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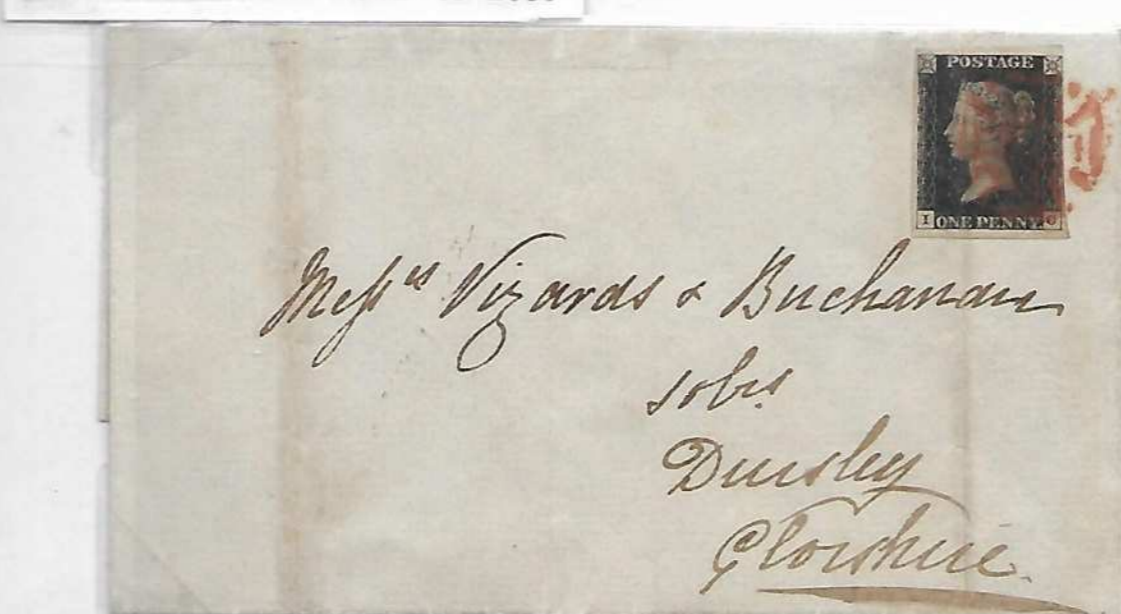
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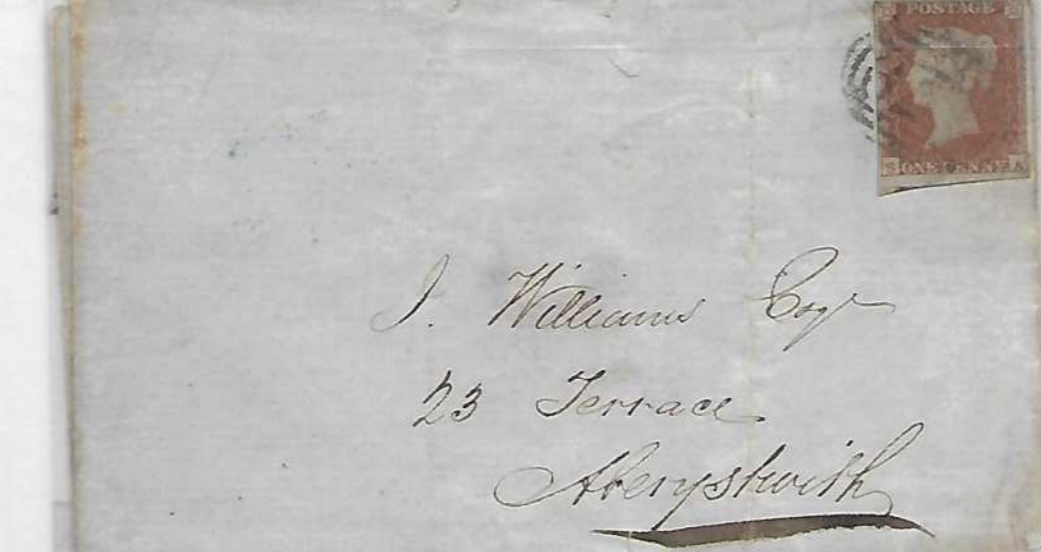
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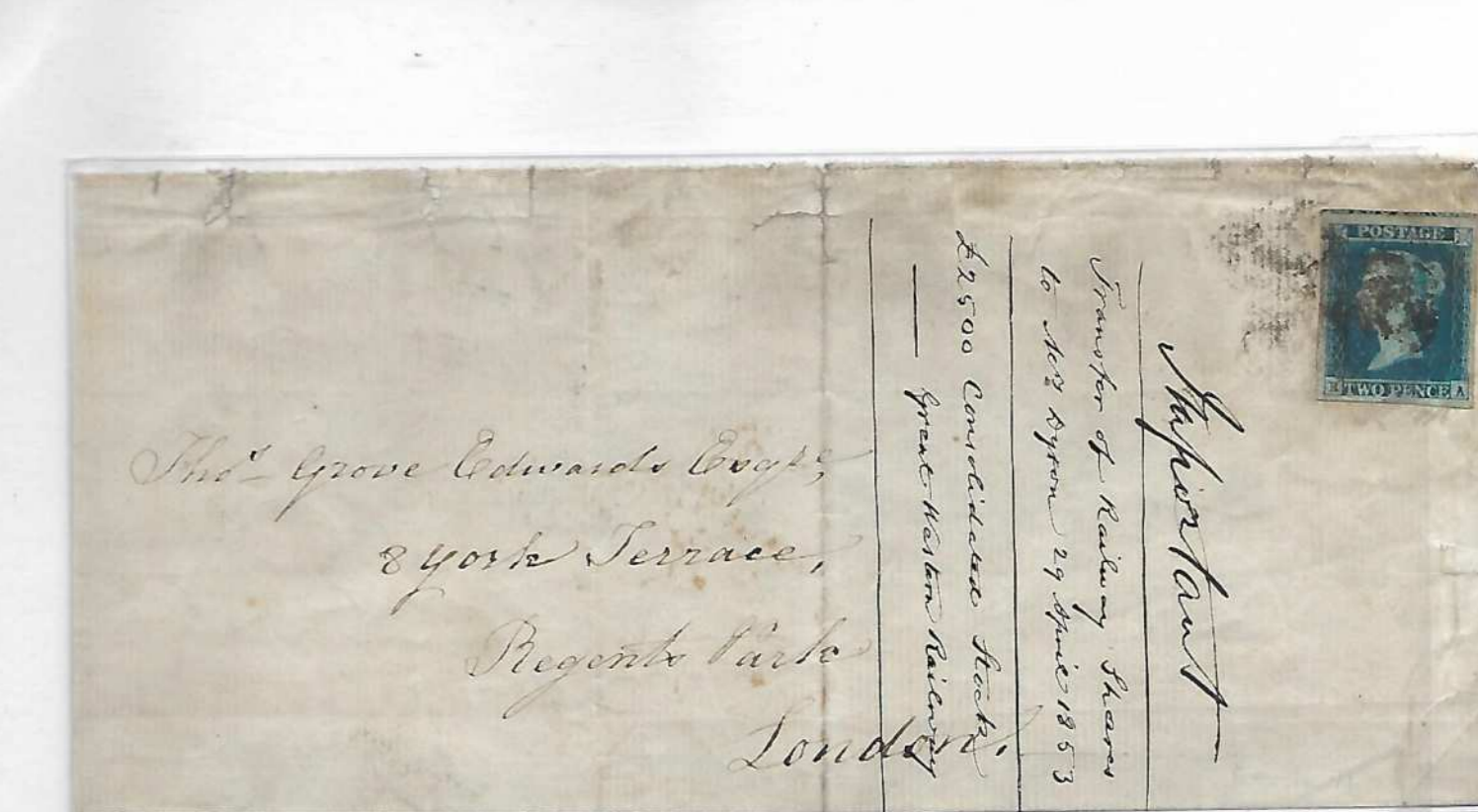
