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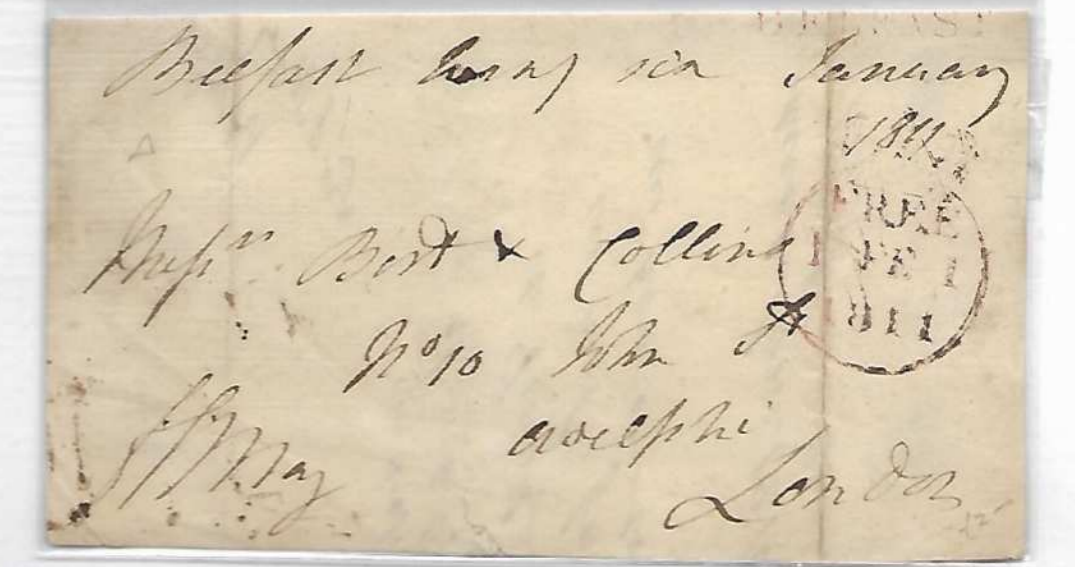


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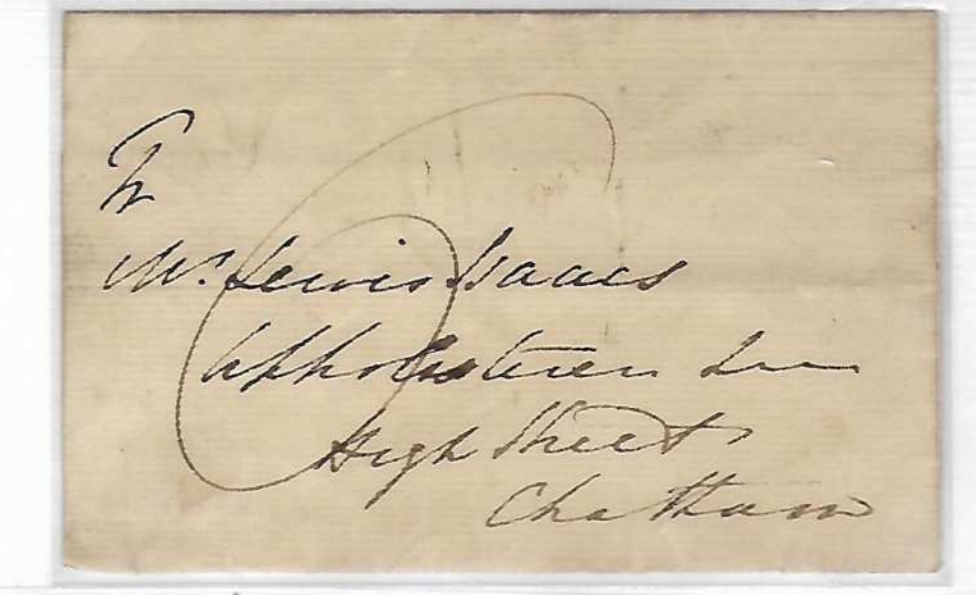
