

Chile

Caldera

A British Postal Agency was established in Caldera in the early 1850s, but a date stamp was not sent out until 1858, and GB stamps and the C37 obliterator were sent in 1865. The Vice Consul was Postal Agent until the agencies were all closed on 1st April 1881.

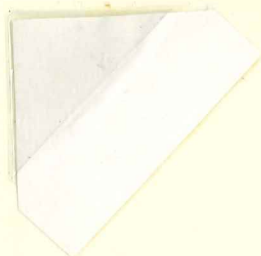
1871 mourning cover from Caldera to France



3TH.HOS cancel



CDS cancel



1871 mourning cover from Caldera to France with two 4d Great Britain vermilion Plate 11 stamps tied by Caldera C37 3TH.HOS cancel, Caldera CDs for DE 5 71, London Paid cancel for 10 JA 72, French Red PD and Calais and Bordeaux cancels for January 11th

Rate: Needs further research. The two 4d stamps (total 8d) are tied to cancel / cover but the packet rates to Great Britain by French or British packet were 1/6.

Route: Also needs further research. The RMS Elbe left Colon on 22nd December 1871 arriving at Plymouth on 10th January. Could the packet reach Colon on 22nd December? There are no transit markings so it could have travelled by French packet or by the PSNC service to Liverpool by the Magellan straits instigated in 1870 (but this service also called at Bordeaux)

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British Postal Agency in Caldera, Chile

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1866 front from Caldera to Bremen, Germany

The 4d stamp is an 1862 Plate 3 (I in capital letters) and the 6d is also 1862 Plate 3 (no hairlines). They were issued three years before GB stamps were sent to the postal agency and are not listed in Stanley Gibbons; Stoneham says that 1862 stamps are only known on three early covers to Germany (this is one of the three). The 1/- Plate 4 with emblems watermark is listed but unpriced in Gibbons.

This front was sold at the Glassco sale at Robson Lowe on 26th September 1969. This was the greatest ever sale of GB used abroad. The estimate was £75 (£1500 - £1600 in 2010) and it sold for £50 (£1000 - £1100 in 2010)



3TH.HOS cancel



CDS cancel



1866 front from Caldera to Bremen, Germany with GB 1862 4d plate 3, 1862 6d plate 3 and three (including a pair) 1/- plate 4 emblems, another stamp missing and showing two and a half strikes of the C37 cancel, CALDERA PAID CDS dated JY 13 1866. Also with "6" in manuscript, red PD in oval, blue oval CALDERA merchant's cancel and red LONDON PAID receiver dated 28 AU 66.

Route: By PSNC (Pacific Steam Navigation Company) to Panama, overland to Colon, by the RMS Tamar from Colon 5th August – St Thomas 12th August and RMS Shannon from St Thomas 13th August – Southampton 28th August.

Provenance: Glassco British Post Offices Abroad auction in 1969

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Valparaiso

The Pacific Steam Navigation Company was formed to operate steamship services along the Pacific coast of South America. The company decided to introduce a through service from Liverpool via the Straits of Magellan in 1867 and inaugurated the new venture in 1868 initially operating between Liverpool and Valparaiso. By 1874 there were six mail boats from Valparaiso, two of them steaming to Liverpool via the Magellan Straits.

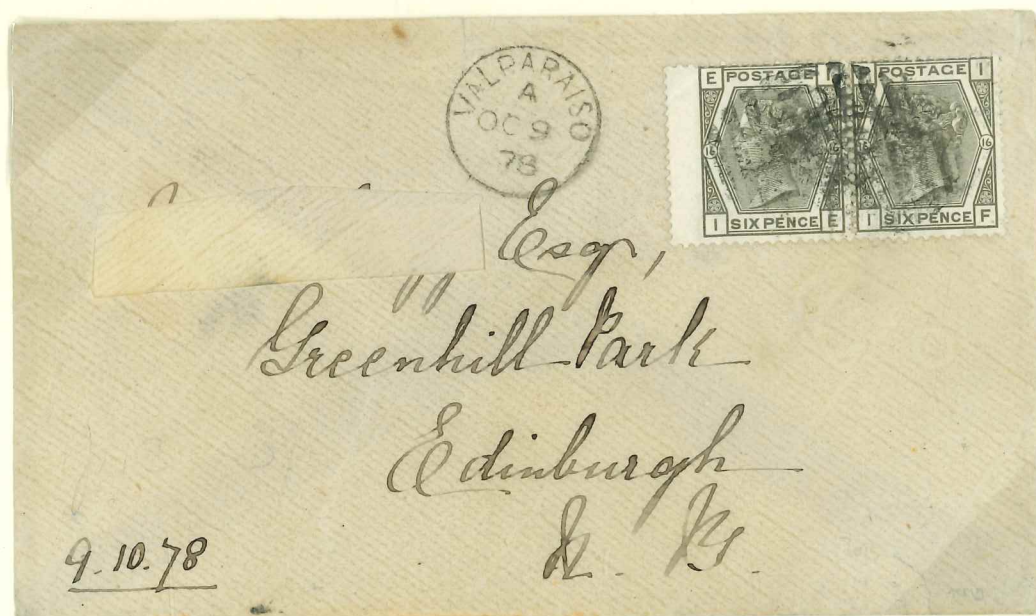
1878 Envelope from Valparaiso to Edinburgh, Scotland



Valparaiso 4VOSB



Valparaiso CDS2



1878 envelope from Valparaiso to Edinburgh, Scotland, with horizontal pair Great Britain 6d grey Plate 16, cancelled with British Post Office C30 (Parmenter 4VOSB) and the single ring Valparaiso cancel dated OC 9 78 (Parmenter CDS2).

