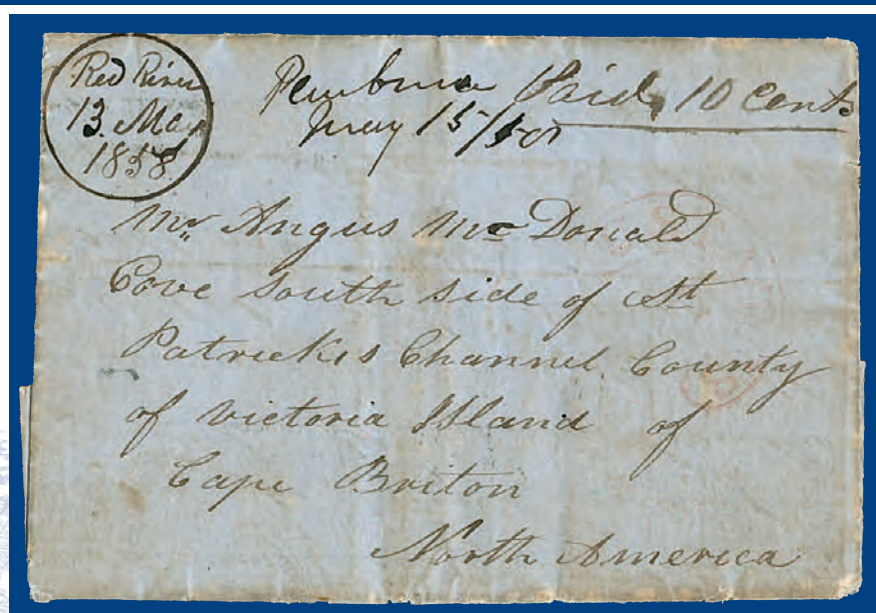


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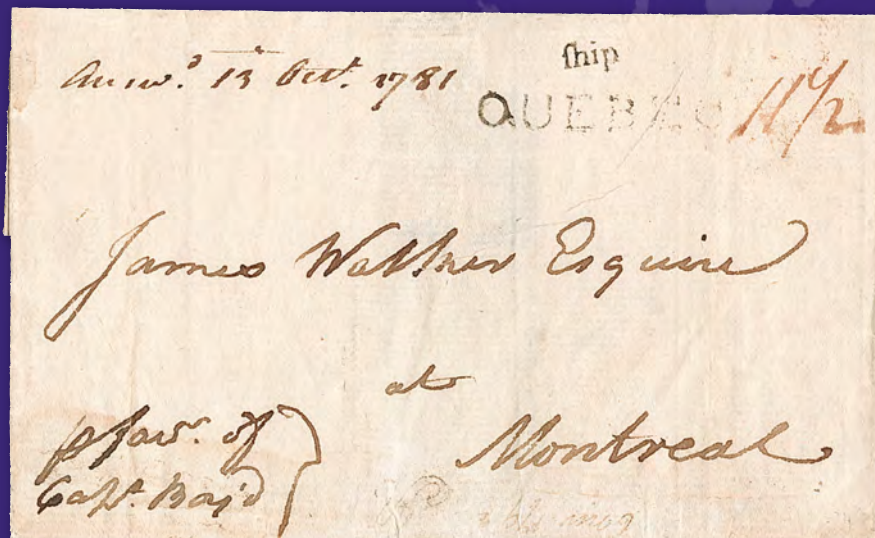
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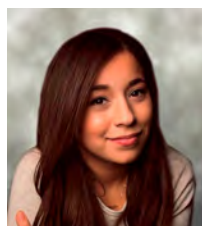


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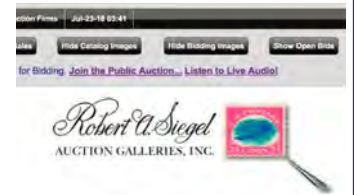
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Live Internet Bidding will work with any browser on both PC and Mac operating systems.

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Log on to the auction at stampauctionnetwork.com

When you're logged on as a Live Internet Bidder, the bidding interface shows a photo and description of the lot, the current bid (and your bidding status), options for placing competitive bids and buttons with bid increments.

- After you click on a bid amount, the auctioneer is immediately notified of your bid.
- Retracting a bid is usually not acceptable, so please bid carefully.
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Grades, Abbreviations and Values Used in Descriptions

Grades and Centering

Our descriptions contain detailed information and observations about each item's condition. We have also assigned grades to stamps and covers, which reflect our subjective assessment. For stamps, the margin width, centering and gum are described and graded according to generally-accepted standards (an approximate correlation to numeric grades is provided at right). Although we believe our grades are accurate, they are not always exactly aligned with third-party grading terms or standards for all issues. **A lot may not be returned because a certification service grades a stamp lower than the grade stated in the description. Information from the P.S.E. Stamp Market Quarterly and P.S.E. Population ReportSM is the most current available, but lots may not be returned due to errors or changes in statistics or data.**

Extremely Fine Gem (90-100): The term "Gem" describes condition that is the finest possible for the issue. This term is equivalent to "Superb" used by grading services.







Extremely Fine (80-90): Exceptionally large/wide margins or near perfect centering.

Very Fine (70-85): Normal-size margins for the issue and well-centered with the design a bit closer to one side. "Very Fine and choice" applies to stamps that have desirable traits such as rich color, sharp impression, freshness or clarity of cancel.

Fine (60-70): Smaller than usual margins or noticeably off center. Pre-1890 issues may have the design touched in places.

Very Good (below 60): Attractive appearance, but margins or perforations cut into the design.

Guide to Gum Condition

Gum Categories:	MINT N.H.	ORIGINAL GUM (O.G.)				NO GUM
	 Mint Never Hinged <i>Free from any disturbance</i>	 Lightly Hinged <i>Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area</i>	 Hinge Mark or Remnant <i>Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining</i>	 Part o.g. <i>Approximately half or more of the gum intact</i>	 Small part o.g. <i>Approximately less than half of the gum intact</i>	 No gum <i>Only if issued with gum</i>
Catalogue Symbol:	★ ★	★	★	★	★	(★)
PRE-1890 ISSUES	<i>Pre-1890 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value</i>			Scott Value for “O.G.”		Scott “No Gum” Values thru No. 218
1890-1935 ISSUES	Scott “Never Hinged” Values for Nos. 219-771	Scott Value for “O.G.” (Actual value will be affected by the degree of hinging)		Disturbed Original Gum: Gum showing noticeable effects of humidity, climate or hinging over more than half of the gum. The significance of gum disturbance in valuing a stamp in any of the Original Gum categories depends on the degree of disturbance, the rarity and normal gum condition of the issue and other variables affecting quality. For example, stamps issued in tropical climates are expected to have some gum disturbance due to humidity, and such condition is not considered a negative factor in pricing.		
1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for “Unused”					

Covers

Minor nicks, short edge tears, flap tears and slight reduction at one side are normal conditions for 19th century envelopes. Folded letters should be expected to have at least one file fold. Light cleaning of covers and small mends along the edges are accepted forms of conservation. Unusual covers may have a common stamp with a slight crease or tiny tear. **These flaws exist in virtually all 19th century covers and are not always described. They are not grounds for return.**

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Unless otherwise noted, the currently available *Scott Catalogue* values are quoted in dollars with a decimal point. Other catalogues are often used for foreign countries or specialized areas and are referred to by their common name: *Stanley Gibbons* (SG), *Dietz*, *American Air Mail Catalogue* (AAMC), *Michel*, *Zumstein*, *Facit*, etc. Estimates are indicated with an "E." and reflect our conservative valuation in dollars. Reserves will never exceed the low end of the estimate range; they will sometimes exceed Scott Catalogue value for stamps in Extremely Fine condition.

Because of certain pricing inconsistencies in the *Scott Catalogue*—for example, blocks that have no gum, the absence of premiums for Mint N.H. items, etc.—we cannot guarantee the accuracy of values quoted for multiples, specialized items and collection lots. We generally try to be conservative, but buyers may not return a lot because of a discrepancy in catalogue value due to Scott pricing inconsistencies.

Symbols and Abbreviations (see chart above for gum symbols)

⊞	Block	E	Essay	pmk.	Postmark	No.	Scott Catalogue Number
⊞	Cover	P	Proof	cds	Circular Datestamp	hs	Handstamp
FC	Fancy Cancel	TC	Trial Color Proof	var.	Variety	ms.	Manuscript

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The “Dubois” collection is more than just a collection of British North America covers—it is the *history* of British North America. The covers essentially form a historical textbook of the French and British periods from the 1690s through 1860s, reflecting the events and circumstances that shaped the country we now know as Canada. The covers and letters from this formative period demonstrate how mail routes were influenced by the discovery and settlement of new lands, by colonial and international trade, by border disputes, and by land-based and naval warfare.

This sale of the “Dubois” collection provides the intellectually minded postal history collector the opportunity to hold, handle and potentially own a tangible piece of history. While every item is related to British North America, the collection represents a diverse and far-reaching range of subjects. The United States postal historian will be impressed by the remarkable rarities found in cross-border mail, Colonial American mail, Revolutionary War mail and covers carried by various routes through Boston and New York. The military specialist will be intrigued by the concessionary rates from different provinces and

important war-time letters. The collector of ship and maritime letters will be enthused by the numerous rare or unique handstamps and by the unusual rates and markings. Those who collect Hudson Bay Company and fur-trade mail have a tremendous opportunity to acquire key pieces, including no less than five examples of the uniquely configured Red River Settlement manuscript postmarks—about half the number thought to exist—and featuring the unique “small circle” postmark.

Over the past 60 years, there have been several award-winning and prestigious collections containing early British North America postal history—those formed by J. Grant Glassco, Vincent Graves Greene, J. Ronald Saint, Dr. John L. Robertson, Allan L. Steinhart, Frederick R. Mayer, Dorothy Sanderson, “Maritimus,” Malcolm Montgomery, A. M. Clark, Alan Griffiths, “Skywalk” and others. In the constellation of these great collections, the “Dubois” collection shines bright, as it was carefully formed by selecting the finest material from each of its predecessor collections, as well as acquiring important items privately through the gravitational pull of wealth, determination, and numerous relationships with leading dealers and collectors. Throughout this catalogue, one will find statements detailing the immense rarity of different postmarks and handstamps—many unique and others with very few recorded—and even if no words were written to describe the quality, it would be obvious that the examples offered here are the finest extant.

On a personal note, I am honored that the Meritus Trust has chosen Siegel International to sell the marvelous “Dubois” collection. I knew the collector who formed the collection over four decades, and he was a true gentleman who assembled his philatelic collections with extraordinary knowledge and impeccable taste.

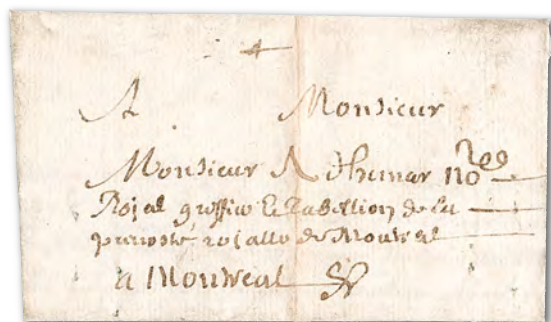
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Mail between Canada and United States:	
Canada to United States	2059-2068
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Early Inter-Canadian Mail to 1800	2073-2089
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Other Canadian Markings (by Town)	2103-2111
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New Brunswick:	
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NEW FRANCE



2001

2001 ☒ **An early New France internal letter from Quebec to Montreal**

(Quebec to Montreal, Mar. 5, ca. 1694). Small folded letter datelined “5th Mars 1694(?)”, which is affected by wax seal and opening tear, neatly addressed to notary Antoine Adhemar dit St. Martin in Montreal, written by another notary, (Peter) Cabazier, who is thought to have resided in Quebec, Very Fine, New France covers dated prior to 1700 are exceptionally rare with only a small number in existence, the recipient, Antoine Adhemar dit St. Martin (ca. 1639-1714), arrived in New France as a member of the Carignan-Salieres Regiment sent to quell the local Native American conflicts, he was among the roughly 450 who remained behind to settle in New France, ex Sanderson Estimate \$500-750

2002 ☒ **Early internal New France cover to the King’s attorney in Villemarie (Montreal)**

(Quebec? to Villemarie [Montreal], ca. 1710). Folded cover addressed to “Monsieur Raimbault Nottaire Royal en la maison, a villemarie”, couple tears and folds mended by tape, otherwise Fine, Pierre Raimbault (1671-1740) received his commission as King’s Attorney in 1706 and held this office until 1727, the use of “Villemarie” suggests an earlier use, as in 1705 the official name changed to Montreal, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400



2002



2003

2003 ☒ **An unusual bow-shaped folded cover**

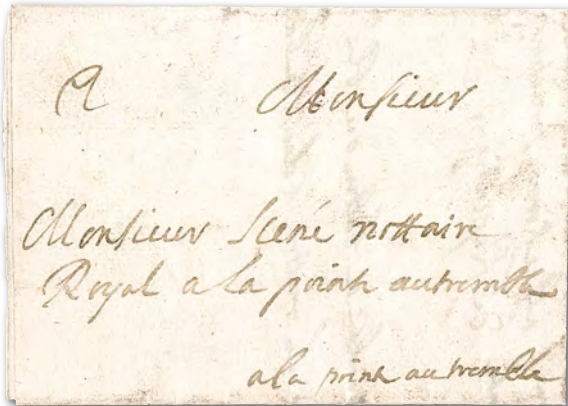
(Locally sent within Montreal, ca. 1690s). Letter folded in an unusual knot-shaped bow, without dateline but signed “Marie Chouart” and addressed to “Monsieur boucher”, letter is in regard to funds from a recent payment, Very Fine, according to online records, in 1695 there was a “Marie Chouart” who married a “Jean Bouchard” in Montreal—Chouart did not use her husband’s name in this address, suggesting that this cover predates their marriage, ex Sanderson.... Estimate \$400-500

2004 ☒ **An early cover sent to Montreal**

(Montreal, ca. 1715). Folded cover addressed to "Madame Jacque Vigé, veuve (widow) a montreal", likely a local use cover, Very Fine and scarce, this cover dates between 1715 (year of Jacques Viger's death) and 1726 (when addressee passed), various members of the Viger family went on to become politicians, including their great, great grandson, who became the first Mayor of Montreal in 1833, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400



2004



2005

2005 ☒ **Scarce early cover from "Montroyal" to Royal Notary in "Pointe au Tremble"**

(Montreal to Pointe-aux-Trembles, Nov. 30, 1728). Folded letter datelined "montroyal le 30 du nbre 1728" and addressed to "Monsieur Scéné, notaire Royal a la pointe au tremble," carried privately and likely by ship along the St. Lawrence River, signed by "de Repentigny", mentions sending grain by the boat of "Jean Archambault", Very Fine, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400

2006 ☒ **Cover to Jesus Island near Montreal during French postal routes period**

(Quebec? to Jesus Island [near Montreal], May 2, 1736). Folded "le 2 may 1736" date-lined letter addressed to "Monsieur Cotest a Lhille (L'ile) Jesus proche le Montrealle", letter requests wheat to be sent by the boat of "Monsieur Fouville", Very Fine and scarce, while there are no postal markings, this cover likely traveled along the postal roads between Quebec and Montreal, which opened in 1734 and were for both official and private use, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400



2006



Both 2007

2007 ☒ **Pair of circa 1750s covers between Montreal and Quebec**

(Quebec to Montreal and Montreal to Quebec, ca. 1750s). Two folded covers, both presumably from either Montreal or Quebec ca. 1750s, first addressed to "Monsieur pairaux, negociant a quebet, a la baseville" which likely refers to the Perrault family, who were merchants in Quebec during the period, second addressed to "Monsieur Danré, Greffier a montreal" which refers to Louis-Claude Danre de Blanzly, who received his commission as clerk in 1744 and left for France around 1760, each with minor flap faults, otherwise Fine pair, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$500-750

2008 ☒ **Scarce privately carried interim period cover to Scotland**

(Quebec to Glasgow, Scotland, 1761). Folded letter without dateline though docketed "Quebek, Zacharias Macaulay, 1761" and addressed to Glasgow, Scotland, likely carried by British Naval ship to London where it entered the mails with "SR" in circle and "11/IV" Bishop mark handstamps, manuscript "6" and "2" rate markings (London to Edinburgh, Edinburgh to Glasgow), letter refers to leaving the military to take up trading goods, Very Fine and scarce, it was not until 1763, following the Treaty of Paris, which officially ceded Canada to Great Britain, that postal service between Quebec, Montreal and New York was established, only a small number of interim covers have been recorded, ex Bonar and Montgomery.... Estimate \$500-750



2008

LOT 2009 ☒

An incredibly rare British interim period folded letter from Quebec to Edinburgh prior to organized postal service in Canada



2009

(Quebec to Edinburgh Scotland, via Falmouth-New York Packet to London, Jan. 4, 1762). Reddish brown “NEWYORK” two-line handstamp and manuscript “IN6” rate applied in New York on lengthy folded letter to Sir David Dalrymple in Edinburgh, Scotland, originating in Quebec with “Quebec Jany. 4th, 1762” dateline, carried by private ship to New York and then by New York-Falmouth Packet to London, with “19/IV” (Jun. 19) London Bishop mark applied in transit, minor wear along folds

VERY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING EARLY BRITISH QUEBEC TO SCOTLAND CROSS-BORDER COVER THROUGH NEW YORK, SENT DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BRITISH MAILS IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The enclosed letter is from Sir David Dalrymple’s brother, who was in the British army in Canada, and humorously starts the letter, “*this sheet look liker a manifesto than a letter.*” He goes on to describe British servicemen beginning to leave and describes the flora and fauna of Canada in great detail. His view of the local inhabitants is far less enthusiastic, about whom he writes, “*The children curse and swear in English as currently the best Grenadiers in his Majesty’s Service, the men drink rum more readily than they did brandy formerly and like it better because it is stronger and the women I wo’nt say have acquired, at least have continued a practice with our troops...*”

It was not until the 1763 Treaty of Paris ceded Canada to Great Britain that postal service between Quebec, Montreal and New York was established. The 1sh6p rate covered the 1sh rate to London and the 6p inland rate to Edinburgh. Only a small number of interim covers have been recorded..... Estimate \$4,000-5,000

Montreal 1760



MAIL BETWEEN CANADA AND GREAT BRITAIN:
Mail from Canada to Great Britain

LOT 2010 ☒

British captain's eyewitness account of the Battle of Trois-Rivieres
during the American Revolutionary War



2010

(Montreal to Edinburgh, Scotland, Jun. 20, 1776). Folded letter from Captain John Wight of the 53rd (Shropshire) Regiment of Foot datelined "Montreal 20th June 1776" to his brother Andrew Wight "to be left at Forrests Coffee House" in Edinburgh, Scotland, rare and early use of "Quebec" double-circle with separate "22/IY" Bishop mark and "5/SE" London transit Bishop mark, rated "In all 9" which likely refers to 3p inland rate to London and a further 6p to Edinburgh

VERY FINE. A SUPERB HISTORICAL LETTER FROM A BRITISH CAPTAIN DETAILING THE BATTLE OF TROIS-RIVIERES AGAINST THE CONTINENTAL ARMY DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

Captain Wight's letter states: "On the 8th of June the Rebels came to attack us at a small town called the Three Rivers, a very small part of the Army had only got landed some Companys of Grenadiers & Light Infantry with a few others of different Corps. On the first Alarm we was under arms in a twinkling, marched out of town & mett them in the skirts of a wood where during the course of the action a great many was killed. The numbers could not be ascertained & near three hundred taken prisoners with their General (whose name is Thompson). I had only one man of my Company killed, or rather died of his wounds and not a single officer touched. In short we have now drove them totally out of Canada. I was witness two days ago to St. Johns, as well as all the other forts in this country being in flames which was performed by the Rebels before they evacuated them. I am obliged to write this in a hurry on the top of a casket in the midst of noise and confusion." He goes on to state that he had written another letter from his journey to Canada but misplaced it in his baggage—the letter was found and included with the letter in the lot 2011.

The Battle of Trois-Rivieres occurred on June 8, 1776, and was the last battle fought on Quebec soil. After their defeat, the Continental Army retreated to Fort St. Jean, burning the fort and any capable boats on June 17. They eventually retreated back to Fort Ticonderoga.....

..... Estimate \$5,000-7,500

LOT 2011 ☒

A firsthand account by Captain Wight of British troop movements, accompanied by an additional enclosed letter written just two days after the Battle of Trois-Rivieres



2011EX

(**St. Johns Fort to Edinburgh, Scotland, Jul. 13, 1776**). Two letters that were mailed together, the later folded letter (shown above) was used to send the earlier letter, both from Captain John Wight of the 53rd (Shropshire) Regiment of Foot, datelined "Camp at St. Johns Fort, 13th July 1776" to his brother Andrew Wight at "Forrests Coffee House" in Edinburgh, Scotland, clear "Quebec" in double-circle with separate "22/1Y" Bishop mark and "5/SE" London transit Bishop mark, rated "In all 1N6" and "6", **the other folded letter** (enclosed) was written at Sorel on June 10, just two days after the Battle of Trois-Rivieres, but misplaced with Captain Wight's bags (see lot 2010)

VERY FINE. TWO LETTERS, COMPRISING A WONDERFUL FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT OF CAPTAIN JOHN WIGHT'S TRAVELS TO CANADA TO FIGHT AGAINST THE "REBELS" IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR—CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE BATTLE OF TROIS-RIVIERES, TROOP MOVEMENTS FROM CANADA AND OF GENERAL HOWE IN NEW YORK.

The June 10, 1776, letter, written by Captain Wight at Sorel, gives an account of his voyage from Ireland to Newfoundland and reports, "General Fraser..received intelligence very early in the morning of the 8th that the Rebels was in full march not many miles off from my village where they intended to march and burn it if possible. The alarm was no sooner given than all the Troops were under arms in a twinkling..." He continues with more details of the battle and reports capturing Brigadier General Thompson along with 300 prisoners. The July 13 letter mentions that an earlier letter is enclosed, and continues with, "Preparations are going on with the utmost expedition in building Battows (ships) to carry the army across Lake Champlain in order to reduce Crown Point which the Rebels have at present in their possession." Captain Wight goes on to state he expects it to take another few weeks and that he heard General Howe made a successful landing in New York. Complete transcripts of each letter accompany..... **(Photo Ex)** Estimate \$5,000-7,500

LOT 2012 ☒

1776 folded letter from a British soldier during the Revolutionary War, pursuing the Continental Army after the failed American attack on Quebec



2012

(St. Charles on the Sorel to London, England, Jun. 23, 1776). Folded letter from Charles Terrot datelined "*St. Charles on the Sorel, June 23, 1776*" and addressed to London, sent via Quebec, "Quebec" double-circle with triangle handstamp and "5/JY" Bishop mark (no Canadian postage) and onward privately to London, "SHIP-LRE" straightline handstamp (Robertson S-34, the earliest recorded) and "12/AV" Bishop arrival mark, manuscript "7" rate

VERY FINE. A RARE AND DESIRABLE FOLDED LETTER WRITTEN BY A BRITISH SOLDIER IN SOREL DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR, IN PURSUIT OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY.

Charles Terrot (1758-1839) was a British Army officer who fought in Canada during the American Revolutionary War. He later served under Charles Cornwallis in India, eventually reaching the rank of General. A notation in his letter states, "*Mr. Allsopp Esquire of Capt. Howe, of the artillery at Quebec will know where Capt. Walkers brigade is & to forward letters. Charles Terrot.*" At this point in the war, the Continental Army had suffered a major loss at the Battle of Quebec in December 1775, and sought to initiate a siege of Quebec. With limited support, modest reinforcements, the effects of disease and hardships of winter, the Continental Army began to suffer. With intelligence that British reinforcements were awaiting the winter thaw, the Continental Army retreated towards Montreal. This letter was written shortly after the Battle of Trois-Rivieres on June 8, where the Continental Army suffered another disastrous defeat.

Ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$4,000-5,000



2013

2014

- 2013 ☒ **The only known overseas use of the rare “MONTREAL.PAID.” boxed handstamp, from a British soldier during the American Revolutionary War**

(Longueuil, Quebec to Edinburgh, Scotland, Jun. 1, 1777). Folded letter from a British soldier datelined “Longueuil, June 1st 1777” to Edinburgh, Scotland, bold strike of “MONTREAL.PAID.” boxed handstamp and manuscript “Pd. 9” at top left, Quebec double-circle with separate “7/IV” Bishop mark handstamp, “DOVER/SHIP LRE” and London Bishop mark in transit, rated “In all 10” which corresponds to 1p captain’s fee, 3p Dover to London and 6p to Edinburgh, few hinge reinforcements along folds

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN USE OF THIS RARE MONTREAL HANDSTAMP TO AN OVERSEAS DESTINATION—THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY A BRITISH SOLDIER DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

The Montreal handstamp is known used only in 1777, and all but this example are domestic letters. Ex Glassco and Montgomery..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000

- 2014 ☒ **Scarce combination of Montreal, Quebec and “SHIP-LRE” markings on cover to London**

(Montreal to London, England, Oct. 22, 1785). Well-struck “Montreal/Oct, 22” two-line datestamp on folded letter datelined in Montreal and addressed to London, neat “PAID*” with star and “9,” “Quebec” double-circle with “25/OC” Bishop mark datestamp on bottom flap, “SHIP-LRE” handstamp applied upon arrival with manuscript “9” rate (double 4p inland postage plus 1p ship fee) and “30/NO” Bishop mark, cover with endorsement removed at bottom right (likely contemporary), Very Fine and rare combination of these scarce markings, ex Montgomery.....

..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2015 front and back



2016



2017

- 2015 ☒ **Attractive and early Niagara marking on folded cover to London via Halifax**
(Niagara to Dunfermline, Scotland, Mar. 1, 1792). Clearly struck “Niagara 1 Mar” straightline datestamp over backflap of 1792 folded cover to Dunfermline, Scotland, neat red manuscript “American Inland Post 5N6” and “PAID” handstamp, well-struck “Halifax, N. Scotia MAY 15 92” split-circle datestamp (Jephcott 10, MacDonald 4b), red London transit and arrival Bishop marks, rated “2/-” for double packet rate and “3/2” further adding the double inland rate, few minor sealed tears and aesthetic repair around wax seal, Very Fine and scarce combination of markings, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500
- 2016 ☒ **Scarce Quebec split-circle datestamp on Packet Letter to London**
(Quebec to London, England, Apr. 25, 1795). Folded cover to London with Apr. 25, 1795 docketing, clearly struck “Quebec, Canada” split-circle datestamp with separate “25/AP” Bishop mark, manuscript “via Halifax” directive, London Bishop arrival mark, rated “To pay 2N” then crossed out with “4/-”, Very Fine and scarce marking, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2017 ☒ **Bold Quebec two-line handstamp to London—the only example of this type we have encountered**
(Quebec to London, England, Nov. 18, 1799). Bold “QUEBEC/DEC 13 99” two-line datestamp on bottom flap of folded letter to London, manuscript “via Halifax” directive, London arrival backstamp, rated “1N8”, Very Fine and intriguing postmark on this packet letter, a similar marking was used in Montreal, but this is the only example from Quebec that we have encountered, a similar Quebec marking was introduced the following year with a date/month/4-digit year format, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$400-500



2018



2019 back

- 2018 ☒ **Well-struck “Ship Letter” crown oval handstamps from Quebec and Greenock on a letter sent during the Napoleonic War**

(**River Ouelle to Greenock, Scotland, Oct. 23, 1801**). Folded letter from Liveright Piuze datelined “River Ouelle, Oct. 23, 1801” and addressed to Greenock, carried privately (no Canadian postage) but with “**Ship Letter Quebec**” crown oval handstamp, similar red “**Ship Letter Greenock**” crown oval handstamp and rated “4” upon arrival, endorsed “*per Juno*”, small edge tear at top, otherwise Very Fine strikes, the sender, Liveright Piuze (1754-1813), emigrated from Poland and worked as a surgeon and apothecary, he served as a surgeon in the American Revolutionary War, having been captured by Indians and traded to the British who imprisoned him at Fort Chambly until his release in 1780, he then worked on British naval ships and later settled at Rivier-Ouelle, ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$750-1,000

- 2019 ☒ **British Packet Mail from Quebec via John Jacob Astor Forwarding Agent in New York**

(**Quebec to Greenock, Scotland, Nov. 24-26, 1801**). Folded letter datelined three times from Nov. 24-26, 1801 and addressed to Greenock, Scotland, presumably carried privately to New York (no postal markings) with manuscript “*Recd. & Forw. by your Ob. Servt. J.J. Astor, N. York Dec. 16, 1801*”, red London Jan. 17, 1802 arrival marking (“S” for Sunday mail), rated “1/10” and again “2/2”, Very Fine and interestingly routed cover, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$400-500



2020

- 2020 ☒ **By far the earliest of the five recorded examples of the “Ship Lre Montreal” crown handstamp (Quebec to London England, Oct. 25, 1803).** Clearly struck “**Ship Lre Montreal**” crown oval handstamp applied in transit on folded letter datelined Quebec on Oct. 25, 1803 and addressed to London, sender’s ship-name directive “*p. the Ewretta, Capt. Paterson*”, lightly struck “**Ship Lre Falmouth**” crown oval handstamp, rated “1/2”, red London Dec. 12, 1803 arrival backstamps confirm year of mailing, bottom flap slightly reduced

FINE STRIKE OF THE RARE MONTREAL “SHIP LRE” CROWN OVAL. ONLY FIVE EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED—THIS 1803 COVER PREDATES THE OTHER KNOWN EXAMPLES BY MORE THAN 14 YEARS.

This is the only Canadian marking with the abbreviated “LRE” for “Letter”. It is rare, and usually comes lightly struck and/or blurred. Ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



2021

- 2021 ☒ **Perfect strike of the “Ship Letter Quebec” crown oval handstamp (Quebec to Guernsey, Oct. 9, 1806).** Folded cover docketed in Quebec on Oct. 9, 1806 and addressed to Guernsey, perfectly struck “**Ship Letter Quebec**” crown oval handstamp and red “**Ship Lre Greenock**” crown oval handstamp in transit, arrival backstamp, manuscript rated “4/3” and “5/3” for triple rate, couple light ironed out file folds, Extremely Fine and exceptional strike, arguably the finest example of this scarce marking, ex Alan Robertson and Montgomery..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2022

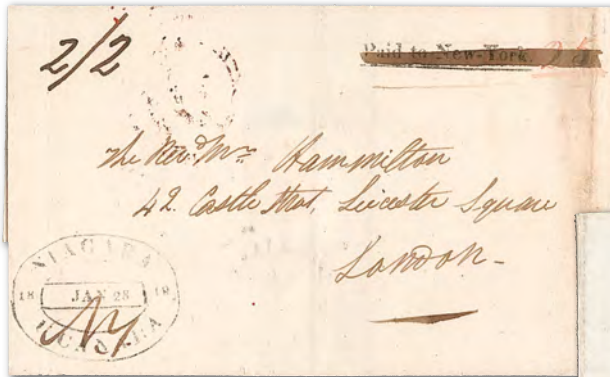


2023 back



2024

- 2022 ☒ **Early cross-border mail in Niagara addressed to Joseph-Genevieve de Puisaye**
(Niagara River to London, England, Mar. 26, 1809). Folded letter datelined in Niagara River and carried privately over the border with “NIAG./A P. 6” two-line datestamp with matching “PAID” handstamp and manuscript “25” U.S. rate, addressed to “Count Joseph de Puisaye” in London, “Paid” eventually crossed out and rated “2/-” for packet rate to London, arrival backstamp, Very Fine, the addressee led two expeditions from England in 1795 in an attempt to restore the French monarchy and eventually led French aristocratic royalists to emigrate to Upper Canada in 1798, but ultimately returned to London in 1802, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$300-400
- 2023 ☒ **A scarce transatlantic folded cover sent during the War of 1812**
(York to London, England, Apr. 16, 1813). Large part of folded letter (missing one flap) with two strikes of “YORK/APR 6 1813” two-line datestamp addressed to London, “HALIFAX, JUN 9” two-line transit datestamp, manuscript “Paid 8N3”, “8/8” (crossed out) and “6/6”, red London arrival marking, cover with small piece missing at top left and other minor flaws, Fine, this cover did not go by Falmouth Packet, probably carried on a military vessel to avoid capture, the writer is William Baldwin (1775-1844), a doctor, businessman and politician in Upper Canada and father of Robert Baldwin, a well-known political reformer, ex Stulberg, Rosenthal and Steinhart Estimate \$500-750
- 2024 ☒ **Letter from Canada to England, in care of T. W. Moore, New York packet forwarding agent**
(Quebec via New York to London, England, May 8, 1817). “Quebec MY 8, 1817” with large fleuron datestamp clearly struck on back of large part of folded letter to London, “Quebec Paid” handstamp and manuscript “paid 18½ cents” in red, manuscript “To the care of T.W. Moore Esq., Agent to H.B.M. Packet, New York” directive at bottom left, Canadian postage markings crossed out and re-rated “2/2” upon arrival in London with datestamp on back, Very Fine and scarce packet forwarding mail from Canada thru New York, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$200-300



2026



2025



2027

2025 ☒ **Rare Grimsby datestamp on winter-delayed Halifax Packet mail**

(Grimsby, Upper Canada to London, England, Nov. 24, 1818). Clear strike of red “Grimsby, U. Canada Nov. 24, 1818” double-oval datestamp on folded letter to London, Halifax Jan. 19, 1819 transit datestamp and London arrival backstamp, manuscript “2/2” rate, docketing indicates receipt on May 10, Very Fine, the Grimsby marking is only known used between 1818-1819 and is very scarce, between 1815-1823 Falmouth Packets did not call at Halifax during the winter months, letters not directed via New York were subjected to months-long delays, ex Montgomery.... Estimate \$500-750

2026 ☒ **“Paid to New-York” straightline applied by U.S. Agent in Niagara**

(Niagara to London, England, Jan. 28, 1819). “Paid to New-York” straightline handstamp with red manuscript “25” rate on folded cover to London, “Niagara, U. Canada, Jan. 28, 1819” oval datestamp, straightline later crossed out and sent via Falmouth Packet with “2/2” rate, London arrival backstamp, Very Fine and the earliest cross-border handstamp (used only in Niagara), no Canadian postage shown as postmaster in Niagara was an agent for the U.S. Post Office, ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$750-1,000

2027 ☒ **Montreal to Scotland via New York with John Wilkes forwarding agent’s notation**

(Montreal to Aberdeen, Scotland, Mar. 10, 1819). Folded letter datelined in Montreal on Mar. 10, 1819 and addressed to Aberdeen, Scotland, forwarded (likely privately) to Banchory, with manuscript “New York 24th March 1819, Recd. & forwarded by your ob servant John Wilkes”, clear “GREENOCK/SHIP LETTER” boxed handstamp and arrival marking, manuscript “1/7 1/2” rate (8p ship fee, 11p inland postage and 1/2p Scottish transit), Very Fine and attractive forwarding agent notation cover, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$300-400



2028 ☒ **Arguably the finest strike of the scarce “Ship Letter Montreal” crown oval handstamp**

(Montreal to Edinburgh, Scotland, May 7, 1819). Boldly struck “Ship Letter Montreal” crown oval handstamp on folded letter to Edinburgh, manuscript “1/2” crossed out and “1/7”, “GRAVESEND/SHIP LETTER” and “1/2” boxed handstamps, red Jul. 29, 1819 arrival datestamp, cover with few mended folds and toning, Extremely Fine strike of this scarce marking and the finest we have encountered, ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$750-1,000

2029 ☒ **Rare “Paid to New-York” straightline applied by U.S. Agent in Niagara**

(Niagara to London, England, Apr. 24, 1820). Two strikes of “Paid to New-York” straightline handstamp, one with red manuscript “25”, “Niagara, U.C., April 24, 1820” double-circle datestamp on folded cover to London, manuscript “Youngstown N.Y. Ap. 25” exchange office marking, straightline later crossed out and sent via Falmouth Packet with “2/2” rating, London arrival backstamp, Very Fine and the earliest cross-border handstamp (used only in Niagara), no Canadian postage shown as postmaster in Niagara was an agent for the U.S. Post Office, ex Montgomery.... Estimate \$500-750

2030 ☒ **The earliest recorded example of the rare “SHIPTON” straightline**

(Shipton to London, England, Sep. 22, 1820). Bold strike of “SHIPTON” straightline with manuscript “22nd Sept. 1820” below on bottom flap of folded letter to London, England, rated “Paid 1N6”, “PORTSMOUTH/SHIP LETTER” handstamp, London arrival backstamp, Very Fine strike of this exceptionally rare straightline, this is the earliest of the less than half a dozen examples thought to exist, used between 1820 and 1829, ex Young and Steinhart..... Estimate \$500-750



2030



2031 ☒ **Cross-border letter from Stanstead to London via Derby Vt. and New York**

(Stanstead to London, England, via Derby Vt. and New York, Apr. 17?, 1823). Perfectly struck "STANSTEAD" straightline handstamp with "PAID" and manuscript "18½" (U.S. postage to New York) on folded letter to London, entered U.S. mail with manuscript "Derby Vt. 18 April" exchange office postmark, bold "LIVERPOOL/SHIP LETTER" boxed handstamp and arrival datestamp on back, rated "1/7" which included the ship fee and inland postage to London, Very Fine and attractive cover, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$500-750

2032 ☒ **Pair of Sewell Brothers correspondence covers between Quebec and England**

(Quebec to London, England, Jan. 4 and Feb. 9, 1826). Two lengthy folded letters written by Sheriff of Quebec William Smith Sewell to his brother Rev. Henry Doyle Sewell in London via New York, first double rate, second single rate, each with Quebec with large fleuron datestamps on back and two Quebec Paid handstamps on front, earlier cover forwarded to Trinity College, Oxford with "Postage Not Paid to London" boxed handstamp, arrival markings on back, Very Fine pair, earlier cover ex Glassco, both ex Montgomery..... (Photo Ex) Estimate \$300-400



2033 ☒ **Discovery example of the rimless red "Ship Lre Montreal" crown oval**

(Montreal to Reigate, England, May 27, 1827). Bold red strikes of rimless "Ship Lre Montreal" crown oval and "SHIP" straightline handstamps on folded letter datelined "Montreal 27 May 1827" and addressed to Reigate, England, Montreal May 30 circular datestamp, manuscript "Only double letter" and "via New York" directive, London arrival and "SHIP LETTER/LIVERPOOL" handstamps on back

EXTREMELY FINE STRIKES OF THE RARE "MONTREAL SHIP LRE" RIMLESS CROWN OVAL AND "SHIP" STRAIGHTLINE MARKINGS TO ENGLAND.

According to Steinhart, this is the discovery example of the rimless "Ship Lre Montreal" crown oval handstamp and one of approximately six recorded of the "SHIP" handstamp. This double-rate letter was routed via New York and rated "3/2" upon arrival for delivery to Reigate.

Ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



2034



2035



2036

2034 ☒ **Perfectly struck "STANSTEAD" straightline**

(Stanstead to London, England, Nov. 6, 1828). Bold strike of "STANSTEAD" straightline with manuscript "Nov. 6th, 1828" below, matching "PAID" handstamp and "11" on folded letter to London, boxed "Ship Letter" and arrival datestamp on back, Extremely Fine, paid via New York at 18½c (11p) plus "1/7" collect upon arrival, ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$400-500

2035 ☒ **Black "Niagara, U. Canada, Paid to New York" oval "belt buckle" handstamp**

(Thornhill, Upper Canada to Somerset, England, May 9-20, 1829). Bold "Thornhill U.C." double-circle with manuscript "May 20th, 1829" on lengthy folded letter to Somerset, eventually forwarded **three times**, crossing U.S. border with clear "Niagara, U. Canada, Paid to New York" oval "belt buckle" handstamp and light Niagara datestamp, red manuscript "A(merican) P(ostage) 1N1 (+) 11 (=) 2N0, Paid" applied in Thornhill (British postage to Niagara and U.S. internal postage) plus various other rates and markings for forwarding within England, cover with minor file fold at left thru marking, still Very Fine, a rare cross-border marking, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$500-750

2036 ☒ **Red "Niagara, U. Canada, Paid to New York" oval "belt buckle" handstamp**

(Thornhill, Upper Canada to Somerset, England, Apr. 8-14, 1830). Bold blue "Thornhill U.C." double-circle with manuscript "14 April 1830" on lengthy folded letter to Somerset, privately forwarded, crossing U.S. border with red "Niagara, U. Canada, Paid to New York" oval "belt buckle" handstamp and light Niagara datestamp, red manuscript "11 + 1/3 (=) 25" applied in Thornhill (British postage to Niagara and U.S. internal postage) plus rated "1/7" covering ship letter fee and inland postage, "SHIP LETTER/LIVERPOOL" boxed handstamp on back, Very Fine, a rare cross-border marking, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$500-750



- 2037 ☒ **The rare Hallowell “BRITISH POSTAGE PAID/U. STATES Do. PAID” two-line handstamp**
(Hallowell to Dublin, Ireland, Jan. 23, 1832). Lightly struck red “BRITISH POSTAGE PAID/U. STATES Do. PAID” with matching “Hallowell” handstamp on folded letter (missing half the sheet) to Dublin, Ireland, docketing inside “Hallowell 23rd of 1st Month 1832”, red “Kingston Up. Can. Jan. 23” circular datestamp struck at exchange point, rated “7½ (+) 18¾” for Canadian postage including 3p ferriage and U.S. inland postage to New York, small part of Liverpool marking on back and rated “1/4” and arrival backstamp, Very Fine, this Hallowell marking is very rare with a half-dozen or fewer examples reported, ex Dr. Robertson..... Estimate \$500-750
- 2038 ☒ **Scarce 2p ferriage fee cross-border cover from Franktown to London via Brockville and Morristown**
(Franktown to London, England, Dec. 31, 1833). Well-struck “Franktown U.C.” double-circle with manuscript “31 Dec. 33” date on folded cover to London, red manuscript “Ferry 2, Postage 7, 9d Paid” and “U.S.P. 18¾ Cts Pd.” indicating Canadian postage, ferriage fee and U.S. inland fee to New York, “LIVERPOOL/SHIP LETTER” boxed handstamp on back and arrival datestamp, manuscript “1/7” for 8p ship letter and 11p inland postage to London, Very Fine, a beautiful ferriage-rate cross-border and transatlantic cover exchanged via Brockville (which is approximately 60 miles from Franktown) and Morristown N.Y., if this had been exchanged at Kingston (74 miles away) the ferriage rate would have been 3p, ex Dr. Robertson..... Estimate \$750-1,000
- 2039 ☒ **Rare use of the Lake Champlain “Steam-Packet Franklin” handstamp on cover to Great Britain**
(Montreal to London, England, May 17, 1834). Clearly struck large red “Steam-Packet Franklin, Lake Champlain, Capt. R.W. Sherman” circular handstamp on folded cover to London, docketing on flap indicates departure from Montreal on May 17, 1834, neat boxed “LIVERPOOL/SHIP LETTER” on back and arrival datestamp, no other postal markings but rated “1/7” collect on arrival, Very Fine, the Steam Packet *Franklin* traveled Lake Champlain between St. John, Canada and Whitehall N.Y., this handstamp was in use 1831-35 and is very rare on mail going overseas, ex Montgomery Estimate \$750-1,000



2040



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2042

2040 ☒ **Quebec Crowned Circle handstamp to the Shetland Islands in Scotland**

(Quebec to Papa Stour, Scotland, Mar. 24, 1843). Well-struck red “Paid at Quebec” Crowned Circle handstamp with matching “Quebec MR 24, 1843” datestamp on folded letter to Papa Stour, Shetland Islands, Scotland, clear strike of “SANDNESS” straightline applied in transit (Shetland Islands) and rated “1/2 1/4” (1/2 sterling, 1/4 local currency), cover with slightly worn folds and minor overall toning, still Fine and exceptionally rare destination, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$400-500

2041 ☒ **Crown Registered handstamp on cover from Kirkwall, Upper Canada to Scotland**

(Kirkwall to Dumfries, Scotland, May 9, 1858). Red “Kirkwall U.C.” circular handstamp with manuscript “May 9/58” date added on registered cover to Dumfries, Scotland, well struck red curved “Registered” with crown and straightline, manuscript “Paid 7½ Cy” but further rated 6p upon arrival, Liverpool transit and Dumfries arrival backstamps, cover with minor edge tear at top left, otherwise Very Fine and attractive cover..... Estimate \$750-1,000

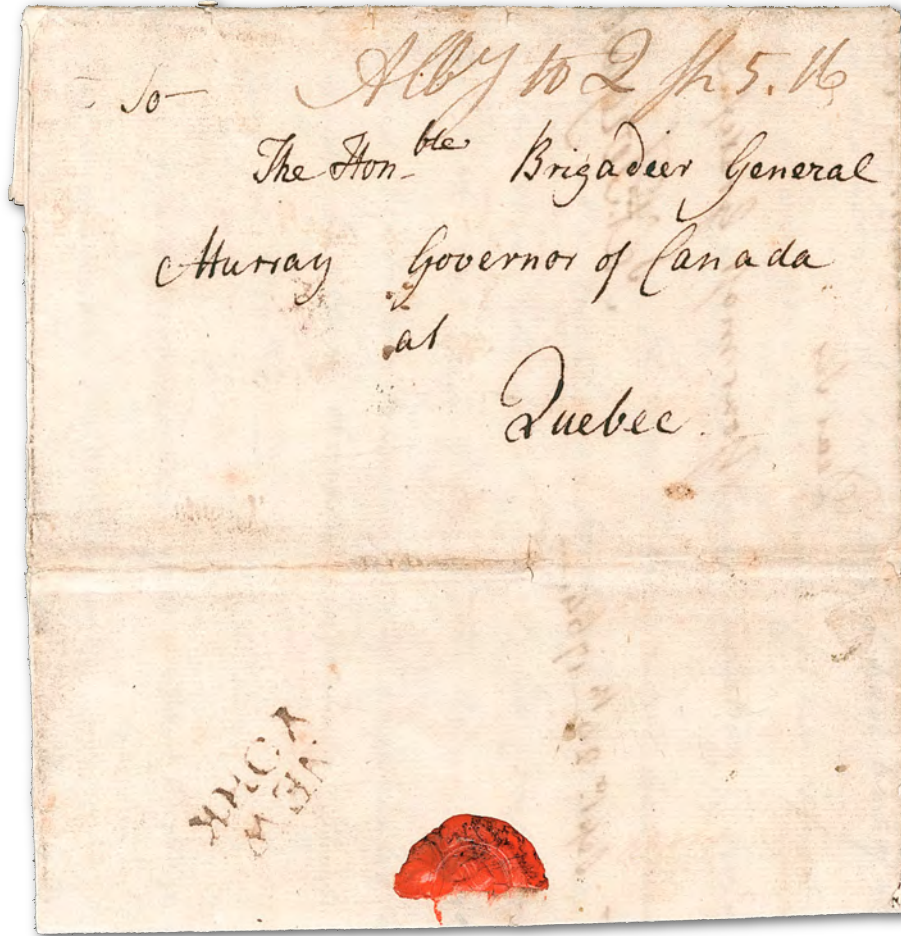
2042 ☒ **Attractive use of the scarce “Paid 8d Stg. 10d Cy” marking to Great Britain**

(Niagara to Stamford, England, May 17, 1858). Bold strike of “Niagara U.C. MY 17, 1858” circular datestamp with “Paid 8d Stg. 10d. Cy.” handstamp on cover to Stamford, England, includes original mourning letter enclosure datelined in Peterborough, “BY-CANADIAN/PACKET” handstamp applied in Niagara despite paying for British Packet, Liverpool tombstone transit and Stamford arrival datestamps, Very Fine, an interestingly routed cover to ensure fastest delivery..... Estimate \$750-1,000

Mail from Great Britain to Canada

LOT 2043 ☒

One of the earliest inbound covers to Canada during the British period
after the Treaty of Paris



2043

(Edinburgh, Scotland to Quebec via New York and Albany, Sep. 24, 1764). Folded letter written by Patrick Ferguson and datelined “Edin(burgh) Sept. 24th 1764” and addressed to his uncle “The Honble Brigadier General Murray, Govenor of Canada at Quebec”, entered the British American Colonial mails in New York with clear “NEW/YORK” two-line handstamp, manuscript postmark “Alby (Albany) to Q (Quebec) Sh. 5.16” (5 dwt 16 grains rate), cover with minor edgewear and some reinforced folds

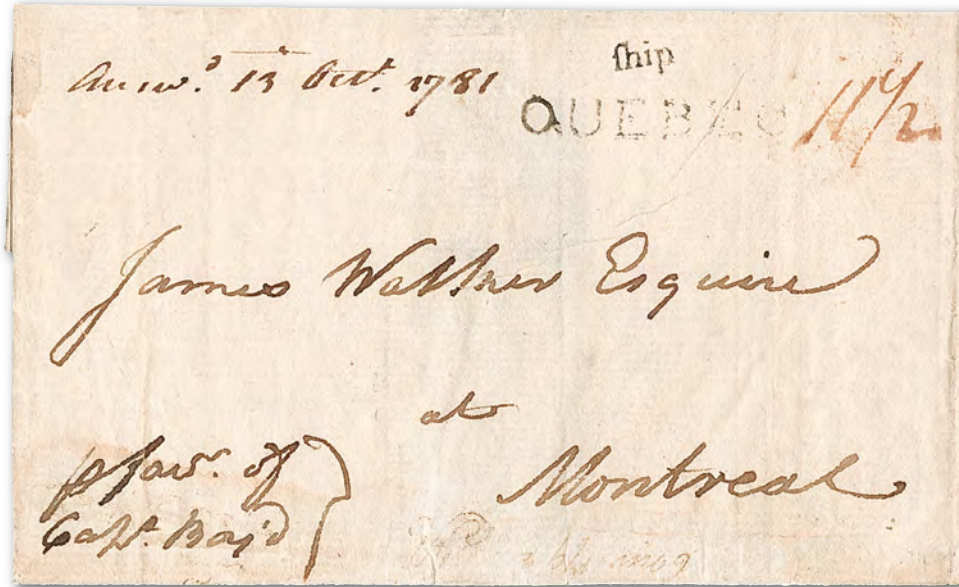
VERY FINE. THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE SECOND EARLIEST INBOUND COVER INTO BRITISH CANADA AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF PARIS — WRITTEN TO THE GOVERNOR OF QUEBEC BY HIS NEPHEW, A NOTABLE INDIVIDUAL IN HIS OWN RIGHT.

