

IRISH POSTAL HISTORY

DUBLIN  
FREE

MARLOW  
BERKS.

DUBLIN. 26th MARCH 1812 TO MARLOW, BERKS.

FREE MARKS

Members of Parliament and Certain Officers of State  
Had their Mail Carried Free.



Showing ———

MERMAID TYPE -- 'CROWN FREE'

"FREE" Mark on a Cover From  
DUBLIN to MARLOW 1812.

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GREAT BRITAIN

Postmarks of IRELAND.

Dublin



The "Mermaid" date stamp.

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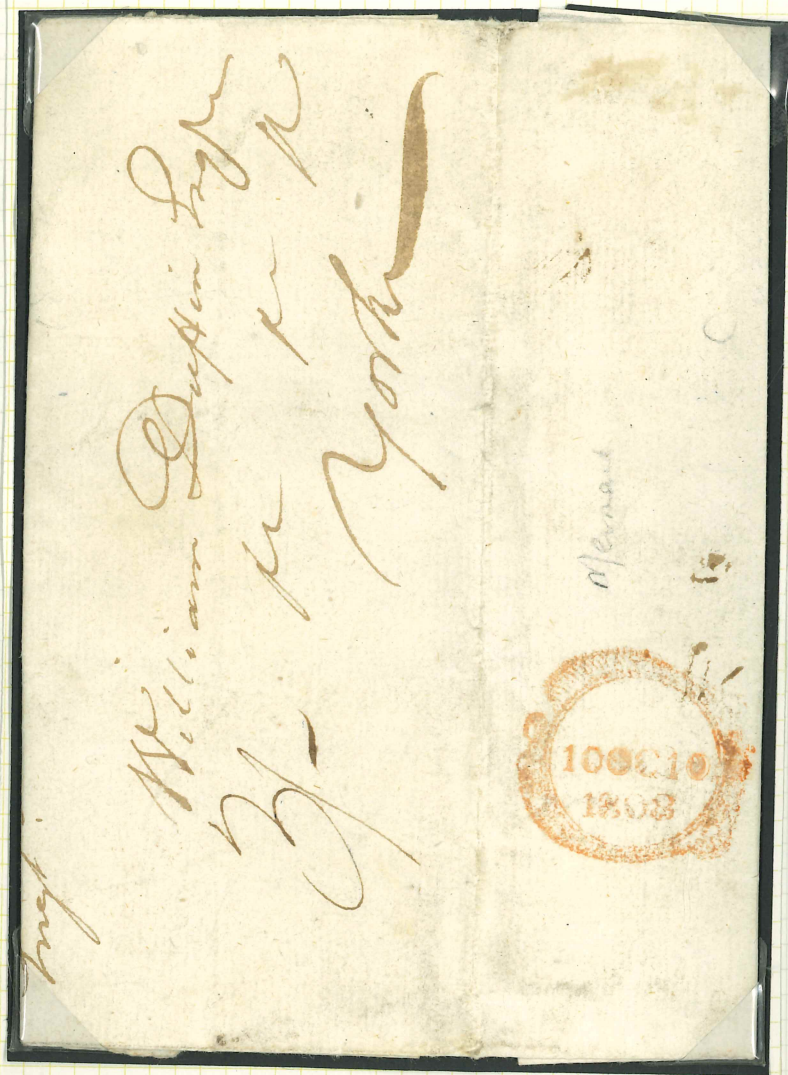




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## MERMAID

IN 1808 A NEW HANDSTAMP KNOWN AS THE "MERMAID" APPEARED FOR USE ON MAIL. IT WAS PECULIAR TO IRELAND AND SO CALLED BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE EMBLEMATIC FIGURE OF HIBERNIA AND THAT OF A MERMAID. THIS HANDSTAMP WHICH WAS IN USE TO 1814 SHOWED THE DAY AND MONTH IN A STRAIGHT LINE ACROSS THE CENTRE AND THE YEAR UNDERNEATH.



10 OCTOBER 1808, ENTIRE DUBLIN TO YORK WITH RED MERMAID HANDSTAMP. UNEVEN FEATHERING AND DOUBLE CIRCLE. WIDTH 30MM, HEIGHT 28MM. THE DIAMETER OF THE CIRCLE IS 22 MM. THE ENTIRE SHOWS THAT THE HANDSTAMP WAS APPLIED IN THE FIRST YEAR OF USE.

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TO ARDRE  
EX DUBLIN, "FREE"  
5 NOV. 1811

Wm Young Esq

Edward Pees  
Cm Ardre Ardree

Mullingar

Aug. 1812

1812  
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Dublin

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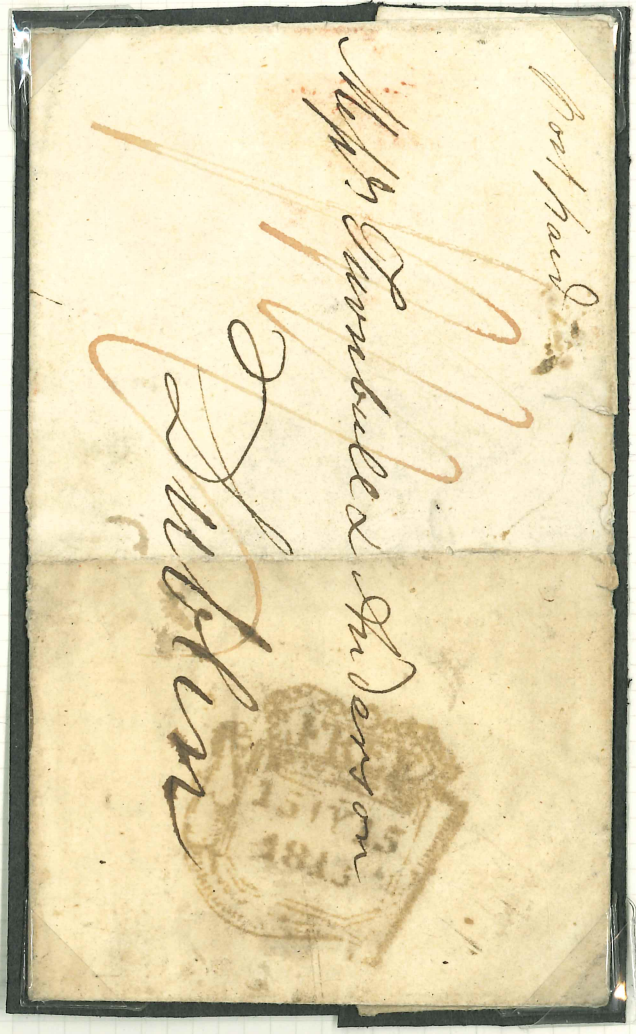
St James's  
Dublin

64/6/99/90



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1813 E.L., Liverpool-Dublin, post paid 1/-(single), erroneously struck on arrival with Dublin Mermaid FREE, 15 JY.(double frame) for evening duty, instead of the paid hand stamp.



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