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Letter posted from Halifax - 3rd May 1853 to London  
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Letter posted from Margate - 31st Dec 1857 to Marseille (France)  
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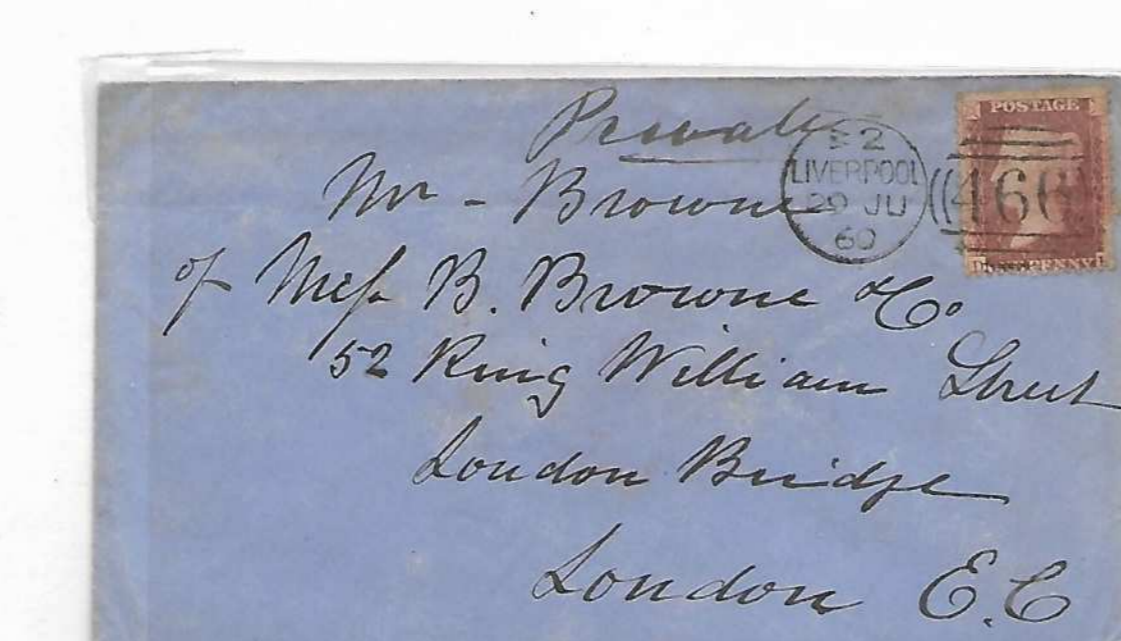