The enclosed letter, written by Patrick Ferguson (1744-1780), makes reference to Murray’s invitation for him to come to Quebec—quite fortuitous, as Ferguson went on to become a Major in the British Army fighting in the American Revolutionary War. He is known for designing the Ferguson rifle and was ultimately killed in the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780. The addressee, James Murray, was Ferguson’s uncle and served as Governor of Quebec from 1760-1768 and then of Minorca (Spain) from 1778-1782.

Ex Wellburn and Montgomery. Illustrated in *The Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps* (Volume V, p. 70)..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000

LOT 2044 ☒

The only known example in private hands of the “fhip” handstamp of Quebec—
the earliest Canadian ship letter marking



2044

(London, England (?) to Montreal, May 9, 1781). Folded cover with manuscript “Mr. Cunningham with (Caleb) Blanchard...acct May 9th, 1781” docketing on flap and addressed to James Walker in Montreal, entered the mails with “QUEBEC” straightline and well-struck “fhip” handstamp, “p favr of Capt. Boyd” directive, rated “11½” collect for 2½p ship letter and 9p inland postage, top flap reinforced with tape and lightened docketing on bottom flap

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED PRIVATELY HELD EXAMPLE OF THIS HANDSTAMP, WHICH IS THE FIRST KNOWN MARKING USED IN CANADA TO DESIGNATE SHIP LETTERS. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SHIP LETTER COVERS OF CANADA AND A KEY PIECE FOR AN AWARD-WINNING CANADIAN EXHIBIT OR COLLECTION.

There is one other known example of the “fhip” marking, which is institutionalized in the Ottawa Archives. We presume this cover was sent from London, based on the “answ 13th Oct. 1781” docketing and the fact that there was a merchant by the name of Caleb Blanchard in London at this time. The addressee, James Walker, took part in fighting the Continental Army in Quebec during 1775-76. He eventually moved to Montreal, became a lawyer in 1777, and went on to become a member of the Parliament for Lower Canada.

Ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000



2045 ☒ **Letter from Great Britain to Canada via New York**

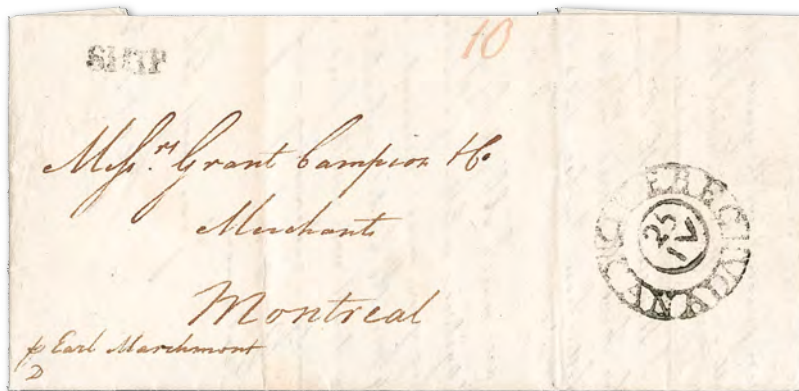
(London, England to Montreal, Nov. 7, 1792). Folded letter datelined in London and addressed to Montreal, manuscript "P Packet via New York" endorsement at bottom, rated "1/-" prepayment plus "IN7" upon arrival paying the 3dwt plus 8 grains U.S. postage from New York to Burlington and 7p inland to Montreal, letter with interesting contents discussing imminent breakout of British-French war (France eventually declared war against Britain on Feb. 1, 1793), Very Fine, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$300-400

2046 ☒ **Early use of the "SHIP" and "QUEBEC" straightlines with Bishop mark**

(London, England to Montreal, Apr. 7, 1796). Folded letter datelined in London and addressed to William Grant in Montreal, endorsed "p Ariadne" at bottom, clear strike of "SHIP" straightline and corresponding "QUEBEC" straightline and "20/IV" Bishop mark datestamp, rated "10" for 8p inland and 2p ship letter upon arrival, Very Fine, this is from the same correspondence as lot 2047 but was directed to a different ship, the addressee's firm became an important fur trader and shareholder in the North West Company (a competitor to the Hudson's Bay Company), use of this "Ship" marking is rare prior to 1800, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$500-750



2046



2047

2047 ☒ **Rare early "SHIP" handstamp with Quebec double-circle and Bishop mark**

(London, England to Montreal, Apr. 7, 1796). Folded letter and invoice datelined in London and addressed to Grant, Campion and Co. in Montreal, sender's ship-name directive "p Earl Marchmont" at bottom, clear strike of "SHIP" straightline and corresponding "Quebec, Canada" double-circle with "25/IV" Bishop mark datestamp, rated "10" for 8p inland and 2p ship letter upon arrival, this is from the same correspondence as lot 2046 but was directed to a different ship

VERY FINE. AN EARLY AND RARE EXAMPLE OF THIS "SHIP" MARKING AND QUEBEC DATESTAMP. ONLY A FEW ARE KNOWN USED PRIOR TO 1800.

The addressee, Grant, Campion and Co., became important fur traders and were shareholders in the North West Company (a competitor to the Hudson's Bay Company). Ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500

- 2048 ☒ **Clear strike of the rare “SHIP” marking with Quebec two-line datestamp**

(London, England to Montreal, Apr. 10, 1800). Folded letter datelined in London and addressed to Montreal, ship-name directive “*Eweretta*” (a transatlantic trade vessel owned by a prominent Jewish merchant), clear strike of “SHIP” straight-line and corresponding “QUEBEC/3 JUL 1800” two-line datestamp, rated “10” for 8p inland and 2p ship letter upon arrival, Very Fine and rare, ex Glassco and Steinhart..... Estimate \$500-750



2048

- 2049 ☒ **Variously routed cover from London to Charlottetown via Halifax, Quebec and Montreal**

(London, England to Charlottetown, Upper Canada, Jun. 8, 1807). Folded letter datelined in London and addressed to Thomas Welch in Charlottetown, London Jul. 1807 departure datestamp where it was marked “6/-” for triple packet rate, datestamped Halifax Aug. 31, Quebec Sep. 21 and Apr. 10 (1808), having been delayed by winter, and finally Montreal Jun. 16, red manuscript rates “Packet 6N9 (+) 5N (=) 11N9 (+) forwarded 1N6 (=) 13N3 (+) forwarded 2N4 (=) 15N7”, cover with minor faults including heavy folds and minor tears, otherwise Fine, a remarkable cover which took more than a year to deliver and cost a large sum upon receipt, the addressee, Thomas Welch, led a fascinating life as surveyor, militia officer and judge, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$300-400



2049

2050



- 2050 ☒ **Letter from Edinburgh to Quebec via Bermuda and Halifax, written during War of 1812**

(Edinburgh to Quebec, Nov. 1, 1812). Red “Paid at Edin, Nov. 1, 1812” circular datestamp on folded letter to Custom House in Quebec, rated “Pd. 4/10” paying double inland and packet rate, carried via Bermuda and Halifax with “HALIFAX/FEB 9” two-line datestamp (Jephcott 9, MacDonald 10) applied on back in transit, further rated “3N4” due, docketing indicating arrival on Mar. 5, small edge tear at top and trivial light stains, Very Fine, this cover was sent via Falmouth Packet to Bermuda due to growing concerns over American privateers attacking British ships, ex “Skywalk” Estimate \$500-750



2051 ☒

“Camillus” ship purser’s datestamp on inbound cover to Montreal

(Glasgow, Scotland to Montreal, Feb. 5, 1821). Clearly struck “Camillus * I. Boyer * Sailed Feb 13” in ornamental oval frame datestamp on folded letter from Glasgow to Montreal, entered the mails in New York with red “SHIP” handstamp and matching “New York Apr. 6” circular datestamp, rated “20½” and “IN7” paying both the U.S. and Canada postage, Very Fine, ship purser handstamps are rarely encountered on covers to Canada, ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$750-1,000

2051

2052 ☒

“Atlantic” ship purser’s datestamp on inbound cover to Montreal

(Liverpool, England to Montreal, May 28, 1821). Clearly struck “Ship Atlantic * W. Matlock * Sailed May 30” in ornamental oval frame datestamp on folded letter from Liverpool to Montreal, entered the mails in New York with red “SHIP” handstamp and “New York Jul. 3” circular datestamp, rated “20½” and “IN7” paying both the U.S. and Canada postage, minor internal tears not affecting outer panels, Very Fine, ship purser handstamps are rarely encountered on covers to Canada, ex McDonald and Montgomery..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2052



2053

2053 ☒

Clear strike of the rare “AMERICAN POSTAGE/FERRIAGE/FORWARDED” three-line handstamp

(Wargrave, England to York, Upper Canada, Jun. 9, 1829). Bold “PAID AT/OXFORD” boxed handstamp with Jun. 15 departure datestamp on back of folded letter to York, manuscript “post paid to Liverpool”, manuscript directive at bottom left, entered U.S. mails with red “SHIP” and New York datestamp, clear “AMERICAN POSTAGE 1/4½ /FERRIAGE 2 /FORWARDED 7 (=) 2/1½” three-line handstamp applied at Niagara with additional circular datestamp, back with notation “by some chance this letter missed Burnham by one hour, RDC”, Very Fine, an outstanding and colorful transatlantic cross-border cover, the three-line handstamp especially scarce as it often comes poorly struck, ex Steinhart and Dr. Robertson..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2054

2054 ☒ **Very rare rimless "Ship Letter Quebec" crown oval handstamp**

(London, England to Quebec, Jul. 29, 1831). Folded letter from London to Quebec, ship-name directive "*pr Ship Hero, Capt. Campione*", red rimless "**Ship Letter Quebec**" crown oval handstamp, matching "Quebec SE 20, 1831" circular datestamp struck on arrival, rated "2½" collect, addressee name erased and rewritten in pencil, tape stain at top and minor reinforced internal splits, still Fine and scarce use of this rimless ship letter marking, far rarer than the rimmed examples, ex Glassco and Steinhart..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2055

2055 ☒ **The only recorded example of the "CHEROKEE" private ocean ship mail marking**

(Greenock, Scotland to Cornwall, Upper Canada, Apr. 15, 1834). Bold and clear "**CHEROKEE**" straightline handstamp on folded letter to Cornwall, ship-name directive "*per Cherokee Capt. Millar*", entered Canadian mails directly from Great Britain with light Montreal May 21 circular datestamp and red "SHIP" handstamp, rated "9½" collect for 2p ship letter and 7p inland postage, cover with overall soiling and some paper loss (mostly not evident on front panel)

FINE APPEARANCE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE "CHEROKEE" HANDSTAMP AND THE ONLY KNOWN SHIP-NAME HANDSTAMP ON DIRECT MAIL FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO CANADA. AN IMPORTANT TRANSATLANTIC MAIL COVER.

Ex Halliday and Steinhart..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



2056

2056 ☒ **One of the finest strikes of the “Ship Letter Quebec” crown oval handstamp**

(Aberdeen, Scotland to Montreal, Apr. 6, 1840). Folded letter datelined in Aberdeen, Scotland and addressed to Montreal, carried privately and entered Canadian mails with “Quebec L.C. May 19, 1840” circular datestamp and perfectly struck “**Ship Letter Quebec**” crown oval handstamp, rated “11½” collect, front panel with minor piece of top right corner missing, an Extremely Fine strike of this ship letter handstamp, clearly showing all the details of the ornately designed crown, without doubt one of the finest strikes, ex Steinhart Estimate \$750-1,000



2057

2057 ☒ **Well-struck “Ship Letter Quebec” crown oval handstamp on a letter with fascinating contents about the assassination attempt on Queen Victoria**

(Glasgow, Scotland to Toronto, Jun. 14, 1840). Folded letter datelined in Glasgow, Scotland and addressed to Toronto, ship-name directive “*p Acadia via Lpool*”, entered Canadian mails with “Quebec L.C. Sep. 3, 1840” circular datestamp and bold “**Ship Letter Quebec**” crown oval handstamp, rated “3/2½” collect on arrival, fascinating contents stating “*There has been a most atrocious attempt to murder our beloved Queen and prince Albert — a miscreant aged 18 year of age fired first one, then another pistol at her majesty, thank God neither did any harm...*”, Very Fine, ex McDonald, the writer is referencing Edward Oxford’s Jun. 10, 1840 attempted assassination of Queen Victoria, he missed from about six feet away and was sent to an insane asylum for 24 years, then deported to Australia..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2058

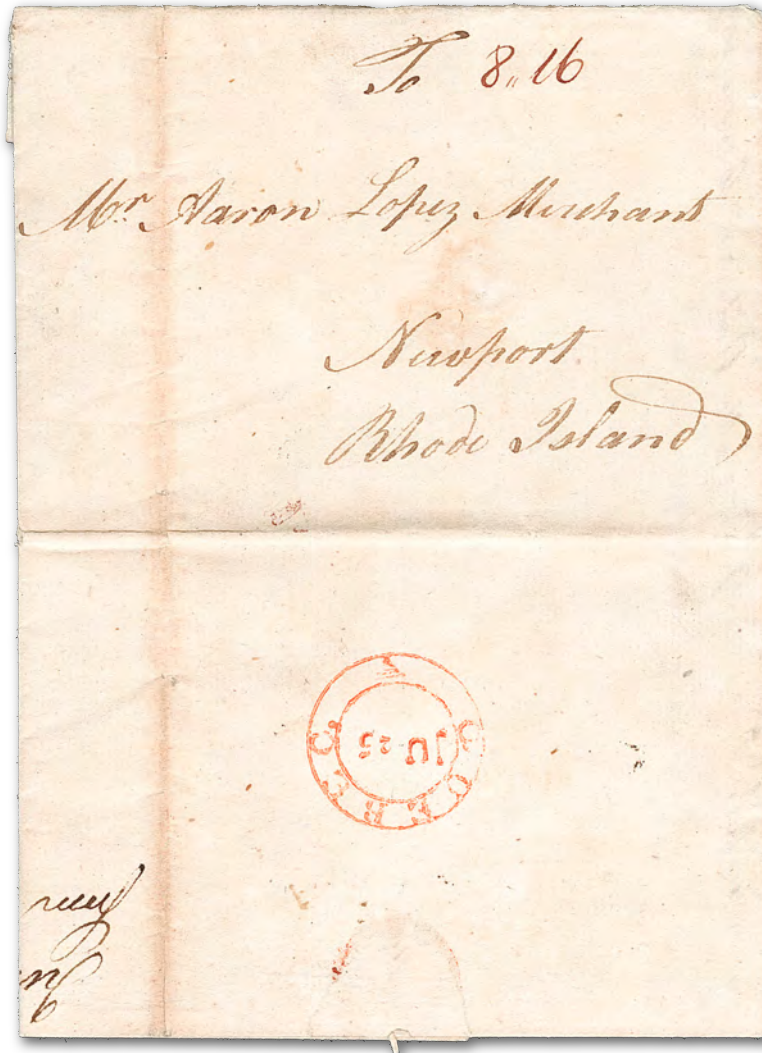
2058 ☒ **Rarely seen “MORE TO PAY” straight-line instructional marking**

(Glasgow, Scotland to Montreal, Aug. 17, 1843). Light strike of red Glasgow Aug. 17, 1843 circular datestamp on folded letter to Montreal, “1/4d Cy” boxed handstamp and bold “**MORE TO PAY**” straightline handstamp with additional “1/2” to collect for Halifax to Montreal, Very Fine and scarce instructional marking, ex Dr. Clark... Estimate \$300-400

MAIL BETWEEN CANADA AND UNITED STATES:
Mail from Canada to United States

LOT 2059 ☒

The first Quebec circular datestamp—this is the earliest example on mail to the U.S.



2059

(Quebec to Newport R.I., Jun. 25, 1772). Bold red “Quebec JU 25” first-type double-circle datestamp with triangle on backflap of folded letter to Aaron Lopez in Newport R.I., rated “8.16” (8dwt 16gr), contents regarding trade of wheat, timber, rum, sugar, etc., cover with some splitting along internal folds

EXTREMELY FINE STRIKE OF THIS RARE MARKING—THE FIRST CIRCULAR DATESTAMP USED IN QUEBEC. RECORDED EXAMPLES DATE FROM 1772 AND 1773, AND THIS IS THE EARLIEST KNOWN ON A COVER TO THE UNITED STATES.

After the opening of British post offices in Canada in 1763, straightline markings from Quebec and Montreal were introduced. This was the first circular datestamp used in Canada and is recorded on covers dated in 1772 and 1773. The addressee, Aaron Lopez (1731-1782), was a well-known merchant and philanthropist. After his arrival in Newport in the 1750s, he quickly built up a successful business. By the 1770s, he was by far the wealthiest individual in Newport.

Ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000

LOT 2060 ☒

**Remarkable folded cover from Donald “Mad” McKay
to his brother in Grand Portage, Minnesota Territory**



2060

(Montreal to Grand Portage, Minnesota Territory, Mar. 26, 1789). Folded cover with manuscript “James McKay - Donald McKay & Angus Shaw, fwd by ? Depot, 26 March 1789” on top flap, addressed to James McKay “au Grand Portage” (present day Minnesota), carried completely outside the mails by canoe route over the Great Lakes, some minor edge splits (one reinforced) and minor wear

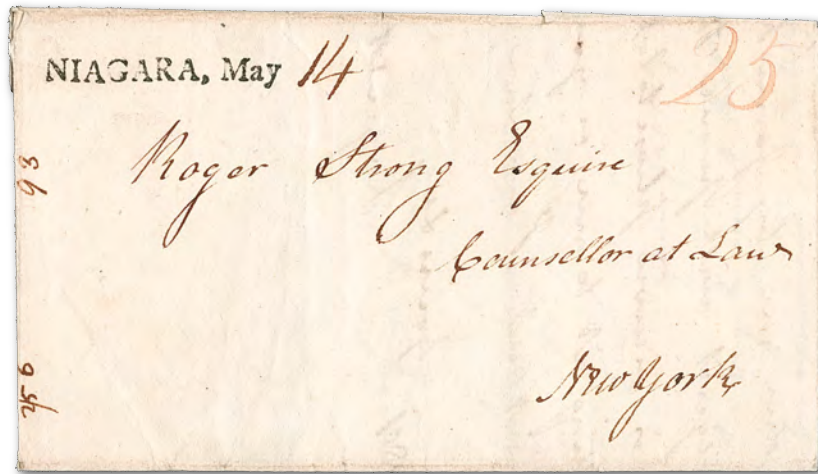
FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE EARLY CROSS-BORDER FUR TRADE COVER FROM DONALD “MAD” MCKAY CARRIED BY CANOE ACROSS THE GREAT LAKES FROM MONTREAL TO MINNESOTA TERRITORY.

Grand Portage was a trading post for the North West Company. It was eventually abandoned around 1800 and moved to Fort William, as this was part of U.S. territory. Donald “Mad” McKay is part of Canadian fur trading folklore. By this time, he had signed up with Alexander (Angus) Shaw in the Nipigon area (northern Lake Superior). It is believed that the recipient was his brother, another fur trader.

Ex Steinhart, Siskin and Dr. Robertson..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000



The trading post of Grand Portage on Lake Superior, Minnesota



2061

2061 ☒ **Well-struck "NIAGARA" straightline handstamp applied by the U.S. Post Office**

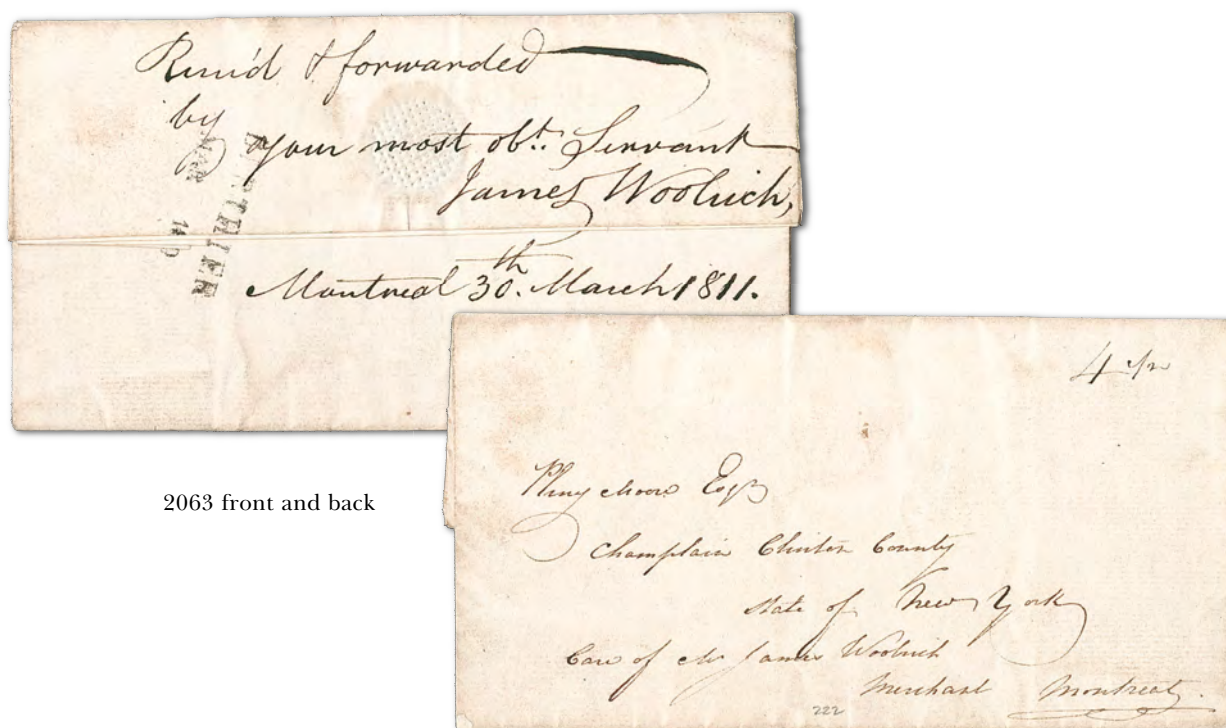
(Niagara, Canada to New York, May 14, 1801). Bold "NIAGARA, May" straightline handstamp with manuscript "14" date on folded cover to Roger Strong in New York, rated "25" (cents) for over-500 miles, Strong penned an answer to the letter on inside of cover (then possibly remailed inside another cover not present?), small piece of internal panel torn out, Very Fine example of this scarce marking, the office was established in 1797 as a convenience to handle U.S.-bound letters, the office forwarded mail on a biweekly basis to Fort Niagara (in the U.S.) which was less than a mile away across the Niagara River, the recipient, Roger Strong, was a lawyer in New York who studied law with Aaron Burr and ultimately became his partner..... Estimate \$500-750



2062

2062 ☒ **The earliest recorded Sandwich postmark with "NIAGARA" straightline handstamp of the U.S. Post Office in Niagara**

(Sandwich via Niagara, Canada to Canandaigua N.Y., Dec. 5, 1802). Large part of "SANDWICH/5 DEC 1802" two-line datestamp on bottom flap of folded cover to Canandaigua N.Y., manuscript "11d Paid to Niagara" and further charged "12 1/2" upon receipt with "NIAGARA, Dec." straightline handstamp with manuscript "30" date applied by the U.S. Post Office in Niagara for cross-border delivery, cover with sealed vertical tear running between "Dec." and "30", light overall soiling, still Fine, rare combination of markings, this is the earliest recorded Sandwich postmark, ex McDonald and Sanderson..... Estimate \$400-500



2063 front and back

- 2063 ☒ **Forwarded cover from Berthier to Champlain N.Y. via Montreal**
(Berthier to Champlain N.Y. via Montreal, Mar. 29, 1811). Clear “**BERTHIER/MAR. 18(?)**” two-line datestamp over the folds of a folded letter to Champlain N.Y., rated “4½”, with manuscript “**Rec’d & forwarded by your most obt. Servant James Woolwich, Montreal 30th March 1811**” notation on back-flap and presumably carried privately to Champlain, Very Fine..... Estimate \$300-400



2064 front and back

- 2064 ☒ **Bold strike of the rare “ST. CATHERINES” straightline—ferriage rate via Lewiston**
(St. Catherines to Mayville N.Y. via Lewiston, Sept. 8, 1819). Remarkably clear “**ST. CATHERINES**” straightline handstamp with “**September 8th, 1819**” date below on back of folded letter to Mayville N.Y., rated “**Paid 3, Ferriage 2 (=) 5**” then charged a further “**12½**” at border with “**Lewiston Sept. 11th**” manuscript marking, small part of contents missing, still Very Fine, this rare St. Catherines straightline is only known used in 1819, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$750-1,000



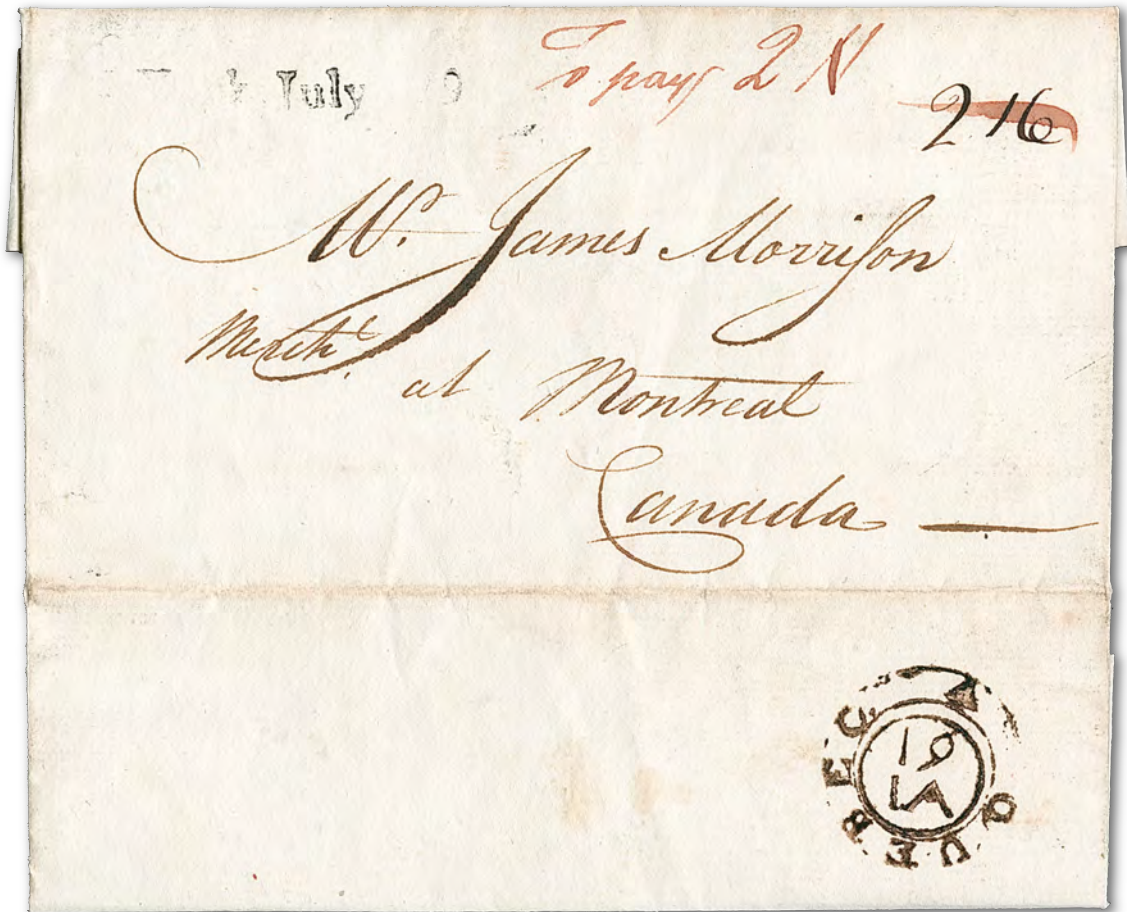
Above and left:
Both 2066

- 2065 ☒ **Choice strike of "CORNWALL" straightline on "Free" cover to Boston via Ogdensburg**
(Cornwall to Boston Mass. via Ogdensburg, Jun. 11, 1822). Exceptional strike of "CORNWALL" straightline handstamp on folded letter to Boston Mass., sent "Free" with postmaster's initials at bottom left, light red "Ogdensburg N.Y. 10 June" circular datestamp and rated "18½" for U.S. postage, Very Fine, enclosure in regard to ordering sheet music, the Cornwall handstamp was only in use from 1822-29, typically with a date added, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400
- 2066 ☒ **Pair of "HATLEY" straightline covers from same correspondence**
(Hatley to Gardiner Me. via Derby Vt., Jul. 7, 1822 and Jul. 11, 1823). Two folded letters to Gardiner Me., each with well-struck "HATLEY" straightline handstamp and manuscript "Free" with postmaster's initials at bottom left, first with "Hatley" crossed out and "Derby Vt, 19 July" postmark below, second with similar "Derby Vt, 8 Aug" postmark beside, each rated "18½" for U.S. postage, Very Fine pair, the first ex Glassco, both ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$750-1,000
- 2067 ☒ **Rare double strike of the "Quebec Paid" circular handstamp with small circles**
(Quebec to New York, Feb. 21, 1829). Clear strike of "Quebec FE 21 29" circular datestamp with large fleuron on back of folded letter to New York, two strikes of "Quebec Paid" circular handstamp with small circles, "1N" and "18¾" rates in both Canadian and U.S. currency indicating full prepayment, Very Fine, sent shortly after the tightening of postal regulations issued on Jan. 12 (a photocopy is included), ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$200-300
- 2068 ☒ **The only recorded example of the compass-drawn manuscript New Carlisle postmark**
(New Carlisle to New York, Mar. 2, 1837). Red compass-drawn circle with "New Carlisle, Mar 17, 1837, Chaleur Bay" on folded letter datelined on Mar. 2 and addressed to New York, manuscript "paid 2N5" as fully paid, red "Montreal L.C. AP 13 1837" double-circle datestamp applied in transit and "18½" credit to U.S., cover with minor edge tears incl. one at top repaired with tape, Very Fine, this marking is reminiscent of the Red River markings of the 1850s, this is the only recorded example with one other similar type used in 1838, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$750-1,000

Mail from United States to Canada

LOT 2069 ☒

Early inbound cross-border cover from New York via Quebec
with interesting contents regarding “Canadian claims”



2069

(New York to Montreal, Jul. 28, 1785). Partly struck “New York July 29” straightline datestamp on folded letter to Montreal, rated “2/6” (2dwt, 16 grains) which was crossed out and rated “To pay 2N” collect which was the full rate via Quebec, bold strike of “Quebec” double-circle with triangle and “19/1A” Bishop mark at center

VERY FINE. AN EARLY CROSS-BORDER POST-REVOLUTIONARY WAR LETTER FROM NEW YORK WITH CONTENTS REGARDING “CANADIAN CLAIMS” FROM THE WAR.

The letter states, “Congress have at length decided on the mode of adjusting and settling the Canadian claims...” On June 7, 1785, the U.S. Congress created a committee to hear Canadian Patriot claims for compensation for their efforts in the Revolutionary War. As the U.S. was land rich and cash poor, most compensation came in the form of land grants extended to certain individuals.

Ex Steinhart and Sanderson..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

LOT 2070 ☒

The iconic letter from Saginaw, Michigan Territory, with the “Detroit” straightline, mailed while still under British occupation after the American Revolution



2070 shown with marking upright

(Saginaw, Michigan Territory, to Montreal via Detroit, Jan. 24, 1792). Folded letter written by Charles D. Le Pallier and datelined Jan. 24, 1792 with the message (translated from French) “From the house of Mr. Jonathan Schiffelin at Saginaw where I traveled on my own business”, addressed to his brother-in-law James Morrison in Montreal, he writes “by an express that leaves Detroit for Mr. Schiffelin”, with “Detroit * Feb :4” straightline datestamp, carried by express, rated “1N8” collect in red for inland Canadian postage at 601-700 miles rate

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN PRIVATELY-OWNED EXAMPLE OF THE DETROIT STRAIGHT-LINE USED DURING THE BRITISH OCCUPATION. THIS COVER ORIGINATED IN THE U.S. PORTION OF WHAT IS NOW MICHIGAN. ONE OF THE PARAMOUNT ITEMS OF EARLY CROSS-BORDER MAILS.

The sender, Charles Le Pallier, was a resident of Michilimackinac, but sent this from Saginaw. While part of the United States, Michigan did not become a territory until 1805. After the Revolutionary War, Detroit was maintained by the British as part of Canada. It was not until the Jay Treaty—signed on Nov. 19, 1794, and ratified on Feb. 26, 1796—that Detroit, along with other territory, was ceded to the United States, and the official border between the U.S. and Canada was established.

Ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$15,000-20,000



2071

- 2071 ☒ **The scarce Queenston “British Postage/FREE” marking on incoming mail from the U.S.** (Auburn N.Y. to Kingston, May 1, 1833). Lightly struck red “Auburn N.Y. May 1” oval datestamp with matching “Free” in scroll on folded cover to the postmaster at Kingston, entered Canadian mails with perfect strikes of olive green “Queenston U. Cana, MAY 6” circular datestamp and matching “**British Postage/FREE**” two-line handstamp, Very Fine, fully free-franked cross-border covers are very rare, especially in this choice condition..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2072

- 2072 ☒ **A remarkable cover to Lower Canada with the “MAGNOLIA FLA.” territorial straightline** (Magnolia, Florida Territory, to Saint-Georges, Lower Canada, Dec. 16, 1835). Attractive strike of “MAGNOLIA FLA./DEC” two-line datestamp with manuscript “16” date and “Free, P. Sexias, PM” on folded letter to “St. George” (Saint-Georges), entered Canadian mails with red “Montreal L.C. JA 4, 1836” double-circle datestamp and red “La Prairie” rimless circle with “7 Jan. 36” arrival date, forwarded with “4½ + 4½/9d” for Canadian postage, Very Fine, an exceptionally rare Florida Territory cover, even more so to Canada, the letter was written by Angelina Sexias (the wife of postmaster Patrick Thompson Sexius) to her brother, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$750-1,000

EARLY INTER-CANADIAN MAIL TO 1800

- 2073 ☒ **Rare “M” for “Montreal” marking, which is the first marking used in Montreal before handstamps**

(Montreal to Quebec, ca. 1770s). Neat red manuscript “M 5-8” of Montreal on folded cover to George Allsopp in Quebec, rated “5-8” indicating 5dwt, 8gr (double rate), “1/10” applied upon arrival in Quebec, splitting along folds, some reinforcement with tape, otherwise Very Fine and rare “M” for “Montreal” marking, the dual use of troy silver and currency was only done from 1771 to 1775, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$500-750



2073



2074

- 2074 ☒ **One of the earliest prepaid internal Canadian covers recorded with manuscript Montreal marking**

(Montreal to Quebec, May 2, 1772). Neat red manuscript “Montrl. Paid 2.16” of Montreal on folded letter to Quebec, rated “2.16” (2dwt, 16gr), with fascinating contents in French regarding shipments of wine, brandy, ball and shot, gunpowder, rifles, etc. going by canoe to Detroit, along with list of accompanying traders and guides, cover with splitting along folds, couple reinforced with tape, otherwise Fine and rare, one of the earliest fully prepaid internal Canadian covers known, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$500-750

- 2075 ☒ **Early cover from Three Rivers to Quebec**

(Three Rivers to Quebec, Jun. 8, 1772). Small manuscript “June 8, 1772, J. Lacroix” docketing on bottom flap of folded cover to seminary in Quebec, rated “8d” and “2dwt” paying the 61-100 miles rate, cover with reinforced folds, Fine, at this point there were only four Post Offices in Canada—Berthier, Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec—the first two can be eliminated due to distance, which leaves only Three Rivers as the origin for this cover, ex de Riviere and Sanderson..... Estimate \$200-300



2075



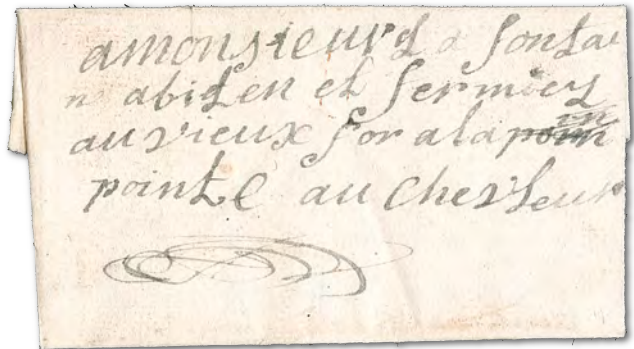
2076

2076 ☒ **Early letter from Prairie du Chien (Wisconsin) written just prior to the Revolutionary War**

(Prairie du Chien to Saurelle, May 2, 1774). Folded letter in French datelined "*de la prairie du chien ce 2 mai 1774*" and addressed to "*Monsieur Paule Cournoy...a la paroisse (parish) de Sourelle*", carried privately, cover with light overall soiling and reinforced folds, Fine, a scarce and early Wisconsin area letter written less than a year before the Revolutionary War, Wisconsin was not part of the U.S. until after the war in 1783, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400

2077 ☒ **Rare and early British New York cover from one fort to another**

(Fort Lyman/Edward to Fort "Pointe au Chevelure", ca. 1770s). Folded letter in French without dateline but mentions Fort Lyman (Fort Edward) and addressed to "*for(t) a la pointe au Chevelure*" referring to "Point a la Chevelure" in Crown Point N.Y., without postal markings and carried privately, minor internal faults, Fine inter-New York mail during British occupation, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400



2077



2078

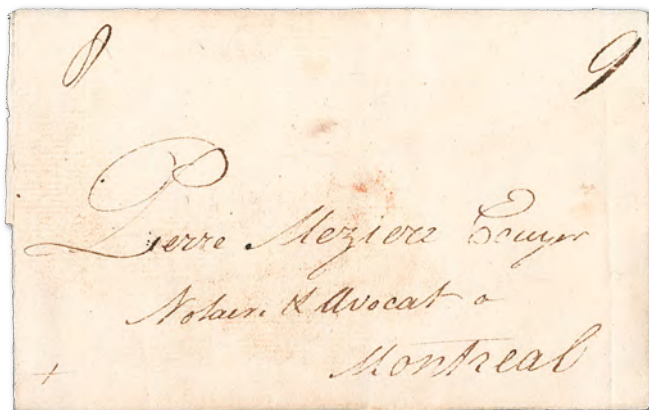
2078 ☒ **The earliest recorded "Q(uebec) Paid" marking during the American Revolutionary War, just months prior to the Continental Army occupying Montreal**

(Quebec to Montreal, Aug. 19, 1776). Clear red manuscript "*Q(uebec) paid 8d*" on folded letter to Jean Dumas Saint-Martin in Montreal, 8p for 101-200 miles rate, cover with some severe splitting along folds, otherwise Fine and rare, few covers used during 1776 are known, this cover narrowly missed the Continental Army arriving just months later in November 1776, this is thought to be the earliest available Quebec Paid marking, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$500-750

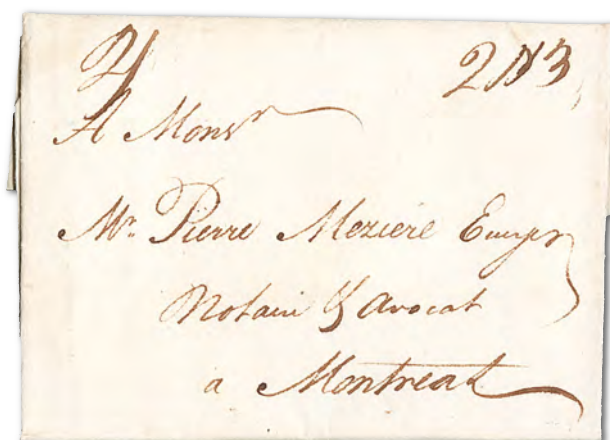
2079 ☒ **Pair of “split currency” covers with different manuscript ink colors**

(Quebec to Montreal, Nov. 17, 1777 and May 11, 1778). Two similar folded letters dated Nov. 1777 and May 1778 from Quebec to Montreal, each with manuscript “8” (8p Sterling) and “9” (9p Currency) split currency markings, first cover with brownish red markings, second in black, covers with minor splits and reinforced folds, Very Fine pair of covers used during the Revolutionary War period, ex Sanderson.....

