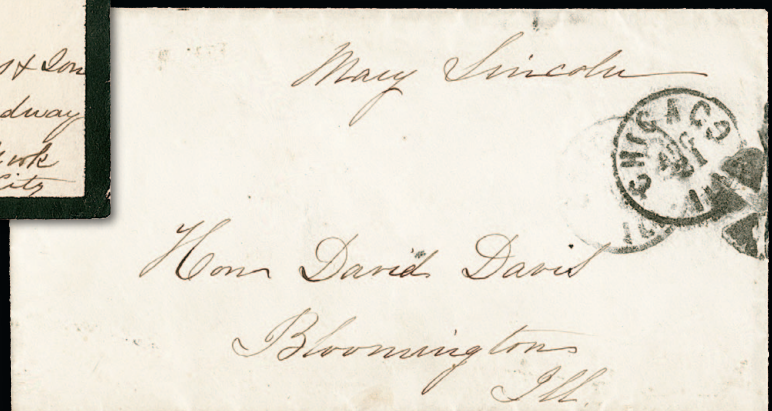
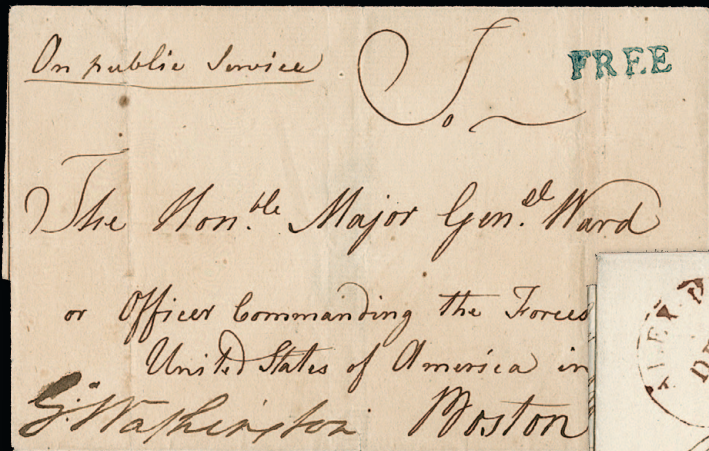


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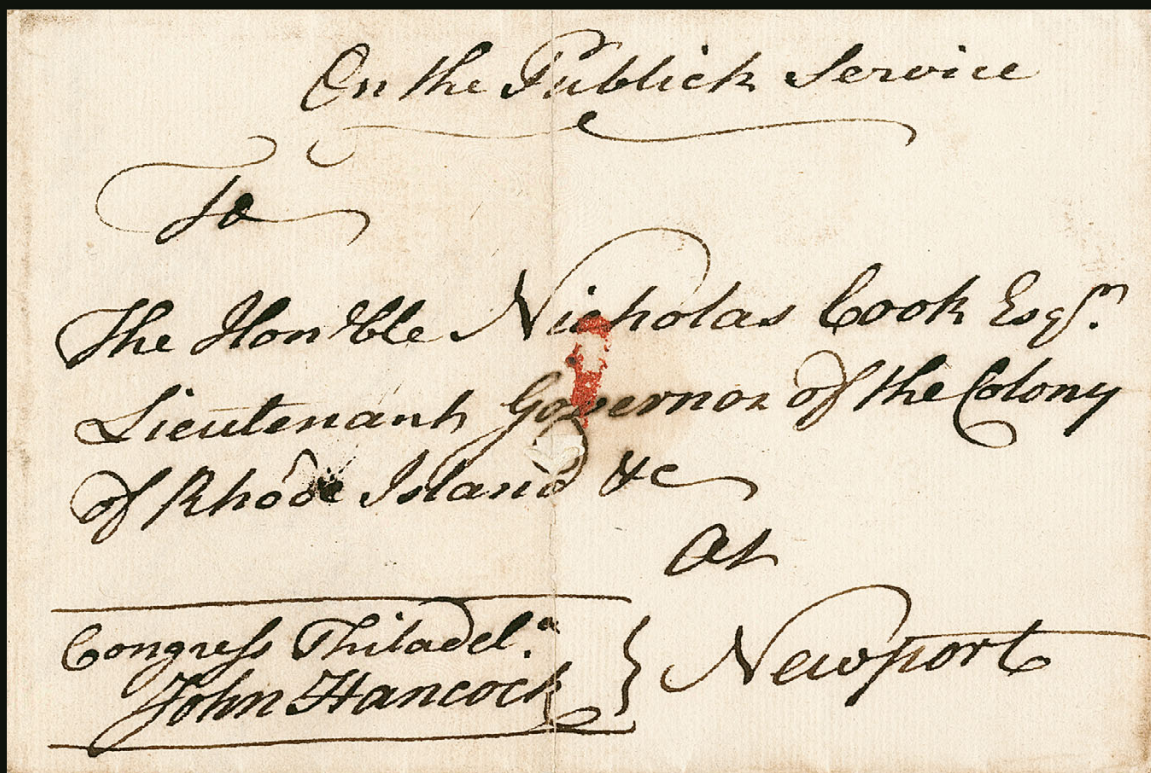


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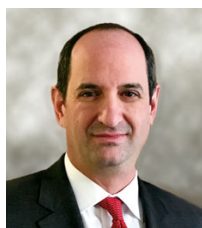
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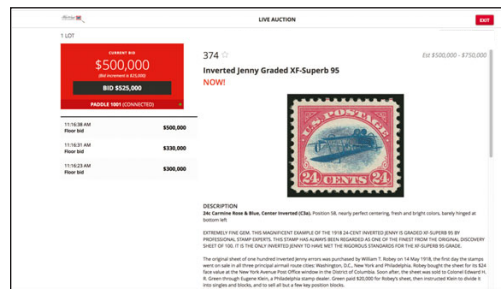
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9. Until paid for in full, all lots remain the property of the Galleries on behalf of the seller.

10. Agents executing bids on behalf of clients may also be held responsible for all purchases made on behalf of clients, unless otherwise arranged prior to the sale.

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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		
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.**

Catalogue Values and Estimates

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

American Free Franks and Historical Documents

THE DEFINITION OF “FRANK” IS THE SUPERSCRIBED SIGNATURE OF A PERSON ENTITLED TO send a letter free of postage. It has been used as a noun, representing the franked letter or envelope, and as a verb, *to frank*. The word is derived from the Latin *francus*, meaning free, thus the term free frank is somewhat redundant. Frankings sometimes included the word “free,” but often they did not. The post office sometimes used a “free” handstamp, but often it did not. Some persons with franking privileges, such as George Washington, totally avoided writing the word “free” on franked mail.

The franking laws in the American Colonies developed as an extension of the British system. When the Parliamentary Post was established in 1692 to promote inter-colonial mail, letters from officers of state and council were to be carried free of charge. The Queen Anne Act of 1711 gave the British Post Office responsibility for all colonial post offices, and the King George III Act of 1765 revised the American postal rates. During this time mail continued to be franked when applicable, in much the same way as mail in England, except that in England, “Free” handstamps were used on franked covers.

In the transitional period of 1774-75, the Parliamentary Post continued to function while William Goddard tried to start his own Constitutional Post. Finally, the Continental Congress created its postal system on July 26, 1775. They stipulated that the franking privilege should be given to delegates only during sessions of Congress. When the Articles of Confederation were passed in 1782, the franking privilege was given to those in Congress who had actually taken their seats, as well as to the heads of the departments of Finance, War and Foreign Affairs. The privilege was again given to the delegates to the Constitutional Convention at Philadelphia in 1787.

The Executive and Legislative departments of the U.S. government were given franking privileges, beginning with the Act of February 20, 1792. Letters not exceeding 2 ounces in weight were to be delivered free of charge to and from the President, Vice President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller, Register, Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Postmaster General, Senators, House members, Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House. Since then, there have been hundreds of additions, deletions and amendments to the franking laws.

Franking privileges were restricted from 1845 to 1847, in what is called the “Brownout Period.” It was restricted in part during some of the Civil War period. Finally, it was abolished entirely in 1873 in response to widespread abuse of the system. This period from 1873 to 1875 is known as the “Blackout Period,” during which only a few public documents could be franked. Except for the Executive Department, the franking privilege was gradually reestablished, the penalty envelope came into use and the franking system was reconstituted.

This sale is almost exclusively the collection of a longtime Siegel client who passed away. It is impressive in both scope and depth, and includes many of the most desirable free franks of American historical figures, including Signers of the Declaration of Independence (Franklin, Hancock, et al), Founding Fathers, Presidents and Presidents’ Widows, and others.

In addition to the free franks offered, this auction features a remarkable “historical document” of one of the 20th century’s most iconic figures — an hourglass-shaped figure, to be precise — who defined female sexuality in the post-WW2 era. Lot 168 is a group of **Marilyn Monroe’s personal cookbooks and handwritten notes** on slips of paper. Her shopping list includes a “Needle for Motorola 3 speed portable Phonograph hi-fi.” There is a typed copy of her daily diet. The pages of the two cookbooks include notes about recipes. These everyday items serve to remind us that the legendary Marilyn was really no different than we are, and despite the fame that eventually overwhelmed her, she enjoyed homecooked meals she prepared with the help of *The New Joy of Cooking*.

Marilyn is joined in this sale by Martha Washington (lot 126), Dolley Madison (lots 129-130), Sarah Polk (lots 133-134), Mary Todd Lincoln (lot 135) and Christa McAuliffe (lot 170). These women of various backgrounds and circumstances each left their mark, and in several cases their *frank*, on history.

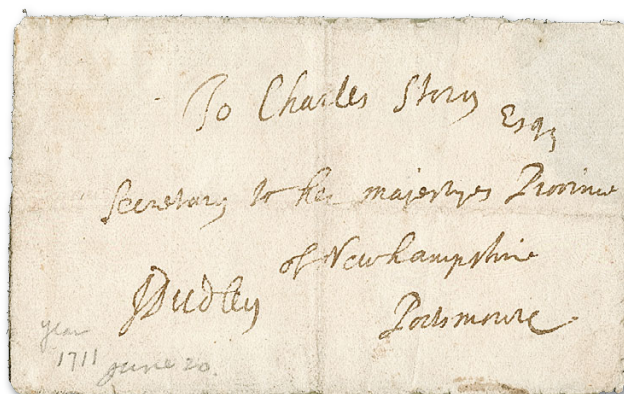
On a personal note, I have always had an affinity for free franks. One of the first Siegel auctions I attended in person featured the Theodore Stevens collection of free franks (Sale 556, January 1980). I played hookie during senior year of high school and took the bus into the city to participate in the auction. One of my mentors, Louis Grunin, built a fantastic collection of free franks, sold by this firm in 1993 (Sale 750). To me, free franks are the perfect items to show friends and acquaintances when they wonder what it means to collect *covers* or *postal history*. Who can resist the allure of John Hancock or Abraham Lincoln? When Broadway is back up and running, bring an Alexander Hamilton franked cover to a performance of Hamilton and show it to one of the teenagers who loves the music, but has no idea who Hamilton really was.

Inspired by this sale, I will sign this introduction.



AFTERNOON SESSION (LOTS 1-186)
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021, AT 1:30 P.M.

AMERICAN FREE FRANKS AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS
COLONIAL PERIOD AND BRITISH HISTORICAL



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- 1 ☒ **Joseph Dudley.** Member of the Massachusetts General Court (1673-76), fought the Naragansett Indians during King Philip's War (1675), member of the Upper House in the Massachusetts Bay legislature (1676-83, 1684), Commander of the United Colonies of New England (1677-81), member of the Governor's Council, President of the Council (1684), in charge of press censorship for Governor Andros and Chief Justice of Colonial Superior Court (1687-89), governor of Provinces of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire (1702-1715), free frank "J Dudley" on part of folded cover addressed in his hand "To Charles Story Esq., Secretary to her Majesty's Province of New Hampshire, Portsmouth", pencil 1711 yeardate, some wear, still Very Fine and rare early free frank from this major historical figure, we are aware of only one other free frank, dated June 11, 1711 E. 1,000-1,500



2

- 2 ☒ **Lord Charles Cornwallis.** British general in the Revolutionary War who surrendered at the siege of Yorktown, viceroy of Ireland (1798-1801), free frank "Free Cornwallis" on folded cover dated Aug. 11, 1801 to Lieutenant General Harris in Kent, "COLCHESTER" straightline handstamp, intact red wax seal, some overall soiling and wear, vertical file fold affects free frank, still Fine E. 300-400

SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



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- 3 **Benjamin Franklin.** Free frank "B Free Franklin" at lower left of restored cover front only
"To Jonathan Williams, Esq. Merch., Boston"

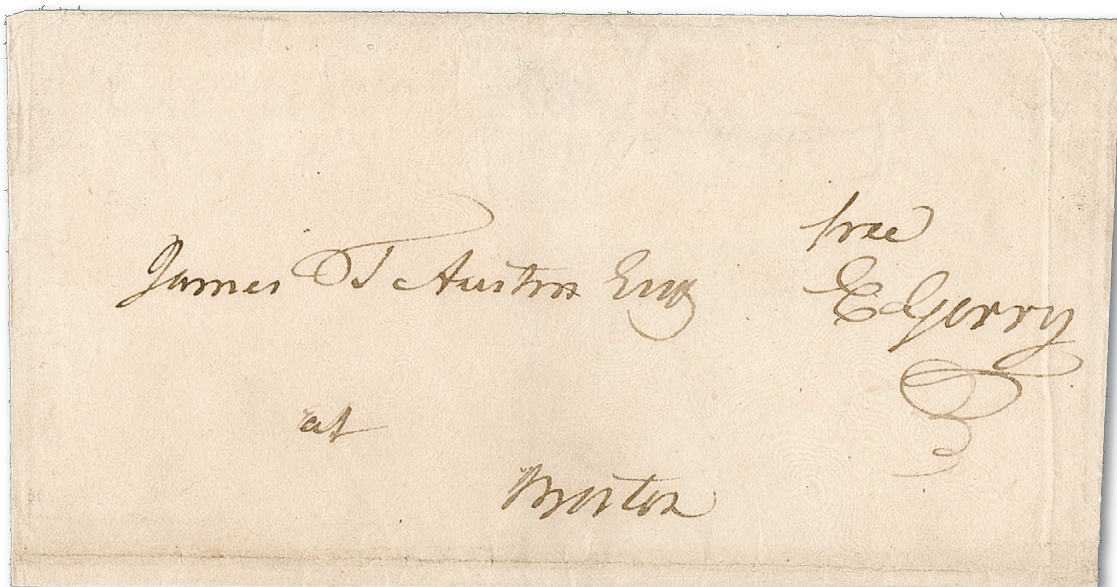
VERY FINE. A DESIRABLE AND SCARCE EXAMPLE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S FREE FRANK.

Jonathan Williams (1719-1796) was the husband of Grace Harris, daughter of Franklin's half sister Ann. Franklin seems to have relied on him to look after several of his Boston relatives. E. 10,000-15,000



4

- 4 ☒ **Elbridge Gerry.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence, delegate to the Continental Congresses of 1776-81 and 1782-85 from Massachusetts, a framer of the Constitution, member of Congress, Governor of Massachusetts and Vice President under James Madison, Gerry's political maneuvering inspired the term "gerrymandering", autograph free frank "free E. Gerry" on small neat folded cover addressed in his hand to Mrs. Gerry at Cambridge Mass., brownish-black "25/1A" Franklin mark and matching "FREE" handstamp, both of Philadelphia, 1791 docketing on backflap, Very Fine and scarce Signer's free frank, ex Grunin..... E. 500-750



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- 5 ☒ **Elbridge Gerry.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence, delegate to the Continental Congresses of 1776-81 and 1782-85 from Massachusetts, a framer of the Constitution, member of Congress, Governor of Massachusetts and Vice President under James Madison, Gerry's political maneuvering inspired the term "gerrymandering", free frank "free E. Gerry" on folded cover addressed in his hand to James T. Austin in Boston, light vertical file fold barely affects free frank, Very Fine..... E. 300-400

On the Publick Service

To

*The Honble Nicholas Cook Esq.
Lieutenant Governor of the Colony
of Rhode Island &c*

at

*Congress Philadel.
John Hancock* } *Newport*

6 with inside

- 6 ☒ **John Hancock.** Signer of Declaration of Independence, delegate from Massachusetts, free frank "*Congress Philada. John Hancock*" and "*on Publick Service*" as **President of Continental Congress** on folded 1pp ALS addressed in his hand "*To The Honble Nicholas Cook Esq., Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Rhode Island at Newport*", receipt docketing on flap reads "*Continental Congress June 20, 1775*", contents datelined "*Philadelphia 20th June 1775*" and reads "*I am directed by the Congress to forward you the enclosed Resolve which passed yesterday, and to desire an immediate compliance herewith, so far as it relates to the Troops in your Colony. I am Sir your most obedt. servt.*", some minor splitting along folds (the letter could be separated from the address sheet), small erosion spot in address

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL JOHN HANCOCK FREE FRANK AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, WITH HIS SIGNED LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR OF RHODE ISLAND COLONY. THE RESOLUTION HANCOCK REFERS TO IS THE COMMISSION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY. A PHENOMENAL HISTORICAL ITEM.

On June 19, 1775, the Continental Congress commissioned George Washington as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. He was elected over other candidates, including John Hancock, based on his experience and the hope that a leader from Virginia would help unite the colonies. The Battle of Bunker Hill was fought just a few days before, on June 17. After receiving his commission, Washington left within days to assume command of the troops at Cambridge Mass. E. 5,000-7,500

Philadelphia 20 June 1775

Sir

*I am directed by the Congress
to forward you the enclosed Resolve which
passed yesterday, and to desire an immediate
compliance therewith, so far as it relates
to the Troops in your Colony*

*I am Sir
Your most obedt. servt.
John Hancock Presd.*

Honble Lieut Gov Cook

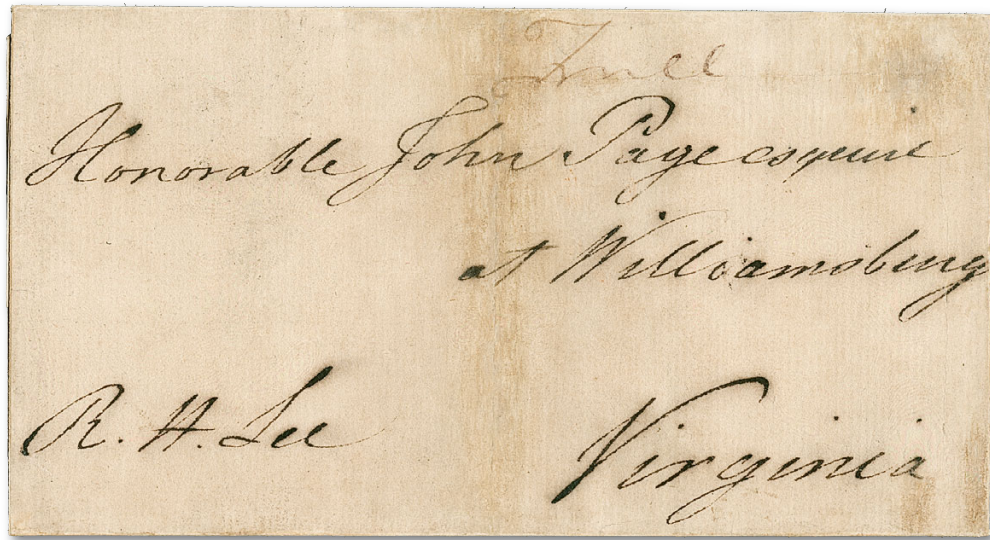


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- 7 **John Hancock.** Signer of Declaration of Independence, delegate from Massachusetts, free frank "*Congress Baltimore John Hancock*" and "*on Publick Service*" as **President of Continental Congress** on cover front only with flaps added, addressed in his hand "*To The Honble. The Convention of the State of New York at Fish Kills*", expertly mended in places including along vertical fold

VERY FINE AND RARE EXAMPLE OF JOHN HANCOCK'S FREE FRANK AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS.

The Second Continental Congress was in Baltimore from December 20, 1776 to February 27, 1777, before moving back to Philadelphia, so this must have been sent during that period. New York at this time was represented by a Committee of Safety while its constitution was being drafted. E. 4,000-5,000



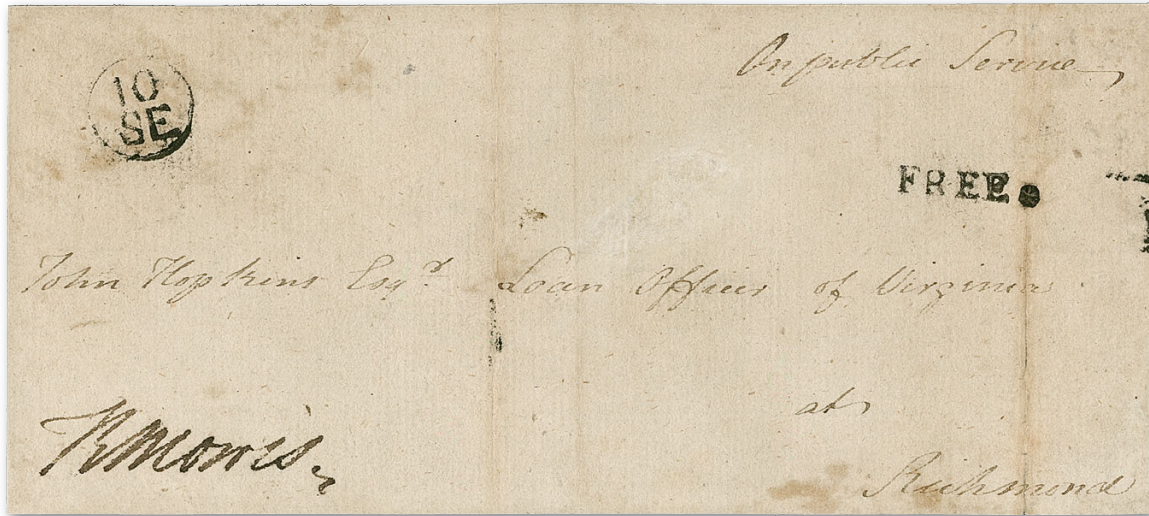
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- 8 ☒ **Richard Henry Lee.** Signer of Declaration of Independence, President of Continental Congress and U.S. Senator from Virginia, free frank "R. H. Lee" to John Page at Williamsburg Va., manuscript "Free" at upper right, extensively restored with flaps reattached and mended splits, the free frank itself is barely affected, otherwise Fine, a rare free frank from this well-known early statesman to John Page, who served under Washington in the French and Indian War, was an officer in the Revolutionary War, congressman and governor of Virginia..... E. 1,000-1,500



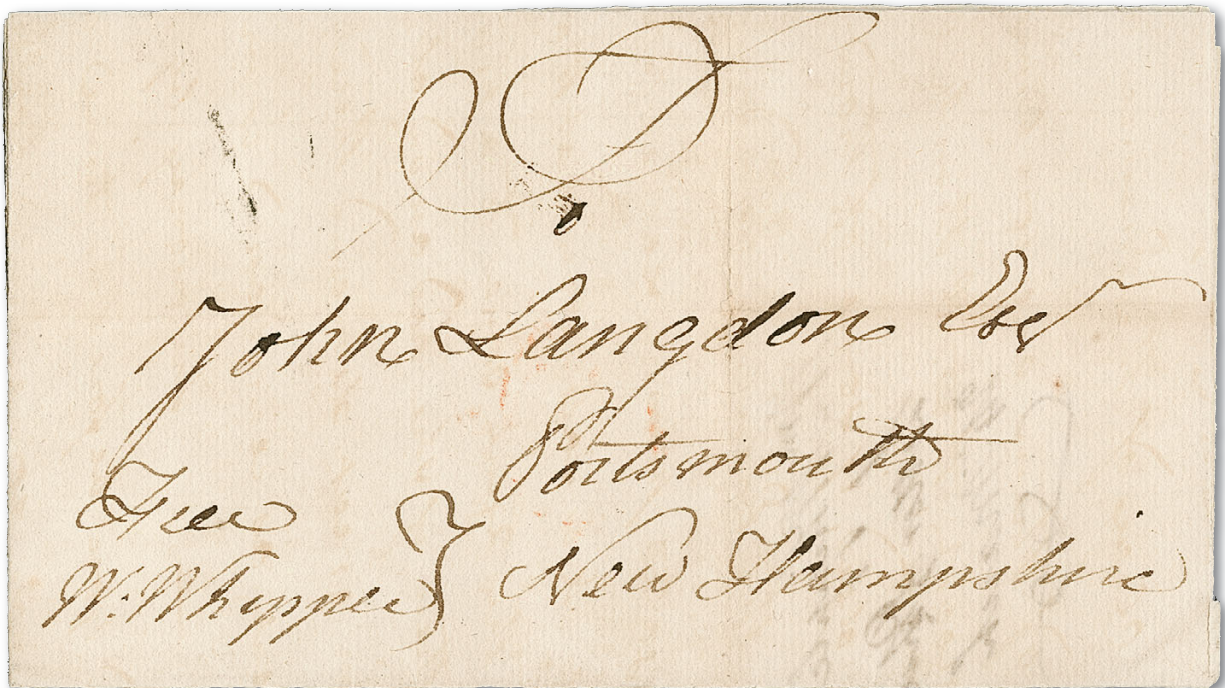
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- 9 ☒ **Richard Henry Lee.** Signer of Declaration of Independence, President of Continental Congress and U.S. Senator from Virginia, free frank "R. H. Lee" on legal-size folded cover to the Governor of Georgia in Savannah, "N. York May 2" straightline datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, docketing reads "Received June 28th 1785 Letter & Resolution of Congress Apl. 30th respecting a fuller representation. Rec'd in Council 8th July 1785", some faults, expertly silked, still Fine, the free frank is in excellent condition..... E. 400-500



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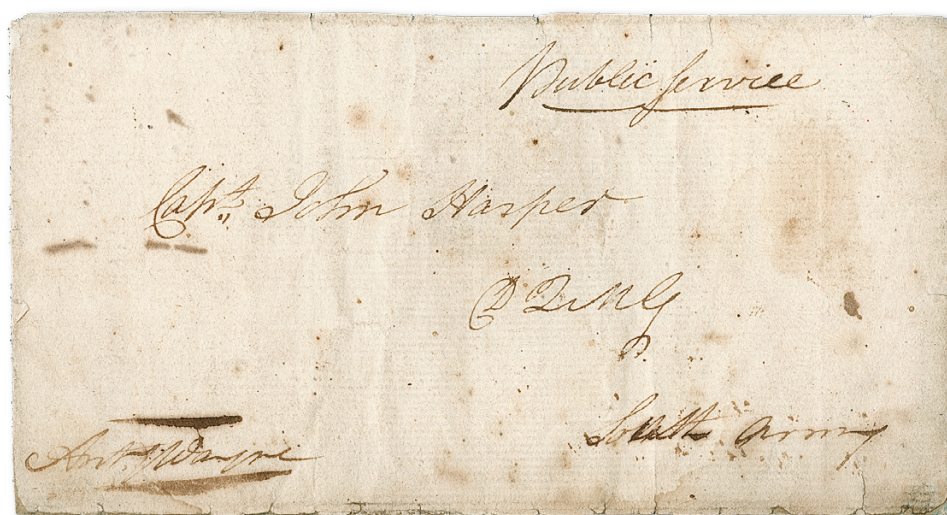
- 10 **Robert Morris.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence, delegate from Pennsylvania (Continental Congress of 1776-78), Superintendent of Finance (1781-84), known as the "financier of the Revolution" and Senator (1789-95), free frank "Free R. Morris" on cover front only to John Hopkins at Richmond Va., bold "10/SE" Franklin mark with matching "FREE" handstamp, endorsed "On public service", some expert restoration, still Very Fine E. 1,500-2,000



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- 11 **William Whipple.** Signer of the Declaration of Independence, delegate from New Hampshire, autograph free frank "W: Whipple" and address on folded cover to **John Langdon**, fellow delegate from New Hampshire, straightline "PHILA MARCH 24" struck on back, neat docketing with 1779 year date, splits along folds neatly reinforced, Very Fine, Whipple free franks are scarce, ex Grunin..... E. 2,000-3,000