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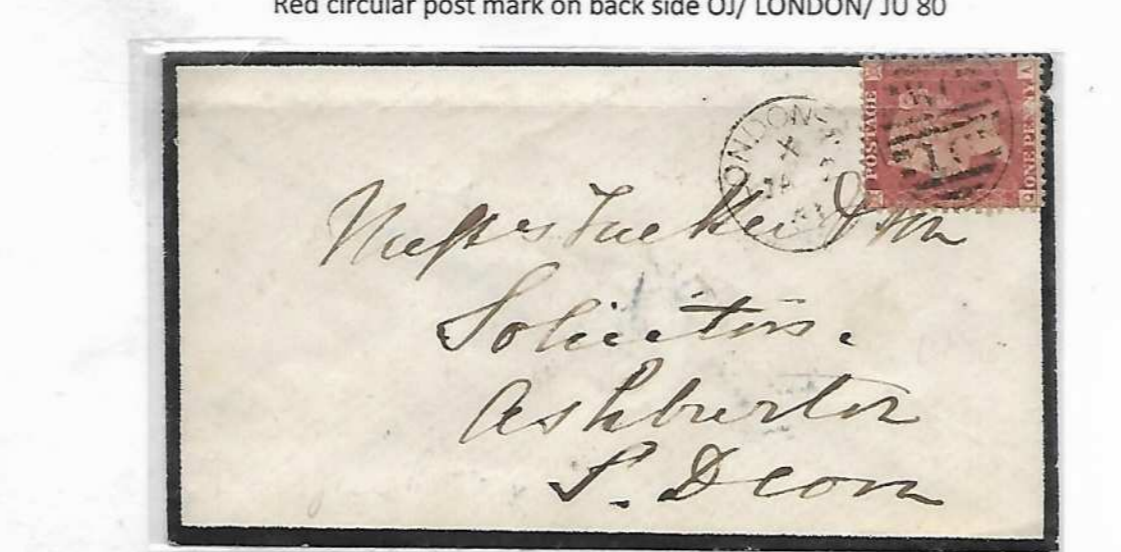
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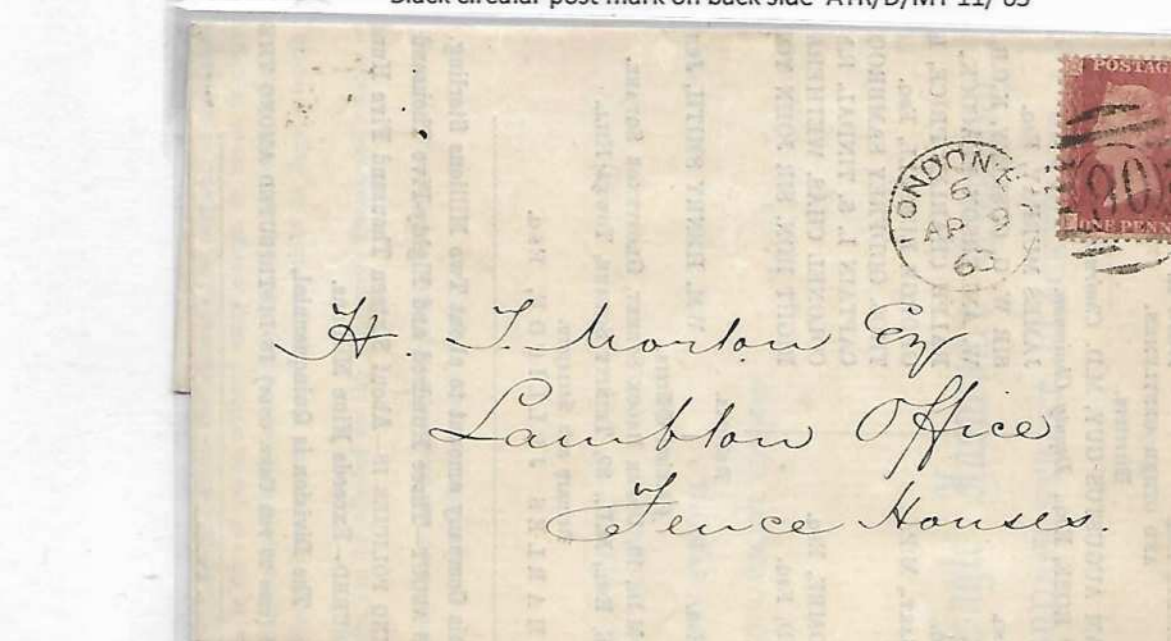


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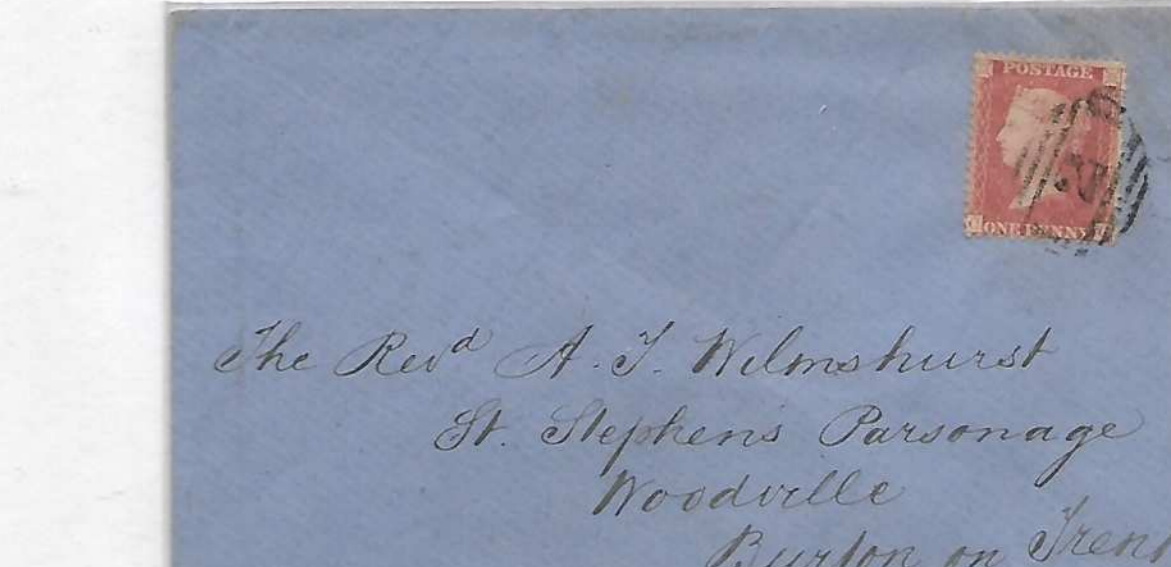
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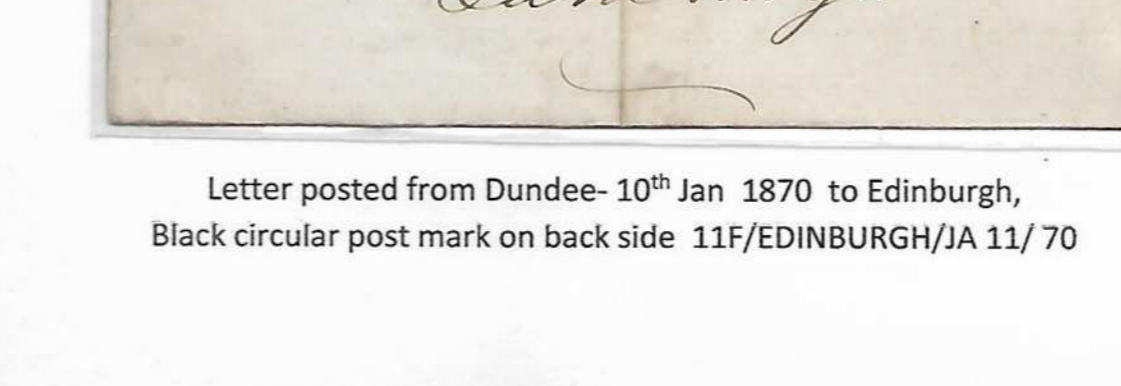