.....(Photo Ex) Estimate \$300-400



2079EX



2080EX

2080 ☒ **Two “split currency” covers paying the single and triple rate**

(Quebec to Montreal, Aug. 13 and Sept. 14, 1778). Two folded letters from the same correspondence, first datelined Aug. 13, 1778 with manuscript “8” and “9” (Sterling and Currency), second datelined Sept. 14, 1778 with manuscript “2/” and “2N3” (Sterling and Currency) paying the triple domestic rate, latter with minor reinforcement, Very Fine, the triple rate is quite scarce, ex Sanderson.....

.....(Photo Ex) Estimate \$300-400



2081

2081 ☒ **“Split currency” cover from Three Rivers to Montreal**

(“River Deloupe” to Montreal, Apr. 11, 1780). Folded letter datelined “River Deloupe 11th April 1780” (Riviere-du-Loup) and addressed to Montreal, manuscript rated “6” and “7” (Sterling and Currency), postage charge indicates this was carried privately and mailed from Three Rivers, some splitting, reinforced folds and minor edge tears, otherwise Fine and scarce use during the Revolutionary War, ex Sanderson.....

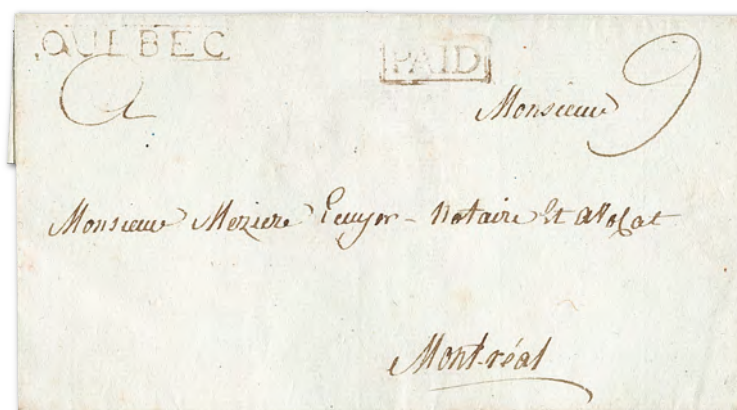
Estimate \$300-400



2082

2082 ☒ **Interesting “to pay 1” courier rate to St. John via Montreal**

(Quebec? to St. Johns [Iberville] near Montreal, Feb. 8, 1782). Folded cover with manuscript “Friday the 8th February 1782” docketing on flap and addressed to St. Johns, presumably sent from Quebec with the “Paid 9” paying the 101-200 miles rate to Montreal, with manuscript “please to forward it by the St. John Courriere” and “to pay 1” denoting the special 1p courier fee, splitting along folds, couple reinforced, otherwise Fine, St. Johns (Iberville) is located just outside Montreal, ex de Riviere and Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400



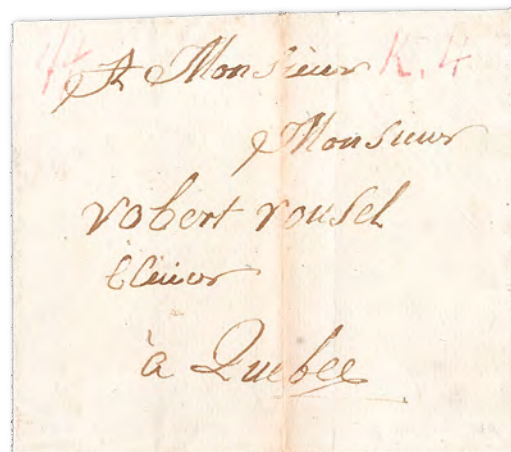
2083

2083 ☒ **Rare “QUEBEC” straightline with “PAID” and Bishop mark on cover to Montreal**

(Quebec to Montreal, Feb. 16, 1780s). Clear “QUEBEC” straightline with perfectly struck “16/FE” Bishop mark on back on folded cover to Montreal, matching boxed “PAID” handstamp and manuscript “9” for 101-200 miles rate, Very Fine, a rare use of handstamps, even more so as fully paid covers are seldom encountered in this period, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$750-1,000

2084 ☒ **Early Kamouraska manuscript marking**

(Kamouraska to Quebec, Mar. 29, 1785). Folded letter datelined “CaMouraska le 29 mars 1785” and addressed to Quebec, red “1/4” and “K.4” split currency marking at top, vertical file fold of little consequence, Very Fine, split currency markings are rarely seen after 1781, especially on covers from small towns such as this, ex Glassco and Sanderson..... Estimate \$400-500



2084

LOT 2085 ☒

The only recorded example of the “AMERICAN PORT” British Packet directive handstamp



2085

(Quebec to Halifax, Nova Scotia via New York, Jan. 2, 1788). Manuscript “Quebec Jan 2 1788” at top left of folded cover addressed to John Wentworth in Halifax, Nova Scotia, lightly struck “Montreal JANy 7” two-line datestamp on back, “AMERICAN PORT” and “PAID*” handstamps applied in Montreal, rated “2N1” in red paying the rate for inland and packet postage thru Montreal and New York, interior with message signed “J Wentworth”, likely written upon receipt, cover missing top flap

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE “AMERICAN PORT” BRITISH PACKET DIRECTIVE MARKING, WHICH WAS APPLIED IN MONTREAL. THIS COVER WAS SENT FROM NEW YORK ON THE FALMOUTH PACKET, STOPPING AT NOVA SCOTIA. AN IMPORTANT EARLY CROSS-BORDER AND TRANSATLANTIC MAIL ARTIFACT.

This cover, dated at Quebec on January 2, 1788, was postmarked at Montreal on January 7 with the special “AMERICAN PORT” handstamp, indicating it was intended to depart on a British packet vessel from an American port. It was carried on the Lake Champlain and Hudson River water route to New York City, and from there it was carried on the next Falmouth Packet sailing—the *Grantham* on February 20, 1788—which stopped at Halifax on the eastbound transatlantic trip to England (sailing information from John S. Olenkiewicz, Frajola website).

The addressee, Sir John Wentworth, was the Surveyor General of the King’s Woods at this time. He eventually went on to become the first civilian Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in 1791 and was knighted in 1795.

Ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000



2086

2086 ☒ **Exceptionally late use of this Quebec double-circle datestamp with Bishop mark**

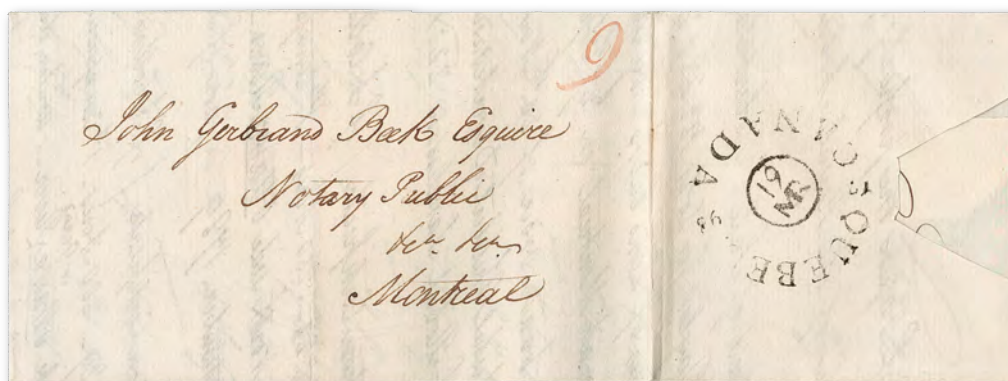
(Quebec to Berthier, Mar. 12, 1793). "Quebec" and "12/MR" Bishop mark in double-circle handstamp with triangle on flap of folded cover to James Cuthbert in Berthier, rated "9" at top left, cover was turned and used by addressee for message dated Sep. 23, 1793 and signed "J. Cuthbert", splitting along folds, couple reinforced with tape, otherwise Fine, a late use of this datestamp which was put in use around 1772, James Cuthbert (ca. 1719-1798) was an army officer, merchant and seigneur having amassed a large amount of property along the St. Lawrence river, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$200-300

2087 ☒ **Sharp strike of the Quebec split-circle datestamp with Bishop mark**

(Quebec to Montreal, Apr. 15, (ca. 1795). Bold "Quebec, Canada" split-circle handstamp with "15/AV" Bishop mark clearly struck on top flap of ca. 1795 folded cover to Montreal, rated "9" at top right, minor tape reinforced folds, Very Fine, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400



2087



2088

2088 ☒ **Rare and distinctive oversized Quebec rimless circular datestamp with Bishop mark**

(Quebec to Montreal, Mar. 19, 1798). Clearly struck "Quebec, Canada" rimless circular datestamp with split "1798" yeardate and "19/MR" Bishop mark on side flap of folded "Schedule of papers" for a Royal Artillery Sergeant to notary in Montreal, rated "9" at top right, Very Fine, a choice strike of this rare marking, which was in use for only one year, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2089

2089 ☒ **The earliest soldier's one-penny concession rate cover from Canada**

(Quebec to Chambly, Oct. 31, 1799). Clear "QUEBEC/OCT. 31 99" two-line datestamp on top flap of folded letter "To Mr. John McCutcheon Esq., Company at Chambly", endorsed "From a Sergeant 26th Regiment" with "1d" soldier's one-penny concession rate, signed "(Lord) Elphinstone" at bottom, contents regarding being unable to avoid a transfer back to England and having to leave behind his wife and children in Canada, some minor splitting along folds, some reinforced

FINE AND INCREDIBLY RARE ONE-PENNY SOLDIER'S CONCESSION RATE FROM CANADA. THIS IS THE EARLIEST RECORDED EXAMPLE KNOWN IN PRIVATE HANDS.

Chambly is located just outside of Montreal and likely would have required an 11p rate. An important item for any early Canada or military postal historian. Ex Sattin and Sanderson..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000

CANADIAN 19TH CENTURY STRAIGHTLINE MARKINGS (BY TOWN)



- 2090 ☒ **Bold strike of the rare Carillon straightline with manuscript date**
(Carillon to Bytown Mills, Dec. 20, 1841). Well-struck “CARILLON 1841” straightline datestamp with manuscript “Dec. 20” inserted before year on folded letter to Bytown Mills, “7” rate, Very Fine, a very rare straightline handstamp only found used in 1841..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2091 ☒ **Clear strike of the Drummondville straightline**
(Grantham to Montreal, Jan. 31, 1828). Folded letter datelined in Grantham on Jan. 31, 1828 and addressed to Montreal, clear strike of red “DRUMMONDVILLE” straightline with “Paid 9”, Very Fine and scarce straightline which was used in 1822-29, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2092 ☒ **Precise strike of the Dundee year-dated straightline with manuscript month and day**
(Dundee to Quebec, Sept. 28, 1831). Bold red strike of “DUNDEE L.C. 1831” with manuscript “28th Sept.” inserted before year on folded letter to Quebec, manuscript “Paid 11d”, Extremely Fine, this appears to be the one illustrated in the Robson Lowe Encyclopedia (Vol. V, p. 121), recorded used only in 1830-31, ex Greene and Sanderson..... Estimate \$500-750



2093 front and back

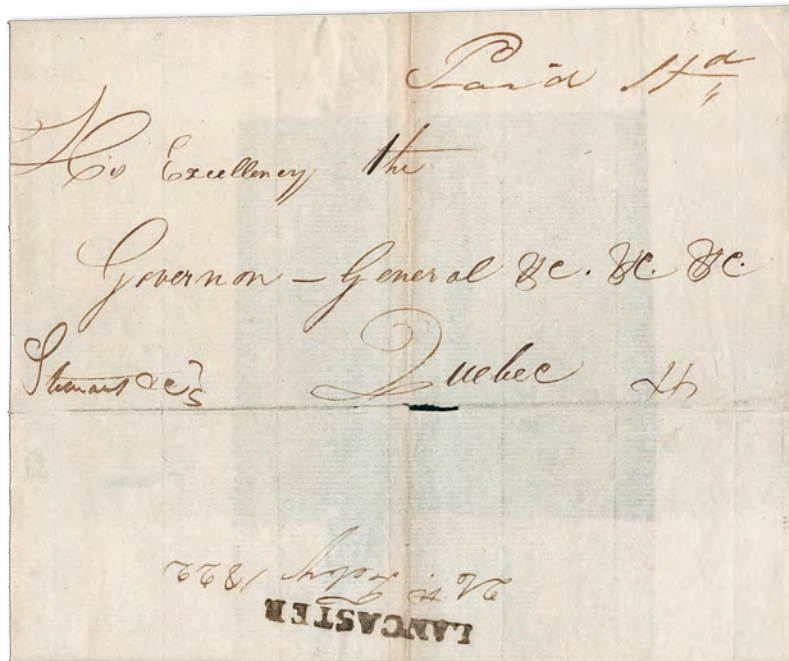
- 2093 ☒ **The only recorded example of the “KINSTON” straightline with missing “G”—also a scarce example of mail sent via the Winter Express**

(Kingston to Niagara, Feb. 9, 1796). Clear strike of “KINSTON 9 Feb’y” straightline across backflaps of 1796 folded document to David William Smith as Surveyor General in Niagara, manuscript “His Majesty’s Service” along top and “*per the Winter Express*” directive at bottom left, red “IN” rate, document regarding the acreages of various Midland District townships, cover with tape reinforced folds, accompanied by a 1798 printed map of “The Falls of Niagara” by J. Stockdale

FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THE “KINSTON” FOR “KINGSTON” STRAIGHTLINE SPELLING ERROR—THE WINTER EXPRESS ROUTING IS SCARCE IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

The addressee, Sir David William Smith (1764-1837), was a soldier and politician in Upper Canada. He became the Surveyor General of Upper Canada in 1798 and held various political offices from 1792, including speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 1796-1801.

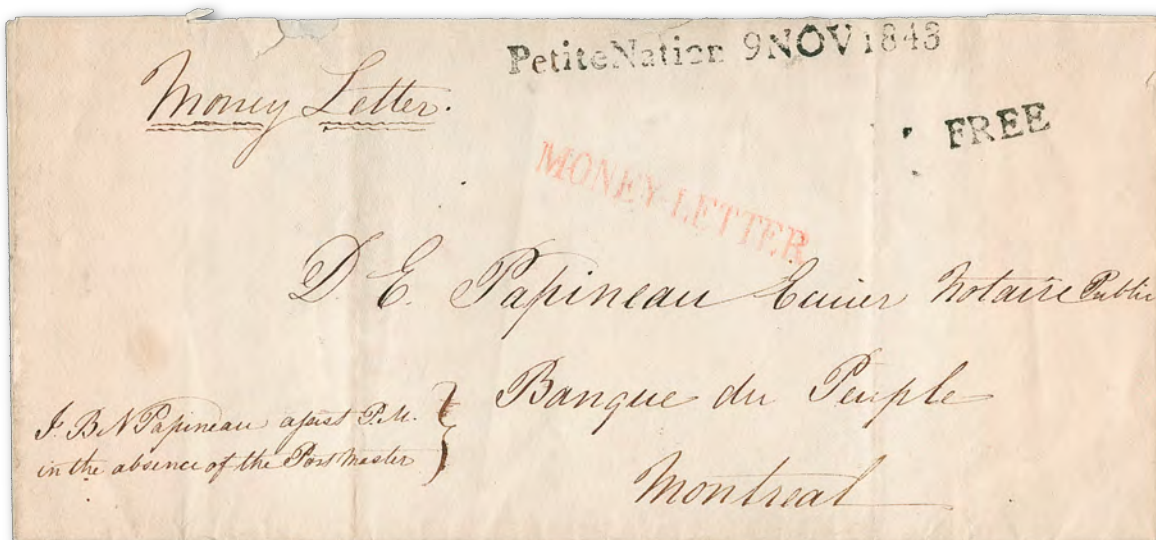
Ex Greene and Sanderson..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2094

- 2094 ☒ **Boldly struck Lancaster straightline to Governor General of Quebec**

(Lancaster to Quebec, Feb. 26, 1822). Bold “LANCASTER” straightline with manuscript “26th Feby 1822” below on folded cover to the Governor General of Quebec, “Paid 11d” rate, cover with vertical file fold thru handstamp, Very Fine, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400



2095

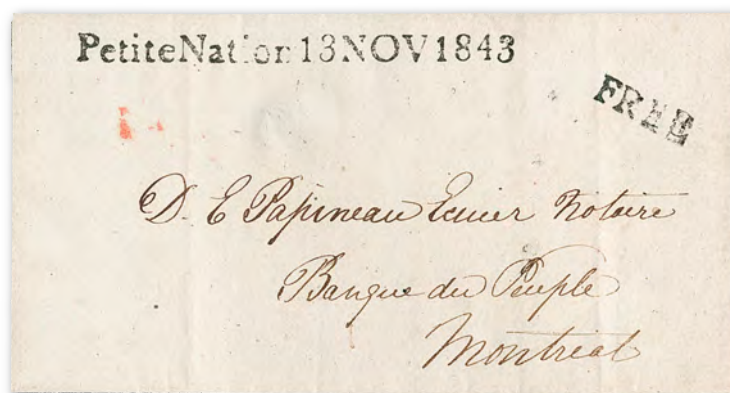
- 2095 ☒ **The earlier of the two known Petite Nation straightline datestamps and the only one with the “Money Letter” handstamp**

(Petite Nation to Montreal, Nov. 9, 1843). Clear and bold strike of “Petite Nation 9 NOV 1843” straightline datestamp with matching “FREE” handstamp on folded cover to Montreal, manuscript “Money Letter” and “J.B.N. Papineau assist PM in the absence of the Postmaster” at bottom left, red “MONEY LETTER” handstamp applied on arrival in Montreal with Nov. 10 backstamp, cover missing top flap and minor edge nicks at top

VERY FINE STRIKE AND THE EARLIER OF THE TWO “PETITE NATION” STRAIGHTLINE COVERS.

The Canadian Money Letter system was implemented in 1802, based on the British Post Office system that provided an extra level of security for sending valuables by mail. It was a precursor to the more secure registered mail system. Both examples of the Petite Nation straightline are from the same correspondence and offered in this sale.

Illustrated in *Canada’s Registered Mail, 1802-1909* by Harrison, Arfken and Lussey (p. 12). Ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



2096

- 2096 ☒ **The bolder strike of only two known examples of the Petite Nation straightline**

(Petite Nation to Montreal, Nov. 13, 1843). Perfectly struck “Petite Nation 13 NOV 1843” straightline datestamp with matching “FREE” handstamp on folded cover to Montreal with Nov. 21 arrival backstamp

EXTREMELY FINE STRIKE OF THIS IMMENSELY RARE PETITE NATION STRAIGHTLINE. ONLY TWO EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED—THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE FINER STRIKE.

Both examples of the Petite Nation straightline are from the same correspondence and offered in this sale.

Ex Greene..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

2097



2098



2099

- 2097 ☒ **One of the few known examples of the St. Denis straightline handstamp**
(St. Denis to Montreal, ca. 1828). Bold strike of "ST. DENIS" straightline on folded cover to Montreal, manuscript "pd 7" paying the 61-100 miles rate, Very Fine, a choice strike of this straightline, which is only known used in 1828, very few recorded and missing from even the most advanced collections, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$500-750
- 2098 ☒ **One of only two recorded examples of the small St. Johns handstamp**
(Isle aux Noix to Montreal, Apr. 8, 1820). Folded letter datelined on Isle aux Noix with slightly overinked "ST JOHNS" straightline on bottom flap and matching "FREE" handstamp at top right, addressed to Montreal and franked at lower left, Very Fine, a rare straightline from St. John (Iberville), only two examples recorded (used 1820-22), ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$500-750
- 2099 ☒ **Scarce and clear strike of the Shipton straightline handstamp**
(Shipton to Three Rivers, Sep. 5, 1829). Bold strike of "SHIPTON" straightline with manuscript "5 Sept. 29" below on top flap of folded cover to the Postmaster at Three Rivers, manuscript "Free" at top right, Very Fine and choice strike of this difficult straightline which is only known used from 1820-29 before town was renamed Richmond, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400



2100 ☒ **Clear Three Rivers straightline and “PAID” handstamp**

(Three Rivers to Chambly, Sep. 26, 1795). Neat strike of “THREE RIVERS” straightline and matching “PAID” handstamp on folded letter to “River Chambly”, rated “4½”, contents in French regarding the purchase of a house in Three Rivers, couple hinge reinforcements along folds, Fine and scarce, noted in the Sanderson catalogue as an unrecorded Paid marking, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$200-300

2101 ☒ **The earliest recorded “WAY” handstamp used from Three Rivers**

(Machiche [Yamachiche] to Quebec via Three Rivers, Dec. 1, 1795). Folded letter datelined “Machiche 1st Dec. 1795” with “THREE RIVERS” straightline and “WAY” handstamp, addressed to Hugh Finley in Quebec, contents regarding “the Internal Survey of the Township of Durham”, minor hinge reinforcements along folds, Very Fine, this is the earliest recorded “Way” marking from Three Rivers, this marking indicated the letter was picked up “along the way” on the postal route, the recipient, Hugh Finley (ca. 1730-1801), was a well-known merchant, politician, postmaster and landowner, interestingly at the time of this letter, Finley became involved in a land speculation scheme and this letter could be related to that, ex Wellburn and Sanderson..... Estimate \$400-500

2102 ☒ **Wonderfully well-struck Windsor straightline—one of the few in private hands**

(Windsor to Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 14, 1820). Excellent strike of “WINDSOR MAY 14” straightline datestamp on folded letter to Halifax, manuscript “4½” (+1) (=) 5½” which includes local delivery in Halifax, Very Fine and choice strike of this rare marking, only a small number are thought to exist, ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$500-750

OTHER CANADIAN DATESTAMPS AND MANUSCRIPT MARKINGS (BY TOWN)



2103

- 2103 ☒ **Neat Hillier circular datestamp with manuscript date on "Money" letter**

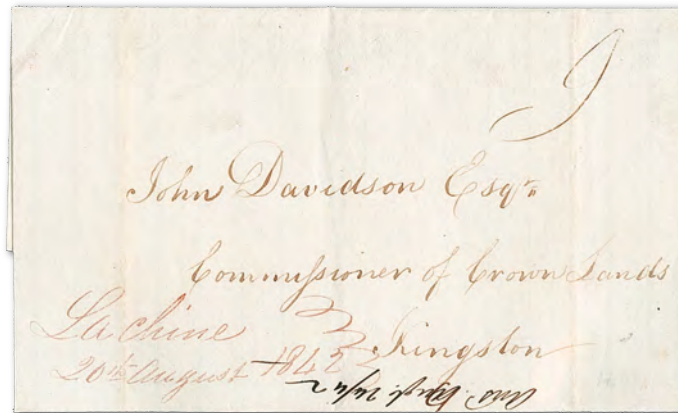
(Hillier to Pictou, Jan. 5, 1848). Clear strike of "Hillier" circular handstamp with manuscript "5 Jany 48" and matching "PAID" and "4½" handstamps on folded letter to Pictou, manuscript "Money" written across top indicating this was a Money Letter, Pictou Jul. 5 arrival backstamp (in error), Very Fine, an attractive Money Letter cover with contents stating this included "two dollars"..... Estimate \$400-500

- 2104 ☒ **Scarce "Post Office Horton" double-circle with manuscript date**

(Horton to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jun. 26, 1827). Partly readable strike of "Post Office Horton" double-circle with manuscript "26 June 27" (Jephcott 46, MacDonald 47) on folded letter to Sir Rupert Dennis George in Halifax, manuscript "On Service" along top but rated "1d" for Halifax delivery, Very Fine and scarce, the addressee, Sir Rupert Dennis George, was the Provincial Secretary for Nova Scotia, ex Young, Saint and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$200-300



2104



2105

- 2105 ☒ **One of two known Lachine manuscript town markings on a Hudson Bay & Co. folded cover**

(Lachine to Kingston, Aug. 20, 1842). Red "Lachine, 20th August 1842" manuscript postmark on folded cover to John Davidson, Commissioner of Crown Lands in Kingston, rated "9", docketing on bottom flap "James Keith, H.B. (Hudson Bay) House Lachine Aug. 20/42, for...survey of Saguenay (River)", Very Fine, only two Lachine manuscript markings are recorded, the addressee, James Keith (1782-1851), was superintendent of the Montreal department of the Hudson Bay & Co. office until his retirement about a year after this letter in 1843, ex de Volpi and Sanderson..... Estimate \$400-500



2106 ☒ **Scarce Matilda manuscript postmark**

(Matilda to Toronto, Feb. 8, 1841). Manuscript “*Matilda, 8th Feby 1841*” postmark and “*Paid 11*” on folded letter to Toronto, Very Fine and scarce, the Post Office in Matilda opened in 1828 but it was not until 1851 that a handstamp is recorded, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$200-300

2107 ☒ **Beautifully struck Niagara double-oval datestamp with split yeardate**

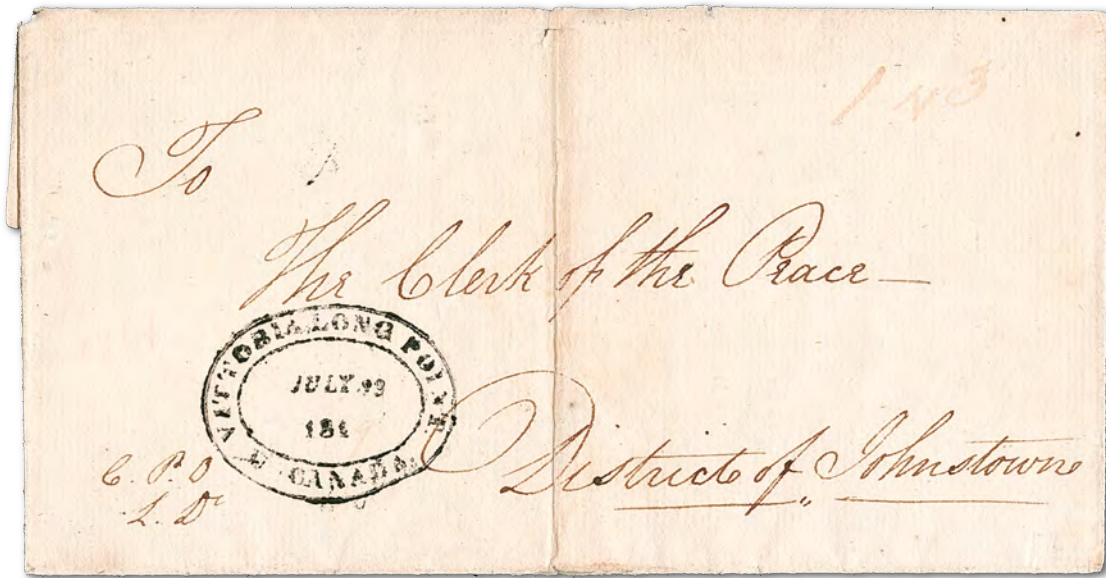
(Niagara to Montreal, Jan. 8, 1818). Excellent strike of “*Niagara U. Canada, Jan. 8, 1818*” double-oval datestamp on folded letter to Montreal, manuscript “*paid 2N4*” at top right indicating payment of double rate for 301-400 miles (should have quadruple rate), Very Fine, a scarce first oval type datestamp of Niagara used 1817-21, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$200-300

2108 ☒ **Handsome Quebec with circles handstamp on cover to Montreal**

(Quebec to Montreal, Feb. 17, 1817). Fairly clear “*Quebec FE 17, 1817*” with large fleuron circular datestamp on back of folded cover to Montreal, neatly struck “*Quebec Paid*” with circles and manuscript “*9*”, minor internal tape reinforcement, Very Fine, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$200-300

2109 ☒ **Manuscript St. Charles postmark on cover written in St. Hyacinth**

(St. Hyacinth to East Stanstead, Aug. 8, 1830). Lengthy folded letter datelined in St. Hyacinth on Aug. 8, 1830 with manuscript “*St. Charles 12 August 1830*” postmark along top, addressed to East Stanstead, rated “*4½ (+) Forward 2½ (=) 7*”, red “*St. Johns*” circle backstamp with manuscript Aug. 17, 1830 date, Very Fine and scarce..... Estimate \$300-400



2110

- 2110 ☒ **The Vittoria Long Point oval is one of the rarest Canadian datestamps**
 (Vittoria Long Point to Johnstowne, Jul. 29, 1819). Bold strike of "Vittoria Long Point, U. Canada, July 29, 1819" double-oval datestamp with manuscript "9" rate on folded cover to Johnstowne, rated "IN3", cover with couple reinforced folds, Very Fine, one of the rarest markings of Upper Canada, especially this choice, ex Greene and Sanderson..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2111

- 2111 ☒ **The scarce Windsor double-circle with manuscript date**
 (Windsor to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Mar. 14, 1827). Clear "Post Office Windsor" double-circle with manuscript "March 14 -27" on long folded letter to William Blowers Bliss in Halifax, manuscript "4½ (+1) (=) 5½" for rate to Halifax and local delivery, Very Fine, a surprisingly scarce marking, the addressee, William Blowers Bliss (1795-1874), was a lawyer, judge and politician, he assisted in advocating for a charter to create the Bank of Nova Scotia where he later served as a director, ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$400-500

CANADIAN INTAGLIO TOWN MARKINGS



2112

2114

2113

- 2112 ☒ **The rare Amherstburgh crown intaglio seal handstamp**
 (Amherstburgh to York, ca. 1830s). Fine strike of “Post Office Amherstburgh” crown intaglio seal handstamp on folded cover to James Baby in York, manuscript “11d” rate, Fine and rare strike of this intaglio seal, these brass seals were supplied for sealing letters and packets to the Post Office Department, occasionally postal clerks used them as town markings, the addressee, James Baby, was a judge in Upper Canada and son of Jacques Baby and nephew of Francois Baby, likely written by Baby’s sister Suzanne, who married the founder of Amherstburgh, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400
- 2113 ☒ **Rare example of the Niagara crown intaglio seal handstamp**
 (St. Thomas, Upper Canada to Niagara, Aug. 7, 1861). Light strike of “St. Thomas U.C. Aug. 7, 1861” circular datestamp on buff cover to Niagara, red “Paid 5” handstamp though obliterated by “23” 4-ring target cancels upon arrival in Niagara with “Niagara” crown intaglio seal handstamp at bottom and “UNPAID 7” handstamp, Clifton and London transit backstamps, Very Fine, an attractive use of the Niagara intaglio seal handstamp, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$750-1,000
- 2114 ☒ **The only recorded example of the Port Hope crown intaglio seal handstamp on a Money Letter**
 (River Trent to Newcastle, Nov. 16, 1846). Neat “River Trent, U.C. NO 16, 1846” circular datestamp (manuscript “16” inserted) on large folded court document to Newcastle, manuscript “Money” at top left and rated “1/6” indicating the Money Letter charge and double rate, with Cobourg and Port Hope transit backstamps, the latter where the red “Port Hope” crown intaglio seal and “FORWARDED” handstamp were struck, content refers to £1 15sh enclosure, some minor edgewear and flap tears as to be expected with a letter this size, Very Fine, this is the only recorded Port Hope intaglio seal, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$500-750

OTHER CANADIAN MARKINGS (BY DATE)



2115

2115 ☒ **Soldier's one-penny concessionary rate cover to New Brunswick**

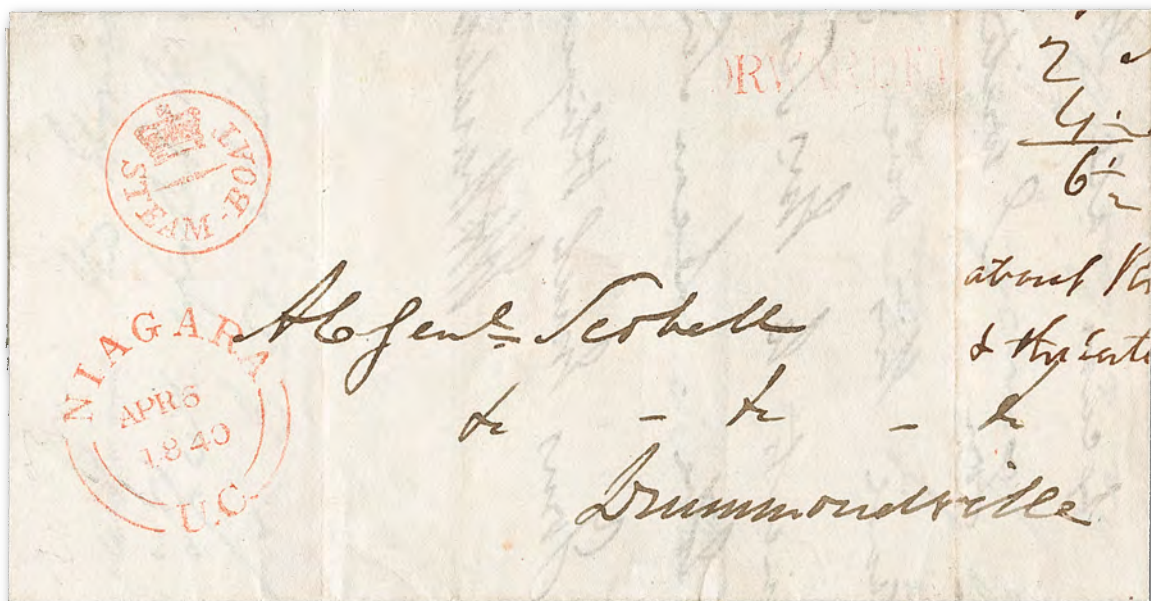
(Montreal to Fredericton, New Brunswick, ca. 1820s). Light strike of Montreal Jan. two-line date-stamp on back of folded cover to Fredericton, New Brunswick, endorsed "Soldiers Letter, N. Leonard, Major 114 Rgt" along top, red manuscript "1d" one-penny soldier's concessionary rate (valid from 1800-28), Very Fine..... Estimate \$500-750



2116

2116 ☒ **Tiny "STEAMBOAT" handstamp on a "Way" cover to Hamilton**

(Toronto to Hamilton, Sep. 25, 1839). Folded letter datelined in Toronto Sep. 25, 1839 and addressed to Hamilton, manuscript "Way" and "4½" rate at top, tiny "STEAMBOAT" straightline handstamp, Hamilton Sept. 25 arrival datestamp, vertical file fold thru "Way" marking and small internal reinforcement along fold, still Very Fine, the combination of "Way" and "Steamboat" markings is unusual, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$300-400



2117

- 2117 ☒ **Arguably the finest of the four known examples of the Niagara “Steam-Boat” crown handstamp (Toronto to Drummondville, Apr. 5, 1840).** Bold strike of red “Steam-Boat” in circle with crown and matching “Niagara U.C. APR 6, 1840” circular datestamp and “FORWARDED” straightline on folded cover to Drummondville, docketing indicates Toronto origin and part letter inside states “I write hurriedly in order to send this over by the boat”, Very Fine, only four examples of this marking are recorded, this is perhaps the finest, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2118

- 2118 ☒ **Well-struck “Steam-Boat Letter Kingston” circular datestamp (Morrisburg to Vienna, C.W., Sep. 3, 1854).** Bold strike of “Steam-Boat Letter Kingston, SP 3 1854” circular datestamp with “3” handstamp applied in transit on cover to Vienna, Canada West, original enclosure datelined Morrisburg Sep. 3, Ingersole transit and Vienna arrival backstamps, Very Fine strike of this scarce marking..... Estimate \$300-400



2119

2119 ☒ **First day cover of new registration system with “Money Letter” and “Registered” markings**

(Quebec to Berthier, Apr. 30, 1855). Red “Paid, Quebec L.C. AP 30 1855” circular datestamp and “Paid 3” handstamp on blue cover to Berthier, manuscript “*Money Letter*” and red “**MONEY LETTER**” straightline handstamp, blue “**Legislative Assembly, Canada**” oval handstamp signed “*N. Deviche, M.P.P.*”, Three Rivers May 1, 1855 transit and red “**REGISTERED**” straightline handstamp used on the **first day of the new registration system**, Berthier arrival backstamp

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE MONEY LETTER COVER HANDSTAMPED “REGISTERED” IN TRANSIT ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

This is the only example we have encountered with a “Registered” handstamp applied on the first day of the new registry system. Illustrated in *Canada’s Registered Mail, 1802-1909* by Harrison, Arfken and Lussey (p. 28). Ex Harrison..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



2120

2120 ☒ **The earliest known use of the rare Legislative Council Canada crown datestamp**

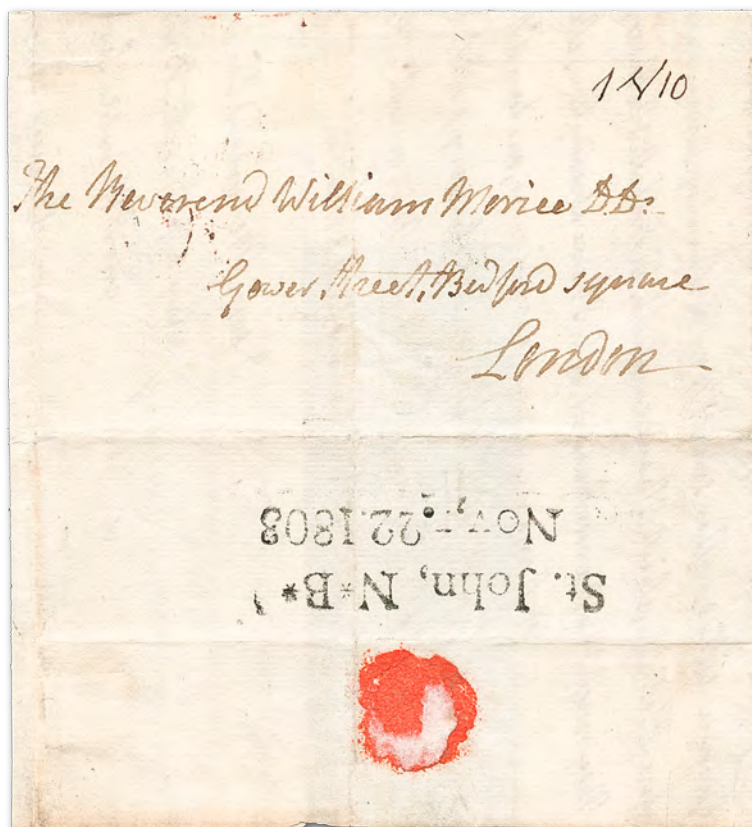
(Quebec to Barrie, Apr. 31, 1860). Red “**Legislative Council Canada, April 31, 1860**” with crown double-circle datestamp (Davis LC-3) and matching “**FREE** with crown” handstamp on cover to Barrie, signed at bottom left, Montreal transit and Barrie arrival backstamps, cover reduced at top and small repaired tear at top affecting datestamp, otherwise Fine strike, this is the earliest known use of the less than a dozen examples thought to exist, erroneously dated Apr. 31 (Barrie arrival Apr. 28), ex Sanderson and “Libra”, with 2013 Greene certificate..... Estimate \$400-500

NEW BRUNSWICK MAIL TO AND FROM GREAT BRITAIN

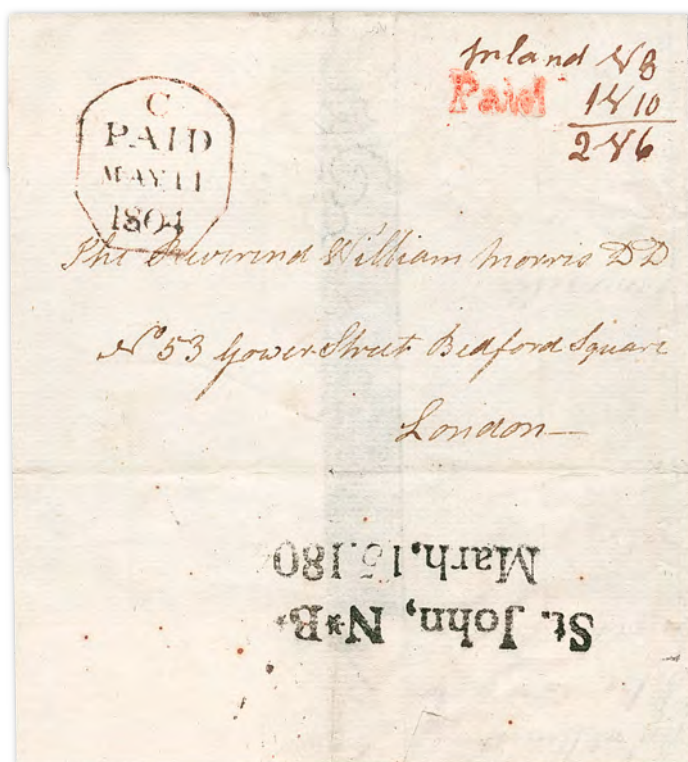
Mail to Great Britain

2121 ☒ Clearly struck St. John two-line datestamp on folded cover to London

(St. John, New Brunswick to London, Nov. 22, 1803). Clearly struck "St. John, N*B*/Nov,r. 22, 1803" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13b) on bottom flap of folded cover to London, rated "IN10", Jan. 29, 1804 arrival backstamp, light file fold thru handstamp, still Very Fine..... Estimate \$300-400



2121



2122 ☒ Scarce "Paid" handstamp with St. John two-line datestamp to London

(St. John, New Brunswick to London, Mar. 15, 1804). Bold strike of "St. John, N*B*/Marh 15, 1804" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13b) on bottom flap and red "Paid" handstamp (Jephcott 343) on folded cover to London, rated "Inland N8 (+) IN10 (=) 2N6" indicating 8p to Halifax and 1sh10d to London, London Paid May 11 tombstone arrival, Very Fine, fully paid transatlantic covers are quite scarce, this "Paid" marking was in use 1799-1804, ex Smith..... Estimate \$400-500

2122



2124

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2123 ☒ **Rare "FREDERICTON N;B." two-line datestamp with "PAID" marking**

(Fredericton, New Brunswick to Durham, Sep. 27, 1809). Partly clear strike of "FREDERICTON N;B/SEPT*R 27: 1809" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 22) on bottom flap and red "PAID" handstamp (unrecorded by Jephcott) on folded letter from Sir Martin Hunter to Durham, rated "1N10½" for inland postage and charged "4/6" collect, light Halifax transit and London arrival datestamps, some minor reinforcement along folds, still Fine, a scarce Fredericton datestamp, recorded used in just one year (1809), written by Sir Martin Hunter (1757-1846), an army officer who saw action throughout the Revolutionary War and returned to New Brunswick in 1803 to organize an infantry regiment, ex Steinhart and Smith..... Estimate \$400-500

2124 ☒ **Shortened Fredericton two-line datestamp with "PAID" marking**

(Fredericton, New Brunswick to Alnwick, Jun. 13, 1810). Clear strike of "FRED, N; N;B/13 JUNE 1810" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 23) on bottom flap and red "PAID" handstamp (unrecorded by Jephcott) on folded letter datelined Nov. 6, 1809 to Alnwick, England, rated "2N11½" for postage via Halifax to England, red "Paid 13JY13 1810" arrival datestamp, Very Fine, a scarce shortened version of the Fredericton two-line datestamp, which Jephcott only records in use from 1812-16, although this is used two years earlier..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2125

2125 ☒ **Rare and distinctive large circular datestamp of Fredericton**

(Fredericton, New Brunswick to London, Jun. 6, 1815). Clearly struck "Fredericton N.B., 6 June 15" large circular datestamp (Jephcott 28) on top flap of folded letter to London, "Halifax JU 16, 1815" circular datestamp with fleuron and "PAID" in circle handstamp struck in transit, rated "2/2" collect, red arrival backstamp, overall toning, still Fine strike of this rare marking only recorded in 1815..... Estimate \$500-750



2126

2126 ☒ **The very rare "ST. JOHNS N.B." straightline**

(St. John, New Brunswick to London, 1827). Well-struck "ST. JOHNS N.B." straightline (Jephcott 16) on 1827 folded cover to London, manuscript "2/2" rate and red Apr. 4, 1827 arrival backstamp, Very Fine, a rare straightline marking with an "s" at the end of "St. John", known used only in 1821-27..... Estimate \$300-400

LOT 2127 ☒

One of three recorded British soldiers' letters from the Aroostook War



2127

(St. John, New Brunswick to Haddenham, England, Aug. 9, 1839). Folded letter datelined in St. John on Aug. 9, 1839 with light St. John circular datestamp, addressed to Haddenham, England, red manuscript "1" soldier's concessionary rate, endorsed "from Benjamin Howlett No. 1124 Pte. Soldier 69th Regt." along top and signed by Major Booker at bottom left

VERY FINE. ONLY THREE SOLDIERS' LETTERS FROM THE AROOSTOOK WAR ARE RECORDED, TWO OF WHICH ARE IN THE "DUBOIS" COLLECTION.

The Aroostook War (1838-39), otherwise known as the Pork and Beans War, was a territorial border dispute between the United States and Great Britain. The 1783 Treaty of Paris did not set clear lines between New Brunswick and Maine, an area rich in timber. Local militias and British soldiers were called to the engagement, but before any blood was shed, a peaceful compromise was found and the 1842 Webster-Ashburton Treaty was signed.