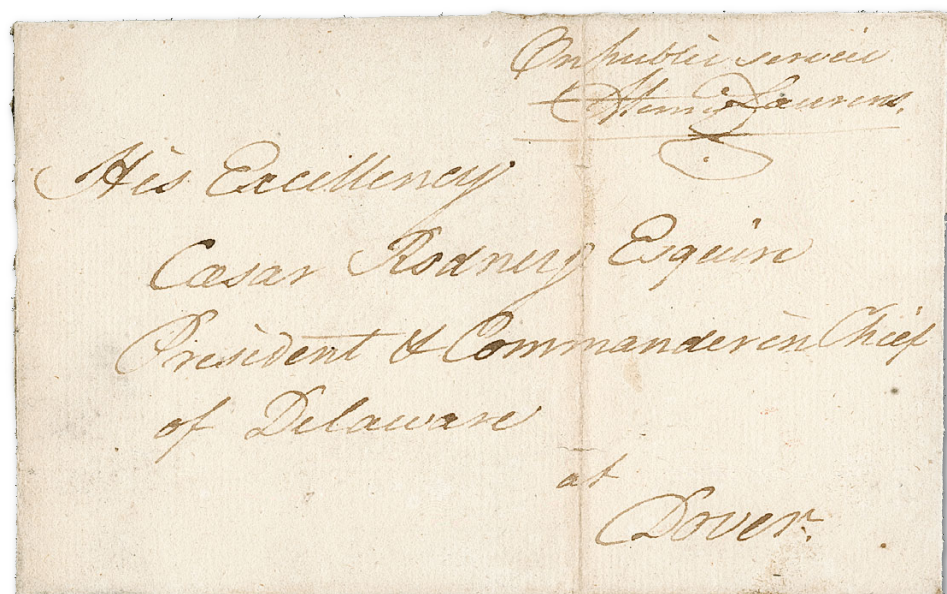
REVOLUTIONARY WAR



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- 12 ☒ **"Mad" Anthony Wayne.** Revolutionary War General, faced the British in the infamous "Paoli Massacre", later victorious at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, free frank "Ant. Wayne" as commander of a separate army in 1782 on folded cover to Capt. John Harper in the South Army, repaired splits along edges and overall wear, still Fine, extremely scarce frank of this controversial war hero, sent by military courier even though General Wayne enjoyed franking rights, ex Stevens and Dr. Robertson E. 2,000-3,000

PRESIDENTS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS



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- 13 ☒ **Henry Laurens.** President of the Continental Congress (1777-78), delegate from South Carolina (1777-80), free frank "On public service Henry Laurens" as **President of Continental Congress** on folded cover to "His Excellency Caesar Rodney Esquire, President & Commander in Chief of Delaware at Dover", vertical file fold, some minor repairs, Very Fine appearance, reportedly used on Oct. 13, 1778, after Congress returned to Philadelphia, ex Dr. Robertson E. 2,000-3,000



- 14 ☒ **John Jay.** President of the Continental Congress (1778-79), delegate from New York (1774-77, 1778-79), Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Secretary of State under Washington, first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, autograph free frank "John Jay" on legal size folded cover to the governor of Georgia, neat "N. York. June. 15" straightline handstamp with matching "FREE", 1785 docketing, some waterstaining and edgewear, otherwise Fine and scarce..... E. 500-750
- 15 **John Jay.** President of the Continental Congress (1778-79), delegate from New York (1774-77, 1778-79), Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Secretary of State under Washington, first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, autograph free frank "John Jay" on cover front only to Egbert Benson as Attorney General of the State of New York in Poughkeepsie, piece out and restored at top left not affecting free frank, some light soiling, otherwise Fine, Benson represented New York at the Continental Congress and served as the first Attorney General of New York from May 8, 1777 to May 14, 1778..... E. 500-750

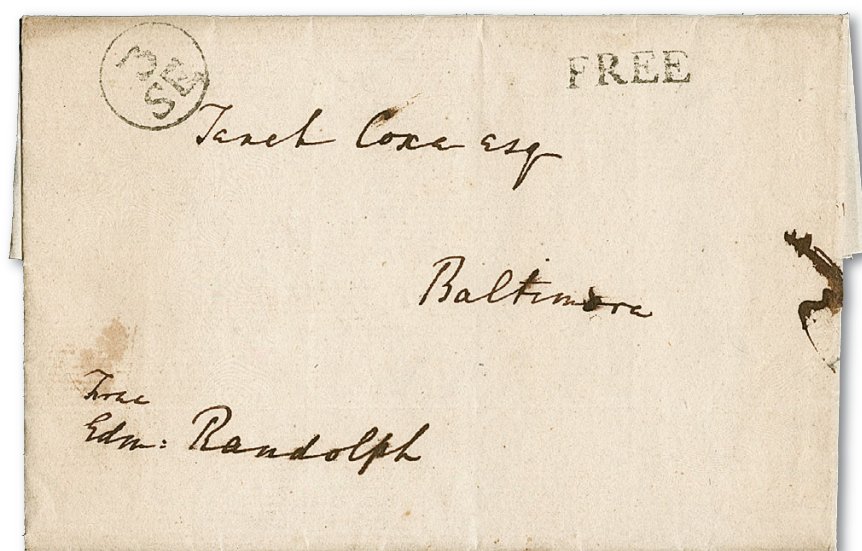
DELEGATES TO THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS



- 16 ☒ **Tenche Cox.** Member of the Continental Congress (1787-88), Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (1789-92), three free franks "Tenche Cox", one on Treasury Dept. printed circular dated Aug. 22, 1793 noting that captured prize vessels brought in by those from France are not to include those vessels originally outfitted in the United States; second is autograph letter unsigned with free frank, March 1792 docketing; third is free frank with ALS dated March 2, 1792, some wear, overall Fine-Very Fine and attractive group(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 500-750
- 17 ☒ **Samuel Holton.** Delegate to the Essex County convention in 1774, served in the Provincial Congresses of 1774-75, a delegate to frame the Confederation of 1777, a delegate to Congress in 1778-83, and again in 1793-95, and a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1789, folded letter sent to him at the 1785 Congress in New York by Ebenezer Hazard as Colonial Postmaster General, red "Boston" straightline handstamp with matching "27 /1A" (Jan. 27) Franklin mark, light vertical file fold, Very Fine, sent free due to its recipient, the sender also had franking privileges, ex Dr. Robertson..... E. 300-400



- 18 ☒ **Benjamin Huntington.** Revolutionary War General, delegate from Connecticut (Continental Congresses of 1780-84, 1787-88), free frank "Benj. Huntington" on 1789 autograph letter signed to Litchfield Conn., partial strike of "N. York Jun 11" datestamp and matching "Free" handstamp, another partial strike of unreadable handstamp to the right of date, originally rated 16gr (frank may not have been recognized) but treated as free as evidenced by the handstamp, some expertly repaired splitting along file folds, Very Fine, unusual and very rare, ex Stevens and Dr. Robertson E. 500-750
- 19 ☒ **William Irvine.** Delegate from Pennsylvania (Continental Congresses of 1786-88), letter addressed to him as "Member of Congress, New York", originally rated "2.16" but crossed out and sent free, letter dated Aug. 24, 1787, endorsed "Gen'l. Parsons" at left, minor edgewear and gently cleaned, Very Fine example of a cover sent to a delegate, ex Dr. Robertson E. 150-200
- 20 ☒ **William Samuel Johnson.** Delegate from Connecticut (Continental Congresses of 1784-87), first Senator from Connecticut, free frank "Free Wm. Saml. Johnson" as Senator on 1791 folded cover to the Governor of Conn. at Norwich, brown-black "MR/4" Franklin mark and matching "Free" handstamp, light vertical file fold, Very Fine, ex Dr. Robertson E. 300-400
- 21 ☒ **Gouverneur Morris.** Delegate from New York (Continental Congresses of 1777-80), framer and signer of the Constitution, U.S. senator and ambassador to England and France, autograph free frank "Free Gouver. Morris" as senator and addressed in his hand on folded cover to New York City, brownish "WASHN CITY MAR. 14" circular datestamp, docketed on back with 1802 year date, fresh and Very Fine, ex Grunin E. 300-400

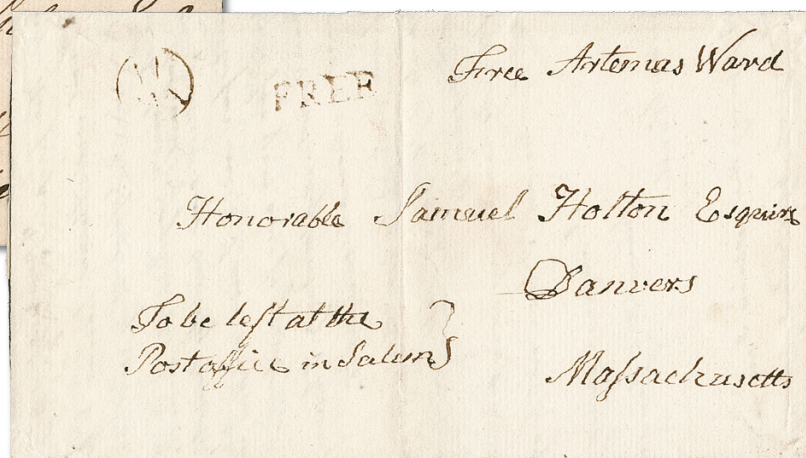


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- 22 ☒ **Edmund Randolph.** Delegate to Continental Congress (1779-82), free frank "Free Edm. Randolph" as delegate to **Federal Constitutional Convention** on 1787 autograph letter signed to Tench Coxe in Baltimore, well-struck "3/SE" Franklin mark and "FREE" handstamp, fresh and Very Fine, sent just two weeks before the final draft of the Constitution was signed on Sept. 17, 1787, extremely rare, ex Dr. Robertson E. 1,000-1,500



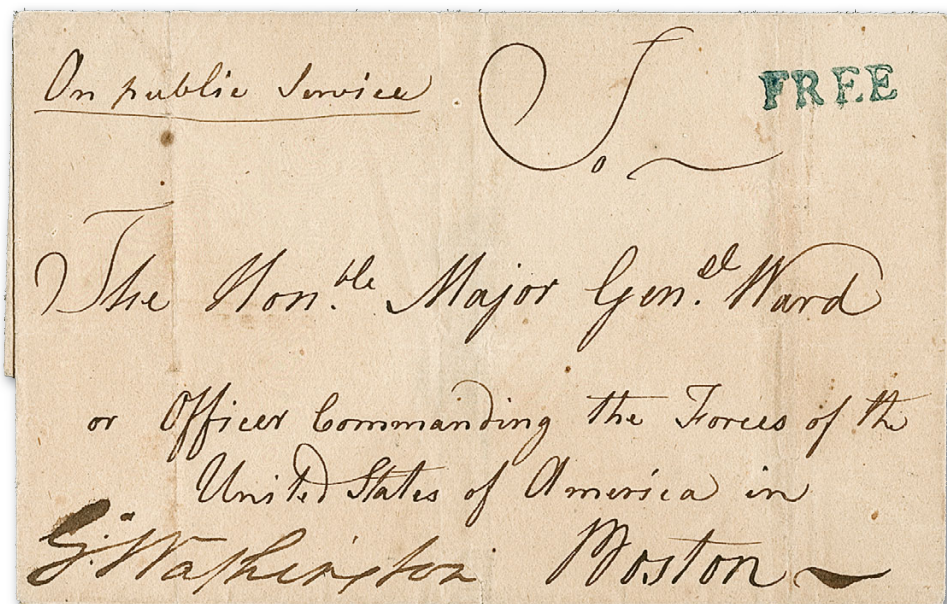
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- 23 **Philip John Schuyler.** Delegate from New York (Continental Congress of 1775-77, 1778-81), U.S. senator, autograph free frank "Free Ph. Schuyler" as senator and address on folded cover to Stephen Van Rensselaer near Albany, straightline "NEW-YORK May 27", "FREE" and "27/MA" Franklin mark, docketed 1790 on backflap, tiny erosion spot just above franking signature, still Very Fine, ex Grunin E. 200-300
- 24 ☒ **Artemus Ward.** Delegate from Massachusetts (Continental Congresses of 1780-81), free frank "Free Artemus Ward" as U.S. Senator on folded letter in another hand datelined "Danvers 27th May 1794", addressed by Ward to Samuel Holton in Danvers with note "To be left at the Post office in Salem", lightly struck Franklin mark and "Free" handstamp, minor tear in flap, Very Fine, ex Dr. Robertson E. 500-750

PRESIDENTIAL FREE FRANKS AND AUTOGRAPHS



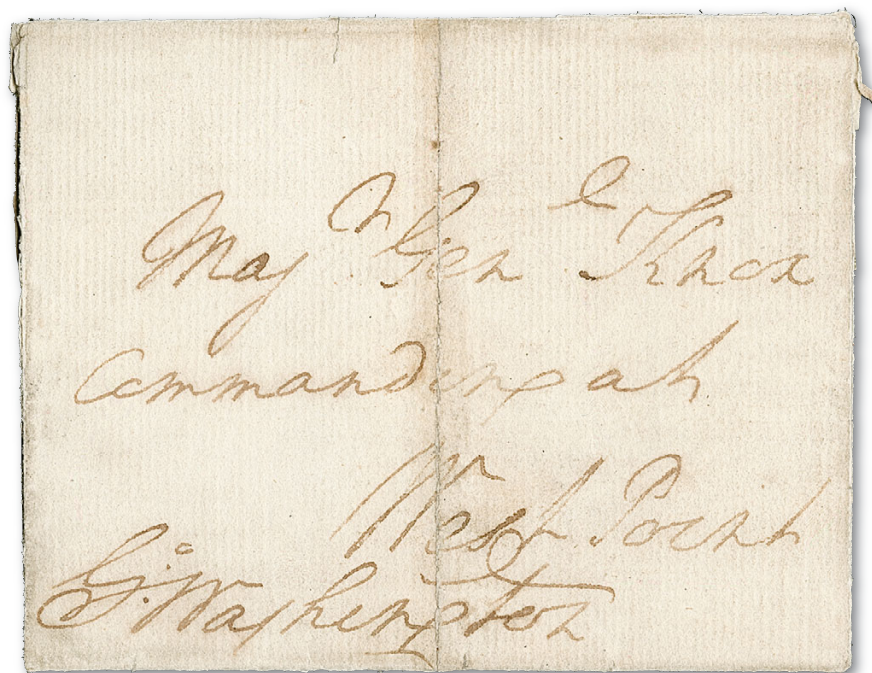
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- 25 ☒ **George Washington.** Free frank "G Washington" as Commanding General of the Continental Army on folded cover addressed in another hand to *The Honble. Major Genrl. Ward, or Officer Commanding the Forces of the United States of America in Boston*, blue "FREE" handstamp applied in New York, manuscript "On public service", light vertical file folds including one affecting free frank

VERY FINE. A DESIRABLE REVOLUTIONARY WAR PERIOD FREE FRANK OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, TO MAJOR GENERAL ARTEMAS WARD IN BOSTON.

According to Wikipedia, Artemas Ward was one of the four original major generals in the Continental Army. After the British evacuated Boston on March 17, 1776, Washington led the main body of the army to New York, and Ward took command of the Eastern Department until some time in March 1777. This was likely sent during this window.

With 1979 Hamilton certificate..... E. 7,500-10,000

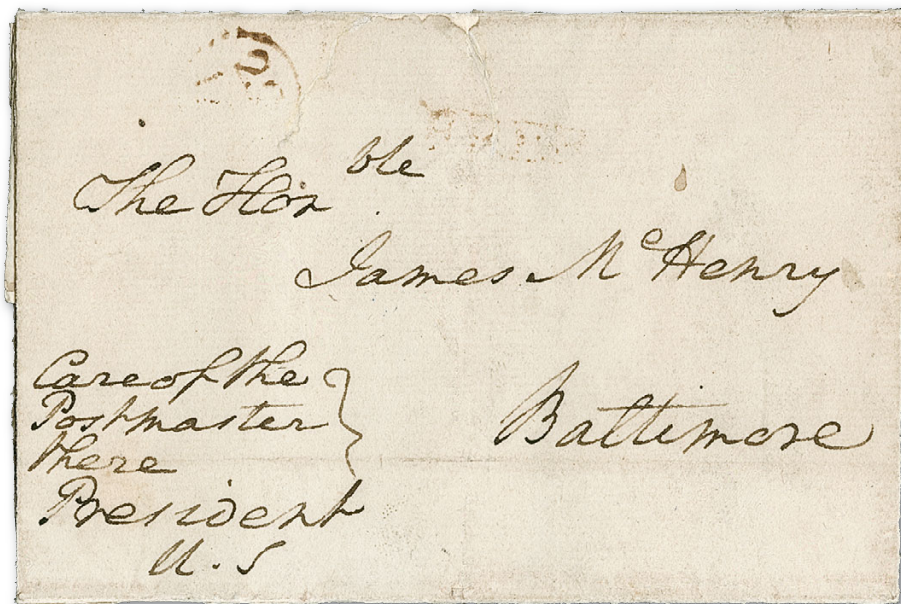


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- 26 ☒ **George Washington.** Free frank "G Washington" as Commanding General of the Continental Army to "Maj. Genl. Knox, Commanding at West Point", addressed in Washington's hand, docketed "From his Ex. Genl. Washington 15 Jany. 1783", silked along split at center affecting free frank, additional silking along split on flap

FINE APPEARING EXAMPLE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FREE FRANK AS COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY TO HENRY KNOX AT WEST POINT.

Knox was a close confidant of Washington, and became senior officer of the army after Washington resigned his commission on December 23, 1783. E. 4,000-5,000



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- 27 ☒ **George Washington.** Free frank "*President U.S.*" as **President** on folded cover addressed in his hand to "*The Honble James McHenry, Baltimore*" with instructions "*Care of the Postmaster there*", light strike of red "FREE" handstamp and "IA/29" Franklin mark, docketed "*Washington 28th Jany. 1796*", few tears at top, attached to card likely as a preventative measure

VERY FINE AND DESIRABLE EXAMPLE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S "PRESIDENT U.S." FREE FRANK.

James McHenry was a signer of the U.S. Constitution, surgeon and Secretary of War from 1796-1800. Fort McHenry is named after him. E. 5,000-7,500

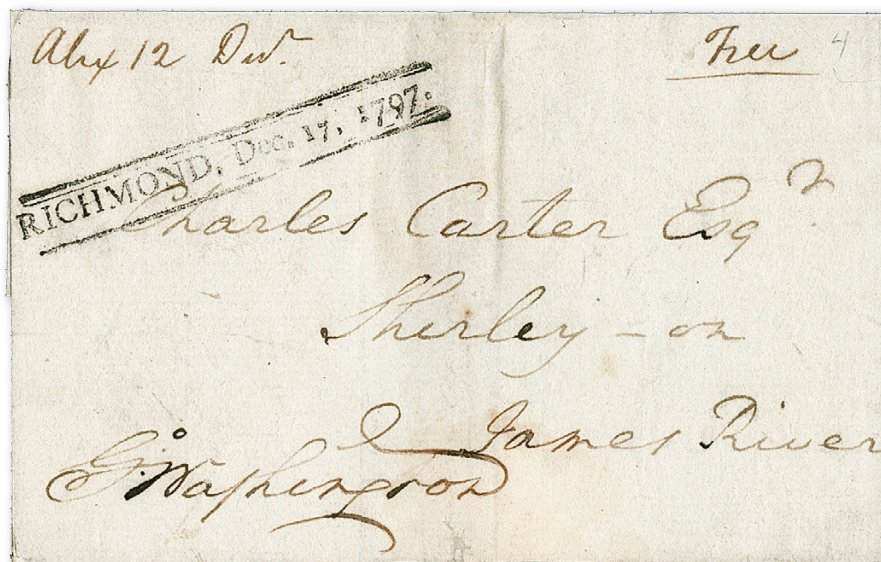


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- 28 ☒ **George Washington.** Free frank "*President U.S.*" as **President** on folded cover addressed in his hand to "*Col. George Gilpin, Alexandria, Virginia*", light strikes of "*N-York Sep. 28*" and "*FREE*" handstamps, docketed "*a letter from the President of the United States Novemb. 15th 1789*", expertly silked and gently cleaned

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A SCARCE AND ATTRACTIVE EXAMPLE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S "PRESIDENT U.S." FREE FRANK.

Colonel Gilpin served as an aide to Washington during the Revolutionary War and was a prominent citizen in Alexandria. He served as a pall bearer at Washington's funeral.....
 E. 5,000-7,500

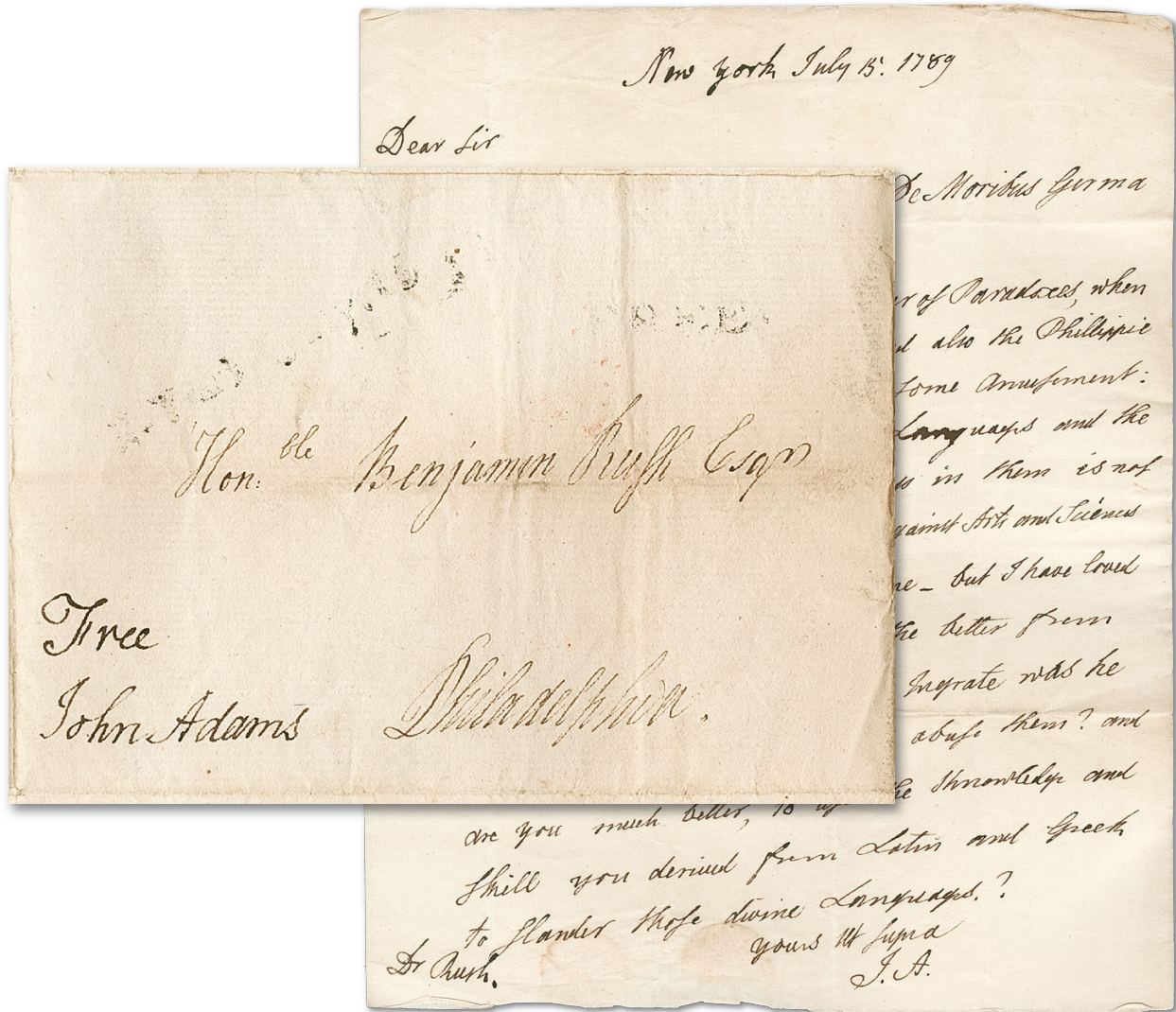


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- 29 ☒ **George Washington.** Free frank "G Washington" as ex-President on folded cover addressed in his hand to "Charles Carter Esq., Shirley-on James River", neat "Alex 12 Decr" manuscript postmark with matching "Free", well-struck "RICHMOND, Dec. 17, 1797" straightline datestamp, expertly restored along vertical file fold, minor splitting along folds

FINE APPEARANCE. A DESIRABLE EXAMPLE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FREE FRANK, SENT NINE MONTHS AFTER SERVING AS PRESIDENT.

Charles Carter was one of the wealthiest men in Virginia, owning over 13,000 acres when he died in 1806. He was involved in politics, taking part in the revolutionary conventions in 1774 and 1775. E. 5,000-7,500



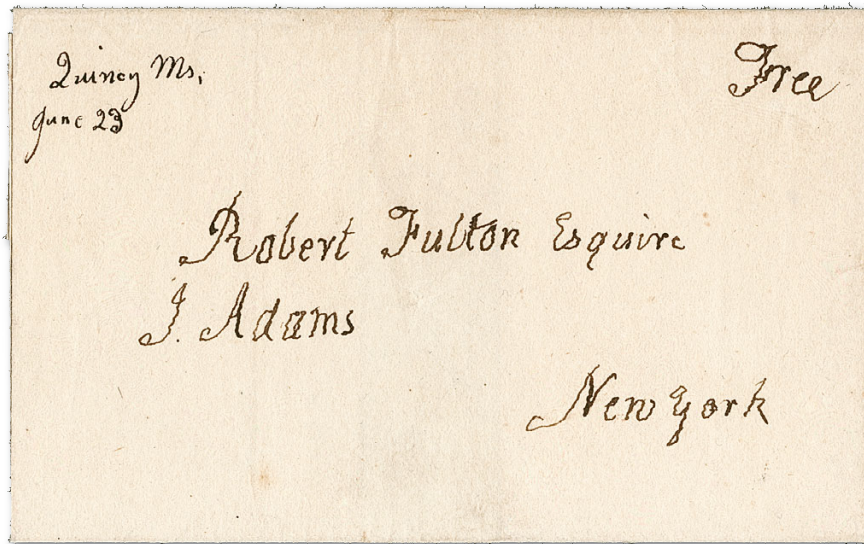
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- 30 ☒ **John Adams.** Free frank “Free John Adams” as Vice President on one-page **autograph letter initialed “J.A.”**, datelined “New York July 15, 1789” to Benjamin Rush in Philadelphia, partial strike of “N. York July 15” straightline and matching “Free” handstamp, letter reads (in part): “I have read Dr. Rush’s *De Moribus Germanorum* with pleasure. As I am a great lover of paradoxes, when defended with ingenuity, I have read also the Phillippie against Latin and Greek with some amusement...What an ingrate was he to employ Art and Science to abuse them. And are you much better, to use the knowledge and skill you derived from Latin and Greek to slander those divine languages? Yours ut Supra, J.A.”, faint age toning, light file folds do not affect free frank

VERY FINE. A RARE JOHN ADAMS FREE FRANK AND AUTOGRAPH LETTER WITH INTERESTING COMMENTS CONCERNING SOME OF HIS VIEWS ON THE HUMANITIES.

Due to a quirk of the Acts regarding franking privileges, John Adams enjoyed free-franking privileges during this time period due to his dual position as presiding officer of the U.S. Senate. Officially, the U.S. Post Office did not authorize free-franking privileges to either the President or Vice President until June 1, 1792.

