

RUPERTSLAND to and from GREAT BRITAIN – 1822 and 1837



1822 – Scotland to York Factory – Via Hudson's Bay House, London – With the super scription – Y F – for York Factory applied in London.



1837 – York Factory on Hudson's Bay to London – From John Ballenden, Chief Factor.

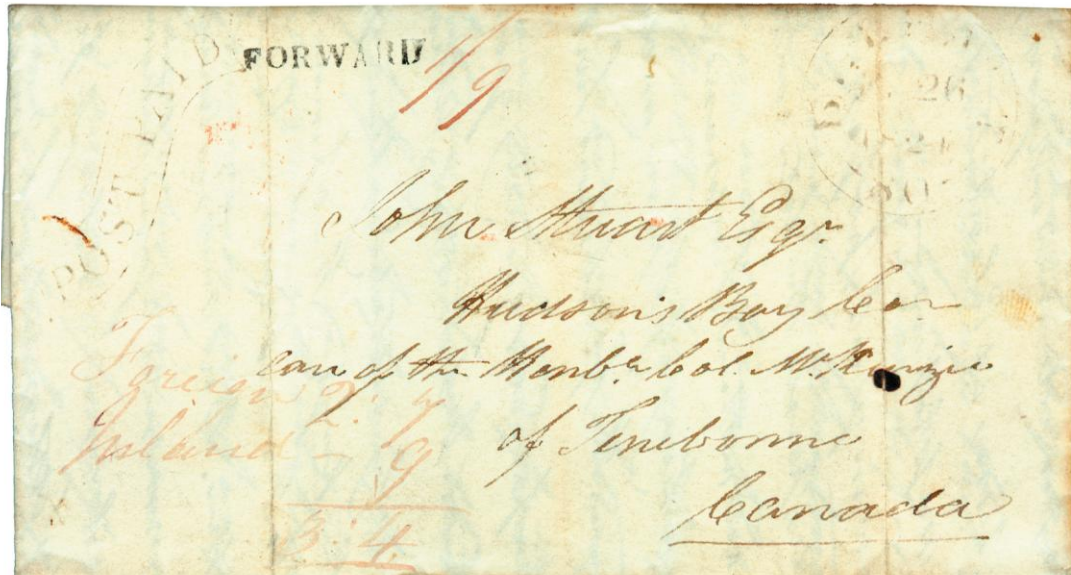
– Both covers were carried by the annual Hudson's Bay Co. Supply Ship.

THE ARCTIC to CANADA to GREAT BRITAIN to NOVA SCOTIA – 1824

July 1824 – Written by Captain Sir William E. Parry from H.M.S. Hecla in Davis Strait in the Canadian Arctic on his third expedition of exploration, addressed to Halifax, Nova Scotia. It was carried to England by a returning supply ship and placed in the mail in London – Rated – 2d Stg and appropriate markings applied, from whence it was forwarded to Halifax per Falmouth Packet – Rated 2/2 Stg plus the 2d or 2/4 Stg or 2/7 Cy Collect. It was redirected to Windsor, N.S. – Charged an additional 4½d Cy for a total of 2/11½ Cy. The letter mentions his attempt at finding a north-west passage to the Pacific “By way of Lancaster’s Sound and Prince Regent’s Inlet, from which latter place we have to penetrate the ice to that part of the coast of America on which Franklin performed his late navigation”.



RUPERTSLAND (WESTERN CALEDONIA) to and from GREAT BRITAIN – 1824 and 1837



1824 – Ireland to John Stuart at Western Caledonia via Terrebonne, L.C. – Care of Roderick MacKenzie and Hudson's Bay Canoe Express from Lachine, L.C. to Western Caledonia.



1837 – Western Caledonia to London by Hudson's Bay Co. Canoe Express to York Factory and H.B.Co. ship to England.

Western Caledonia was in Northern British Columbia. – These are the earliest reported covers to and from this area. J. Stuart was a H.B.Co. Chief Factor who accompanied Fraser on his exploring expedition to the Pacific Ocean overland.

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT, RUPERTSLAND to and from GREAT BRITAIN – 1826 and 1838



1826 – Scotland to Forks Red River – Via Hudson's Bay House, London – With – R R S – superscription for Red River Settlement – Applied in London.



1838 – Forks Red River Settlement to London from Alexander Christie, Governor of Assiniboia.

– Both covers were carried by Hudson's Bay Co. Canoe Brigades and Bay Co. Ships via York Factory on Hudson's Bay.

