

## FRANKING PRIVILEGES

### 1835 Act (5 GUL IV No. 24) Section 5

All letters actually and bona fide on the Public Service, addressed to or from Public Officers listed in Section 5 of the 1835 Act, were to be delivered and to pass free of any postage. This section also extended the privilege of franking to any other such officer as those listed may depute to act in their lawful absence.



3 February 1838

**Rate:** Free, endorsed in ms. "O.H.M.S.", "Assign Office, Macquarie St." and franked by "Geo. M. Slade". The letter concerns a list of applicants for convict labour and is addressed to the Bench of Magistrates, Berrima.

**Route:** Mail coach from Sydney to Berrima on the Southern Road.

**Markings:** "FREE" (6.2.1838, type F3), and on reverse: "BERRIMA / NSW" (8.2.1838, type C40).



19 April 1841

#### Rate

Free, endorsed in ms. "O.H.M.S." and franked by the Bishop of Sydney's deputy in his absence.

#### Route

Sydney to Campbell Town by mail coach.

#### Markings

"FREE" (19.4.1841, type F4), "CAMPBELL TOWN / NEW.S.WALES" (19.4.1841, type C65).

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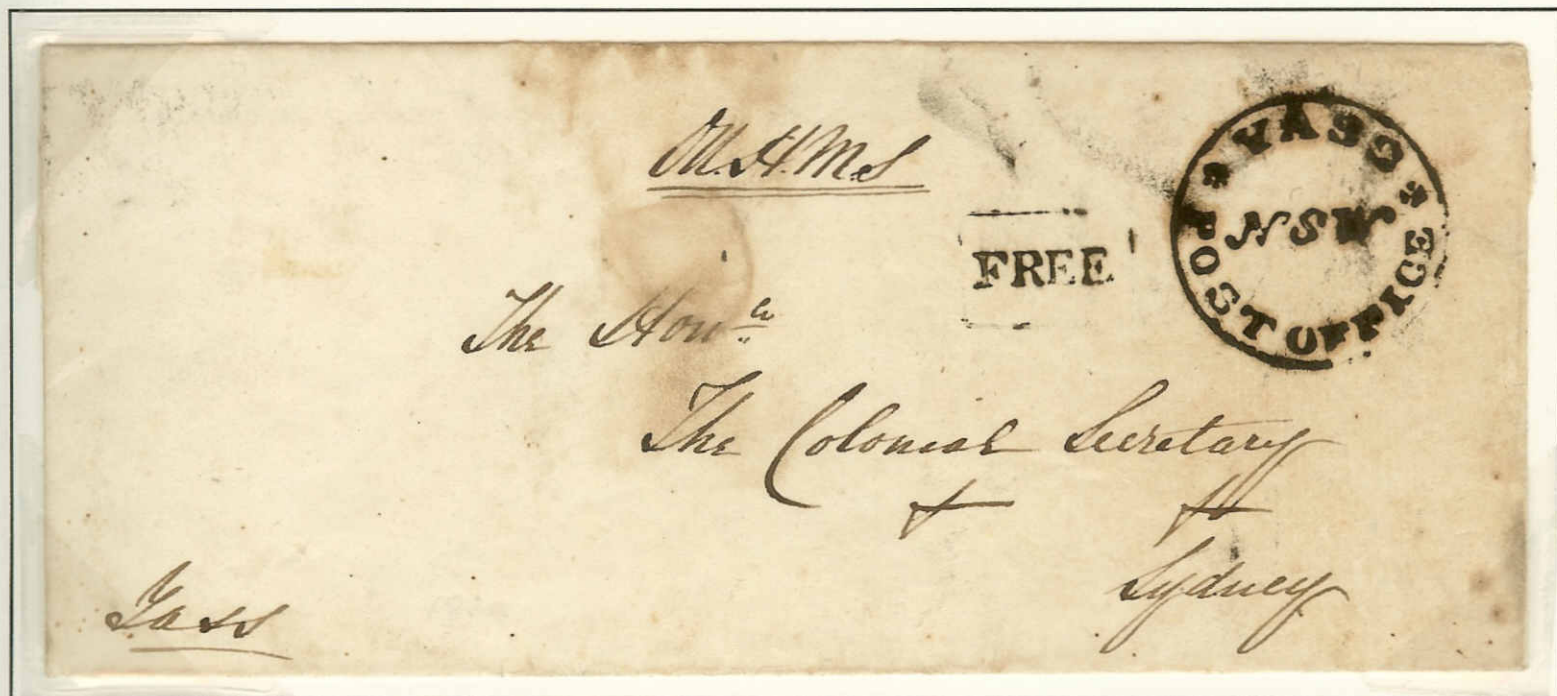