Ex Dr. Robertson..... E. 7,500-10,000

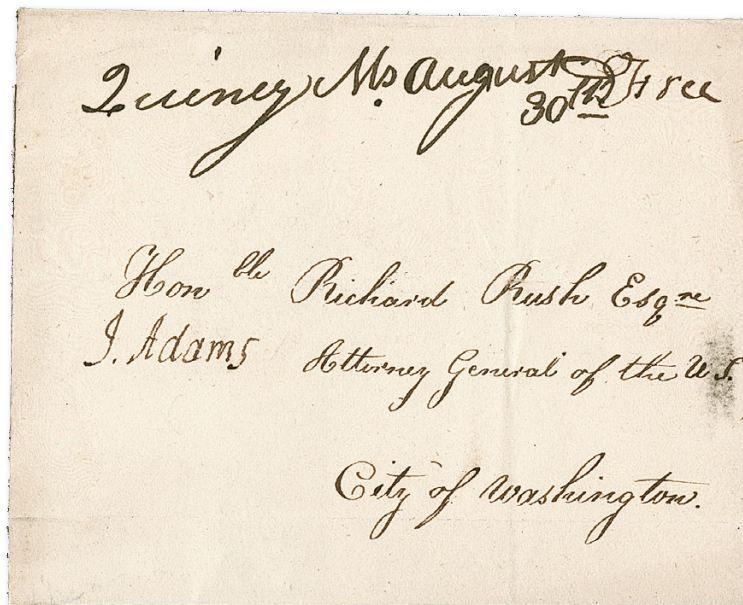


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- 31 ☒ **John Adams.** Free frank "J. Adams" as ex-President on folded cover addressed in his hand to Robert Fulton in New York, neat "Quincy Ms. June 23" manuscript postmark, "Free" apparently written by Adams in his unsteady hand, pencil notation on back indicates 1813 use

FRESH AND VERY FINE JOHN ADAMS FREE FRANK, MAILED TWELVE YEARS AFTER THE END OF HIS PRESIDENCY.

The Act of March 2, 1799, granted ex-Presidents free franking privileges. President Washington used this privilege for only a little more than nine months, until his death on December 14, 1799. At the time this was sent the only living ex presidents were Adams and Jefferson. E. 4,000-5,000

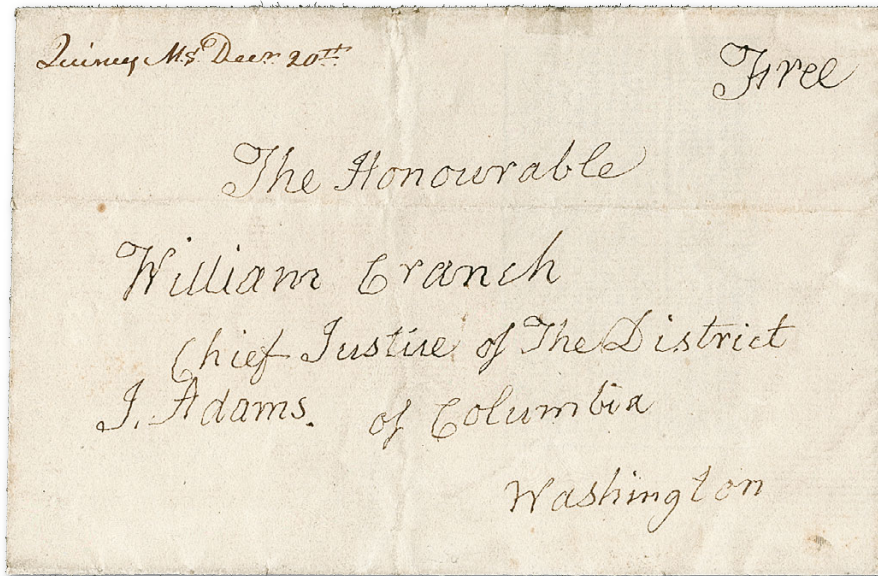


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- 32 ☒ **John Adams.** Free frank "J. Adams" as ex-President on folded cover addressed in his hand to "Honble. Richard Rush Esq., Attorney General of the U.S., City of Washington", bold "Quincy Ms. August 30th" manuscript postmark, "Free" written in the hand of Adams

VERY FINE. A DESIRABLE FREE FRANK OF JOHN ADAMS AS EX-PRESIDENT.

Richard Rush, son of Benjamin Rush, served as Attorney General from 1814-1817. E. 3,000-4,000

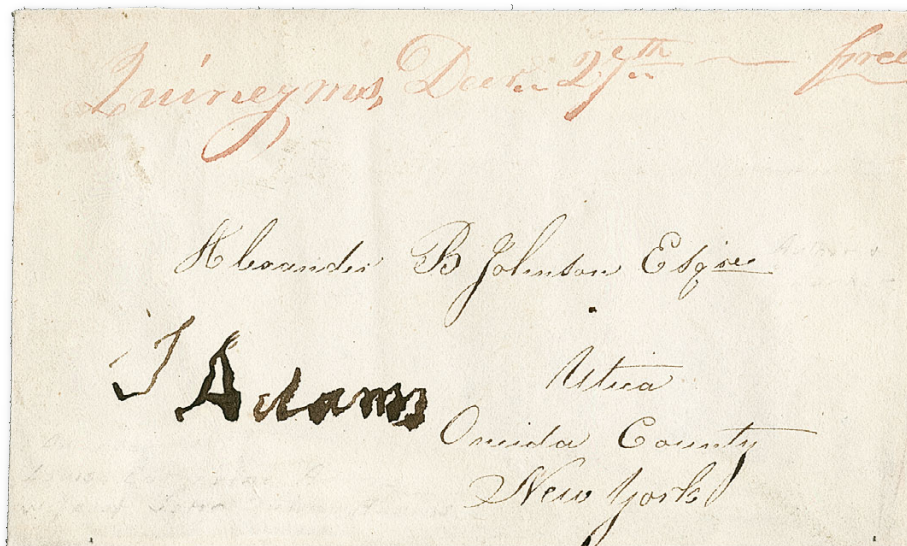


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- 33 ☒ **John Adams.** Free frank "J. Adams" as ex-President on folded cover addressed in his hand to "The Honourable William Cranch, Chief Justice of The District of Columbia, Washington", neat "Quincy Ms. Decr. 20th" manuscript postmark, "Free" written in the hand of Adams, 1811 docketing, light file folds and slight edgewear

VERY FINE AND DESIRABLE JOHN ADAMS FREE FRANK, MAILED TEN YEARS AFTER HIS PRESIDENCY.

The Act of March 2, 1799, granted ex-Presidents free franking privileges. President Washington used this privilege for only a little more than nine months, until his death on December 14, 1799. When John Adams sent this letter, only he and Jefferson enjoyed this privilege. E. 4,000-5,000



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- 34 **John Adams.** Free frank "J Adams" as ex-President in an infirm hand on cover front only to "Alexander B. Johnson Esquire, Utica, Oneida County, New York", red "Quincy Ms. Decr. 27th" manuscript postmark and matching "free"

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE JOHN ADAMS FREE FRANK AS EX-PRESIDENT.

The recipient was married to his granddaughter, Abigail Louisa Smith Adams. E. 3,000-4,000

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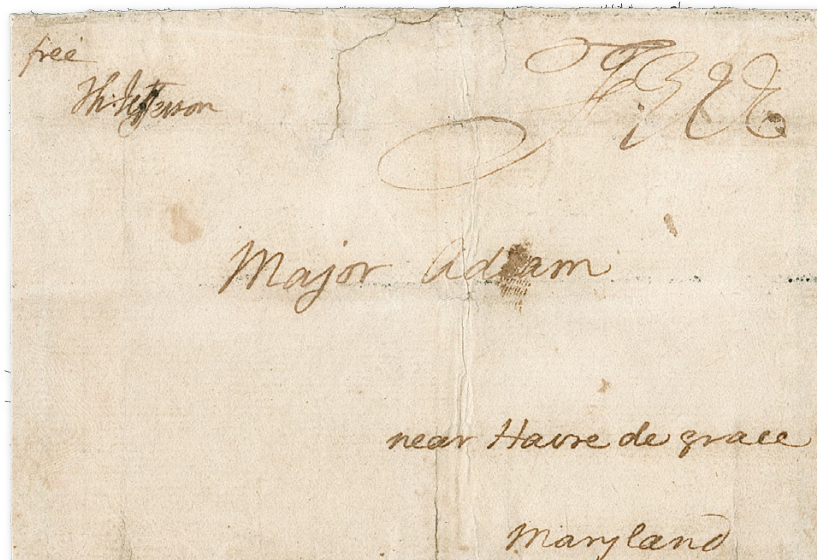


- 35 ☒ **Thomas Jefferson.** Free frank “free Th. Jefferson” on folded cover addressed in his hand to Mr. John Laval in Philadelphia, docketed Jan. 28, 1822, red “Charlotte Jan. 29” circular datestamp, manuscript “Free” at top right is faded, cover cleaned, restored and expertly silked

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN ATTRACTIVE AND BOLD THOMAS JEFFERSON FREE FRANK.

The recipient was a prominent merchant and bookseller, having emigrated from France ca. 1793. He was first president of the French Benevolent Society of Philadelphia. According to the National Archives, Jefferson ordered books from Laval as late as 1824 (two years before his death). E. 3,000-4,000

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- 36 ☒ **Thomas Jefferson.** Free frank “Free Th, Jefferson” on folded cover addressed in his hand to “Major Adlum, near Havre de grace, Maryland”, ornate manuscript “Free” at upper right, few tears restored with hinges, gently cleaned

FINE APPEARANCE. AN ATTRACTIVE EXAMPLE OF THOMAS JEFFERSON'S FREE FRANK.

The recipient was an early vintner, who started growing grapes for a winery in 1797. Wilton Farm used “Fox grapes”, a native American variety. Jefferson, with his longstanding interest in wine, was in regular communication with Adlum. Havre de Grace was burned and plundered by the British in the War of 1812, prompting his move to 200 acres in the Rock Creek area of the Capitol where he continued to produce wines. E. 2,000-3,000



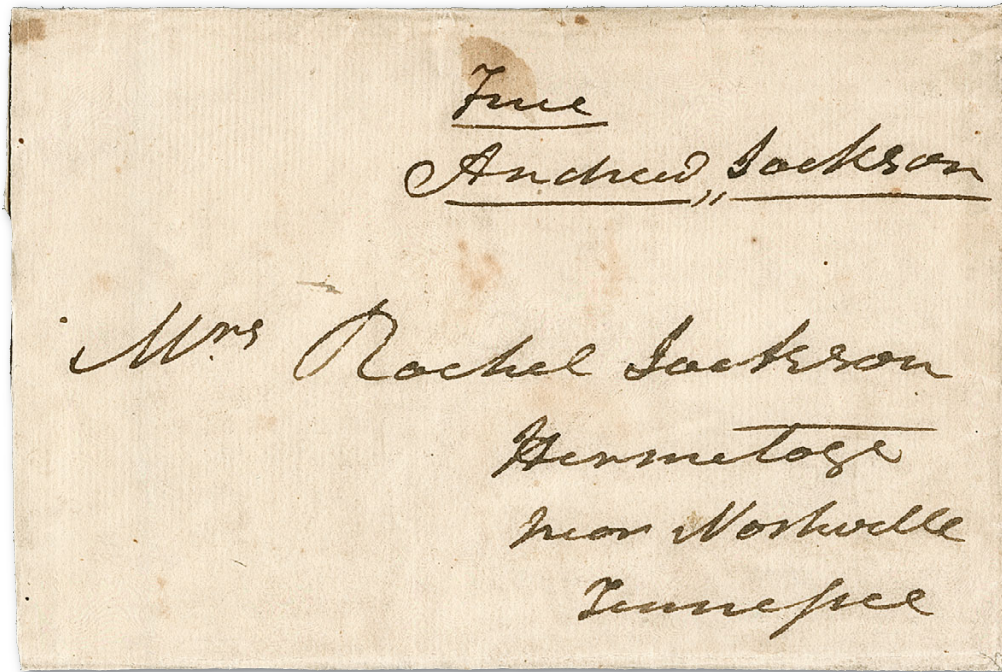
- 37 ☒ **James Madison.** Free frank "Dep- State James Madison" as Secretary of State on folded cover addressed in his hand to Charles Simms at Alexandria, red "Wash. City Jul. 10" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, missing bottom flap where barely reduced, slight soiling along vertical file folds, still Very Fine E. 500-750
- 38 ☒ **James Madison.** Free frank "Department of State James Madison" as Secretary of State on folded cover addressed in his hand to James Bayard in Princeton N.J., red "Washington City Oct. 31" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, 1807 docketing, vertical file folds, Very Fine, Madison served as Secretary of State from May 2, 1801-March 3, 1809 when he took the office of the President..... E. 500-750
- 39 ☒ **James Madison.** Free frank "Dept. of State, James Madison" on folded cover addressed in his hand to Capt. William Jones in Philadelphia, red "Wash. City Jul. 15" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, 1801 docketing on back, minor edgewear, Very Fine use as Secretary of State under Jefferson..... E. 500-750
- 40 ☒ **James Madison.** Free frank "Department of State James Madison" as Secretary of State on folded cover addressed in his hand to "Israel Whelen Esq., Purveyor of the U. States, Philadelphia", red "Wash. City Jul. 24" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, 1801 docketing, small tears at top, slight soiling along folds, still Very Fine use sent shortly after Madison assumed the office of Secretary of State on May 2, 1801..... E. 500-750
- 41 ☒ **James Madison.** Free frank "Free James Madison" on folded cover to Washington D.C., red "Orange C.H. Sep. 4" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, fresh and Very Fine E. 500-750



- 42 ☒ **James Madison.** Free frank "Free James Madison" as ex-President on folded cover to Georgetown and forwarded to Lexington Va., red "Orange C.H. Va. Apr. 27" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, "Georgetown D.C. May 4" circular datestamp, last marking is "Orange C.H. Va. Aug. 26" circular datestamp, part of addressee crossed out probably during the course of forwarding, few small edge tears, Fine, unusual use, based on dates apparently used twice and forwarded the first time..... E. 750-1,000
- 43 ☒ **James Madison.** Free frank "Free James Madison" as ex-President on folded cover to Mrs. Louisa M. Patton in New Orleans La., well-struck "Orange C.H. Va. Oct. 9" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, pencil "1833" yeardate may have been written when separated from its contents (he died in 1836 at the age of 85), missing left flap, few small age spots, Very Fine and attractive E. 500-750
- 44 ☒ **James Madison.** Free frank "Free James Madison" as ex-President on folded cover addressed in his hand to Tench Coxe in Philadelphia, neat "Orange CH Nov. 18th" manuscript postmark, 1817 docketing, vertical file fold, Very Fine use sent eight months after leaving the office of President E. 500-750
- 45 **James Madison.** Free frank "Free James Madison" on cover front only to General Dearborn in Boston, red "Rich. Va. Jan. 12" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, some docketing at top, light vertical file fold affects frank, still Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 46 ☒ **James Madison.** Folded letter addressed to "The Honble. James Madison, Montpelier (Orange County)", neat "University of Virga. Sep. 21" oval datestamp with date in manuscript, "Free" at upper right, docketing in Madison's hand "Willis Sept. 21, 1829", Very Fine use sent to Madison as rector of the University of Virginia, years earlier he had helped Jefferson found the university and became its second rector after Jefferson passed away..... E. 400-500

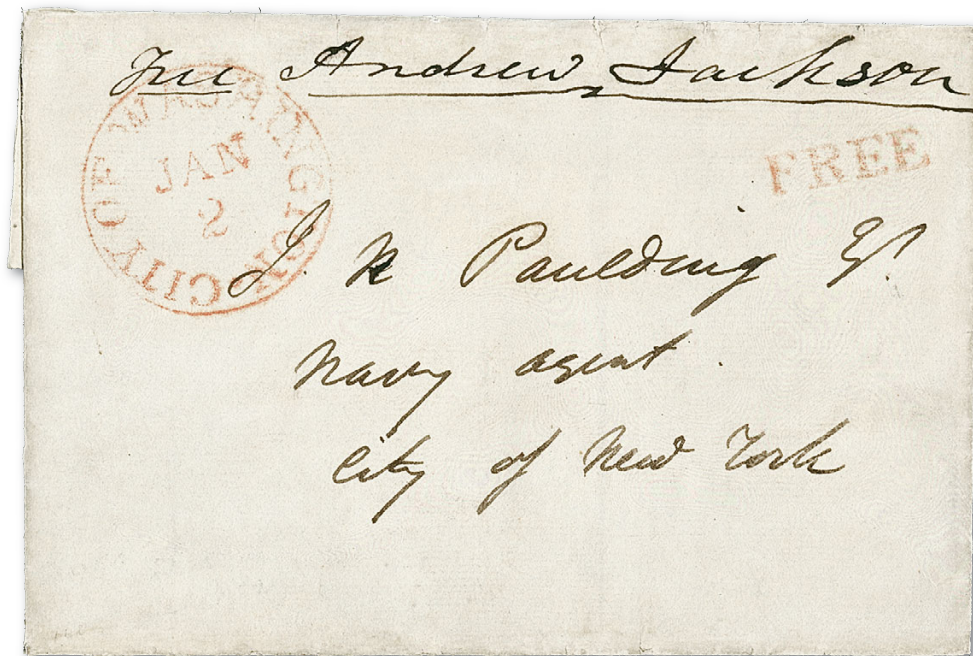


- 47 ☒ **James Monroe.** Two items, first is free frank "Dept. of State, Jas. Monroe" on folded cover to Benjamin Waller in Williamsburg Va., red "Wash. City Jan. 8" circular datestamp with two strikes of matching "FREE" handstamp, some slight soiling, Very Fine, second is folded cover addressed "James Monroe, president of the United States, City of Washington" with "Nash T. Jul. 14" circular datestamp and matching "FREE" handstamp, July 12, 1824 docketing at right in Monroe's hand, slight soiling, Very Fine E. 400-500
- 48 ☒ **James Monroe.** Free frank "Dept. of State Jas. Monroe" on folded cover to Lexington Va., red "Washn. City Aug. 5" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, toned (something must have lain on top of this for many years), otherwise Very Fine E. 500-750
- 49 ☒ **John Quincy Adams.** Free frank "J. Q. Adams" on folded letter to Wooster O., manuscript "Dept. of State" in another hand, Dec. 1821 date, light strike of red "Washington Dec. ?" circular datestamp, some splitting along folds, otherwise Very Fine E. 400-500
- 50 **John Quincy Adams.** Free frank "J. Q. Adams" on cover front only to Lexington Ky., manuscript "Dept. of State" in another hand, light strike of red "Washn. City Jul. 4" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, Very Fine E. 200-300
- 51 ☒ **John Quincy Adams.** Free frank "J. Q. Adams" on folded cover to Mrs. Susan Treadway in Richmond Va., blue "Washington City D.C. Mar. 28" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, virtually intact red wax seal on back, Very Fine E. 400-500
- 52 ☒ **John Quincy Adams.** Free frank "J. Q. Adams" in an infirm hand on cover to Brantz Mayer in Baltimore, red "Boston Ms. Oct. ?" circular datestamp, manuscript "f" marking, fresh and Very Fine E. 400-500
- 53 **John Quincy Adams.** Free frank "J. Q. Adams" on cover front only addressed in his hand to Charles J. Adams in Boston, red "New-York Oct. 21" circular datestamp, manuscript rating crossed out, small hole to right of address, Very Fine use from John Quincy Adams to his son E. 200-300



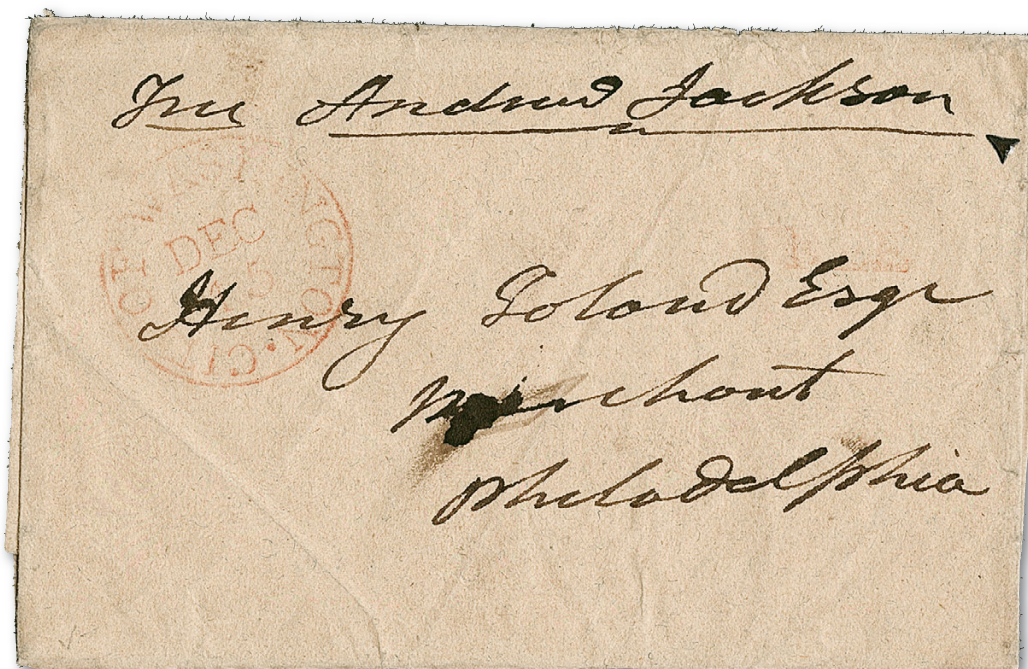
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- 54 ☒ **Andrew Jackson.** Free frank "Free Andrew Jackson" on folded cover addressed in his hand to **Mrs. Rachel Jackson** at Hermitage near Nashville, minor soiling, some splitting along folds, Very Fine and attractive example of this free frank, unusual with no postal markings and very rare addressed to his wife..... E. 1,000-1,500



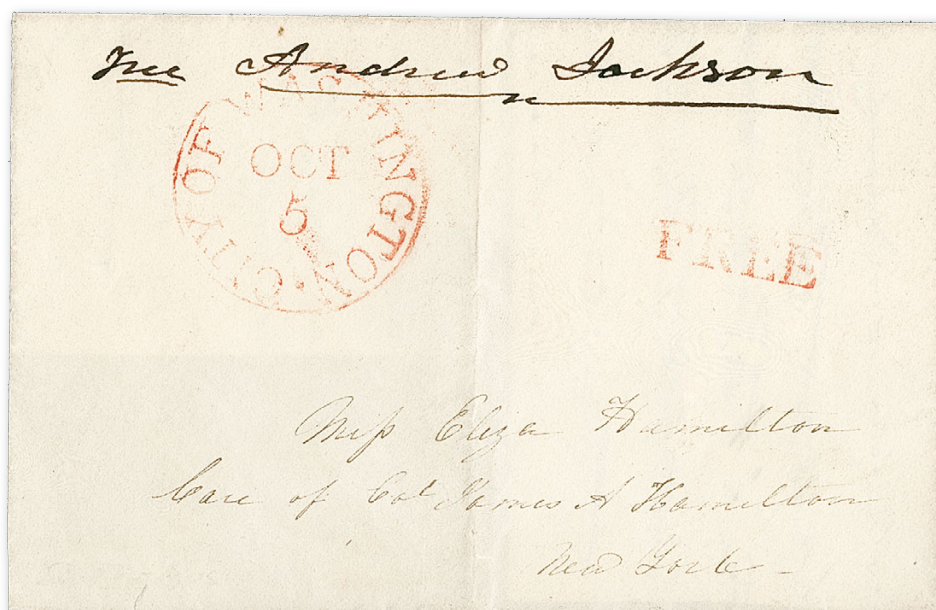
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- 55 ☒ **Andrew Jackson.** Free frank "Free Andrew Jackson" on folded cover addressed in his hand to the Navy Agent in New York, red "City of Washington Jan. 2" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, fresh and Very Fine..... E. 1,000-1,500



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- 56 ☒ **Andrew Jackson.** Free frank "Free Andrew Jackson" on folded cover to a merchant in Philadelphia, red "City of Washington Dec. 15" circular datestamp, some slight wrinkling, Very Fine example of this distinctive free frank E. 1,000-1,500



57

- 57 ☒ **Andrew Jackson.** Free frank "Free Andrew Jackson" on part of folded letter to Eliza Hamilton in New York, red "City of Washington Oct. 5" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, missing bottom and left flaps, Fine, ex Stevens E. 1,000-1,500



- 58 ☒ **Andrew Jackson.** Free frank "Free Andrew Jackson" on folded cover addressed in his hand to Amos Kendall in Washington D.C., blue "Nashville Te. Sep. 12" circular datestamp, blue manuscript "f" indicating free, pencil 1839 yeardate would indicate post-presidency, minor wear, Very Fine..... E. 750-1,000
- 59 ☒ **Andrew Jackson.** Free frank "Free Andrew Jackson" on folded cover to Frankfort Ky., blue "Nashville Te. Feb. 22" circular datestamp, blue manuscript "f" denotes free, pencil note on back reads "Hermitage Feb. 20, 1844", few toned spots, Fine E. 750-1,000
- 60 **Andrew Jackson.** Signature "Andrew Jackson" as President on Bank of the Metropolis check dated June 6, 1835, payable for the amount of \$17, cut cancel, Very Fine..... E. 750-1,000
- 61 ☒ **Andrew Jackson.** Folded cover addressed to "The Honorable A. Jackson, President of the U. States Washington", red "Richd. Va. Mar. 9" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, with 2pp ALS by Robert Mayo datelined "Richmond March 8th 1829", asking for a position in the new administration, **docketed in Jackson's hand** on back "Robert Mayo desiring the situation of Librarian to Congress D.C.", some slight toning, Very Fine use sent just a few days after Jackson assumed office on March 4, 1829, Mayo was a vocal supporter of Jackson and edited the *Jackson Democrat* newspaper during the 1828 election year, in 1830 he secured a position in the Treasury Department, ex Faiman, with 1977 P.F. certificate E. 300-400



- 65 ☒ **William Henry Harrison.** Free frank "Free W.H. Harrison" on undated folded cover to Philadelphia, expertly sealed tear at top affects franking but is unobtrusive, Very Fine, probably franked as Senator, only two are confirmed used when he was president, ex Dr. Robertson E. 1,500-2,000
- 66 **William Henry Harrison.** Autograph free frank "Free W. H. Harrison" as U.S. Senator on folded cover addressed in his hand to Benjamin Harrison, his brother, at Berkley Va., bold red "WASHN CITY DEC 14" circular datestamp and matching "FREE" handstamp, no year date, but these markings indicate 1828, folds at edges with extensive splitting (can be easily rejoined), handsome appearance and a very rare frank, ex Grunin E. 1,500-2,000
- 67 ☒ **William Henry Harrison.** Folded letter addressed to "Genl. Wm. H. Harrison, President of the United States, Washington City", datelined "Cincinnati Feby. 25th 1841", docketing in Harrison's hand indicates recommendation for position of lieutenant, small tape stain at top, otherwise Very Fine, unusual use, Harrison was inaugurated March 4, 1841, he caught a cold at his inauguration ceremony, contracted pneumonia, and died on April 4, 1841, exactly one month after assuming office, earning the distinction of first president to die in office, this was sent after the election and before he took the oath of office but was still addressed to him as president E. 1,000-1,500



- 68 ✉ **John Tyler.** Free frank "John Tyler Ex. Dept." on folded cover to Brock Haven Pa., red "Washington D.C. May 30" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, some slight soiling, still Fine E. 200-300
- 69 ✉ **John Tyler.** Free frank "J. Tyler" on mourning cover to Alexander Gardiner in New York, red "Washington City D.C. Jan. 12" circular datestamp with "FREE" handstamp, red "U.S. City Despatch Post Jan. 13 4 O'Clock" circular datestamp, "FREE" in ornate frame handstamp, intact black wax seal with "J T" initials, few expertly mended edge tears, Very Fine, scarce free frank use with the U.S. City Despatch Post E. 400-500
- 70 **John Tyler.** Free frank "J. Tyler" on blue cover front only to purser of the U.S. Navy at Annapolis Md., blue "Richmond Va. Dec. 23" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, slight wear, document tape on back along top edge, still Very Fine E. 300-400
- 71 **John Tyler.** 1pp ALS as ex-President "John Tyler" datelined "Sherwood Forest Feb. 5, 1855", expresses regret for not being able to deliver a lecture, Very Fine, ex Matz and with his small green owner's handstamp E. 400-500



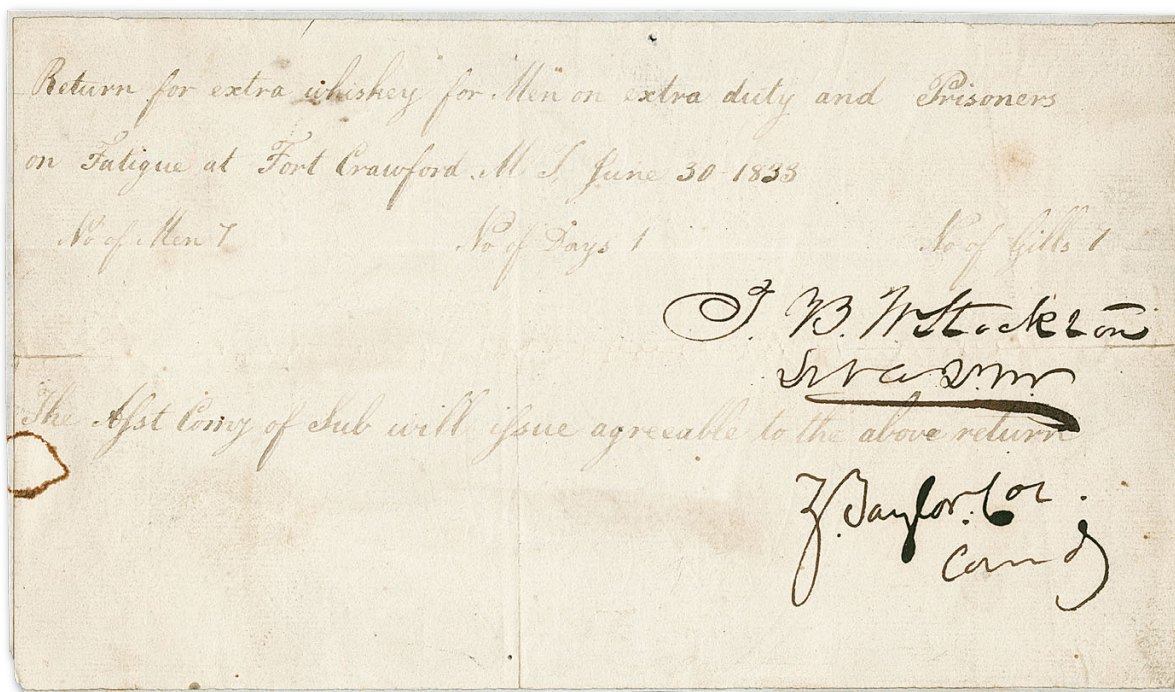
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- 72 ☒ **James K. Polk.** Bold free frank "Free J.K. Polk" as **President** on cover apparently addressed in his hand to "**The Hon. Ralph J. Ingersoll, U.S. Minister, St. Petersburg, Russia**", red "OT/4 JY 4/1848" London transit backstamp, Aachen transit, red manuscript "6" for 6p due G.B., "18" for 18sgr due applied in Aachen as restatement of total British postage to Russia by Prussian Mails of 1sh9p (21p), small "69" on back for total postage due of 69 Russian kopecks, intact red wax seal on back, expertly restored

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. PROBABLY A UNIQUE USE OF POLK'S PRESIDENTIAL FREE FRANK ON A TRANSATLANTIC COVER TO RUSSIA.

