

THE POSTAL HISTORY OF SCOTLAND

LEITH

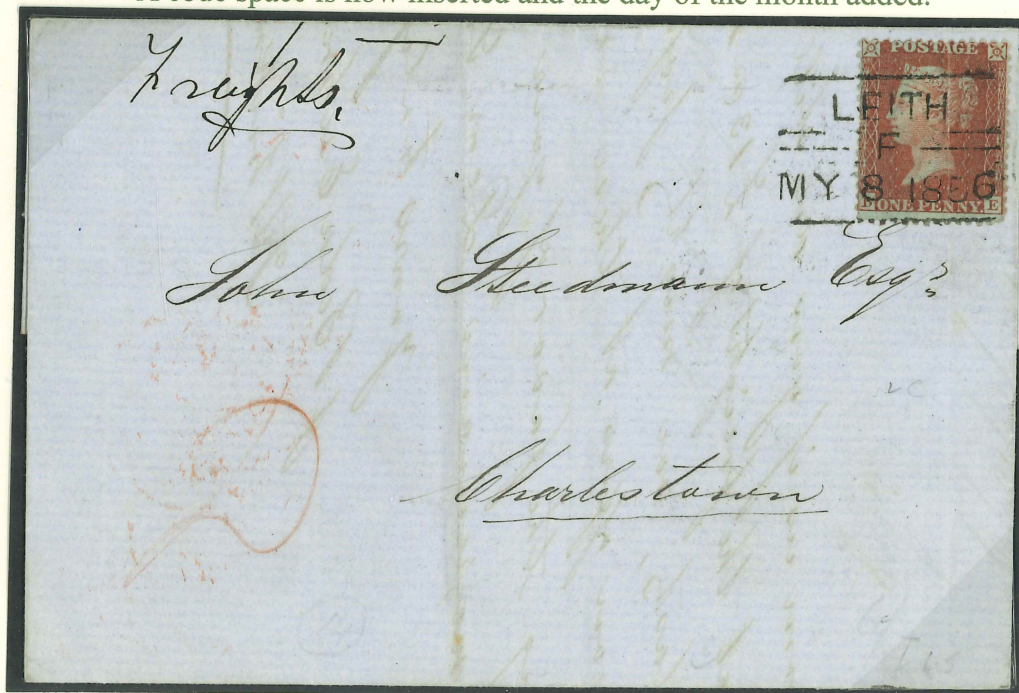
STAMPED MAIL – DUPLEX CANCELLATIONS



1856 Wrappers to Charleston the postage paid by a 1d “Stars” cancelled by the second type Leith Experimental duplex in black the upper wrapper dated MR 22 1856 the lower wrapper dated MY 8 1856

This second type was used between 1855 and 1856.

A code space is now inserted and the day of the month added.



Mae West type “TOO LATE” on reverse in black.





GLASGOW
24 FEB 1857
L. S. C.

Miss Ann
M. S. Farlane
24 Popeton Place
Glasgow
Glasgow
Glasgow

THE EXPERIMENTAL DUPLEX CANCELLATIONS OF LEITH AND EDINBURGH.

In July 1855, Kirkwood's were asked to make a distinctive pattern of duplex canceller for Leith. Originally, this provided only for a month and year, but their proof-book shows a modified form on the 24th October 1855, which also provides space for the complete date and for a duty letter.

22nd February 1856. A letter from Leith to Sanquahar, with duty-letter "N". The SPG handbook records only "A, E, F AND M", so this example of "N" may be the only one discovered so far.




Paper
Blue paper
Small crown



GLASGOW
JUN 4 1850
D H

Agent
Comm. Bank of Scotland
Glasgow

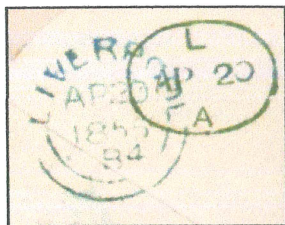
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 20MY1856
 L H
 Messrs Gladstone & Co
 Liverpool

PRO-2T



 Inspector of Poor
 Parish of Paisley



Reverse Liverpool datestamp and foreign office lozenge



1/- → 24¢
unpaid

← 3 cents, London exchange debit US for inland delivery on unpaid US packet

To New York, 19 April, 1855— 20 days

Unpaid letter from Ayr, Scotland to New York via Collins Line per *Atlantic*, 20 April Liverpool, 24 due rate marking applied in New York, 9 May receiver docketing.



Note: No Cunard sailing in 1855 due to Crimean War.

Letter from daughter parents living in New York City relocated for work.

Many Scots entered America through Ellis Island, those living in urban areas often coming with business skills.





BCW

 Messrs Murray & Beith
 A.S.
 Edinburgh

PRO-2T

 To
 Inspector of Poor
 Parish of
 Cheilston

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 The Agent
 Royal Bank of Scotland
 Grangemouth.




 Agent
 Bank of Scotland
 Callander



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 Andrew Millie Esq
 Banker
 Leven

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 Messrs Alex. & Wm. Stevenson
 British Linen Company
 Langholm

Ausw
30th April 1861
JRS



Mr John Gell. Grant
Messrs Paul & Co
14 Minning Lane
London E.C.

immediate



Messrs Lamb Colville & Co
Garnpetton