NEWFOUNDLAND to ENGLAND – 1827 and 1828

1827 and 1828 – Newfoundland to England by private ship – Both covers bear strikes of the – *Solomon Seal* – Seven strikes on cover recorded by *Pratt* – The August 3, 1827 cover is the earliest recorded use of the handstamp.



POST OFFICE NEWFOUNDLAND – Handstamp – August 3, 1827 the so called – *Solomon Seal* – From the period of Simon Solomon, Postmaster at St. John's – Known used from August 3, 1827 to May 1833.



GREAT BRITAIN to CANADA – 1828 and 1848



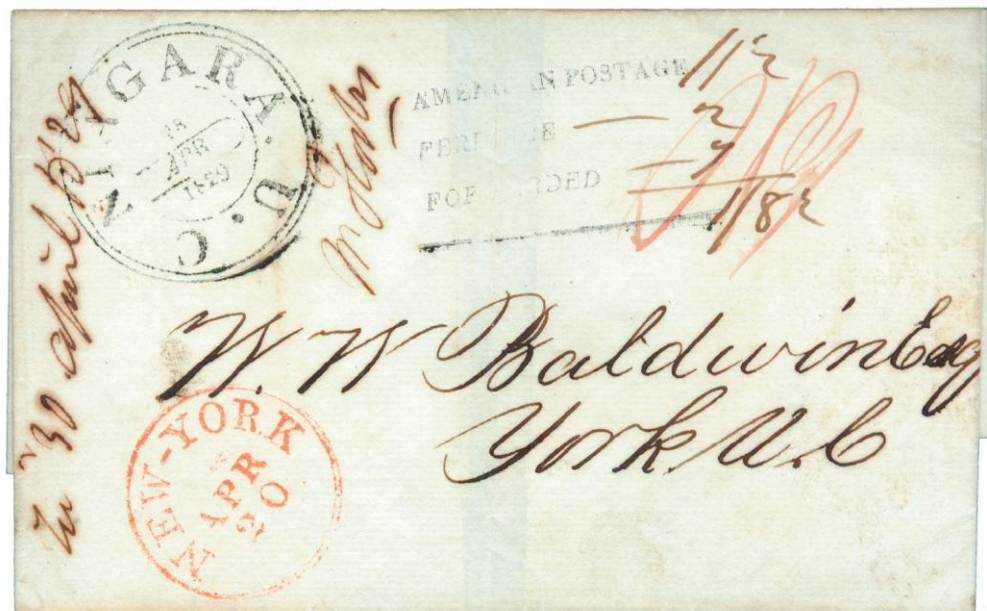
1828 – Scotland to Montreal with the very uncommon red crown – Ship Lre • MONTREAL.



1848 – England to Canada West – With the – • SHIP LETTER – Crown – MONTREAL • Handstamp previously unrecorded use – Paid 8d British Ship Letter – With 2½d Cy. – 2d Stg. Colonial Postage Collect – Total Special Rate 10d Stg.

UNITED STATES and ENGLAND to CANADA – 1829

– Both covers from the United States and England to York, Upper Canada – Postage Collect from New York – With the three line Ferriage Handstamp – AMERICAN POSTAGE – FERRIAGE – FORWARDED – In black and red applied at Niagara, U.C.



RUPERTSLAND to and from ENGLAND – 1830



1830 – Fort Vancouver, Columbia River District by Hudson’s Bay Co. Canoe Brigade to York Factory on Hudson’s Bay and Bay Co. Ship to England. – From the Bay Co. Supply Ship – *Dryad* – Detailing the voyage from the Falkland Islands thru Magellan Strait, via Easter Island and Sandwich Islands.



1830 – Scotland to White Dog Falls, Hudson’s Bay Territory, far north-west Ontario at present – Per Falmouth Packet via Halifax and Hudson’s Bay Co., Lachine, L.C. thence by Bay Co. Canoe Brigade.



BAVARIA to CANADA – 1831 and 1832

– Both covers from Oburnburg, Bavaria were favoured to Wissembourg, France – Posted there Paid to Le Havre Private Ship to New York and Postage Collect from New York to Waterloo, U.C. – Both bear a blue – American Postage / British do – Ferriage Period Handstamp applied at Niagara.

