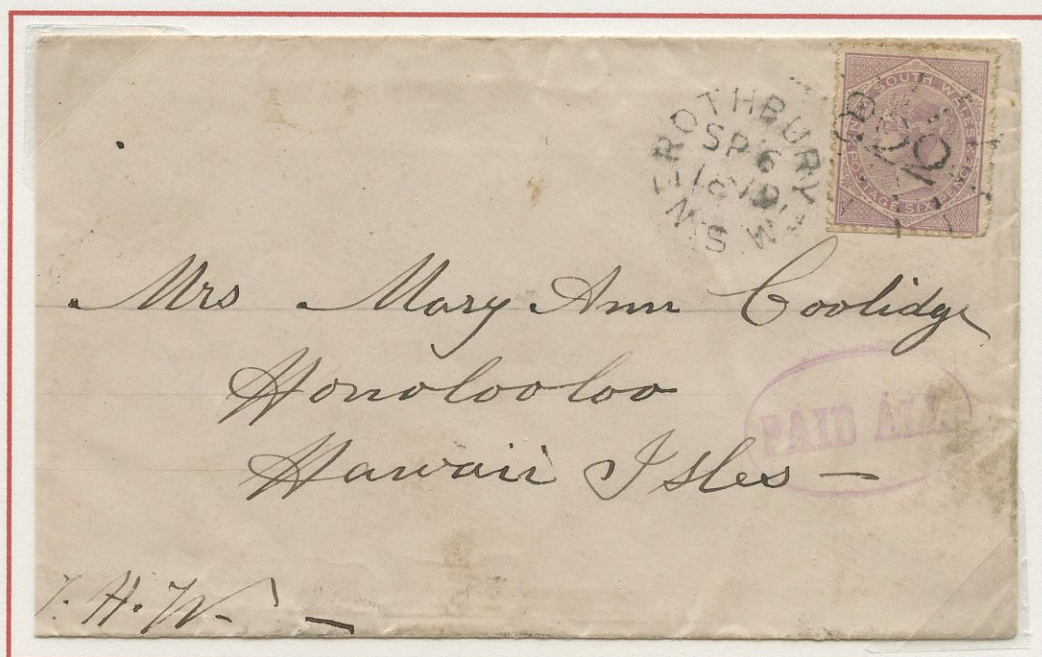
Eight Queensland Chalon covers to Canada are recorded

Single Rate:

Prepayment of 6d for a ½oz ship letter to Hawaii.

Postal markings:

“PAID ALL” in violet applied at Sydney indicating the envelope was prepaid to Hawaii.



Rothbury, New South Wales 6.9.1879 to Honolulu, **Hawaii**

Route - Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Sydney 11.9.1879 per “Zealandia” via Auckland 16.9 to Honolulu, arriving 29.9.1879. (18 days).

Note: The numeral postmark of number 822 of Rothbury is rated RRRR by Freeman in the Numeral Cancellations of New South Wales.

One of the earliest covers from New South Wales to Hawaii recorded

11. Via San Francisco



Double Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 6d and underpaid 6d for a 1oz ship letter of 1/- to United States of America.

Postal markings:

"6d/ MORE TO PAY" applied at Melbourne recognising the deficient postage; "U.S. CHARGE/ TO COLLECT" and "12 Cents" denoting the amount to be collected by the recipient.

Melbourne, Victoria 9.2.1882 to New York, United States of America

Route - Private steamship: Departed Melbourne 11.2.1882 per "City of Adelaide" to Sydney. **The Pacific Mail Steamship Company:** Departed Sydney 23.2.1882 per "Zealandia" via Auckland 28.2 to San Francisco 22.3; by rail via Chicago to New York, arriving 27.3.1882. (46 days).

Double Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 6d and underpaid 6d for a 1/- ship letter of 1oz to the United States of America.

Postal markings:

"Deficient Postage 6d/ Fine 6d} 1/- To pay" manuscript in black for underpayment; "10/cents" applied at San Francisco for double the 5cents due from a non-treaty country to be paid by the recipient.



Don, Tasmania 6.6.1882 to New York, United States of America

Route - Private steamship: Departed Launceston 9.6.1882 per S.S. "Flinders" to Melbourne; by rail to Sydney. **The Pacific Mail Steamship Company:** Departed Sydney 15.6 per "Zealandia" via Auckland 20.6 to San Francisco 10.7; by rail, via Chicago to New York.

Note: The contract for the via San Francisco route was with the New South Wales government. Tasmanian mail was treated as underpaid and had to pay double the 5 cents postage for an underpaid 1oz ship letter of 10 cents. The underpaid postage for a 1 oz ship letter was an extra 25 cents for the deficient postage and fine, however, this appears not to have been collected.