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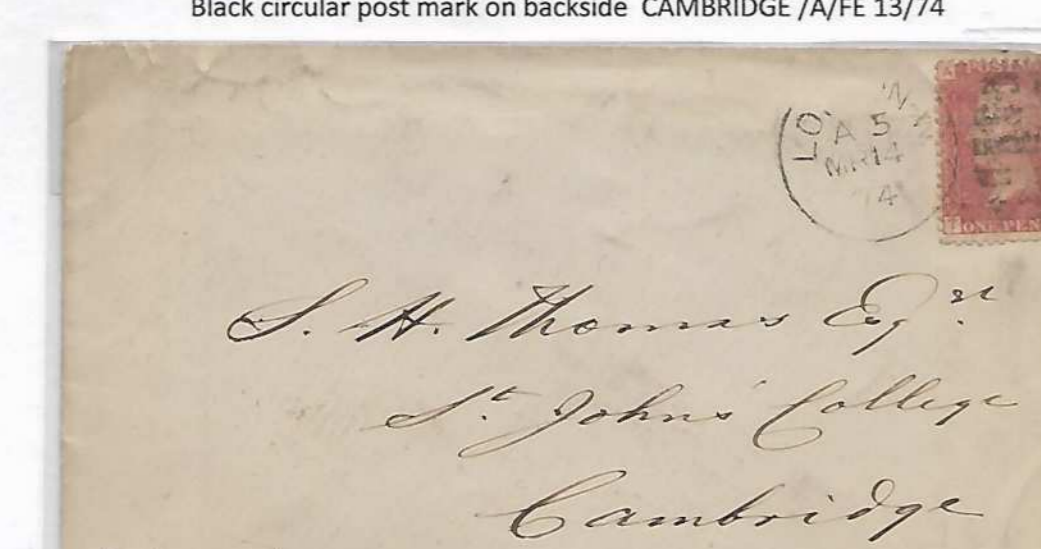
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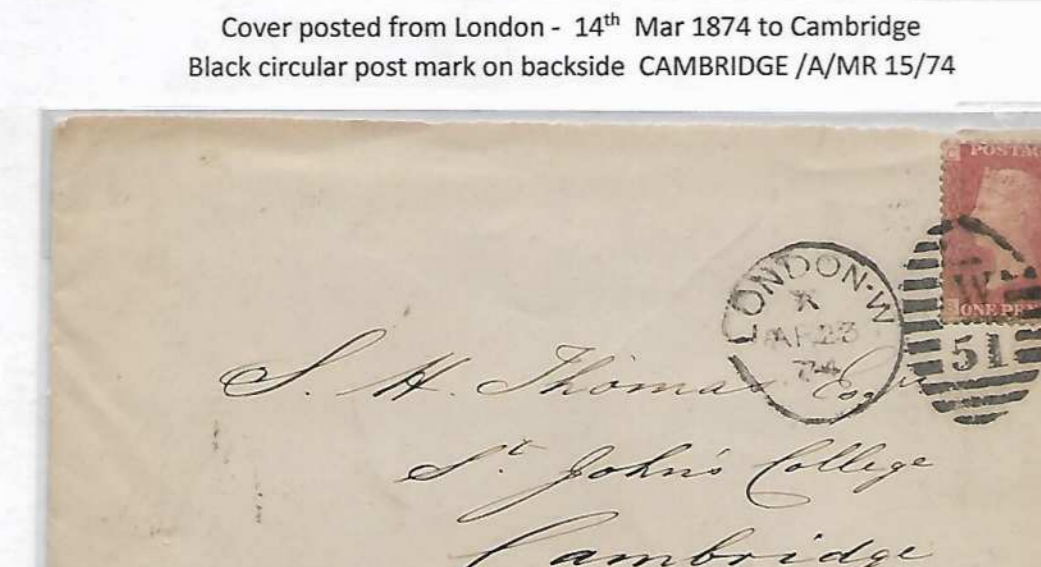
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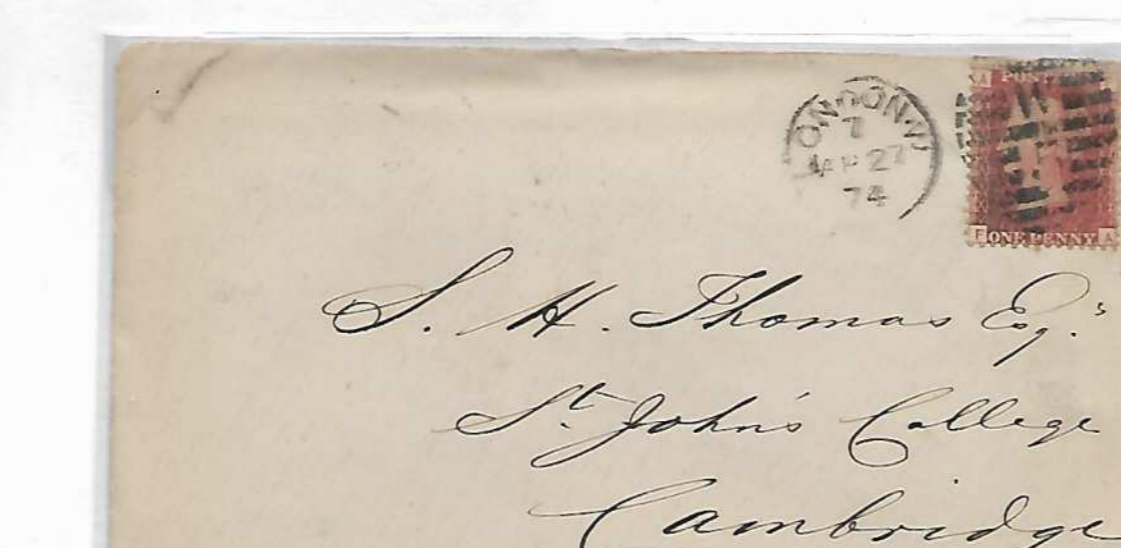
