

BAGNALSTOWN

1834

Mr James Warrington  
2 Suncy Road South

P.P.  
Rate 2

Suncy

BELFAST

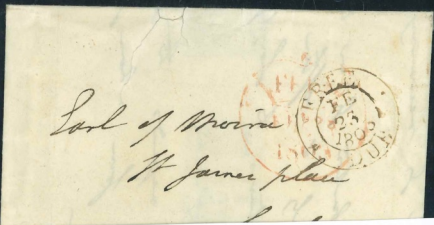
Mr James Warrington  
Suncy Road South  
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Mr Robert McWilliam  
Wright, Chapel Gate  
Georges Street  
N.B. Aberdeen

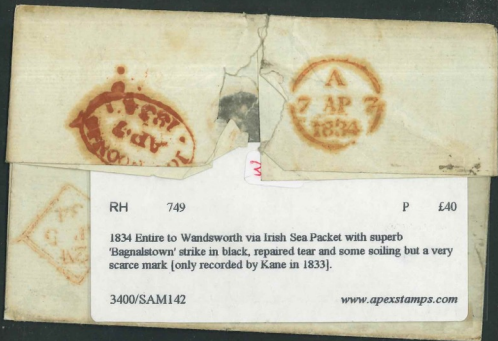




1828 (29 Apr) EL redirected from Rathanga to Dublin with "RATHANGA / 28" mileage mark and two very fine strikes of the red "B" within Crown Dublin inspectors handstamp. An interesting and personal letter within. Ex Littaur



1803 (23 Feb) EL to the Earl of Moira from Dublin to London with superb strike of the circular 'FREE / date / DUB' plus fine red 'apple-shape' London Free mark. Neat closed tear well- clear of the postal markings, superb red wax seal on reverse. Ex Littaur



RH 749

P £40

1834 Entire to Wandsworth via Irish Sea Packet with superb 'Bagnalstown' strike in black, repaired tear and some soiling but a very scarce mark [only recorded by Kane in 1833].

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POSTAGE ONE PENNY.

JOHN THORNTON





Recd. Coblen Eng. M.P.  
 London  
 W. J. Crawford

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Miss Allen  
 Millhouse, Cambridge  
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 Ireland

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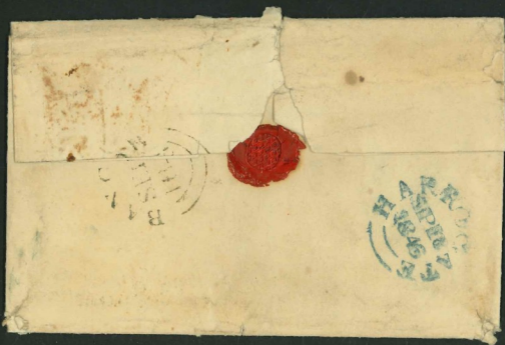
Granby Hotel

Harrowgate

England

paid





Belfast - kind Mr. E. Greene  
Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1836



Mr. E. L. Mulvaney  
St. Dunns  
W. Lewis, Cooks  
Dublin

paid



James Thomson Esq  
Belfast Bank 136  
Ballymoney

±/m5

Mr. G. L. Phelps  
St. Domingo  
Coochoe  
Island.

1845

1845  
AUG 4

FREE signed W. LEWIS

W. LEWIS  
C. S. F. O.  
1845

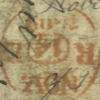
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Apr 1809

Robert McWilliam  
to the care  
of Wm Smith  
Longacre  
Aberdeen

from Alexr. McWilliam  
to Robert McWilliam  
22nd Regt 1st P.V.

Wm Smith  
Longacre  
Aberdeen



BELFAST

John Smith  
to the care of  
John Smith  
Longacre  
Aberdeen

John Smith  
Longacre  
Aberdeen



Go

George  
Arthur Bundel Esq at  
Ballywater near  
Kilkenny

M2

Lady Mountmorris  
Cragh Lodge  
Shibbourn

Enclaves

Mr Townsend


3 (Saint) Paul

Brighton

15<sup>th</sup> Dec 1881

M2

London June twelve 1832  
 Luke Norman Esq  
 29 N. Frederick St  
 Dublin  
 C. M. Talbot




The privilege was supposed to be used only when parliament was in session but this rule was generally ignored.