This letter provides fascinating details of the dispute. The letter discusses the writer's travels from Cork to Halifax and Woodstock, and having "travelled on sleighs on the ice on a large river...snow 20 to 30 feet deep...our regiment is 600 strong." He mentions "when we got to Woodstock we expected to go into action every day but the rebels was too great...to make an attack...we fired the guns into the woods." He also mentions an agreement between Sir John Harvey and "the Yankee General" settling the affair.

Ex Richardson and Steinhart..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000

Cartoon lampooning the U.S. and Great Britain in the Aroostook War—President Van Buren sits on an ox with the head of Maine Governor John Fairfield, and Queen Victoria is riding a dog with the head of the Duke of Wellington, while Virginia congressman Henry A. Wise pulls on the ox's tail.

Library of Congress (LC-USZ62-84451)





2128

- 2128 ☒ **One of the three recorded British soldiers' letters from the Aroostook War**
(Fredericton, New Brunswick to Huddersfield, England, Dec. 7, 1839). Clearly struck "Fredericton N.B., DE 7, 1839" circular datestamp on top flap with matching "PAID" in circle on folded cover to Huddersfield, England, red manuscript "1" soldier's concessionary rate with "from Wm Kershaw Pte 43d Lt Infy Soldiers Letter", signed at bottom left, "paid one penny" notation at top, Very Fine, the Aroostook War (1838-39), otherwise known as the Pork and Beans War, was a territorial border dispute between the United States and Great Britain, only three soldiers' covers are recorded from from this historical conflict, ex Steinhart and Smith..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



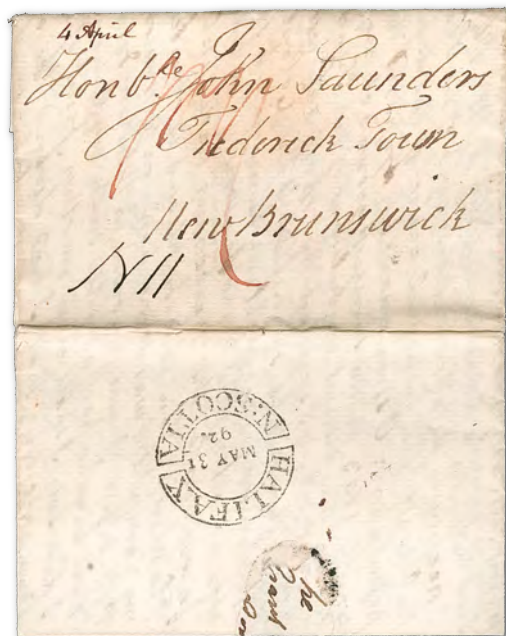
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- 2129 ☒ **Cover carried on the eastbound maiden voyage of the Cunarder *Britannia***
(St. John, New Brunswick to London, England, Jul. 29, 1840). Neat "St. John N.B., JY 29 1840" circular datestamp on bottom flap of folded cover to London, red manuscript "Paid 9" at top for inland delivery (crossed out), Halifax Aug. 3 transit and London Aug. 15 arrival backstamp, rated "1/" collect, Very Fine, very few eastbound maiden voyage covers of the Cunard RMS *Britannia* are recorded, ex Smith..... Estimate \$300-400

Mail from Great Britain to New Brunswick

- 2130 ☒ **Inbound folded letter to John Saunders with perfect Halifax datestamp applied in transit**

(Chelsea, England to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Apr. 4, 1792). Lengthy folded letter datelined Apr. 4, 1792 and written by James Chalmers to John Saunders in Fredericton, New Brunswick, rated "N11" and with perfect strike of "Halifax, N. Scotia May 31, 92" split-circle datestamp (Jephcott 10, MacDonald 4b), some minor splitting along folds, still Very Fine, this Halifax datestamp was in use from 1787-96, both individuals were loyalists during the Revolutionary War, the addressee, John Saunders (1754-1834), went on to marry the daughter of James Chalmers and become the Chief Justice of New Brunswick..... Estimate \$400-500



2130



2131

- 2131 ☒ **Saunders letter with rare Halifax boxed straightline**

(Chelsea, England to Fredericton, New Brunswick, May 3, 1792). Red "Paid MA 3 92" double-circle datestamp on folded letter from James Chalmers to John Saunders in Fredericton, New Brunswick, rated "1/" for packet and "11" for inland rate, well-struck "HALIFAX, N.S." framed handstamp and separate "JUN 11/92" datestamp (Jephcott 2, MacDonald 3), Very Fine, this Halifax datestamp was in use from 1786-94 and is seldom encountered in this choice quality, both individuals were loyalists during the Revolutionary War, the addressee, John Saunders (1754-1834), went on to marry the daughter of James Chalmers and become the Chief Justice of New Brunswick..... Estimate \$500-750

- 2132 ☒ **Saunders letter with Halifax transit datestamp**

(Chelsea, England to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Apr. 5, 1793). Red "Paid AP 5 93" double-circle datestamp on folded letter from James Chalmers to John Saunders in Fredericton, New Brunswick, rated "1/" for packet and "11" for inland rate, well-struck "Halifax, N. Scotia MAY 7 93" split-circle datestamp (Jephcott 10, MacDonald 4b), cover with toned and eroded area at bottom right corner, otherwise Fine, this Halifax datestamp was in use from 1787-96, both individuals were loyalists during the Revolutionary War, the addressee, John Saunders (1754-1834), went on to marry the daughter of James Chalmers and become the Chief Justice of New Brunswick..... Estimate \$300-400



2132

LOT 2133 ☒

Autograph letter signed by the infamous Benedict Arnold



2133

(London, England to St. John, New Brunswick, Feb. 3, 1793). Autograph three-page letter signed **"B. Arnold"** in two places, datelined London Feb. 3, 1793 (copy of earlier correspondence) and London Apr. 28, 1793, addressed to Jonathan Bliss in St. John, New Brunswick, red London double-circle datestamp, **"Halifax, N. Scotia JUN 2 93"** split-circle datestamp (Jephcott 10, MacDonald 4b), struck in transit on bottom flap, rated "1/" for packet and "9" for inland rate, Jun. 8 receipt docketing on flap, the third page has small hole from opening around wax seal

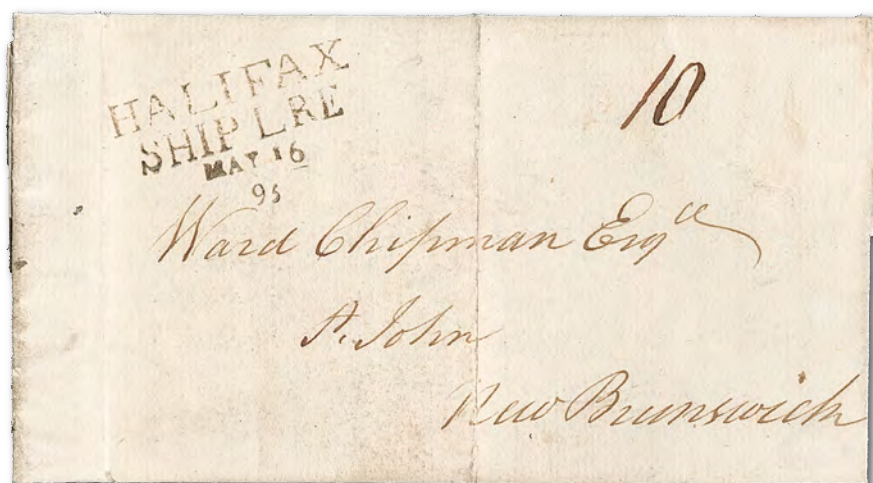


Benedict Arnold

VERY FINE. A RARE AND DESIRABLE BENEDICT ARNOLD AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED WITH THE COVER BEARING HALIFAX SPLIT-CIRCLE DATESTAMP.

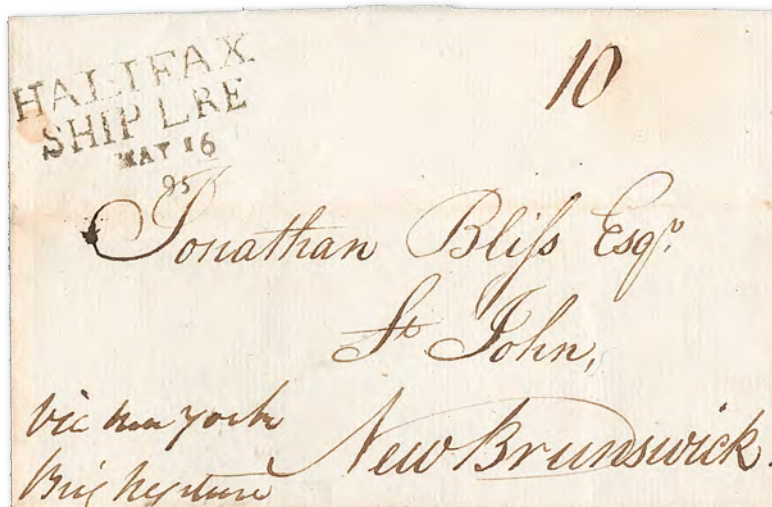
Benedict Arnold (1741-1801) was a trusted General in the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War before defecting to the British in 1780. After the war he settled in New Brunswick, but ultimately left for London due to a number of bad business dealings and lawsuits. The addressee, Jonathan Bliss (1742-1822), was a lawyer and judge who bought a home owned by Arnold.

One leaf of the autograph letter with one signature can be separated from the outer address sheet. Therefore, this should be valued as individual items for the postal history and historical autograph markets.....(Website PDF of ALS) Estimate \$2,000-3,000



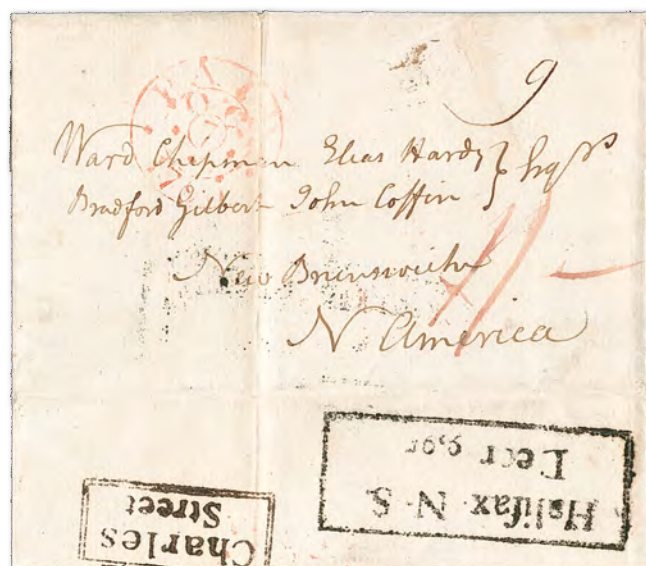
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- 2134 ☒ **Folded cover from the infamous Benedict Arnold with a rare “HALIFAX/SHIP LRE” marking**
 (London, England to St. John, New Brunswick, Jan. 18, 1795). Manuscript “B.S. Arnold, 18 Jan 95” docketing on inside flap of folded cover from London to Ward Chipman in St. John, New Brunswick, address appears to be in Arnold’s hand (see lots 2133 and 2139), well-struck “HALIFAX/SHIP LRE/MAY 16/95” four-line datestamp (Jephcott 136, MacDonald 235) and rated “10”, vertical file fold and minor soiling, Fine and rare ship letter marking, this and the cover in lot 2135 have different origin dates and addressees’ names, but both were carried on the same ship, arriving at Halifax on May 16, 1795—Benedict Arnold (1741-1801) was a trusted General in the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War before defecting to the British in 1780, after the war he settled in New Brunswick, but ultimately left for London due to a number of bad business dealings and lawsuits, the addressee, Ward Chipman (1754-1824), was Arnold’s lawyer in St. John and a proponent to the partitioning of Nova Scotia to form New Brunswick..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



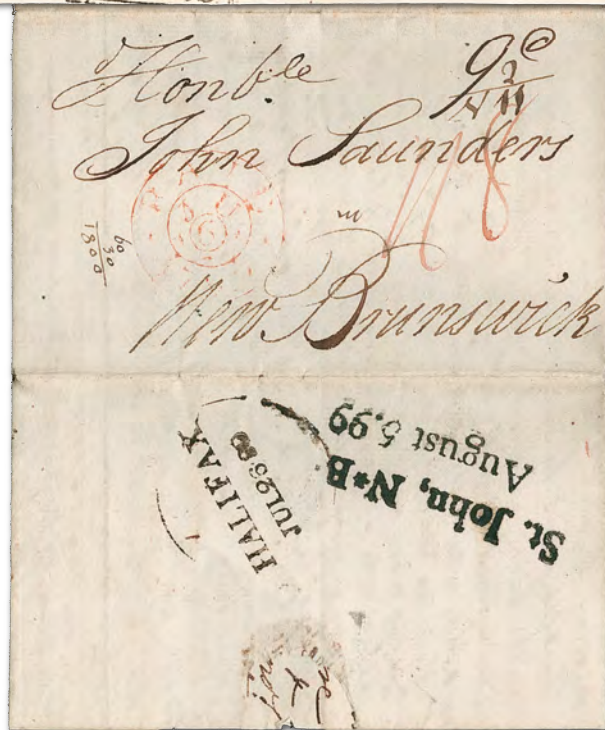
2135

- 2135 ☒ **Folded cover from the infamous Benedict Arnold with a rare “HALIFAX/SHIP LRE” marking**
 (London, England to St. John, New Brunswick, Jan. 3, 1795). Manuscript “Genl Arnold Letter, Jan. 3rd, 1795” on inside flap of folded cover from London to Jonathan Bliss in St. John, New Brunswick, manuscript directive “Via New York Brig Neptune,” well-struck “HALIFAX/SHIP LRE/MAY 16/95” four-line datestamp (Jephcott 136, MacDonald 235) and rated “10”, minor toned spot by handstamp, Very Fine, this and the cover in lot 2134 have different origin dates and addressees’ names, but both were carried on the same ship, arriving at Halifax on May 16, 1795—Benedict Arnold (1741-1801) was a trusted General in the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War before defecting to the British in 1780, after the war he settled in New Brunswick but ultimately left for London due to a number of bad business dealings and lawsuits, the addressee, Jonathan Bliss (1742-1822), was a lawyer and judge who bought a home owned by Arnold..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2136 ☒ **Exceptionally rare large boxed Halifax datestamp on cover to St. John**

(London, England to St. John, New Brunswick, Oct. 7, 1795). Red "Paid OC 7 1795" double-circle datestamp of London with "Charles/Street" boxed handstamp on bottom flap of folded cover to Ward Chipman, Elias Hardy, Bradford Gilbert and John Coffin in New Brunswick, bold strike of "**Halifax N.S/Decr 9, 95**" boxed datestamp (Jephcott 4, MacDonald 5) applied in transit, rated "1/-" for London to Halifax and "9" to St. John, Very Fine, a very rare Halifax marking which is rated "RF 10" in Jephcott (highest), the addressees were all high-level politicians, judges and/or lawyers, ex Glassco, Mayer and Smith..... Estimate \$500-750



2138



2137

2137 ☒ **Bold Halifax two-line datestamp applied in transit on cover to Fredericton**

(Beverley, England to Fredericton, New Brunswick, May 6, 1799). Clear "Beverly" circular handstamp and red "London MA 7, 1799" double-circle datestamp on folded letter to Fredericton, New Brunswick, manuscript "Pd 1/8" for postage to Halifax and "9d" crossed out and rerated "11d", bold "**HALIFAX/JUN. 11, 99**" two-line datestamp (with part of outer circle, Jephcott 8, MacDonald 9) applied in transit, small piece of bottom flap missing, still Very Fine..... Estimate \$300-400

2138 ☒ **Saunders correspondence folded letter with both Halifax and St. John transit datestamps**

(Chelsea, England to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Jun. 2, 1799). Red "Paid JU 6, 1799" double-circle datestamp on folded letter from James Chalmers to John Saunders in Fredericton, New Brunswick, rated "1/8" for packet charge and "9d/N11" for inland rate from Halifax to St. John plus 2p to Fredericton, well-struck "**HALIFAX/JUL. 26, 99**" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 8, MacDonald 9) and "**St. John, N*B/August 5 99**" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13b), both applied in transit, Very Fine, both individuals were loyalists during the Revolutionary War, addressee John Saunders (1754-1834) went on to marry the daughter of James Chalmers and become the Chief Justice of New Brunswick..... Estimate \$400-500

LOT 2139 ☒

**Autograph letter signed by the infamous Benedict Arnold
with scarce magenta “HALIFAX/SHIP LRE” handstamp**



2139

(London, England to St. John, New Brunswick, May 17, 1799). Autograph two-page letter signed “B. Arnold”, datelined London May 17, 1799, addressed to Jonathan Bliss in St. John, New Brunswick, receipt docketing “Genl. Arnold” on flap, scarce magenta “HALIFAX/SHIP LRE” two-line handstamp (Jephcott 136, MacDonald 235) and “HALIFAX/AUG 18 99” two-line datestamp (Jephcott 8, MacDonald 9) struck in transit on bottom flap, letter has minor split along interior fold but otherwise is in excellent condition

VERY FINE. A RARE AND DESIRABLE BENEDICT ARNOLD AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED WITH THE COVER BEARING THE SCARCE “HALIFAX/SHIP LRE” MARKING IN MAGENTA.



Benedict Arnold

Benedict Arnold (1741-1801) was a trusted General in the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War before defecting to the British in 1780. After the war he settled in New Brunswick, but ultimately left for London due to a number of bad business dealings and lawsuits. The addressee, Jonathan Bliss (1742-1822), was a lawyer and judge who bought a home owned by Arnold. Most of Arnold’s letter discusses business, but he mentions “the War on the Continent” and hope for defeating France.

The autograph letter with signature can be separated from the outer address sheet. Therefore, this should be valued as individual items for the postal history and historical autograph markets.....

..... (Website PDF of ALS) Estimate \$3,000-4,000



2140 front and back

2140 ☒ **Rare trio of Halifax, St. John and Fredericton two-line datestamps on cover from England**

(Bedford, England to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Aug. 3, 1799). Bold curved "BEDFORD" in arc handstamp, red London circular datestamp on folded letter datelined Aug. 3, 1799 to Fredericton, New Brunswick, manuscript "PPaid 1/8" for packet letter charge to Halifax, additionally rated "9d/N11 (+) 7 (=) 1N6" for delivery from Halifax to Fredericton, clear "HALIFAX/SEP 24 99" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 8, MacDonald 9), "St. John, N*B*/Oct.r 8 99" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13b) and "FREDERICTON NB:/OCTOBER, 10 1799" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 21) on backflaps, Fredericton datestamp affected by opening of wax seal, still Fine and exceptionally rare to find all three datestamps on a single cover—carried on the same transatlantic trip as the cover in lot 2141, and the Halifax and Fredericton markings are identical, St. John applied its datestamp on this cover, but not the one in lot 2141..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2141 ☒ **Attractive Halifax transit and Fredericton arrival datestamps from England**

(Beverley, England to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Aug. 6, 1799). Clearly struck "Beverly" circular handstamp and red London circular datestamp on folded cover to Fredericton, New Brunswick, manuscript "6d" and "1/8" for postage to Halifax and "11 (+) 7 (=) 1N6" for inland rate, neat "HALIFAX/SEP 24 99" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 8, MacDonald 9) in transit and "FREDERICTON NB:/OCTOBER, 10 1799" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 21) on arrival, Very Fine—carried on the same transatlantic trip as the cover in lot 2140, and the Halifax and Fredericton markings are identical, but St. John did not apply its datestamp on this cover..... Estimate \$400-500



2142 front and back

2143 front
and back

2145



2144

- 2142 ☒ **Unlisted Fredericton straightline from the Saunders correspondence**
(London to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Mar. 6, 1806). Folded letter datelined "New England Coffee House, 6th March 1806" from James Chalmers to John Saunders in Fredericton, New Brunswick, red "Paid Mar 6" circular datestamp and rated "For(warded) "9/N11", clear "FREDERICTON NB*" straight-line handstamp (unlisted in Jephcott) struck on arrival, Very Fine, both individuals were loyalists during the Revolutionary War, the addressee, John Saunders (1754-1834), went on to marry the daughter of Chalmers and become Chief Justice of New Brunswick..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2143 ☒ **Scarce forwarding endorsement on letter from England to Fredericton via New York**
(Chelsea, England to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Nov. 22, 1806). Folded letter datelined "Chelsea Nov. 22" and written on printed "Mrs. Kelly's School for Young Ladies" price list to Fredericton, New Brunswick, carried privately to New York with manuscript "New York 19 March 1807, Received and forwarded by for your moste humble servt Daniel McCormick", clearly struck "St. John. N*B*/March 24, 1807" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13b) struck in transit, minor splitting along folds, otherwise Fine, the forwarder, Daniel McCormick (ca. 1739-1834), was an Irish-born businessman, founding director of Bank of New York and partner in the Macomb's Purchase, which consisted of about one-tenth of the land of New York state..... Estimate \$300-400
- 2144 ☒ **The scarce shortened Fredericton two-line datestamp**
(Camberwell Grove [London], England to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Jun. 5, 1811). Red "Paid 5 JU 5" circular datestamp on folded letter to Fredericton, New Brunswick, rated "2/-" for packet charge, clear "HALIFAX/JUL 27" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 9, MacDonald 10) struck across fold in transit and "FRED,N; N;B;6 AUGUST 1811" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 23) struck on arrival, Very Fine and scarce Fredericton marking..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2145 ☒ **Letter from England toward the end of War of 1812**
(Bristol, England to St. John, New Brunswick, Dec. 8, 1814). "Bath 9 DE 1814" datestamp with additional strike on back of folded letter to St. John, New Brunswick, manuscript "By Deceb Packet" directive at bottom left, rated "p 2/1" as fully paid packet to Halifax and 10p inland rate, "Halifax MR 13 1815" circular datestamp with holes (Jephcott 24, MacDonald 11) in transit, Very Fine, sent by packet *Osborne*, which was attacked by privateers on its crossing of the Atlantic despite the Treaty of Ghent having been signed on Dec. 24, 1814, ex "Skywalk"..... Estimate \$300-400



2146 front and back

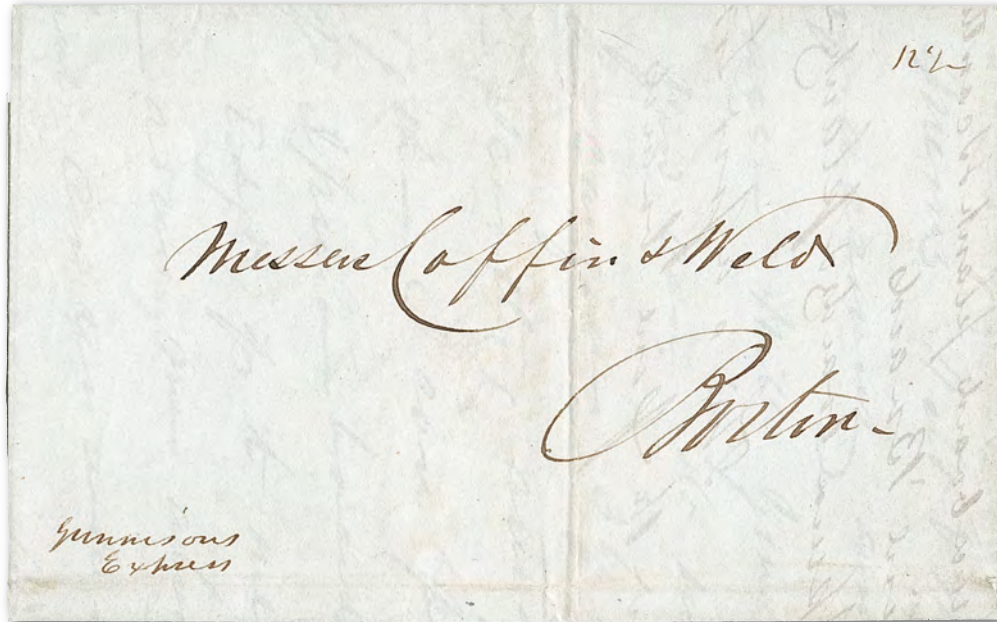
- 2146 ☒ **Rare Homes & Bass Boston forwarding agent and manuscript “Ship” marking**
(London, England to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Feb. 11, 1820). Folded letter datelined in London on Feb. 11, 1820 and addressed to Fredericton, New Brunswick, carried privately to Boston with manuscript “*Rec'd & forwarded by your obt. servant Homes & Bass*” (date partially missing from seal removal), faint but clear “St. John AP 7 20” circular datestamp with fleuron (Jephcott 26) struck in transit with manuscript “*Ship*” and rated “8” for 2p ship and 6p inland fee, Very Fine, the manuscript “Ship” marking was necessary because the “Ship-letter” handstamp became worn (Jephcott 140), reported to be unique, ex Smith..... Estimate \$300-400



2147

- 2147 ☒ **Remarkable use of an Ocean Penny Postage propaganda cover from Scotland to New Brunswick**
(Aberdeen, Scotland to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Jul. 10, 1849). Clearly struck “Aberdeen JY 10 1849” circular datestamp on cover to Fredericton, New Brunswick with “**Britain! From thee the World Expects an Ocean Penny Postage**” illustrated propaganda design, State 3 of James Valentine’s design, rated “1/2” and crossed out with “1/-” charged, Liverpool transit and Fredericton Jul. 26 arrival backstamp, Fine and rare use to British North America, interestingly re-rated due to rate change effective Apr. 15, 1849, ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500

NEW BRUNSWICK MAIL TO AND FROM UNITED STATES
Mail from New Brunswick to United States



2148

2148 ☒ **Rare Gunnison's Express cover from St. John, New Brunswick, to Boston**

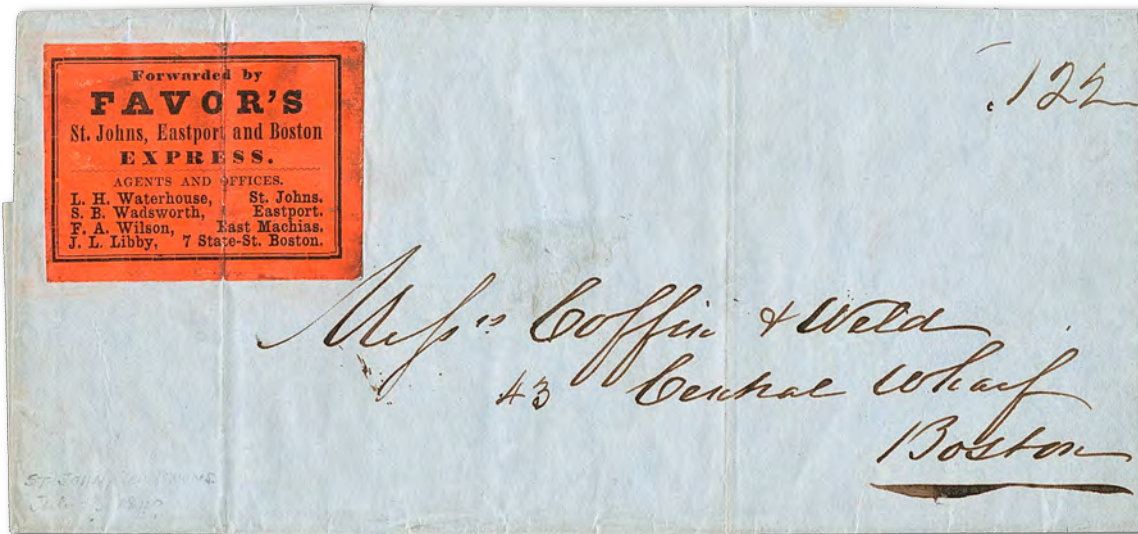
(St. John, New Brunswick to Boston Mass., Jun. 7, 1844). Folded letter datelined St. John Jun. 7, 1844 and addressed to Boston Mass., manuscript "*Gunnison's Express*" at bottom left and rated "12½", Very Fine, a rare express company cover, Joseph G. Gunnison's express operated between Boston, Calais and Eastport Me., and St. John N.B., this particular marking shown in *The Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1754-1867* by Jephcott, Greene and Young (p. 213), ex "Maritimus" Estimate \$750-1,000



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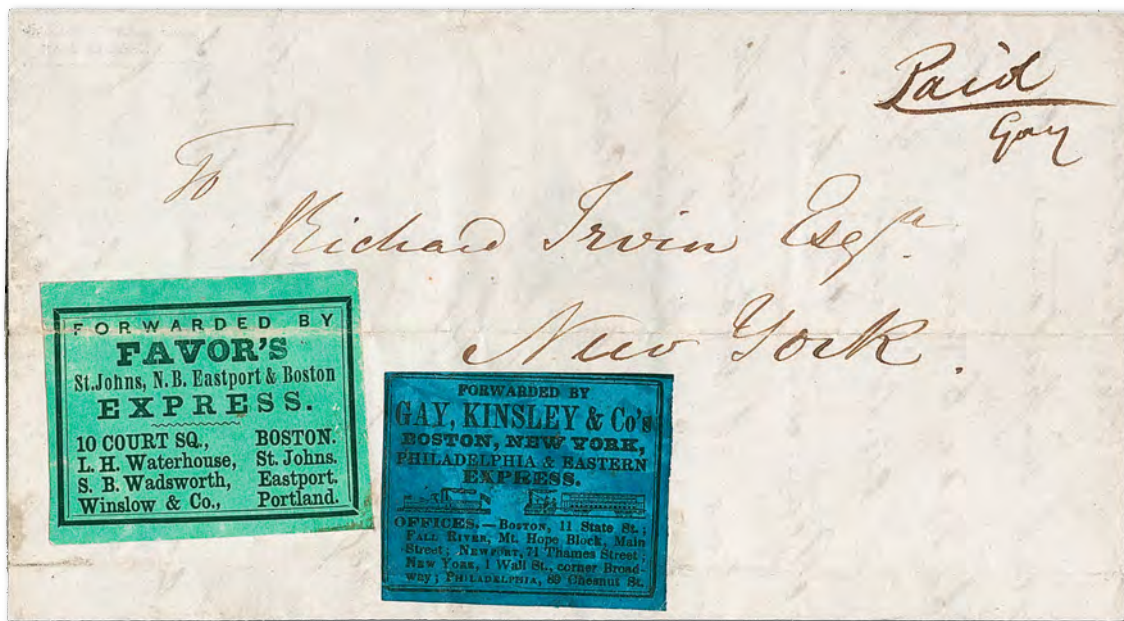
2149 ☒ **Scarce "Way Office Little Falls" manuscript marking to Maine**

(Mouth Big B River, New Brunswick to Houlton Me., Oct. 14, 1845). Attractive folded letter datelined "Mouth Big B. River, Oct. 14th 45" and addressed to Houlton Me., manuscript "*Paid, Way Office, Little Falls, 15 Oct. 1845*" in circle, entered mails with red "Madawaska, New Brunswick" circular handstamp and "15 Oct. 45" date, matching "Madawaska Paid" handstamp with "9" rate, letter states "we have a weekly mail to Fish River by way of Woodstock...", file fold thru one strike, Very Fine, ex "Maritimus" Estimate \$500-750



2150

- 2150 ☒ **Orange "Favor's Express" label on cover to Boston used during the first year of operation**
 (St. John, New Brunswick to Boston Mass., Jul. 23, 1849). Folded letter datelined "Saint John, July 23, 1849" and addressed to Boston Mass., "Forwarded by Favor's Express, St. Johns, Eastport and Boston" black on orange label affixed at top left and rated "12½", two file folds, one which crosses label, still Fine and scarce, used during the first year of Hiram Favor's service, ex Carr and "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2151

- 2151 ☒ **Rare and attractive Favor's and Gay, Kinsley & Co. conjunctive express use to New York**
 (St. John, New Brunswick to New York, Jan. 13, 1851). Folded letter datelined "St. John N.B., 13th Jan. 1851" and addressed to New York, with "Forwarded by Favor's Express, St. Johns, Eastport & Boston" black on green label and "Forwarded by Gay, Kinsley & Co's Boston, New York, Philadelphia & Eastern Express" black on blue label at bottom left, manuscript "Paid Gay", horizontal file fold thru Favor's label

FINE AND RARE FAVOR'S AND GAY, KINSLEY & CO. CONJUNCTIVE EXPRESS USE FROM NEW BRUNSWICK TO NEW YORK VIA BOSTON. AN IMPORTANT CROSS-BORDER EXPRESS COVER.

Illustrated in *The Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1754-1867* by Jephcott, Greene and Young (p. 219). Ex Carr and "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

Mail from United States to New Brunswick

- 2152 ☒ **Late use of the rare "HALIFAX/SHIP LRE" handstamp on a cover from Boston**

(Boston Mass. to St. John, Nova Scotia, Jun. 27, 1799). Folded letter datelined "Boston 27th June 1799" and addressed to Ward Chipman in St. John, Nova Scotia, clearly struck "HALIFAX/SHIP LRE" two-line handstamp (Jephcott 136, MacDonald 235), "HALIFAX/JUL 5 99" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 8, MacDonald 9, with portion of outer rim), rated "10d", file fold thru datestamp, Very Fine and scarce combination of markings, the "HALIFAX/SHIP LRE" was used in 1792-99 while the datestamp was first used in 1799, the addressee Ward Chipman (1754-1824) was a proponent of the Nova Scotia partition for the creation of New Brunswick in 1784, ex de Volpi and Clark...

..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2152



2153

- 2153 ☒ **The distinctive Favor's Express negative red circle handstamp**

(New York City to Sackville, New Brunswick, Nov. 21, 1853). Folded letter datelined "New York 21st Nov. 1853" and addressed to Sackville, New Brunswick, perfect strike of red "Favor's Express" negative handstamp (Jephcott 182) on top flap, "Express Mail Boston Nov. 22" circular datestamp and "United States" circular cross-border handstamp, "10" paid and "6" collect handstamps, St. John transit datestamp on top flap, couple file folds and minor staining at age spots at bottom, otherwise Very Fine and scarce Favor's marking, particularly with a strike as clear as this, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500

NEW BRUNSWICK MAIL TO AND FROM OTHER COUNTRIES



2154

2154 ✉ **Incredibly rare incoming New Brunswick cover from Dominica**

(Dominica to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Jul. 25, 1788). Folded letter datelined "Dominica 25th July 1788" and addressed to Fredericton, New Brunswick, carried privately to Halifax with "Halifax N. Scotia AU 25" split-circle datestamp (Jephcott 10a, MacDonald 4a) and rated "N10" collect at top, missing small pieces of flap from wax removal, still Very Fine and rare incoming letter from Dominica.... Estimate \$300-400

2155 ✉ **Remarkable letter from the Ottoman Empire and posted in England**

(Marmaris Bay, Ottoman Empire to St. John, New Brunswick, Feb. 15, 1801). Folded letter datelined "Marmorice Bay, Natolia, 15 Feby 1801" and addressed to Lieut. Col. Beverley Robinson, St. John, New Brunswick, light "Beverly" circular handstamp and red London Paid Jun. 3, 1801 boxed datestamp, bold strike of "HALIFAX/JUL. 9 801" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 8, MacDonald 9) in transit, rated "2/-" to Halifax and "9d" to St. John, Very Fine, an unusual origin for an incoming letter to New Brunswick..... Estimate \$500-750



2155

2156 ☒ **Amazing incoming folded letter to St. John from British forces in Egypt during Napoleonic War**

(Camp before Alexandria, Egypt to St. John, New Brunswick, Jul. 27, 1801). Folded letter with "Camp before Alexandria in Egypt—27th July 1801" filing note and addressed to Lieut. Col. Beverley Robinson (Jr.), St. John, New Brunswick, carried privately to London with **forwarder's notation** on bottom flap dated Dec. 4, 1801, red London "Paid Dec. 4, 1801" circular datestamp, neat "HALIFAX/MAR 15 802" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 8, MacDonald 9) in transit and "St. John, N*B*/March 28, 1802" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13) on arrival, each affected by wax seal removal, the latter struck over the flap, rated "3/8" to Halifax and "1N6 (+) For'd 4 (=) 1N10" collect for internal delivery, small parts of top flap missing, otherwise Fine, a remarkable incoming letter from Egypt to New Brunswick, written shortly before the the Siege of Alexandria in August-September 1801, which resulted in the defeat of the French forces in Egypt, this letter arrived on the same ship as lot 2157..
..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



2156



2157 front and back

2157 ☒ **Incoming folded letter from British forces in Egypt to St. John, New Brunswick**

(Camp before Alexandria, Egypt to St. John, New Brunswick, Aug. 6, 1801). Folded letter dated "Camp before Alexandria in Egypt, 6th August 1801" and addressed to Mrs. Col. Beverley Robinson (Jr.), St. John, New Brunswick, carried privately to London with **forwarder notation** across flap dated Dec. 4, 1801, red London "Paid Dec. 4, 1801" circular datestamp, neat "HALIFAX/MAR 15 802" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 8, MacDonald 9) in transit and "St. John, N*B*/March 28, 1802" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13) struck over flap on arrival, rated "1/6" to Halifax and "9d (+) For'd 2 (=) N11" collect for internal delivery, Very Fine, a remarkable incoming letter from Egypt to New Brunswick, written shortly before the the Siege of Alexandria in August-September 1801, which resulted in the defeat of the French forces in Egypt, this letter arrived on the same ship as lot 2156..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



2158 ☒ **Incoming folded letter from Spanish Town, Jamaica to Fredericton**

(Spanish Town, Jamaica to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Feb. 12, 1810). Folded letter datelined "Spanish Town, Jamaica 12th February 1810" and addressed to Fredericton, New Brunswick, carried privately to St. John with forwarder marking on bottom flap, faint but clear "St. John N*B*/April 12, 1810" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13a) struck in transit and "FREDE*N: N;B, 25 APRIL 1810" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 23a) struck on arrival, rated "N7" collect from St. John to Fredericton plus ship fee, small tear on top flap extends into Fredericton datestamp, still Very Fine and scarce origin for an incoming cover..... Estimate \$400-500

2159 ☒ **Lengthy folded letter from Malta to St. John**

(Malta to St. John, New Brunswick, Dec. 28, 1826). Folded letter datelined "Malta December 28th, 1826" and addressed to St. John, New Brunswick, clear "12FE12, 1827" despatch datestamp on top flap, clear "Halifax AP 14, 1827" circular datestamp with dots (Jephcott 24, MacDonald 11) in transit, rated "2/2" and "Packet 2N5 (+) 9 (=) 3N2" collect, Fine and scarce folded letter from Malta..... Estimate \$300-400

2160 ☒ **"RETURNED FOR POSTAGE" handstamp used at Sackville N.B. on cover to Norway**

(Richibucto, New Brunswick to Grimstad, Norway, Aug. 22, 1859). Clearly struck "Richibucto N.B. AU 22 1859" circular datestamp on top flap of folded cover to Grimstad, Norway, Bend of Petitcodiac Aug. 23 and Sackville Aug. 24 transit datestamps, red "RETURNED FOR POSTAGE" handstamp with manuscript "2/4" for required postage, Very Fine, this handstamp was previously only known used from St. John, it was applied because prepayment for closed mails was mandatory, ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$400-500

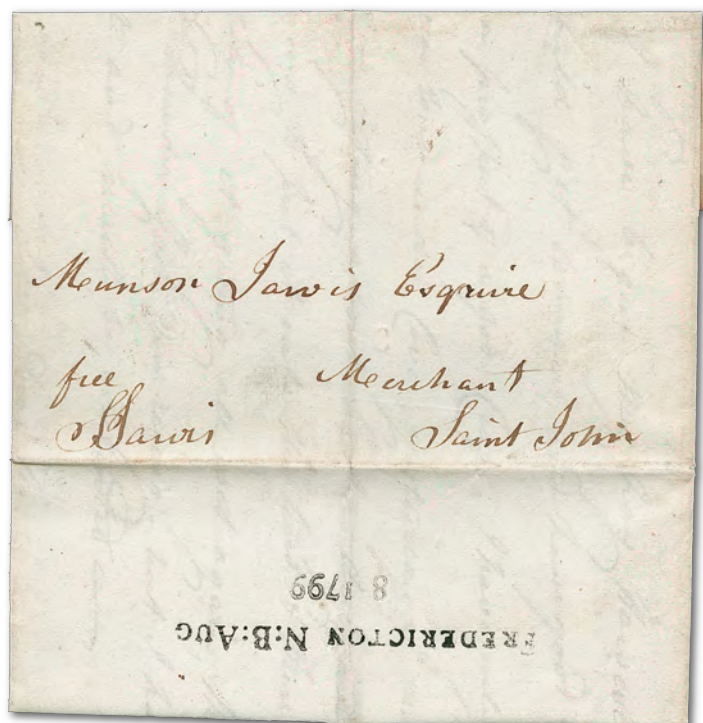
NEW BRUNSWICK POSTAL MARKINGS

- 2161 ☒ **Rare Bathurst double-circle with manuscript date**

(Bathurst to Fredericton, Feb. 27, 1832). Well-struck "Post Office Bathurst" double-circle with manuscript "27 Febr. 32" date on folded letter to Fredericton, manuscript "*Free B. Dawson P.M.*" at bottom left, file fold and small stray ink mark, neither affecting handstamp, Very Fine, this rare marking is known used in only one year (1832), ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$400-500



2161



- 2162 ☒ **Perfect strike of early Fredericton two-line datestamp**

(Fredericton to St. John, Aug. 8, 1799). Bold strike of "FREDERICTON N:B: AUG/8, 1799" two-line datestamp (unlisted in Jephcott in this orientation) on bottom flap of folded letter to St. John, manuscript "*free J. Jarvis*", small piece of interior page missing at top affecting part of date-line, mild file fold thru datestamp

EXTREMELY FINE STRIKE OF THIS EARLY AND RARE FREDERICTON TWO-LINE DATESTAMP.

Ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

2162

- 2163 ☒ **A cover that traveled between three Maritime provinces**

(Fredericton to Prince Edward Island, Jan. 10, 1800). Folded letter datelined "*Fredericton, New Brunswick, 10th Jan. 1800*" with "FREDERICTON NB/FEBRUARY 24, 1800" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 21) over flap, addressed to "*Thomas Wright Esq., Surveyor General of the Island Prince Edouard*", manuscript "*On His Majesty's Service*" and rated "*1s/11d*", "HALIFAX/MAR. 7 1800" transit datestamp affected by opening seal, Fine, an interesting cover that traveled between three Maritime provinces, the addressee, Thomas Wright (ca. 1740-1812), was an astronomer and surveyor who dedicated over 50 years to mapping the Atlantic shores, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$300-400



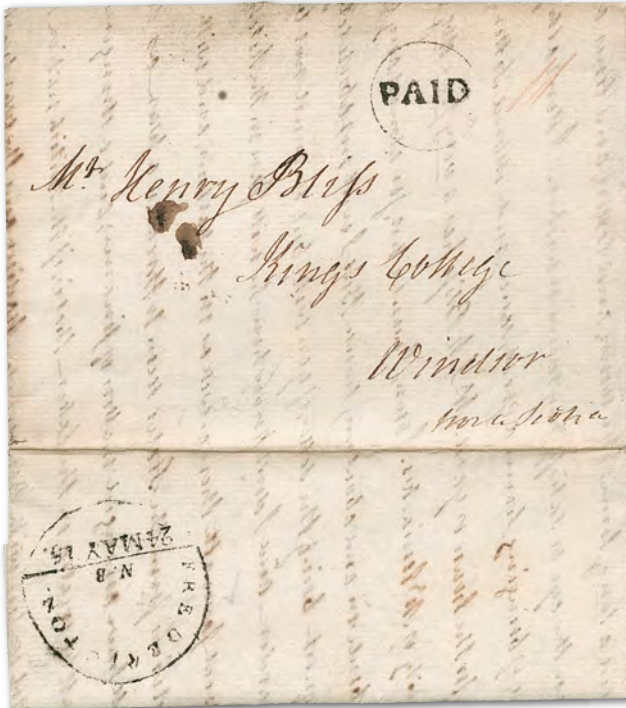
2163 back

2164 ☒ **Bold two-part Fredericton two-line datestamp**

(Fredericton to St. John, Feb. 15, 1802). Well-struck "FREDERICTON NB" and "FEBRUARY 16 1802" straightline handstamps on top and bottom flaps of folded letter to St. John, manuscript "*free J. Jarvis*" at bottom left, Very Fine, similar to Jephcott 21 but with the two lines detached, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$400-500



2164 back



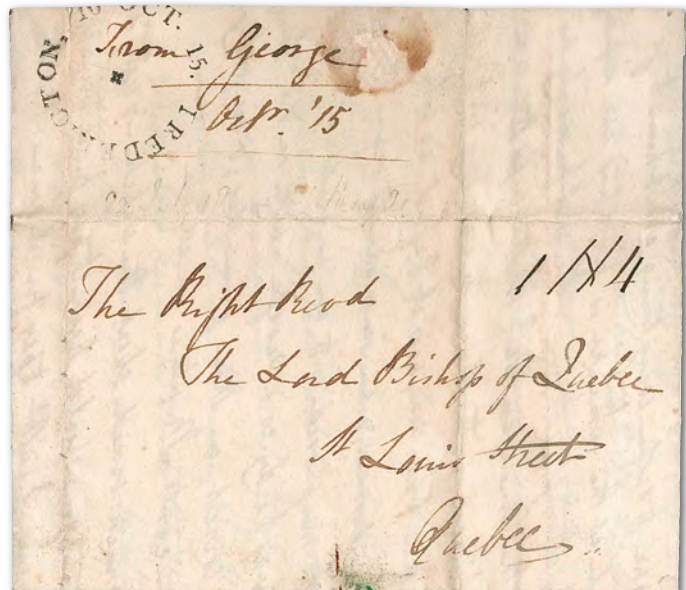
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2165 ☒ **Excellent strike of the distinctive large Fredericton circular datestamp known used in 1815 only**

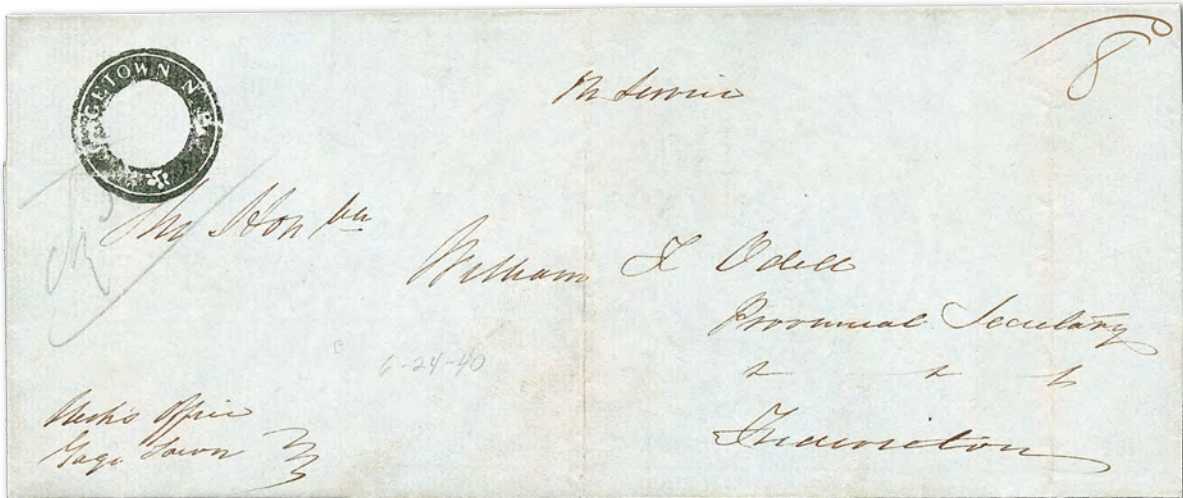
(Fredericton to Windsor, Nova Scotia, May 24, 1815). Bold strike of the large "Fredericton N.B. 24 May 15" large circular datestamp (Jephcott 28) with matching "PAID" in circle handstamp on folded letter from Jonathan Bliss to his son at Kings College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, rated "11" in red, Very Fine, an attractive inter-provincial cover, rare datestamp which is known used in 1815 only, the sender, Jonathan Bliss (1742-1822), was a well-known lawyer and judge in New Brunswick, illustrated in *The Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1754-1867* by Jephcott, Greene and Young (p. 49), ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500

2166 ☒ **Fredericton circular datestamp with star in center unrecorded by Jephcott**

(Fredericton to Quebec, Oct. 2, 1815). Clear strike (slightly over fold) of "Fredericton 10 Oct. 15" circular datestamp with star in center (unrecorded by Jephcott) on folded letter datelined on Oct. 2 from George Mountain to his father Jacob Mountain in Quebec, rated "IN4", file fold thru datestamp, Fine, this handstamp is not recorded by Jephcott, Jacob Mountain (1749-1825) was an English priest and first Anglican Bishop of Quebec, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$300-400



2166



2167

2167 ☒ **The finest of the three recorded Gagetown intaglio handstamps**

(Gagetown to Fredericton, Jun. 24, 1840). Folded letter internally dated Jun. 24, 1840 with bold strike of “Gagetown N.S.” with star intaglio handstamp, addressed to Fredericton with “On Service” at top and rated “8d”, three minor file folds, one which lightly crosses handstamp

VERY FINE AND THE FINEST STRIKE OF THIS IMMENSELY RARE GAGETOWN INTAGLIO HANDSTAMP. ONLY THREE EXAMPLES ARE KNOWN IN PRIVATE HANDS.

The other two examples (1840, ex Sanderson, and 1841, ex Saint) show far more wear than the example offered here.

Ex Glassco, Greene, Jephcott and “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000



2168

2168 ☒ **The finer of the two known examples of the Liverpool straightline handstamp**

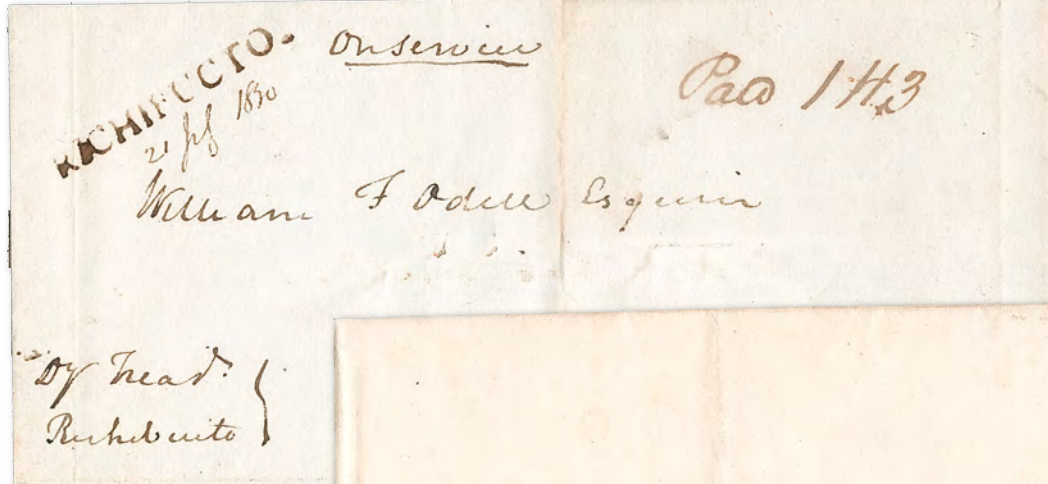
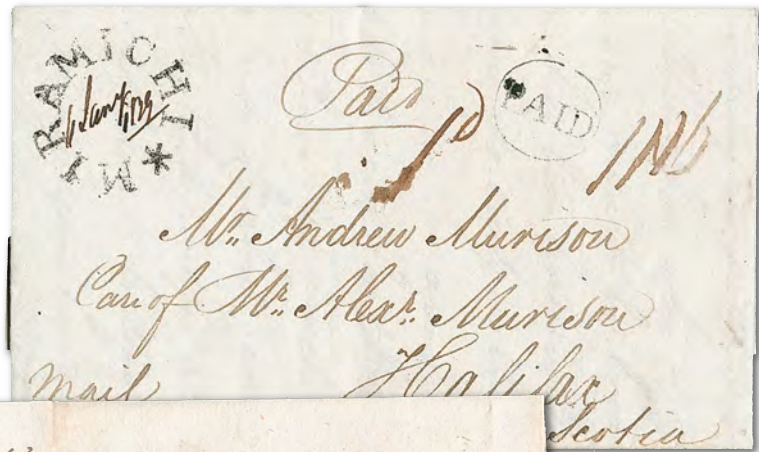
(Liverpool, New Brunswick, to Fredericton, ca. 1832-33). Bold strike of “LIVERPOOL * NB” straightline handstamp and matching “PAID” in circle handstamp on folded cover to Fredericton, New Brunswick, rated “1N3” at top right, lightly toned vertical file fold thru handstamp

VERY FINE STRIKE OF THIS MAJOR NEW BRUNSWICK STRAIGHTLINE RARITY. THE FINER OF THE TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES.

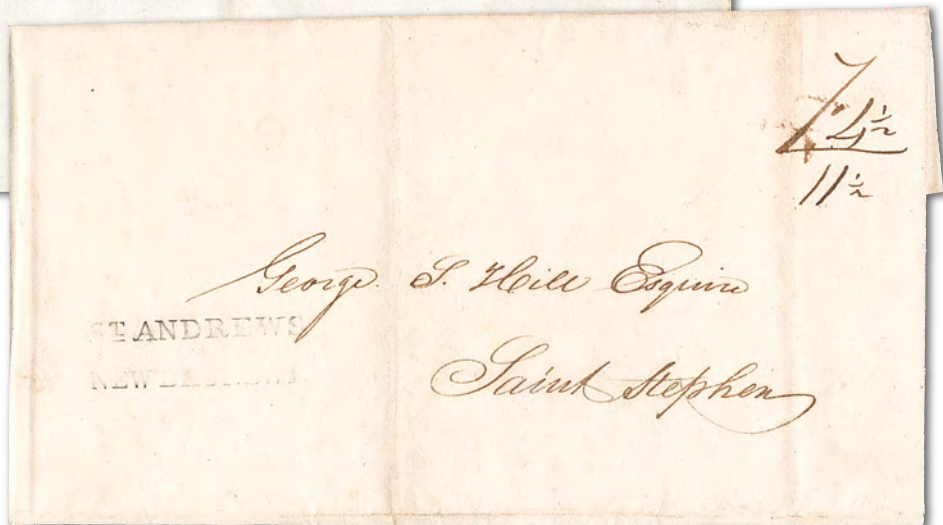
The other example (ex Young, Greene and Saint) is a slightly fainter strike. Liverpool, New Brunswick, was a short lived post office—the name was changed back to Richibucto in 1833. There was great confusion between having Liverpools in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Ex Glassco, Greene and “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

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- 2169 ☒ **Pretty strike of large rimless Miramichi circular handstamp with star**
(Miramichi to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 29, 1828). Neat strike of large “Miramichi” circular handstamp with star with manuscript “11 Jany 1829” date and “PAID” in circle on folded letter datelined Dec. 29, 1828 to Halifax, Nova Scotia, rated “1N6” plus “Paid 1d” local delivery, Very Fine and quite scarce, known examples dated 1828-34, ex “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2170 ☒ **Very rare Richibucto straightline with manuscript date below**
(Richibucto to Fredericton, Jul. 21, 1830). Neat strike of “RICHIBUCTO” straightline (Jephcott 38) and manuscript “21 Juy 1830” below on folded cover to Fredericton, manuscript “On Service” at top and rated “Paid 1N3”, cover with part of address removed and vertical file fold away from handstamp, Very Fine strike, a rare handstamp in use 1826-31, rated R.F. 10 by Jephcott (highest rarity possible)..... Estimate \$500-750
- 2171 ☒ **Scarce St. Andrews, New Brunswick two-line handstamp**
(St. John to St. Stephen, Oct. 17, 1828). Folded letter datelined in St. John on Oct. 17, 1828 with “ST. ANDREWS/NEW BRUNSWICK” two-line handstamp (Jephcott 39) and addressed to St. Stephen, “St. John” backstamp and rated “7 (+) 4 1/2 (=) 11 1/2” at top right, Fine and scarce, this handstamp was in use 1827-34..... Estimate \$200-300

LOT 2172 ☒

The exceptionally rare “CITY St. JOHN/N. BRUNSWICK” boxed handstamp



2172

(Unknown origin to Shelbourne, Nova Scotia, Feb. 17, 1786). Folded cover carried privately with “Feb 17th 86” filing date and addressed to Shelburne, Nova Scotia, entered mails with “CITY St. JOHN/N. BRUNSWICK” boxed handstamp (Jephcott 11) and rated “Sh - 1d (+) 4 (=) N5” collect, manuscript “Honord by Mr. Bliss” favor notation, overall soiling and missing top flap

FINE STRIKE OF THIS VERY RARE AND EARLY ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK HANDSTAMP. FEW ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST IN PRIVATE HANDS.

Jephcott records this handstamp in two years (1785-86). Ex Jephcott and Greene..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



View of the City of St. John, New Brunswick

Peter Winkworth Collection of Canadiana



- 2173 ☒ **Scarce example of the first type of St. John circular datestamp**
(Unknown origin to New Brunswick, Mar. 6, 1788). Folded cover carried privately with “6th March 88” filing date and addressed to “New Brunswick”, “**St. John N.B. MA 21**” first-type double-circle datestamp (Jephcott 19) struck over flap and rated “*INI*”, cover with minor flap faults, Very Fine strike of this scarce first-type circle, recorded used only in 1788..... Estimate \$300-400
- 2174 ☒ **Wonderful strike of the rare St. John two-line datestamp**
(St. John to Fredericton, Jul. 17, 1793). Boldly struck “**ST. JOHN N:B/JUL 18 93**” two-line datestamp (Jephcott 12) on bottom flap of folded letter to Fredericton, red manuscript “7” rate, Extremely Fine strike, this marking is recorded used 1792-95, the addressee, Jonathan Bliss (1742-1822), was a well-known lawyer and judge in New Brunswick..... Estimate \$750-1,000
- 2175 ☒ **Excellent strike of the rare St. John two-line datestamp**
(St. John to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jul. 31, 1793). Bold strike of “**ST. JOHN N:B/JUL 31 93**” two-line datestamp (Jephcott 12) on bottom flap of folded letter from Jonathan Bliss to Sampson Slater Blowers in Halifax, Nova Scotia, red manuscript rate “*N9 (+) 1 (=) 10*”, Very Fine strike, this marking is recorded used 1792-95, the sender, Jonathan Bliss (1742-1822), was a well-known lawyer and judge in New Brunswick, the addressee, Sampson Salter Blowers (1742-1842), was at this point the Attorney General for Nova Scotia and is known for his efforts in ending slavery in Nova Scotia, ex “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$500-750

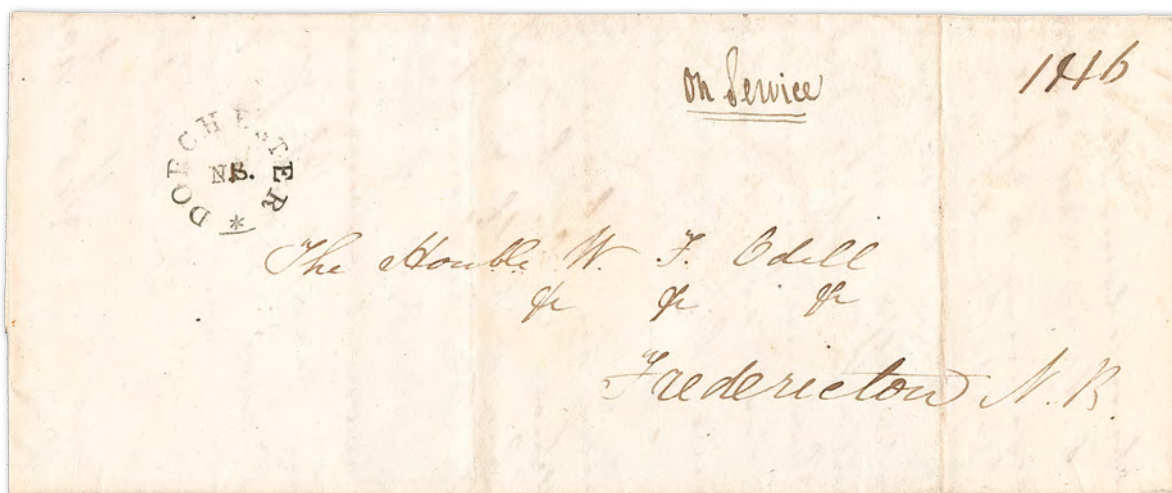


2176 ☒ **Scarce “MONEY-LETTER” handstamp on cover from Woodstock**

(Woodstock to Fredericton, Jul. 8, 1843). Clearly struck red “Woodstock N.B. JU 8 1843” circular datestamp and matching “MONEY-LETTER” straightline handstamp on folded cover to Fredericton, manuscript “Money Letter £2-10-” at bottom left and rated “1N9”, Fredericton arrival backstamp, Very Fine, ex “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$400-500

2177 ☒ **Four manuscript town markings from Dalhousie, Dorchester and St. Andrews**

Manuscript Town Markings, 1824-37. Four folded letters, including 1837 Dalhousie to Quebec, sent free by postmaster with Fredericton transit backstamp, 1833 Dorchester to Fredericton with “Paid” in circle handstamp, and 1824 and 1827 St. Andrews to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia with St. John and Halifax transit datestamps, both sent free by postmaster (one with 1983 Greene certificate), Fine-Very Fine, first two and 1827 St. Andrews are ex “Maritimus”..... **(Photo Ex)** Estimate \$750-1,000



2178EX

2178 ☒ **Trio of scarce star circular town handstamps of Dorchester, St. George and Sussex Vale**

Circle with Star Handstamps, 1834-39. Three folded covers, including 1834 Dorchester “On Service” cover with “N.S.” changed to “N.B.” (located on the border of these provinces) to Fredericton, 1839 St. George on cover to Fredericton (unrecorded by Jephcott, with 1980 Greene certificate) and 1834 Sussex Vale on cover to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Fine-Very Fine strikes on attractive covers, ex “Maritimus”..... **(Photo Ex)** Estimate \$750-1,000

NEW BRUNSWICK SHIP LETTER MARKINGS

See lot 2146 for manuscript marking



- 2179 ☒ **Well-struck St. John two-line datestamp and “Ship Letter” straightline**

(New York to St. John, New Brunswick, Apr. 27, 1802). Clearly struck “St. John, N*B*/May 3 1802” two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13b) on bottom flap of folded cover datelined in New York on Apr. 27, 1802, addressed to St. John, faint but readable “Ship-letter” straightline (Jephcott 140), rated “N8” at top right, Very Fine..... Estimate \$300-400

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- 2180 ☒ **Absolutely superb strikes of the St. John two-line datestamp and “Ship-letter” straightline**

(St. John to Fredericton, Jun. 1, 1803). Bold strike of “St. John, N*B*/June 16, 1803” two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13b) and “Ship-letter” straightline (Jephcott 140) on folded cover (end of letter but missing interior pages) from Hugh Mackay to Edward Winslow in Fredericton, sent fully paid with red “N8” and red “Paid” handstamp, cover with splitting along folds and some faults due to wax seal, otherwise Extremely Fine strikes, Hugh Mackay (ca 1751-1848) and Edward Winslow (1746/47-1815) were both New Brunswick judges and served as Loyalists in the Revolutionary War..... Estimate \$750-1,000

- 2181 ☒ **Well-struck “Ship-letter” straightline of St. John, New Brunswick**

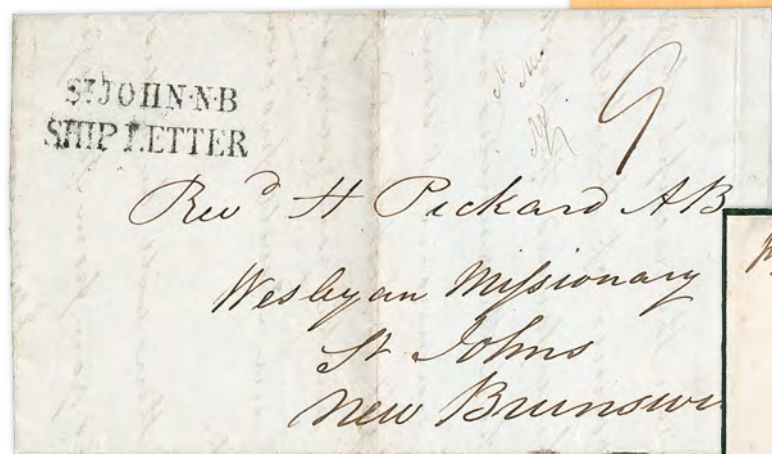
(New York to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Aug. 2, 1806). Folded letter datelined in New York on Aug. 2, 1806 and sent to Fredericton, New Brunswick, rated “N8” at top right, clear strike of “St. John, N*B*/August 23, 1806” two-line datestamp (Jephcott 13b) and bold “Ship-letter” straightline (Jephcott 140), minor wear along edges, otherwise Very Fine strike of this scarce Ship Letter marking..... Estimate \$400-500



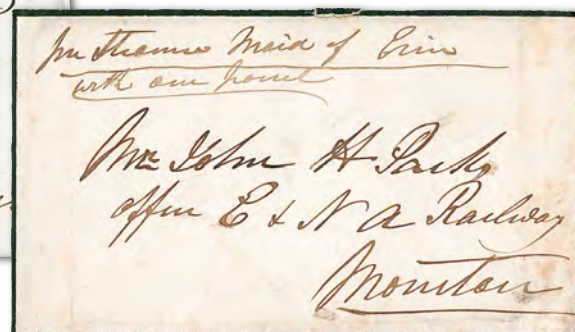
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- 2182 ☒ **Scarce St. John Ship Letter crown handstamp**
(Boston Mass. to St. John, New Brunswick, May 22, 1841). Folded letter datelined in New York on May 22, 1841 and sent to St. John, New Brunswick, rated "4½", faint but clear "Ship Letter St. John N.B." crown oval handstamp, some minor splitting along folds, otherwise Fine and scarce.... Estimate \$300-400
- 2183 ☒ **Rare "MIRAMICHI N.B./SHIP LETTER" handstamp on cover to Chatham**
(Quebec to Chatham, New Brunswick, ca. 1840s). Clear strike of "MIRAMICHI N.B./SHIP LETTER" two-line handstamp (Jephcott 158) applied in transit on buff embossed Quebec merchant corner cover to Chatham, New Brunswick, "5 Cents" handstamp, cover missing part of backflap, still Very Fine and rare marking, Jephcott gives a rarity rating of "R.F. 10" (highest possible)..... Estimate \$750-1,000
- 2184 ☒ **Scarce "ST. JOHN NB/SHIP LETTER" handstamp on cover from London**
(London, England to St. John, New Brunswick, Apr. 20, 1843). Folded letter datelined in London on Apr. 20, 1843 and addressed to St. John, New Brunswick, carried privately and entered mails in St. John with "ST. JOHN NB/SHIP LETTER" two-line handstamp (Jephcott 159) and Jul. 1 arrival backstamp, rated "9", Very Fine, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2185 ☒ **Steamer Maid of Erin mourning cover carried across the Bay of Fundy**
(St. John to Moncton, Nov. 27, 1857). Petite mourning cover with manuscript "per Steamer Maid of Erin with one parcel" ship-name directive along top and addressed to Moncton, with original letter regarding a death, Very Fine, the Maid of Erin was one of two steamers that provided a twice-weekly service along the Bay of Fundy, the other was the Pilot, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$300-400

NEWFOUNDLAND



2186

2186 ☒ **Rare Robinson & Brooking, St. John, Newfoundland forwarder handstamp**

(New Brunswick to London, England, Jul. 21, 1827). Legal-size folded cover with manuscript "*Rev. G. Costar, July 21/27*" filing note and addressed to London, presumably sent from New Brunswick as Rev. George Costar was the Archdeacon of New Brunswick at this time, "**Forwarded by Robinson & Brooking, St. John, Nfld**" boxed handstamp (Rowe Rarity 6) struck across flap with manuscript "*Sept. 14/1827*", "**SHIP LETTER/LIVERPOOL**" handstamp and London Oct. 17, 1827 arrival datestamp on back, rated "*11/1*", cover with edgewear and tears, Fine strike of this rare Newfoundland forwarder's marking, less than a dozen examples are thought to exist..... Estimate \$500-750



2187

2187 ☒ **The finest of three recorded examples of the "HARBOR BRITAIN/SHIP-LETTER" handstamp**

(London, England to Harbor Britain, Newfoundland, Feb. 13, 1857). Blue folded letter datelined London Feb. 13, 1857 and addressed to Harbor Britain, Newfoundland, carried privately across the Atlantic and entered mails with bold strike of "**HARBOR BRITAIN/SHIP-LETTER**" two-line handstamp and "Harbor-Britain MR 28 1857" circular datestamp, fancy "3" pence due handstamp, lightly toned along file fold, cover with few trivial bleach marks

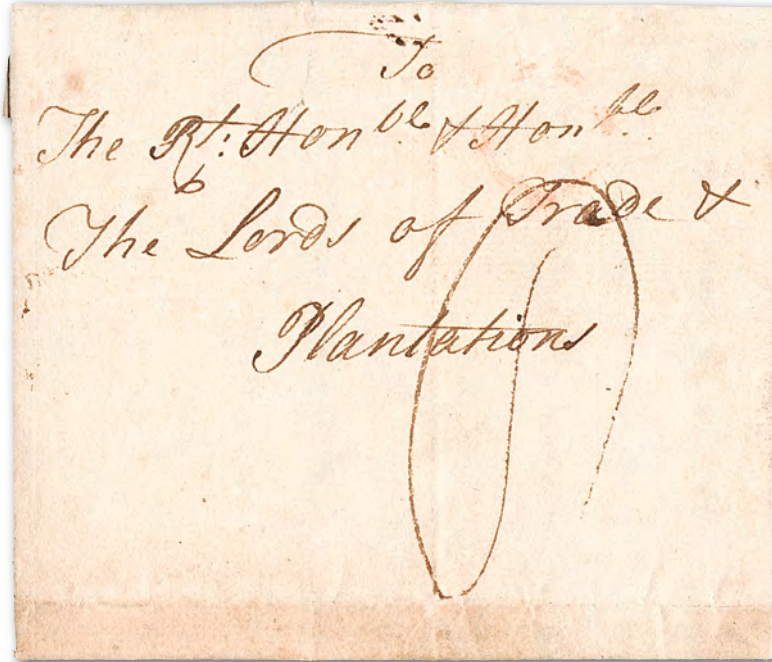
VERY FINE STRIKE OF THIS RARE "HARBOR BRITAIN/SHIP-LETTER" MARKING. THIS IS THE FINEST OF THE THREE RECORDED EXAMPLES AND A KEY ITEM FOR ANY COLLECTOR OF NEWFOUNDLAND OR MARITIME POSTAL HISTORY.

Ex Pratt and Steinhart..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000

NOVA SCOTIA MAIL TO AND FROM GREAT BRITAIN
Mail to Great Britain

LOT 2188 ☒

An early transatlantic folded letter from Col. Peregrine T. Hopson
as Governor of Nova Scotia to London



2188

(Halifax to London, England, Nov. 14, 1752). Folded letter datelined “Halifax Novem 14th 1752” from Col. Peregrine T. Hopson and addressed to “The Lords of Trade & Plantations” in London, England, rated “6” due, light strike of “B” handstamp of Bristol and “26/FE” Bishop mark on back, cover with small edge tear at top

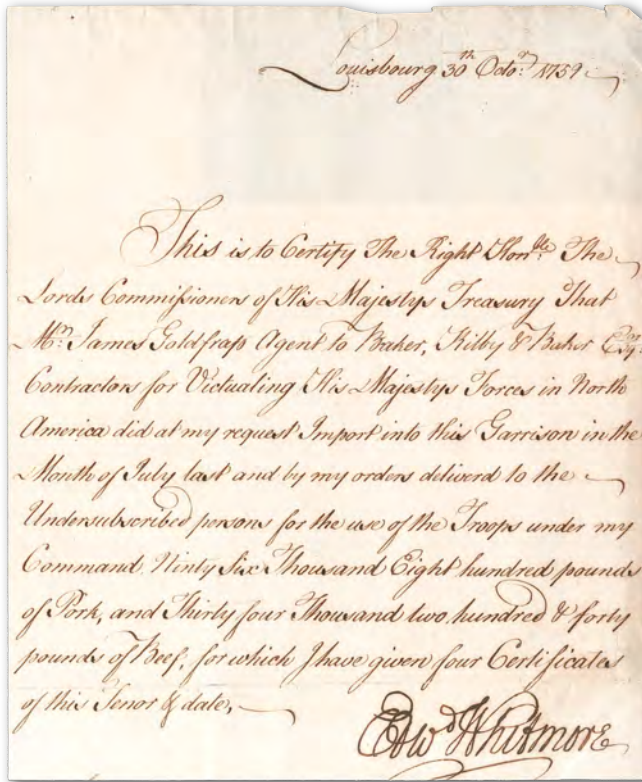
VERY FINE AND REMARKABLE EARLY LETTER TO LONDON FROM COLONEL PEREGRINE T. HOPSON AS THE GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA.



Col. Peregrine T. Hopson

Peregrine T. Hopson (1696-1759) was a British army officer who earned the rank of Major General. He first arrived in Louisbourg, Nova Scotia with reinforcements in 1746 during King George's War (War of Austrian Succession). He served as Commander of Louisbourg from 1747-49 before formally returning it to the French. At the time this letter was written, he was Governor of Nova Scotia and held this office until 1754. During the Seven Years' War, he was dispatched to the West Indies in the British quest to capture Martinique and Guadeloupe, where he ultimately died of disease in 1759.

Ex MacDonald and “Skywalk”..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000

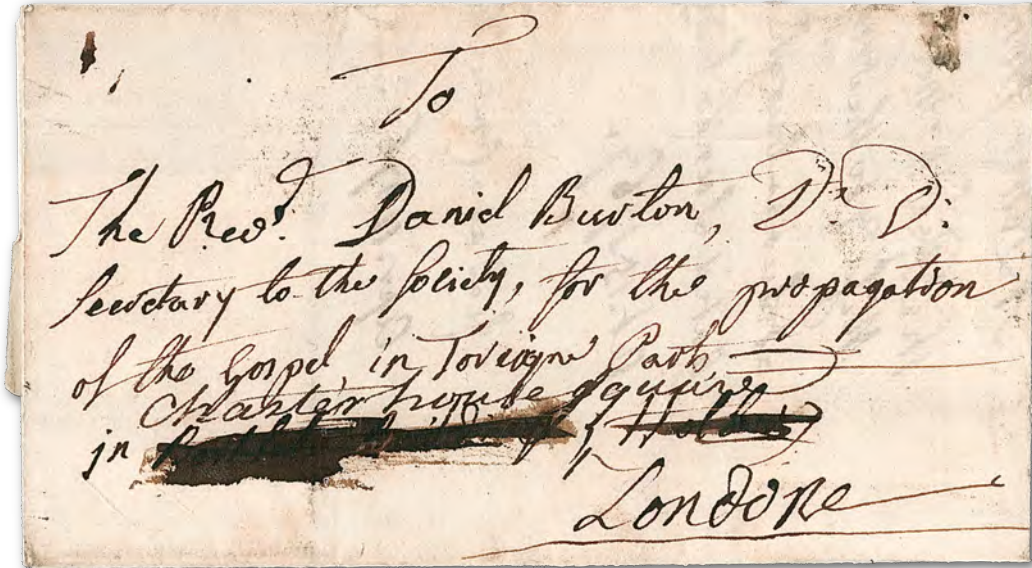


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Remarkable invoice signed by Brigadier General Edward Whitmore during Seven Years' War for meat purchase for troops

British Occupation of Louisbourg—1759 Invoice for Meat for Troops by Edward Whitmore. Invoice datelined "Louisbourg 30th Octo. 1759" for "Victualing His Majesty's Forces in North America...import into this Garrison...for the use of the Troops under my Command" a total of 96,800 lbs of pork and 34,240 lbs of beef, signed "Edwd Whitmore" at bottom and notation of receipt from Whitehall Treasury on Dec. 5, 1759, Very Fine and remarkable historical item, these troops were likely those who fought in the Battle of Quebec, which fell in Sep. 1759, Edward Whitmore (1691-1761) was a Brigadier General and saw action in Europe and North America, he was made military governor of Louisbourg after the siege of 1758, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500

2189



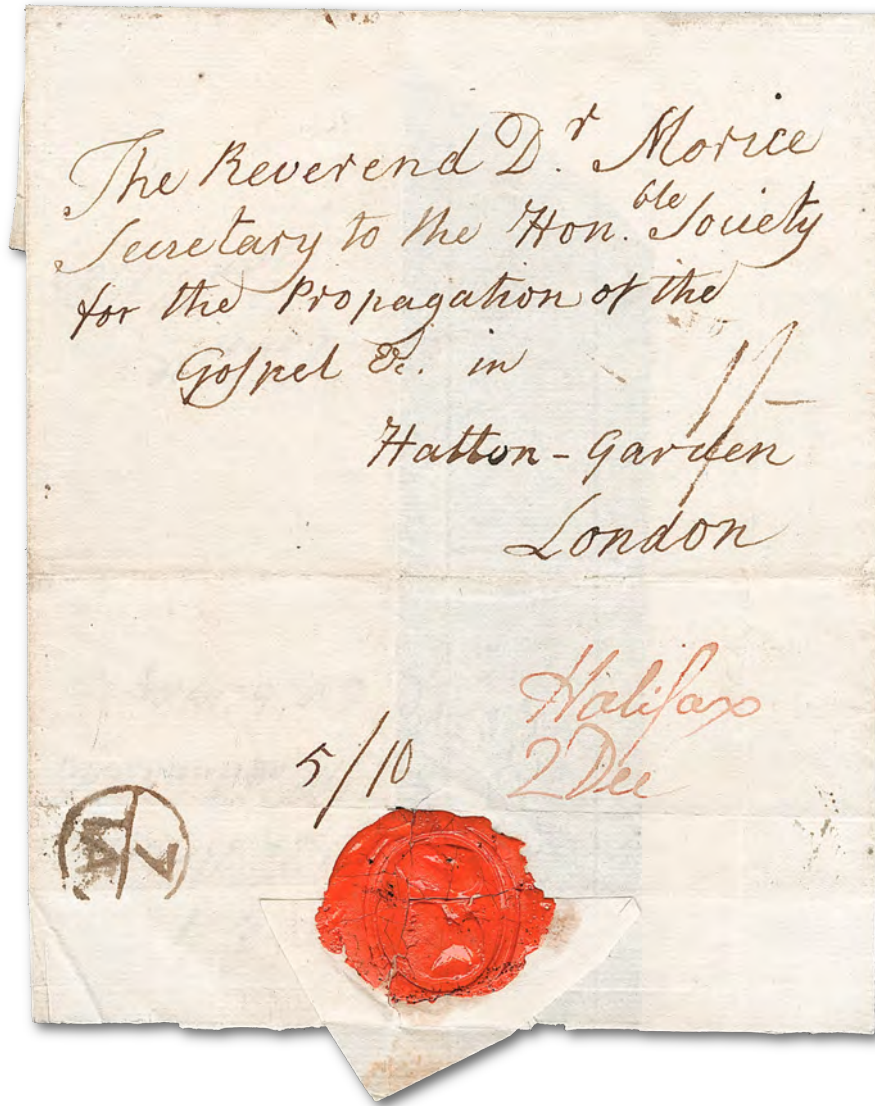
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2190 ✉ **Scarce and early Missionary mail from Rev. Jean-Baptiste Moreau in Nova Scotia**

(Lunenburg to London, England, Oct. 15, 1767). Folded cover with manuscript "A Letter from the Revd Moreau, Ministry to the French at Lunenburg, dated Lunenburg Oct. 15 1767" docketing on inside flap and addressed to "Secretary to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts" in London, carried privately to London with "Penny Post Paid" Dockwra triangle handstamp and "O'Clock 5" double-circle handstamp, some minor flap faults, still Fine and scarce early Missionary mail from Nova Scotia, Rev. Jean-Baptiste Moreau first arrived with Edward Cornwallis in 1749 to create the new town of Halifax, in 1753 he assisted in establishing Lunenburg, ex Mayer and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$400-500

LOT 2191 ☒

One of only three examples of Postmaster Joseph Peters's
"Halifax" manuscript provisional postmark



2191

(Halifax to London, England, 1784). Folded cover to London with red manuscript "Halifax 2 Dec" provisional postmark on bottom flap written by Joseph Peters, Deputy Postmaster General of Nova Scotia, rated "5/10" and "1/-", London "7/1A" Bishop mark struck on arrival

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE EARLY HALIFAX ITEM WITH POSTMASTER JOSEPH PETERS'S PROVISIONAL MANUSCRIPT MARKING. ONLY THREE EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED.

For years it was thought that only one example of this marking existed, as noted in *The Nova Scotia Post* by J. J. MacDonald. Nova Scotia collector Dr. Sandy Clark discovered two others, including the cover offered here. The three examples are dated "31 Aug" (ex Dr. Clark), "2 Dec" (the example offered here, ex Dr. Clark) and "5 Dec" (ex de Volpi, Glassco and Greene).

Ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000

LOT 2192 ☒

One of only two known strikes of the rare “AMERICAN INLAND/POSTAGE” handstamp, struck on a letter to London via the United States



2192

(Quebec to London, England, Nov. 15, 1794). Clear strike of “AMERICAN INLAND/POSTAGE” two-line boxed handstamp (Jephcott 323; MacDonald 288) on folded letter to Adam Lymburner in London, originated in Quebec with “Quebec 15th Nov. 1794” dateline, sender’s ship-name directive “p Bridget”, “Halifax N. Scotia, Mar. 6 95” split-circle datestamp (Jephcott 10; MacDonald 4b) struck in transit, manuscript “1/6” rate crossed out with “Packet Postage 1/” added and totaled to “2/6”, London “AP/20/95” arrival backstamp, slightly worn vertical file fold

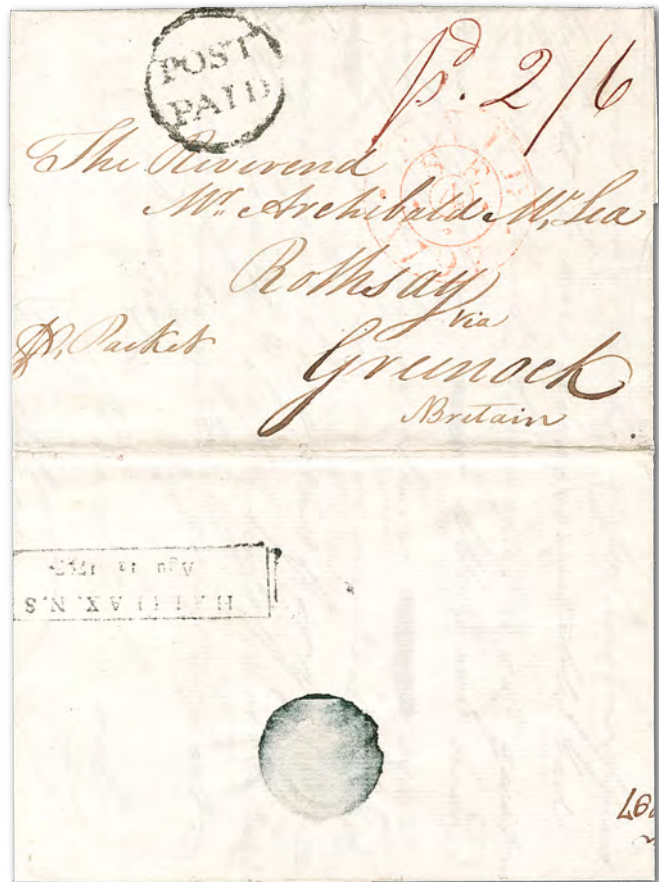
VERY FINE. AN IMPRESSIVE AND RARE LETTER FROM QUEBEC TO LONDON VIA HALIFAX AND THE UNITED STATES WITH THE “AMERICAN INLAND/POSTAGE” HANDSTAMP. A KEY INSTRUCTIONAL MARKING, OF WHICH ONLY ONE OTHER EXAMPLE IS KNOWN TO US.

For some reason this did not make the January 11, 1795, packet sailing from New York. Based on the London GPO April 20, 1795, receiving datestamp, it must have been carried on the Falmouth Packet *Princess Royal*, which sailed from Halifax on April 2, 1795 (sailing information from John S. Olenkiewicz, Frjola website). The recipient, Adam Lymburner (ca. 1745-1836), was a British militia officer, colonial agent, businessman and politician. This letter is likely from John Crawford, his nephew, who was brought over to assist with his businesses in Canada. The 2sh6p rate covered the 1sh6p postage and 1sh packet rate. We are aware of one other example, with the same Halifax date and also addressed to London (illustrated in Jephcott p. 293).

Ex Glassco, Greene and Dr. Clark. Illustrated in *The Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps* (Volume V) by Robson Lowe (p. 356)..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000

2193 ☒ **Rare boxed Halifax datestamp on a letter to the Isle of Bute in Scotland**

(Halifax to Rothesay, Isle of Bute, Scotland, Aug. 12, 1797). Clearly struck "HALIFAX N.S./Agu [sic] 12, 1797" boxed datestamp (Jephcott 6, MacDonald 7) on flap of folded letter to **Rothesay, Isle of Bute, Scotland**, matching "POST/PAID" in circle handstamp (Jephcott 329, MacDonald 257), manuscript "Pd 2/6" rate, London Sep. 4 transit datestamp, Very Fine, a rare marking used 1797-99, the destination on the Isle of Bute is unusual, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2193

2194



- 2194 ☒ **Rare Napoleonic War era one-penny soldier's concessionary rate cover with historical content** (Halifax to Petergate, England, Jan. 8, 1810). Folded letter datelined Halifax Jan. 8, 1810 and addressed to Petergate, England, with manuscript "8th Kings Reg. of Foot" along top and properly signed, **rated "1" for one-penny soldier's concessionary rate**, light Halifax Jan. 8 two-line datestamp (Jephcott 9, MacDonald 10) on back and London Feb. 11 transit datestamp, fascinating contents regarding attack on Copenhagen and "from Halifax after leaving England...to subdue the French at Martinique...sailed for Martinique and made our landing...their retreat to the interior to Fort Bourbon...fell after a brave resistance of 22 days...several of our men died from the fever...", minor overall wear, otherwise Fine, ex Steinhart and Montgomery..... Estimate \$500-750



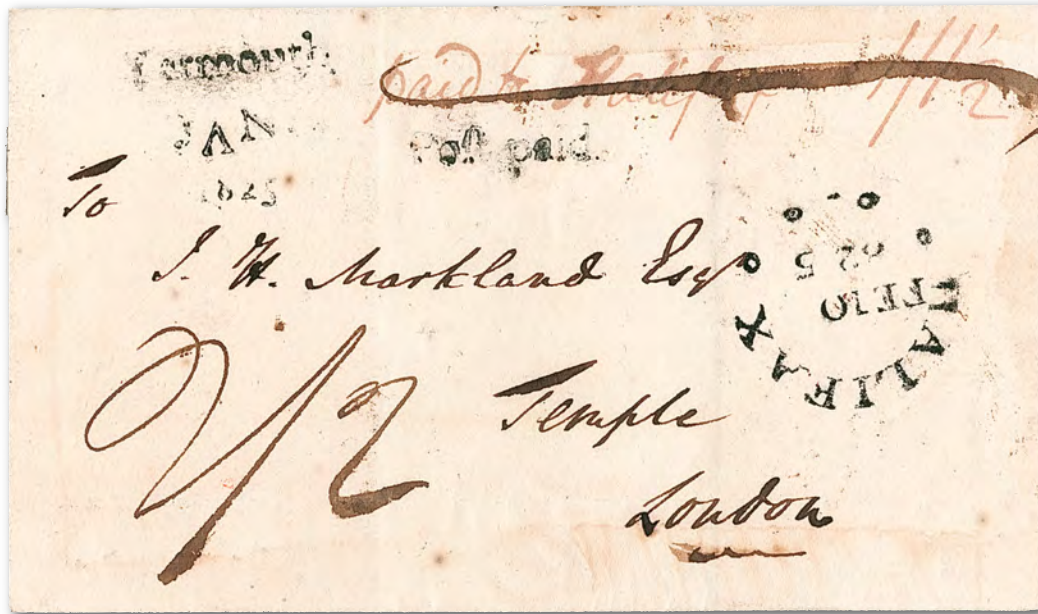
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- 2195 ☒ **Exceptionally choice strike of the diminutive Yarmouth straightline and “POST PAID” markings**
 (Yarmouth to London, England, Jan. 18, 1819). Clear strike of “YARMOUTH N.S./JAN 18 1819” two-line datestamp (Jephcott 36, MacDonald 32) with matching “POST PAID” straightline handstamp (MacDonald 258) on folded cover to London, manuscript “paid to Halifax 1/1½” in red and “2/2” for transmission to London, “Ship Letter Halifax” crown oval handstamp (Jephcott 137, MacDonald 236) and “LIVERPOOL/SHIP LETTER” boxed handstamp, London arrival backstamp, Very Fine, rare combination of markings, ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



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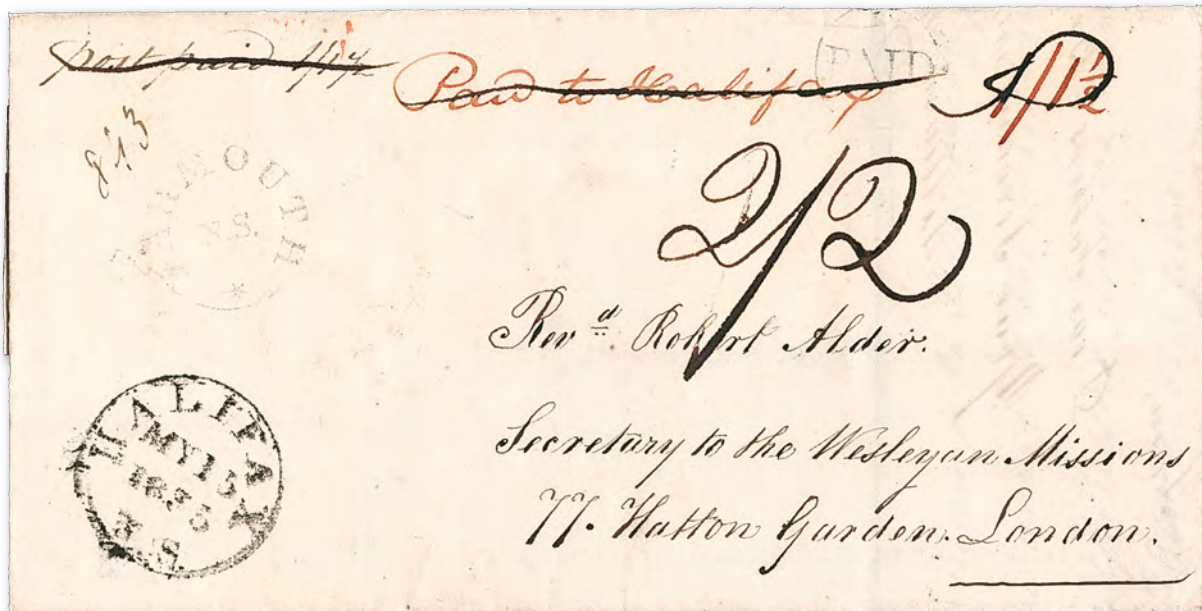
- 2196 ☒ **Clear strikes of the diminutive Yarmouth straightline and “POST PAID” markings**
 (Yarmouth to London, England, Apr. 9, 1820). Strike of “YARMOUTH N.S./APR 9 1820” two-line datestamp (Jephcott 36, MacDonald 32) with matching “POST PAID” straightline handstamp (MacDonald 258) on folded cover to London, manuscript “paid to Halifax 1/1½” in red and “2/2” for transmission to London, Halifax Apr. 21 transit datestamp (Jephcott 24, MacDonald 11), London arrival backstamp, some splitting along folds, otherwise Fine and rare, ex Young and “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2197

2197 ☒ **Rare example of the larger Yarmouth three-line datestamp**

(Yarmouth to London, England, Jan. 2, 1825). Clear strike of "Yarmouth, JAN 2/1825" three-line datestamp (Jephcott 37, MacDonald 33) with matching "Paid paid" straightline handstamp (MacDonald 259) on folded cover to London, manuscript "*paid to Halifax 1 1/2*" in red (crossed out) and "*2/2*" for transmission to London, Halifax Feb. 10 transit datestamp (Jephcott 24, MacDonald 11), London arrival backstamp, Fine and relatively well-struck compared to the few other known examples, reported by some to be as low as five (the "Dubois" collection contains four), ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2198

2198 ☒ **Complete strike of the Yarmouth circular handstamp with star**

(Yarmouth to London, England, 1835). Faint but clear strike of "Yarmouth N.S." circle with star (MacDonald 70) on folded cover to London, England, manuscript "*Paid to Halifax 1 1/2*" (crossed out) and with "PAID" in circle (likely applied in Halifax, MacDonald 263) then a further "*2/2*" from Halifax to London with "Halifax N.S. MY 15 1835" circular datestamp (Jephcott 61, MacDonald 13) in transit, London arrival backstamp, Very Fine, ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$500-750

LOT 2199 ☒

One of only five recorded examples of the Keebler's Reading Room handstamp



2199

(Halifax to London, England, Feb. 9, 1839). Lengthy folded letter datelined Halifax Feb. 9, 1839 with a bold strike of “Keebler’s Reading Room, Halifax N-S” double-circle handstamp (Jephcott 165, Rowe Rarity 10, the highest awarded) addressed to London, rated “2/2” collect

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE HANDSTAMPED MARKING APPLIED BY KEEFLER’S READING ROOM. ONLY FIVE ARE RECORDED—THIS LETTER FROM HALIFAX TO LONDON IS A KEY ITEM FOR ANY COLLECTOR OF NOVA SCOTIA, FORWARDING AGENT MARKINGS OR TRANSATLANTIC MAIL.