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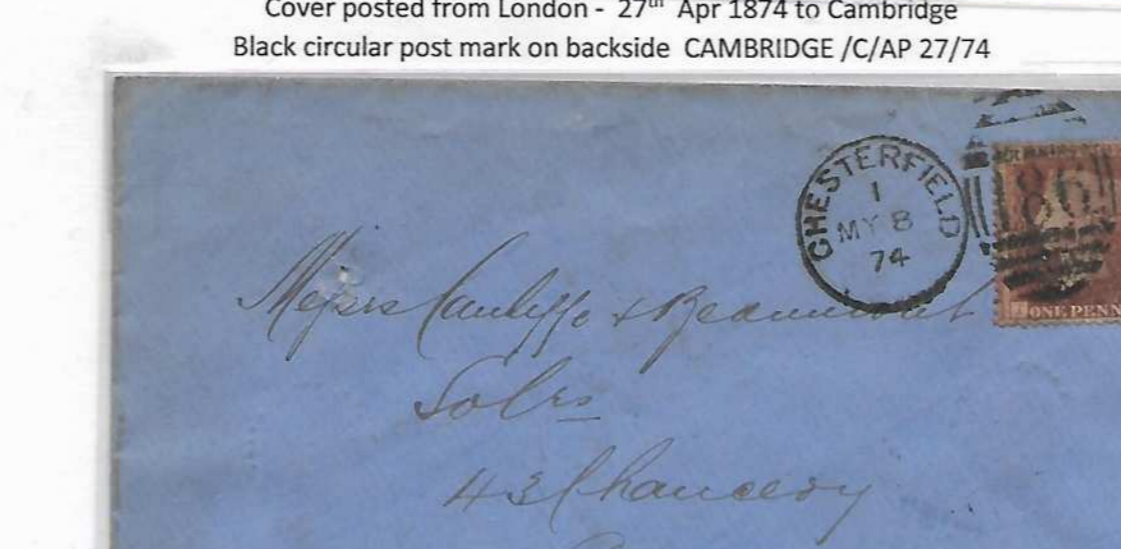
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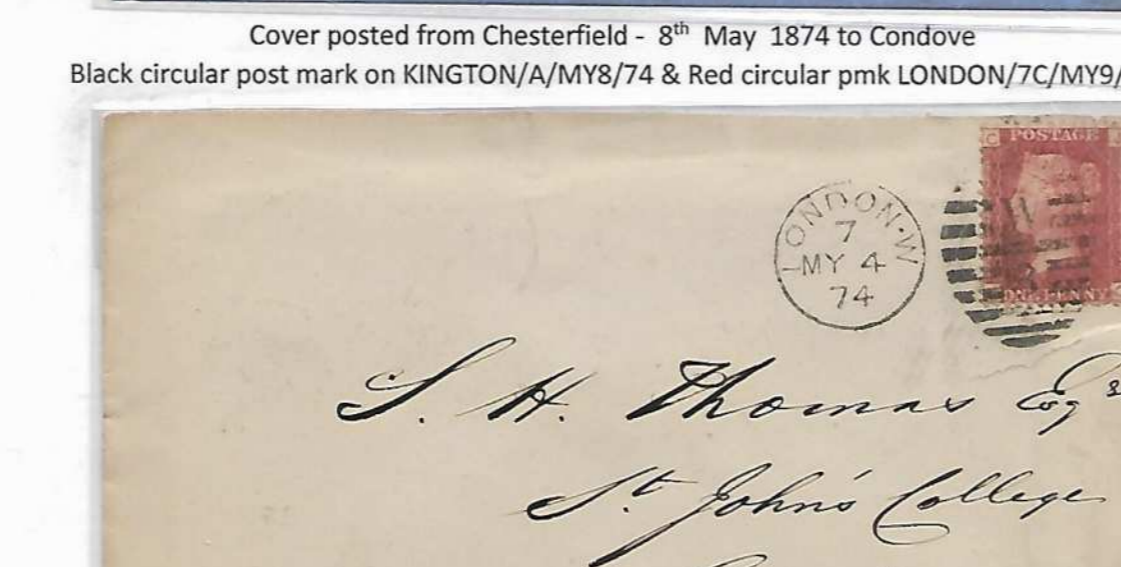
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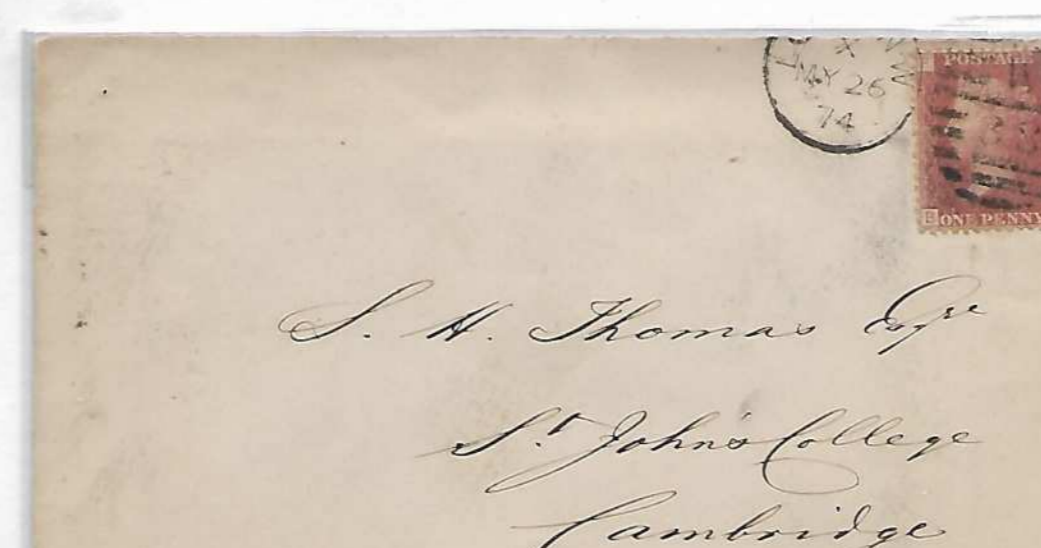
