

THE POSTAL ACT OF 1835

Sydney Town Post

The Sydney Town Post actually commenced in May 1831, but it was not until the Act of 1835 that the post was given legislative backing by giving the following rates: "For letters or packets not exceeding four ounces in weight when put into the General Post Office in Sydney, for delivery within the prescribed limits twopence".



Rate

Twopence town rate prepaid.

Route

Posted in box and delivered within Sydney town.

Markings

"SYDNEY / POST PAID" (type P1)
"GENERAL POST OFFICE / SYDNEY"
(5.11.1835, type S3).

4 November 1835



Rate

Twopence town rate prepaid.

Route

Posted in box and delivered within
Sydney town.

Markings

"SYDNEY / POST PAID" (type P2).

On reverse:

"GPO SYDNEY"
(1.10.1840, type S7).

1 October 1840

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Time Markings:

In June 1839 distinctive time markings were introduced relating to the delivery times which were then 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

5 C’CLOCK: Indicated that the letter was posted after the 5 p.m. delivery and would not be delivered until the next day.



10 September 1839

Rate

Twopence unpaid denoting 2d Town rate due.

Route

Posted in box and delivered within Sydney town.

Markings

“5 / OCLOCK”

(type T2, used 1839-1840)

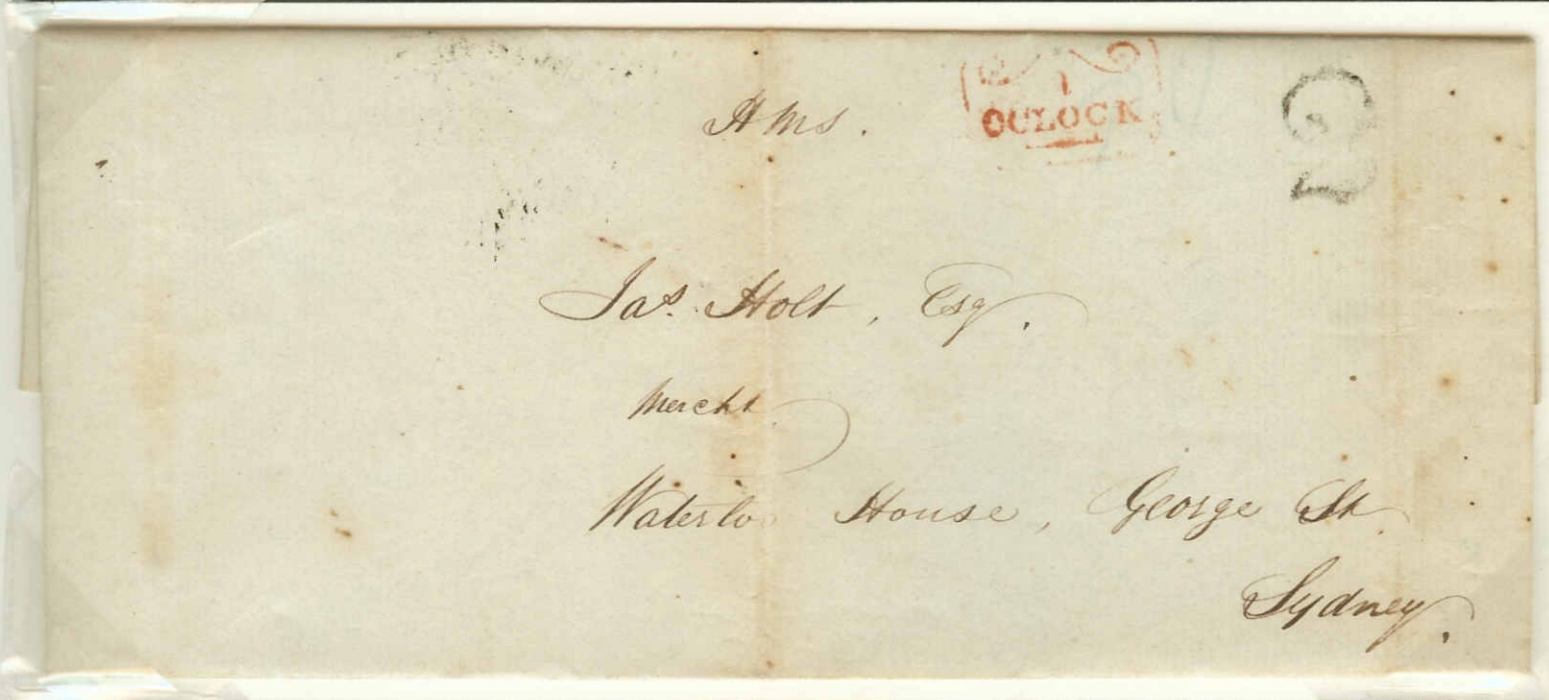
Hand struck “2” (type X2).

On reverse:

“GPO SYDNEY”

(13.9.1839, type S7).

1 O’CLOCK: Indicated that the letter was posted after the 1 p.m. delivery and would be delivered at 5 p.m. the same day.



4 October 1841

Rate: Twopence unpaid denoting 2d Town rate due. **Route:** Posted in box and delivered within Sydney town.

Markings: “1 / OCLOCK” (type T1, used 1839-1843) and hand struck “2” (type X2). On reverse: “GPO SYDNEY” (5.10.1841, type S7).

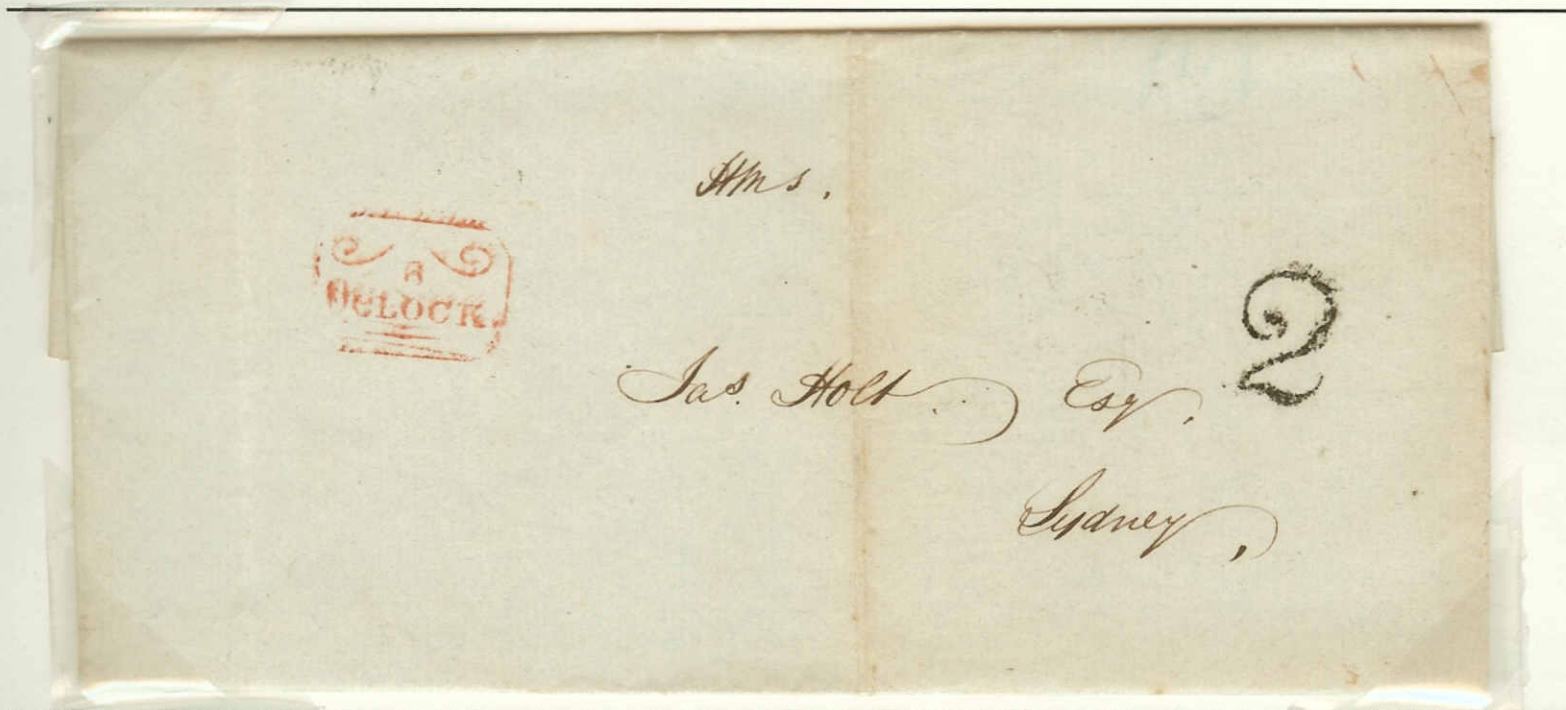
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Time Markings