President Polk's signature was probably used to authenticate the use of a consular diplomatic pouch to England, where it was put into the mails and charged foreign postage. Ex Dr. Robertson E. 2,000-3,000

73 ☒ **Zachary Taylor.** Free frank "*On Service, Z. Taylor Maj., 3rd Infy.*" on folded cover to attorney general's office in Detroit, slight toning, Very Fine, no postal markings but Taylor held this position from May 17, 1816 thru April 20, 1819 E. 1,500-2,000



74 **Zachary Taylor.** Signature “Z. Taylor Comdg.” on document reading “Return for extra whiskey for Men on extra duty and Prisoners on Fatigue at Fort Crawford M.S. June 30, 1833, No. of men 7, No of days 1 No of gills 7”, affixed to another piece of paper, Very Fine, Fort Crawford was located in Prairie du Chien, construction began in 1829 under the command of Taylor and was completed around 1832 in time for the Black Hawk War, Jefferson Davis also served at this fort and would later elope with Taylor’s daughter as the future president disapproved of his daughter marrying an army officer E. 500-750



75

- 75 ☒ **Zachary Taylor.** Free frank "Free Z. Taylor" on cover to Mobile Ala., red "Free Washington D.C. Jun. 11" circular datestamp, some slight toning around edges, small piece of scotch tape on back, otherwise Very Fine E. 1,000-1,500



76

- 76 ☒ **Zachary Taylor.** Bold free frank "Z. Taylor" on small cover addressed to his sister Eliza Taylor in Washington D.C. and **forwarded** to Annapolis Md., the forwarding address in Taylor's hand, red "Washington D.C. Feb. 1 Free" circular datestamp, manuscript at bottom left "Politeness of Mrs. King" in hand of original addressee, some toning and wear, the signature is Very Fine, unusual usage, probably carried outside of the mails to Washington and forwarded using the free frank E. 750-1,000



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- 77 ☒ **Millard Fillmore.** Four covers each with free frank, including “Free M. Fillmore”, “Free M. Fillmore M.C.”, “M. Fillmore M.C.” and “M. Fillmore”, one legal-size and reduced, slight edgewear, Very Fine group showing four versions of his free frank.....(Photo Ex) E. 500-750
- 78 ☒ **Franklin Pierce.** Three free franks, each “Free Franklin Pierce”, two on oversize covers, one on folded letter apparently in his hand (unsigned, dated 1839), one with uneven edge at top affecting free frank, overall Fine-Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) E. 400-500
- 79 ☒ **James Buchanan.** Free frank “Free James Buchanan” as ex-President on cover to James Buchanan Henry in New York, neat “Lancaster Pa. Oct. 1, 1861” double-circle datestamp, Very Fine use sent to Buchanan’s nephew whom he adopted and who served as the first Secretary to the President..... E. 300-400
- 80 ☒ **James Buchanan.** Free frank “Free James Buchanan” as ex-President on cover to Horatio King in Washington D.C., neat “Lancaster Pa. Jan. 28” double-circle datestamp, Dec. 10, 1862 docketing at left, Very Fine..... E. 300-400



- 81 ☒ **James Buchanan.** Free frank "Free James Buchanan" on folded cover addressed in his hand to Meadville Penn., red "Lancaster Pa. Apr. 2" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 82 ☒ **James Buchanan.** Free frank "Free James Buchanan" on folded cover addressed in his hand to Daniel Moore in Philadelphia, red "Washington City D.C. Mar. 2" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, few edge tears and some soiling, still Very Fine E. 300-400
- 83 ☒ **James Buchanan.** Free frank "Free James Buchanan" on folded cover to Stokes L. Roberts in Harrisburg Pa., small edge tears, Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 84 ☒ **James Buchanan.** Free frank "Free James Buchanan" on folded cover addressed in his hand to William Hollenstein in Kutztown Penn., minor soiling, Very Fine E. 400-500
- 85 ☒ **James Buchanan.** Free frank "Free James Buchanan" on three covers, one with 1858 circular datestamp so used as President, one used from Lancaster Pa., last used from Washington D.C., overall Fine-Very Fine(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 750-1,000



86

- 86 ☒ **Abraham Lincoln.** Clear free frank “A. Lincoln” as **President on mourning envelope addressed by Mary Todd Lincoln** to Madame Harris & Sons in New York City, well-struck “Washington D.C. Apr. 8, 1862” double-circle datestamp, top flap mostly separated

VERY FINE. A RARE LINCOLN FREE FRANK AS PRESIDENT ON A BLACK-BORDERED ENVELOPE, MOURNING THE DEATH OF HIS BELOVED SON, WILLIE, AND ADDRESSED BY THE FIRST LADY.

The Lincolns' third son, Willie, died on February 20, 1862, after an illness that has been attributed to typhoid fever. Lincoln is quoted as saying “My poor boy. He was too good for this earth. God has called him home. I know that he is much better off in heaven, but then we loved him so. It is hard, hard to have him die!”. Willie was buried in nearby Georgetown. After the assassination of President Lincoln, the boy's body was exhumed and his remains placed on the Lincoln funeral train which traveled back to Springfield, where he was buried with his father.

Madame Harris in New York City was a supplier of clothing to Mrs. Lincoln. After Willie's death, Mary Lincoln was inconsolable and began obsessively ordering hundreds of garments. This envelope is addressed by Mary Lincoln.

We offered a similar cover in our 2004 auction of the Dr. Robertson collection (Sale 887, lot 4106, realized \$22,000 hammer). Ex Risvold E. 10,000-15,000



87

- 87 ☒ **Abraham Lincoln.** Free frank "A. Lincoln" as **President** on cover to Betsey Holden in Chelsea Mass., neat "Washington D.C. Mar. 13, 1861?" circular datestamp, some expert restoration

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN ATTRACTIVE EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FREE FRANK.

The yeardate is difficult to read, but if it is 1861 then this would have been sent less than ten days after Lincoln was sworn in as President. With 1979 Hamilton certificate.....
 E. 5,000-7,500

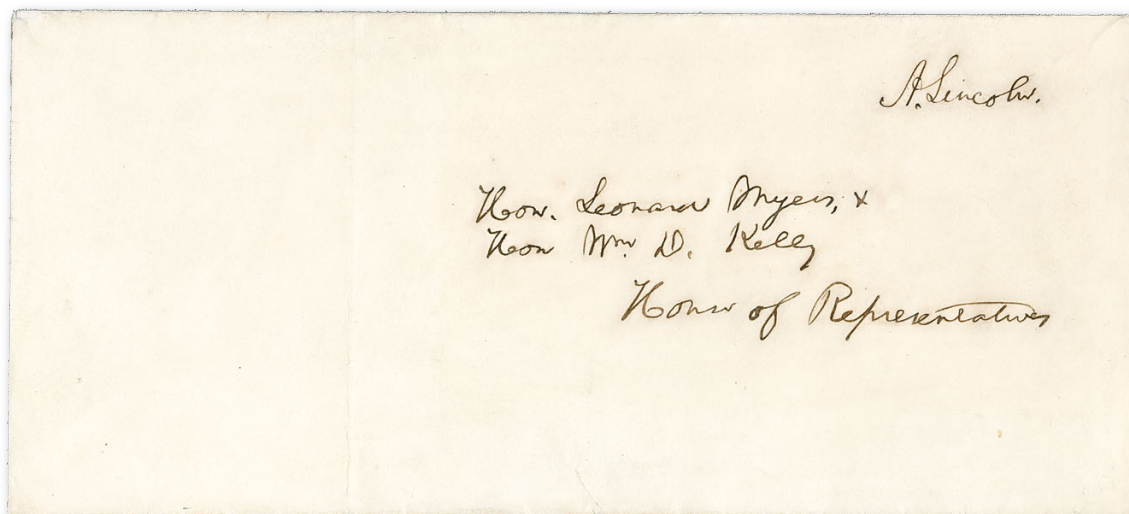


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- 88 ☒ **Abraham Lincoln.** Free frank "A. Lincoln" as **President** on cover to Mrs. Henry Barrow in New York, light strike of "Washington Free Dec. 20, 1864" double-circle datestamp, docketed at left "Mrs. President Lincoln Dec. 1864", expertly restored along edges

VERY FINE APPEARING EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FREE FRANK AS PRESIDENT.

This cover is addressed in the hand of Mary Todd Lincoln. E. 5,000-7,500

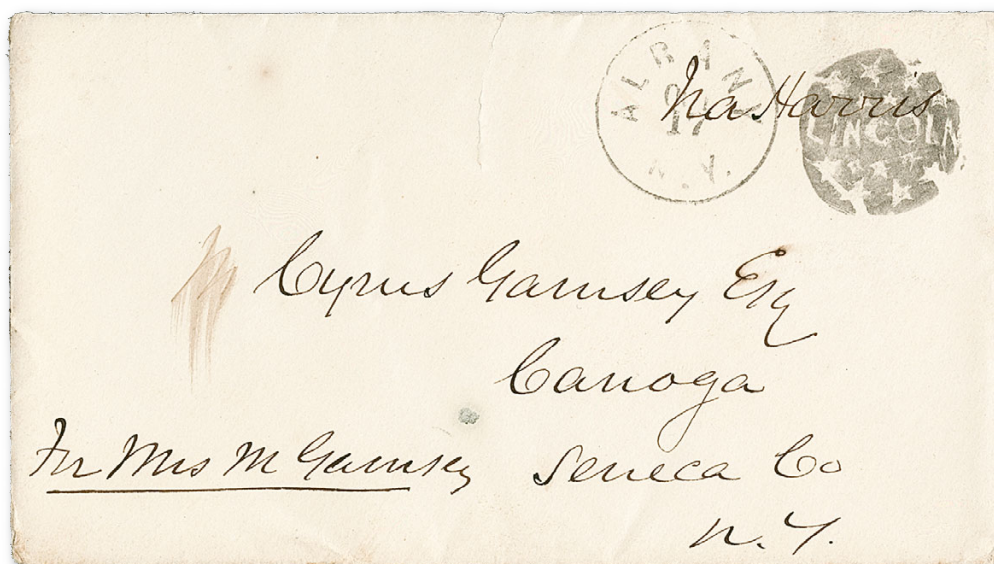


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- 89 ☒ **Abraham Lincoln.** Free frank "A. Lincoln" as **President** on legal-size cover addressed to Hon. Leonard Myers and Hon. William D. Kelley at the House of Representatives, no postal markings so likely privately carried, expertly restored and cleaned (affects frank)

FINE APPEARING EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FREE FRANK.

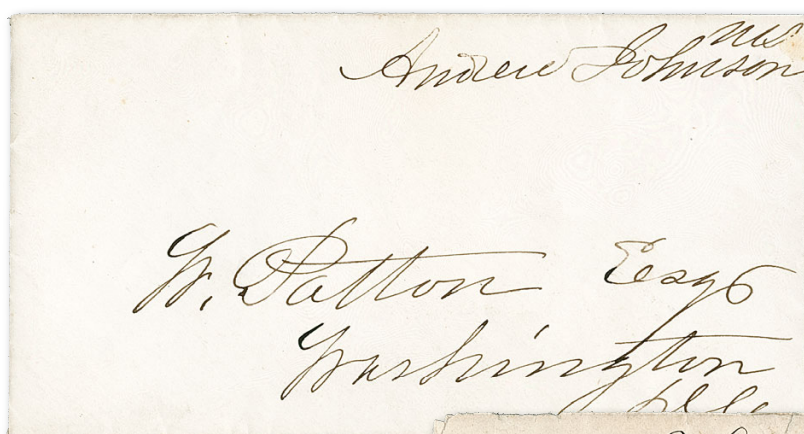
Leonard Myers was elected to Congress in 1862 and served until 1875. William D. Kelley was a founder of the Republican party and served in Congress from 1861 to 1890.....
..... E. 3,000-4,000



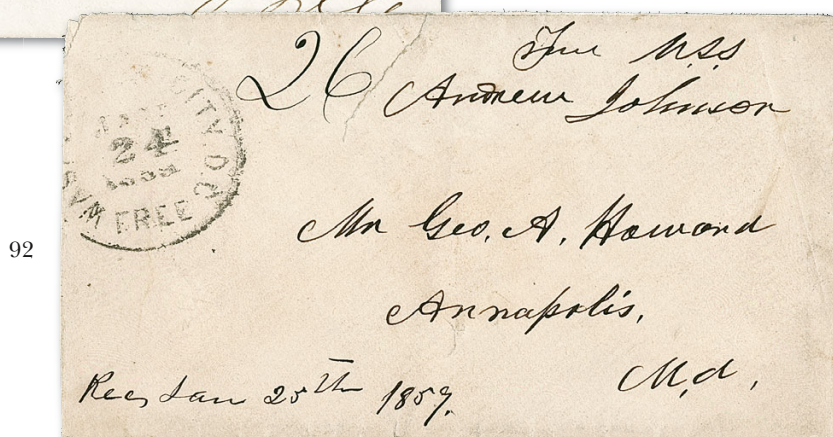
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- 90 ☒ **"Lincoln" and Stars Mourning Cancel.** Negative "Lincoln" and 13 stars, in black, with matching "Albany N.Y. Oct. 17" circular datestamp on cover to Canoga N.Y. and additionally franked with signature of **Senator Ira Harris** of New York; closed cover tear at top, far from markings, still Very Fine, ex Risvold

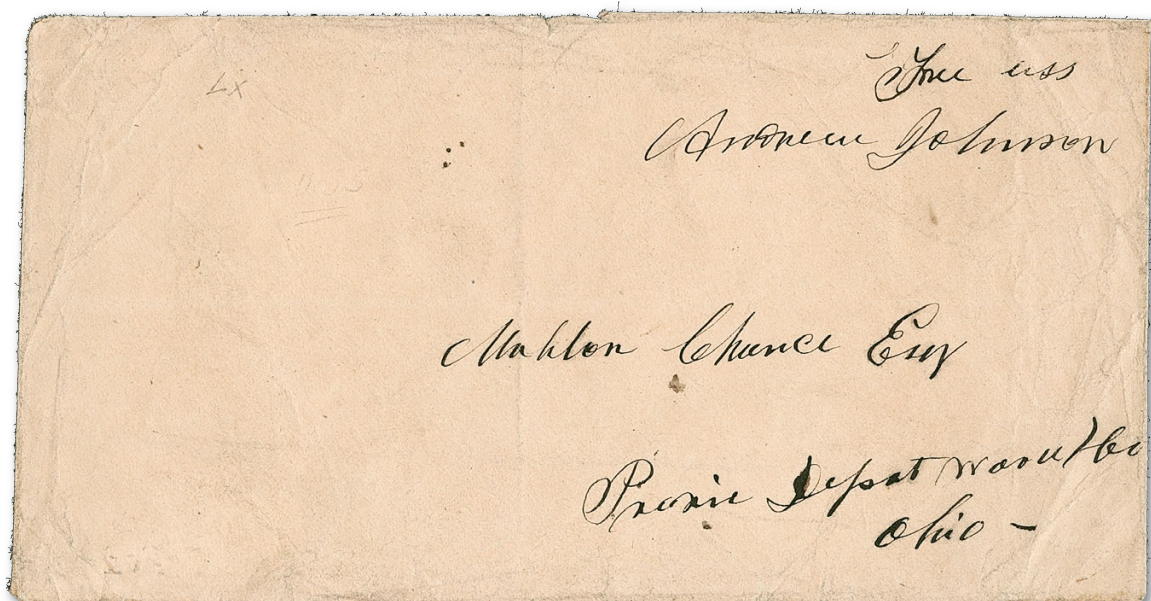
Created by the Albany post office after Lincoln's assassination, this marking is usually found on the 3c 1861 Issue (Scott No. 65), but its use on a free-franked cover is very rare. Senator Ira Harris was the father of Clara Harris, who along with her fiance, Maj. Henry Rathbone, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln to Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865. Years later (and still blaming himself for not acting more quickly to prevent Booth from shooting the President) Maj. Rathbone became deranged and murdered his wife....
..... E. 1,000-1,500



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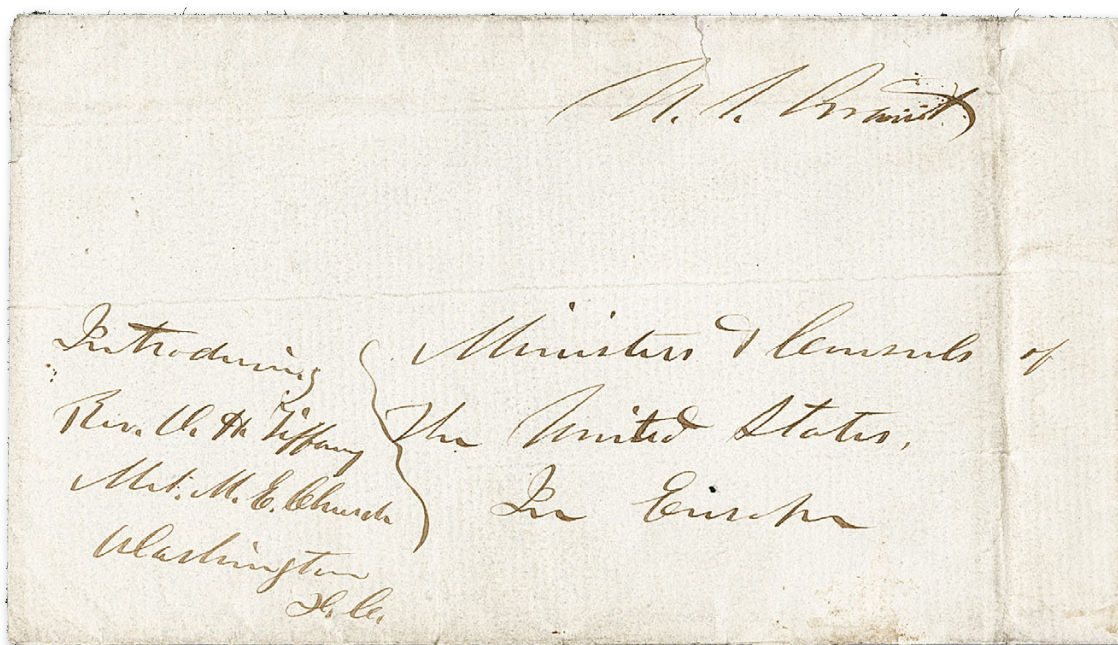


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- 91 ☒ **Andrew Johnson.** Autograph free frank "USS Andrew Johnson" as Senator, on cover addressed in his hand to Washington, tiny light gum stain in "S", otherwise immaculate, Extremely Fine..... E. 500-750
- 92 ☒ **Andrew Johnson.** Free frank "Free U.S.S. Andrew Johnson" on cover to George A. Howard in Annapolis Md., "Washington City D.C. Jan. 24, 1859" circular date stamp, receipt docking at lower left, some edgewear including tear at top not affecting frank, missing part of top flap, still Very Fine..... E. 500-750
- 93 ☒ **Andrew Johnson.** Free frank "Free Andrew Johnson USS" on cover to Ohio, some creasing and edgewear, still Very Fine..... E. 300-400

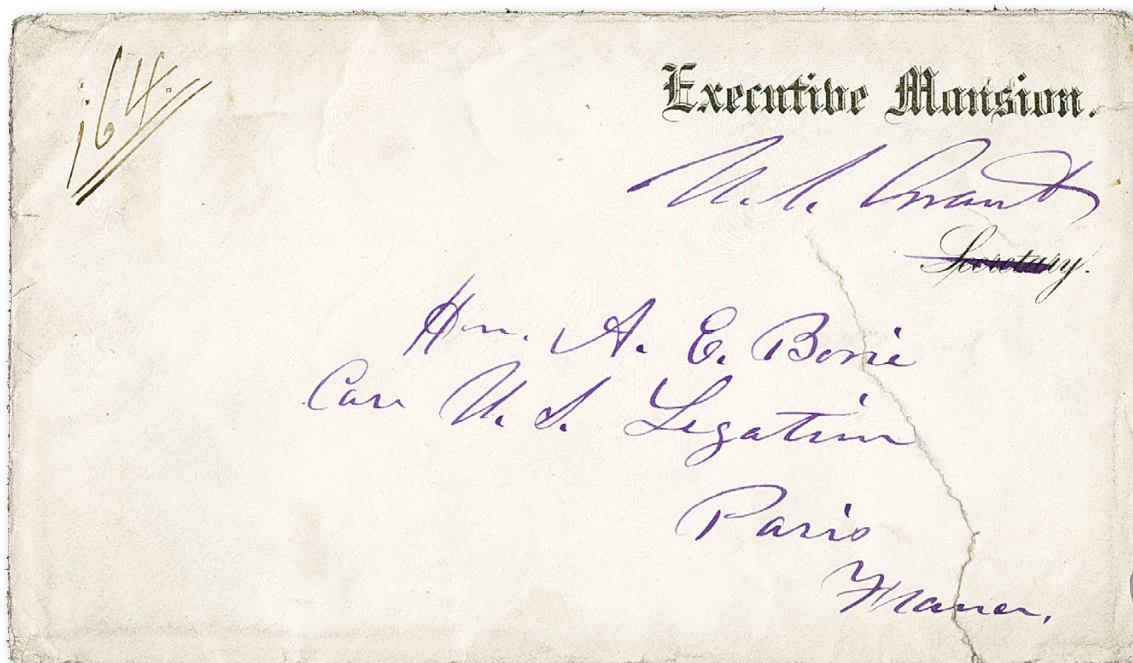


- 94 ☒ **Andrew Johnson.** Free frank "U.S.S. Andrew Johnson" as Senator on legal-size cover to Boston, "Washington City D.C. Free Aug. 18" circular datestamp, vertical file fold and few edge flaws, still Very Fine..... E. 500-750
- 95 **Andrew Johnson.** Free frank "Free U.S.S. Andrew Johnson" as Senator on cover front only to G. Williston in Suffield Conn., fresh and Very Fine..... E. 400-500
- 96 **Andrew Johnson.** Free frank "Andrew Johnson" as Senator on cover front only with printed "Public Document. Free." and "U.S.S.", small nicks at sides, still Very Fine and unusual..... E. 300-400
- 97 **Andrew Johnson.** Signature "Andrew Johnson" as President on part-printed pardon dated Dec. 26, 1868, some slight edgewear, some rust from paper clip at top left, still Very Fine E. 500-750
- 98 ☒ **Andrew Johnson.** Attempted free frank "Free Andrew Johnson Ex Pres. US" on cover to Atlanta Ga., bold "Greenville Tenn. Apr. 5" circular datestamp, toned spot at top right, repaired tear and stamp removed from top left, still Fine, an Act of Congress eliminated the franking privileges of all ex-Presidents as of July 1, 1863, after he left the Presidency he franked several covers, some of which had additional stamps, ex Dr. Robertson E. 500-750



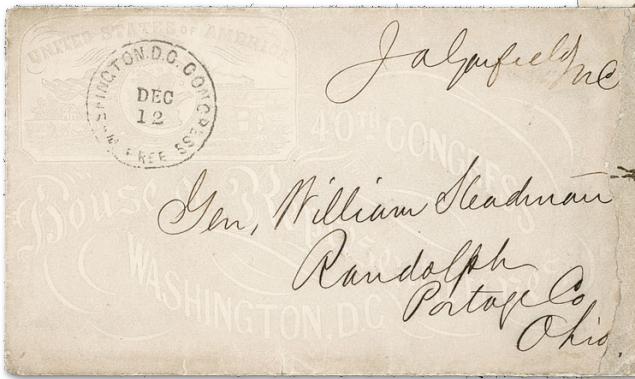
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- 99 ☒ **Ulysses S. Grant.** Free frank "U.S. Grant" on cover to "Ministers & Consuls of The United States In Europe" in Washington D.C., small sealed tear at top barely affects free frank, still Very Fine E. 500-750



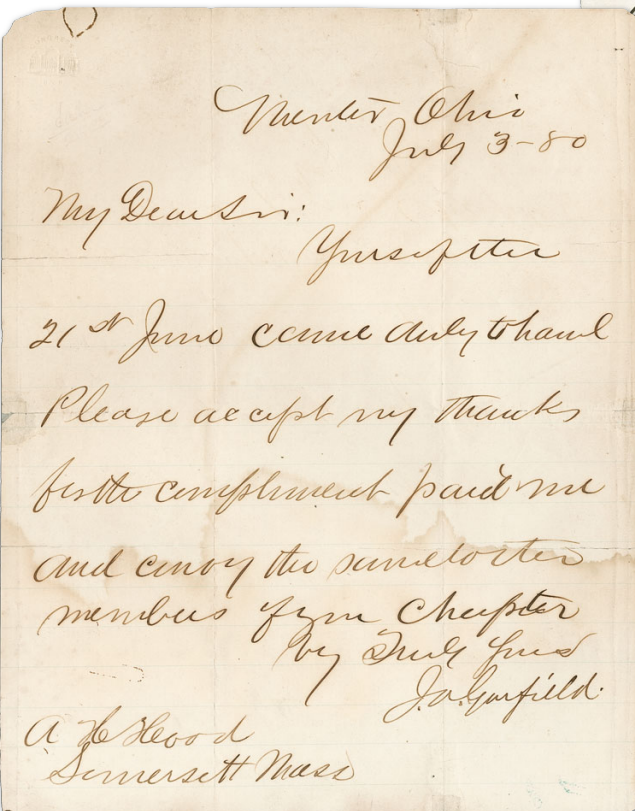
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- 100 ☒ **Ulysses S. Grant.** Free frank "U. S. Grant" as **President** on Executive Mansion cover with "printed "Secretary" crossed out, to A. E. Borie, care of the U.S. Legation in **Paris, France**, addressed in Grant's hand, opening tear at right, minor edgewear, Very Fine, the recipient was Secretary of the Navy E. 750-1,000