30 May 1838

**Rate**  
Free, endorsed in ms. "O.H.M.S.", and addressed to the Crown Solicitor.

**Route**  
Mail coach from Liverpool to Sydney on the Southern Road.

**Markings**  
"FREE" (type F12)  
"LIVERPOOL / N.S.W" (type C3).  
On reverse:  
"GPO SYDNEY" (30.5.1838, type S5).



12 February 1839

**Rate:** Free, endorsed in ms. "O.H.M.S." and addressed to the Colonial Secretary.

**Route:** From Yass to Sydney on the Southern Road.

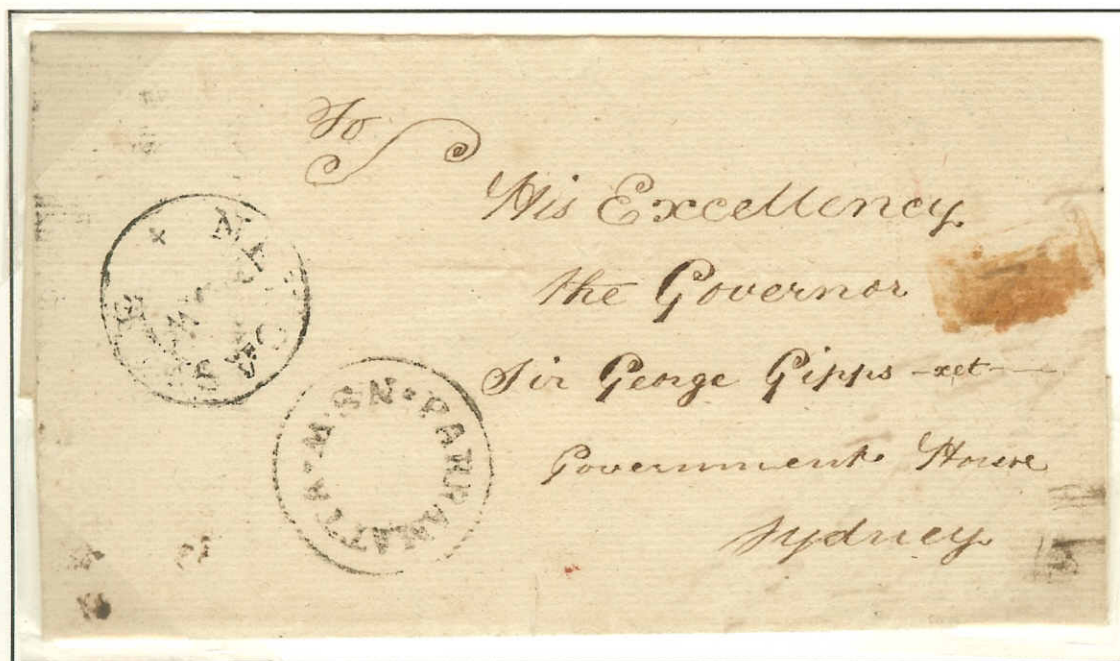
**Markings:** Boxed "FREE" (type F12) and "YASS / NSW / POST OFFICE" (type C28).

On reverse: "GPO SYDNEY" (12.2.1839, type S7).

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All letters actually and bona fide on the Public Service, addressed to, or from inter alia, the Governor and the Officer in Charge of the Commissariat Department were to be delivered and to pass free of any postage.



6 November 1838

#### Rate

Free, addressed to the Governor.

#### Route

Newcastle to Sydney by coastal vessel, thence by mail coach from Sydney to Parramatta on the Western Road.

#### Markings

"FREE" (type F12) of Newcastle.

"NEWCASTLE / N.S.W"  
(type C4)

"PARRAMATTA / NSW"  
(type C1).

On reverse:

"GPO SYDNEY"  
(6.11.1838, type S6).

#### Only recorded Cover



17 November 1838

**Rate:** Free, addressed to "The Officer in Charge of the Commissariat Department".

**Route:** From Wollongong to Sydney by coastal vessel.

**Markings:** Boxed "FREE" (type F12) of Wollongong.

On reverse: "WOLONGONG / NSW / POST OFFICE" (type C19) and "GPO SYDNEY" (17.11.1838, type S6).

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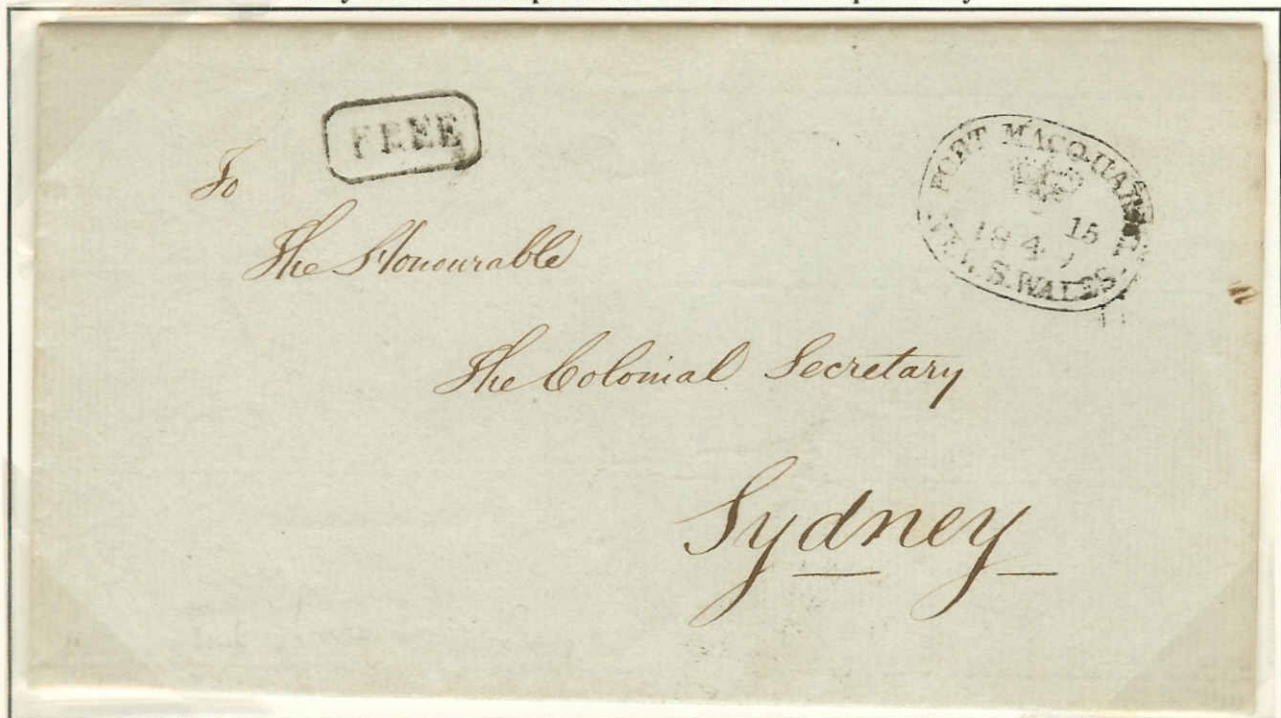
All letters actually and bona fide on the Public Service, addressed to, or from inter alia, the Colonial Secretary were to be delivered and to pass free of any postage.