Keebler’s Reading Room was established by Charles Keebler in October 1836. He continued in business until at least 1845, possibly longer. Forwarding agents began falling out of favor around 1843, when the British Post Office required mail to be delivered to the post office at the port of arrival.

Illustrated in *The Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1754-1867* by Jephcott, Greene and Young (p. 205). Ex “Halifax”, Meroni and Steinhart..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000



2200

2200 ☒ **Scarce one-penny soldier's concessionary rate cover to England**

(Halifax to Buntingford, England, May 2, 1847). Folded cover with "Halifax, Nova Scotia Paid May 2, 1847" tombstone datestamp (Jephcott 77, MacDonald 15b) addressed to Buntingford, England, endorsed "From Pte. Robert Pettit, No. 2477, 23rd RWF" and properly signed by commander of Royal Welsh Fusiliers, red "1" one-penny soldier's concessionary rate handstamp, London transit and Buntingford arrival datestamps, Fine and scarce, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$500-750



2201

2201 ☒ **Boxed Halifax Ship Letter datestamp on cover with pair of Canada 2c Large Queen**

(Halifax to Blairgowrie, Scotland, Jan. 18, 1871). Horizontal pair of Canada 2c Green Large Queen (24) tied by Halifax Jan. 18, 1871 duplex datestamp with boxed "HALIFAX N.S./JA 18 71/SHIP LETTER" datestamp (MacDonald 239) on cover to Blairgowrie, Scotland, manuscript "Per Steamship Abyssinia" endorsement, rated "4", Liverpool transit and Blairgowrie arrival backstamps, stamps with couple toned perfs, otherwise Fine, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$500-750

Mail from Great Britain to Nova Scotia



2202

2203

2202 ☒ **Excellent strike of Halifax split-circle datestamp**

(London, England to Shelburne, Jun. 15, 1791). Folded letter datelined London Jun. 15, 1791 and addressed to Shelburne, well-struck "Halifax, N. Scotia AUG 11 91" split-circle datestamp (Jephcott 10, MacDonald 4b) and red "POST/PAID" in circle (Jephcott 329, MacDonald 257), rated "1/-" and "4½", file fold thru datestamp, Very Fine strike, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$400-500

2203 ☒ **Bold strike of scarce "HALIFAX/SHIP LRE" handstamp on letter from London**

(London, England to Windsor via Halifax, Mar. 8, 1798). Folded letter datelined London Mar. 8, 1798 and addressed to George Henry Monk in Halifax, forwarded to Windsor, carried privately to Halifax with "HALIFAX N.S./OC 8, 1798" boxed two-line datestamp (Jephcott 6, MacDonald 7) and clear strike of "HALIFAX/SHIP LRE" two-line handstamp (Jephcott 136, MacDonald 235), rated "5½" for postage and ship letter fee, Very Fine and scarce, George Henry Monk was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and brother of Sir James Monk..... Estimate \$500-750



2204 back

2204 ☒ **Rare Digby straightline struck in transit on letter to Halifax**

(Liverpool, England to Halifax, Oct. 10, 1812). Folded letter datelined Liverpool Oct. 10, 1812 and addressed to Halifax via Greenock, Glasgow three-line departure datestamp and "DIGBY DEC 11, 1812" straightline datestamp (Jephcott 33, MacDonald 27) applied in transit, manuscript "Halifax Post Office Dec. 24, 1812, Received in the Digby mail yesterday afternoon—delivered this morning, John Howe, Postmaster" below strike, rated "2/2" in red and "N9d (+) 1 (=) 10" for internal mail to Halifax, Fine and rare strike of the Digby straightline, only a handful are known in private hands, ex Greene, Saint and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



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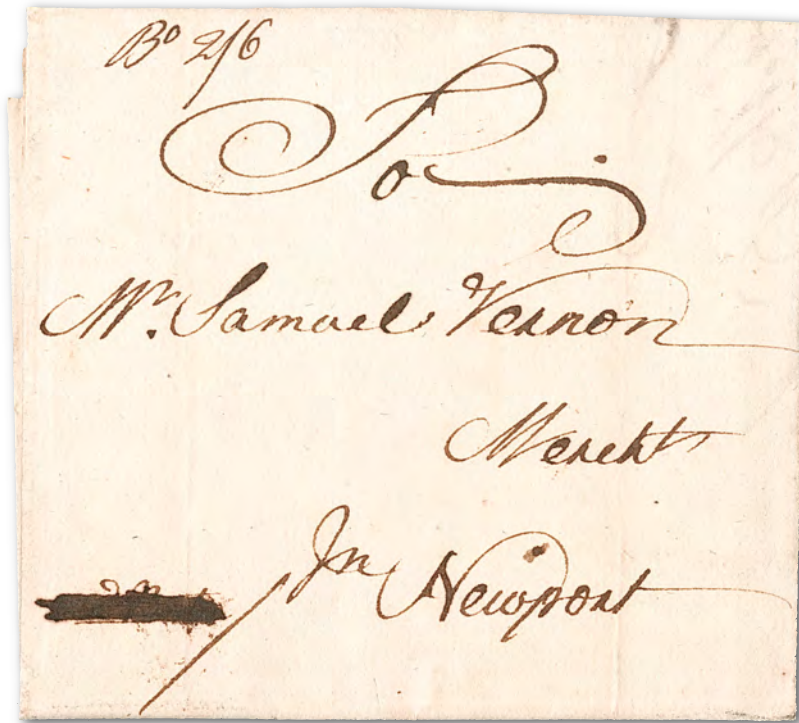
2205 ☒ **Red "MISSENT TO/HALIFAX" handstamp indicating mistakenly sent to Halifax, England**

(Liverpool, England to Halifax, Jun. 4, 1833). Folded letter datelined Liverpool Jun. 4, 1833 with part of red departure datestamp on back and addressed to Halifax, red "MISSENT TO/HALIFAX" two-line handstamp applied in Halifax with Jun. 5 datestamp, rated "8" (crossed out) re-rated "2/6" collect for transatlantic mailing, Very Fine and interesting cover, only recorded example of this Halifax marking in red, ex Smith..... Estimate \$300-400

NOVA SCOTIA MAIL TO UNITED STATES

LOT 2206 ☒

The earliest recorded cover from Halifax in private hands



2206

(Halifax to Newport R.I. via Boston, Aug. 25, 1750). Folded letter datelined “*Halifax 25th Aug. 1750*” from William Vernon to his brother Samuel Vernon in Newport R.I., carried privately to Boston, received and forwarded notation on back with “*Boston Sept. 10, 1750*” dateline, manuscript “*Bo 2/6*” postmark with 2sh/6p rate for 7.5-times inflation factor

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST KNOWN PRIVATELY OWNED LETTER ORIGINATING IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA—SENT TO THE WELL-KNOWN MERCHANT SAMUEL VERNON IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND. AN IMPORTANT EARLY NOVA SCOTIA COVER.

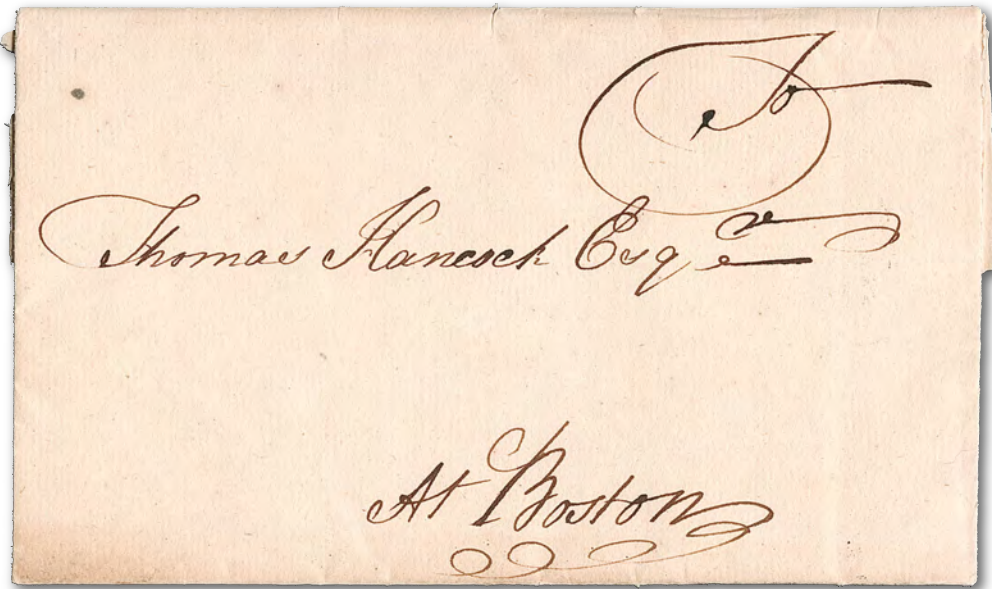
Nova Scotia covers dated in the mid-18th century are extremely rare outside archival holdings. Halifax was established only one year earlier, with the arrival of Edward Cornwallis on June 21, 1749. This led to the colonial capital's relocation from Annapolis Royal to Halifax. The Steinhart collection contained a folded letter dated July 25, 1752, which was previously recognized as the earliest Halifax letter.

Massachusetts Old Tenor currency was used beginning in 1690, due to the scarcity of British shillings and pence. It was initially valued at a 25% discount to British currency, but continued to lose value through 1754, the period in which this letter was sent (1750-51). British postage was converted using an inflation factor of 7.5, which in this case equates to 2sh6p in local currency (4p British single letter rate \times 7.5 = 30p, or 2sh6p).

The recipient, Samuel Vernon (1711-1792), was a prominent Newport merchant, along with another brother William. They were known for their utilization of the Triangular Trade—the Vernon ship *Hare* was a documented slave ship. Vernon is also known as one of the ringleaders of the Stamp Act Riots of 1765 and fully supported the Revolutionary War. His home in Newport was the headquarters for Comte de Rochambeau and housed General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette.

Ex Dr. Robertson..... Estimate \$4,000-5,000

2207



2207 ☒ **The second earliest privately owned letter from British Nova Scotia**

(Annapolis Royal to Boston Mass., Feb. 23, 1751). Folded letter datelined "Annapolis Royal Feb. 12th, 1750-1" (utilizing the Julian calendar) and addressed to Thomas Hancock in Boston Mass., carried privately by ship, cover with some minor splitting along folds

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE SECOND EARLIEST LETTER RECORDED FROM BRITISH NOVA SCOTIA IN PRIVATE HANDS—ADDRESSED TO THE FAMOUS BOSTON MERCHANT, THOMAS HANCOCK.

The earliest letter (ex Young and Steinhart) is dated Apr. 30, 1748. The dateline of "Feb. 12th, 1750-1" is a double dating of the Julian calendar, which translates to Feb. 23, 1751. The recipient, Thomas Hancock (1703-1764), was one of Boston's wealthiest merchants and the uncle of the revered John Hancock, a Founding Father of the United States. Thomas raised his nephew since the age of eight and bequeathed his entire fortune to him.

Ex Steinhart, Rathbun and "Skywalk"..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

2208



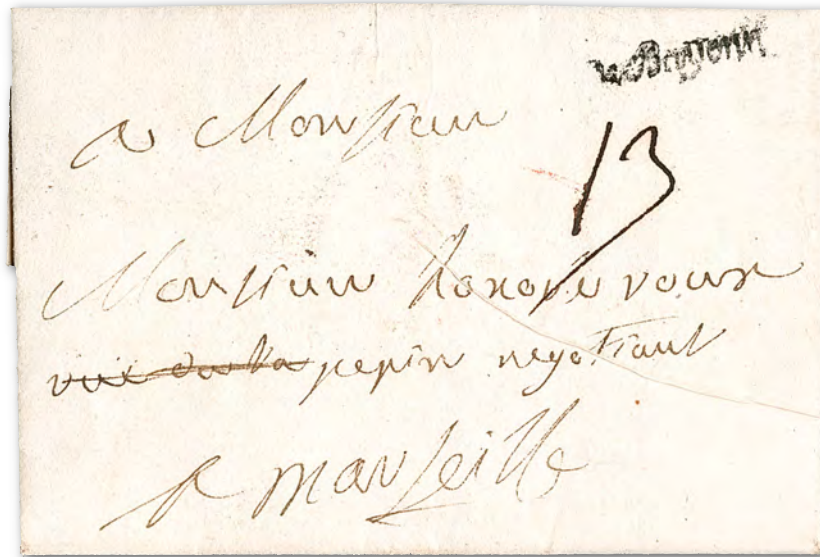
2208 ☒ **Well-struck Cumberland circle with star handstamp**

(Manudia [Minudie] to Hartford Conn., May 29, 1839). Folded letter datelined Manudia (known as Minudie) May 29, 1839 and addressed to Hartford Conn., wonderfully well-struck "Cumberland N.S." circle with star handstamp (MacDonald 58) and "PAID" in circle (Jephcott 328, MacDonald 263), rated "IN8" (crossed out) and re-rated "25", red Robinson Me. cross-border transit datestamp, Very Fine and attractive cover, ex Mayer and Dr. Clark... Estimate \$750-1,000

NOVA SCOTIA MAIL TO AND FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

LOT 2209 ☒

One of two recorded French Nova Scotia covers in private hands—
from Admiral de Suffren with historical account of battles with the British Navy



2209

(Louisbourg to Marseilles, France, Jun. 14, 1755). Folded letter datelined “Louisbourg au 14 juin 1755”, written by French Admiral Pierre André de Suffren and addressed to Marseilles, France, carried privately to France with “de Bayonne” handstamp and rated “13”

VERY FINE. A RARE FRENCH NOVA SCOTIA COVER FROM ADMIRAL PIERRE ANDRÉ DE SUFFREN WITH FASCINATING HISTORICAL CONTENT CONCERNING NAVAL BATTLES WITH THE BRITISH. ONLY ONE OTHER PRIVATELY HELD COVER FROM FRENCH NOVA SCOTIA IS THOUGHT TO EXIST.



Portrait of Pierre André de Suffren
de Saint Tropez by Battoni
Source: en.chateauversailles.fr

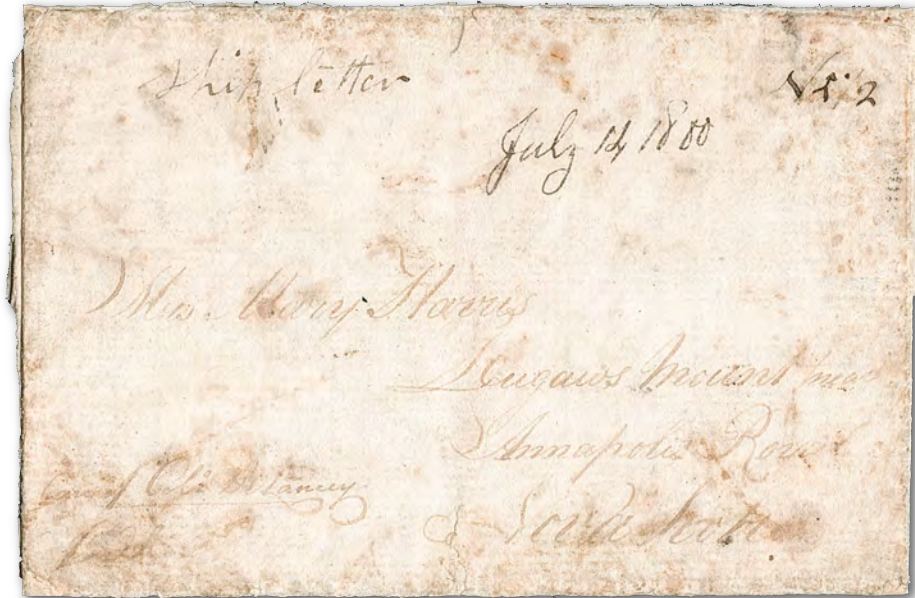
The sender, Pierre André de Suffren (1729-1788), was a French admiral who saw action in North America and the Indian Ocean. The letter (in French) states “hostilities committed by the English against our vessels in the neighborhoods...three ships separated in the mist were met by 11 English ships at 45 degrees 57 minutes latitude between Whales’ Bank and the Green Bank. They were attacked and the Alcide, which was the only one of the three equipped for war, was captured. The Lis was still fighting at 7pm but it appears that she was also taken. The Dauphin Royal got away on account of its speed and arrived here the 15th of June...P.S. The day of the battle is Sunday the 8th of June...”. Admiral de Suffren was on the *Dauphin Royal*. This battle was one of the precursors and contributing factors to the outbreak of the Seven Years’ War in 1756.

The French occupied Louisbourg until June 17, 1745, at which point the British officially took control. The city was handed back to the French on October 18, 1748, under the terms of the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle (Treaty of Aachen). The other known French Nova Scotia cover is dated October 29, 1735 (ex “Skywalk”).

Ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$4,000-5,000

LOT 2210 ☒

A cover from South Crooked Island, Bahamas, with the only known Annapolis manuscript ship letter marking



2210

(South Crooked Island, Bahamas to Annapolis Royal, Jul. 11, 1800). Folded letter datelined “Bahamas, Cornwallis Dowdeswells Bay, South Crooked Island 11th July 1800” and addressed to Annapolis Royal, manuscript “care of Coli De Lancey” at bottom left, carried privately and entered Annapolis with manuscript “*Ship Letter*” and rated “N2½” for local delivery, overall soiling and edgewear

FINE AND RARE COVER FROM THE BAHAMAS WITH THE ONLY RECORDED MANUSCRIPT “SHIP LETTER” MARKING FROM ANNAPOLIS, NOVA SCOTIA.

Ex Steinhart and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



Old Fort near Annapolis Royale, Nova Scotia
The New York Public Library (public domain)

- 2211 ☒ **The only known example of the “SHIP” handstamp of Digby—used on cover from the Bahamas**

(South Crooked Island, Bahamas to Annapolis Royal, Jun. 4, 1801). Folded letter datelined “Bahamas, Cornwallis Dowdeswells Bay, South Crooked Island June 4th 1801” and addressed to Annapolis Royal, manuscript “Care of Mr. George Stanton, No. 31 John Street, New York” forwarding notation at bottom left, carried privately and entered mail with “**DIGBY 7 NO 1801**” straightline datestamp (Jephcott 33, MacDonald 27) and “**SHIP**” handstamp (Jephcott 138, MacDonald 240), rated “N5½”, cover with overall soiling and edgewear

FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE COVER FROM THE BAHAMAS TO ANNAPOLIS VIA DIGBY. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE DIGBY “SHIP” HANDSTAMP.

..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



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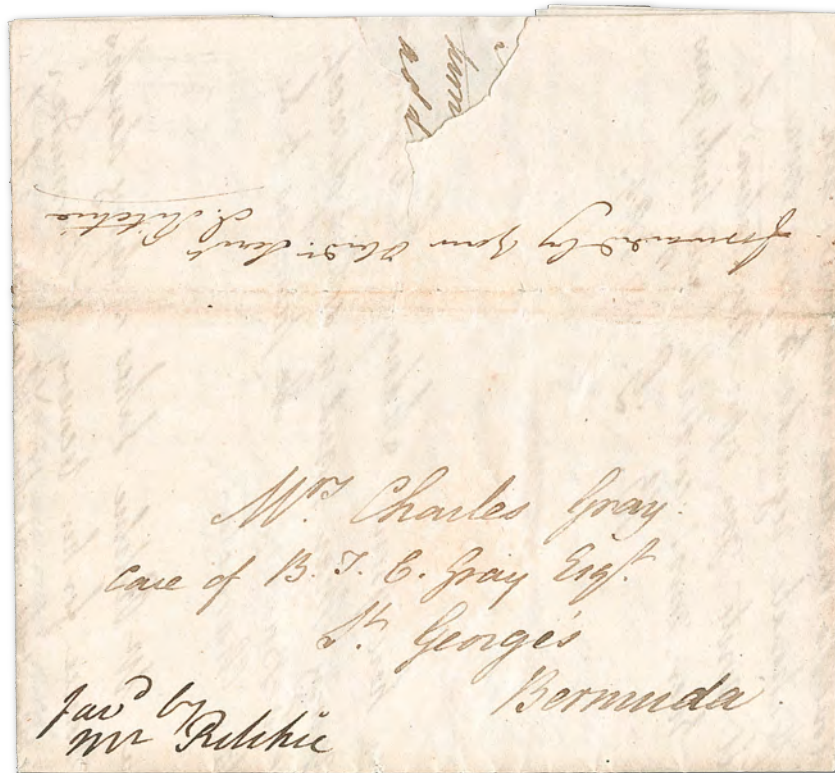
- 2212 ☒ **Remarkable incoming Halifax cover from Trieste via forwarding agent in Liverpool with “Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter” marking**

(Trieste to Halifax, Jan. 16, 1815). Folded letter datelined “Trieste li 16 gennaio 1815” (slightly affected by wax seal removal) and addressed to Halifax, manuscript “p Elk, Capt. Richie” at bottom left and “Liverpool 8 May 1815, recd & forwarded by your obt servts Thos. & Will, Earle & Co.” on left flap, neat “**Post Paid Withdrawn Ship Letter, London, 6 MY 6, 1815**” with crown datestamp struck over flaps as usual (slightly affected by seal stain)

VERY FINE. A RARE WITHDRAWN SHIP LETTER MARKING ON COVER TO NOVA SCOTIA FROM AN UNUSUAL ORIGIN OF TRIESTE—PROBABLY A UNIQUE COMBINATION.

Ex Smith..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

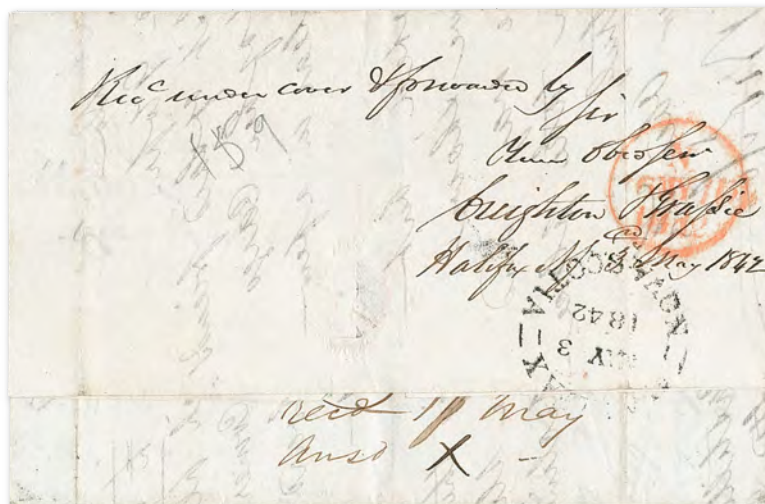
2212 front
and back



2213

2213 ☒ **Interesting cover carried privately from Halifax to Bermuda**

(Halifax to St. George's, Bermuda, Apr. 17, 1830). Folded letter datelined Halifax Apr. 17, 1830 and addressed to St. George's, Bermuda, carried privately with manuscript "favd by Mr. Ritchie" at bottom left and "forwarded by your obedt servant J. Ritchie" along top flap, letter notes "a friend of mine Mr. Ritchie takes a dying daughter as a last chance for her recovery to Bermuda, any little civilities will greatly oblige me which you may have it in your power to offer..." Very Fine..... Estimate \$300-400



2214 back

2214 ☒ **Creighton & Grassie forwarded cover from Havana, Cuba to London via Halifax**

(Havana, Cuba to London, Mar. 26, 1842). Folded cover with docketing confirming Havana origin on Mar. 26, 1842 and addressed to London, manuscript "pr Steamer Britannia via Halifax" endorsement at bottom left, "Recd under cover & forwarded by for your obed serv Creighton & Grassie, Halifax NS 3rd May 1842" on top flap (Rowe Rarity 4) with Halifax circular datestamp, London May 16 arrival datestamp, Very Fine and scarce forwarding agent use, ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$300-400

NOVA SCOTIA POSTAL MARKINGS

LOT 2215 ☒

One of the finest and the earliest recorded examples of
the Annapolis straightline datestamp



2215 back

(Annapolis to Shelbourne, Jun. 15, 1815). Perfect strike of “Annapolis. June, 15th 1815” straight-line datestamp with day and last two digits of year in manuscript (Jephcott 30, MacDonald 25) on back of folded cover to Shelbourne, rated “9”, small piece missing from outer sheet

EXTREMELY FINE STRIKE OF THE ANNAPOLIS, NOVA SCOTIA STRAIGHTLINE DATESTAMP. THIS IS THE EARLIEST RECORDED EXAMPLE AND, WITHOUT QUESTION, IT IS ONE OF THE FINEST STRIKES.

This style of datestamp with manuscript was used briefly—date slugs were incorporated by summer of 1816. Ex “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000



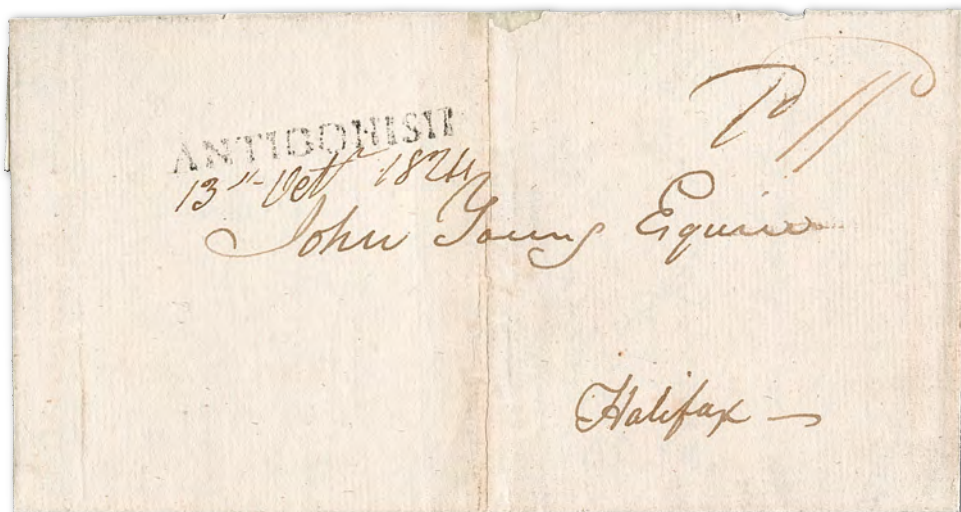
2216

2216 ☒ **Clear strike of the rare Antigonish straightline handstamp**

(Port Hood to Halifax, Sept. 21, 1824). Folded letter datelined Port Hood Sept. 21, 1824 with faint but readable strike of "ANTIGONISH" straightline with "6th Oct. 1824" below (Jephcott 32, MacDonald 26) addressed to Halifax, rated "2d (+) 2 (=) 4 (+) 11 (=) 1N13 (+) 1 (=) 1N4" comprising 2p way fee for Port Hood and Antigonish and 11p to Halifax plus 1p local delivery, couple file folds, one crosses handstamp, light stain at bottom

FINE STRIKE OF THE ANTIGONISH STRAIGHTLINE. ONE OF THE RAREST STRAIGHTLINE MARKINGS OF NOVA SCOTIA.

This straightline is recorded in use 1824-26..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



2217

2217 ☒ **Unusually well-struck Antigonish straightline**

(Antigonish to Halifax, Oct. 13, 1824). Clearly struck "ANTIGONISH" straightline with "13th Oct. 1824" below (Jephcott 32, MacDonald 26) on folded cover to Halifax, rated "1d 11d" for postage to Halifax plus local delivery, file fold and some minor faults to flaps, neither affecting marking

VERY FINE STRIKE OF THIS SELDOM-OFFERED ANTIGONISH STRAIGHTLINE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE RAREST OF NOVA SCOTIA MARKINGS.

This straightline is recorded in use 1824-26. Ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000



2218 back

2219 back

2220

2218 ☒ **Unusually clear strike of the boxed Halifax handstamp with date below**

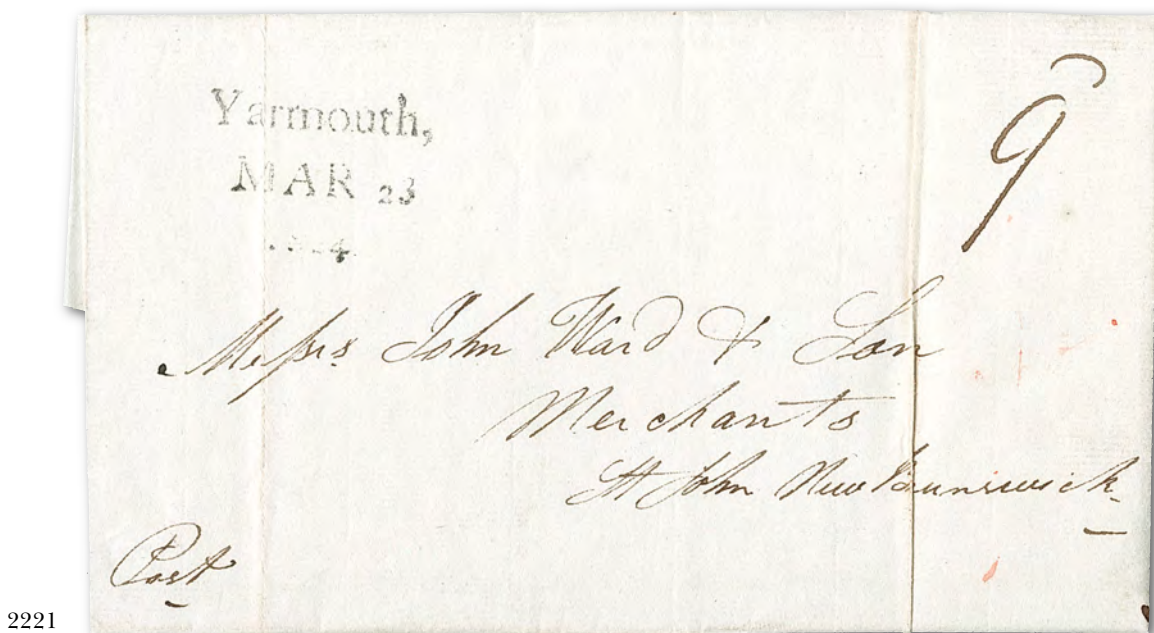
(Halifax to St. John, New Brunswick, Feb. 9, 1788). Wonderfully clear strike of "HALIFAX N.S." boxed handstamp with "FE 9" datestamp below (Jephcott 2, MacDonald 3) on back of folded letter to St. John, New Brunswick, rated "IN8", Very Fine, a choice strike of this scarce Halifax straight-line, ex Glassco, Mayer and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$300-400

2219 ☒ **Bold boxed Halifax marking with datestamp below**

(Halifax to St. John, New Brunswick, Jan. 14, 1794). Clear strike of "HALIFAX N.S." boxed handstamp with "JAN. 14/94" datestamp below (Jephcott 2, MacDonald 3) on back of folded letter to William Hazen in St. John, New Brunswick, rated "9", cover with minor interior panel splitting and repair around wax seal just affecting outer rim of handstamp, otherwise Very Fine strike that bears a resemblance to the markings listed in Jephcott and MacDonald, the addressee, William Hazen (1738-1814), was an entrepreneurial merchant who expanded into fishing, lumbering, shipbuilding and trading, ex Jephcott and "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$400-500

2220 ☒ **The scarce Lunenburg circular handstamp**

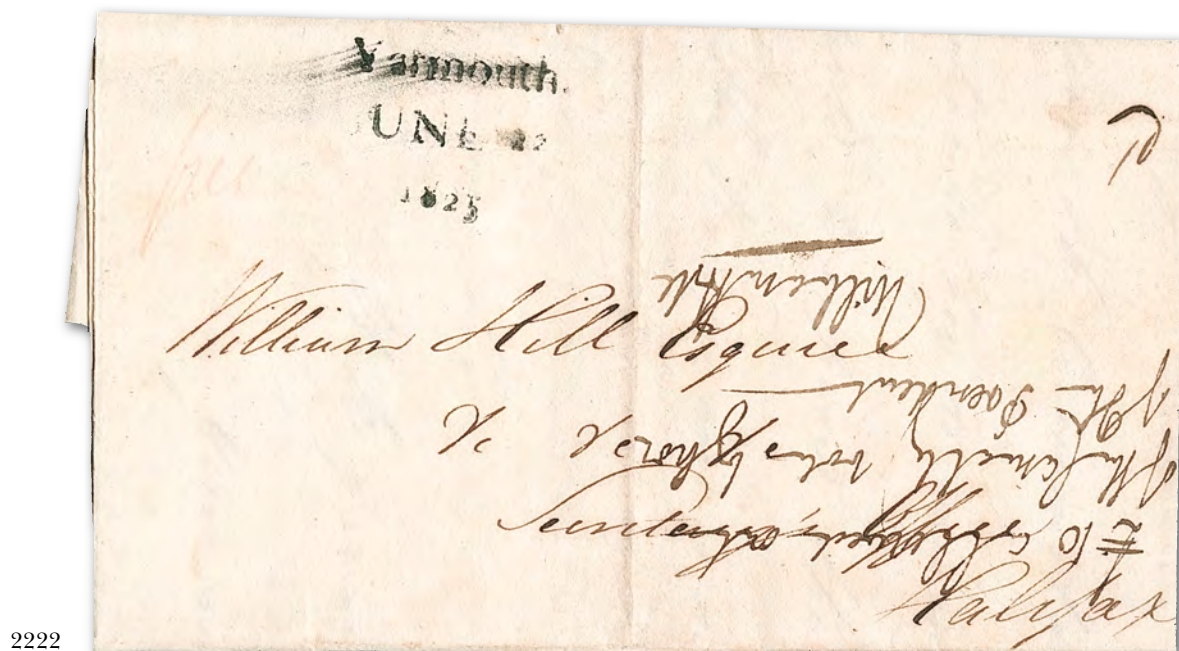
(Lunenburg to Halifax, Oct. 9, 1841). Fairly clear "Lunenburg, Nova Scotia" large circular handstamp (Jephcott 75, MacDonald 77) on folded letter datelined Oct. 9, 1841 and addressed to the Provincial Treasurer in Halifax, light file fold thru marking, otherwise a Fine strike of this scarce marking, which is only recorded in 1841-42, ex de Volpi and "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$500-750



2221

2221 ☒ **The rare large Yarmouth three-line datestamp**

(Yarmouth to St. John, New Brunswick, Mar. 23, 1824). Well-struck “Yarmouth,/MAR 23/1824” three-line datestamp (Jephcott 37, MacDonald 33) on folded letter to St. John, New Brunswick, rated “9d”, two file folds, one crosses handstamp, otherwise Very Fine strike of this rare marking, the number known is reported by some to be as low as five (the “Dubois” collection contains four) Estimate \$750-1,000



2222

2222 ☒ **Rare Yarmouth three-line datestamp on “Free” cover from Argyle**

(Argyle to Halifax, Jun. 13, 1825). Well-struck “Yarmouth,/JUNE 22/1825” three-line datestamp (Jephcott 37, MacDonald 33) on folded letter datelined in Argyle to Halifax, red manuscript “free” and rated “1d” for local delivery, letter regarding £10 payment for damaged caused by ice to the bridge over Tusket River in Gravels Falls, Very Fine strike of this rare marking, the number known is reported by some to be as low as five (the “Dubois” collection contains four), ex Greene and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$750-1,000



- 2223 ☒ **Large Yarmouth three-line datestamp on official cover from Yarmouth School Board**
(Yarmouth to Halifax, Jun. 2, 1828). Clear “Yarmouth, JUNE 2/1828” three-line datestamp (Jephcott 37, MacDonald 33) on folded letter to Provincial Secretary in Halifax, manuscript “On H.M. Service” and “Yarmouth School Board” at bottom left, rated “1d” for local delivery, some minor flap faults and splitting along folds, cover with two slight vertical file folds, one crosses datestamp, otherwise Fine strike of this rare datestamp, the number known is reported by some to be as low as five (the “Dubois” collection contains four) illustrated in *The Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1754-1867* by Jephcott, Greene and Young (p. 142), ex Young, Glassco and Dr. Clark... Estimate \$750-1,000
- 2224 ☒ **Excellent strike of the Wallace N.S. with star circular handstamp**
(Wallace to Halifax, Apr. 7, 1842). Exceptional strike of “Wallace N.S.” in circle with star handstamp (MacDonald 68) on folded letter datelined Apr. 7, 1842 to Halifax, manuscript “Free” as it was written by Stephen Fulton who was M.P.P. for Cumberland County, Very Fine strike, illustrated in *The Nova Scotia Post* by J. J. MacDonald (p. 117), ex Young, MacDonald and Dr. Clark... Estimate \$400-500
- 2225 ☒ **Small group of four Nova Scotia circle with star handstamps**
Circle with Star Handstamps. Four covers, including 1841 Digby to St. John, New Brunswick, 1841 Richibucto to Miramichi (ex “Maritimus”), plus two red Yarmouth, one 1841 to St. John, New Brunswick and 1842 sent “Service” to Halifax (ex Montgomery), Very Fine strikes... **(Photo Ex)** Estimate \$400-500

NOVA SCOTIA "POST OFFICE" DOUBLE-CIRCLES



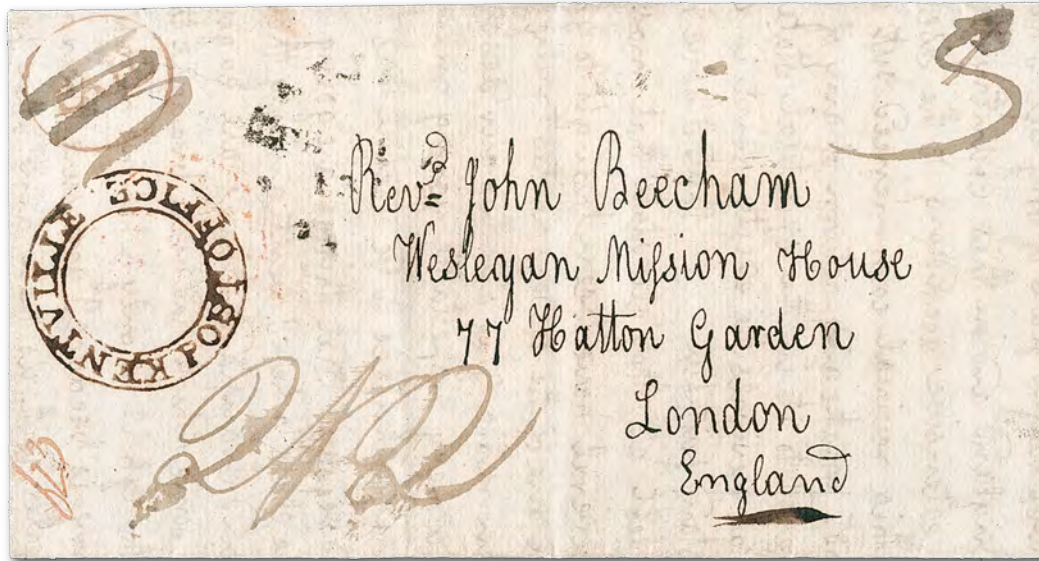
- 2226 ☒ **Scarce "Post Office Annapolis" double-circle handstamp with manuscript date**
(Clements to Halifax, Jun. 28, 1830). Folded letter datelined "*Clements June 28th, 1830*" with clear strike of "**Post Office Annapolis**" **double-circle** handstamp with manuscript "*28 June 30 Paid*" (Jephcott 43, MacDonald 42) and addressed to Halifax, manuscript "*Paid 9*", cover with edge tear at top of little consequence, otherwise Fine and scarce, this marking is usually found with a hand-stamped date rather than manuscript..... Estimate \$300-400
- 2227 ☒ **A bold strike of the "Post Office Antigonish" double-circle handstamp**
(Tracadie to Halifax, Aug. 15, 1823). Folded letter datelined Tracadie Aug. 15, 1823 with clear strike of "**Post Office Antigonish**" **double-circle** handstamp **without date** (Jephcott 44, MacDonald 43) on folded letter to Halifax, manuscript "*11 pd*" rate, Very Fine and wonderfully bold strike of this scarce marking..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2228 ☒ **Excellent strike of the "Post Office Antigonish" double-circle handstamp with manuscript date**
(Antigonish to Halifax, Jun. 22, 1825). Bold strike of "**Post Office Antigonish**" **double-circle** handstamp with manuscript "*Jun. 22 25*" (Jephcott 44, MacDonald 43) on small folded letter to Halifax, manuscript "*Pd 11*", Very Fine, this is an early strike of this handstamp with the earliest recorded on Jan. 1, 1825..... Estimate \$500-750



- 2229 ☒ **"Post Office Antigonish" double-circle handstamp with manuscript date**
 (Antigonish to Halifax, Aug. 24, 1825). Clear strike of **"Post Office Antigonish" double-circle** handstamp with manuscript *"Aug. 24 25"* (Jephcott 44, MacDonald 43) on folded letter to Halifax, rated *"11"*, Very Fine and scarce, ex Young and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$500-750
- 2230 ☒ **"Post Office Antigonish" and "Post Office Pictou" double-circles on one cover**
 (Antigonish to Halifax, Feb. 14, 1827). Clear strike of **"Post Office Antigonish" double-circle** with manuscript *"Feb. 14 27"* (Jephcott 44, MacDonald 43) and **"Post Office Pictou" double-circle** with manuscript *"16 Feb. 27"* (Jephcott 47, MacDonald 51) on folded letter to Halifax, manuscript *"11 pd"* rate, horizontal file fold thru Antigonish handstamp, Very Fine, a scarce combination of these two Post Office double-circles, ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$500-750
- 2231 ☒ **"Post Office Antigonish" double-circle handstamp on cover to Shelbourne**
 (Antigonish to Shelbourne, Jul. 7, 1832). Full strike of **"Post Office Antigonish" double-circle** with manuscript *"July 7 32"* (Jephcott 44, MacDonald 43) on folded letter to Gideon White in Shelbourne, manuscript *"11 (+) 1N1 1/2 (=) 2N1 1/2"* at top right, Halifax transit datestamp, Very Fine, the addressee, Gideon White (1753-1833), was a British loyalist in the Revolutionary War and became a merchant and political figure in Nova Scotia, ex Brigadier Gen. Robertson and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$500-750