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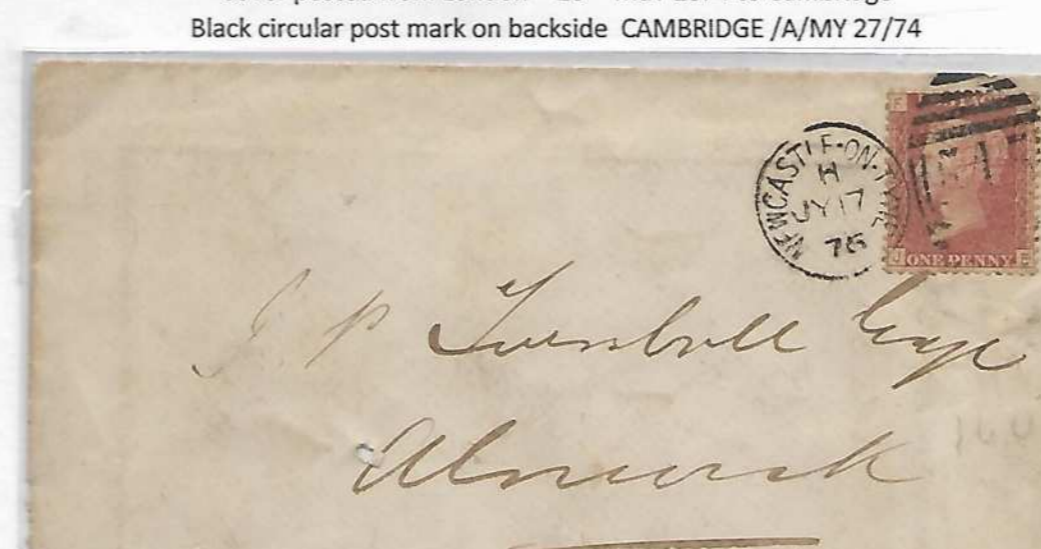
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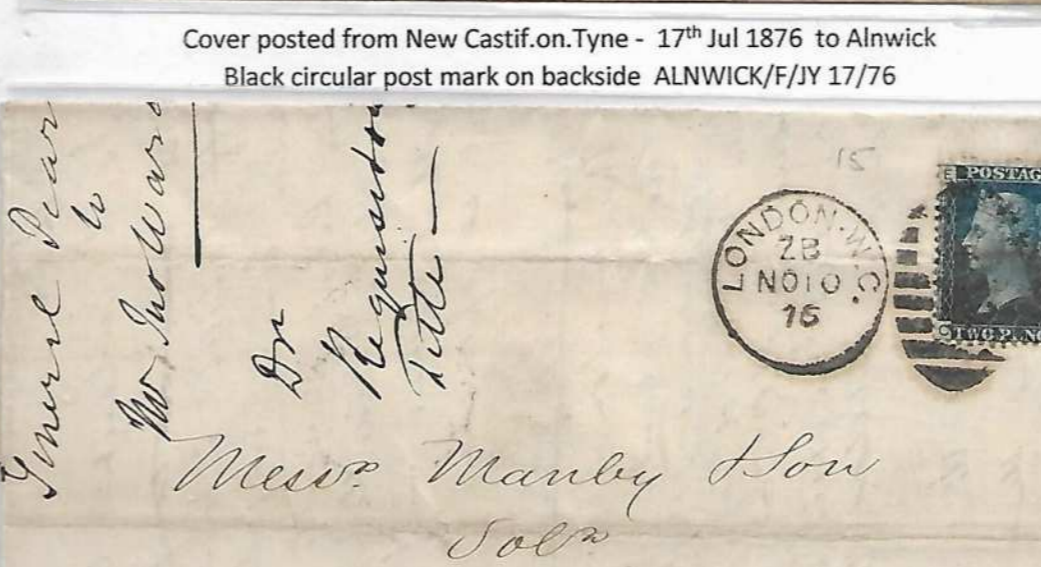
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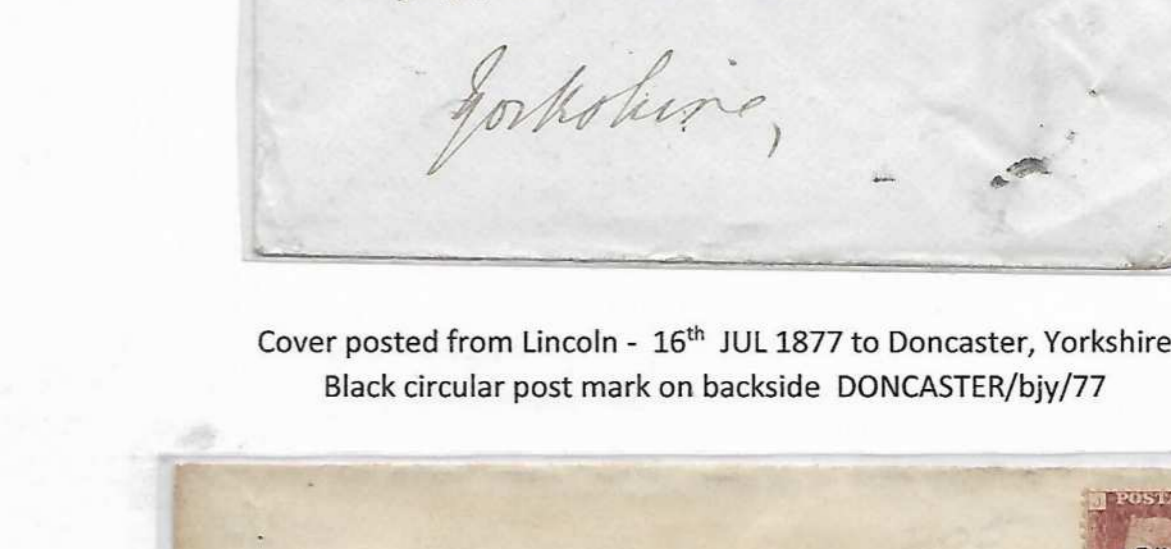
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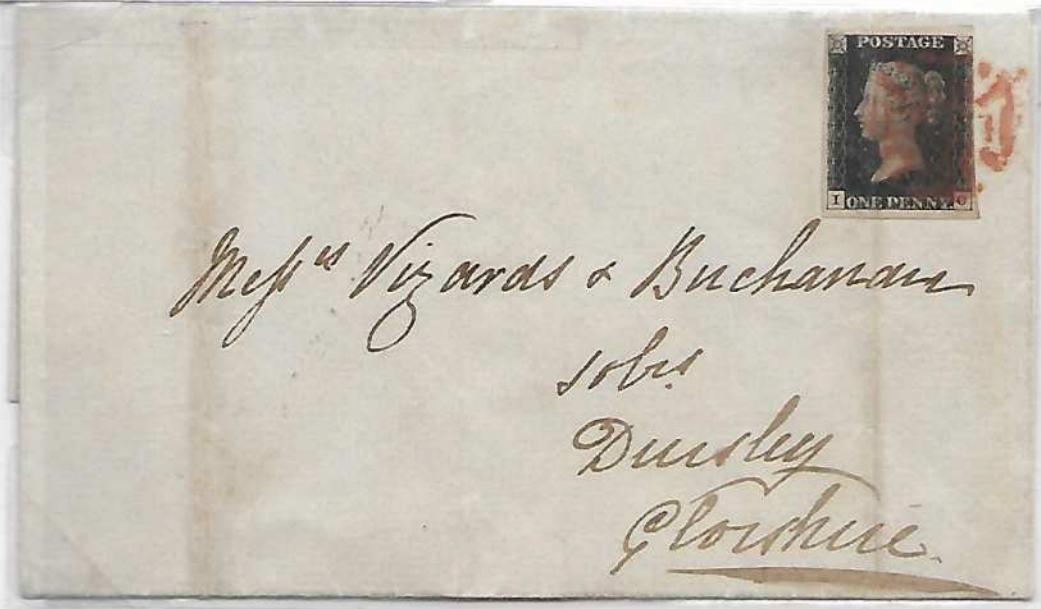