20 January 1841

**Rate:** Free, "O.H.M.S." addressed to the Colonial Secretary. **Route:** Mail coach from Yass to Sydney on the Southern Road. **Markings:** "FREE" (type F12) of Yass, "YASS / NEW.S.WALES" (23.1.1841, type C65). On reverse: "GPO SYDNEY" (20.1.1841, type S7).

Only recorded example of F13 used at Port Macquarie only



15 October 1849

**Rate:** Free, addressed to the Colonial Secretary. **Route:** Port Macquarie to Sydney by coastal vessel. **Markings:** "FREE" (type F13), "PORT MACQUARIE / NEW.S.WALES" (15.10.1849, type C62). On reverse: "SYDNEY N.S.W." (19.10.1849, type S13).

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### 1835 Act (5 GUL IV No. 24) Section 6

Every Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils was permitted to send 5 letters and receive 7 letters a day free of postage, if under 1 ounce in weight and endorsed with post town, date in words and member's name in their own handwriting.

#### Letter franked by Francis Lord, M.L.C.



7 February 1847

**Rate**  
Free, franked by Francis Lord, MLC, son of Simeon Lord.

**Route**  
Bathurst to Sydney on the Western road.

**Markings**  
"FREE" (type F12) of Bathurst.  
On reverse:  
"BATHURST / NEW.S.WALES" (7.2.1847, type C67)  
"GPO SYDNEY" (10.2.1847, type S9).



20 January 1836

**Rate:** Free, sent to Governor Bourke at Government House, Parramatta.

**Route:** Sydney to Parramatta by mail coach on the Western Road.

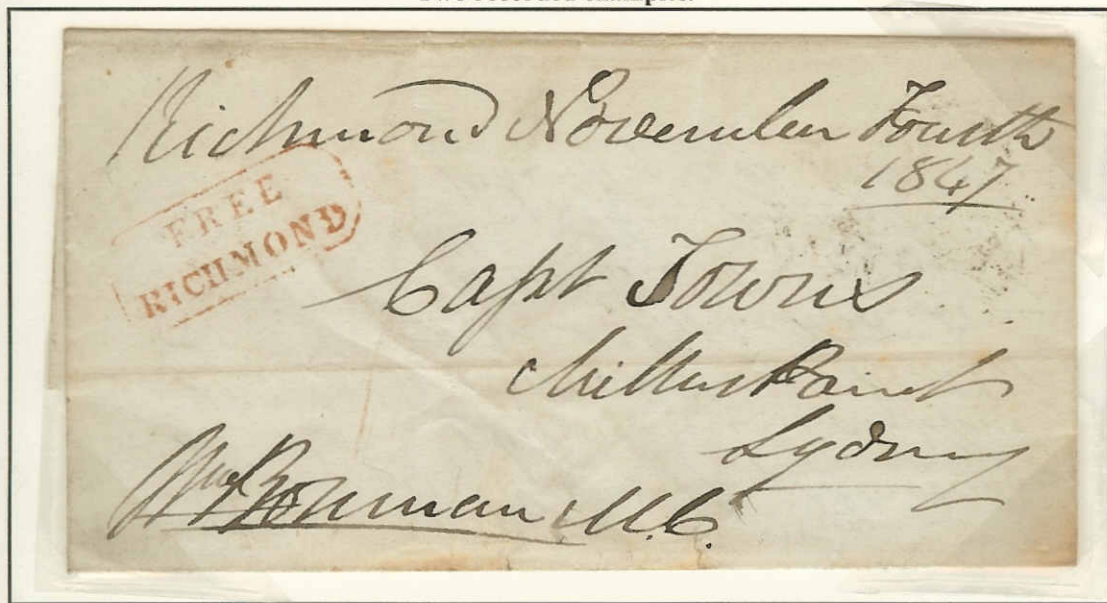
**Markings:** "FREE" (20.1.1836, type F1) of Sydney in red, and "GPO SYDNEY" (20.1.1836, type S4 var. 1) in black.

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Letter franked by William Bowman, M.L.C.

Two recorded examples.



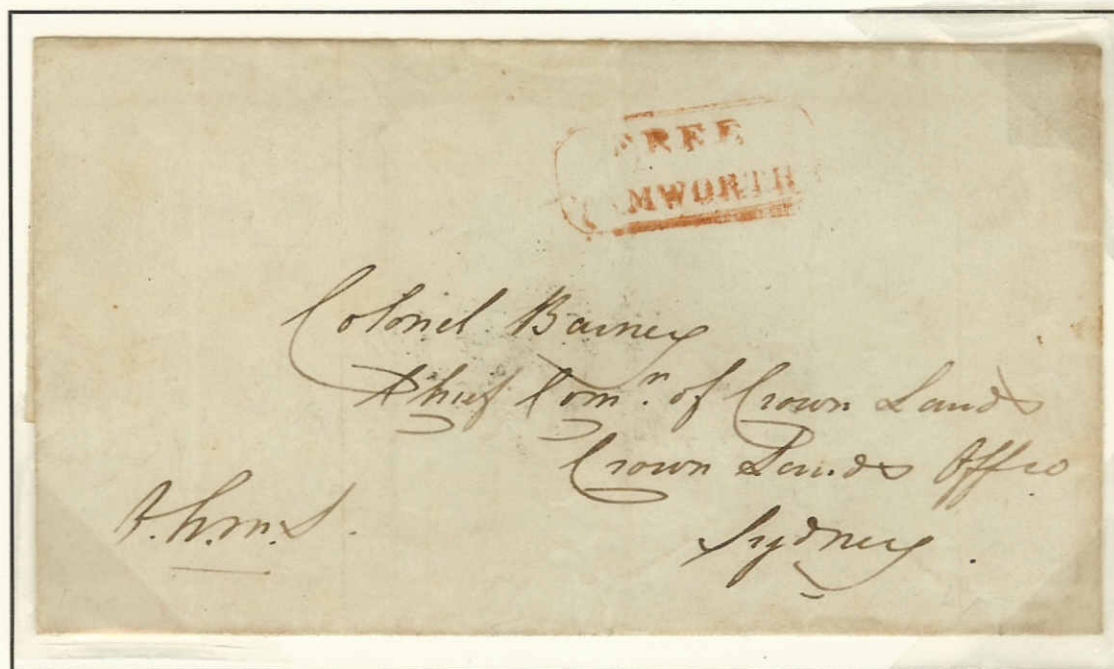
**Rate**  
Free under privilege.