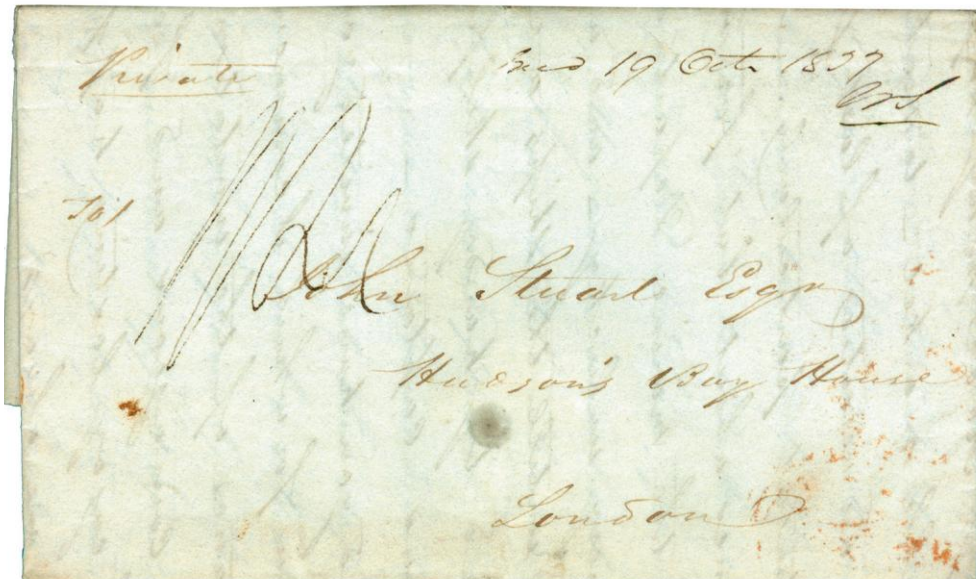


1832 – Oburnburg, Bavaria – Misdirected to Waterloo, Belgium and forwarded properly.

RUPERTSLAND to ENGLAND – 1831 and 1837



1831 – Rupert's House, east side of James Bay, Hudson's Bay to England –  
From Chief Factor Richard Hardisty via Moose Factory.



1837 – Moose Factory, James Bay to London – From Chief Factor George Keith.

– Both covers carried to England as Ship Letters by the Moose Factory Hudson's Bay Co.  
annual supply ship.

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT, RUPERTSLAND to FRANCE – 1832 and 1837

– Both covers from Bishop Provencher per Hudson's Bay Co. Canoe Express to Montreal – PREPAID CROSSBORDER to New York, U.S.A. – By private sailing vessel to France – Inwards as a Ship Letter at Le Havre Collect to Lyon, France – 10 decimes Collect – 1 dec. "VOIE DE MER" tax plus 9 dec. Le Havre to Lyon (571 Km.).

– Both letters are of historical note from the first Catholic Bishop in Western Canada.



CANADA to UNITED STATES – 1835 and 1838



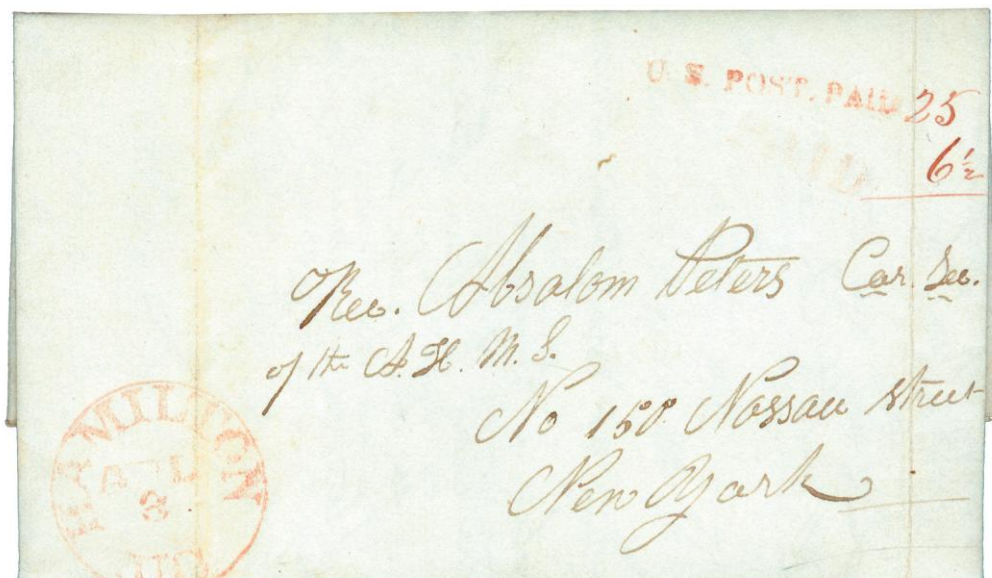
1835 – Quebec to Maine – Endorsed – *Per Kennebec* and *Canada line* / July – Prepaid 7d.