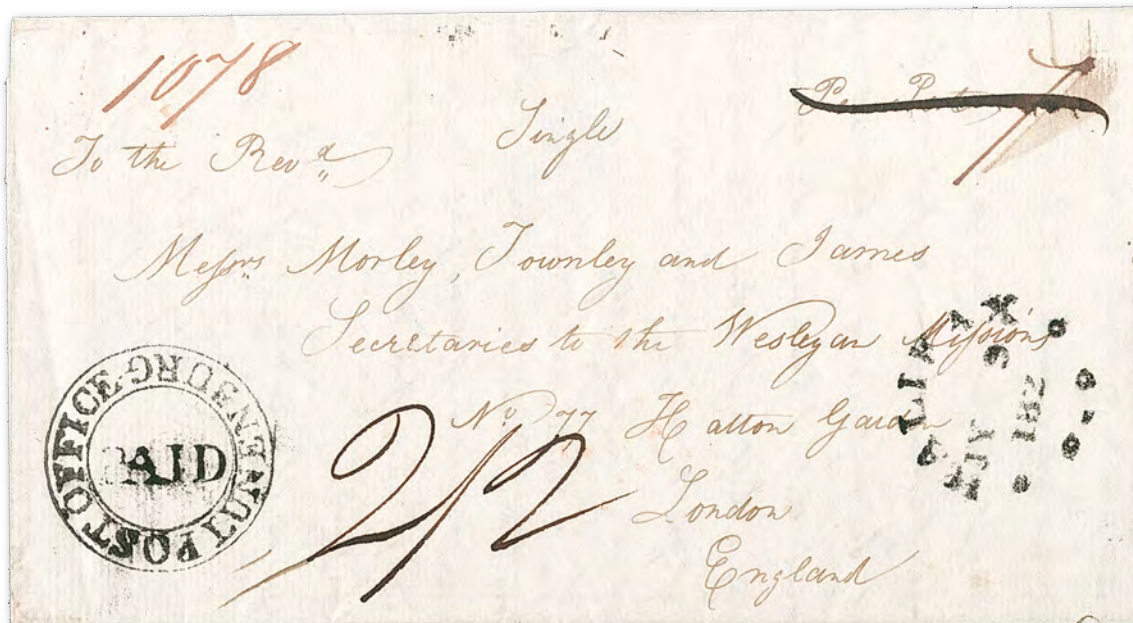
- 2232 ☒ **Scarce "Post Office Arichat" double-circle on cover to Port Hood**
 (Arichat to Port Hood, Jun. 14, 1833). Clear strike of "Post Office Arichat" double-circle with manuscript "June 14 33" (MacDonald 44) on folded letter to Port Hood, manuscript "Free" at top right, cover with minor edgewear and slight splitting along folds, otherwise Fine, ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$500-750
- 2233 ☒ **Wonderful strike of scarce "Post Office Digby" double-circle**
 (Digby to Halifax, Jul. 31, 1826). Bold strike of "Post Office Digby" double-circle with manuscript "31st July 26" (Jephcott 45, MacDonald 46) on folded cover to Halifax, manuscript "9 (+) 1 (=) 10", cover with minor flap faults, otherwise Very Fine strike of this scarce marking, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$500-750
- 2234 ☒ **Bold strike of the "Post Office Digby" handstamp without inner circle**
 (Weymouth to Halifax, Aug. 3, 1832). Wonderfully clear strike of "Post Office Digby" circular handstamp with manuscript "6th Aug. 32" (Jephcott 45, MacDonald 46) on folded letter datelined "Weymouth 3rd August 1832" and addressed to Provincial Secretary in Halifax, sent free with manuscript "On Road Service" at top, cover reinforced splitting, otherwise Very Fine strike, this strike does not show an inner circle as do all other known examples, the variety is not mentioned in either Jephcott or MacDonald, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$500-750
- 2235 ☒ **Probably the earliest known example of the "Post Office Horton" double-circle**
 (Horton to Pictou, Jan. 25, 1825). Clearly struck "Post Office Horton" double-circle with manuscript "25 Jany 1825" (Jephcott 46, MacDonald 47) on folded cover to Pictou, rated "7 (+) 7 (=) 1N2" for postage to Halifax and onward to Pictou, Halifax transit datestamp, Very Fine and choice strike of this scarce marking, likely the earliest privately-owned example (MacDonald records Feb. 15 as the earliest)..... Estimate \$500-750



2236

2236 ☒ **The finer of the two recorded examples of the "Kentville Post Office" double-circle**

(Kentville to London, England, Dec. 5, 1831). Wonderful strike of "Kentville Post Office" double-circle (MacDonald 48) with manuscript "Dated December 5" docketing on bottom flap of folded cover to London, England, rated "7" (crossed out) with reddish "PAID" in circle (likely applied in Halifax, MacDonald 265) then a further "2/2" from Halifax to London with light Halifax circular datestamp (Jephcott 24, MacDonald 11) in transit, London arrival backstamp, small tear at top of face panel of little significance, Very Fine, only two examples are recorded (other dated Mar. 19, 1831), ex Clark..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



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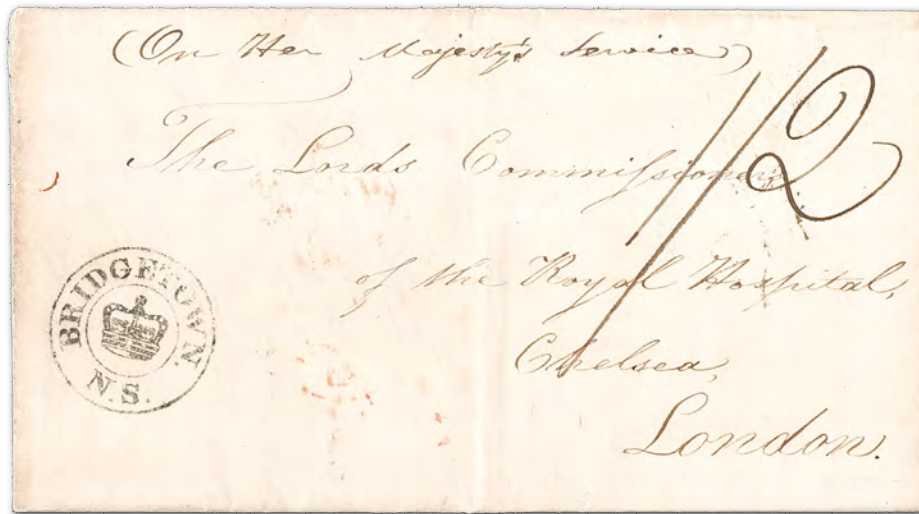
2237 ☒ **Bold strike of the very rare "Post Office Lunenburg" double-circle**

(Lunenburg to London, England, Jun. 16, 1828). Bold strike of "Post Office Lunenburg" double-circle (MacDonald 49) with "PAID" handstamp in center, manuscript "Lunenburg, N.S. June 16, 1828" docketing on bottom flap of folded cover to London, England, rated "Post Paid 7" (crossed out) then a further "2/2" from Halifax to London with Halifax Jul. 9 circular datestamp (Jephcott 24, MacDonald 11) struck in transit, London arrival backstamp, small tear at top of face panel, Extremely Fine strike of this rare marking on a missionary letter to London..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



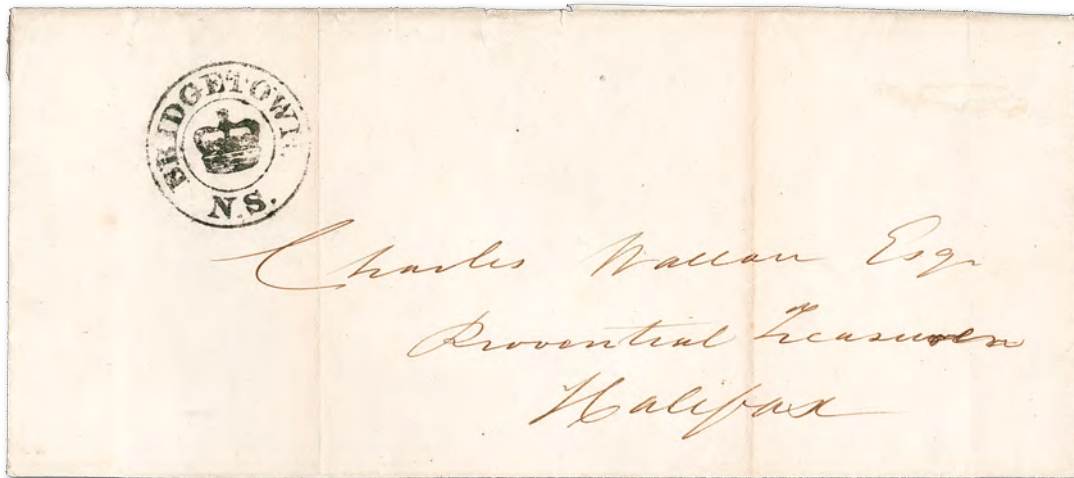
- 2238 ☒ **Scarce "Post Office Lunenburg" double-circle**
(LaHave to Halifax, Jan. 4, 1832). Faint but clear strike of **"Post Office Lunenburg" double-circle** with manuscript *"4th Jany 1832"* (MacDonald 49) on folded letter datelined *"LaHave 4th Jany 1832"* to Halifax, rated *"7 (+) 1 (=) 8"*, Fine and scarce marking which is recorded only in 1831-32, ex Young, Saint and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2239 ☒ **The finer of the two known "Post Office Parrsborough" double-circle**
(Parrsborough to Halifax, Nov. 14, 1831). Clear strike of **"Post Office Parrsborough" double-circle** with manuscript *"14 Nov. 1831"* (MacDonald 50) on folded letter datelined to Halifax, manuscript *"Paid 7d"*, one file fold thru handstamp, Very Fine strike of this immensely rare marking, the finer of the two known examples, the other dated 1828 is only a part strike, a worthy addition to any major Nova Scotia collection, ex Young and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2240 ☒ **Perfect strike of "Post Office Pictou" double-circle**
(Pictou to Willow Park [near Halifax], Jan. 21, 1825). Clear strike of **"Post Office Pictou" double-circle** with manuscript *"21st Ja 25"* (Jephcott 47, MacDonald 51) on folded cover *"to Willow Park, near Halifax"*, manuscript *"7 (+) 1 (=) 8"*, Extremely Fine strike, quite early use of this handstamp (MacDonald lists Jan. 14, 1825 as earliest)..... Estimate \$300-400
- 2241 ☒ **Earliest recorded example of the rare "Post Office Shelbourne" double-circle**
(Shelbourne to St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Jan. 15, 1826). Well-struck **"Post Office Shelbourne" double-circle** with manuscript *"15th Jany 1826"* (MacDonald 52) on folded cover to St. Andrews, New Brunswick, manuscript *"9 (+) 7 (=) 1N4"* for the rate to St. John and onwards to St. Andrews, St. John transit datestamp, cover with small tear at top of little consequence, Very Fine strike of this rare marking, this is the earliest of the few known, illustrated in *The Nova Scotia Post* by J. J. MacDonald (p. 112), ex MacDonald and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$750-1,000
- 2242 ☒ **Scarce combination of the "Post Office" double-circles of Sydney and Arichat**
(Sydney to Halifax via Arichat, Sept. 18, 1832). Faint but clear strike of **"Post Office Sydney"** with manuscript *"Sep 18 32"* (MacDonald 53) on folded letter to Arichat, forwarded to Halifax with **"Post Office Arichat"** with manuscript *"Sept 21 32"* (MacDonald 44), manuscript *"5d (+) 1N3 (=) 1N8 (+) 1 (=) 1N9"* rate, Fine and scarce forwarded cover..... Estimate \$400-500

NOVA SCOTIA CROWN CIRCLES



2243

- 2243 ☒ **One of the finest of the few available covers with the Bridgetown crown handstamp**
(Annapolis Royal to London, England, Apr. 30, 1842). Folded letter to London datelined Annapolis Royal Apr. 30, 1842 with an exceptional strike of “**Bridgetown N.S.**” crown handstamp (Jephcott 64, MacDonald 71), manuscript “*On Her Majesty's Service*” along top and rated “1/2”, London arrival backstamp
 VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE BRIDGETOWN CROWN HANDSTAMP SHOWING THE INTRICATE ETCHING OF CROWN. CERTAINLY ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE THREE OR FOUR KNOWN.
 Ex “Skywalk”..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000



2244

- 2244 ☒ **Excellent strike of the rare Bridgetown crown handstamp**
(Hillsburgh to Halifax, Jun. 24, 1842). Folded letter addressed to Provincial Secretary in Halifax, datelined Hillsburgh Jun. 24, 1842, bold strike of “**Bridgetown N.S.**” crown handstamp (Jephcott 64, MacDonald 71)
 VERY FINE. ONLY THREE OR FOUR EXAMPLES OF THE BRIDGETOWN CROWN HANDSTAMP ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST.
 Despite the great rarity of this marking, the “Dubois” collection remarkably has two examples. Ex Young, Glassco and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

LOT 2245 ☒

**The only recorded example of the Gays River crown handstamp—
a major Nova Scotia rarity**



2245

(Musquodoboit to Halifax, Aug. 31, 1841). Folded letter to Halifax datelined "*Musquodabait August 31st 1841*" with well-struck "**Gays River N.S.**" crown handstamp (Jephcott 65, MacDonald 72), rated "4d" at top right

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE GAYS RIVER CROWN HANDSTAMP. A MAJOR NOVA SCOTIA RARITY AND A KEY PIECE FOR ANY SERIOUS COLLECTION OR WORLD-CLASS EXHIBIT.

Ex de Volpi, Greene and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000



2246

2246 ☒ **A perfect and bold strike of the Guysborough crown handstamp**

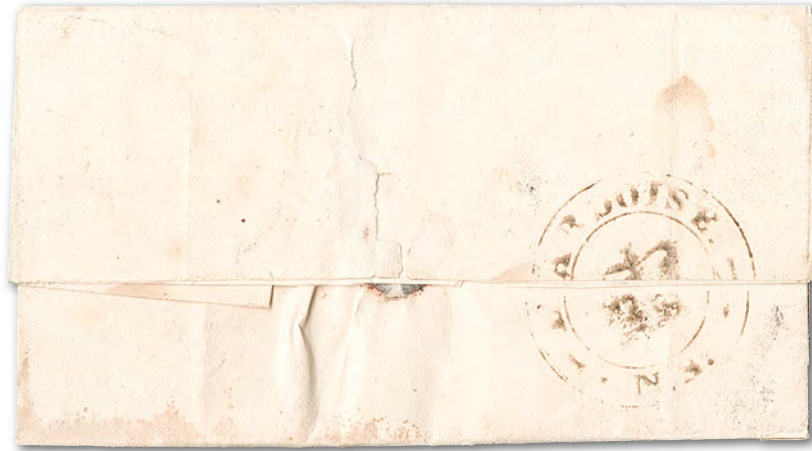
(Canso to Halifax, Dec. 27, 1841). Folded letter to Provincial Treasurer in Halifax datelined Canso Dec. 27, 1841, with perfect strike of "Guysborough N.S." crown handstamp (Jephcott 66, MacDonald 73), sent free with "On Service" at top right, negligible file fold, Extremely Fine strike of this scarce marking, we doubt that more than five or six exist, this is the earliest and certainly one of the finest, it predates the Sep.-Oct. 1842 dates recorded by MacDonald, ex "Maritimus"..... Estimate \$750-1,000



2247

2247 ☒ **The latest recorded example of the Guysborough crown handstamp**

(Guysborough to Halifax, Oct. 20, 1842). Folded letter addressed to Provincial Treasurer in Halifax datelined Guysborough Oct. 20, 1842, with bold strike of "Guysborough N.S." crown handstamp (Jephcott 66, MacDonald 73), manuscript "Free" at top right, Very Fine and choice strike of this scarce marking, we doubt that more than five or six exist, this is the latest recorded example according to MacDonald, ex "Skywalk"..... Estimate \$500-750



2248

- 2248 ☒ **The only known example of the L'Ardoise crown handstamp—an important rarity which has graced several renowned Nova Scotia collections**

(**L'Ardoise to Gut of Canso, Sep. 19, 1843**). Folded letter to Gut of Canso datelined L'Ardoise Sep. 19, 1843 with clear strike of "**L'Ardoise N.S.**" **crown** handstamp (Jephcott 67) over back fold, rated "2" for way charge but also "*Free*" at top left

FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE L'ARDOISE CROWN HANDSTAMP. A MAJOR CROWN HANDSTAMP RARITY AND KEY ITEM FOR ANY NOVA SCOTIA POSTAL HISTORY COLLECTION.

As this marking was not produced by the Post Office, it is believed to have been made locally by the postmaster of L'Ardoise as a way marking.

Ex Young, Glassco, Greene, "Halifax" and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000



2249

- 2249 ☒ **Excellent strike of the New Glasgow crown handstamp with the crown removed**

(**New Glasgow to Halifax, Apr. 21, 1842**). Folded letter to Halifax datelined New Glasgow Apr. 21, 1842 with bold strike of "**New Glasgow N.S.**" **double-circle with crown removed** (Jephcott 68, MacDonald 76), rated "7", file fold just touching handstamp, Very Fine strike of this scarce marking, MacDonald records examples from Mar. 1 to Oct. 12, 1842, ex "Maritimus".....

..... Estimate \$500-750



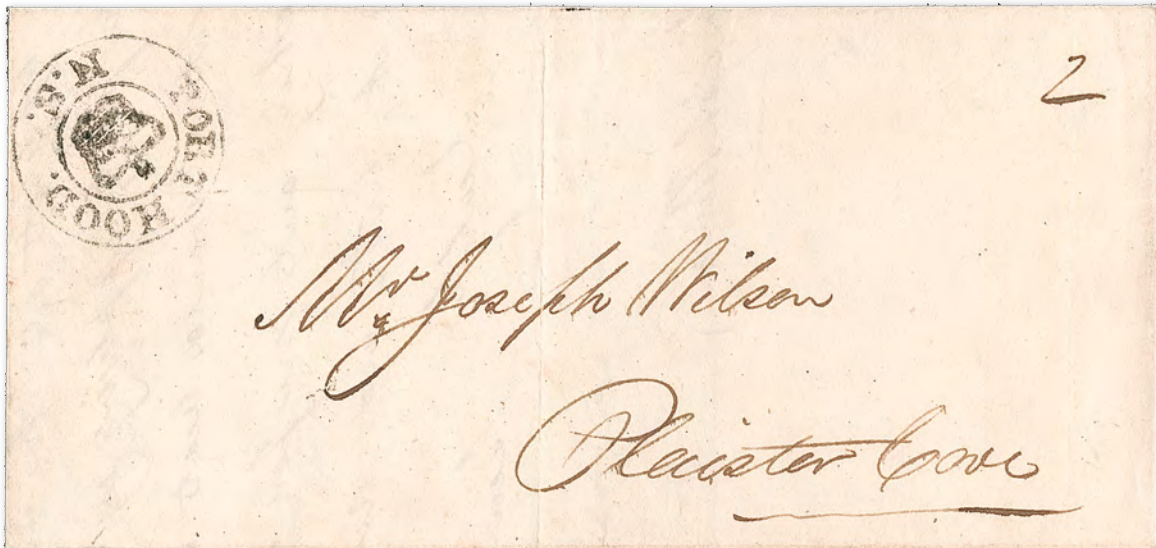
2250

2250 ☒ **Bold strike of the only recorded example of the Newport crown handstamp**

(Douglas to Halifax, Dec. 3, 1841). Folded letter to Halifax datelined Douglas Dec. 3, 1841 with wonderful strike of “Newport N.S.” crown handstamp (Jephcott 69, MacDonald 74), sent free with “Her Majestys Service” endorsement, cover with small edge tear at top

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE NEWPORT CROWN HANDSTAMP. AN IMPORTANT NOVA SCOTIA POSTAL HISTORY ITEM AND KEY TO ANY EXHIBIT COLLECTION.

Illustrated in *The Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1754-1867* by Jephcott, Greene and Young (p. 75). Ex Young, Glassco and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000



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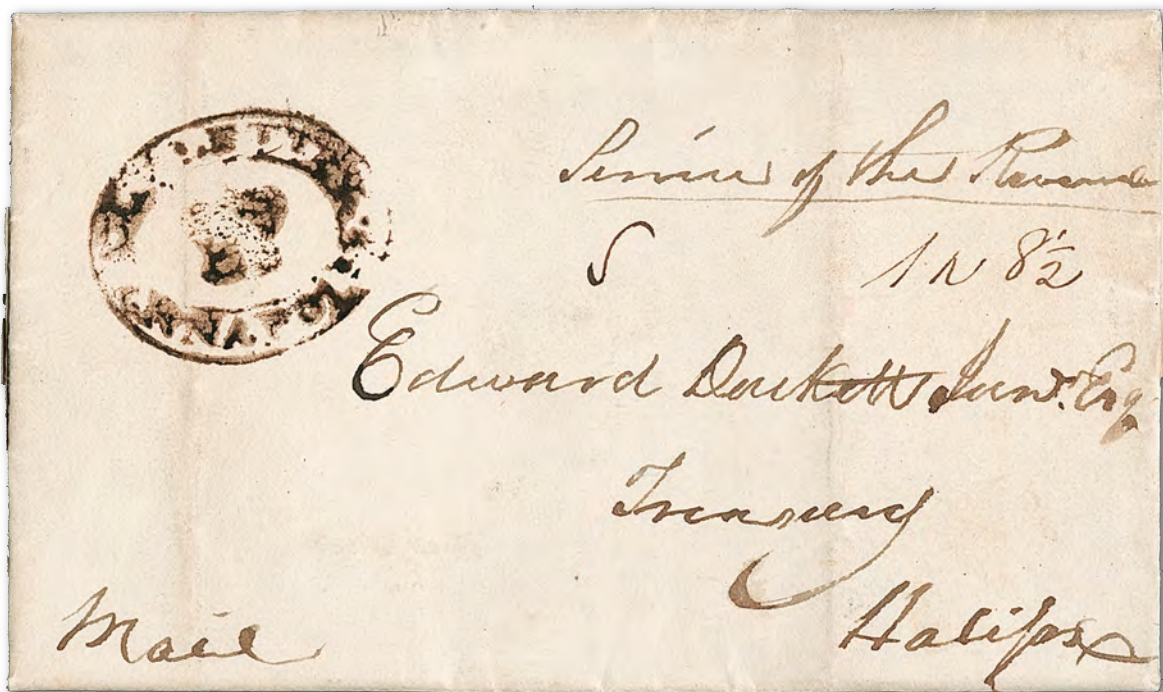
2251 ☒ **Clear strike of the scarce Port Hood crown handstamp**

(Port Hood to Plaister Cove, Mar. 4, 1842). Folded letter datelined Port Hood Mar. 4, 1842 with clear strike of “Port Hood N.S.” crown handstamp (Jephcott 70, MacDonald 75), addressed to Plaister Cove, rated “2”, Very Fine, MacDonald records examples from Mar. 14 to Dec. 28, 1842, ex de Volpi and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$400-500

NOVA SCOTIA SHIP LETTER MARKINGS

LOT 2252 ☒

The only recorded example of “Shp Letter Annapolis” crown oval handstamp



2252

(Digby to Halifax, Jun. 7, 1841). Folded letter datelined Digby Jun. 7, 1841 and addressed to Halifax, bold strike of “Shp Letter Annapolis” crown oval handstamp (MacDonald 242), manuscript “Service of the Revenue” and rated “IN 8½” at top right, mild file fold thru handstamp of little consequence

FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE “SHP LETTER ANNAPOLIS” CROWN OVAL HANDSTAMP. AN IMMENSE NOVA SCOTIA AND SHIP LETTER RARITY.

MacDonald theorizes that the lettering “SHP” was done in error and was created locally. Understandably, this has been missing from most major Nova Scotia collections, but it is a key cover for any award-winning exhibit or collection.

Ex “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000



2253

- 2253 ☒ **One of the finest of the four recorded examples of the “ANNAPOLIS N.S./SHIP LETTER” handstamp (St. John, New Brunswick to Annapolis, Nova Scotia, Mar. 13, 1850).** Blue folded letter datelined St. John Mar. 13, 1850 and addressed to Annapolis, Nova Scotia, bold red “ANNAPOLIS N.S./SHIP LETTER” two-line handstamp (Jephcott 151, MacDonald 243) with matching May 10 arrival back-stamp, manuscript “by Capt Brown, March 13/50” directive at bottom left and rated “4½”

VERY FINE. A CHOICE STRIKE OF THE “ANNAPOLIS N.S./SHIP LETTER” HANDSTAMP ON INCOMING FOLDED LETTER. ONLY FOUR EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED—THIS IS ONE OF THE FINEST. A MAJOR SHIP LETTER AND NOVA SCOTIA RARITY.

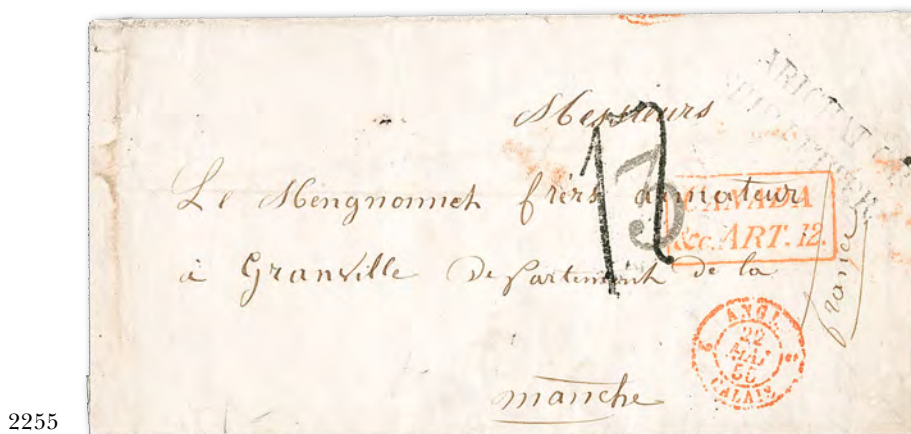
The four recorded include a new find (Apr. 7, 1849), which replaced the example offered here as the earliest known example. The one strike in black, dated Jan. 4, 1857, is offered in lot 2254.

Ex Dr. Clark, Rathbun and “Skywalk”..... Estimate \$4,000-5,000



2254

- 2254 ☒ **The only recorded “ANNAPOLIS N.S./SHIP LETTER” handstamp in black (St. John, New Brunswick to Granville, Nova Scotia, Jan. 4, 1857).** Folded letter datelined St. John Jan. 4, 1857 and addressed to Granville, Nova Scotia, black “ANNAPOLIS N.S./SHIP LETTER” two-line handstamp (Jephcott 151, MacDonald 243) and fancy “3” handstamp (likely carried privately from New Brunswick), cover with soiling and stain, splitting along folds, Fine strike of this rare marking—of the four recorded Annapolis Ship Letter covers, only this strike is in black, ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$750-1,000

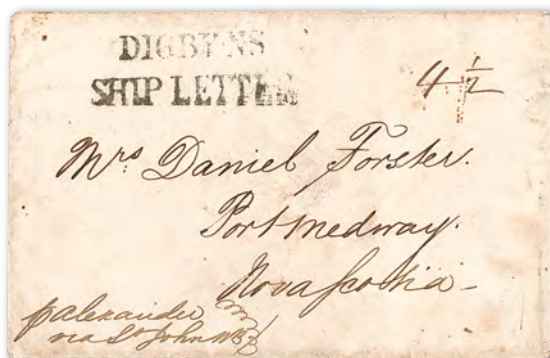


- 2255 ☒ **The only recorded example of the “ARICHAT C.B./SHIP LETTER” marking—applied to a cover from St. Pierre & Miquelon to France**

(St. Pierre & Miquelon to Granville, France, Apr. 17, 1855). Folded letter datelined “St. Pierre Miquelon le 17 avril 1855” and addressed to Granville, France, carried privately and entered mails with faint but clear strike of “ARICHAT C.B./SHIP LETTER” two-line handstamp (MacDonald 244), matching “Arichat N.S. JA 27, 1855” (should read “AP”) circular datestamp on back, red “CANADA &c. ART. 12” boxed Anglo-French accountancy handstamp, Halifax, London, Calais and Paris transit and Granville arrival backstamps, “3” handstamp applied in Halifax and “14” decimes due handstamp in France

FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED “ARICHAT C.B./SHIP LETTER” MARKING, REMARKABLY SENT FROM ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON ON A COVER TO FRANCE. A MAJOR NOVA SCOTIA, SHIP LETTER AND TRANSATLANTIC RARITY.

Illustrated in *BNA Topics* (Mar.-Apr. 1980, No. 376, p. 31). Ex Dr. Clark.... Estimate \$2,000-3,000



- 2256 ☒ **Exceptionally rare “DIGBY N.S./SHIP LETTER” marking**

(Digby to Port Medway, Jun. 20, 1857. Clearly struck “DIGBY N.S./SHIP LETTER” two-line handstamp (MacDonald 245) with “Digby N.S. JU 20 1857” circular datestamp on back of small cover to Port Medway, manuscript “p Alexander via St. John NB” ship-name directive, red Yarmouth transit and rated “4½” for 3p postage and 1½p ship fee, slight overall soiling

VERY FINE STRIKE OF THIS EXCEPTIONALLY RARE “DIGBY N.S./SHIP LETTER” HANDSTAMP

Jephcott gives a rarity rating of “R.F. 10” (highest possible). Ex “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

2256

- 2257 ☒ **The rare “LIVERPOOL N.S./SHIP LETTER”**

(Demerara, British Guiana to St. John, New Brunswick, Dec. 6, 1841). Printed folded letter datelined “Demerary, 6th December, 1841” and addressed to St. John, New Brunswick, “LIVERPOOL N.S./SHIP LETTER” two-line handstamp (MacDonald 246) and “Shelburne N.S.” circular handstamp with star (MacDonald 65), rated “7 (+) 9 (=) IN4” collect

VERY FINE STRIKE OF THE RARE “LIVERPOOL N.S./SHIP LETTER” MARKING. ONLY FOUR EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED.

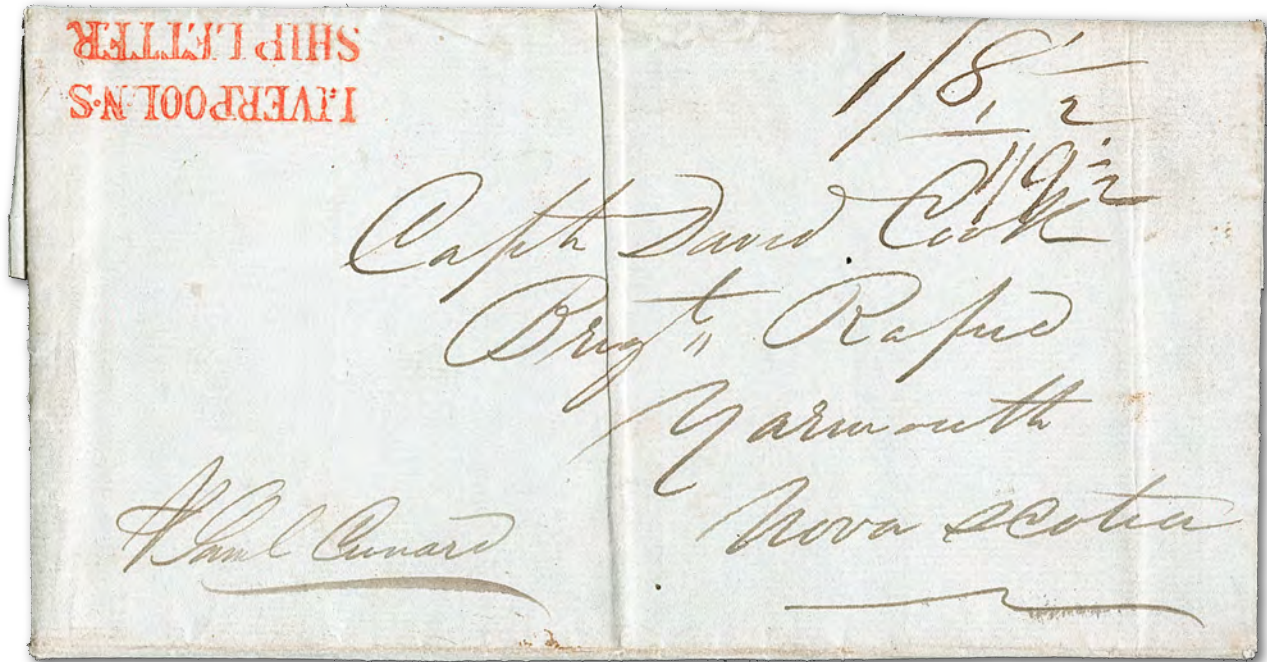
Ex “Maritimus”... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



2257

LOT 2258 ☒

Without question the finest of the four recorded examples of the
 “LIVERPOOL N.S./SHIP LETTER” handstamp—applied to a cover from British Guiana



2258

(Demerara, British Guiana to Yarmouth, Jul. 7, 1843). Folded letter datelined “Demerary 7th July 1843” and addressed to Yarmouth, carried privately to Nova Scotia with exceptional strike of “LIVERPOOL N.S./SHIP LETTER” (MacDonald 246) and matching Aug. 9 circular datestamp on back, rated “1/8½ (+) 1 (=) 1/9½”, minor internal splitting along folds and vertical file fold not affecting markings

EXTREMELY FINE. CERTAINLY THE FINEST RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE RARE “LIVERPOOL N.S./SHIP LETTER” MARKING, STRUCK ON A COVER FROM BRITISH GUIANA. ONE OF THE KEY SHIP LETTER ITEMS FOR ANY MAJOR NOVA SCOTIA COLLECTION.

The “1/9½” paid 9p for the ½oz to 1oz sea postage, 2½p ship fee, 9p rate to Yarmouth plus 1p for local delivery.

Illustrated in *The Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1754-1867* by Jephcott, Greene and Young (p. 190). Ex Jephcott, Greene and Steinhart..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000

LOT 2259 ☒

This cover bears the only recorded examples of both the
 “LUNENBURG N.S./SHIP LETTER” and Halifax “Detained for Postage” markings

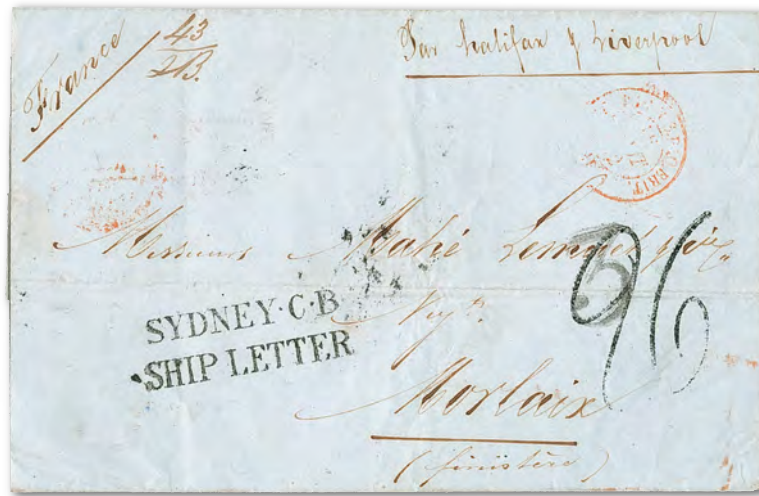


2259

(St. Bartholomew to Philadelphia Pa., Apr. 28, 1849). Folded letter datelined St. Bartholomew Apr. 28, 1849 and addressed to Philadelphia Pa., “Lunenburg N.S. MY 21 1849” circular datestamp and “LUNENBURG N.S./SHIP LETTER” two-line handstamp (MacDonald 247), Halifax May 24 transit backstamp and red “No. 541 Detained for Postage” handstamp (Jephcott 369, MacDonald 276), rated “1/1½” (crossed out) and re-rated “1/4”, evidently paid with red Halifax Jun. 11 tombstone, “5” in circle handstamp, couple file folds, one thru the Detained marking

FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF BOTH THE LUNENBURG SHIP LETTER AND DETAINED FOR POSTAGE HANDSTAMPS OF HALIFAX. A MAJOR NOVA SCOTIA RARITY.

These two handstamps are each listed in Jephcott and MacDonald, but neither author recorded an example on cover. They were previously only known in proof books..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000



2260

2260 ☒ **Bold strike of the scarce “SYDNEY C.B./SHIP LETTER” marking on cover to France**

(Sydney, Cape Breton to Morlaix, France, Jul. 28, 1852). Wonderful strike of “SYDNEY C.B./SHIP LETTER” two-line handstamp (Jephcott 153, MacDonald 250) with matching “Sydney C.B. JY 28 1852” circular datestamp on back of folded cover to Morlaix, France, manuscript “*par Halifax & Liverpool*” directive at top right, Halifax, London and Paris transit and Morlaix arrival backstamps, “96” decimes handstamp, Extremely Fine strike of this scarce marking..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2261

2261 ☒ **Early St. Pierre & Miquelon cover with the rare “SYDNEY C.B./SHIP LETTER” handstamp**

(St. Pierre & Miquelon to St. Servian, France, Sep. 7, 1853). Bold strike of “SYDNEY C.B./SHIP LETTER” handstamp (Jephcott 153, MacDonald 250) with matching “Sydney C.B. SP 7, 1853” circular datestamp on back of cover from St. Pierre & Miquelon to St. Servian, France, carried privately to Sydney with manuscript “*voie a Halifax & Liverpool*” directive, red “CANADA/&c. ART 12” boxed Anglo-French accountancy handstamp, Halifax and Calais transit datestamps, variously rated, light edgewear

FINE EARLY COVER FROM ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON WITH THE RARE “SYDNEY C.B./SHIP LETTER” MARKING. SELDOM SEEN WITH THE ANGLO-FRENCH ACCOUNTANCY MARKING.

St. Pierre & Miquelon did not have a post office until March 1854. Any mail prior to that, such as this cover, would have been privately carried directly or thru Nova Scotia.

Ex Smith..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000



2262

- 2262 ☒ **Very rare “WINDSOR N.S./SHIP LETTER” marking on a Gold Rush letter from passenger on his way to California while anchored off the coast of Brazil**

(Santa Catarina Island, Brazil to Windsor, Feb. 21, 1850). Folded letter datelined “Island of St. Catherine’s, 28 South Latitude, Coast of Brazil” on Feb. 21, 1850 and addressed to Windsor, carried privately with clear red “WINDSOR N.S./SHIP LETTER” two-line handstamp (MacDonald 251), red “SHIP” handstamp (unrecorded in Jephcott and MacDonald from Windsor) and “Windsor N.S. JY 25 1850” circular datestamp on back, rated “4½”, cover with some internal splitting and tear at bottom, fascinating contents regarding trip via Chagres, other ships calling at Santa Catarina Island, incoming shipment of slaves, his journey and seasickness

FINE. CLEAR STRIKE OF THE “WINDSOR N.S./SHIP LETTER” HANDSTAMP ON A FASCINATING GOLD RUSH LETTER WRITTEN BY AN ARGONAUT WHILE ANCHORED OFF THE COAST OF BRAZIL, PICKING UP SUPPLIES FOR THE REMAINING PART OF HIS JOURNEY AROUND CAPE HORN.

Ex “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000



2263

- 2263 ☒ **Rare and clearly struck example of the red “YARMOUTH N.S./SHIP LETTER” marking**

(Boston Mass. to Yarmouth, Jun. 7, 1854). Red “Yarmouth N.S. JU 7, 1854” circular datestamp on back and well-struck “YARMOUTH N.S./SHIP LETTER” two-line handstamp (MacDonald 252) on small mourning cover addressed to Yarmouth, manuscript “Politely favored by Messrs. Ladd & Hale, Boston” at bottom left, rated “3”, some pencil docketing erased and small tear to cover at top right, still Very Fine strike of this rare Yarmouth Ship Letter marking, only a small number are thought to exist, ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500

NOVA SCOTIA INSTRUCTIONAL AND SPECIAL MARKINGS



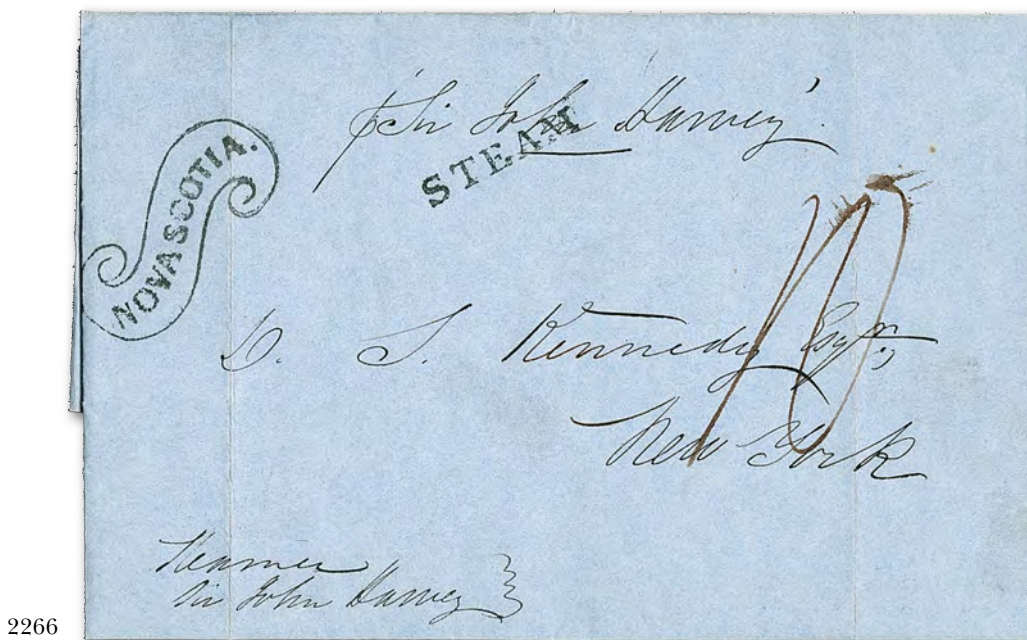
2264

- 2264 ☒ **Well-struck red “Too Late” fancy handstamp of Halifax—the earliest recorded example (Halifax to Lunenburg, Jun. 15, 1830).** Folded letter to Lunenburg datelined Halifax Jun. 15, 1830 with red “Too Late” fancy circular handstamp (Jephcott 390, MacDonald 286) and partly struck Halifax fleuron datestamp, rated “7”, some minor cover faults in outer panel at top and bottom, not affecting the red marking, Very Fine, this is the earliest recorded example of this marking (MacDonald states Jul. 12, 1830), also known in black (see lot 2265), ex Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2265

- 2265 ☒ **Excellent strike of “Too Late” fancy handstamp of Halifax—the latest recorded example (Halifax to Pictou, Jul. 18, 1846).** Bold strike of “Too Late” fancy circular handstamp (Jephcott 390, MacDonald 286) and bold Halifax Jul. 18, 1846 circular datestamp over fold of folded letter to Pictou, rated “7”, some slight soiling, still Very Fine strike of this rare marking, this is the latest of the few known examples, ex Young, Glassco and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2266

- 2266 ☒ **The earliest possible use of the “NOVA SCOTIA” scroll handstamp—this is the only example of the first date (January 29, 1853) among the four recorded covers**

(Halifax to New York, Jan. 22, 1853). Blue folded letter datelined Halifax Jan. 22, 1853 and addressed to New York, **Halifax Jan. 29, 1853** departure datestamp on flap and bold strike of “NOVA SCOTIA” in scroll handstamp (MacDonald 256), manuscript “*p Sir John Harvey*” ship-name directive, neat “STEAM” straightline and “10” rate applied at Boston (Feb. 1 arrival), file folds

EXTREMELY FINE STRIKE OF THE “NOVA SCOTIA” SCROLL HANDSTAMP, WHICH WAS IN USE FOR ONLY THREE CONTRACT TRIPS OF THE STEAMER *SIR JOHN HARVEY*. THIS COVER IS THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE OF USE—THE FIRST CONTRACT TRIP FROM HALIFAX WAS ON JANUARY 29, 1853.