The 5 p.m. delivery was discontinued in 1840, leaving only two deliveries - 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

6 O'CLOCK: Indicated that the letter was posted after the 1 p.m. delivery and would not be delivered until the next day.



8 September 1841

Rate: Twopence unpaid denoting 2d Town rate due from the addressee. **Route:** Posted in box and delivered within Sydney town.

Markings: "6 / OCLOCK" (type T3, used 1840-1842) in red and hand struck "2" (type X2).

On reverse: "GPO SYDNEY" (10.9.1841, type S7).



Rate:

Twopence unpaid denoting
2d Town rate due.

Route:

Posted in box and delivered
within Sydney town.

Markings:

"6 / OCLOCK"
(type T3a, used 1842-1843)
in black.

Hand struck "2" (type X2).

On reverse:

"GPO SYDNEY"
(9.11.1843, type S7).

9 November 1843

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Time Markings



25 May 1847

Rate: Twopence prepaid Town rate. **Route:** Posted in box and delivered within Sydney town.

Markings: "6 / OCLOCK" (type T5), "POST PAID / AT SYDNEY" (type P3). On reverse: "GPO SYDNEY" (25.5.1847, type S12).



23 September 1848

Rate: Twopence unpaid, handstamp "2" denoting 2d Town rate due.

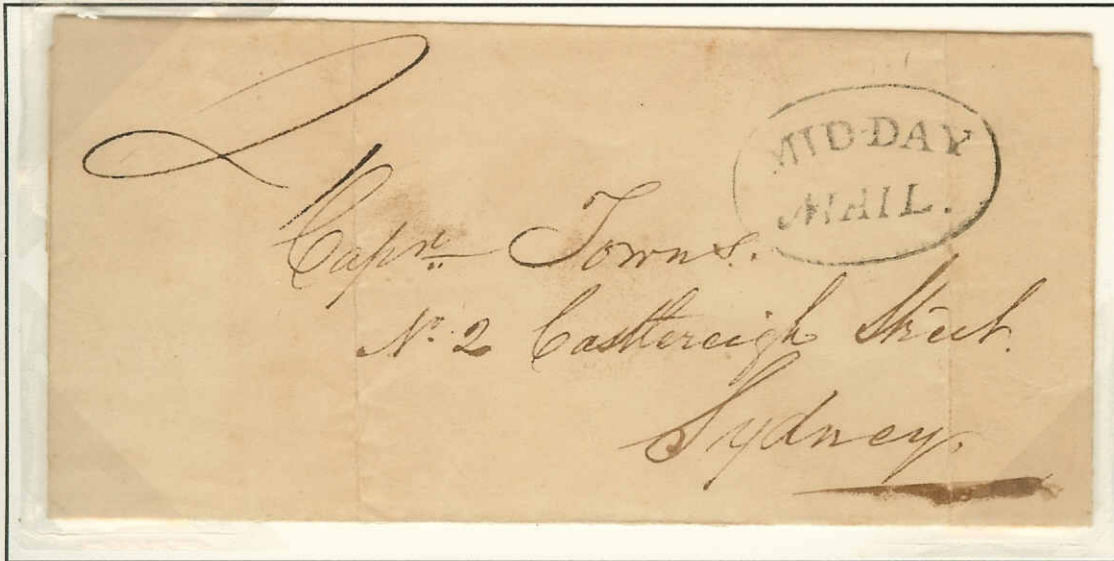
Route: Posted in box and delivered within Sydney town.

Markings: "1 / OCLOCK" (type T4) in black and hand struck "2" (type X3). On reverse: "GPO SYDNEY" (23.9.1848, type S12).

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MID-DAY MAIL: - A second mail between Sydney and Parramatta was established in 1836. Such letters were stamped "Midday Mail" to distinguish them from letters in the early 9 a.m. mail, and had arrived in Sydney in time for the 1 p.m. delivery.



Rate
Fourpence unpaid denoted by ms. "4" in black. (4d Inland rate, distance up to 15 miles).

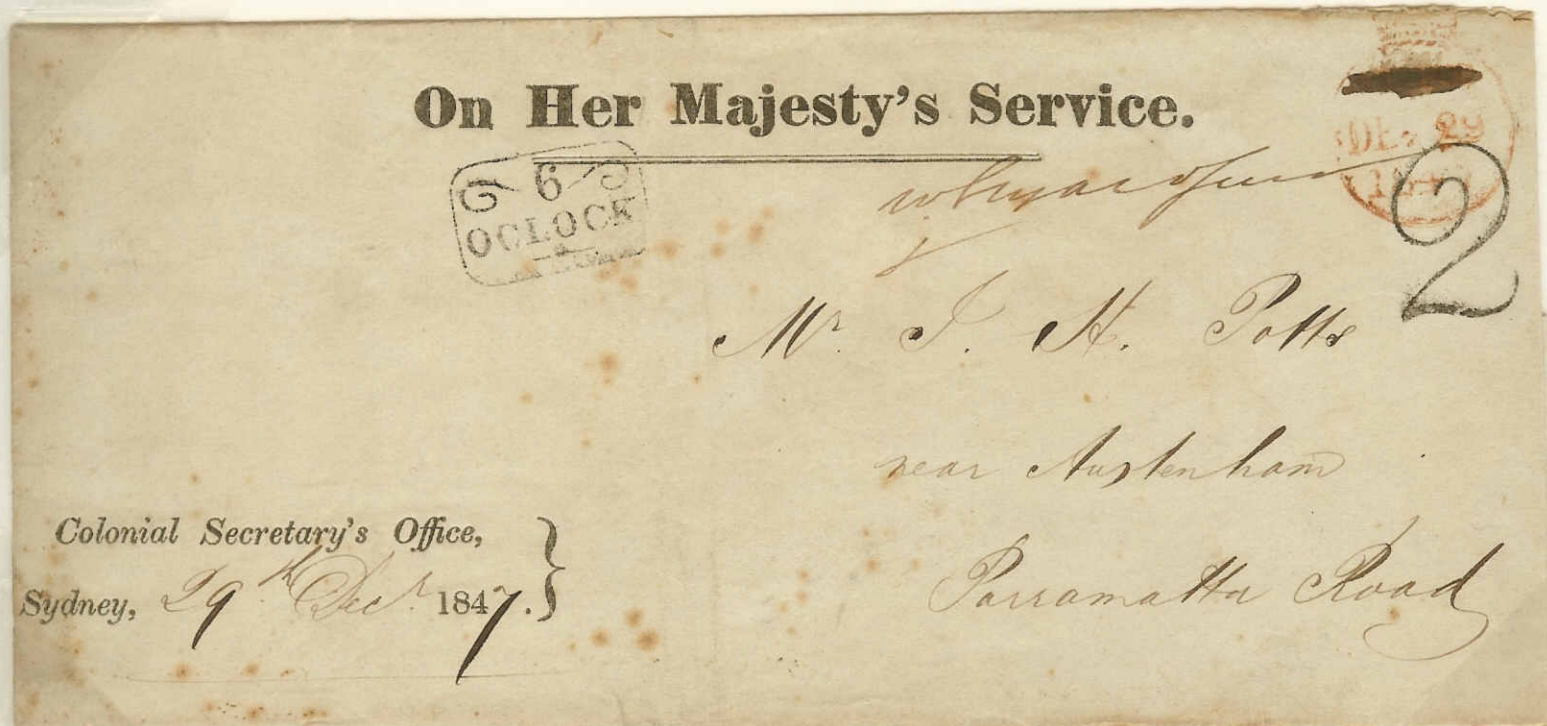
Route
Parramatta to Sydney.