1838 – Quebec to Maine – Endorsed – *Kennebec Road* and *Moose River* / August 22 – The first Post Office in the U.S.A.

– The only two recorded Cross-Border covers between Canada and the U.S.A. via the Kennebec Road due south from Quebec. – Both Prepaid 7d Canadian with U.S. Postage Collect – Both are routed per Kennebec or Kennebec Road while one endorsed Canada Line and the other Moose River, the Maine Border Exchange Post Office. The normal route shows a Canadian rate of 11d., 11½d. or 1/0.

CANADA to UNITED STATES – 1836 and 1837



1836 – Hamilton, U.C. to New York – Prepaid with the Hamilton – U. S. POST . PAID – Handstamp – Under six strikes recorded.



1837 – Hallowell, U.C. to Batavia, New York – Prepaid to destination with the uncommon Hallowell – BRITISH POSTAGE PAID / U. STATES Do. PAID – Handstamp – Under six strikes recorded.

RUPERTSLAND – NORTH WEST TERRITORY to ENGLAND – 1837

Both covers are the earliest reported covers from the North West Territory interior to another country. Both were carried by Hudson's Bay Co. canoe brigades to York Factory on Hudson's Bay and then by Bay Co. ship to England.



Fort Simpson to John Stuart – Enroute redirected to London, England – From Robert Campbell – fur trader and explorer who discovered the source of the Yukon River – Contents – Detailed fur trade report.

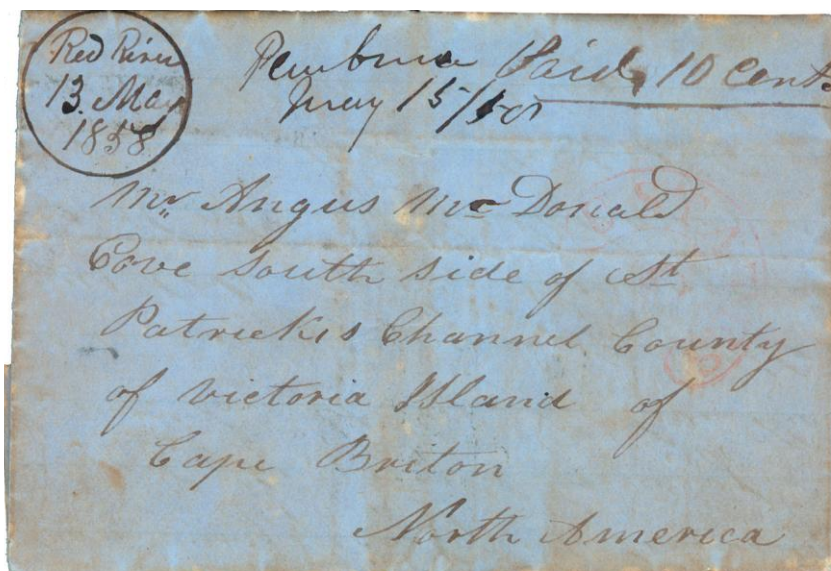


Fort Resolution to London, England – From Alexander R. McLeod noted fur trader and explorer. Fort Resolution – Hudson's Bay Co. post on the south shore of Great Slave Lake near the mouth of the Slave River in the MacKenzie District.

RUPERTSLAND to ENGLAND and to NOVA SCOTIA via U.S.A. – 1837 and 1858



1837 – Cumberland House to England via York Factory and Hudson’s Bay Canoe Brigade and ship. – Reported to be the earliest known cover from Saskatchewan in private hands.



1858 – Red River Settlement to Nova Scotia via Pembina and U.S.A. with the only recorded small Red River Circle – 22mm.

HUDSON'S BAY CO. TERRITORY to GREAT BRITAIN – 1838 and 1845



1838 – Fort Confidence, Great Bear Lake, North West Territory to England by Hudson's Bay Co. Canoe Express and Ship via York Factory – From Peter Dease, explorer, on his 1838 Arctic exploring expedition.



1845 – From Robert Campbell, explorer, somewhere near the Pelly or Yukon Rivers head waters on his expedition in the Yukon to Britain by Hudson's Bay Co. Canoe Express to Lachine, Lower Canada and then by normal route.