Nova Scotia and U.S. postal officials shook hands on a mail contract with the steamer *Sir John Harvey* to carry letters at a special rate of 6p or U.S. 10¢, prepaid or unpaid. Research by David D’Alessandris (“The Steamer *Sir John Harvey*,” *Chronicle* 207) determined that the “contract” was disavowed by U.S. postal officials, and that no contract mail was sent from the U.S. to Nova Scotia. Only three trips from Halifax to Boston carried contract letters, which bear the “NOVA SCOTIA” scroll handstamp, the only Nova Scotia cross-border exchange marking. The contract round trips commenced with a Boston departure on January 22, 1853, and a Halifax return trip on January 29 (carrying this letter). Four Halifax-to-Boston covers are recorded: 1) Jan. 29 departure (ex Argenti and “Maritimus”), the cover offered here, 2) Feb. 9 departure (ex Young, Dr. Clark and “Skywalk”), 3) Feb. 15 departure (ex Mayer) and 4) Feb. 15 departure (ex “Halifax” and Steinhart).

Ex Argenti and “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$4,000-5,000

- 2267 ☒ **The scarce Port Hood “9” handstamp for registered covers**

(Cheticamp to Halifax, Aug. 18, 1853). Folded letter datelined “*Cheticamp Cape Breton, August 18th, 1853*” and addressed to Halifax, clearly struck “9” handstamp (MacDonald 362) with “Port Hood N.S. AU 20, 1853” circular datestamp on back, light Halifax tombstone arrival datestamp, cover with insignificant small tear at top right, Very Fine strike of this rare marking, the “9” handstamp was only used in Port Hood and indicated the 6p registry fee plus 3p postage, ex “Maritimus”..... Estimate \$750-1,000

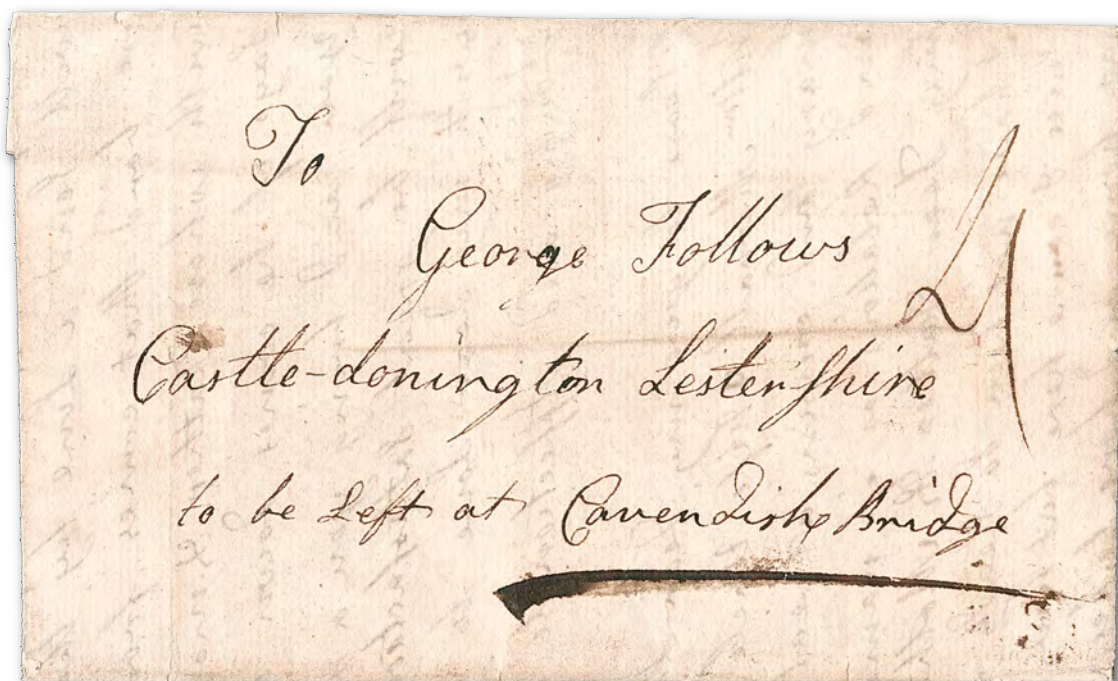


2267

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

LOT 2268 ☒

**The earliest recorded privately owned cover from Prince Edward Island
and addressed to another country**



2268

(New London to Castle Donington, England, May 11, 1774). Folded letter datelined “*New London, Granvill Bay, the Island St. John’s, 11th moth 5 1774*” and addressed to Castle Donington, England “*to be left at Cavendish Bridge*”, carried privately to Halifax for onward transmission to London with “31/DE” Bishop mark struck on arrival, rated “2/” with “Pd 5½” on back

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST RECORDED PRIVATELY OWNED LETTER FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. AN IMPORTANT ITEM FOR ANY EXHIBIT OR COLLECTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND OR THE MARITIME PROVINCES IN GENERAL.

Prince Edward Island was originally named “St. Jean” by the French and “St. John’s” by the English until 1798 when it was renamed Prince Edward Island in honor of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent (father of Queen Victoria). This letter, written by Joseph Follows to his parents, describes the weather and the “*winter lobster (where) I can go and catch within stones cast of our door as large as my leg is round which is very fine eating...*”. He makes mention of his arrival and of earlier letters being carried back to London via Yarmouth.

Ex Steinhart and Griffiths..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000



2269

2270



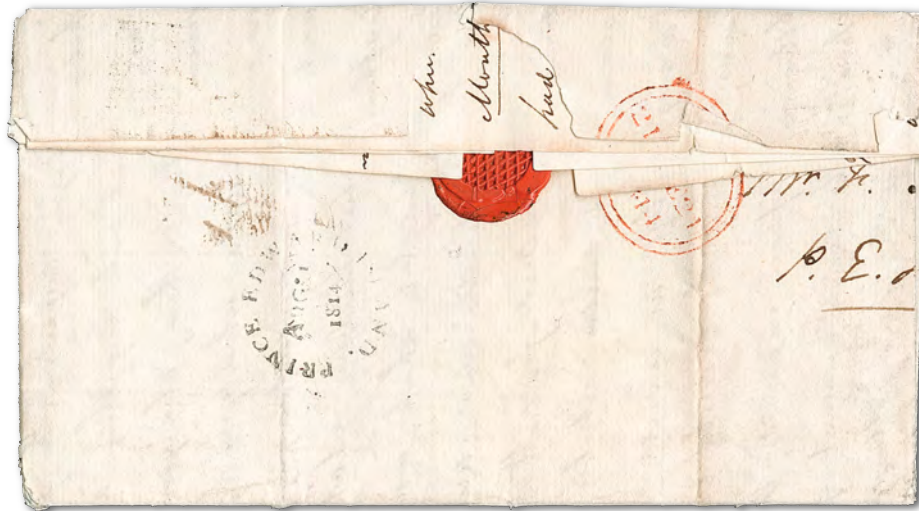
- 2269 ☒ **Early incoming letter from Scotland to Prince Edward Island**
(Edinburgh, Scotland to Prince Edward Island, Feb. 27, 1790). Folded letter datelined "Edin 27 Febry 1790" and addressed to James Douglas at "Island of St. John, Gulf of Lawrence", red "POST/PAID" in circle and Mar. 12 and 15 Bishop marks, sent via Halifax with "**Halifax, N. Scotia May 25 90**" split-circle datestamp (Jephcott 10, MacDonald 4b), rated "Pd 1/7", Very Fine, despite the name change to Prince Edward Island in 1798, the name "St. John's" persisted for some time, this is an early cover to PEI (the earliest known is dated 1789)..... Estimate \$750-1,000
- 2270 ☒ **Rare subscription express cover from Charlottetown to Edinburgh**
(Charlottetown to Edinburgh, Scotland, Jan. 5, 1803). Folded letter datelined "Charlotte Town 5th Jany 1803" and addressed to Edinburgh, Scotland, well-struck "**HALIFAX/FEB 7 1803**" two-line datestamp (Jephcott 8, MacDonald 9) struck in transit, London transit and Edinburgh arrival markings, rated "5/6" (crossed out) and "6/6", interesting contents stating "I take the opportunity of an Express to forward this which is sent by subscription to Halifax, with Government Dispatches and any private letters the Subscribers may chuse to send...", some minor edgewear, otherwise Very Fine, a rare early "express subscription" cover from Prince Edward Island, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$500-750



2271

2271 ☒ **Rare “Prisoners of War” marking on cover from Charlottetown**

(Charlottetown to Kirkcaldy, Scotland, Dec. 20, 1809). Folded letter datelined “Charlotte Town 20th Dec. 1809” and addressed to Kirkcaldy, Scotland, manuscript “p the Two Brothers” ship-name directive, carried privately, but *Two Brothers* was captured by the French as prize of war, letter ended up in England with “**Transport Office, Prisoners of War, GR**” crown oval handstamp, Edinburgh Sep. 6 transit datestamp and “Edin. 4 Sept. M Wright” on back, rated “5” for delivery to Kirkcaldy, some minor splitting along folds, otherwise Very Fine and fascinating cover, *Two Brothers* was eventually recaptured by the British and its crew released back to England, Malcolm Wright was the Transport Office agent in Edinburgh, prisoner-of-war mail was usually sent by coach and not government post, ex Griffiths..... Estimate \$500-750



2272 back

2272 ☒ **Clear strike of the first datestamp used at Charlottetown and in all of Prince Edward Island**

(Charlottetown to London, England, Jul. 24, 1814). Folded letter datelined “Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island July 24, 1814” with “**Prince Edward Island AUG 1, 1814**” rimless circular datestamp (Lehr P1) and addressed to London, red manuscript “Pd to Halifax” with Halifax fleuron circular datestamp in transit, London arrival backstamp, rated “2/2” from Halifax to London, interesting contents stating “...you will have heard of the catastrophe of the Prince of Wales, we are informed that she was run foul of, on the night of the 9th of May by a large ship, her side stove in, and foundered before daylight – its stated that only seven of the crew were saved...” two of which were known to them, some minor splitting along folds, otherwise Very Fine, Lehr records only 34 examples of this datestamp in private hands, this as an especially early strike which is first recorded May 2, 1814, ex Carr and Griffiths..... Estimate \$500-750



2273

- 2273 ☒ **This is the only recorded example of the curved “Ship Letter” handstamp** (Charlottetown to London, England, Nov. 1, 1815). Clearly struck “Prince Edward Island, Nov. 1, 1815” rimless datestamp (date in manuscript, Lehr P1) and “Ship Letter.” curved handstamp (Lehr P113) on folded cover to London, red manuscript “Pd to Halifax 8d” with “Ship Letter” crossed out and Halifax fleuron datestamp in transit, light London arrival backstamp, rated “4/4” paying the double rate
- VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE CURVED “SHIP LETTER” HANDSTAMP—USED WITH RARE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DATESTAMP.
- This cover was originally scheduled to travel on a private ship, but was sent via packet to Halifax instead. The PEI datestamp is rare in its own right, with only 34 recorded by Lehr.
- Ex Carr and Griffiths..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000



2274

- 2274 ☒ **The earliest known use of the Pictou (Nova Scotia) straightline—one of a few known—used on a letter from Prince Edward Island** (Charlottetown to London, England, Sep. 15, 1817). Folded letter datelined “Charlotte Town Sept 15, 1817” and addressed to London, carried privately to Pictou with “PICTOU” straightline struck on arrival (Jephcott 34, MacDonald 30), rated “7” to Halifax (crossed out) and further “2/8½” to include rate to London, London arrival backstamp
- FINE AND EXCEPTIONALLY RARE COVER SENT PRIVATELY FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND WITH THE RARE PICTOU STRAIGHTLINE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST OF THE FEW EXAMPLES RECORDED.
- Ex Steinhart and Dr. Clark..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

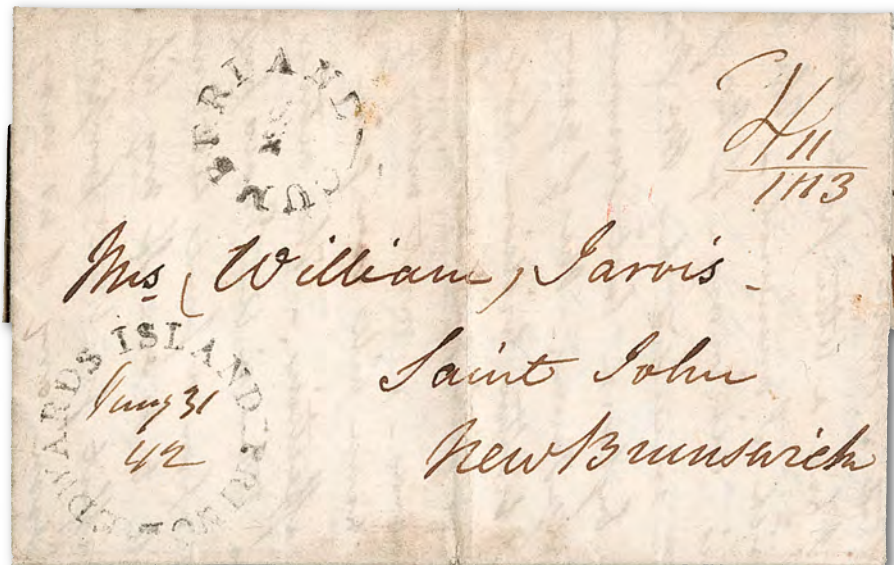


- 2275 ☒ **Superb strike of the first datestamp of Prince Edward Island on cover to London**
(Charlottetown to London, England, Aug. 1, 1818). Exceptionally well-struck “**Prince Edward Island, Aug. 1, 1818**” first-type circular datestamp (Lehr P1) on folded cover to London, red “*Pd to Halifax 8*” with Halifax fleuron datestamp and boxed “**PACKET LETTER**” handstamp, further rated “2/4” to London, London arrival backstamp, cover with minor reinforcement along folds, Extremely Fine strike of this first datestamp of PEI, Lehr records on 34 examples in private hands, ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2276 ☒ **Bold strike of the first PEI datestamp on cover with “Halifax Ship Letter” crown handstamp**
(Charlottetown to London, England, Aug. 15, 1818). Well-struck “**Prince Edward Island, Aug. 15, 1818**” first-type circular datestamp (Lehr P1) on folded cover to London, red “*Pd to Halifax 8*” with “**Halifax Ship Letter**” crown oval handstamp (Jephcott 137, MacDonald 236), clear “**PORTSMOUTH/SHIP LETTER**” boxed handstamp and London arrival backstamp, rated “1/1” and forwarded to Lambeth with “3” handstamp, Very Fine and attractive cover, Lehr records only 34 examples of this PEI datestamp in private hands, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2277 ☒ **Early use of the second datestamp used in PEI on cover to London**
(Charlottetown to London, England, Jun. 28, 1825). Clear strike of “**Post Office P.E. Island**” double-circle with manuscript “28 June 25” (Lehr P2) on folded cover to London, red “*Pd to Halifax 8*” (crossed out) and rated “2/2” to London, London arrival backstamp, Very Fine and early strike of the second postmark used in PEI, Lehr records at least two dozen examples, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$300-400
- 2278 ☒ **Well-struck “Post Office P.E. Island” double-circle**
(Charlottetown to London, England, Jul. 1, 1828). Neat strike of “**Post Office P.E. Island**” double-circle with manuscript “1 July 1828” (Lehr P2) on folded cover to London, red “8” and “PAID” in circle handstamp (applied in Halifax), both crossed out and Halifax fleuron datestamp in transit, further rated “2/2” to London, London arrival backstamp, Very Fine, Lehr records at least two dozen examples, ex “Edwards”, Carr and Griffiths..... Estimate \$300-400



2279

- 2279 ☒ **The only known one-penny soldier's concessionary rate cover from Prince Edward Island (Charlottetown to Scarborough, England, Sep. 7, 1828).** Faint but clear strike of "Post Office P.E. Island" double-circle with manuscript "7 Octo 28" (Lehr P2) on folded letter datelined Sep. 7 to Scarborough, properly endorsed "From John Atherton, Private Soldier, 52nd Regiment of Light Inftry" and signed at bottom left, red "Pd 1" one-penny soldier's concessionary rate, overall soiling FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED ONE-PENNY SOLDIER'S CONCESSIONARY RATE COVER FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.
Ex Griffiths..... Estimate \$1,500-2,000

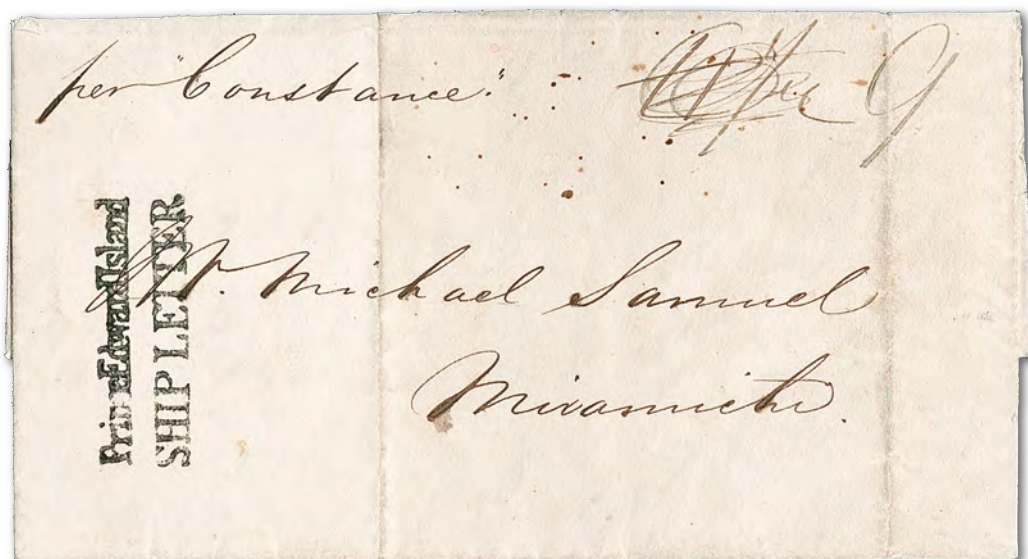


2280

- 2280 ☒ **Scarce "Prince Edwards Island" rimless circle datestamp—with "S" after "Edward"** (Charlottetown to St. John, New Brunswick, Jan. 31, 1842). Clear strike of "Prince Edwards Island" rimless circle with manuscript "Jany 31 42" (Lehr P3) on folded mourning letter to St. John, New Brunswick, "Cumberland N.S." circular handstamp (MacDonald 58) applied in transit, rated "4 (+) 11 (=) IN3", Very Fine and scarce marking which is distinguishable by the "S" at the end of "Edward", Lehr records only eighteen examples..... Estimate \$300-400

LOT 2281 ☒

The finest and latest of three recorded “Prince Edward Island/SHIP LETTER” covers



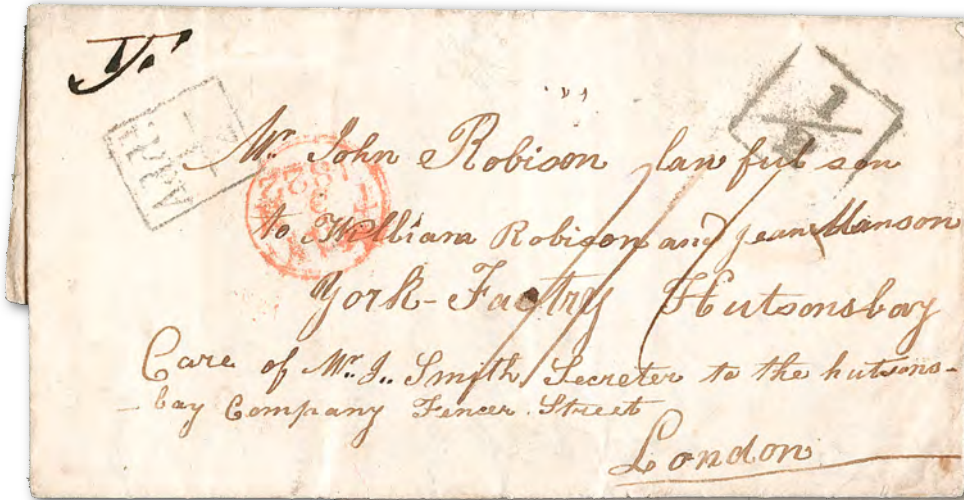
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(London, England to Miramichi, New Brunswick, Aug. 28, 1843). Folded letter datelined London Aug. 28, 1843 and addressed to Miramichi, New Brunswick, carried privately with “*per Constance*” directive at top and further “*p Brig Constance to PE Island*” on bottom flap, exceptional strike of “**Prince Edward Island/SHIP LETTER**” two-line handstamp (Lehr P112) and “Prince Edward Island OC 17 1843” circular datestamp (Lehr P5) on back, rated “11½” (crossed out) and “9”, red Chatham Oct. 24 transit backstamp

EXTREMELY FINE STRIKE. THIS IS THE FINEST AND LATEST OF THE THREE RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SHIP LETTER MARKING.

Illustrated in *The Postage Stamps and Cancellations of Prince Edward Island, 1814-1873* by James C. Lehr (p. 109). Ex Glassco and Steinhart..... Estimate \$5,000-7,500

PRINCE RUPERT'S LAND, HUDSON BAY CO. AND WESTERN MAIL
Mail to Western Territory



2282



2283

- 2282 ☒ **Rare "YF" cipher of York Factory used only on the top piece of mail in a bundle (Edinburgh, Scotland to York Factory, May 6, 1822).** Folded letter datelined "Edinburgh May 6th, 1822" and addressed to York Factory, "care of Mr. J. Smith, Secretary to the Hudson Bay Company, Fencer Street, London" for onward transmission, neat "1/2" and "Addl 1/2" boxed handstamps, red Edinburgh circular datestamp and London transit backstamp, clear manuscript "YF" cipher at top left for York Factory, manuscript "not him that is at Berens River" on top flap, Very Fine, the "YF" and other ciphers were used by the Hudson Bay Company in London to designate settlement destinations on the top piece of each mail bundle, therefore, by their application these markings are very rare, ex de Volpi, Steinhart and Montgomery..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500
- 2283 ☒ **Early transatlantic letter to John Stuart in New Caledonia (modern-day British Columbia) (Belfast, Ireland to Hudson Bay Northwest, May 28, 1823).** Folded letter datelined "Belfast 28th May 1823" and addressed to John Stuart Esq., Hudson's Bay Northwest, care of Wm. Smith Esq., Hudson's Bay House, London" for onward transmission, Belfast May 28 circular datestamp and "Post Paid" in scroll handstamp, red star handstamp and London transit datestamp, rated "1/9 (+) 3 (=) 2/0" in red, manuscript "Recd at I a la Crosse 19th Mar. 1824" on bottom flap (Ile a la Cross in modern day Saskatchewan), slight edgewear, otherwise Fine and incredibly rare early cover to New Caledonia, John Stuart (1780-1847) was placed in charge of the New Caledonia District from Fort St. James, he was a partner in the North West Company and chief factor of Hudson Bay Company, ex di Vopi and Steinhart..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



2284

2284 ☒ **Rare “RRS” cipher of Red River Settlement used only on the top piece of mail in a bundle**

(Stornoway, Scotland to Forks, Red River Settlement, May 3, 1826). Folded letter datelined “Stornoway May 3rd, 1826” and addressed to “Forks Red River, care of the Hudson Bay House, No. 3 Fenchurch Street, London” for onward transmission, neat “1/2” and “Addl 1/2” handstamps, Stornoway datestamp on back, London transit backstamp, clear manuscript “RRS” cipher at top left for Red River Settlement

VERY FINE. AN IMPRESSIVE “RRS” OF RED RIVER SETTLEMENT CIPHER ON MAIL FROM STORNOWAY TO FORKS. THE “RRS” IS RARELY ENCOUNTERED.

The “RRS” and other ciphers were used to designate settlement destinations on the top piece of each mail bundle; therefore, by their application these markings are very rare.

Ex de Volpi and Steinhart..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000



2285

2285 ☒ **Rare “MR” cipher of Moose River used only on the top piece of mail in a bundle**

(Musselburgh, Scotland to Fort Albany, Feb. 23, 1832). Folded outer panel of letter addressed to “Alexander Stewart Esquire, Ft. Albany, Hudson Bay, to the care of William Smith Esq., Hudson Bay House, Fenchurch Street, London” for onward transmission, manuscript “1/2½” and “Addl 1/2” handstamp, Musselburgh Penny Post handstamp on back and red Feb. 23 despatch datestamp, London transit backstamp, clear manuscript “MR” cipher at top left for Moose River, Very Fine, the “MR” and other ciphers were used by the Hudson Bay Company in London to designate settlement destinations on the top piece of each mail bundle, therefore, by their application these markings are very rare, the addressee, Alexander Stewart, was the chief factor of Moose River District, which included Fort Albany, ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500



- 2286 ☒ **Rare “RR” cipher of Red River Settlement used only on the top piece of mail in a bundle**
(Middleton, England to Red River Settlement, Feb. 17, 1840). Folded letter datelined “Middleton Feb. 17th, 1840” and addressed to “Rev. J. Smithurst, Red River Settlement, Hudson’s Bay, Ch. Miss (Church Missionary) House, Salisbury Square, Fleet St, London” for onward transmission, Wirksworth Feb. 19 circular datestamp on back and manuscript “2/10”, London transit backstamp, clear manuscript “RR” cipher at top left for Red River Settlement, small stain at top right and minor splitting along folds, still Very Fine, the “RR” and other ciphers were used by the Hudson Bay Company in London to designate settlement destinations on the top piece of each mail bundle, therefore, by their application these markings are very rare, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500
- 2287 ☒ **Rare “RR” cipher of Red River Settlement used only on the top piece of mail in a bundle**
(London, England to Red River Settlement, Jun. 5, 1840). Folded letter datelined “Ch(urch) M(issionary) House, June 5, 1840” and addressed to “Rev. J. Smithurst, Indian Settlement, Red River Settlement”, no postal markings likely indicating this letter was given directly to the Hudson Bay Company, Very Fine, the “RR” and other ciphers were used by the Hudson Bay Company in London to designate settlement destinations on the top piece of each mail bundle, therefore, by their application these markings are very rare, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$400-500
- 2288 ☒ **Interesting folded letter to Red River Settlement routed via the Church Mission in London**
(Middleton, England to Red River Settlement, Feb. 25, 1846). Folded letter datelined “Middleton, February 25th, 1846” and addressed to “Rev. John Smithurst, Church Mission House, Salisbury Square, Fleet St., London”, Wirksworth despatch circular datestamp and rated “4”, London arrival backstamp, address and manuscript “100” lightly crossed out as cover was given directly to Hudson Bay Company for onward transmission to Red River Settlement, contents stating “the Lady Day C.M.S. Paper gives...a beautiful engraving of your Mission Premises...” of which a photocopy is included with this lot, Very Fine..... Estimate \$750-1,000
- 2289 ☒ **Folded letter from Bishop of Montreal sent privately to Red River Settlement**
(Quebec to Red River Settlement, Apr. 9, 1847). Folded letter datelined “Quebec 9 April 47” and addressed to “The Reverend J. Smithurst, Indian Church, Red River”, no postal markings and sent privately, interesting contents stating “we are thankful in being enabled to do our part towards the alleviation of the horrors of famine in Ireland & the Highlands of Scotland. I am aware of the distinctive maladies which had been prevailing when you wrote at the Red River recalled to my mind the scourge of Cholera here in 1832 & again in 1834...” and difficulty in sending parcels to the Red River, few minor toned markings, still Very Fine, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$400-500

Mail from Western Territory

LOT 2290 ☒

Likely the earliest known cover from present-day Saskatchewan in private hands



2290

(Cumberland House to London, England, Aug. 13, 1837). Folded letter datelined “Cumberland House 13th Augt 1837” and addressed to London, carried privately to London with “**DEAL/SHIP LETTER**” boxed handstamp and London Oct. 25 arrival backstamp, rated “1/4”, letter with interesting contents from Charles Ross, who was a fur trader for Hudson Bay Company

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE FOLDED LETTER FROM A FUR TRADER AT CUMBERLAND HOUSE AND THOUGHT TO BE THE EARLIEST COVER KNOWN FROM PRESENT-DAY SASKATCHEWAN.

This letter made its way to York Factory for onward transmission to London by private ship. The letter was written by Charles Ross, a Hudson Bay Company fur trader, in which he states “I am suddenly and unexpectedly ordered off from this place, and I am once more about to recross the Mountains. My destination is the Columbia and then I may perhaps be at peace but in the meanwhile the length and difficulties of the journey with my numerous friends and under all the circumstances sufficiently annoying...”

Ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$2,000-3,000



2291 ☒ **Early Red River Settlement letter from Adam Thom to Sir Augustus d'Este in London**

(Red River Settlement to London, England, Aug. 5, 1841). Folded letter datelined "Red River Settlement, 5th August 1841" written by Adam Thom and addressed to Sir Augustus d'Este in London, manuscript "via Halifax per Steam Packet" directive at top, clear red "Lachine 12 Oct. 1841" double-circle datestamp with manuscript date, red manuscript "Sterling 1/2 Paid, Currency 1/4", red London Paid arrival datestamp, fascinating comments regarding Thom's opinion on d'Este's legitimacy as Royal family member, Very Fine, the addressee, Adam Thom (1802-1890), was nicknamed "Dr. Slop" for his anti-French Canadian views, the recipient, Sir Augustus d'Este (1794-1848), was an illegitimate grandson of King George III, ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$750-1,000

2292 ☒ **Remarkable intra-Red River Settlement letter regarding future censorship of mails**

(Fort Garry, Red River Settlement to Indian Settlement, Dec. 20, 1844). Folded letter datelined "Fort Garry, Red River Settlement, 20th December 1844" written by Alexander Christie to Rev. John Smithurst at Indian Settlement, letter referencing an enclosed notice (see *The Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps*, Volume V, by Robson Lowe, p. 86) that all mail had to go via Fort Garry for inspection before onward transmission in an effort to curtail any "illicit traffic of furs" outside of that conducted by the Hudson Bay Company, Very Fine and remarkable historical fur trade letter, Alexander Christie (1792-1872) was a fur trader and Governor of the Red River Colony, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$500-750

2293 ☒ **Early inter-provincial letter from Norway House to Nova Scotia via Lachine**

(Norway House, Hudson Bay to Pictou, Nova Scotia, Aug. 13, 1845). Folded letter datelined "Norway House, Hudson's Bay, 13 August 1845" and addressed to Pictou, Nova Scotia and forwarded to Wallace, carried privately to Lachine, red Lachine double-circle handstamp with "25th October 1845" manuscript date, Quebec transit and Pictou arrival backstamps, rated "2/1 (+) 4½ (=) 2/5½" for charge to Pictou and onward to Wallace, cover with overall soiling, edgewear and slight splitting along folds, otherwise Fine and scarce early fur trader letter, interesting contents stating "the price of Beaver, our staple article of trade has fallen off entirely in the market in consequence I believe of silk hats being now all the fashion...", ex Montgomery..... Estimate \$400-500

2294 ☒ **Interesting folded letter from Norway House to London via Montreal**

(Norway House, Hudson Bay to London, England, Jun. 23, 1848). Folded letter datelined "Prince Ruperts Land, Norway House, Lake Winnipeg, June 23rd, 1848" and addressed to London, carried privately and entered the mails with red "Montreal L.C. JY 27 1848" circular datestamp and rated "2/4", London arrival backstamp, fascinating contents from Charles Beardmore regarding his journey to Norway House "...preceded by the Northern Brigade of canoes to consisting of 4 canoes & 49 men up the River Mattawa & into Lake Mississagua thence down the French River into Lake Huron through that & Lake Superior to Fort William...then down through Lac La Pluise, Lac de Bois, Lake Winnipeg to Norway House...", front panel with reinforcement, otherwise Fine, on May 18, 1850 U.S. postal service started in Pembina to serve the Red River route, ex de Volpi and Dr. Robertson..... Estimate \$1,000-1,500

2295 ☒ **Folded letter from Colour Gardens to Toronto via Detroit and Minnesota Territory**

(Colour Gardens, Red River Settlement to Toronto, Jun. 14, 1854). Folded letter datelined "Colour Gardens, 14th June 54" and addressed to Toronto, carried privately to Detroit with "United States 6" cross-border handstamp and "Saint Paul, Min Ter. Jul. 15" circular datestamp with "10" handstamp, Windsor transit and Toronto arrival backstamps, some minor interior reinforcement to face panel, tear at top extending into Saint Paul marking, still Fine and scarce, ex de Volpi..... Estimate \$500-750

LOT 2296 ☒

The earliest recorded example of the sought-after Red River manuscript postmark and the only known use on a cover sent outside of British North America



2296

(Fort Alexander to Kilmun, Scotland, Oct. 27, 1855). Clear “Red River Nov. 6th 1855” manuscript postmark in circle with matching large “PAID/24” handstamp on cover to Kilmun, Scotland, with original contents datelined “Fort Alexander, Lac La Pluis District October 27th 1855”, route directive “via New York” at bottom left and “Pembina” above circle, red “19” credit handstamp, red “Paid America, Liverpool, 14 JA 56” and Greenock transit datestamps, top flap reattached, some edgewear and reinforcements

FINE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST RECORDED RED RIVER MANUSCRIPT POSTMARK AND THE ONLY EXAMPLE ADDRESSED OUTSIDE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA AND WITHOUT THE “B.N.A.” DESIGNATION IN THE CIRCLE. AN IMPORTANT RED RIVER RARITY WITH ONLY EIGHT CONFIRMED EXAMPLES RECORDED.

This marking was applied by Postmaster William Ross (1825-1856), who likely created this marking by tracing a coin or round object, then writing in the postmark. Known examples are dated from Nov. 6, 1855 thru Mar. 10, 1856 (with the exception of the unique small marking—see lot 2300). This is likely due to the untimely death of Ross in May 1856.

Our census is available on our website at <https://siegelauctions.com/census/canada/redriver>. Outside of the unique 1858 small marking, we record only eight confirmed examples, plus another two which are recorded by Eastern Auctions but have not been seen. The cover offered here is the only example addressed outside of British North America and without the “B.N.A.” designation inside the circle. The other covers are addressed to Toronto or Nova Scotia.

Census no. RRS-COV-01. Ex de Volpi, Bilden and Risvold..... Estimate \$3,000-4,000

LOT 2297 ☒

**Wonderfully choice example of the Red River manuscript postmark—
one of only eight confirmed examples**



2297

(Red River Settlement to Toronto, Jan. 10, 1856). Bold and clearly written “*Red River Jan. 10 1856 B.N.A.*” manuscript postmark in circle on cover to Toronto, matching large “PAID/10” handstamp, sent via Pembina with “United States 6d” oval handstamp, Toronto Feb. 13 arrival backstamp, back with Bishop of Rupert’s Lane wax seal

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE EIGHT CONFIRMED EXAMPLES OF THIS RED RIVER MANUSCRIPT POSTMARK.

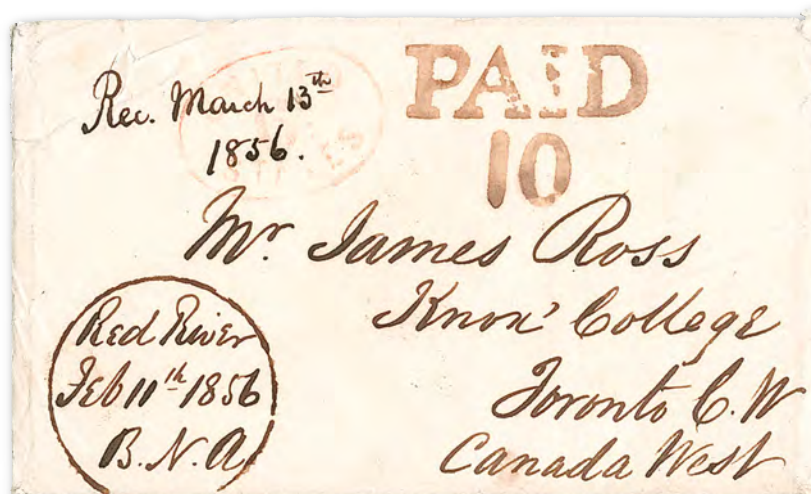
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Census no. RRS-COV-06. Ex de Volpi, Hollingsworth and Fraser..... Estimate \$4,000-5,000

LOT 2298 ☒

**Outstanding quality example of the rare Red River manuscript postmark—
one of only eight confirmed examples**



2298

(Red River Settlement to Toronto, Feb. 11, 1856). Bold and clearly written “*Red River Feb. 11th 1856 B.N.A.*” manuscript postmark in circle on cover to Toronto, matching large “PAID/10” handstamp, sent via Pembina with “United States 6d” oval handstamp, partly struck Toronto arrival backstamp, cover with minor edgewear and backflap missing

VERY FINE. THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT CONFIRMED EXAMPLES OF THIS RED RIVER MANUSCRIPT POSTMARK. THIS IS SECOND LATEST EXAMPLE KNOWN.

This marking was applied by Postmaster William Ross (1825-1856), who likely created this marking by tracing a coin or round object, then writing in the postmark. Known examples are dated from Nov. 6, 1855 thru Mar. 10, 1856 (with the exception of the unique small marking—see lot 2300). This is likely due to the untimely death of Ross in May 1856.

Our census is available on our website at <https://siegelauctions.com/census/canada/redriver>. Outside of the unique 1858 small marking, we record only eight confirmed examples, plus another two which are recorded by Eastern Auctions but have not been seen.

Census no. RRS-COV-09. Ex Dr. Robertson and Wilkinson..... Estimate \$4,000-5,000

LOT 2299 ☒

The latest recorded example of the Red River manuscript postmark and
the only double-rate example known



2299

(Red River Settlement to Toronto, Mar. 10, 1856). Clear “Red River March 10/56 B.N.A.” manuscript postmark in circle on blue cover to Toronto, matching large “PAID” handstamp with manuscript “20c” rate, Windsor Apr. 15 transit and Toronto Apr. 16 arrival backstamps, interesting docketing “Recd April 16th, 1856 (of May 20th, his last—see within)” likely indicating there was at least one more letter sent to Ross’s brother James before his passing in May 1856

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE LATEST OF THE EIGHT CONFIRMED EXAMPLES OF THE RED RIVER MANUSCRIPT POSTMARK. IT IS ALSO THE ONLY KNOWN DOUBLE-RATE COVER.

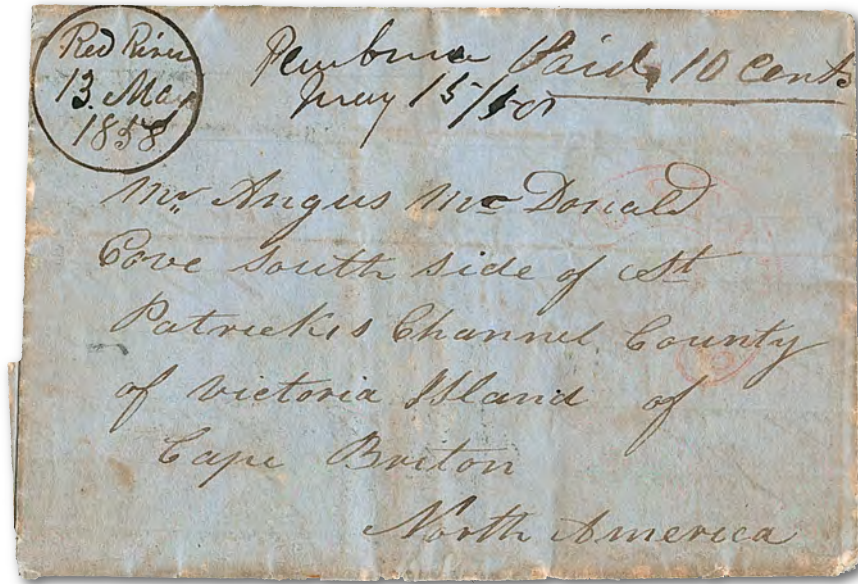
This marking was applied by Postmaster William Ross (1825-1856), who likely created this marking by tracing a coin or round object, then writing in the postmark. Known examples are dated from Nov. 6, 1855 thru Mar. 10, 1856 (with the exception of the unique small marking—see lot 2300). This is likely due to the untimely death of Ross in May 1856.

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Census no. RRS-COV-10. Ex Fraser..... Estimate \$5,000-7,500

LOT 2300 ☒

The only recorded example of the small Red River manuscript postmark



2300

(Red River Settlement to Victoria Island, Nova Scotia, May 13, 1858). Boldly written “**Red River 13 May 1858**” manuscript postmark in circle on blue folded letter datelined “Red River Settlement April 9th, 1858” and addressed to “Patrick’s Channel County of Victoria Island of Cape Briton” in Nova Scotia, with manuscript “Paid 10 Cents” at top right, “**Pembina May 15/50**” manuscript postmark, light strike of red “U. States” curved handstamp, St. John, New Brunswick and Pictou transit backstamps, outer panel with overall soiling and slight splitting along folds

FINE. THE HIGHLY SOUGHT-AFTER AND ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE SMALL RED RIVER MANUSCRIPT POSTMARK, DATED MORE THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE LARGER EXAMPLES. IT IS ALSO THE ONLY KNOWN RED RIVER POSTMARK USED BETWEEN POSTMASTER ROSS’S DEATH AND THE START OF CANADIAN POSTAL SERVICE AT RED RIVER IN 1870.

The diameter size of this postmark measures approximately 22mm, whereas the earlier Postmaster Ross circles are approximately 30mm. It is the only recorded postmark used in Red River from the period after Postmaster Ross’s death in May 1856 to the start of Canadian postal service at Red River in 1870.

The letter contains interesting contents: “Since the arrival of the soldiers here the price of produce is increasing...if you are accustomed to reading the newspapers I suppose you have seen the desperate betwixt the Hudson Bay Company and Canada government the expectation of the Red River people is that this place will be united to Canada soon and monopoly of the Hudson Bay Company will soon be finished. The government of Canada already granted £5,000 to make a road between Lake Superior and the Red River...there is no doubt but merchants and settlers will emigrate to the Red River and throughout all the country...”. It was about a decade later in 1869 that the Hudson Bay Company’s monopoly came to an end when they returned Rupert’s Land to Britain.

Our census is available on our website at <https://siegelauctions.com/census/canada/redriver>. This is not only the unique small manuscript postmark, but it is also one of only two examples addressed outside of Toronto.

Census no. RRS-COV-11. Ex Steinhart..... Estimate \$10,000-15,000



2301

- 2301 ☒ **Misdirected cover from Red River Settlement to Elma, U.C. then to Elora, C.W.**

(**Red River Settlement to Elora, Canada West, Feb./Mar. 1857**). Buff cover originating at Red River and addressed to Elora, Canada West, manuscript "*prepaid 10 cents*" and red "United States 6d" oval cross-border handstamp of Pembina, first sent to Elma, U.C. with manuscript "*Try Elora*" at left, Windsor, Elma and Guelph transit and Elora arrival backstamps, cover with minor edgewear, otherwise Fine and scarce, ex Sanderson..... Estimate \$400-500



2302

- 2302 ☒ Scarce “Post Office Nanaimo, Vancouver Island” oval handstamp

(**Nanaimo, Vancouver Island to New Westminster, B.C., 1864**). Red “**Post Office Nanaimo, Vancouver Island**” oval handstamp with black “**PAID**” oval handstamp on cover to New Westminster, British Columbia, manuscript “*Received April 19/64*” along top, overall wear and missing top left corner and part of backflap, Fine and scarce marking, with small original news clipping regarding the schooner *Langley* having sunk near the wharf with mail onboard, but we have no definitive way to confirm this is a salvaged shipwreck cover, ex Wellburn..... Estimate \$400-500

LOT 2303 ☒

The exceptional balance of the "Dubois" collection of
important pre-stamp covers and postal markings of British North America



2303EX

Balance of the "Dubois" Collection. Total of 69 covers neatly mounted on hand-annotated pages, dates range from 1760s to 1850s and include Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, most bought individually or in small groups of two or three at auctions, mostly from well-known name sales, a further description of each area can be found below, quality typically above average and as reflected by the single lots offered in this sale, though faults should be expected as with any early pre-stamp era material

FINE-VERY FINE. THE REMARKABLE BALANCE OF 69 COVERS FROM THE "DUBOIS" COLLECTION. A PERFECT FOUNDATION FROM WHICH TO BUILD AN IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF PRE-STAMP MATERIAL FROM BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Canada: 29 covers, 1760s-1850s, wide range of straightlines from Berthier, Brockville, Chambley, Coteau du Lac, La Prairie, Montreal, Perth, Sherbrooke and Three Rivers, plus circular date-stamps from Erius, St. Catherines and St. Hyacinth; various uses, rates and markings, including "Money Letter" from Amherstburg and Quebec

New Brunswick: 28 covers, 1780s-1850s, early markings from St. John including Jephcott 12, 13a, 13b (3), 17, 18 and 19, and from Fredericton including Jephcott 23 (3) and 23a; we notice two covers from the infamous Benedict Arnold, rare "Ship Letter" marking (Jephcott 140), forwarded covers and more

Nova Scotia: 10 covers, 1790s-1850s, few scarce early Halifax markings including MacDonald 4b, 9 and 12, plus "Post Office" circular handstamps from Annapolis, Pictou and Sydney, and a Digby straightline

Prince Edward Island: two covers, first is 1831 cover with Lehr P2, second is a 1844 with Lehr P10 to New York originally containing enclosure for forwarding to Mexico

We strongly urge bidders to closely study the PDF on our website or to examine the actual lot to form a competitive bid..... (Photo Ex/Website PDF) Estimate \$5,000-7,500

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