**Route**  
By horse post to Sydney on the Windsor Road.

**Markings**  
"FREE / RICHMOND" (type F17),  
On reverse:  
"RICHMOND / NEW.S.WALES"  
(4.11.1847, type C67)  
GPO SYDNEY"  
(5.11.1847, type S12).

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Only Recorded example.



**Rate**  
Free under privilege.

**Route**  
Tamworth to Maitland by road,  
thence to Sydney by local ship.

**Markings**  
"FREE / TAMWORTH" (type F17).  
On reverse:  
"TAMWORTH / NEW.S.WALES"  
(11.10.1849, type C65)  
"GPO SYDNEY"  
(17.10.1849, type S12).

11 October 1849

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23 May 1846

Rate: Free, endorsed "O.H.M.S." from the Auditor General.

Route: Sydney to Newcastle by local vessel.

Markings: "FREE" (23.5.1846, type F5), and "NEWCASTLE / NEW.S.WALES" (24.5.1846, type C65).

Under the 1835 Act, only letters to or from the Governor and his Private Secretary were permitted to pass free through the Sydney Town Post.



Rate:

Free, addressed to the Colonial Secretary, and allowed in error.

Route:

Sydney Town Post.

Markings:

"6 O'CLOCK" (type T5)

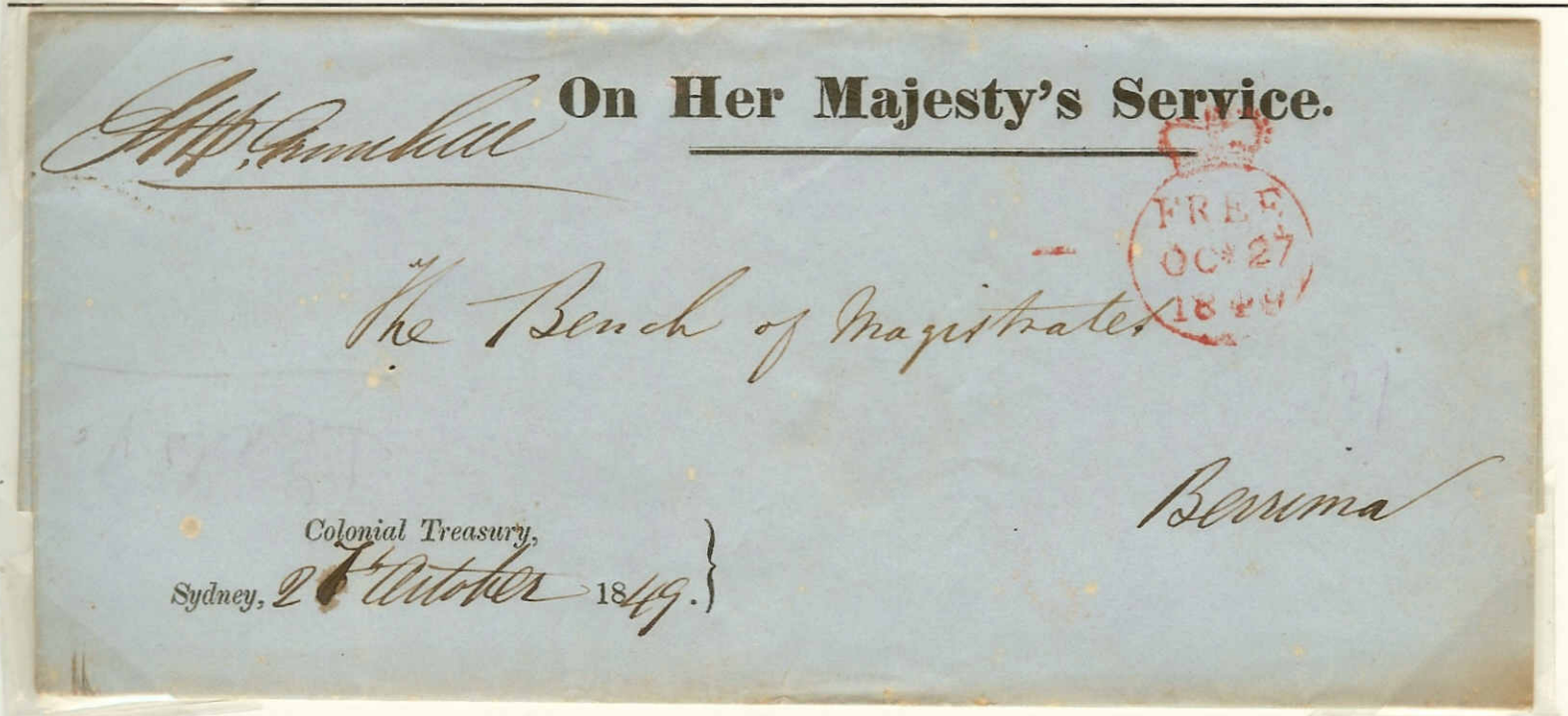
"FREE" (11.12.1849, type F7).

11 December 1849

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All letters actually and bona fide on the Public Service, addressed to, or from inter alia, the Colonial Secretary and the Colonial Treasury were to be delivered and to pass free of any postage.