Markings
"MID-DAY / MAIL" (type T7).

On reverse:
"PARRAMATTA / NEW.S.WALES"
(24.10.1843, type C65).
"GPO SYDNEY"
(24.10.1843, type S11 var.).

24 October 1843

Mail from Colonial Secretary not permitted to pass free through the Sydney Town Post.



29 December 1847

Rate: Twopence unpaid, handstamp "2" denoting 2d Town rate due.

Route: Posted in box and delivered within Sydney town.

Markings: "FREE" (29.12.1847, type F5) deleted, "6 / OCLOCK" (type T5) and hand struck "2" (type X3).

On reverse: "GPO SYDNEY" (29.12.1847, type S12).

THE POSTAL ACT OF 1835 - SHIP LETTER MAIL

The Act of 1835 reduced the General Ship Letter rate for a single letter under ½ oz from fourpence to threepence. The general ship letter rate was applied to all exported mail, and was not related to destination or distance carried. It was not prepayment to destination, but it was compulsorily prepayable together with any additional inland charges. This scale of rates had been introduced with effect from Wednesday, 21 October 1835, and was as follows: -

Single (under ½ oz)	3d
Double (under ¾ oz)	4d
Treble (under 1 oz)	5d
1 oz and over	6d

Threepence Rate: General Ship Letter

The first type of oval "POST PAID SHIP Lt." date-stamp was used in black only in 1836.



Rate

Ms. "3" in red denotes prepaid single General Ship Letter Rate. Ms. "1/6" in black denotes inwards UK postage due (4d India Letter plus 1/2d mileage).

Route

Per private ship to Portsmouth.

Markings

"POST PAID SHIP LT. / SYDNEY" (25.7.1836, type SL1); and "INDIA LETTER / PORTSMOUTH".

On reverse: Edinburgh date-stamp (30.11.1836).

22 July 1836

Rate

Threepence prepaid General Ship Letter Rate. Ms. "1/3" in black denotes inwards UK postage due (4d India Letter plus 1/- mileage).

Route

Per ship "Colonist" to Great Britain.

Markings

"POST PAID SHIP LT. / SYDNEY"

(26.4.1839, type SL1 var. 2).

On reverse:

London date-stamp (4.10.1839).

25 April 1839



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Inland Rate plus General Ship Letter Rate.

	Up to 15 miles	15 - 20 miles	20 - 30 miles	30 - 50 miles	50 - 80 miles	80 - 120 miles	120-170 miles	170-230 miles	230-300 miles
Single under ½ oz.	7d	8d	9d	10d	11d	1/-	1/1d	1/2d	1/3d

Additional per 100 miles or part thereof.....1d

Sevenpence Rate: 4d Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.



8 December 1846

Rate: Sevenpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate to be paid by addressee.

Route: Parramatta to Sydney by coach, and thence by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings: "PARRAMATTA / POST PAID" (type P11) and "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (9.12.1846, type SL3).

On reverse: "PARRAMATTA / NEW.S.WALES" (8.12.1846, type C67), and date-stamp for London (30.3.1847).

Tenpence Rate: 7d Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

Rate: Tenpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route: Penrith to Sydney by coach, and thence by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings: "PENRITH / POST PAID" (type P11),

"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (17.8.1844, type SL2).

On reverse:

"PENRITH / NEW.S.WALES" (16.8.1844, type C65)

Date-stamps for London (9.1.1845) and Plymouth (10.1.1845).

15 August 1844



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Tenpence Rate: 7d Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

Windsor: Post Office opened 1 March 1828.



26 September 1843

Rate

Tenpence prepaid denoted by ms. "10" in red. Ms. "8" in black denotes 8d inwards UK ship letter rate to be paid by addressee.

Route

Windsor to Sydney by coach, and thence by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"WINDSOR / POST PAID" (type P11) and "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (28.9.1843, type SL2).

On reverse: "WINDSOR / NEW.S.WALES" (27.9.1843, type C65), and date-stamps for London (26.2.1844) and Plymouth (27.2.1844).

Rate

Tenpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Windsor to Sydney by coach, and thence by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"WINDSOR / POST PAID" (type P11),
"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"
(27.4.1845, type SL2).

On reverse:

"WINDSOR / NEW. S. WALES"
(23.4.1845, type C65)
Date-stamp for London
(28.8.1845).



23 April 1845

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Tenpence Rate: 7d Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

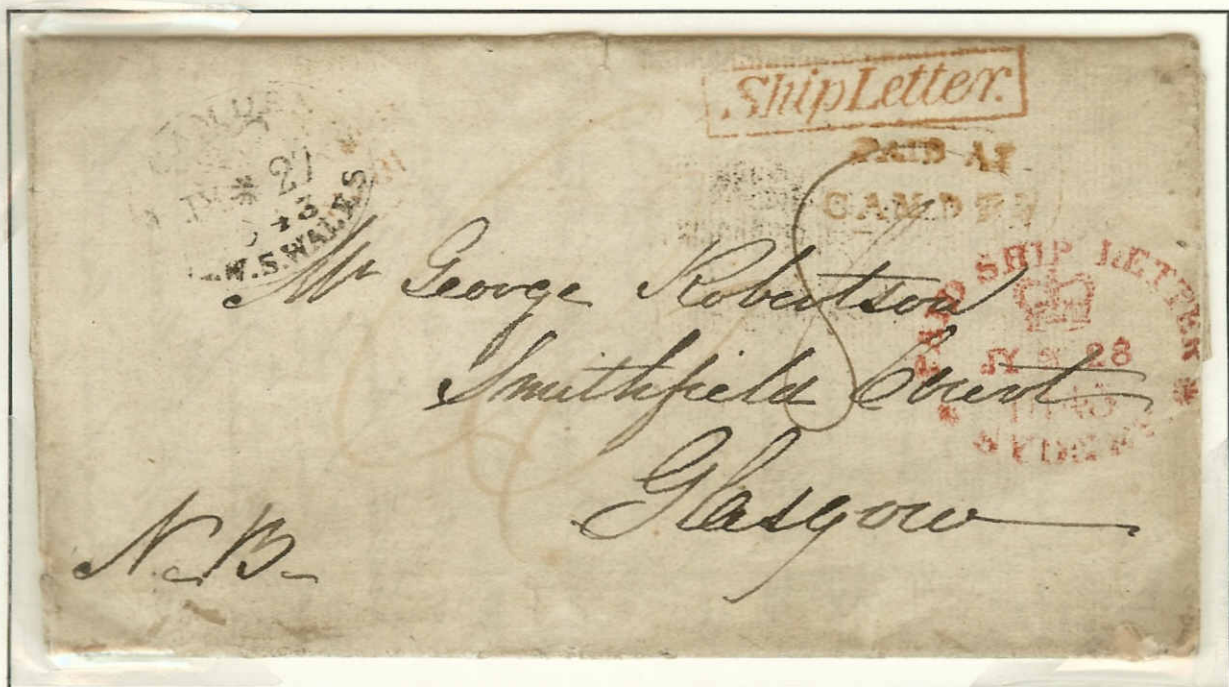
Elderslie: Post Office opened 1 January 1839, closed 2 May 1841.

One cover recorded



30 March 1841

Camden: Post Office removed from Cawdor 1 May 1841.



