

Jamaica 1756 Ship Letter to Leith



Ship Letter, July 25th 1756.

"SHIP" mark may have been applied at Dublin.

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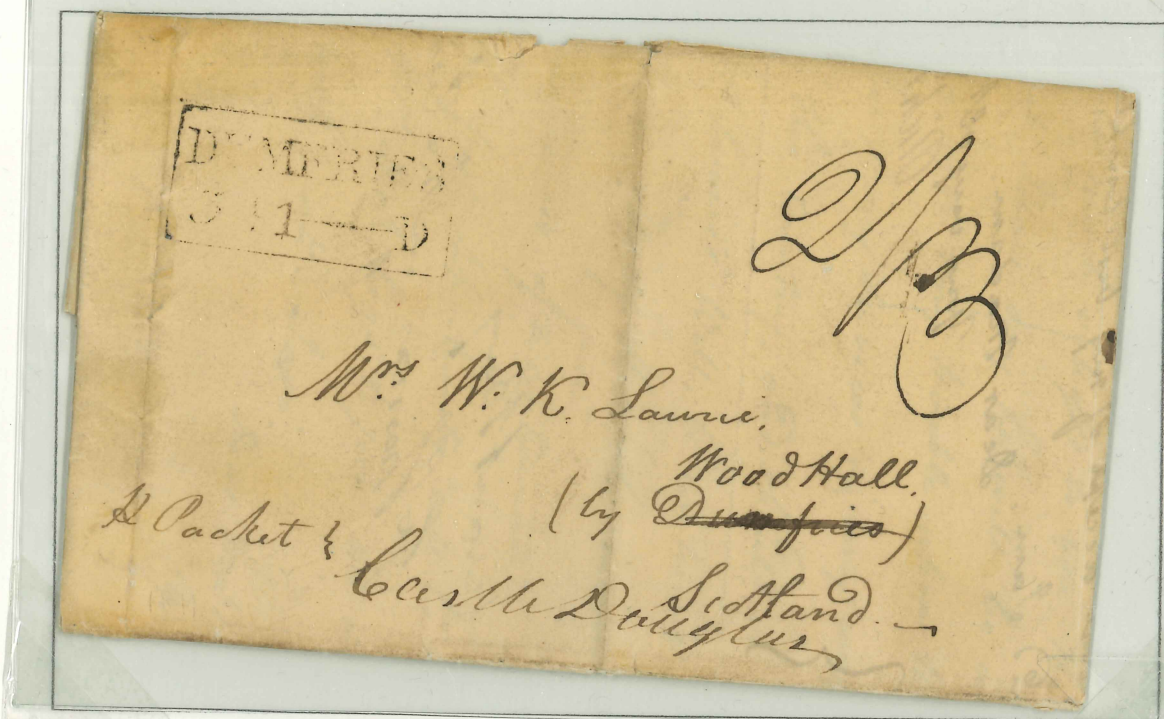
The General Evening Post of London reported that the Duncannon had sailed from London for Jamaica on the 18th February 1756, Captain Elphinstone

"NEWPORT" Co. Mayo receiver on reverse (enlarged 30%). Newport is on the west coast of Ireland. Also London Bishop Mark October 15th and "COUNTRY" handstamp.

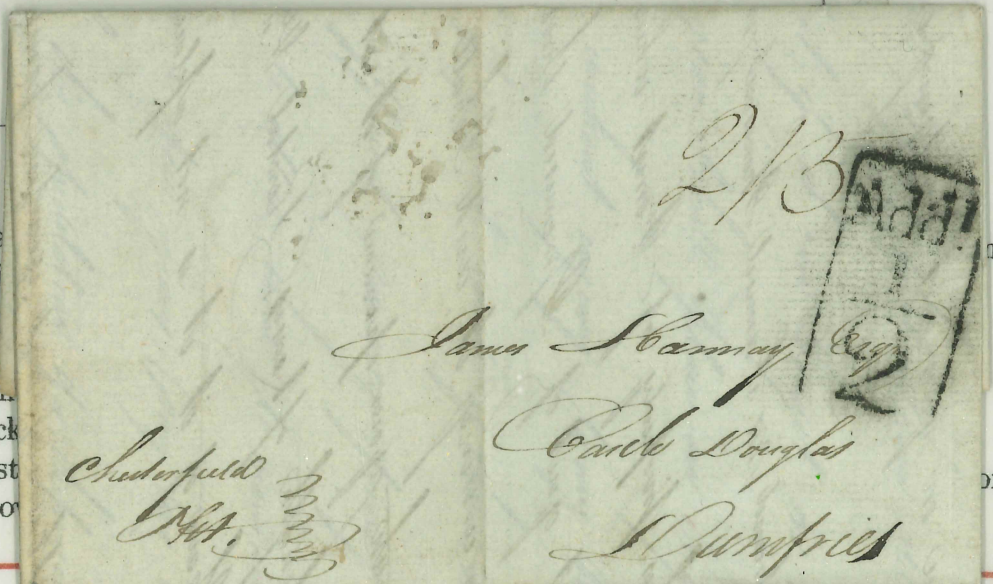
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Jamaica 1811 and 1813 Packet Letters to Castle Douglas



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Packet letters were landed at F...
 going instead by Bri...
 1811 18th May, Dumfries m...
 1813 17th...
 From 1812, the pack...
 In June 1813, the Post Office lost...
 mail that needed to be pass o...