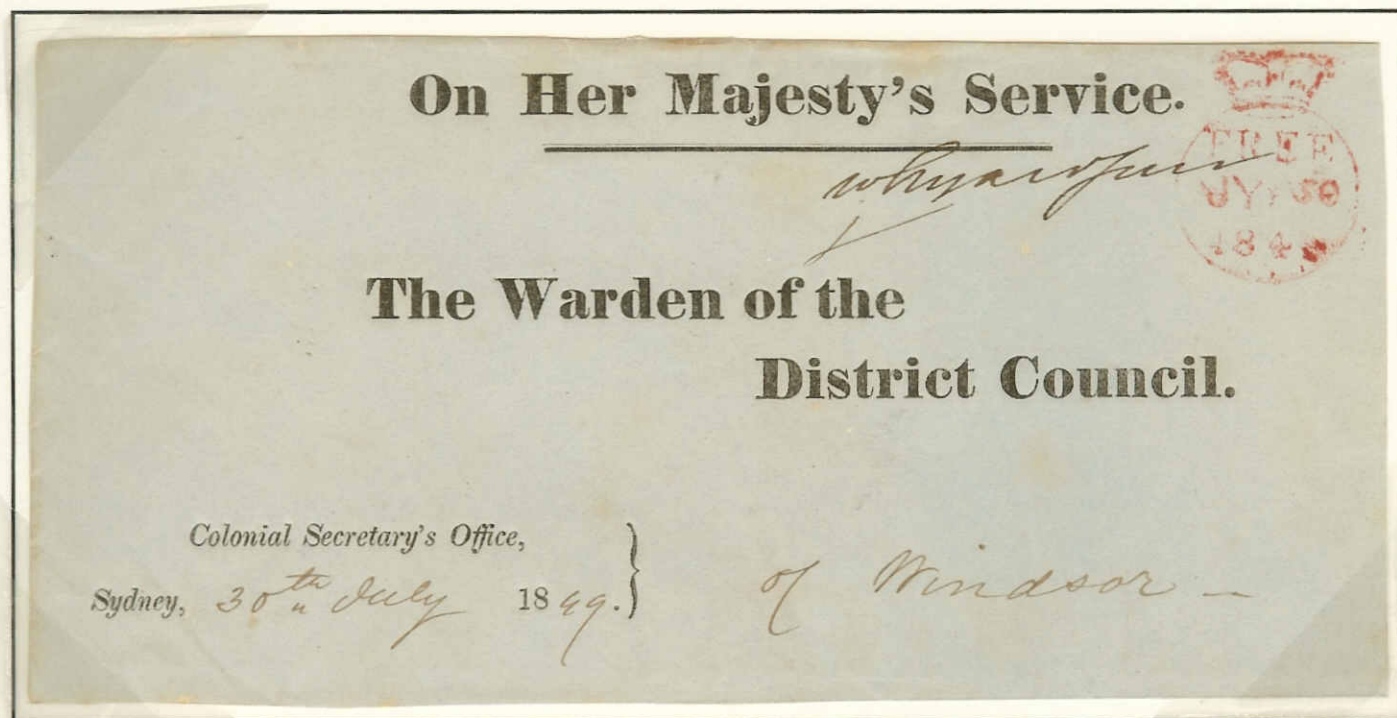


27 October 1849

Rate: Free, endorsed "O.H.M.S." from the Colonial Treasury.

Route: Mail coach Sydney to Berrima.

Markings: "FREE" (27.10.1849, type F7), and "BERRIMA / NEW.S.WALES" (28.10.1849, type C65).



30 July 1849

Rate: Free, endorsed "O.H.M.S." from the Colonial Secretary.

Route: Sydney to Windsor.

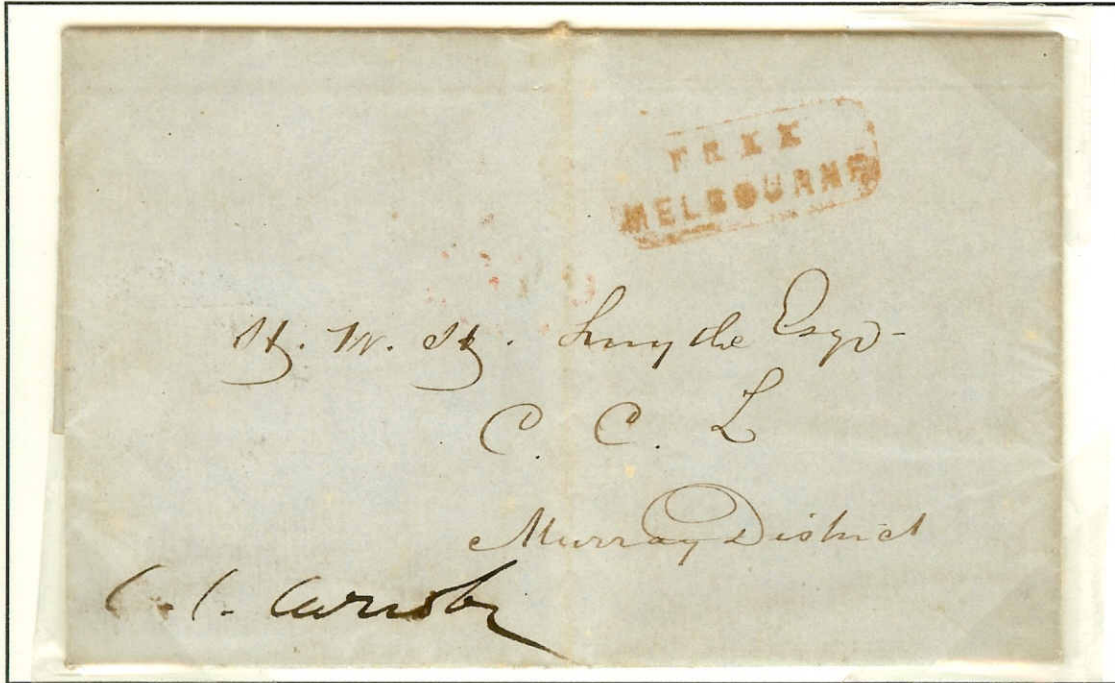
Markings: "FREE" (30.7.1849, type F7).