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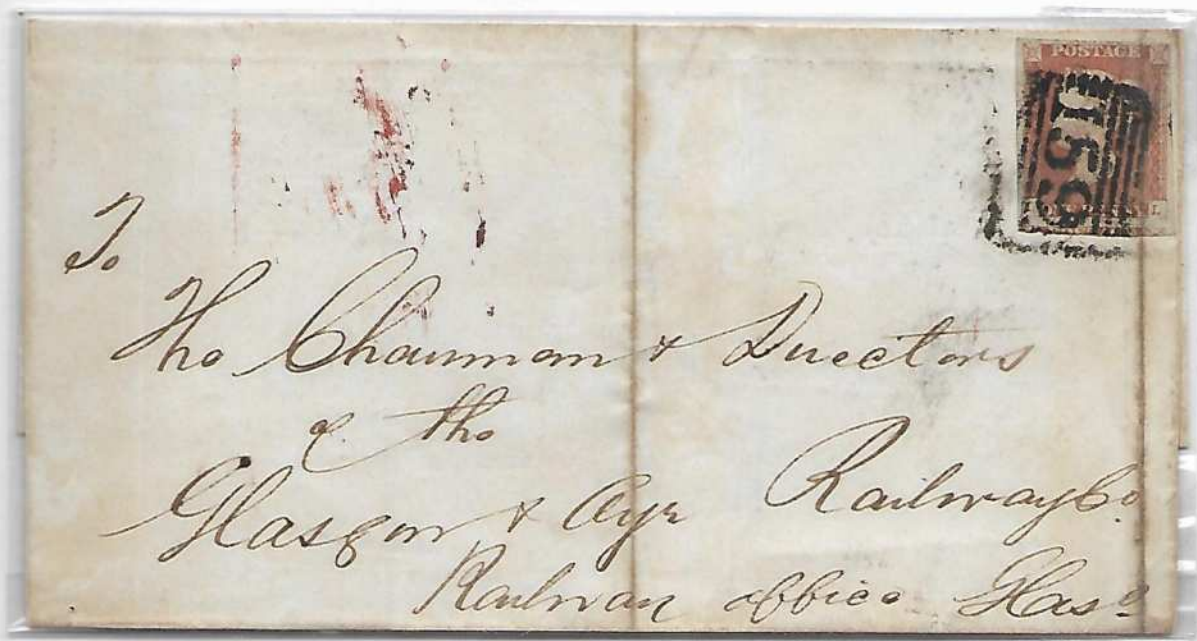
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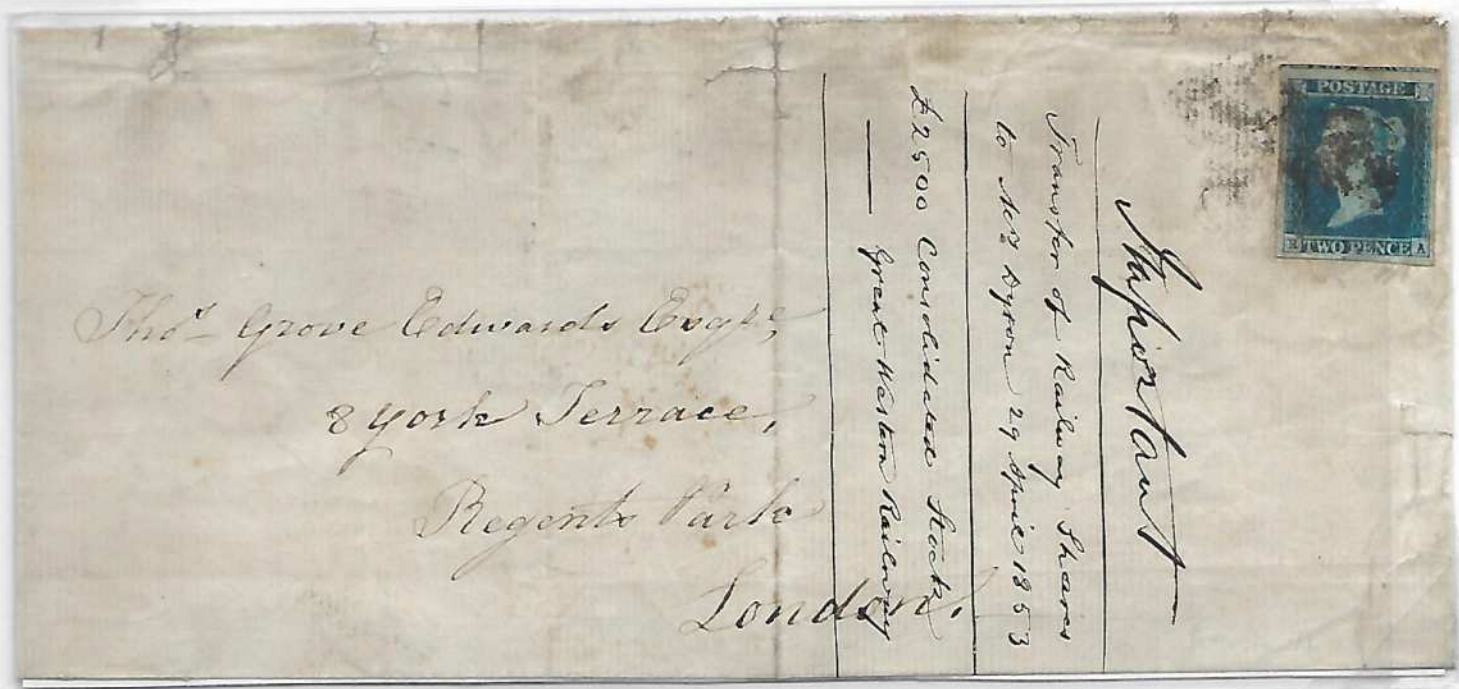
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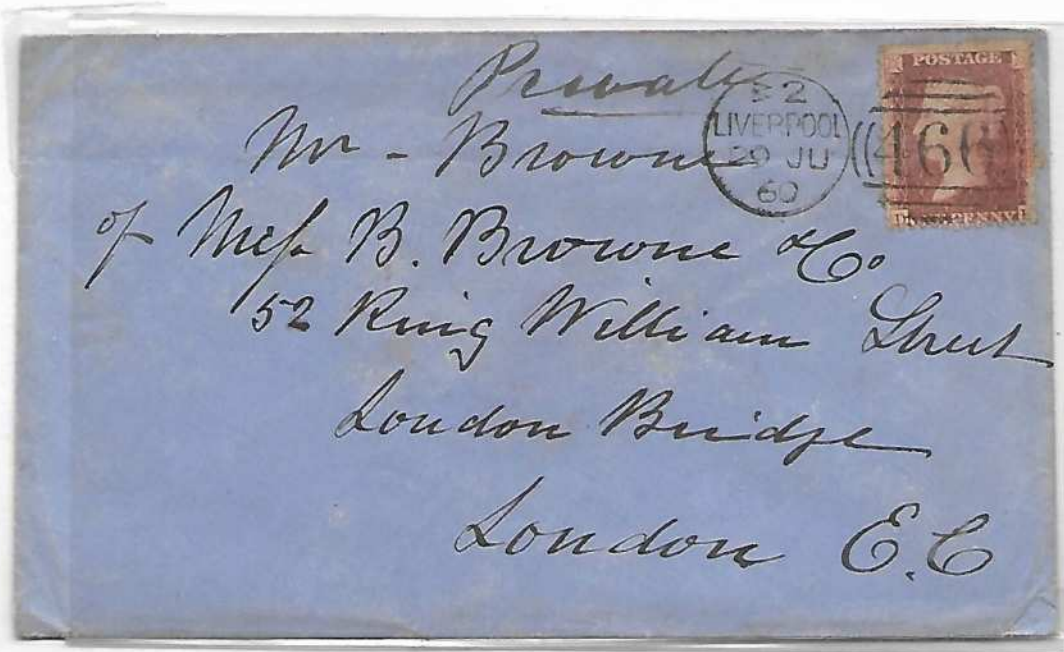