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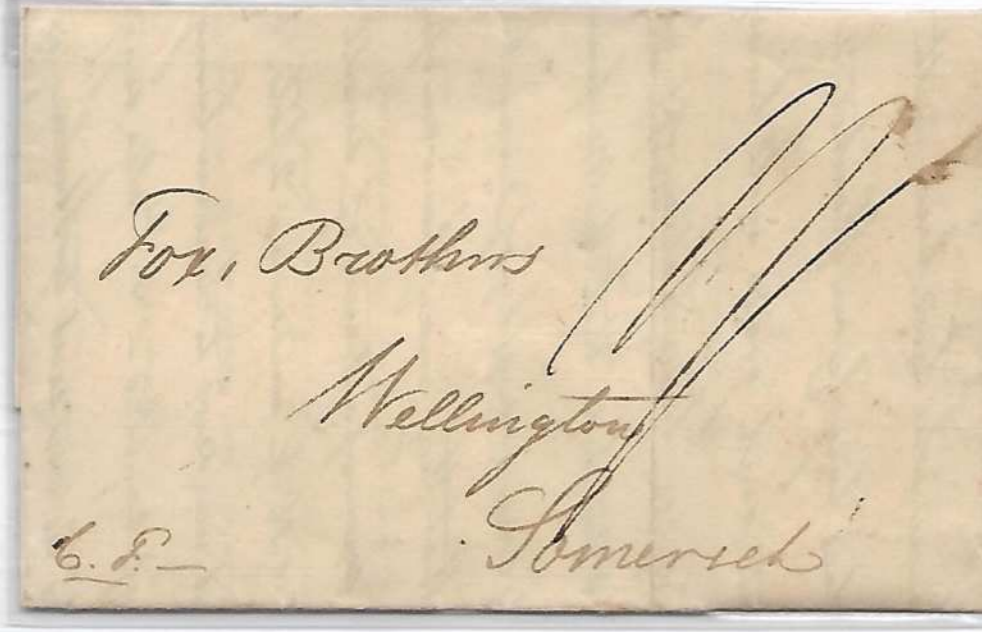
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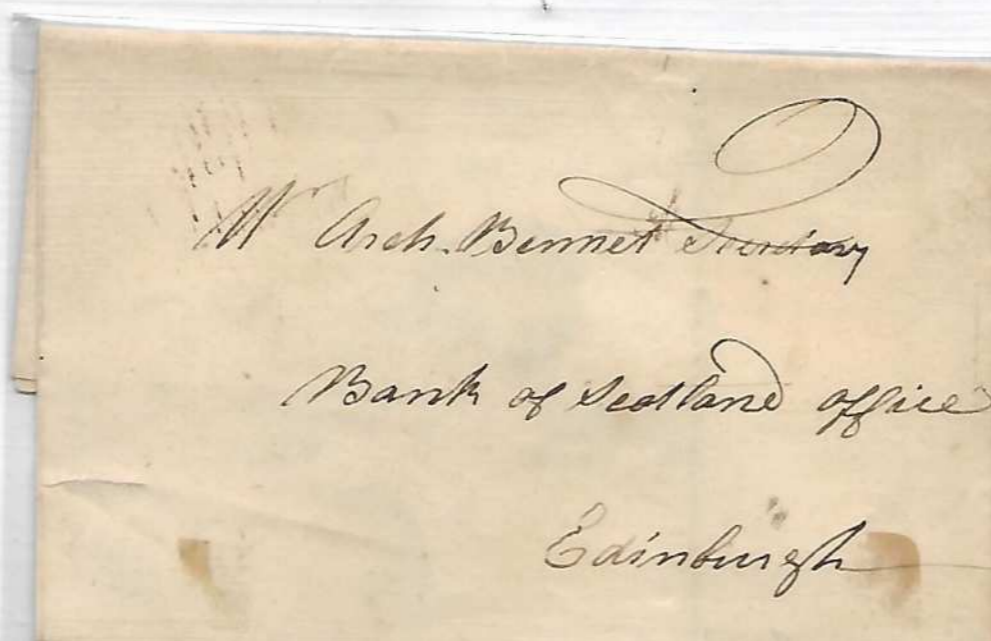