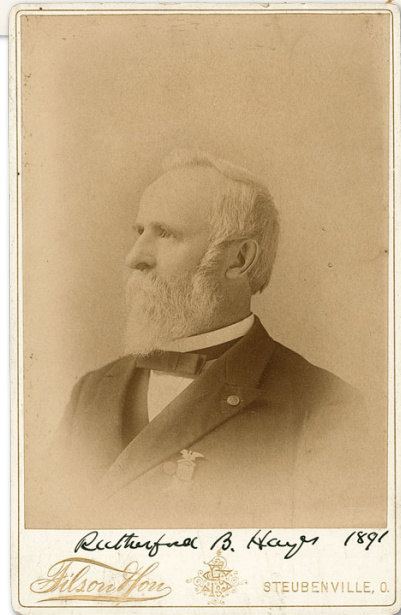
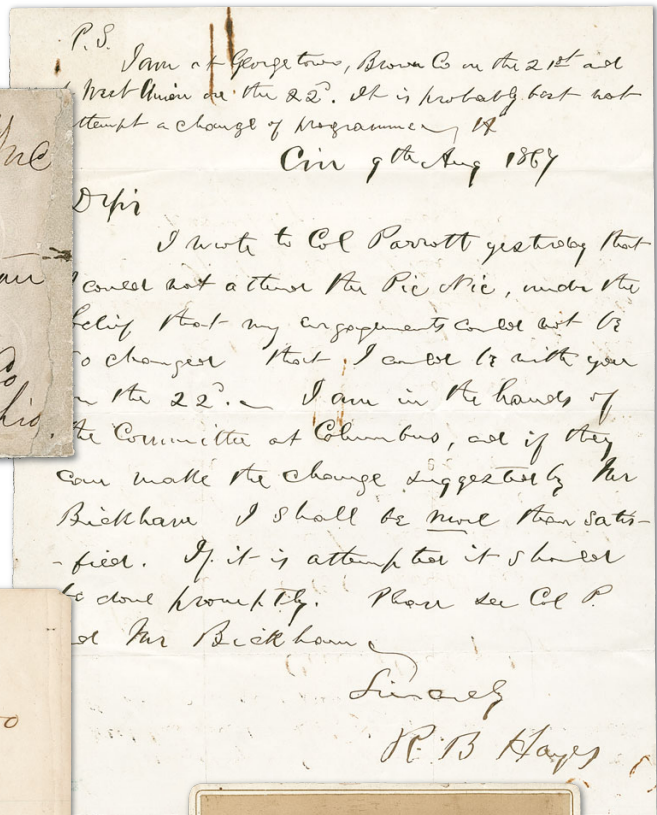


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- 101 ✉ **Rutherford B. Hayes.** 1pp ALS "R. B. Hayes" datelined "Cin. 9th Aug. 1869", Very Fine, ex Matz (small backstamp shows thru)..... E. 200-300
- 102 **Rutherford B. Hayes.** Signature "Rutherford B. Hayes 1891" on card from Tilson & Sons photographer in Steubenville O., with photo of Hayes, Very Fine and attractive..... E. 300-400
- 103 **James A. Garfield.** Three free franks "J. A. Garfield" as member of Congress, one on "40th Congress, House of Representatives" overall illustrated cover (rebacked, uneven at right) to Randolph O., others with few small faults, Fine-Very Fine group(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 500-750
- 104 **James A. Garfield.** 1pp ALS signed "J. A. Garfield", datelined "Menter Ohio July 3-80", some waterstaining, still Very Fine..... E. 300-400

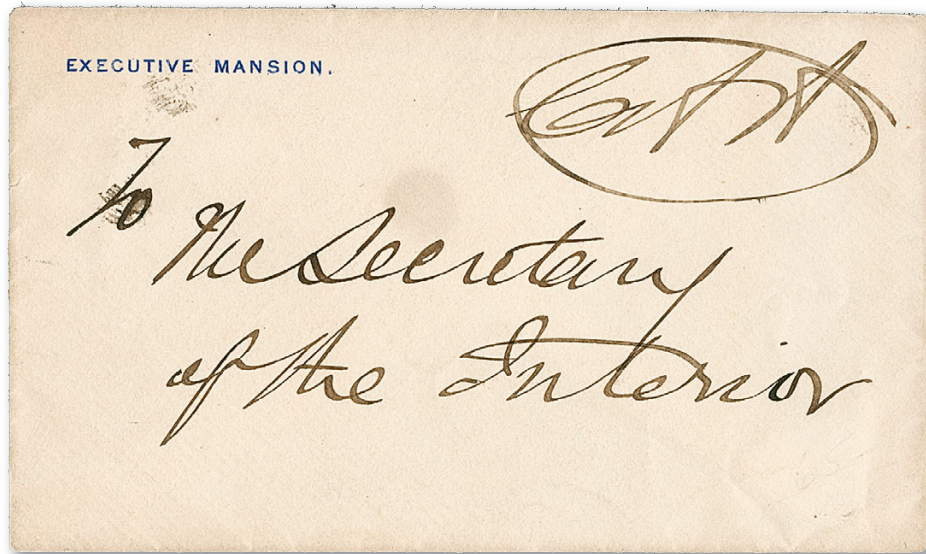


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- 105 ☒ **Chester A. Arthur.** Autograph free frank "C A A" as **President** at top left of "**Executive Mansion**" cover to San Francisco Cal. which is also addressed in his hand, neat "Washington D.C. Jul. 25 9 PM 1884" circular datestamp, receiving backstamp, mostly intact red wax seal on back, expertly restored at right

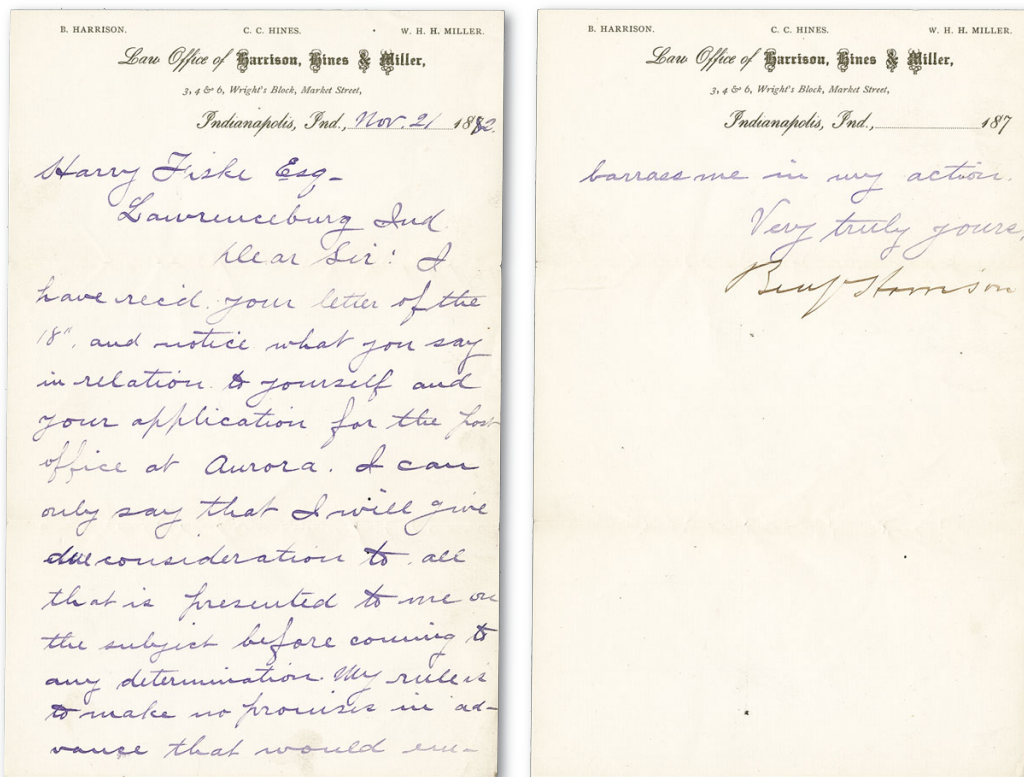
VERY FINE APPEARANCE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF A CHESTER A. ARTHUR FREE FRANK ON AN EXECUTIVE MANSION COVER SENT THRU THE MAILS.

Chester A. Arthur was Vice President under Garfield, and he assumed the presidency after Garfield was assassinated. This is one of the keys to a complete collection of Presidential free franks..... E. 7,500-10,000



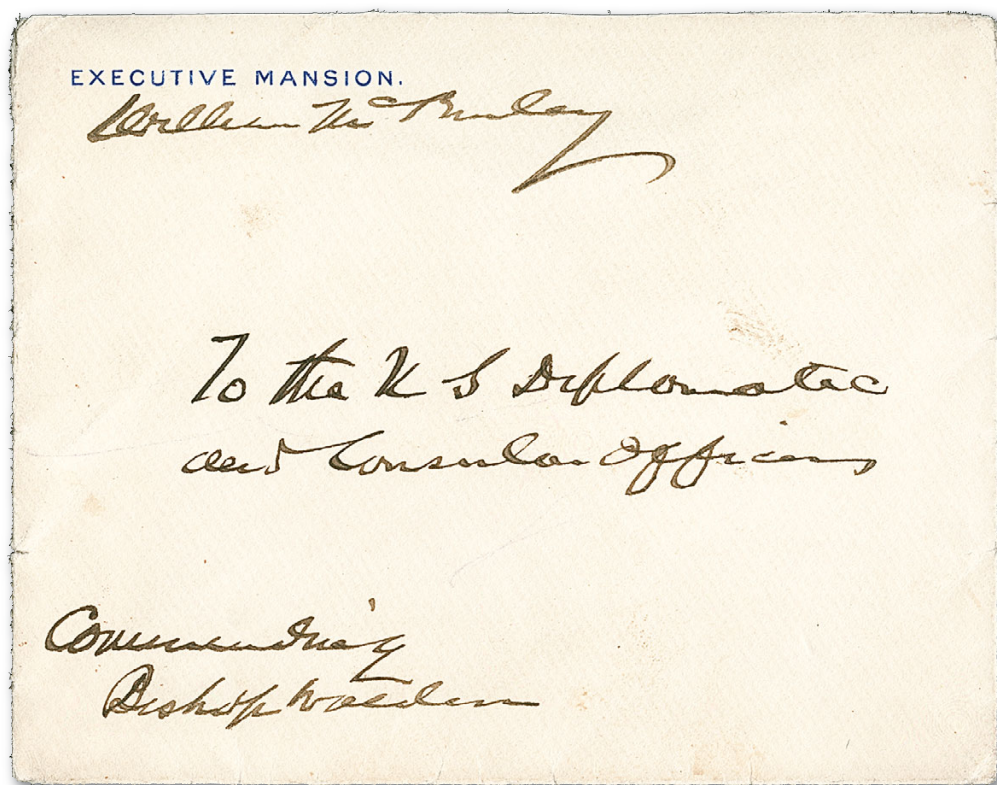
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- 106 ☒ **Chester A. Arthur.** Autograph free frank "C A A" as **President** at top right of "**Executive Mansion**" cover to the Secretary of the Interior, no postal markings so carried privately outside of the mails, Very Fine, scarce free frank on Executive Mansion cover, accompanied by engraved portrait of Arthur..... E. 200-300



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- 107 **Benjamin Harrison.** Letter signed "Benj Harrison" as ex-President on 2pp. letterhead from law firm of Harrison, Hines & Miller of Indianapolis dated Nov. 21, 1882, Very Fine E. 200-300



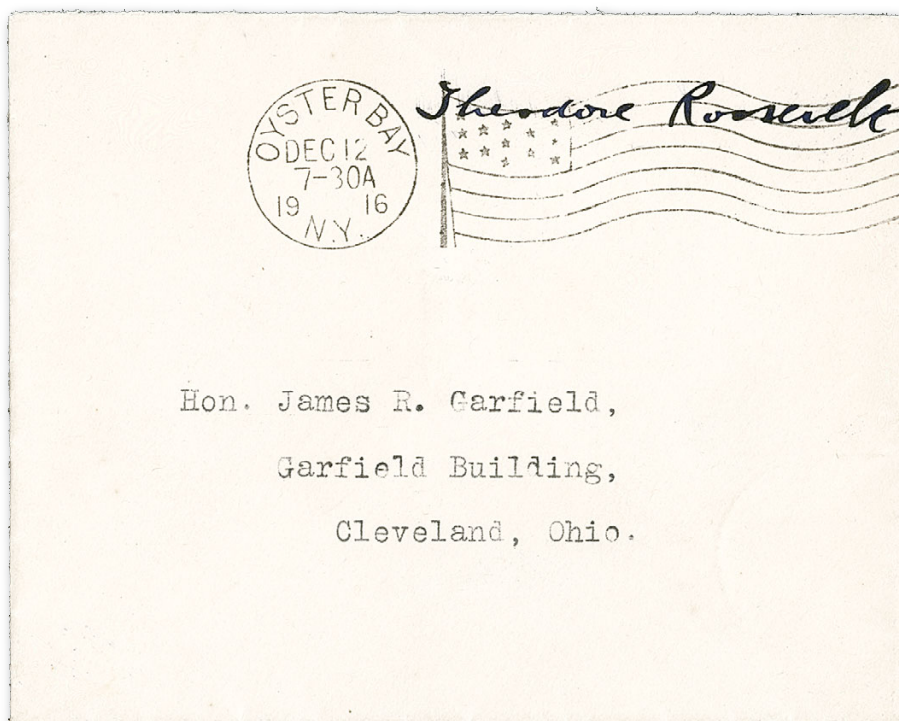
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- 108 ☒ **William McKinley.** Unauthorized franking signature “William McKinley” as **President** on Executive Mansion imprint cover addressed in his hand to the “U.S. Diplomatic and Consular Offices”, missing top flap and tiny edge tears

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF ASSASSINATED PRESIDENT WILLIAM McKINLEY'S AUTOGRAPH FRANK.

William McKinley did not have free-franking privileges as President; therefore, envelopes bearing his signature are extremely rare. This cover was carried outside the mails. No other example has been located in major collections such as Hart, Hessel, Joyce, Stern or Grunin.

Ex Kantor and Dr. Robertson E. 5,000-7,500



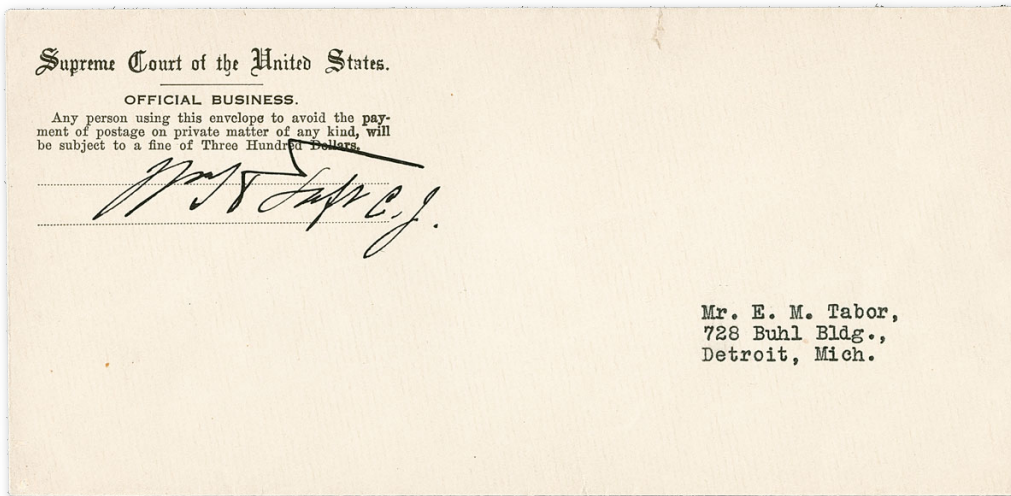
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- 109 ☒ **Theodore Roosevelt.** Free frank "*Theodore Roosevelt*" as ex-President on cover to James R. Garfield in Cleveland O., neat "Oyster Bay N.Y. Dec. 12, 1916" machine cancel

VERY FINE. ONLY A FEW COVERS EXIST WITH THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S FREE FRANK AS EX-PRESIDENT.

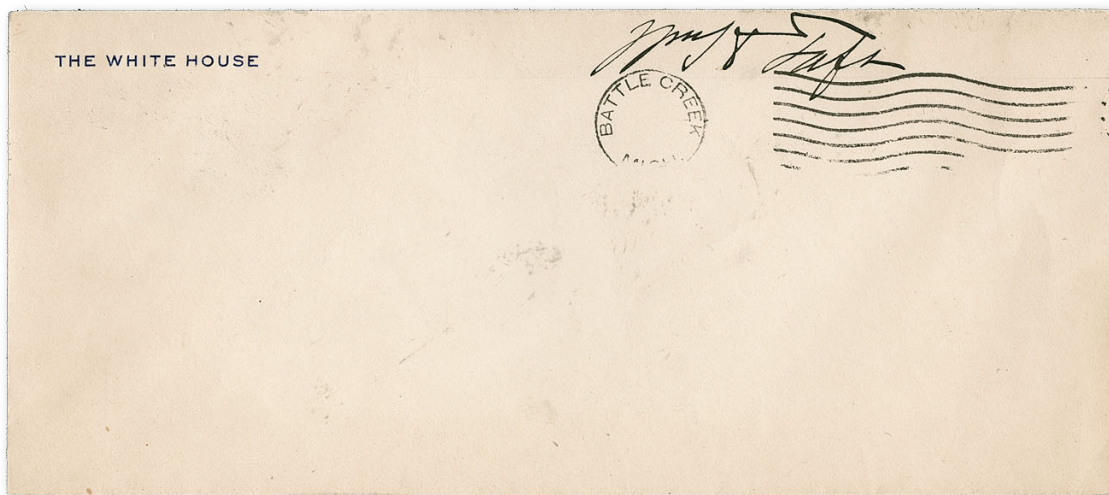
Although Roosevelt was not authorized to frank mail as ex-President, evidently he and the Oyster Bay post office were under the impression he did. Only a few covers are known, all from Roosevelt's retirement home in Oyster Bay, Long Island.

Ex Kantor and Dr. Robertson E. 3,000-4,000



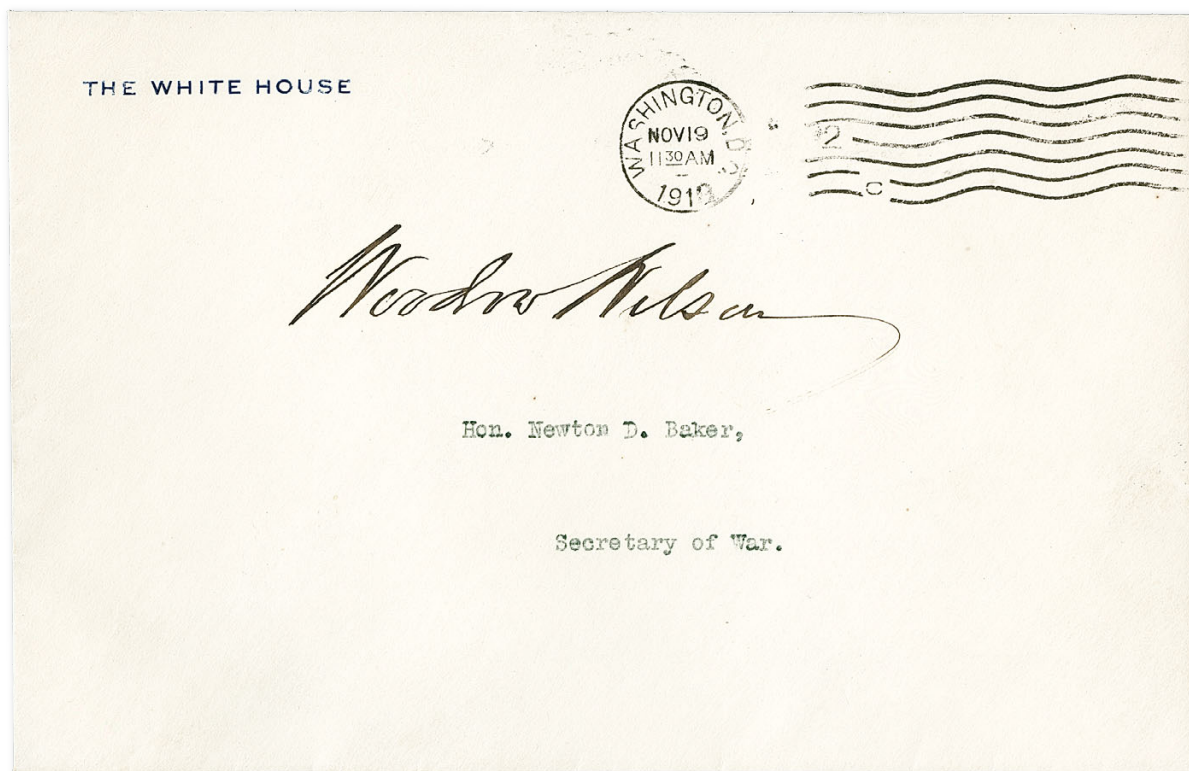
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- 110 ☒ **William Howard Taft.** Signed "*Wm. H. Taft C.J.*" as ex-President and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on legal-size Supreme Court Official Business imprint cover to Detroit Mich., slightly reduced at right, Very Fine, an extremely rare cover bearing Taft's signature as Chief Justice — Taft did not have franking privileges as ex-President or Chief Justice, ex Dr. Robertson..... E. 1,500-2,000



111

- 111 ☒ **William Howard Taft.** Signature "*Wm H Taft*" at top right of legal-size "The White House" stationery, dateless Battle Creek Mich. postmark, unaddressed, Very Fine, reportedly one of only three signatures on White House stationery..... E. 2,000-3,000



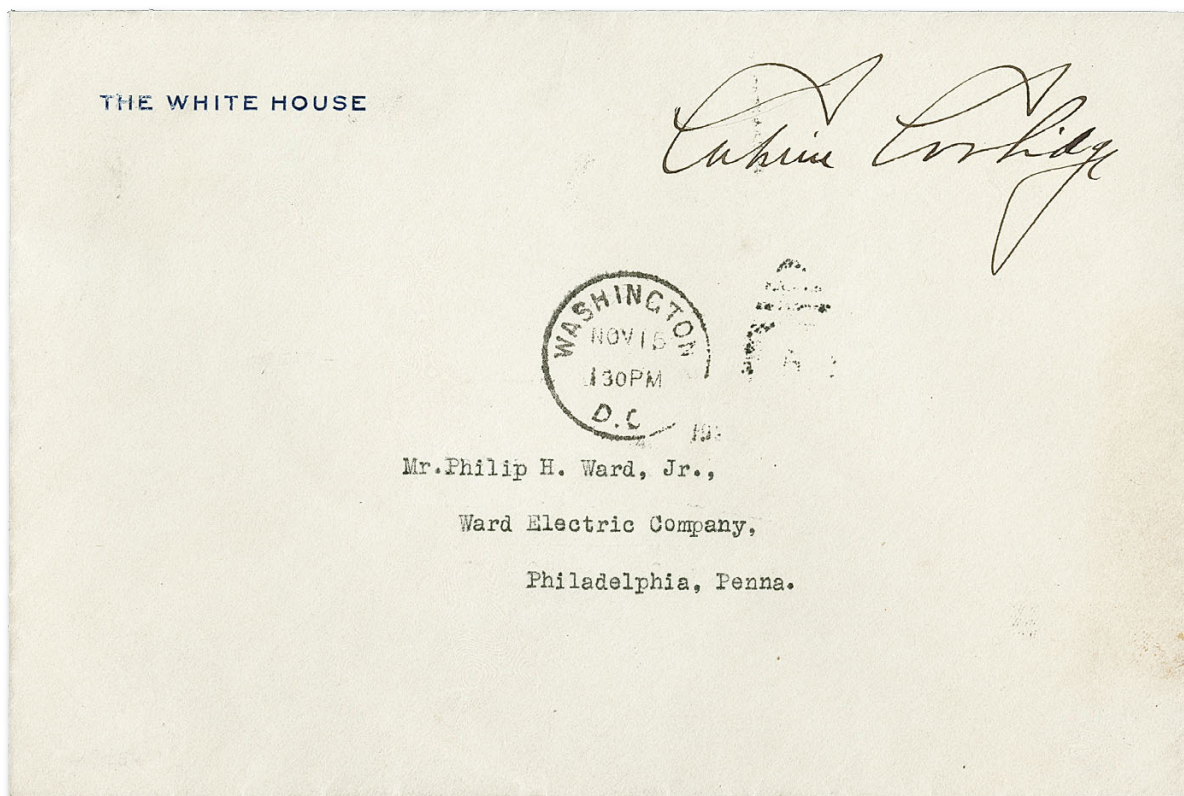
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- 112 ☒ **Woodrow Wilson.** Free frank “*Woodrow Wilson*” as **President** on White House imprint cover to his Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, “Washington D.C. Nov. 19 11:30AM 1918” machine cancel

VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF WOODROW WILSON'S FREE FRANK.

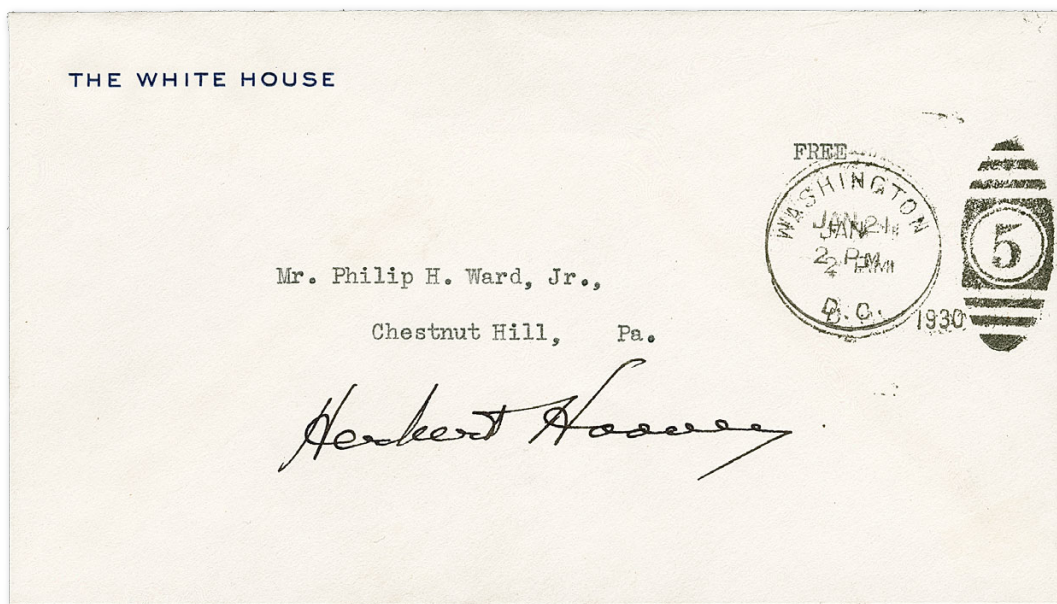
Woodrow Wilson's free frank is exceedingly rare. No other example could be found in the collections formed by Hart, Hessel, Stern, Joyce, Grunin or doing a Google search.

Ex Kantor and Dr. Robertson..... E. 10,000-15,000



113

- 113 ☒ **Calvin Coolidge.** Free frank “Calvin Coolidge” as **President** on White House imprint cover to Philip Ward in Philadelphia, “Washington D.C. Nov. 15” duplex cancel, Very Fine and extremely rare E. 1,500-2,000



114

- 114 ☒ **Herbert Hoover.** Free frank "*Herbert Hoover*" as **President** on White House imprint cover to Philip Ward in Pa., neat "Washington D.C. Jan. 21 2PM 1930" duplex, typewritten "Free"

VERY FINE. ONE OF ONLY FIVE RECORDED COVERS FRANKED BY HERBERT HOOVER AS PRESIDENT.