26 July 1843

Rate: Tenpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route: Camden to Sydney by coach along the Southern Road, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings: "PAID AT / CAMDEN" (type P15), "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (28.7.1843, type SL2), "CAMDEN / NEW.S.WALES" (27.7.1843, type C65). On reverse: Date-stamps for London (30.11.1843) and Glasgow (2.12.1843).

Rate

Tenpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Elderslie to Sydney by coach along the Southern Road, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"PAID AT / ELDERSLIE" (type P15), "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (31.3.1841, type SL2).

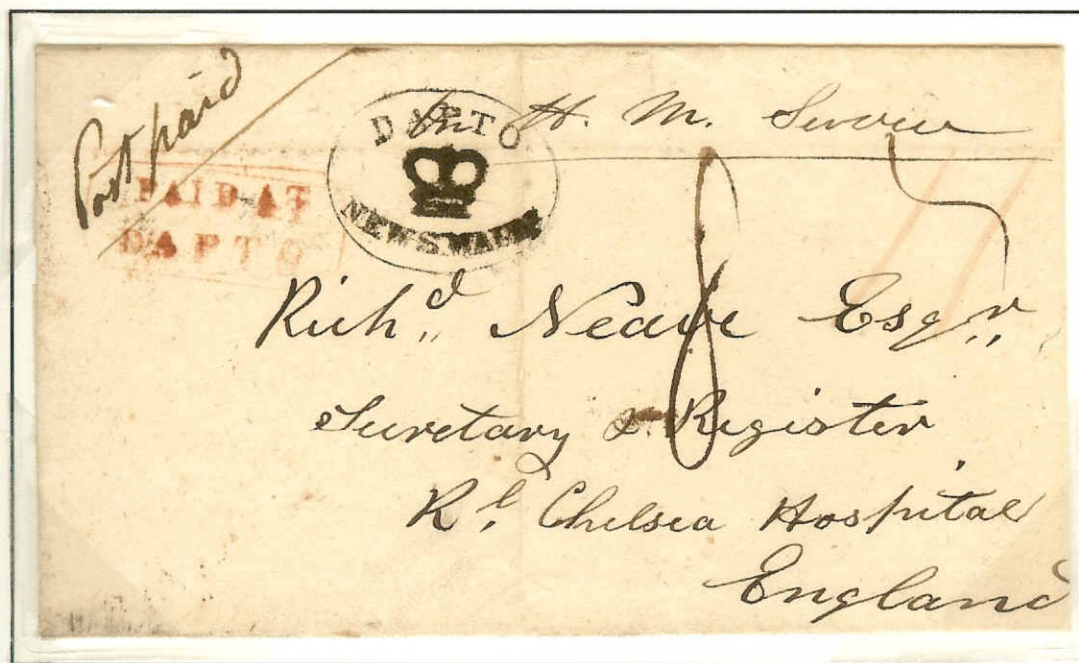
On reverse:

Date-stamps for Sydney (31.3.1841, type S8), London and Rochester (25.9.1841), and straight-line "SHIP LETTER"

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Elevenpence Rate: 8d Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate

Dapto: Post Office opened 1 January 1840



8 December 1841

Two examples recorded of undated Dapto oval hand-stamp.

Rate

11d prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

To Sydney by coach along the Southern Road, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

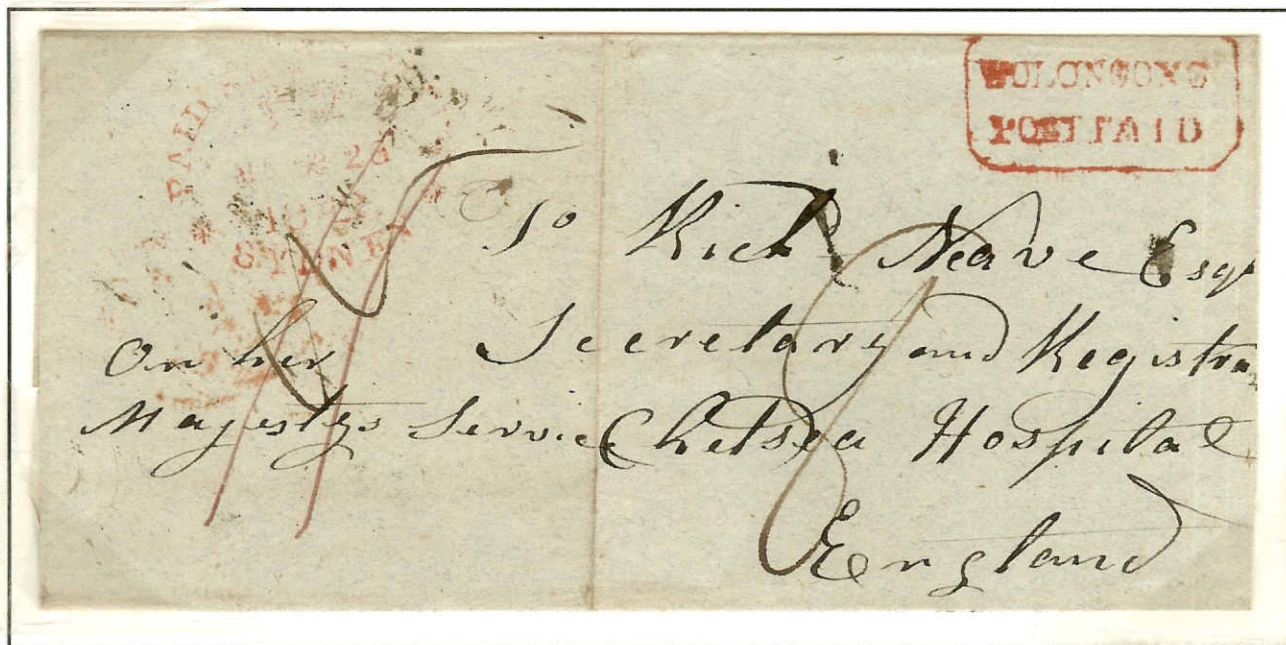
"PAID AT / DAPTO" (type P15)

"DAPTO / NEW S. WALES" (type C52).

On reverse:-

Date-stamps for Sydney (8.12.1841, type S7) and London (22.5.1842), and straight-line "SHIP LETTER"

Wollongong: Post Office opened 1 August 1832



27 March 1842

Rate: 11d prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route: To Sydney by coach along the Southern Road, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings: "WOLONGONG/ POST PAID" (type P11) and "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (28.3.1842, type SL2).

On reverse: Date-stamps for "WOLONGONG / NEW.S.WALES" (27.3.1842, type C65), Sydney (28.3.1842, type S8) and London (29.7.1842), and straight-line "SHIP LETTER".

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Elevenpence Rate: 8d Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

Hassans Walls: Post Office opened 8 July 1834, removed to and renamed **Hartley** 1 January 1841.

One cover recorded



9 June 1840

Rate: Elevenpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route: Hassans Walls to Sydney by coach and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings: "HASSANS WALLS / POST PAID" (type P12), and "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (13.6.1840, type SL2).

On reverse: Date-stamps for Sydney (13.6.1840, type S7) and London (26.11.1840), and straight-line "SHIP LETTER".

Rate

Elevenpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Hartley to Sydney by coach and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"PAID AT / HARTLEY" (type P15),
"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"
(29.8.1844, type SL2).

On reverse:

Date-stamps for London (12.2.1845) and
Langholm (13.2.1845).



29 August 1844

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Elevenpence Rate: 8d Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

Bong Bong: Post Office opened 1 September 1829, removed to and renamed **Berrima** 1 August 1837.



19 November 1836

One Shilling Rate: 9d Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

Bungonia: Known as **Inverary** till 1 January 1836.



26 April 1840

Rate: One shilling prepaid and 8d inwards UK postage due.

Route: Bungonia to Sydney by coach and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings: "BUNGONIA / POST PAID" (type P13, Bungonia only), "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (29.4.1840, type SL2).

On reverse: "GPO SYDNEY" (29.4.1840, type S7), date-stamps for London (1.9.1840) and Edinburgh (5.9.1840).