11. Via San Francisco



Single Rate: Prepayment of 6d for a ½ oz ship letter to United States of America.

Postal markings:

“U.S. CURRENCY/5”(cents) applied at San Francisco for postage due from a non-treaty country to be paid by the recipient.

Note:

The contract for the via San Francisco route was with the New South Wales and Queensland governments. South Australian mail was treated as underpaid and had to pay the additional 5 cents postage.

Adelaide, South Australia 14.4.1883 to Connecticut, United States of America

Route - P&O Line: Departed Adelaide 16.4.1883 per “Rosetta” to Melbourne 17.4; by rail to Sydney. **The Pacific Mail Steamship Company:** Departed Sydney 19.4 per “City of New York” via Auckland 25.4 to San Francisco 17.5; by rail via Chicago and New York to Connecticut, arriving 25.5.1883. (41 days).

Ex John Griffiths



Single Rate:

Prepayment of 7d for a ½ oz ship letter to Greece. “1½D” in violet for credit to Great Britain for forwarding to Greece.

Note: Whilst endorsed “Via Suez” this envelope was sent via San Francisco.

Sydney, New South Wales 12.7.1883 to Corfu, Greece

Route: The Pacific Mail Steamship Company: Departed Sydney 12.7.1883 per “Australia” via Auckland 17.7 to San Francisco 8.8; by rail via Chicago to New York; by steamer to London 25.8; by steamer to Corfu, arriving 20.9.1883. (70 days).

Ex Palmer

The only cover from New South Wales to Greece recorded

11. Via San Francisco



Double Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 1/5d and underpaid 1d for a 1 oz ship letter to Cuba.

Brisbane, Queensland 15.5.1884 to Cuba

Route: Australasian Steamship Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 16.5.1884 per "Wentworth" to Sydney. **The Pacific Mail Steamship Company:** Departed Sydney 22.5 per "Zealandia" via Auckland 27.5 to San Francisco 15.6; by rail via Chicago to New York 24.6; by steamer to Havana.

Ex Campbell

The only cover from the Australian Colonies to Cuba recorded



Single Rate: Prepayment of 8d for a ½ oz ship letter to the United States of America.

Postal markings:

"U.S. CHARGE/ TO COLLECT/ 5 CENTS" applied at San Francisco. A 5cent Postage Due stamp applied at Barre indicating the deficient postage was collected from the recipient.

Fremantle, Western Australia 26.6.1885 to Barre, United States of America

Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 29.6.1885 per "Carthage" to Melbourne 5.7. **Private steamship:** Departed Melbourne 15.7 per "Burrumbeet" to Sydney. **The Pacific Mail Steamship Company:** Departed Sydney 16.7 per "Zealandia" via Auckland 21.7 to San Francisco 11.8; by rail via Chicago and New York 19.8 to Barre, arriving c21.8.1885. (56 days).

Note: The contract for the San Francisco route was with the New South Wales and Queensland governments. Western Australian mail was treated as underpaid and had to pay the additional 5 cents internal postage.

11. Via San Francisco



Single Rate:

Prepayment of 9d for a ½ oz ship letter to Canada.

Jarrahdale, Western Australia 20.12.1887 to Ontario, **Canada**

Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 25.12.1887 per "Valette" to Melbourne 31.12; by rail to Sydney. **Oceanic Steamship Co:** Departed Sydney 26.1.1888 per "Almeda" via Auckland 30.1 to San Francisco 19.2; by rail via Chicago and Windsor 25.2 to Welland, arriving 27.2.1888. (69 days).

Three covers from Western Australia to Canada recorded



Single Rate:

Prepayment of 6d for a ½ oz ship letter to Canada.

An additional 6 cents Canadian postage paid for the redirection to Michigan, United States of America.

Inverell, New South Wales 21.6.1888 to Canada, redirected to United States

Route - Oceanic Steamship Co: Departed Sydney 11.7.1888 per "Alameda" via Auckland 16.7 to San Francisco 5.8; by rail via Chicago and New York to Ontario 10.8; redirected by rail to Michigan, arriving 18.8.1888. (58 days).

Ex Forster

11. Via San Francisco



Single Rate: Prepayment of 10d comprising 6d for a ½ oz ship letter plus 4d registration to the United States of America.

Postal markings:

“U.S. CHARGE/ TO COLLECT/ 5 CENTS” applied at San Francisco for 5 cents transit postage due from a non-treaty country.

Adelaide, South Australia 18.2.1889 to Hoboken, United States of America

Route: Departed Adelaide 18.2.1889 by rail via Melbourne to Sydney. **Union Steamship Co:** Departed Sydney 20.2.1889 per “Zealandia” via Auckland 25.2 to San Francisco 16.3; by rail via Chicago to New York.