The Stern and Hessel collections each contained one. One is known on a White House penalty envelope where the free frank was not required. A fourth was used to Iowa. Ex Kantor and Dr. Robertson E. 4,000-5,000



115

- 115 ☒ **Franklin D. Roosevelt.** Free frank "*Franklin D. Roosevelt*" at right of pale blue White House cover to Alden S. Condict in New York, neat "Washington D.C. Nov. 5 9AM 1940" postmark

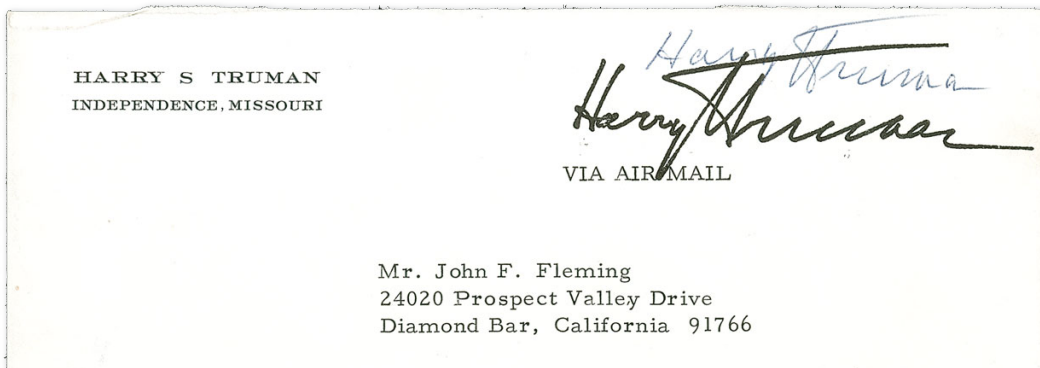
VERY FINE. ONE OF TWO RECORDED LEGITIMATE FREE FRANKS OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, WHO NEVER HELD THE PRIVILEGE OF SENDING HIS MAILS FREE THROUGH THE POST UNDER HIS SIGNATURE.

The presidential office was of course allowed to send out mail free of charge for official business, using penalty envelopes. Roosevelt, a philatelist, signed a few penalty envelopes as favors but they did not serve as an actual free frank since the envelope would have been allowed thru the mails without his signature. Only two examples are recorded on non-penalty envelopes, which would have required postage. The other was sent Sept. 15, 1940 to Abe Schoenfeld in New York..... E. 3,000-4,000



- 116 **Franklin D. Roosevelt.** Photograph signed *Franklin D. Roosevelt*", 190 x 252mm, some overall toning, Very Fine..
..... E. 750-1,000

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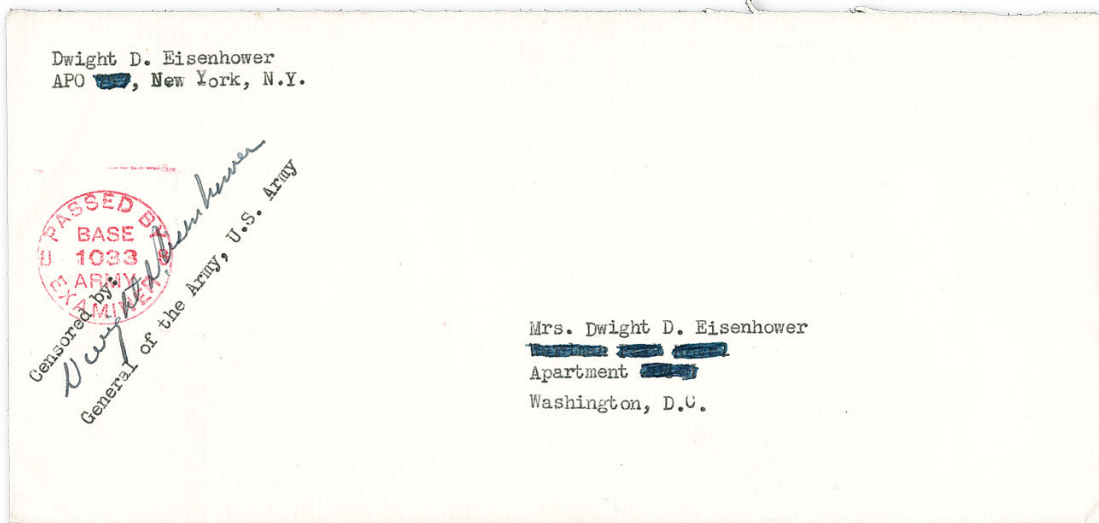


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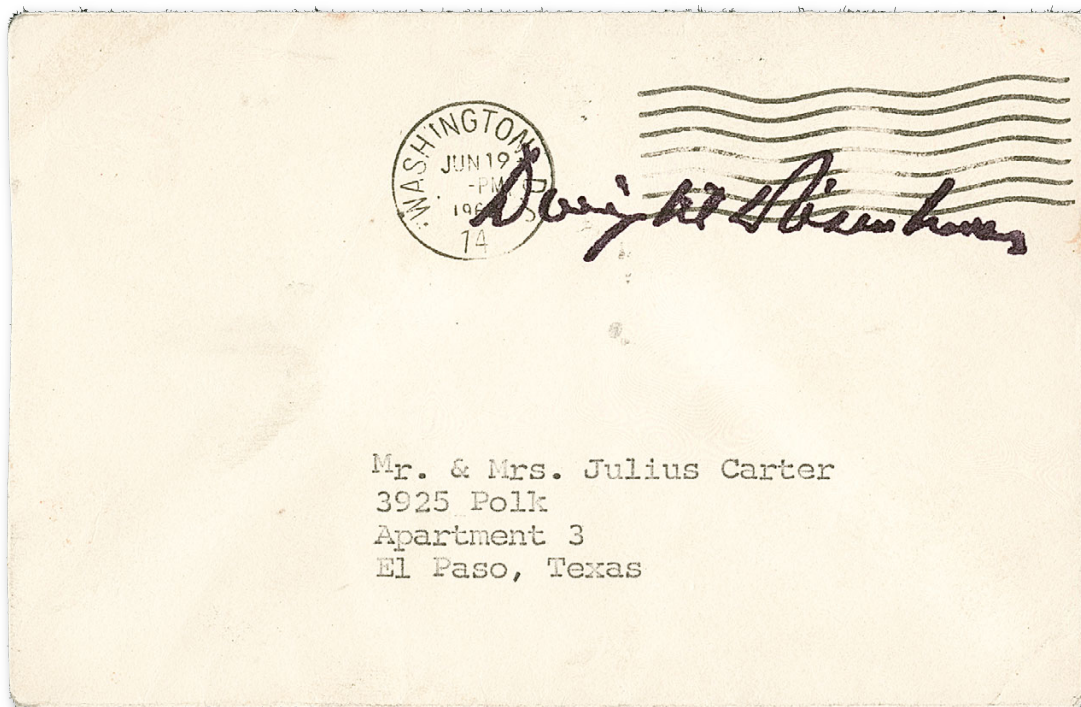
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- 117 ☒ **Harry S. Truman.** Free frank "*Harry Truman*" signed twice on cover with printed "Harry S. Truman, Independence, Missouri" at top left to John Fleming in Diamond Bar Cal., typed "Via Air Mail" below frank, no postal markings, Very Fine and very unusual with two Truman signatures..... E. 500-750
- 118 **Harry S. Truman.** Neat signature on bank of Kansas City check dated Oct. 11, 1924, made out to "Cash" for \$20.00, perfin and purple handstamp both away from signature, fresh and Very Fine..... E. 300-400



119

- 119 ☒ **Dwight D. Eisenhower.** Signature as censor's marking "Dwight D. Eisenhower" with typed "Censored by: General of the Army, U.S. Army", on legal size cover to Mrs. Eisenhower in Washington D.C., red "Passed by Examiner Base 1033 Army" handstamp, typed return address indicates Eisenhower was in New York, back with "Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Office of the Supreme Commander", personal part of addresses crossed out, Very Fine and attractive use E. 500-750



120

- 120 ☒ **Dwight D. Eisenhower.** Free frank "Dwight D. Eisenhower" as **President** on cover to El Paso Tex., "Washington D.C. Jun. 19, 1960" machine cancel, Very Fine, Eisenhower's autograph free frank as President is rare — earlier military franks are more common and presidential franks are usually facsimile signatures, ex Dr. Robertson E. 1,500-2,000



- 121 **John Fitzgerald Kennedy.** Signature "John Kennedy" on small White House card, accompanied by typed note on White House stationery dated March 25, 1961 stating in part "Enclosed is President Kennedy's autograph which you requested..." and signed by Priscilla Wear, Very Fine E. 500-750
- 122 **John Fitzgerald Kennedy.** TLS, "John Kennedy" on White House stationery, typed correspondence dated October 2, 1962, to Rear Admiral Willard J. Smith at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, reads in part "Dear Admiral Smith: I have been thoroughly impressed with the Coast Guard officers and sailors which whom I have had contact while sailing aboard your yawl MANITOU in the waters of Maine and Rhode Island.", two filing holes at top, Very Fine E. 400-500
- 123 **Lyndon B. Johnson.** Two items, first is photo of Johnson with several other figures with "To Rear Admiral Willard J. Smith, with warm regards, Lyndon Johnson", second is TLS dated June 22, 1964 and addressed to Admiral Smith thanking him for hospitality during graduation exercises for the Class of 1964, Very Fine(Photo Ex) E. 400-500
- 124 ☒ **Jimmy Carter.** Signature "Jimmy Carter" at top of cacheted cover depicting Jimmy and Rosalind Carter, with "Washington D.C. 20013 Jan. 20, 1977 Inauguration Day" machine cancel, Very Fine, accompanied by TLS from Tip O'Neill, Jr. to General Lewis Shull confirming that this cover was signed by President Carter on inauguration day and that only six were prepared (three were kept by President Carter)..... E. 300-400
- 125 ☒ **Ronald Reagan.** Signature "Ronald Reagan" on cacheted Inauguration Day cover with "Washington D.C. 20013 Jan. 20, 1981 Inauguration Day" machine cancel, accompanied by copy of TLS from Tip O'Neill, Jr. noting that after his inauguration Reagan signed 15 such covers (some were also signed by Nancy) and were carried by General Lewis Shull to the post office where the covers were cancelled by authority of the Postmaster General, Very Fine E. 400-500

PRESIDENTIAL WIDOWS' FREE FRANKS



126

- 126 ☒ **Martha Washington.** Autograph free frank "*M Washington*" as widow of President George Washington on folded letter datelined "*Mount Vernon, December 15th, 1801*" and addressed to Col. Richard Varick in New York, lightly struck red "Alex. Va. Dec. 18" circular date-stamp, red manuscript "*Free*", contents thanks the recipient for sending several barrels of apples and asks for a bill for them, also mentions hiring of a white cook, light vertical file folds

VERY FINE. ONE OF FOUR REPORTED FREE FRANKS OF MARTHA WASHINGTON, AMERICA'S FIRST LADY AND FIRST WIDOW, WHO WAS GRANTED THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE IN APRIL 1800 AFTER HER HUSBAND'S DEATH, BUT USED IT FOR ONLY TWO YEARS BEFORE HER OWN DEATH IN MAY 1802. ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES OF EARLY AMERICAN POSTAL HISTORY AND AUTOGRAPH COLLECTING.

The letter and address are in the hand of her granddaughter, Eleanor Parke Custis Lewis, who had married George Washington's favorite nephew, Lawrence Lewis. Lawrence's brother Robert was Washington's secretary.

Eleanor "Nellie" Parke Custis Lewis was the daughter of Martha Washington's son from her previous marriage. Her son, John Parke Custis, was killed in the Revolutionary War in 1781. Eleanor and her brother, George, were adopted by General Washington and lived at Mount Vernon until Martha Washington's death in 1802. Eleanor was a favorite of both General Washington and Martha.

Ex Joyce and Dr. Robertson E. 20,000-30,000



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- 127 **Louisa C. Adams.** Widow of John Quincy Adams, autograph free frank "L. C. Adams" on small envelope addressed to Charles Francis Adams (probably her son, although possibly her grandson, Charles Francis Jr.) at Boston, red straightline "BALTIMORE R.R." handstamp, red "FREE/NEW-YORK 27 FEB" circular datestamp, Extremely Fine, a charming example of this scarce widow's frank, unusual with the railroad route agent's handstamp, ex Grunin..... E. 1,000-1,500



128

- 128 ☒ **Louisa C. Adams.** Widow of John Quincy Adams, free frank "L. C. Adams" on 1849 mourning cover to **London, England**, red "Washington D.C. Sep.13 Free" circular datestamp, "5" in circle debit handstamp, manuscript "1/-" due for transatlantic rate, transit backstamp, small tear at right affects debit marking, otherwise Very Fine, scarce use of widow's frank on transatlantic mail, ex Stevens and Dr. Robertson, illustrated in ASCC Vol. II on p. 223..... E. 750-1,000



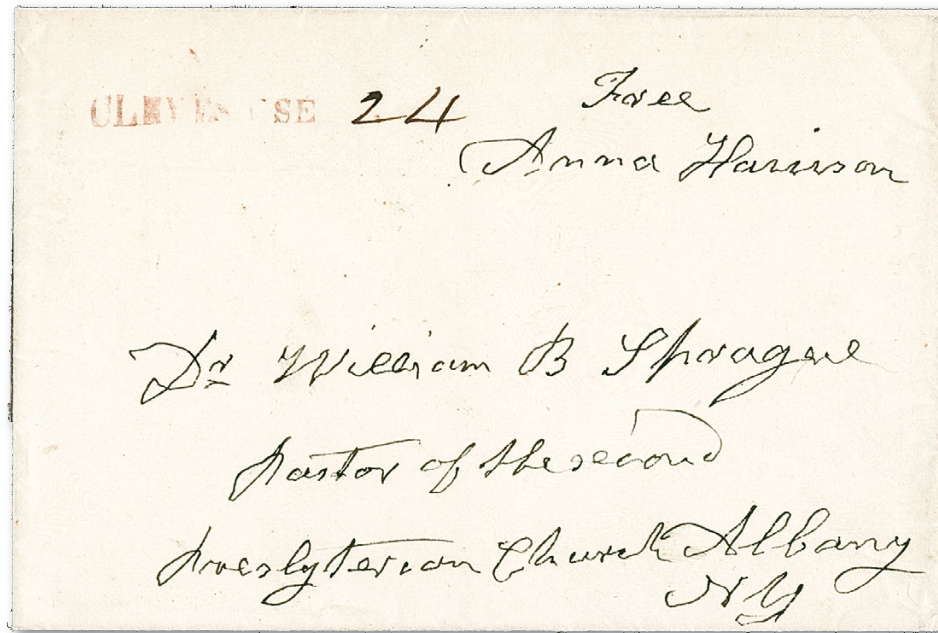
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- 129 ☒ **Dolley Madison.** Widow of James Madison, free frank "Free D P Madison" on cover to Louise Corcoran in Stonington Conn., light strike of red "Free Washington D.C. Aug. 8" circular datestamp, Very Fine, also accompanied by cut with "Free D P Madison" E. 500-750



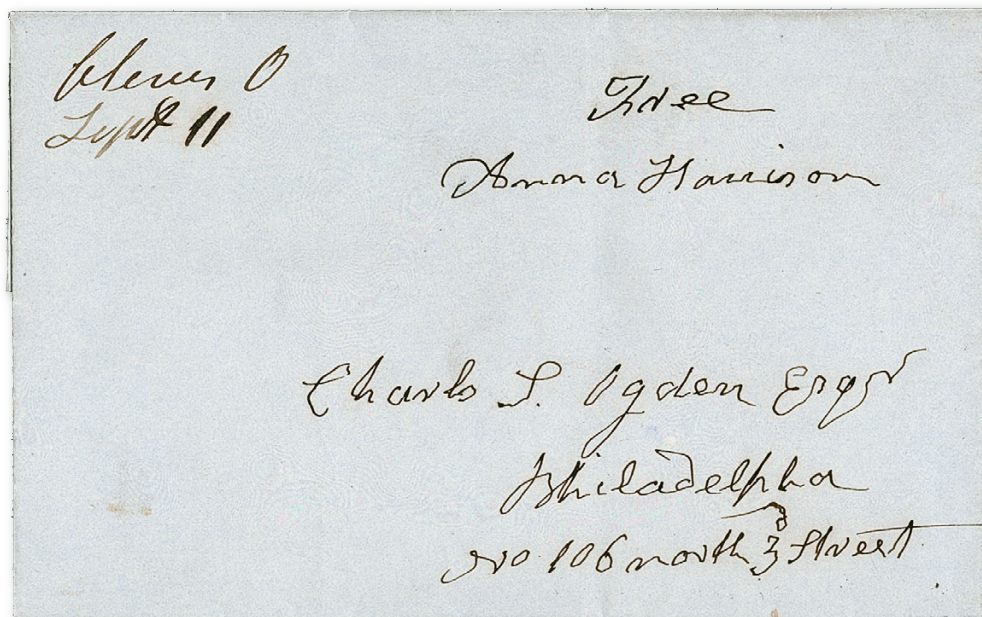
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- 130 ☒ **Dolley Madison.** Widow of James Madison, free frank "Free D P Madison" on folded letter written by Anthony Morris and datelined "Montpelier Virginia May 28th 1837" to Mr. Samuel B. Morris at Germantown Penn., light strike of red "Orange C H Va. May 20" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, some soiling, still Very Fine E. 500-750



131

- 131 ☒ **Anna Harrison.** Widow of William H. Harrison, free frank "Free Anna Harrison" on folded cover to Dr. William Sprague in Albany N.Y., red "CLEVE SE" straightline handstamp with "24" day in manuscript, fresh and Very Fine, scarce widow's frank E. 750-1,000



132

- 132 ☒ **Anna Harrison.** Widow of William H. Harrison, free frank "Free Anna Harrison" on blue folded cover to Charles Ogden in Philadelphia, "Cleve. O. Sept. 11" manuscript postmark, Very Fine, scarce widow's free frank E. 750-1,000

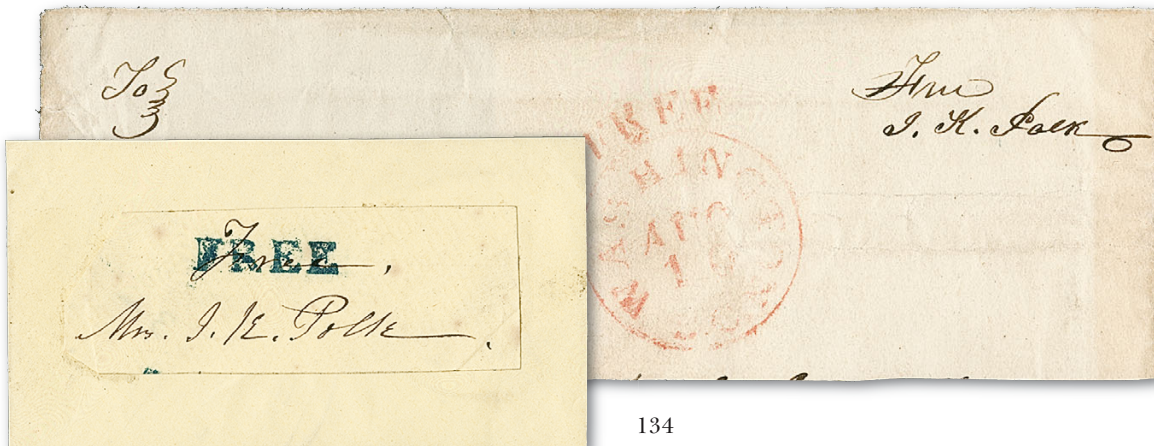


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- 133 ☒ **Sarah Childress Polk.** Widow of James K. Polk, free frank "Free Mrs. J.K. Polk" on buff cover to Bolivar Tenn., blue "Nashville Ten. Sep. 26, 1858" circular datestamp and matching "Free" handstamp, some slight wear, few repaired tears in top flap only
VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY DESIRABLE FREE FRANK OF THE WIDOW SARAH POLK. ONLY THREE EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED.

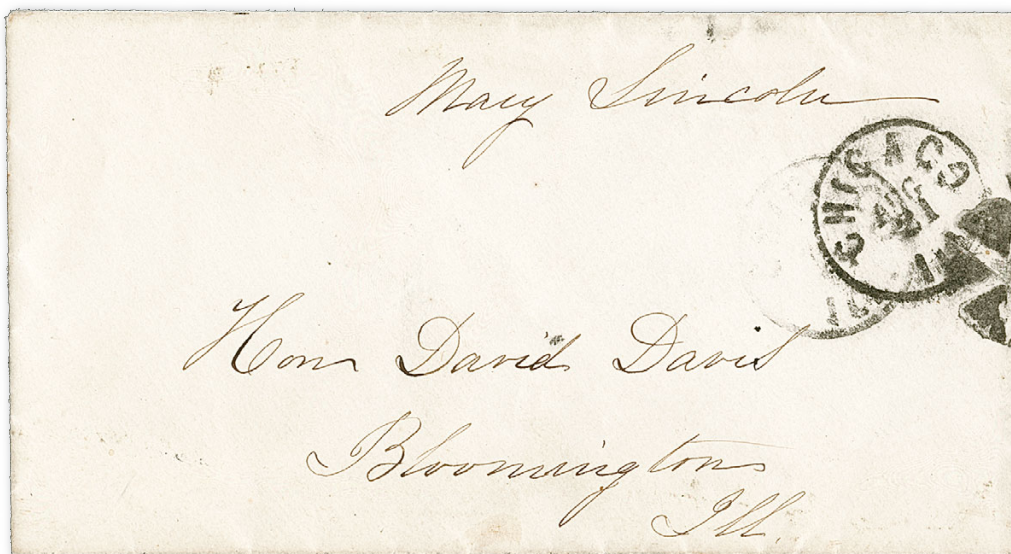
Sarah Polk, a staunch admirer and supporter of Dolley Madison in her later years, has the distinction of being the first First Lady to be photographed on the White House grounds. Although Sarah lived more than 40 years following her husband's death in 1849, she lived somewhat reclusively in Nashville and evidently franked a relatively small amount of mail. Her free frank is exceedingly rare, with only three reported examples.

Ex Joyce, Dr. Robertson and Mack E. 7,500-10,000



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- 134 **Sara Childress Polk.** Widow of James K. Polk, free frank "Free Mrs. J. K. Polk" on small yellow piece with blue "FREE" handstamp, mounted on slightly larger piece, Very Fine, although Sarah lived more than 40 years following her husband's death in 1849, she lived somewhat reclusively in Nashville and evidently franked a relatively small amount of mail, her free frank is exceedingly rare, with only three full reported examples, also including top part of folded cover with "Free J. K. Polk" (likely as President). E. 500-750



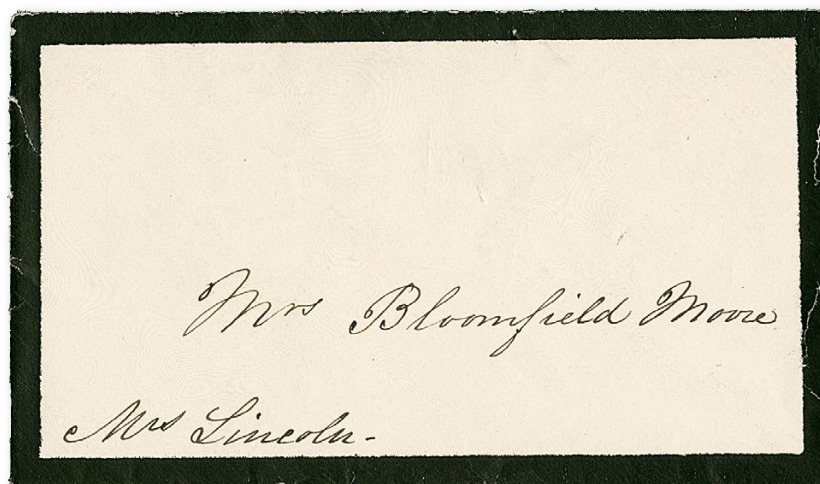
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- 135 ☒ **Mary Todd Lincoln.** Widow of assassinated President Abraham Lincoln, free frank "*Mary Lincoln*" on cover addressed in her hand to David Davis in Bloomington Ill. (appointed by President Abraham Lincoln as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States 1862-1877, later U.S. Senator), bold strike of "Chicago Ill. Aug. 21" circular date-stamp

FRESH AND VERY FINE. A RARE COVER FREE FRANKED BY MARY TODD LINCOLN, WIDOW OF THE MARTYRED PRESIDENT.

In May 1865, Mary Todd Lincoln and her sons, Robert and Tad, left Washington D.C. for Chicago, where they resided until leaving for Europe in 1868. During this difficult time, Mary attempted without success to sell her clothing through merchants in New York City. The style of Chicago postmark points to a date of mailing in 1866 or 1867.