Rate

Elevenpence prepaid. Ms. "1/4" deleted, re-rated "1/8" denoting inwards UK postage due (4d India Letter rate plus 1s/4d mileage), with additional 1/2d Scottish turnpike charge.

Route

Bong Bong to Sydney by coach, and thence per ship "Vestal" from Sydney to Penzance.

Markings

"BONG BONG / POST PAID" (type P11, only recorded example), "BONG BONG / N.S.W." (19.11.1836, type C8), "GPO SYDNEY" (22.11.1836, type S4).

On arrival: "FALKIRK / PENNY POST" and boxed "1/2".

On reverse: "SHIP LETTER / PENZANCE" and date-stamps for London (21.7.1837) and Falkirk (23.7.1837).

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One Shilling & One Penny Rate: 10d Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

Goulburn: Post Office opened 1 February 1832.



26 December 1839

Rate

One shilling & one penny prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Goulburn to Sydney by coach along the Southern Road, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"GOULBURN / POST PAID" (type P11), "POST PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (26.12.1839, type SL1 [var. 2]).

On reverse:

Date-stamps for Sydney (26.12.1839, type S5), London (11.6.1840) and Edinburgh (12.6.1840), and boxed "INDIA LETTER / FALMOUTH"

Gunning: Post Office opened 1 October 1840.



17 August 1843

Rate

One shilling & one penny prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Gunning to Sydney by coach along the Southern Road, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"PAID AT / GUNNING" (type P15), "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (19.8.1843, type SL2) and "GUNNING / NEW.S.WALES" (17.8.1843, type C65).

On reverse:

Date-stamps for London (12.3.1844), Edinburgh (13.3.1844) and Wick (15.3.1844).

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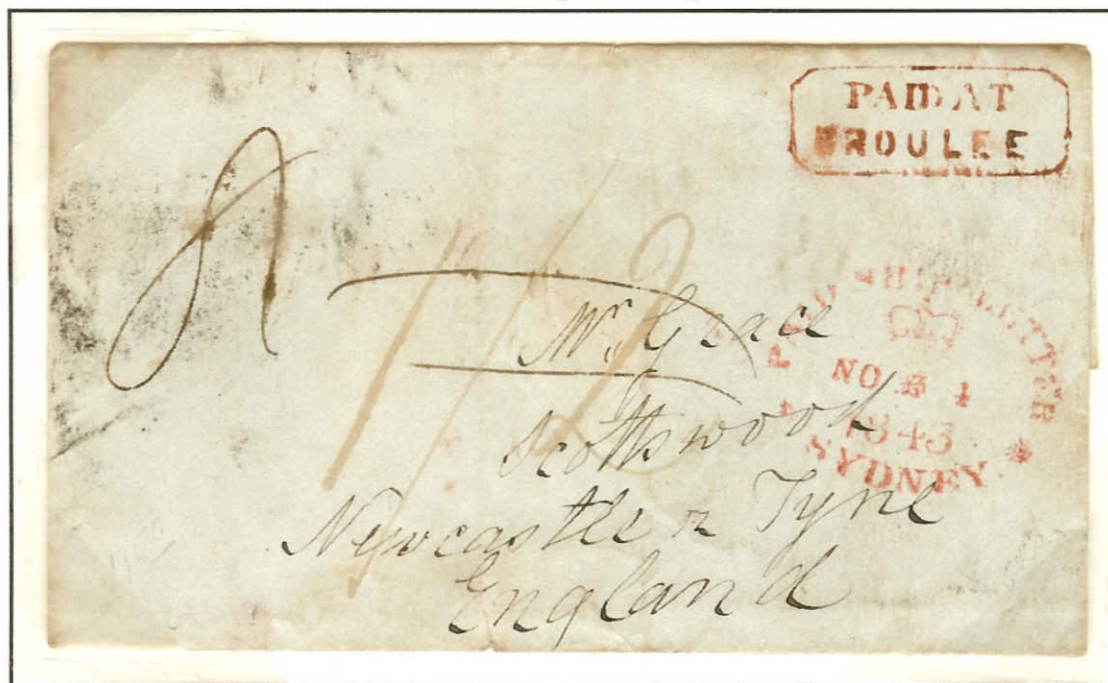
One Shilling & Twopence Rate: 11d Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate

Queanbeyan: Post Office opened 1 January 1836



14 November 1839

Broulee: Post Office opened 1 April 1840



30 October 1843

Rate: 1s/2d prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route: To Sydney by coach along the Southern Road, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings: "PAID AT / BROULEE" (type P15), "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (4 Nov 1843, type SL2).

On reverse:

Date-stamps for "BROULEE / NEW.S.WALES" (30.10.1843, type C65), London (14.3.1844) and Newcastle-on-Tyne (15.3.1844).

Rate

1s/2d prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

To Sydney by coach along the Southern Road, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"POST PAID"

(type P14, Queanbeyan only)

"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"

(14.11.1839, type SL2)

"QUEANBEYAN / POST OFFICE / N.S.W." (type C31).

On reverse:

Date-stamps for Sydney (14.11.1839, type S7), London (30.5.1840), and boxed "INDIA LETTER / PENZANCE".

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One Shilling & Threepence Rate: 1/- Inland Rate plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

Tarcutta: Post Office opened 1 January 1849.



4 August 1849

Rate

1s/3d prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Tarcutta to Sydney, via Gundagai, by coach and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain. Forwarded by Caledonian Railway in Scotland.

Markings

"PAID AT / TARCUTTA" (type P15),

"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"

(10.8.1849, type SL3),

"CR" (Caledonian Railway).

On reverse:

"TARCUTTA / NEW.S.WALES"

(4.8.1849, type C68),

"GUNDAGAI / NEW.S.WALES"

(7.8.1849, type C67),

Date-stamps for London (3.12.1849) and Denny (4.12.1849).

One Shilling & Fourpence Rate: 1/1 Inland Rate (distance of 300-400 miles), plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

Albury: Post Office opened 1 April 1843



3 December 1849

Rate

1s/4d prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Albury to Sydney by coach and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"PAID AT / ALBURY" (type P15),

"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"

(7.12.1849, type SL3).

On reverse:

"ALBURY / NEW.S.WALES"

(3.12.1849, type C67),

London (22.5.1850), and Perth (23.5.1850) date-stamps.

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Inland Rate plus Intracolonial and General Ship Letter Rate.

	By water	Up to 15 miles	15 - 20 miles	20 - 30 miles	30 - 50 miles	50 - 80 miles	80 - 120 miles	120-170 miles	170-230 miles	230-300 miles
Single under ½ oz.	7d	11d	1/-	1/1d	1/2d	1/3d	1/4d	1/5d	1/6d	1/7d

Additional per 100 miles or part thereof.....1d

Sevenpence Rate: 4d Local Ship Letter plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

Port Macquarie: Post Office opened 1 August 1832.



5 November 1837

Rate: Sevenpence prepaid denoted by ms "7d" and "14 Nov. 1837" in same hand.

Rated "1/6" in black in Great Britain, denoting inward UK postage due (1/2d inland mileage plus 4d India Letter).

Route: Per coastal steamer "William IV" on 22 November, arriving in Sydney on 24.11.1837.

Per whaler "Louisa" to London on 2.12.1837. Put into Twofold Bay for repairs.

Markings: "PORT / MACQUARIE / PAID" (type P16a, Port Macquarie only), "PORT MACQUARIE / NSW" (type C17), "GPO SYDNEY" (25.11.1837, type S5).

On arrival:

"INDIA LETTER / DOVER", London (17.7.1838) and Edinburgh (19.7.1838) date-stamps.

Earliest recorded use of the distinctive Port Macquarie markings.

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Sevenpence Rate: 4d Local Ship Letter plus 3d General Ship Letter Rates

Morpeth: Post Office opened 1 August 1838.



15 July 1843

Hinton: Post Office opened 28 August 1835, closed 1846

Only two examples of the undated Hinton handstamp are known.