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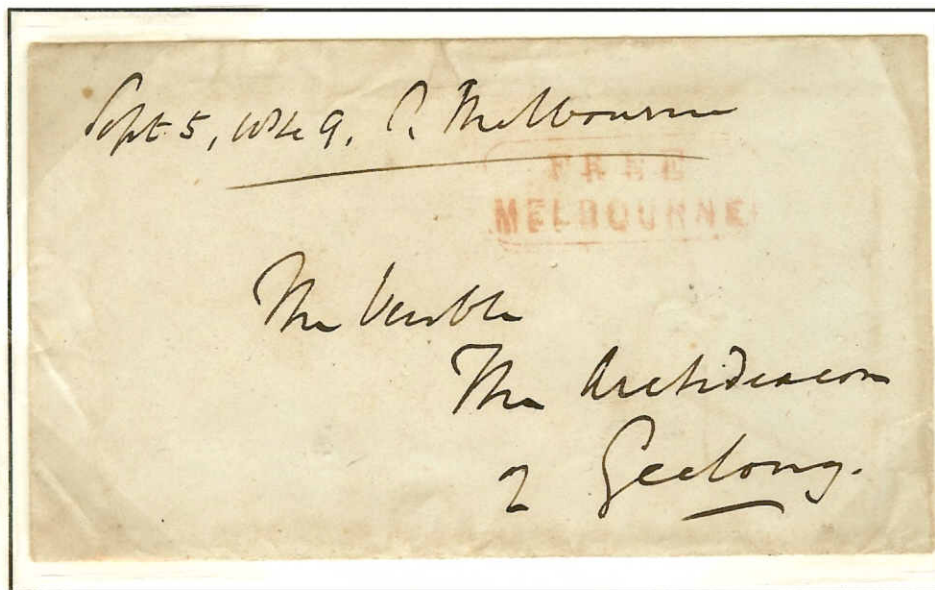
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All letters actually and bona fide on the Public Service, addressed to, or from inter alia, the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the Archbishop of Melbourne were to be delivered and to pass free of any postage.

#### Letter franked by Superintendent Charles J. La Trobe



11 August 1847



5 September 1849

**Rate:** Free, endorsed in ms. "Sept 5, 1849. C. Melbourne" by the Archbishop of Melbourne.

**Route:** Melbourne to Geelong by local ship.

**Markings:** "FREE / MELBOURNE" (type F17) in red.

On reverse: "MELBOURNE / PORT PHILLIP" (5.9.1849) and "GEELONG / PORT PHILLIP" (6.9.1849).

#### Rate

Free, addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands and franked by La Trobe.

#### Route

Melbourne to the Murray District by road.

#### Markings

"FREE / MELBOURNE" (type F17).

On reverse:

"MELBOURNE / PORT PHILLIP" (15.8.1847).

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All letters actually and bona fide on the Public Service, addressed to, or from inter alia, the Superintendent of Melbourne were to be delivered and to pass free of any postage.



8 June 1848

**Rate:** Free, addressed to La Trobe. **Route:** Geelong to Melbourne.

**Markings:** "FREE / GEELONG" (type F17). On reverse: "MELBOURNE / PORT PHILLIP" (8.6.1848).



8 September 1849

**Rate:** Free, under privilege addressed to the Superintendent of Melbourne.

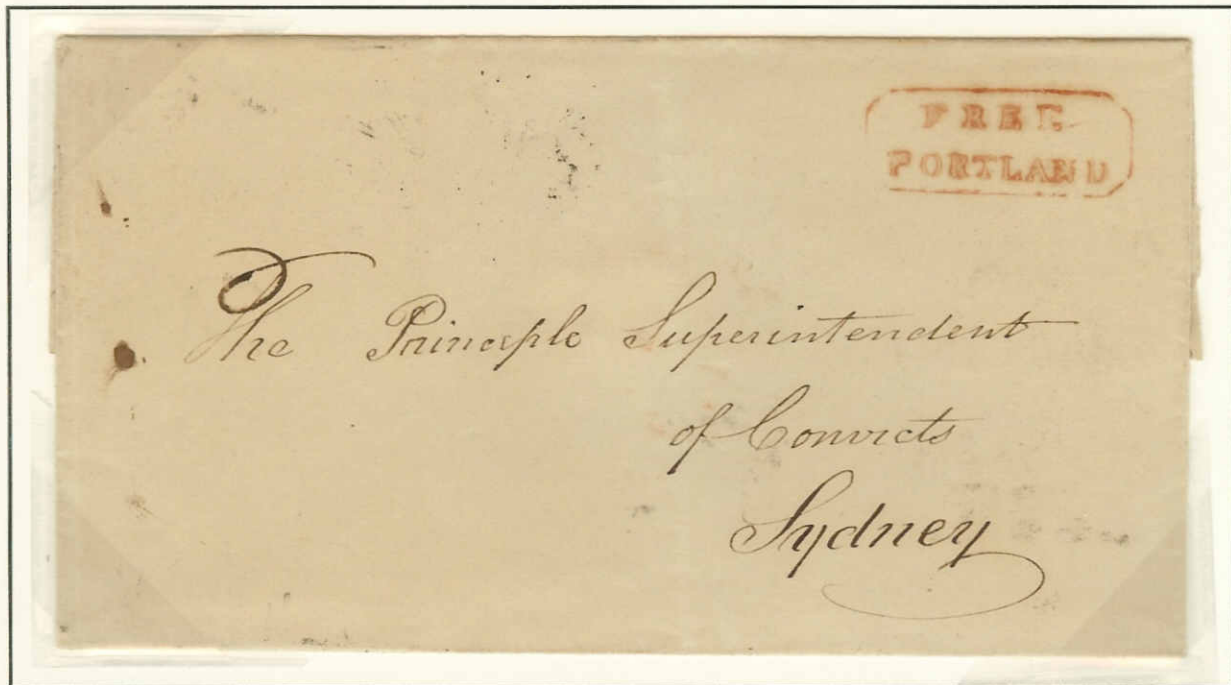
**Route:** Elephant Bridge to Melbourne via the Western Coach route.