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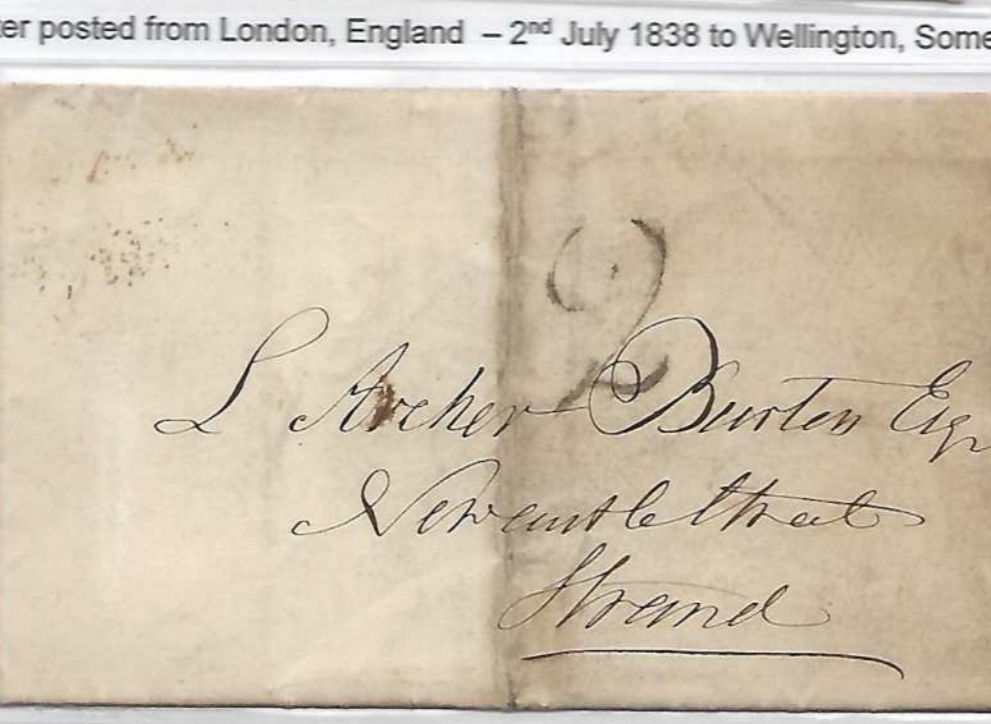
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