20 October 1836

Rate: Sevenpence prepaid and rated "1/-" inwards UK postage due (8d mileage plus 4d India Letter).

Route: Hinton to Sydney by water. Per private ship to UK.

Markings: "HINTON / N.S.W" (type C30, earliest recorded date), "GPO / SYDNEY" (type S4, 6.10.1836), London Inspector's "X" in circle.

On reverse: "INDIA LETTER / DEAL", and London date-stamps (31.3.1837).

Rate

Sevenpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate to be paid by addressee

Route

Sent to Maitland by coach, then local ship to Sydney. From Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"MORPETH/ PAID" (type P16), and "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (15.7.1843, type SL2).

On reverse:

SYDNEY / (15.7.1843, type S7), and date-stamp for London (30.11.1843) and Exeter (1.12.1843).

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Sevenpence Rate: 4d Local Ship Letter plus 3d General Ship Letter Rate.

Clarence River: Post Office opened 1 October 1840, renamed **Grafton** by 1849.



2 July 1842

Rate

Sevenpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Per "Susan" to Sydney and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"PAID / CLARENCE RIVER"

(type P17)

"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"

(21.7.1842, type SL2).

On reverse:

Date-stamps for London (7.1.1843) and Edinburgh (9.1.1843).

Rate

Sevenpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Letter headed "Richmond River" sent by local vessel to Sydney, and then forwarded per private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"GRAFTON / PAID" (type P16)

"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"

(3.12.1849, type SL3, var.1).

On reverse:

"GRAFTON / NEW.S.WALES"

(30.11.1849, type C68),

Date-stamps for London and Oswestry (22.5.1850).



18 November 1849

THE POSTAL ACT OF 1835 - SHIP LETTER MAIL

One Shilling & One Penny Rate: 6d Inland Rate plus 4d Local and 3d General Ship Letter Rates

Darlington: Post Office opened 1 September 1829, renamed Singleton 1 December 1841.



12 March 1841

One Shilling & Twopence Rate: 7d Inland Rate plus 4d Local and 3d General Ship Letter Rates

Jerrys Plains: Post Office opened 1 January 1837.

Rate
One shilling & twopence prepaid and "1/8d inwards UK postage (4d India letter plus 1s/4d mileage) to be paid by addressee.

Route
Sent to Maitland by coach, then local ship to Sydney. From Sydney by private ship to Ireland.

Markings
"JERRYS PLAINS / PAID"
(as type P16b, unrecorded in White).
"GPO SYDNEY" (13.7.1837, type S5).
On reverse:
"INDIA LETTER / DOVER" and date-stamps for London (1.12.1837) and Dublin (3.12.1837).

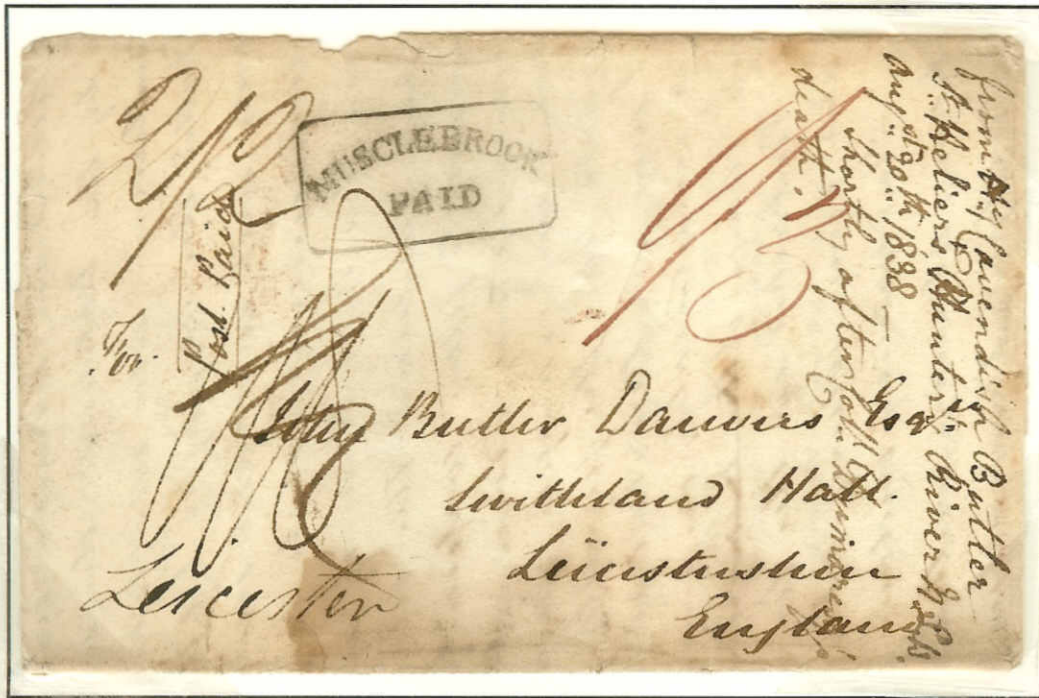


13 July 1837

THE POSTAL ACT OF 1835 - SHIP LETTER MAIL

One Shilling & Threepence Rate: 8d Inland Rate plus 4d Local and 3d General Ship Letter Rates

Musclebrook: Post Office opened 27 September 1837.



20 August 1838

Rate

One shilling & threepence prepaid denoted by ms. '1/3' in red. Rated "2/2" in Great Britain (1/10d inland mileage & 4d India Letter) due from addressee.

Route

To Maitland by coach, then local ship to Sydney, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

'MUSCLEBROOK / PAID'
(type P16b).



9 February 1843

Rate: One shilling & threepence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route: To Maitland by coach, local vessel to Sydney, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

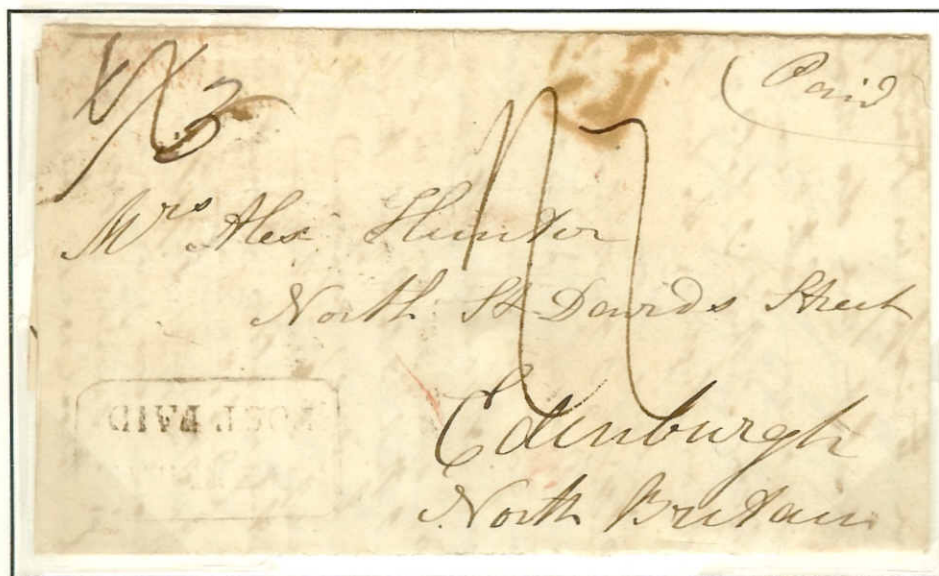
Markings: "MUSCLEBROOK / PAID" (type P16b) and "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (9.2.1843, type SL2).

On reverse: Date-stamps for London (24.7.1843) and "SHIP LETTER / PLYMOUTH".

THE POSTAL ACT OF 1835 - SHIP LETTER MAIL

One Shilling & Threepence Rate: 8d Inland Rate plus 4d Local and 3d General Ship Letter Rates

Invermein: Post Office opened 1 January 1833, removed to and renamed Scone 1 January 1839.