**Markings:** No Free marking. On reverse: "ELEPHANT BRIDGE / PORT PHILLIP" (11.9.1848, error for 1849) and "MELBOURNE / PORT PHILLIP" (13.9.1849). **Earliest recorded letter from Elephant Bridge.**

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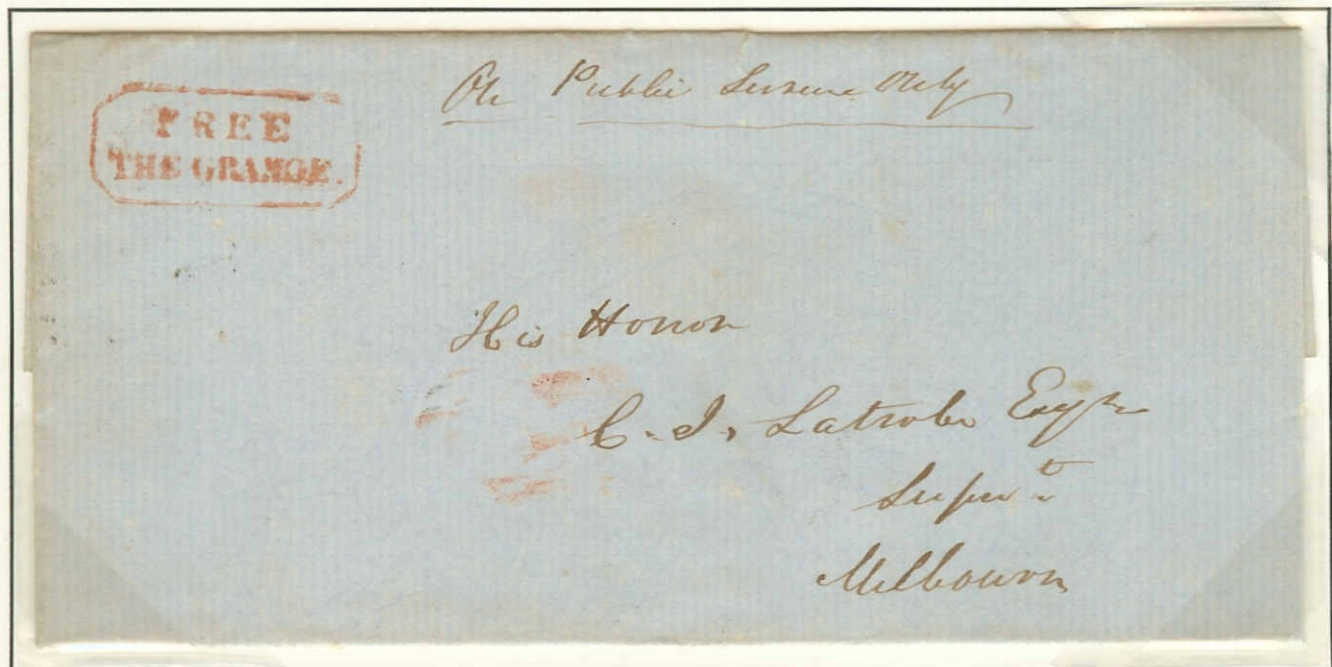
All letters actually and bona fide on the Public Service, addressed to, or from inter alia, the Superintendent of Convicts at Sydney and the Superintendent of the Port Phillip District were to be delivered and to pass free of any postage.



13 August 1847

**Rate:** Free, addressed to the Principal Superintendent of Convicts at Sydney. **Route:** Portland to Melbourne on the south-western coach route, then overland to Sydney.

**Markings:** "FREE / PORTLAND" (type F17). On reverse: "PORTLAND / NEW.S.WALES" (13.8.1847, type C65) and "GPO SYDNEY" (24.8.1847).



18 May 1849

**Rate:** Free, under privilege addressed to the Superintendent of Melbourne.

**Route:** The Grange to Melbourne via the western coach route.

**Markings:** "FREE / THE GRANGE" (type F17). On reverse: "THE GRANGE / PORT PHILLIP" (18.5.1849) and "MELBOURNE / PORT PHILLIP" (20.5.1849). Only recorded cover.

