







ned "St.Petersburg ng Bros. of LONDON NEW YORK. Boxed ds IL 7 Sep. 1844 (O.S.) N cds 4 Oct. 1844 on addressee.

forwarding. MS '8' for DC/1844 and oval PAID in red. Endorsed for EW YORK 12 Oct. 1844. of arrival in U.S.

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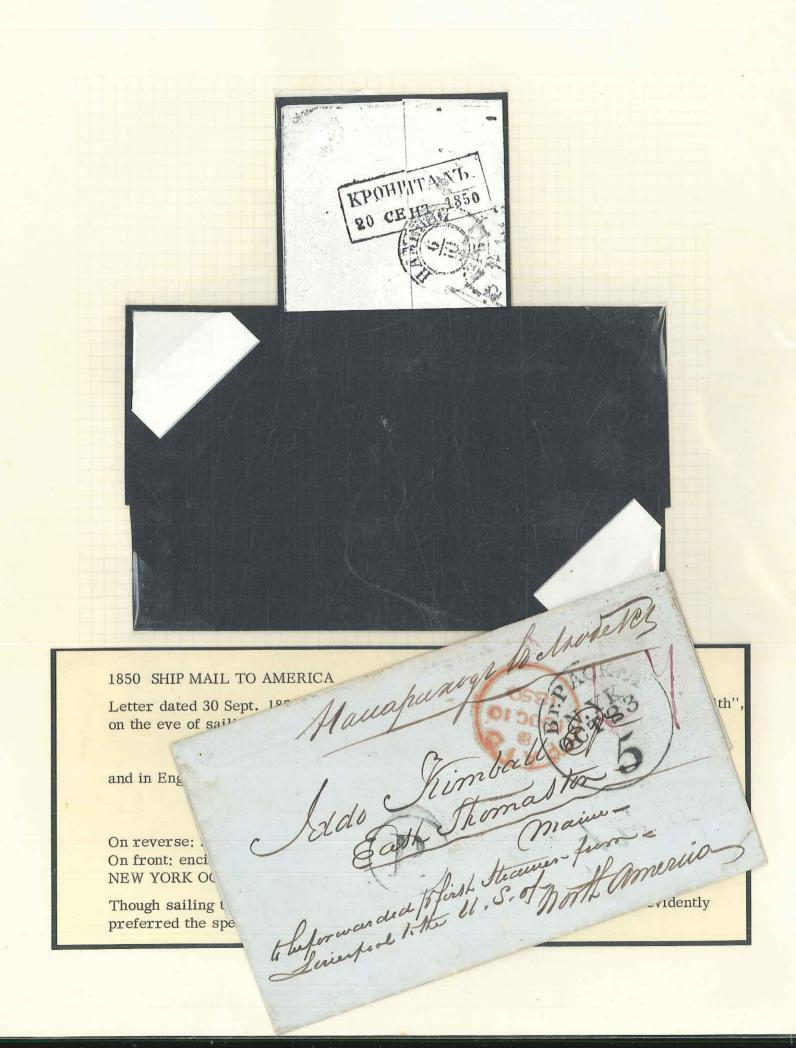


## 1837 SHIP MAIL TO AMERICA

Folded letter to BOSTON, U.S.A., dateline "St. PETERSBURG 11th June 1837". Postmarked in reverse KRONSHTADT 1837 June 13 (Dobin Type 1.06, in use only between 1836 and 1837). Endorsed in bottom left corner "1½/ p(er) FARNE", indicating 1½ kopecks for payment of ferry from St.Petersburg to Kronshtadt, thence by ship "FARNE" to destination.

Ornamental "SHIP/6" struck in red on arrival at Boston, indicating 6 cents ship letter fee payable by recipient.

Before the building of the Morskoi Canal late in the 19th century, the harbour at St.Petersburg could not accommodate ocean-going vessels and they had to berth at Kronshtadt, on Kotlin Island, Gulf of Finland, 25 km from the City. Overseas mail was taken from St.Petersburg to Kronshtadt by ferry.







## 1856 SHIP MAIL TO AMERICA

Cover to NEWARK, U.S.A., endorsed in French BY STEAMSHIP TO LUBECK and in English PAID/VIA LIVERPOOL/PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL.

On reverse: rhombic framed 1856/St.PETERSBOURG/VII/28.

On front: black FRANCO and AUS RUSSLAND; red circular AACHEN PAID 25cts. and red circular abbreviated NEW YORK/30/AMERICAN PACKET AUG 17, indicating sea transit and 30c charge for ½ oz. letter.

Under the United States-Prussian Closed Mail Agreement, effective from 16 October 1852, westbound mail went through Belgium or England.

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1847 SHIP MAIL TO AMERICA

Cover to BRUNSWICK, U.S.A., endorsed in Russian
HA PARAKHOD V LYUBEK (BY STEAMSHIP TO LUBECK)
and in English

TO BE FORWARDED BY FIRST STEAMER FROM LIVERPOOL TO THE UNITED STATES

Triple-line handstamp in Russian on reverse translating KRONSHTADT/STEAMSHIP/ 26 July 1847

Received HAMBURG 11 Aug; LONDON 16 Aug; LIVERPOOL 17 Aug; red BOSTON/SHIP/ Sep 4.

An "anti-bootleg" mark applied on shore at Kronshtadt.