13 November 1837

Rate

One shilling & threepence prepaid denoted by ms. "1/3" in red. Rated "1/7" in Great Britain (1/3d inland mileage plus 4d India Letter) due from addressee.

Route

Sent to Maitland by coach, then local ship to Sydney, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"INVERMEIN / POST PAID"
(type P11, only recorded example).

On reverse:

"GPO SYDNEY" (21.11.1837, type S5),
"INDIA LETTER / PLYMOUTH",
Date-stamps for London (15.5.1838) and
Edinburgh (17.5.1838).

One Shilling & Fourpence Rate: 9d Inland Rate plus 4d Local and 3d General Ship Letter Rates

Murrurundi: Post Office opened 11 May 1837.

Rate

One shilling & fourpence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Entire letter sent to Maitland by coach, local vessel to Sydney, and thence from Sydney by private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"MURRURUNDI / PAID"
(type P16b)

"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"
(20.11.1843, type SL2).

On reverse:

Date-stamps for London (14.6.1844) and Edinburgh (15.6.1844).



5 August 1843

THE POSTAL ACT OF 1835 – SHIP LETTER MAIL

One Shilling & Fivence Rate: 10d Inland Rate plus 4d Local and 3d General Ship Letter Rates

Tamworth: Post Office opened 1 January 1840



30 October 1845

Rate: One Shilling & fivence prepaid and 8d inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route: Tamworth to Maitland by road, and thence to Sydney by coastal vessel. Sydney to London by private ship.

Markings: "TAMWORTH / NEW S. WALES" (type C57), only two recorded examples in private hands.

"PAID AT / TAMWORTH" (type P15), "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (3.11.1845, type SL3).

On reverse: "TAMWORTH / NEW.S.WALES" (30.10.1845, type C65), London (31.3.1846) and Edinburgh (1.4.1846) date-stamps.

Rate

One Shilling & fivence prepaid and 8d inwards
UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Tamworth to Maitland by road, and thence to
Sydney by coastal vessel. Sydney to London by
private ship.

Markings

"PAID AT / TAMWORTH" (type P15),

"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"
(24.7.1849, type SL3).

On reverse:

"TAMWORTH / NEW.S.WALES"
(19.7.1849, type C65).

London date-stamp (30.12.1849).



17 July 1849

THE POSTAL ACT OF 1835 - SHIP LETTER MAIL

One Shilling & Sixpence Rate: 11d Inland Rate plus 4d Local and 3d General Ship Letter Rates



26 January 1849

Rate: 1/6d prepaid. Ms. "1/-" in black denotes inwards UK packet letter rate to be paid by addressee.

Route: Armidale to Maitland by road, and thence to Sydney by coastal vessel. Sydney to London by Toulmin Packet "Artemisia", sailing on 15.3.1849 arriving at Gravesend on 10.7.1849.

Markings: "PAID AT / ARMIDALE" (type P15). Ms. "Armidale / Jany. 31 / 49" applied as date-stamp had been sent to Sydney for year 'date-slug' alteration. "SYDNEY / NEW SOUTH WALES" (7.2.1849, type S13, early date), London date-stamp (10.7.1849).

One Shilling & Sevenpence Rate: 1/- Inland Rate plus 4d Local and 3d General Ship Letter Rates

Warialda: Post Office opened 1 January 1848.

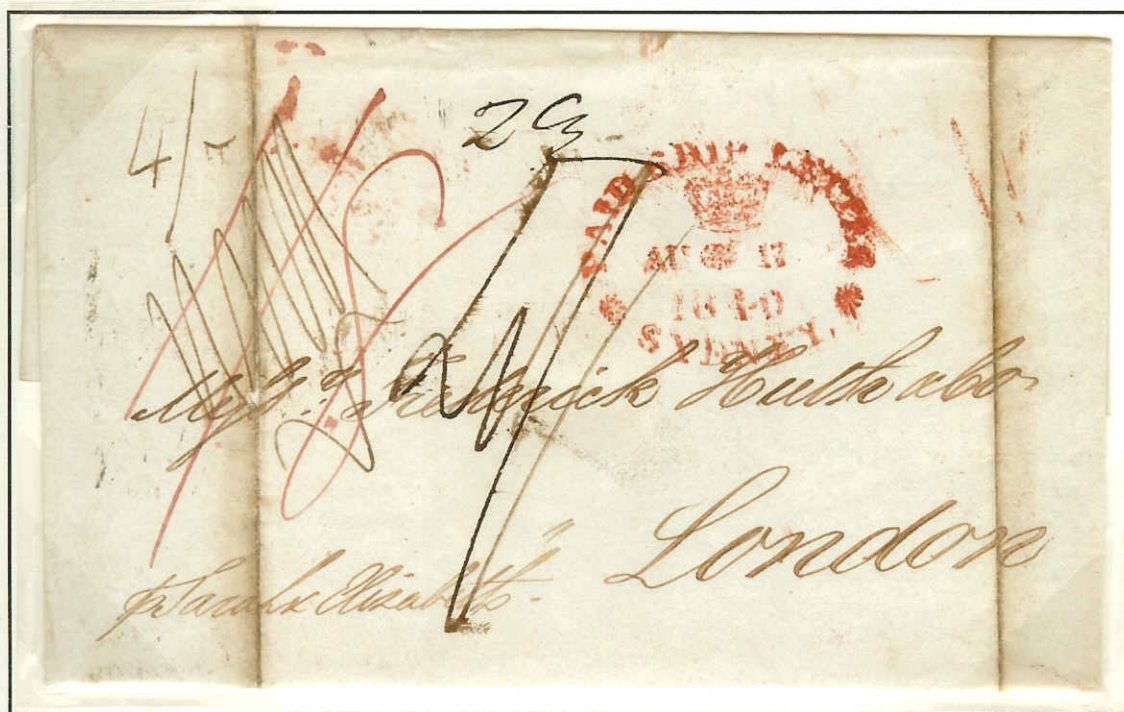


THE POSTAL ACT OF 1838 - SHIP LETTER MAIL

The Act of 1838 merely altered the charges for overseas ship letters other than single weight, double letters rising from 4d to 6d, but not exceeding 2/6d for any letter or packet in addition to the inland postage.

Act	Single	Double	Treble	Over 1 oz.	Under 1½ oz.	Under 1¾ oz.	Under 2 oz.	Under 2¼ oz.	Under 2½ oz.	Under 2¾ oz.	Under 3 oz.	Over 3 oz.
1835	3d	4d	5d	6d	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1838	3d	6d	9d	1/-	1/2d	1/4d	1/6d	1/8d	2/-	2/2d	2/4d	2/6d

Multiple Ship Letter Rates



Rate

Ms. "1/8" in red denotes prepaid General Ship Letter Rate for a letter weighing 2oz.).

Ms. "4/-" in black denotes sextuple inwards UK postage due (6 x 8d ship letter).

Route

Per private ship "Sarah & Elisabeth" to Great Britain.

Markings

"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"

(17.8.1840, type SL2).

On reverse:

"SHIP LETTER" and London date-stamp (5.1.1841).

17 August 1840

Rate

Ms. "1/6" in red denotes prepaid General Ship Letter rate for a letter under 2 oz.

Ms. "2/8" in black denotes quadruple inwards UK postage due (4 x 8d ship letter).

Route

Per private ship "Alfred" to Great Britain.

Markings

"SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY"

(7.4.1841, type SL5).