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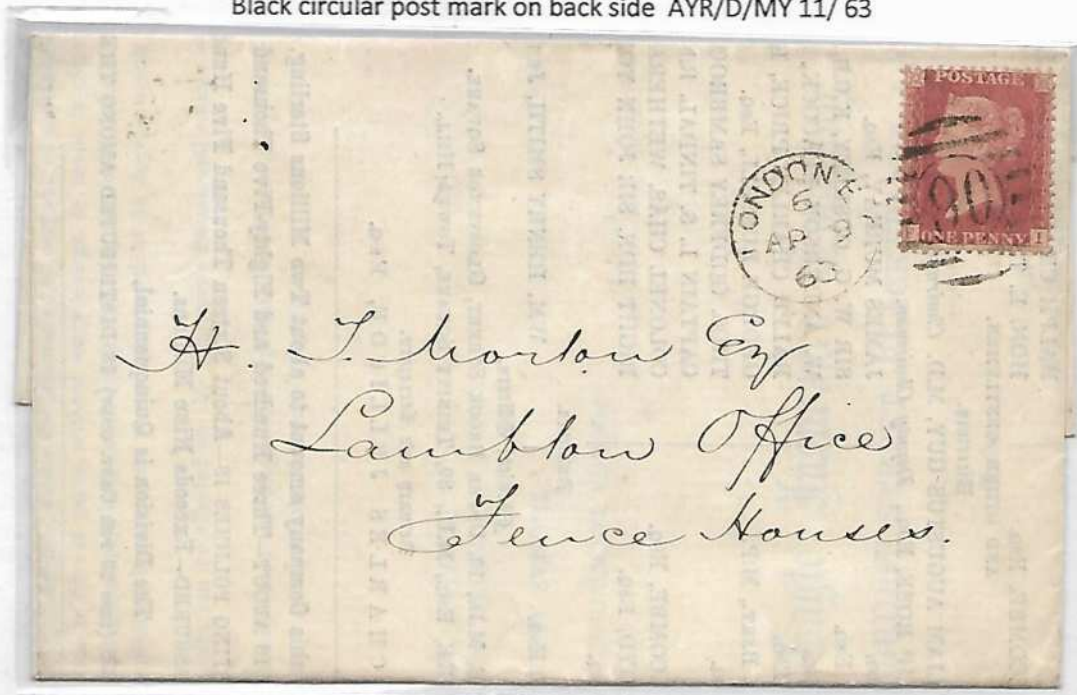
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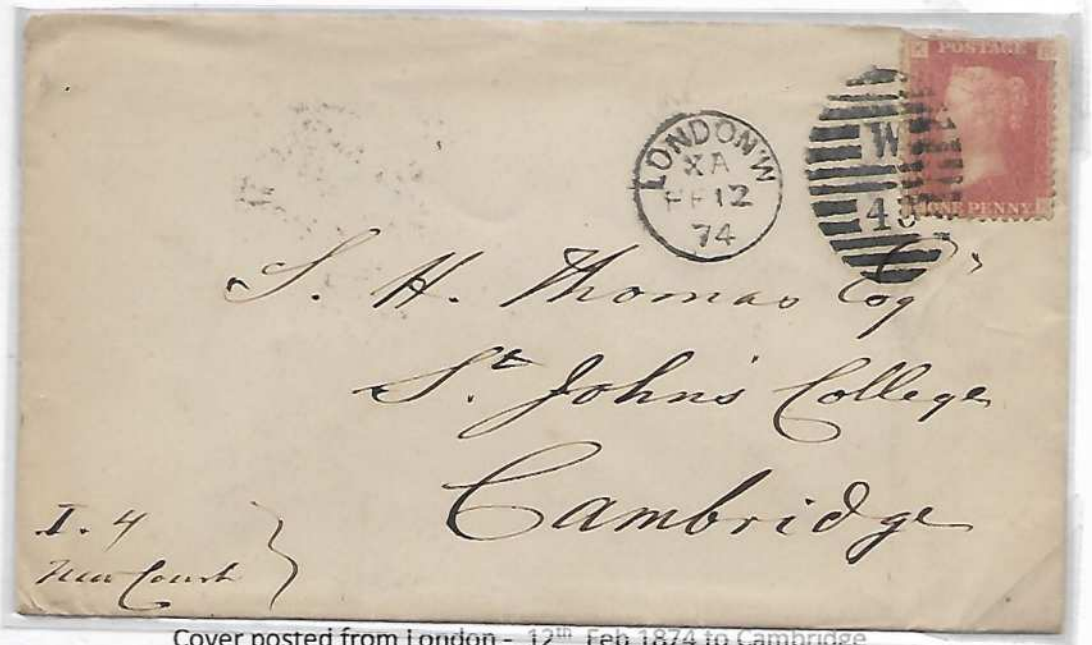
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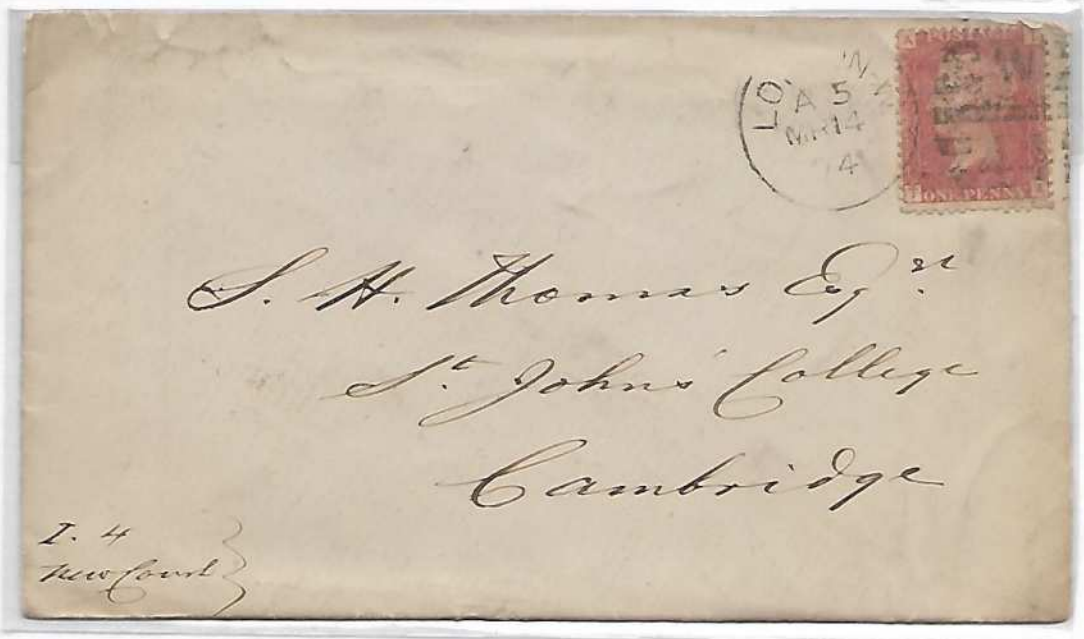
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