London  
 August twenty three 1832  
 L. Norman Esq  
 29 N. Frederick St  
 Dublin



Cheating was so prevalent that when a crackdown was made in Wexford, Clonmel and Waterford there were as many illegal letters as properly authorized 'frees'.

London July Twelfth  
 Luke Norman Esq  
 29 N. Frederick St  
 Dublin



**IRELAND: STAMPLESS: 1723-1833**  
 Eleven various FREE cancels including CROWN types on folded letters, mostly DUBLIN including types C, D, and E (rated by 1975 Feldman and Kane handbook), mostly f-vf.

1831  
 London May thirty  
 To  
 Luke Norman Esq  
 29 Frederick St. W.  
Sullamore Dublin

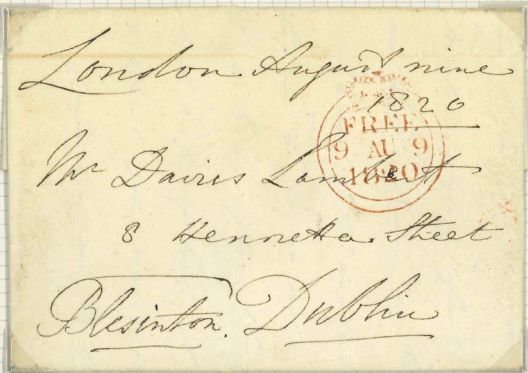
The widowed Lady Margaret Blessington did not have the free franking privilege— but she had plenty of friends who did and who were ready to help her. The 10 letters in this group were all written by Lady Blessington to her Dublin lawyers and were signed by different holders of the free franking privilege.

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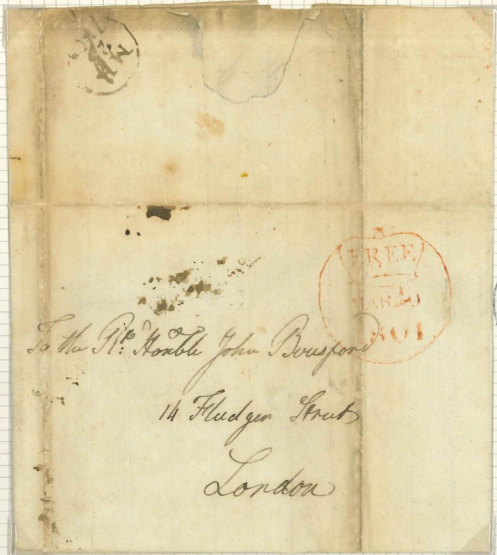
London July thirtieth 1831  
 To Mr Norman Esq  
 29 North Frederick Street  
Wilton Dublin

The letters also show varieties of the Crowned Circle free frank applied in London by the postal inspectors who checked the signatures.





The Free Frank privilege was greatly abused. Privilege holders extended favors to their friends and associates by mailing their letters for them. All they had to do was sign the outside of the letter when it was ready for the post, or even sign blank sheets by the score and give or sell them to others for later mailing. This is a typical example. The Earl of Blesinton's signature (in later years the name was changed to 'Blessington') is not in the same handwriting as the rest of the letter and address. It is a private business letter from his lawyer to an associate and has nothing to do with the Earl himself.



MR  
23  
1801

To the Rt. Honble John Bousfield  
14 Fludger Street  
London

FREE  
MAR 25  
1801

FREE  
MAR 30  
1801

Posted in Dublin, March 25, 1801, this letter has an early variety of the many crowned circles that were applied in London. Full-year type Bishop Mark, March 25, in upper left, was applied in Dublin. It was obligatory for the person sending a 'Free' letter to sign it in the lower left corner, but this was an exception to the rule because it was the recipient who held the privilege.

Originally, the signature alone was sufficient. Not only were blank sheets signed but the signatures were often forged.

London Sept. four 1833

J. Luke Norman Esq

29 North Frederick Street  
Cum gratia Dublin

London Letter Patent Proc  
1833

J. Luke Norman Esq

29 North Frederick Street  
Wentworth Dublin

London November nine 1833

J. Luke Norman Esq

29 North Frederick Street

J. Bentinck

Dublin

Later it was ruled that the letter must be addressed, dated and signed all in the same handwriting so the favor was granted after the letter was written.