Semaphore, South Australia 14.4.1891 to Bridport, United States of America

Double Rate: Prepayment of 1/- for a 1oz ship letter to the United States of America.

Postal markings: “COLLECT/ 5/CENTS” applied at San Francisco for 5cents due from a non-treaty country.

Note: The contract for the via San Francisco route was with the governments of New South Wales and Queensland. South Australian mail was treated as underpaid and had to pay the additional 5 cents inland postage.

Route: Departed Adelaide 14.4.1891 by rail via Melbourne to Sydney. **Oceanic Steamship Co:** Departed Sydney 20.4.1891 per “Alameda” via Auckland 25.4 to San Francisco 14.5; by rail via Chicago and New York to Bridport, arriving 20.5.1891. (36 days).

12. Via the Pacific Ocean

Historical overview

The final frontier for steamer mail was the smaller nations in the Pacific Ocean. The gradual improvements in steam technology made these routes viable in the late 1880's, especially the close neighbours of Fiji, Samoa and the New Hebrides.



Single Rate:

Prepayment of 2d for a ½oz ship letter to Fiji.

Sydney, New South Wales 13.8.1883 to Viti Levu, Fiji

Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 20.8.1883 per barque "Reconnaissance", arriving Suva 3.9.1883. (21 days).

Ex Palmer



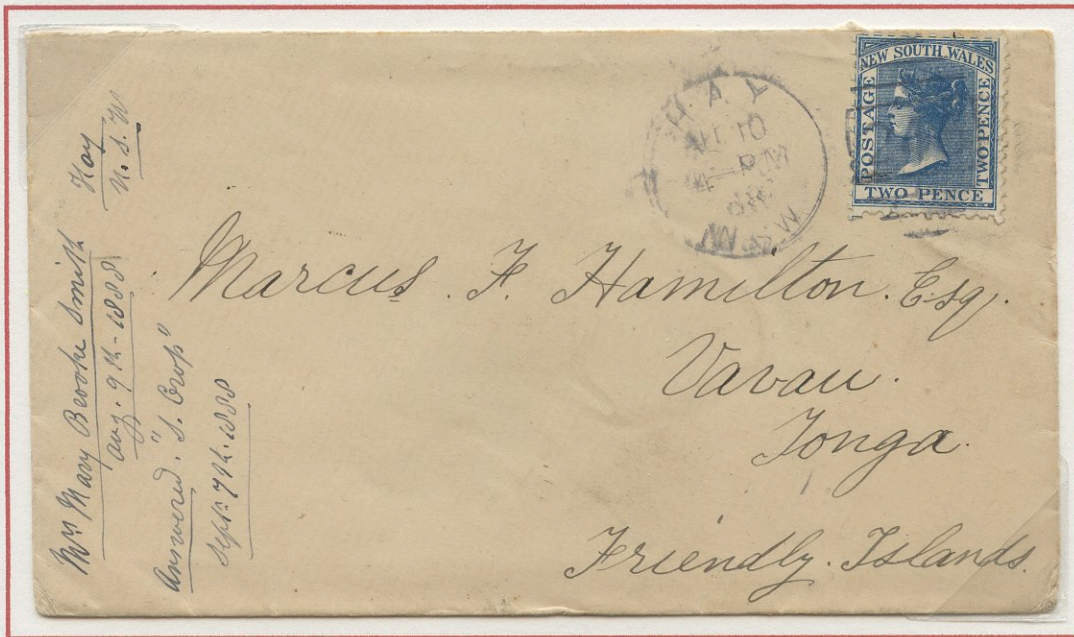
Single Rate:

Prepayment of 6d for a ½oz ship letter to Tonga.

Maclean, New South Wales 30.7.1887 to Lifou, New Caledonia

Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 3.8.1887 per "Gunga" to Noumea 11.8; by private sailing ship to Lifou. (over 8 days).

12. Via the Pacific Ocean



Single Rate:

Prepayment of 2d for a ½oz ship letter to Tonga.

Hay, New South Wales 10.8.1888 to Vavau, **Tonga**

Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 11.8.1888 per "Lubeck" via Fiji to Nukualofa 30.8; by private sailing ship to Vavau, arriving 7.9.1888. (28 days).

The earliest cover from New South Wales to Tonga recorded



Single Rate:

Prepayment of 8d for a ½oz ship letter to Japan.

Sydney, New South Wales 12.3.1889 to Yokohama, **Japan**

Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 14.3.1889 per "Josephus" via Newcastle to Hong Kong 13.4; by steamer to Yokohama, arriving 23.4.1889. (42 days).

Three covers from New South Wales to Japan recorded