On reverse:

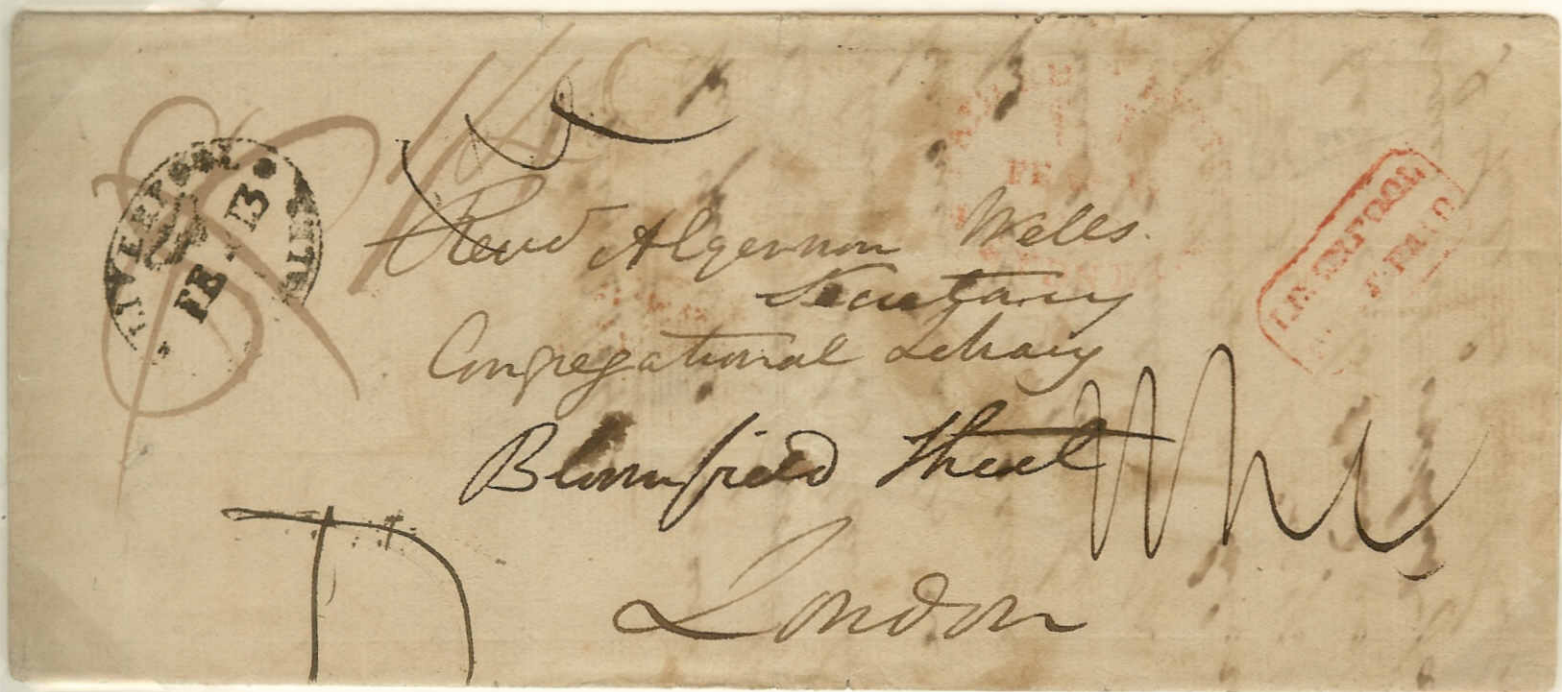
"SHIP LETTER" and London date-stamp.

6 April 1841



THE POSTAL ACT OF 1838 - SHIP LETTER MAIL

Double Ship Letter Rates



12 February 1842

Rate: Ms. "1/4" in red denotes prepaid double rate (double 5d Inland Letter plus 3d Ship Letter rate). Ms. "1/4" in black denotes double inwards UK postage due.

Route: Liverpool to Sydney by road, then forwarded per private ship to Great Britain.

Markings: "LIVERPOOL / POST PAID" (type P11), "LIVERPOOL / NEW.S.WALES" (13.2.1842, type C65) and "PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY". On reverse: "GPO SYDNEY" (type S8) and London date-stamps (25.6.1842)

Rate

1/2d prepaid (double 4d Local Ship plus 3d General Ship Letter rate) in red. Ms. "1/4" in black denotes double inwards UK postage due.

Route

East Maitland to Sydney by local vessel to Sydney, and then forwarded per private ship to Great Britain.

Markings

"PAID AT / EAST MAITLAND" (type P15)

"PAID SHIP LETTER / SYDNEY" (type SL2, 2.7.1842).

On reverse:

"EAST MAITLAND / NEW.S.WALES"

(21.6.1842, type C65).

Date-stamps for Liverpool and London (12.12.1842).



21 June 1842

THE POSTAL ACT OF 1841

Ship Letter Mail

Special Rate Sydney - Melbourne

The Act of 14 December 1841 increased the rate on mail carried by steamer to that of the overland route which being over 500 miles was one shilling & threepence.



23 April 1844

Rate
One shilling & Threepence unpaid.

Route
Sydney to Melbourne per steamer
"Shamrock".

Markings
"FREE" (23.4.1844, type F6) with
'Free' deleted,
On reverse:
"GPO SYDNEY"
(23.4.1844, type S8),
"MELBOURNE / PORT PHILLIP"
(28.4.1844).

Three Shillings Double Rate for Overseas Mail via Sydney

Rate

"3/-" prepaid denoting pre-
payment of double rate (1s/3d
Sydney - Melbourne plus 3d
General Ship Letter) and 8d
inwards UK ship letter rate due.

Route

Melbourne to Sydney per
steamer "Shamrock", thence per
private ship to Scotland.

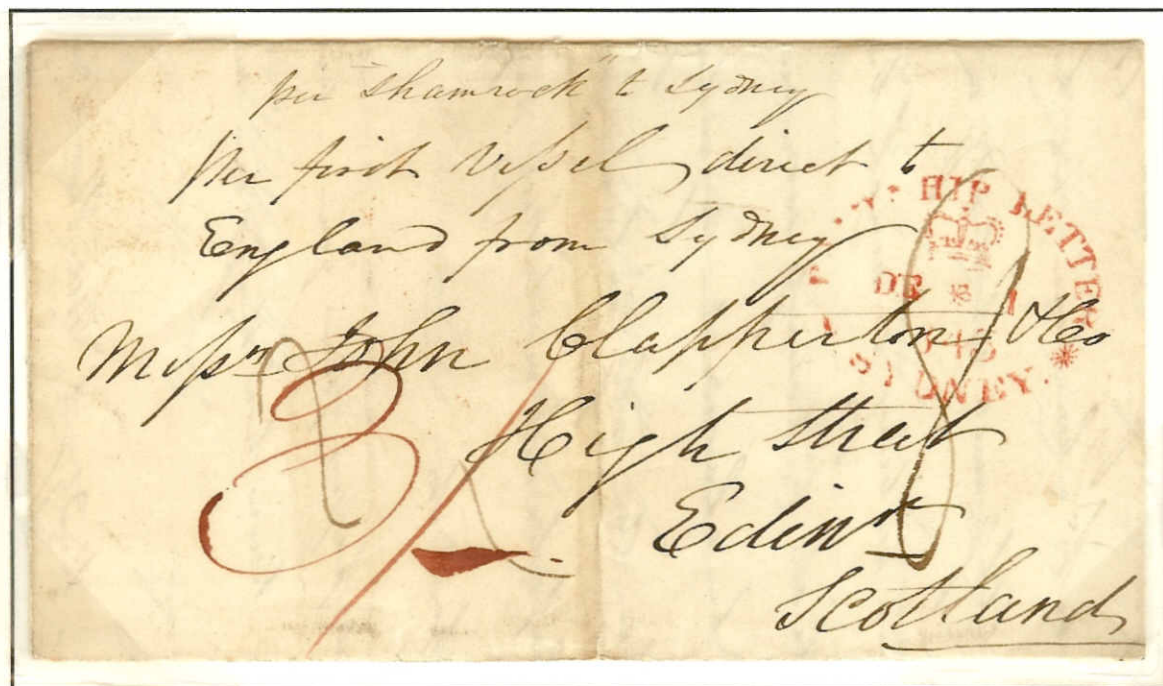
Markings

"PAID SHIP LETTER /
SYDNEY"

(1.12.1843, type SL2).

On reverse:

Date-stamps for
"MELBOURNE / PORT
PHILLIP" (23.11.1843),
London (14.6.1844) and
Edinburgh (13.6.1844).



23 November 1843