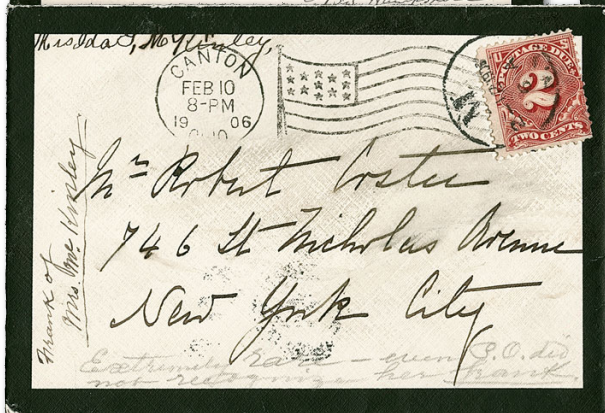
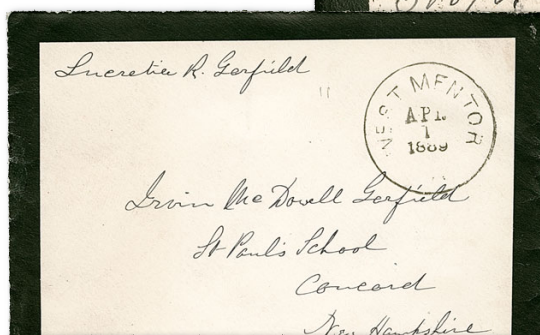
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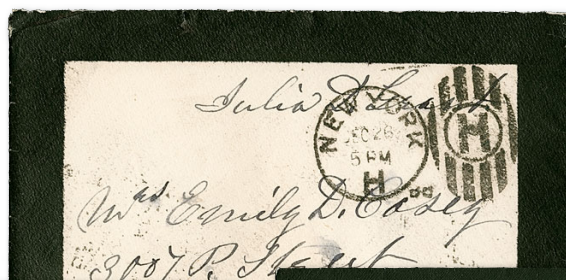
- 136 ☒ **Mary Todd Lincoln.** Signature "*Mrs. Lincoln*" at bottom left of mourning cover addressed to Mrs. Bloomfield Moore, Very Fine and unusual, Clara Bloomfield-Moore was a philanthropist who organized a hospital relief committee in Philadelphia during the Civil War, accompanied by copy of what may have been enclosure dated Dec. 16, 1862, this was either carried outside of the mails or was in an outer envelope E. 750-1,000

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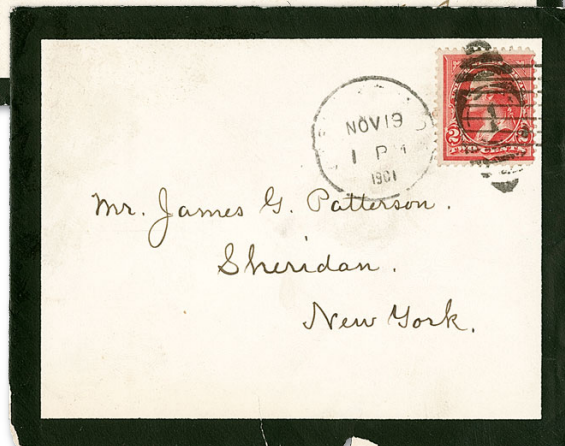
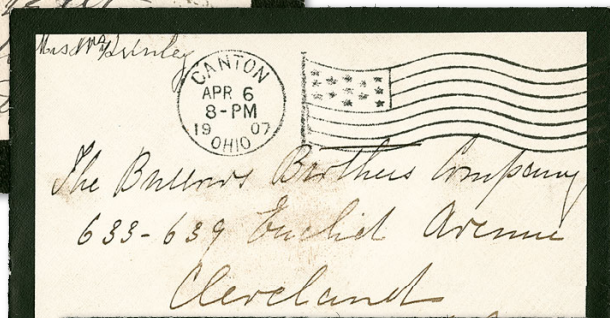


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- 137 ☒ **Julia Dent Grant.** Widow of Ulysses S. Grant, free frank "Julia D. Grant" on wide-bordered mourning envelope addressed in her hand to Mrs. Emily D. Casey in Washington D.C., "New-York Dec. 26 5PM '89" duplex datestamp struck over frank, Very Fine, Ulysses S. Grant spent the last year of his life completing his memoirs (after a business partnership with a swindler resulted in financial catastrophe), he died in 1885 and the publication of his memoirs made his widow a wealthy woman again, in 1886 she was presented with the largest royalty check in history — \$200,000 — by Mark Twain, her free frank is rare E. 400-500
- 138 ☒ **Lucretia Garfield.** Widow of James A. Garfield, ten free franks, each on mourning cover, used from West Mentor O. (4), Cleveland (4) and South Pasadena Cal. (2), overall Fine-Very Fine, also includes two photos (one of Lucretia, one of Lucretia and James)..... (Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 400-500
- 139 ☒ **Ida McKinley.** Widow of assassinated President William McKinley, free frank "Mrs. Wm. McKinley" on mourning cover to Cleveland O., neat "Canton Ohio Apr. 6 8-PM 1907" waving flag machine cancel, minor edgewear, Very Fine E. 300-400
- 140 ☒ **Ida McKinley.** Widow of assassinated President William McKinley, free frank "Mrs. Ida J. McKinley" at top left of mourning cover to New York, neat "Canton Ohio Feb. 10 8-PM 1906" waving flag machine cancel, 2c Postage Due stamp tied by circular datestamp, with original enclosure with mourning border written by secretary expressing regret that she cannot return a photograph as it was lost in a fire, some slight wear, Very Fine, unusual, she received free franking privileges several years prior to this so it is uncertain why this was charged 2c due..... E. 500-750
- 141 ☒ **Ida McKinley.** Widow of assassinated President William McKinley, mourning cover containing matching acknowledgement card from Mrs. McKinley and sent to Sheridan N.Y., postage paid by 2c Bureau issue tied by Nov. 19, 1901 duplex, some edgewear, Fine, unusual usage, she did not receive franking privileges until Jan. 22, 1902, so this letter required postage, ex Dr. Robertson E. 400-500



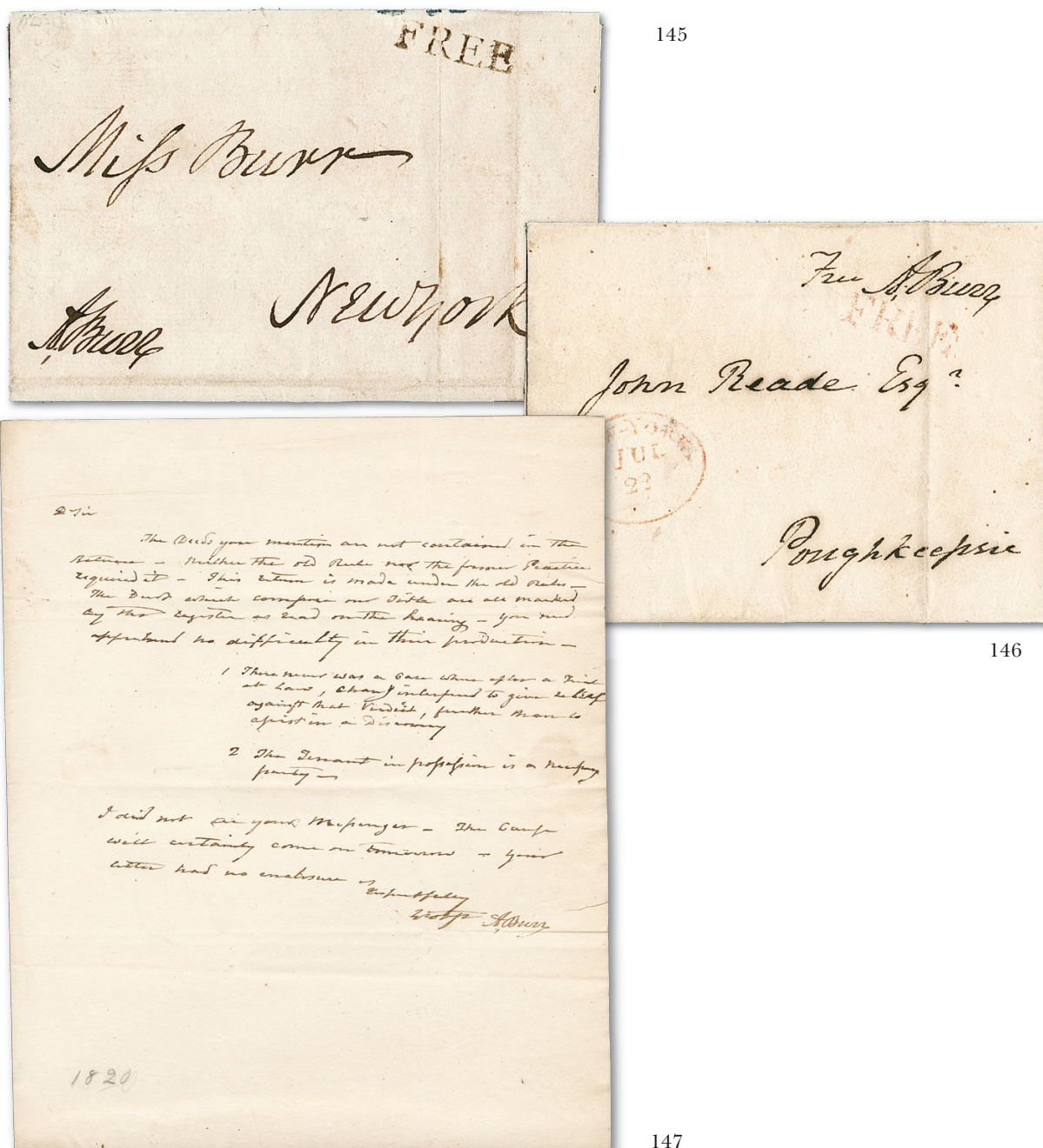
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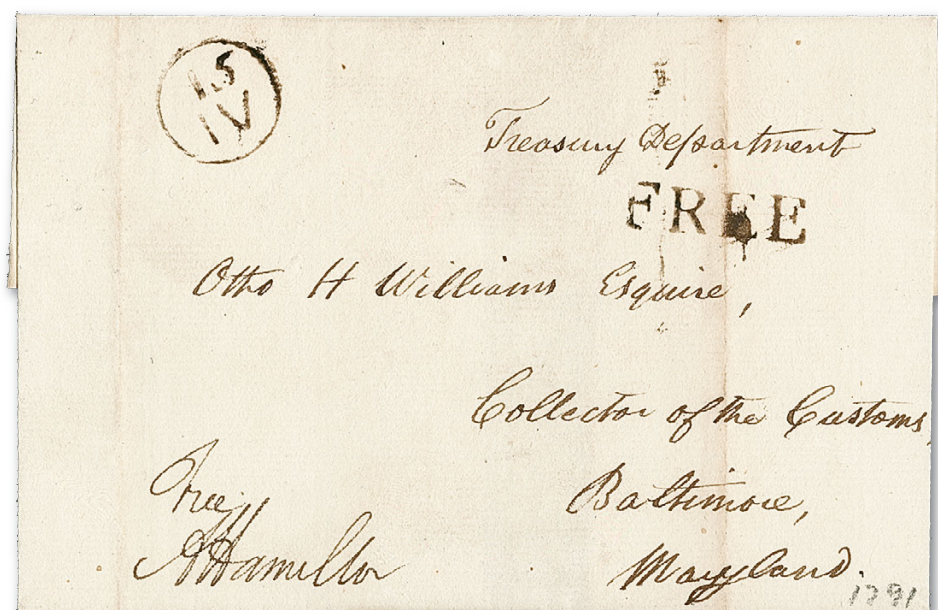
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- 142 ☒ **Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt.** Widow of Theodore Roosevelt, seven covers franked "Edith K. Roosevelt", two with "Free" in her hand, Oyster Bay and Brooklyn N.Y. machine cancels, one with ALS, overall Very Fine, Mrs. Roosevelt was granted the franking privilege on October 27, 1919, which lasted until her death on September 30, 1948, accompanied by portrait(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 300-400
- 143 ☒ **Helen H. Taft.** Widow of William H. Taft, five covers: one is franked "Helen H. Taft Free" on cover with Supreme Court imprint crossed out, "Pointe Au Pic P.Q. 13 Jul. 1936" circular datestamp to Washington D.C., another franked "Helen H. Taft Free" and with 1c and 4c Taft stamps tied by "Cincinnati Ohio Jun. 4, 1930" cancel on airmail cover to Lakewood N.J., one with no postal markings, Fine-Very Fine group(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 300-400
- 144 ☒ **Florence Kling Harding.** Widow of Warren Harding, three covers: first is mourning cover with 2c Harding stamp from Marion O. on Dec. 10, 1923, and addressed in her hand and used before she was granted free-franking privilege, second is Jan. 28, 1924 cover with "Florence Kling Harding" free frank from Washington D.C. to Marion O. (used three days after she was granted the privilege), last is April 9, 1924 mourning cover franked "Florence Kling Harding" from Washington D.C. to Rutherford N.J., fresh and Very Fine, she passed away on Nov. 22, 1924, less than a year after receiving the franking privilege, also incl. 2pp autograph letter signed regarding charges relating to the death of her husband, ex Dr. Robertson(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 400-500

HISTORICAL FIGURES IN THE FORMATION OF THE UNITED STATES



- 145 ☒ **Aaron Burr.** Vice President under Jefferson, murderer of Alexander Hamilton in a duel, autograph free frank "A. Burr" on folded cover addressed in his hand to "Miss Burr, New York", bold brown "FREE" handstamp, Feb. 24, 1793 docketing on back, extraneous blue ink at top of little consequence, Very Fine E. 750-1,000
- 146 ☒ **Aaron Burr.** Vice President under Jefferson, murderer of Alexander Hamilton in a duel, free frank "Free A. Burr" as Vice President on folded cover addressed in his hand to John Reade in Poughkeepsie N.Y., red "New-York Jul. 22" oval datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, docketing indicates 1803 use, light vertical file fold affects free frank, still Very Fine and attractive use about a year before his famous duel with Hamilton E. 500-750
- 147 **Aaron Burr.** Vice President under Jefferson, murderer of Alexander Hamilton in a duel, autograph folded letter signed "A. Burr", business contents regarding deeds, addressed to L. Mitchell in Troy N.Y., docketing indicates Feb. 1820 use, Very Fine E. 500-750



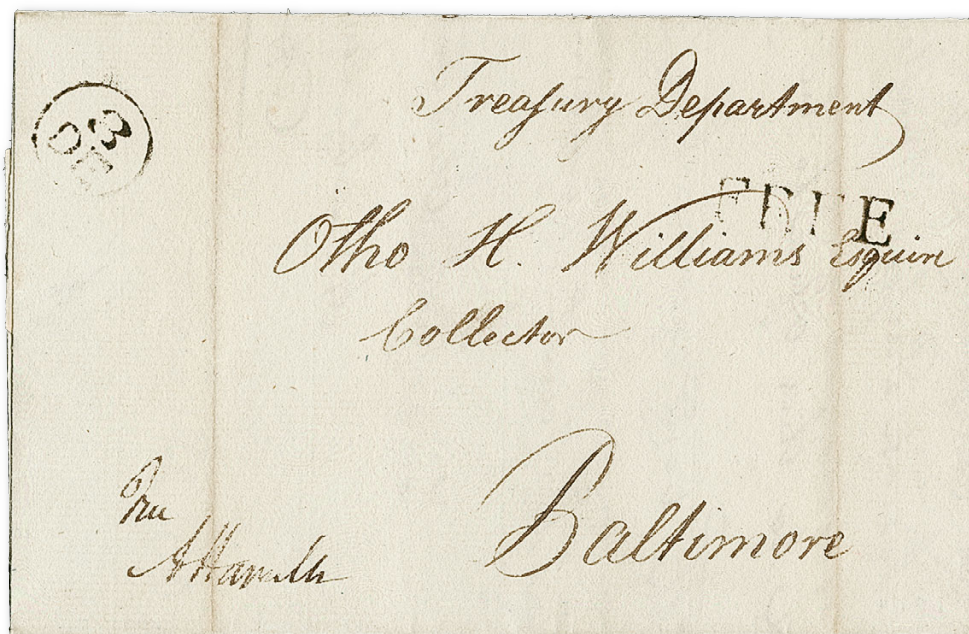
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- 148 ☒ **Alexander Hamilton.** Free frank "Free A. Hamilton" as Secretary of the Treasury on folded cover addressed in his hand to the collector of customs in Baltimore Md., June 13, 1791 docketing, neat brown "15/IV" Franklin mark with "FREE" handstamp, fresh and Very Fine E. 1,500-2,000



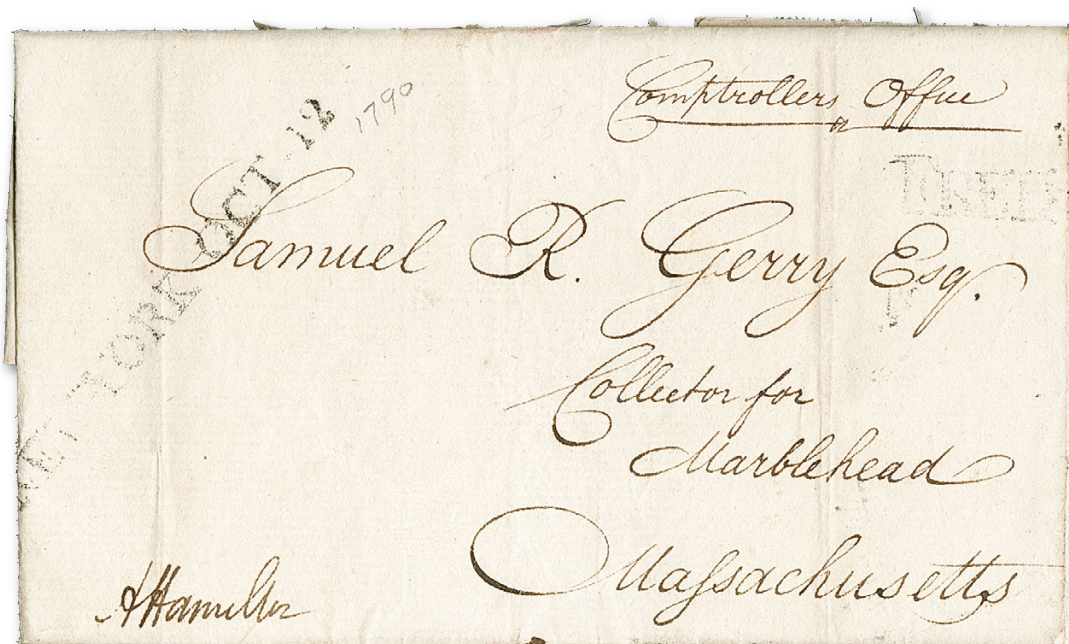
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- 149 ☒ **Alexander Hamilton.** Free frank "Free A. Hamilton" as Secretary of the Treasury on folded cover to Samuel Russel Gerry in Marblehead Mass., neat "6/IA" Franklin mark with matching "FREE" handstamp, light vertical file folds including one affecting free frank, still Very Fine example of a Hamilton free frank E. 1,500-2,000



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- 150 ☒ **Alexander Hamilton.** Free frank "Free A. Hamilton" as Secretary of the Treasury on folded cover addressed in his hand to the collector of customs in Baltimore Md., Dec. 6, 1791 docketing, neat "8/DE" Franklin mark with "FREE" handstamp, vertical file fold affects free frank, still fresh and Very Fine E. 1,500-2,000



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- 151 ☒ **Alexander Hamilton.** Free frank "A. Hamilton" as Secretary of the Treasury on 1790 folded letter to Samuel R. Gerry in Marblehead Mass., "NEW YORK OCT 12" straightline datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, faint vertical file fold barely affects free frank, Very Fine and attractive E. 1,500-2,000

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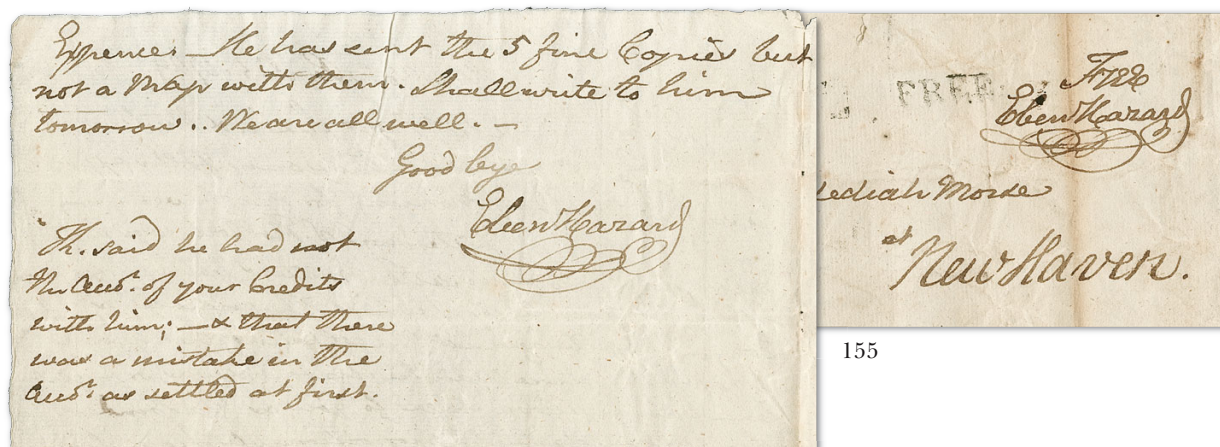
- 152 ✉ **Alexander Hamilton.** Free frank "A. Hamilton" as Secretary of the Treasury on folded cover to Jedediah Huntington at New London Conn., light strike of "NEW YORK * august 24" straightline datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, docketing indicates 1790 sending and contents concerns restitution of foreign duty, light vertical file folds including one just affecting free frank, Very Fine and attractive E. 1,500-2,000

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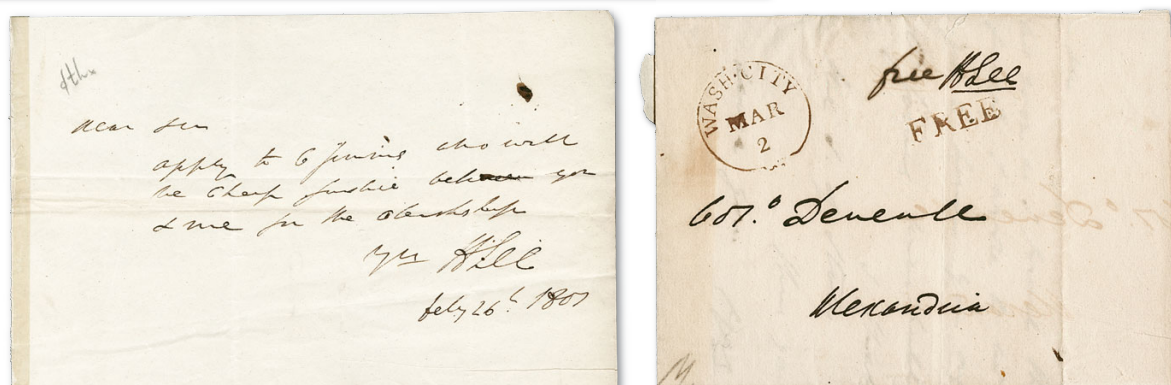


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- 153 **Alexander Hamilton.** Free frank "Free A. Hamilton" on small piece, vertical file fold, still Very Fine E. 500-750
- 154 ✉ **Alexander Hamilton.** Free frank "Free Secy of the Treasury" in his handwriting on folded cover to William Webb in Bath, brown "15/FE" Franklin mark with matching "FREE" handstamp, docketing reads "A. Hamilton Feby. 10, 1794 respecting the loyalty by ? of British rebels taken by French privateer armed in the U.S.", some soiling along vertical file fold, Very Fine, unusual with just his title as the free frank..... E. 750-1,000



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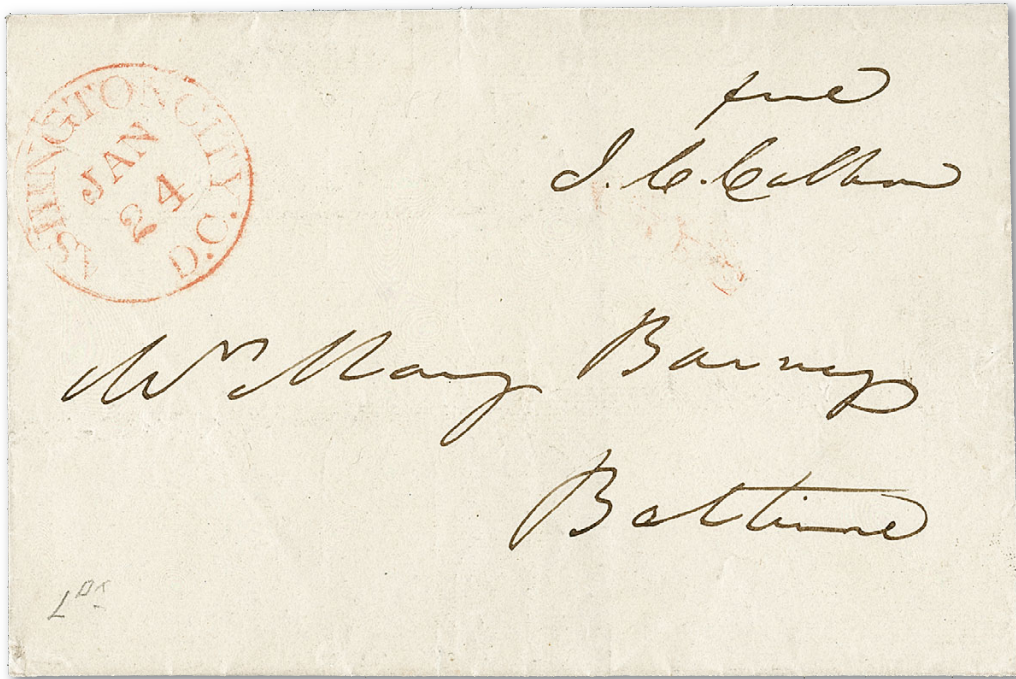
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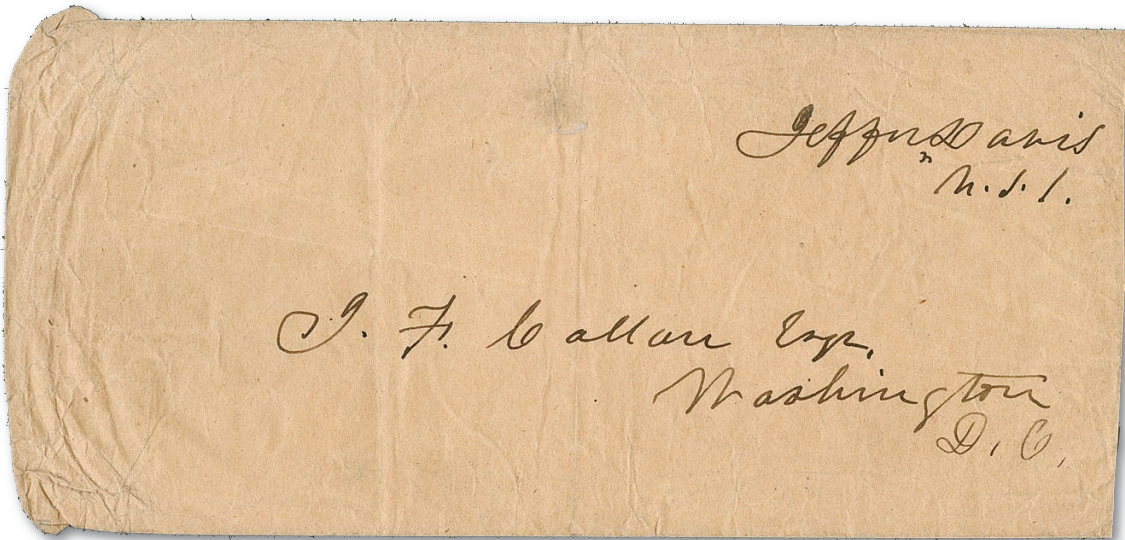
- 155 ☒ **Ebenezer Hazard.** Postmaster of New York City (appointed in 1775), Surveyor General of the Constitutional Post Office (1776), Postmaster General (Jan. 28, 1782, to Sep. 26, 1789), free frank "Free Eben Hazard" as Postmaster General with 1pp Autograph Letter Signed, datelined "New York Sept. 5, 1789", light strike of "N. York Sep. 5" straightline datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, addressed to Rev. Jedediah Morse at New Haven, business contents regarding Shepard Kollock, who established the *New York Gazetteer* and sued Morse for copyright infringement, some wear including vertical file fold affecting free frank, still Fine, the letter could be separated from the free frank..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 156 ☒ **Henry ("Light-Horse Harry") Lee.** Early American patriot and politician, Governor of Virginia, father of Robert E. Lee, free frank "free H Lee" on 1pp ALS dated Feb. 28, 1801 to Alexandria Va., business contents, red "Wash. City Mar. 2" circular datestamp with matching "FREE" handstamp, some slight toning and minor splitting along folds, still Very Fine..... E. 750-1,000
- 157 ☒ **Henry ("Light-Horse Harry") Lee.** Early American patriot and politician, Governor of Virginia, father of Robert E. Lee, free frank "free H Lee" on 1pp ALS dated Feb. 26, 1801 to Alexandria Va., vertical file fold affects free frank which could be separated from the letter, still Fine E. 750-1,000

19TH CENTURY HISTORICAL FIGURES



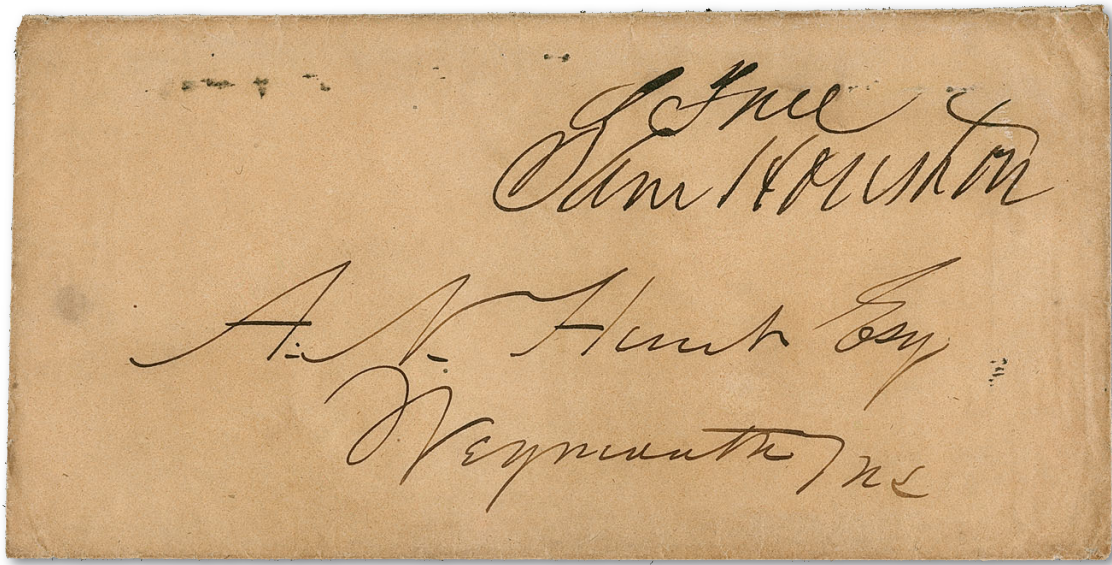
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- 158 ☒ **John C. Calhoun.** Three covers with free franks, two “Free J. C. Calhoun” including one with no postal markings, last is “Ordnance Office War Dept. J. C. Calhoun” dated 1824 from Washington D.C. to Frankford Pa., overall Fine-Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) E. 300-400