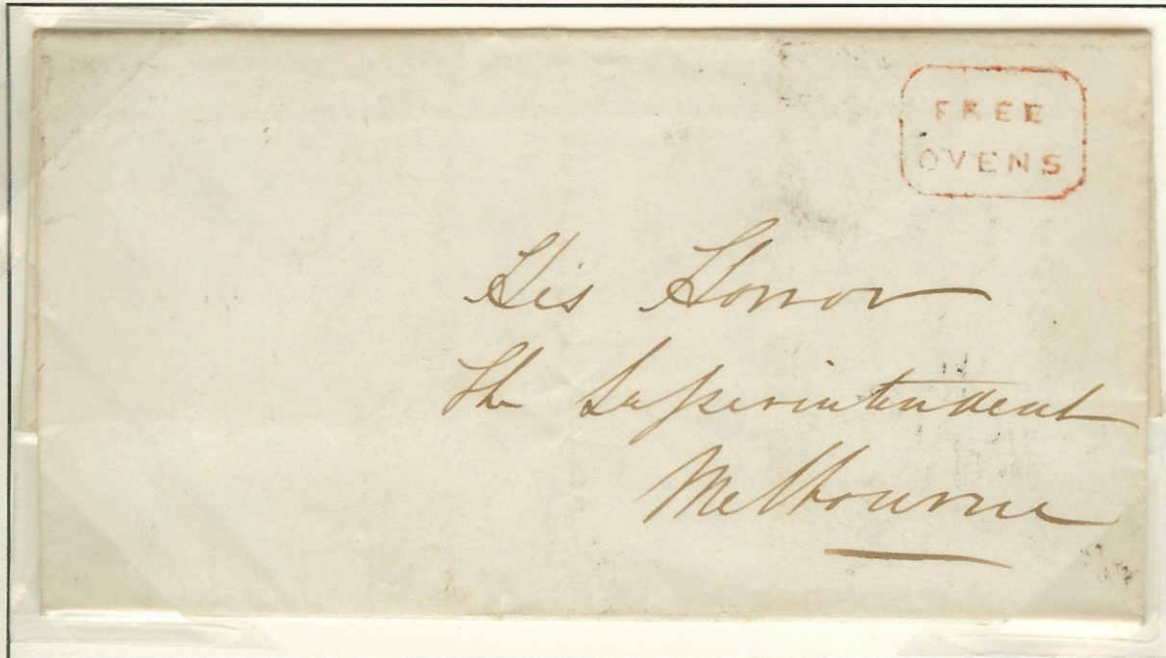
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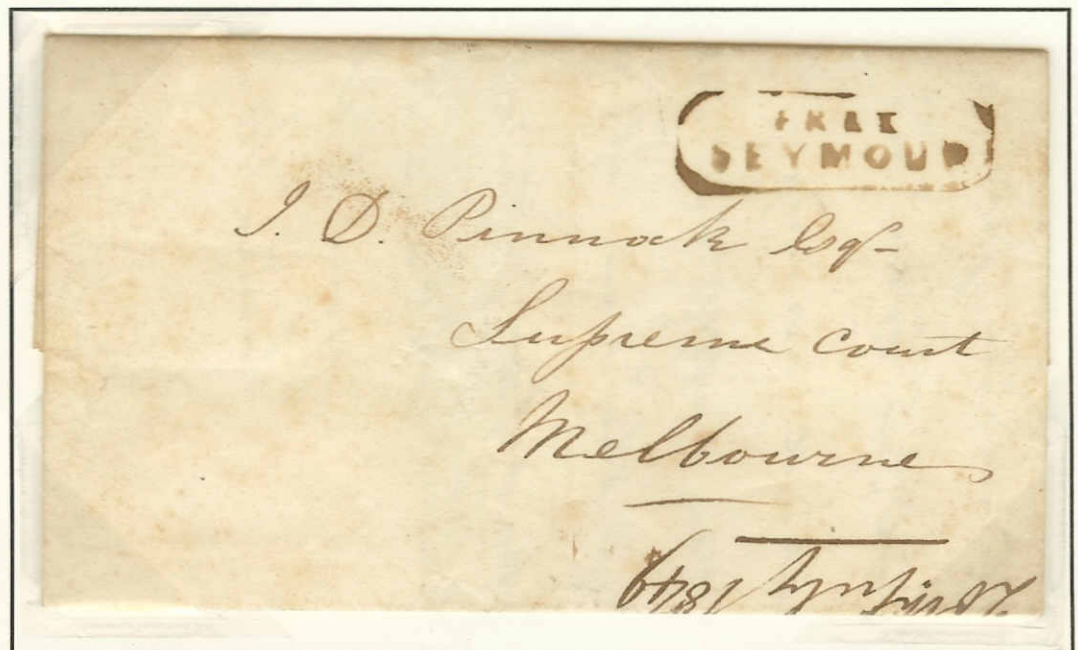
Two examples recorded



3 June 1849

**Rate**  
Free, addressed to the Superintendent, C.J. La Trobe.  
**Route**  
Ovens to Melbourne by coach.  
**Markings**  
"FREE / OVENS" (type F17).  
On reverse:  
"OVENS / PORT PHILLIP"  
(10.6.1849)  
"MELBOURNE / PORT PHILLIP" (11.6.1849).

**Rate**  
Free, addressed to the Registrar of the Supreme Court.  
**Route**  
Seymour to Melbourne by coach.  
**Markings**  
"FREE / SEYMOUR" (type F17).  
On reverse:  
"SEYMOUR / PORT PHILLIP"  
(5.8.1849)  
"MELBOURNE / PORT PHILLIP"  
(6.8.1849).



5 August 1849

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Burn Bank: Post Office opened 1 July 1848.



30 September 1848

**Rate:** Free under privilege addressed to the Postmaster at Melbourne. Ms. "Free" in red.

**Route:** Burn Bank to Melbourne via the North Western coach route.

**Markings:** On reverse: "BURN BANK / PORT PHILLIP" (30.9.1848), "BUNNENYONG / PORT PHILLIP" (30.9.1848) and "MELBOURNE / PORT PHILLIP" (3.10.1848).

# GAZETTE OF 3 NOVEMBER 1838

## The Embossed Letter Sheet

The New South Wales Government Gazette of 3 November 1838 carried the following notice:

*His Excellency the Governor, in order to effect a reduction in postage on such communications intended for delivery within the limits of the town of Sydney, has been pleased to sanction their transmission under envelope which may be obtained at the GPO on payment of one shilling and threepence per dozen.*



11 May 1846

### Rate

One penny local delivery due to rate reduction on 14.1.1841 from 1½d each to 1d each (1 shilling per dozen).

### Route

Posted in town letter receiver and delivered within Sydney town.

### Markings

"FREE" (11.5.1846, type F5) denoting free of further postage.

"1 OCLOCK" (type T4).

Cover was turned and re-used in reply to the Australian Assurance Office, rated "2" (type X2) unpaid and back-stamped "GPO SYDNEY" (12.5.1846, type S9).



### Detail of Embossing

#### Rate

One penny local delivery.

#### Route

Posted in town letter receiver and delivered to New Town, being within the Sydney Town Post area.

#### Markings

"FREE" (11.9.1849, type F7) denoting free of further postage.

"6 OCLOCK" (type T5).



11 September 1849