Rate: From 1871 the rate via Liverpool (not via Panama) was 1/- prepaid.

Route: There are no Panama markings, so this was carried via the Magellan Straits to Liverpool by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company and landed prior to reaching Liverpool.

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British Postal Agency in Valparaiso, Chile 1845 - 1881

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1876 Envelope from Valparaiso to Alloa, Scotland



Valparaiso 4VOSB



Valparaiso CDS2



1876 envelope from Valparaiso to Alloa, Scotland, with a vertical pair of Great Britain 6d grey Plate 15, cancelled with British Post Office C30 (Parmenter 4VOSB) and the single ring Valparaiso cancel dated Aug 30th (Parmenter CDS2). The reverse has cancels for Stirling and Alloa for Oct 12th 1876

Rate: From 1871 the rate to Great Britain via Liverpool (not via Panama) was 1/- prepaid.

Route: This was carried via the Magellan Straits by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company mail boat Potosi, which departed from Valparaiso on 30 August and was due in Liverpool on 13th October. Potosi's mails for Britain were landed at Bordeaux on 10th October and sent overland to London, arriving the following day. This initiated new arrangements whereby the delivery of South American mails were accelerated, saving two to three days.

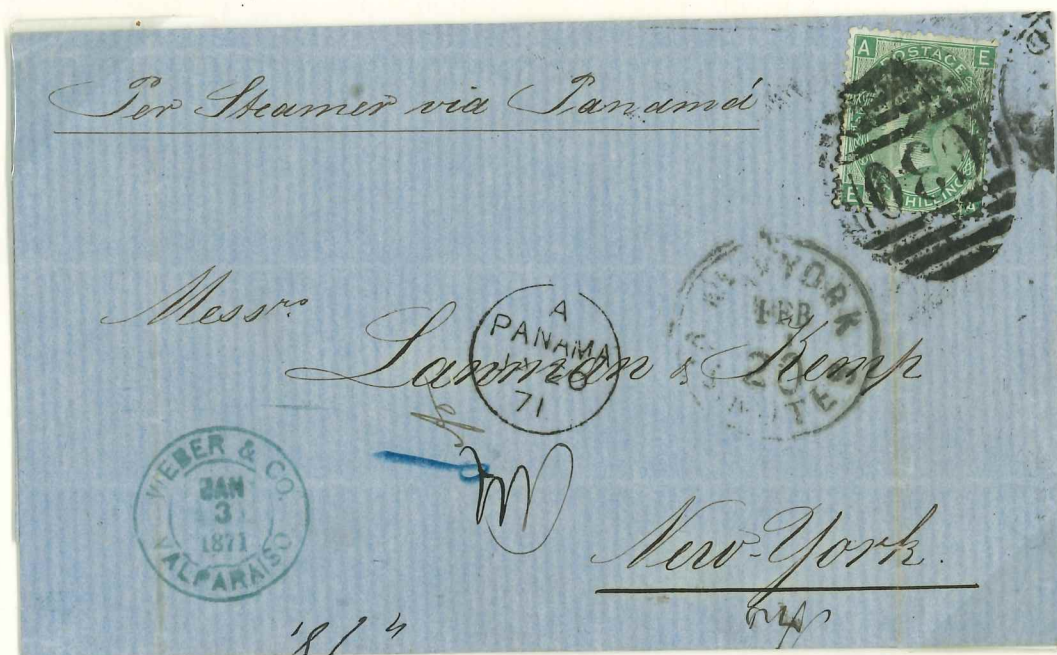
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Mail to Europe prior to Chile joining the UPU on April 1, 1881.

Valparaiso to New York January 3, 1871 ms. 'Per Steamer via Panamá'



Rated 1/- (rate per ½ oz) Valparaiso to Panama cancelled C30 VALPARAISO PAID duplex.



On the front sr. Panama transit mark January 20, 1871.

New York steamship mark:- NEW YORK/FEB 20/US NOTES. Applied to loose letters picked up by ships travelling on recognised mail routes. This mark differs from the more usual STEAMSHIP 20 mark in that it is a depreciated currency mark.

Inside ms. receiving date applied by addressee February 14, 1871.

British Postal Agency in Valparaiso, Chile 1845 - 1881



1875 advertising cover to Poitiers, France



Chile 1875 advertising cover "Jerman Greve y Ca" to Poitiers, France, franked Great Britain 4d., RG, plate 14 and 1/-, RD, plate 11 tied by 4VODB C30 duplex. The 4d is additionally tied by a red LONDON PAID transit and both by an unclear French cds. The back has a Paris A Bordeaux TPO and Poitiers arrival dated 15th Dec 75.

Rate: 1s4d prepaid. According to Tabcart the rate should have been 1/6 to Plymouth less 1d for delivery, not effected in UK; 3d to France giving a total of 1s8d.

Route: By PSNC steamer to Panama, by rail overland to Colon and by RMS Nile from Colon (21st Nov) to Plymouth (13th December)

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