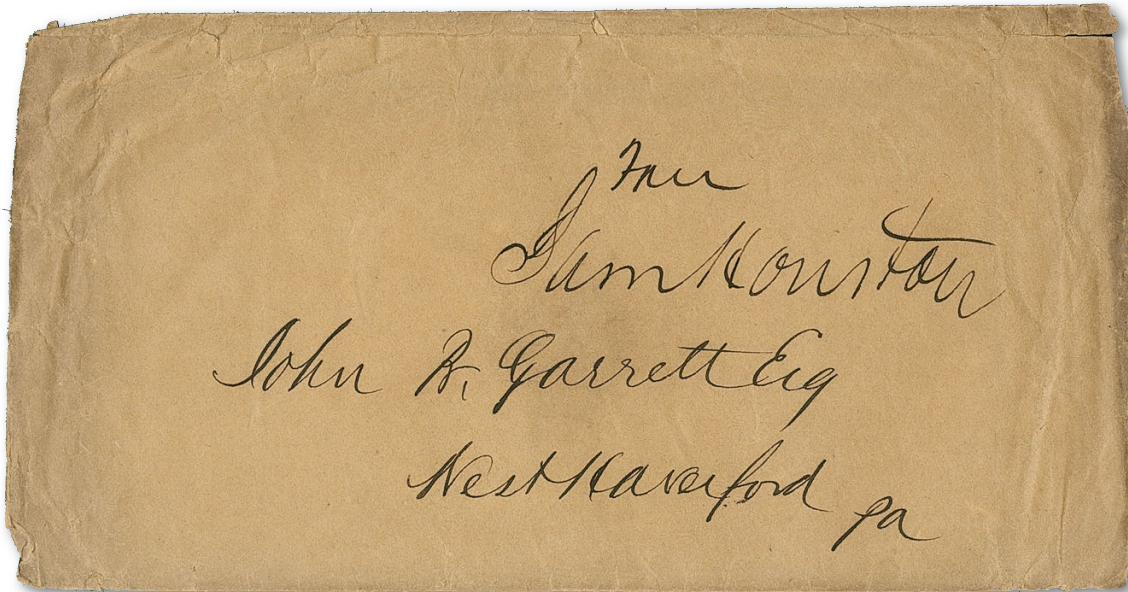
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- 159 ☒ **Jefferson Davis.** Free frank “Jefferson Davis U.S.S.” on legal-size cover to Washington D.C., some wear, reduced at right, Very Fine E. 1,000-1,500



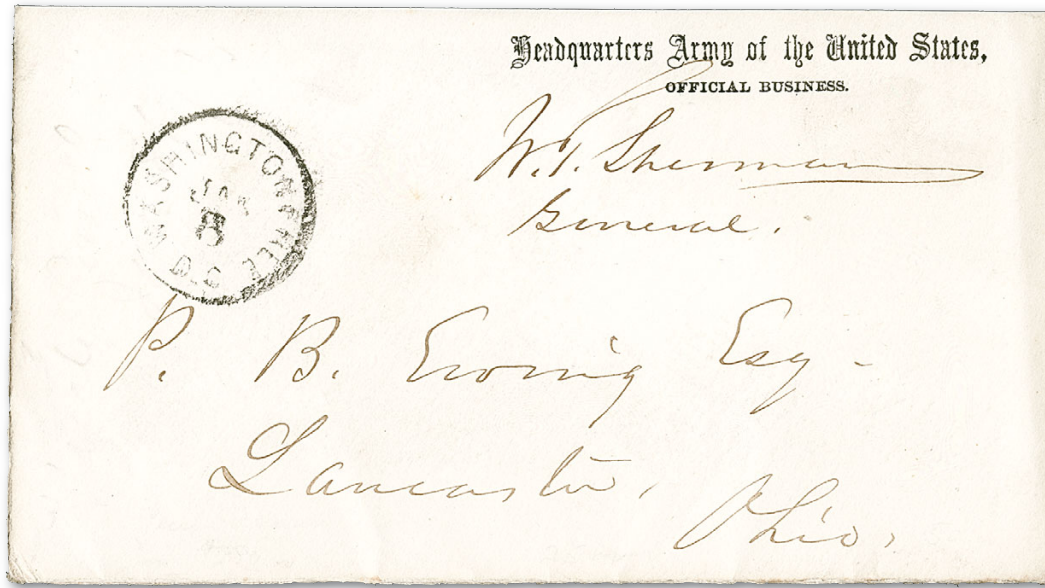
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- 160 ☒ **Sam Houston.** Famous Texas statesman, bold free frank "Free Sam Houston" on large buff cover to Weymouth N.C., minor edgewear, Very Fine, ex Gimelson E. 500-750



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- 161 ☒ **Sam Houston.** Famous Texas statesman, bold free frank "Free Sam Houston" on large buff cover to West Haverford Pa., some edge flaws, still Very Fine..... E. 500-750



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- 162 **William Tecumseh Sherman.** Union general, captured Atlanta, autograph free frank "W. T. Sherman, General" on white envelope with "Headquarters Army of the United States, Official Business" imprint, addressed in his hand to P. B. Ewing at Lancaster Ohio, "Washington D.C. Free Jan. 8" circular datestamp, no year date, missing top flap, otherwise pristine and Extremely Fine, ex Grunin E. 400-500



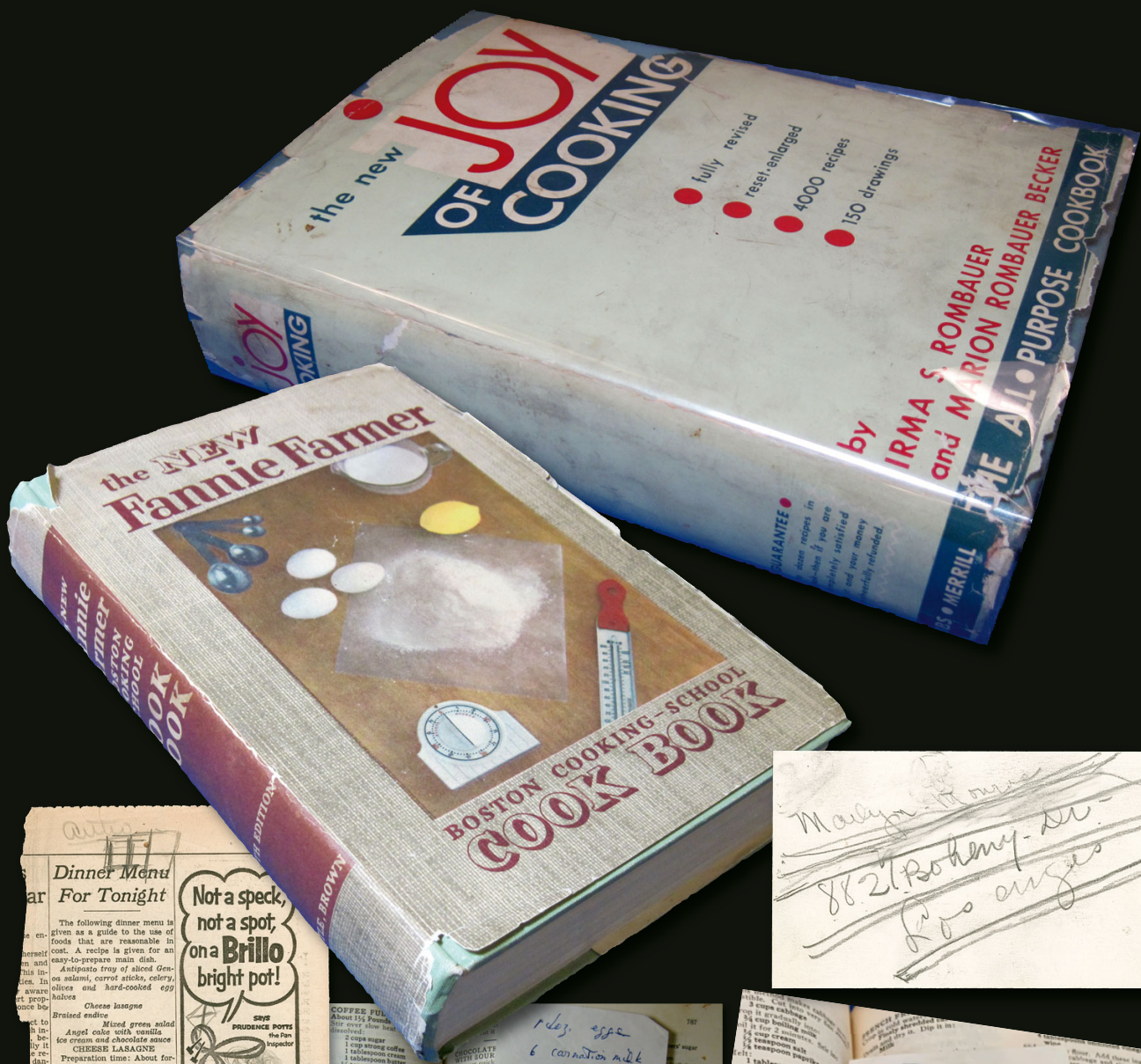
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- 163 ☒ **Daniel Webster.** Free frank "Danl Webster" as Secretary of State on cover to David Hoffman in Baltimore, green "Washington Railroad Aug. 14" circular datestamp, Very Fine, scarce free frank, Webster was Secretary of State under both Harrison/Tyler and Fillmore..... E. 300-400

20TH CENTURY HISTORICAL FIGURES



- 164 ☒ **Mark W. Clark.** Military officer, youngest four-star general in the US Army during World War II, leader of the Fifth Army when it captured Rome in June 1944, free frank "Mark W. Clark" and "Free" on cover to Lt. Col. Pascual Lopez in Miami FL, light strike of "U.S. Army ? Service A.P.O. Sep. 26, 1945" datestamp, typed return address indicates origination in Austria, small edge tears, Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 165 ☒ **Hugo Eckner.** Head of the Zeppelin Company after death in 1917 of Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, commander of most Graf Zeppelin flights, autograph "Hugo Eckner" on illustrated cover depicting the Hindenburg and with purple "America-Europe Return Flight" cachet, fresh and Very Fine, an excellent collateral item..... E. 200-300
- 166 ★田 **Thomas A. Edison.** Bold signature "Thos. A. Edison" on block of nine stamps of 1929s "Edison's First Lamp, Electric Lights Golden Jubilee" (654), Edison's distinctive "umbrella" signature with flourish at top, with 1930 typed letter from Edison Laboratory stating that if this was returned to the owner in an Edison envelope then it is undoubtedly real, also with preprinted card noting that Edison is no longer signing autographs, the block with few adherences on back, Very Fine and very unusual, with 2010 P.S.A. certificate.....(Photo/Website PDF) E. 300-400
- 167 **Booker T. Washington.** American educator, author, orator, and adviser to several presidents, stationery from "The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute for the Training of Colored Young Men and Women, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama", signed "Booker T. Washington" at bottom, dated Dec. 8, 1913 asking for a donation toward the scholarship fund, with original envelope with 2c stamp, Very Fine..... E. 400-500



Dinner Menu For Tonight

The following dinner menu is given as a guide to the use of foods that are reasonable in cost. A recipe is given for an easy-to-prepare main dish. Antipasto tray of sliced Genoa salami, carrot sticks, celery, olives and hard-cooked egg halves.

Cheese Lasagne

Boiled endive

Mixed green salad

Angel cake with vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce

CHEESE LASAGNE

Preparation time: About forty minutes. Cost per serving: about 30 cents.

8 ounces lasagne noodles or any wide noodles

2 eight-ounce cans tomato sauce

2 cups creamed cottage cheese

1/2 teaspoon basil

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1/4 cup finely chopped onion

1/2 pound Cheddar cheese, thinly sliced

1/4 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

1/2 cup buttered bread crumbs

1. Cook the noodles according to directions on package. Drain.

2. Mix the tomato sauce with the cottage cheese, basil, salt, Worcestershire sauce and onion.

3. Arrange alternate layers of noodles, cheddar cheese and the sauce mixture in a buttered two and one-half quart casserole. Top with crumbs that have been mixed with grated cheese.

4. Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees) for about twenty-five minutes.

Yield: Six servings.

Not a speck, not a spot, on a Brillo bright pot!



The shine is the sign it's really clean!

BROWN SUGAR PUDDING

Follow the preceding rule for Chocolate Pudding.

Omit the chocolate. Substitute for white sugar.

Brown sugar

COFFEE PUDDING

About 1 1/2 Pounds

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MARILYN MONROE'S PERSONAL COOKBOOKS

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Marilyn Monroe's Personal Cookbooks. Two cookbooks owned by and, more importantly, used by Marilyn Monroe, who arguably can be called the most famous actress of all time. The books are as follows:

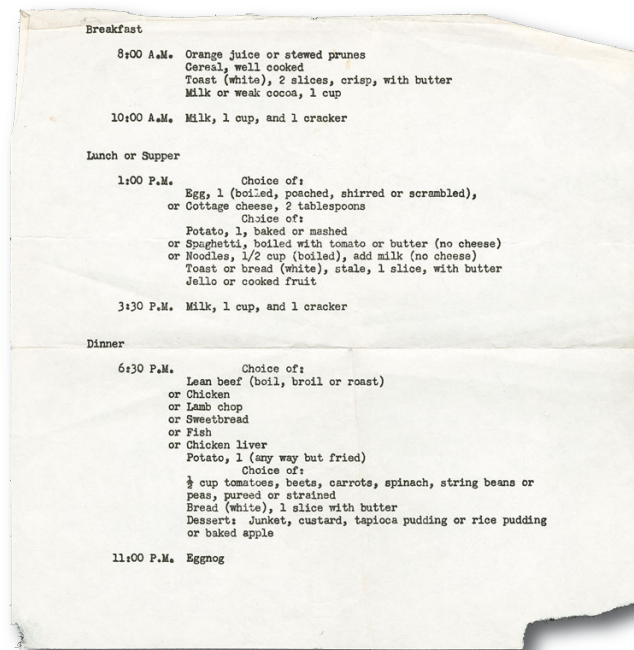
The New Fanny Farmer Boston Cooking-School Cook Book, published by Little, Brown & Co. and copyright 1951, original cloth, with dust jacket (worn edges). Nestled at page 254 is a recipe for Avery Island French dressing with illustration of a bottle of Tabasco sauce. At page 342 there are two pieces of paper with **notes in Marilyn's hand** listing menu for Beef Bourguignon, corned beef and cabbage, and marrow bone soup. The second piece of paper has a short shopping list — 6 or 8 marrow bones for soup, plus bouillon cubes. Page 694 has a blank Thank You card with pencil around the "Thank You", this was used as a book marker for a cake recipe. Page 696 has a handwritten grocery list for rib roast, tomatoes, tomatoes, milk, cream and coffee. A few pages have small stains from cooking — no doubt the cookbook was kept close to the stove as she cooked these elaborate meals.

The New Joy of Cooking by Irma Bombauer and Marion Bombauer Becker, 1953 edition, original cloth and dust jacket (worn and chipped). This book contains several items between pages, such as a printed Borden's recipe at page 135. Page 274 has a typed diet with times for all three meals plus egg nog at 11:00 P.M. Page 279 has a note to herself to buy a phonograph needle. Page 523 has a blank 3c envelope. Page 633 has a business card for the Hole in the Wall Delicatessen with her handwriting on back "*Marilyn Monroe, 8827 Doheny Dr. Los Angeles*" with heavily emphasized horizontal lines. Page 635 contains recipes cut out from the New York Post and from a Pyrex pie plate. Page 757 has a clipping from a newspaper with a dinner menu and **Marilyn's doodles on an advertisement**. Page 787 contains a shopping list in Marilyn's hand plus a small pamphlet for Nature's Own. Page 899 contains a business card for a New York attorney with some names and a phone number in her hand.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE A SET OF MARILYN MONROE'S PERSONAL COOKBOOKS. THESE ARE THE ONLY COOKBOOKS THAT CAN BE CONFIRMED AS HAVING BEEN OWNED BY MARILYN MONROE. THE PERSONAL HANDWRITTEN NOTES, SHOPPING LISTS AND CLIPPINGS PROVIDE A WINDOW INTO THE PRIVATE SIDE OF THIS ICON.

On October 27 and 28, 1999, Christie's auctioned the personal property of Marilyn Monroe. Among the 576 lots were dresses, clothing, furniture, ash trays and other personal articles. Among these trappings of success were two cookbooks, offered separately as lots 505 and 523. More than any other lots in the sale, which included her driver's license, these cookbooks provide a window into the personal daily life of someone whose personal life was often not her own. One imagines her cooking many meals at home to escape the incessant limelight, or cooking Beef Bourguignon for Joe DiMaggio, or preparing for a private dinner party, or ordering from the local deli as shown by the card between the pages.

The August 16, 1999, issue of *People* magazine devoted the front cover and a 12-page spread to the auction (copy accompanies). Page 60 showed both cookbooks on a page with two other items — her dog's license and a set of cookware. When the smoke cleared from the auction, the results confirmed Marilyn's place as an icon. The sale brought \$13 million, multiples of their original estimates. These two cookbooks were acquired at the auction by their current owner for around \$45,000. They are now offered to the market for the first time since 1999. E. 50,000-75,000



SPACE EXPLORATION



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- 169 ✉ **1971, Apollo 15 Moon Exploration.** 8c Antarctic Treaty (1431) tied by “Kennedy Space Center FL Jul. 26, 1971 AM” machine cancel depicting rocket taking off, also with pair of 8c Space Achievement Decade (1435b) tied by “U.S.S. Okinawa (LPH-3) Aug 7, 1971 AM” datestamp, on cacheted flown cover, numbered “22 of 300” with the “300” changed to “400”, signed by the three astronauts — David Scott, Al Worden and James Irwin — NASA serial no. 079 on back

FRESH AND VERY FINE FLOWN COVER FROM THE 1971 APOLLO 15 MOON EXPLORATION.

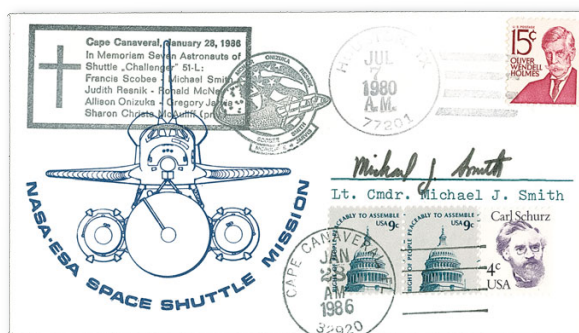
Apollo 15 was the ninth manned mission in the United States Apollo space program and the fourth to land on the Moon. It was the first of what were termed “J missions”, long stays on the Moon, with a greater focus on science than had been possible on previous missions. The mission began on July 26, 1971, and ended on August 7. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apollo_15).

According to the American Air Mail Catalogue, Pilot Alfred Worden was authorized to carry 144 covers on the mission. 16 were torn or destroyed and 60 were confiscated by NASA and eventually returned to Worden after litigation.

Accompanied by notarized certificate signed by the three astronauts and dated 1983, confirming this was one of the covers carried to the moon and back. Also with plate block of First Man on Moon stamp signed by Neil Armstrong. Also with July 30, 1971 cacheted cover signed by Irwin.....(Photo/Website PDF) E. 3,000-4,000



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- 170 ☒ **Christa McAuliffe.** American educator and astronaut, one of seven people killed aboard the Space Shuttle *Challenger* disaster on January 28, 1986, autograph "S. Christa McAuliffe" at bottom of cover with cachet of space shuttle and "Teachers are the nicest people", with 22c Public Education stamp tied by "Kennedy Space Center, FL 32815 Jan. 28, 1986" postmark, Very Fine, an incredibly rare item from one of America's great tragedies, we do not know when this was made but back has a small handstamp from Robinson Stamps and is numbered "3/5" E. 750-1,000
- 171 ☒ **Michael J. Smith.** American astronaut, pilot of the Space Shuttle *Challenger* when it was destroyed on January 28, 1986, autograph "Michael J. Smith" on cover with 15c Oliver Wendell Holmes stamp tied by "Houston, Tx. 77201 Jul. 7 1980 A.M." also with additional stamps tied by "Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 Jan. 28 AM 1986" postmark and commemorative cachet, Very Fine, an unusual and rare item E. 300-400

GROUP LOTS

- 172 ☒ **Early Free Franks.** Ten items, including George Clinton free frank on part of address sheet to the Governor of Rhode Island, free frank and ALS of Joseph Reed datelined Philadelphia May 20, 1779, free frank and ALS from William Hemsley dated Philadelphia May 25, 1783, free frank and ALS from Tenche Coxe from 1812, free frank with 1pp ALS from Jeremiah Wadsworth from 1794, another free frank with ALS from Wadsworth from 1789, some faults to be expected, overall Fine-Very Fine group(Website PDF) E. 1,000-1,500
- 173 **Presidential Autographs and Free Franks.** Approximately 30 items, including free franks of Millard Fillmore, John Tyler (2, one a front), Buchanan (soiled), signed letters by Fillmore and Buchanan, TLS from Benjamin Harrison, Taft, Hoover (3), Teddy Roosevelt, Eisenhower, few other interesting such as Hoover's inaugural address pamphlet signed by him, few signed photos, few autopen, overall a Fine-Very Fine group(Website PDF) E. 2,000-3,000
- 174 **Presidential Autographs on Photos.** Eleven, five are cuts attached to frames and include Ulysses S. Grant, Grover Cleveland, Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison and James A. Garfield, some signed directly on photo and include Calvin Coolidge, Warren G. Harding, William Howard Taft, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard M. Nixon and Ronald Reagan, most of latter group with names of person they were sent to, few small faults mostly limited to corners, a Fine-Very Fine and attractive group(Website PDF) E. 1,000-1,500
- 175 **Presidential Wives and Widows Related.** Approximately 35 items, including free franks from Grace Coolidge (5), Edith Bolling Wilson (1), Frances Cleveland (7), Mary Harrison (7), Bess Truman, Eleanor Roosevelt (4), other items include two TLS from Mamie Eisenhower on White House stationery, signed photos of Mamie Eisenhower, Lady Bird Johnson (2), overall Fine-Very Fine(Website PDF) E. 750-1,000
- 176 ☒ **Free Franks Balance.** Approximately 64 folded cover or fronts, several better including John Quincy Adams on cover front only as Secretary of State, John Randolph, Richard Rush (2), Henry Knox (2, on cover fronts), Pickering, Amos Kendall, few Henry Clay, three Jonathan Trumbull (one is a front), Charles Francis Adams, Schuyler Colfax, several other better, some faults to be expected but condition overall is nice, a Fine-Very Fine and diverse group, viewing of the website PDF is highly recommended(Website PDF) E. 3,000-4,000
- 177 ☒ **Free Franks Balance.** Approximately 75 covers, folded covers or cover fronts, several better including George Clinton on front, John Tyler (carried outside of the mails), Millard Fillmore as Vice President, Rufus King, few Hamlin, Colfax, Tallmadge, Horatio Gates, Philip Van Cortlandt, Pinckney, Henry Lee, Stanton, William T. Sherman, James A. Garfield on reduced cover, Seward, some other better, some faults, many Fine-Very Fine, a diverse and fascinating group, viewing of the website PDF is highly recommended(Website PDF) E. 3,000-4,000

- 178 ☒ **Free Franks of Statesmen.** Free franks in four mint sheet files, many with ALS, including John Calhoun ALS with free frank, 1842 Rufus King ALS and free frank, Alexander Stephens free frank as member of Congress, Henry Knox free frank on 1793 cover front only, Breckinridge free frank (heavily soiled), Amos Kendall ALS, majority are from 1806-1840s but some nice earlier, several from Speakers of the House, secretaries of Navy, War, Thomas Hart Benton free frank with ALS, Tobias Lear free frank with ALS from 1815, Theodore Sedgwick ALS and free frank from 1798, few with interesting contents, few faults to be expected, overall a Fine-Very Fine and fascinating group E. 2,000-3,000
- 179 ☒ **Free Franks Balance.** Approximately 180 free franks, including William Seward, few Winfield Scott, Richard Rush, Amos Kendall, Howell Cobb, Albert Gallatin, few Schuyler Colfax including some on all-over House of Representatives illustrated cover, few Alexander Stephens, Jefferson Davis (on piece), Henry Clay, range of destinations and markings, some faults to be expected, overall Fine-Very Fine and diverse group(Website PDF) E. 1,000-1,500
- 180 ☒ **Free Franks Balance.** Approximately 175 items arranged on stock sheets, many with short typed biographies, significant number are from members of Congress, including Calhoun, Daniel Webster (2), wide variety of states represented, some faults to be expected, overall Fine-Very Fine, a fantastic holding, viewing of the website PDF is highly recommended.....(Website PDF) E. 500-750
- 181 ☒ **Autographs and Free Franks Accumulation.** Carton containing a tremendous variety of cacheted First Day covers from 1960s and 1970s signed by random politicians or personalities (we spotted Yitzhak Rabin), dozens of signed photos of congressmen (and women), presidential autographs, few TLS from people such as John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Nelson A. Rockefeller, Hubert Humphrey, a few items make the group worth considering such as Henry W. Longfellow ALS, Lord Shackleton TLS, also includes unaddressed U.S.S. Barbero cacheted cover, some faults to be expected but overall a Fine-Very Fine and extremely diverse group E. 750-1,000
- 182 ☒ **Treasury Department-Related Free Franks and Documents.** Approximately 60 covers and some cuts, including free franks from Albert Gallatin (3), LS by Gallatin, free frank from Seward (2), earliest we saw was free frank of Jno Steele from 1798, Tench Coxe from 1794, Amos Kendall, also nice group of cuts or pieces with signatures of secretaries of the treasury, overall Fine-Very Fine(Website PDF) E. 500-750
- 183 **Famous Artists Letters and Signatures.** Approximately 65 items, including letters signed by Kandinsky, Miro, Manet, Millet, Munch, Matisse, Pissaro, Vlaminck, Bonnard, Cezanne, Corot, Degas, Sisley, Mondrian, Manet, Toulouse-Lautrec, Gauguin, Cassatt, Delacroix, Signac, Duchamp, Andrew Wyeth, Ingres, Nolde, Redon, Remington, Rembrandt Peale, Grant Wood, Vollard, other interesting such as Leger's signature on a typed contract for royalties for textile products, handwritten note from Georgia O'Keeffe to Nelson Rockefeller accepting an invitation to dinner, typed letter signed by Diego Rivera, typed contract signed by Braque for royalties for textiles, few signed photos or signed post cards depicting art such as those by Warhol or Lichtenstein or Rauschenburg, overall Very Fine, a phenomenal holding of letters and signatures of some of the most famous artists in history(Website PDF) E. 4,000-5,000
- 184 **House of Rothschild-Related.** Approximately 40 items, including LS by Mayer Amshel Rothschild, founder of the House of Rothschild and one of the most influential businessmen of all time, with red wax seal mostly intact, other early include letter from his son, also Salomon Rothschild (founder of Vienna house), LS by Nathan Mayer (founder of the London house), Carl Mayer (founder of Naples house), James de (founder of Paris branch), several other earlier letters, accompanied by typed summary, overall Fine-Very Fine and fascinating group.....(Website PDF) E. 500-750
- 185 **British Statesmen.** Five items, including cover front only with free frank of William Pitt, free frank of Jeffrey Amherst on cover front to Stephen Hopkins as Governor of Rhode Island and "Commander in chief of said Colony, for the time being", free frank from Marquis of Hastings on cover front to Duke of Wellington in London, free frank of Admiral Howe on cover front only dated Feb. 28, 1798, last is free frank of Jonathan Belcher (Governor of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and New Jersey on folded cover to Portsmouth, some faults, overall an interesting group.....(Website PDF) E. 400-500
- 186 ☒ **Autographs Miscellanea.** Consisting of two distinct groups, one is covers signed by Nobel Prize winners, including Chemistry, Physics, Medicine, Literature (Samuel Beckett), Peace (Philip Noel-Baker, Ralph Bunche), each on cacheted First Day cover apparently unrelated to each signature, overall Very Fine, second group relates to various world leaders and contains about 28 mostly signed photos from 1970s of leaders from Barbados, some African countries etc., overall Fine-Very Fine, a very eclectic group E. 300-400

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