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Packet letters between Jamaica and Britain 1755-1855

Packet boats were fast lightly armed vessels contracted to carry mail. After the end of the Dummer service, packets to the West Indies were irregular until 1755, when the service was re-established. This display illustrates the rates in use. Packet rates covered the journey from Kingston to Falmouth in Cornwall.

In 1755 the packet rate was 1s 6d, as it had been in 1711. There were small increases in the early 19th Century, followed by quite large decreases from 1839. While uniform postal rates were being introduced in Great Britain, charges for inland postage on packet letters were eventually abolished. This happened first for British inland rates (1839), and later for Jamaican inland postage (1843). By 1855 the rate was 6d including inland postage at both ends of the journey.

Sheet 1 Introduction, and 1756 Packet letter to Leith.

Sheet 2 In 1765, the packet rate was reduced to 1s. 1782 letter is double-rate. Until 1840, progression was determined by the number of sheets (one sheet single rate, two sheets double, and so on) up to 1oz.

Sheet 3 In 1805 and again in 1813, the packet rate was raised. Two covers from Jamaica to Castle Douglas are shown, sent before and after the introduction of the Scottish wheel tax.

Sheet 4 1834 2/2 Prepaid in Jamaica, the separate all-in packet rate to London from 1813-39

Sheet 5 1839 British inland postage abolished on all packet letters. 1840 All packet letters 1s per half oz. 1s to London, and the same to Aberdeen with 1s handstamp

Sheet 6 Inland Jamaica still additional. Shown prepaid on two letters from Alexandria to Falkirk.

Sheet 7 1842 Steam takes over from sail in the BWI packet service; 1843 1s 2d packet rate includes Jamaica and GB inland postage. Shown prepaid on 1846 letter Montego Bay to Manchester (lower). This rate is also incorporated in the letter to Madeira via GB, rated 3s.

Sheet 8 1s 2d rate on 1853 letter posted at Savannah-La-Mar.

Sheet 9 1854 All packet letters from Jamaica 6d per half oz



Packet letter to Edinburgh July 8th 1756. Ms *Per Prince of Wales QDC*, 1N6 Packet rate struck out to add inland postage. Rated 2/2N, Packet rate 1s 6d. London to Edinburgh 6d. Edinburgh to Leith 2d

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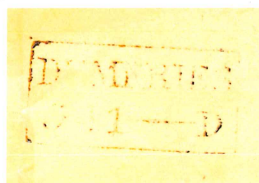
By Ship and by Packet to Scotland



1809 (faint!) Jamaica Ship Letter double-oval mark
Addressed to James Chisholm, London "To go by the ship Argo".
Re-directed to Hawick, "North Brittan".



26th May 1811, Jamaica Fleuron mark. This the EKD recorded by Foster for the
Fleuron without year plug. Addressed to Dumfries, by Packet, rated 2/3. Redirected to
Castle Douglas. Dumfries boxed postmark.



Boxed mark showing distance from London (341 miles) and route, D for Dumfries

Jamaica 1841 Packet Letters Alexandria to Falkirk

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Ms. Rufel & Co
to packet Falkirk.

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1841 January and June, respectively. Packet letter 1s rate.
Prepaid Jamaica inland rate of 6d struck out.



Steam Packet



Letter dated 21st July, Westmoreland, Jamaica, to Glasgow.
"Paid 1/2" in 'rusty' ink, with Jamaica Paid handstamp in red.

Marked "per Steamer" in ms.

Savannah La Mar P2b datestamp 20th October 1853 on front and reverse.

GB Paid cds in red, 18th November 1853

Dear Sir,

You were kind enough to say that if necessary you would arrange any business with my Cousin ... in the division of my Mother's intestate property between my Brother and myself. I will be extremely obliged to you if you would now take the trouble to do so ...

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly...

1798 Ship Letter Lucea to London per H.M.S. Sheerness



Letter is a copy sent per H.M.S. Sheerness to Thomas Gordon, Percy Street, London, and concerns an order for Madeira wine.

The original is noted as having been sent by the packet Princess Charlotte.
Deal unframed ship letter handstamp.

The letter is dated 23rd October 1798,
but on the reverse has a London Inland Section bishop mark of 28th January 1799.
The delay can be understood because H.M.S. Sheerness was still in Jamaica on 15th November 1798, when Able Seaman Charles Bird, who had been with the ship for two years, deserted*.

H.M.S. Sheerness was a three-masted frigate with 44-guns, built in 1787.

*National Archive ADM 27/2/216 Paybooks

Ship Letter to United States



30th March 1846 Entire from Lititz, Jamaica, to Salem, North Carolina
"P Brig Hummingbird" in ms.
Handstamped "SHIP" and "12" (rate in cents) in blue.
Baltimore, Pennsylvania, entry cds, 4th May.

Ship Letter to Aberdeen



24th May 1792

From James Brady, Florence Hall, (nr. Falmouth, Trelawny Parish, Jamaica) to
Alexander Simpson, Aberdeen, thanking him for care shown to his son.

Rated in ms 1s and then 5d

Dover Ship Letter mark

Bishop mark arrivals July 20th and 26th on reverse.

