

RETURNED PAID LETTER 1845

1845 General Post Office wrapper from the Dead Letter Office with red tombstone mark 'Paid/5 JY 5/1845' re-addressed. On reverse a variety of backstamps e.g.

Brighton July 6
Penrith July 8
Winchester July 10

Printed inside the wrapper:

"GENERAL POST-OFFICE

The ENCLOSED POST PAID Letter not having been delivered for the Reason assigned thereon, was opened here by the Officer appointed by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General for that purpose, and is now returned to the Writer.

W.L. MABERLY,
Secretary."



PRE-STAMP ENTIRE 1793

Correspondence written in French dd 5th December 1793 to Balzano, Italy, from Norwich. Norwich and triple-ring 'Paid' in red/brown. Also in red/brown, manuscript '1/5'.

A good quality entire. Scarce.



PRE-STAMP ENTIRE 1833

Correspondence written in Spanish from Jersey to London via 'Gravesend Ship Letter' (boxed) h/s (Robertson 59) in black, rated '1/2'. Double-ringed postal chop in red.

Good example of the particular Gravesend mark.



PRE-STAMP ENTIRE 1838

Entire from Le Havre to London rated '20' decimes, struck alongside boxed 'P.P.' and 'P.D.' in red and double-ring Le Havre c.d.s. for '29 Mars 1838'.

Cover also bears superb framed 'Foreign Paid' arc in red applied by the Foreign Office, London.

On reverse London arrival c.d.s. '?/APR/1838'.



UNSTAMPED ENTIRE 1845

With smudged tombstone 'Paid' dd 'MY/23/1845' and Glastonbury receiving mark
for the following day.
(The sender hopefully thought it would be 'free'!)



STAMPLESS COVER 1849

Cover rated '1' with double ring 'Paid/20/NOV/20/1848' with very fine cachet of 'Royal Agricultural Society of England', of the same date.
On reverse Oswestry receiving mark in green dd 'NO/21/1849' and wax seal.



WAR OFFICE 1874

An official paid unstamped cover from London Office to Dublin with circular date stamp in red dd '14/FEB/74' endorsed by despatch authority in blue inscribed 'Horse Guards - War Office' signed 'Egerton'.
On reverse arrival c.d.s. 'H & K Pact' dd 'Feb/15/1874' and an embossed logo.
A rather scarce cover.