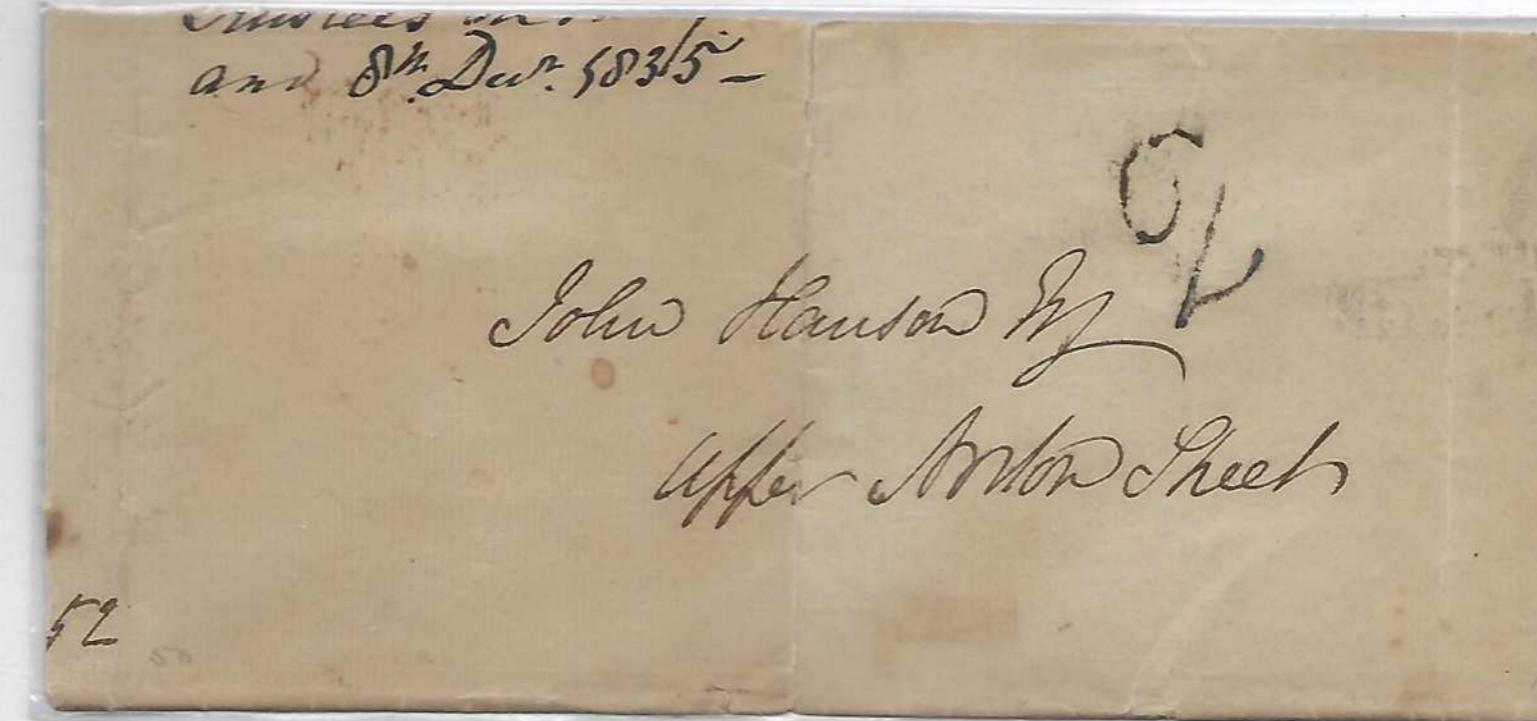
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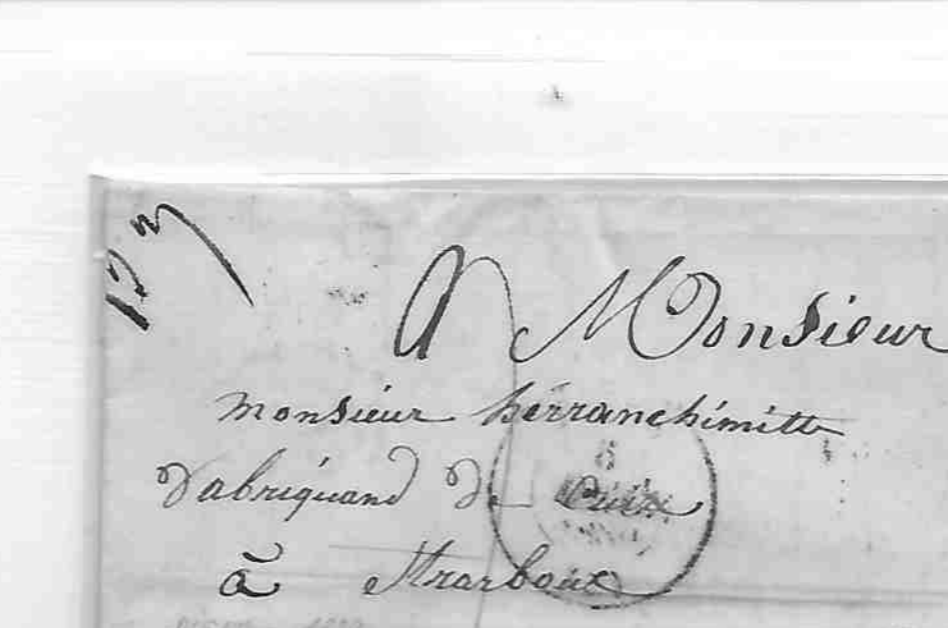
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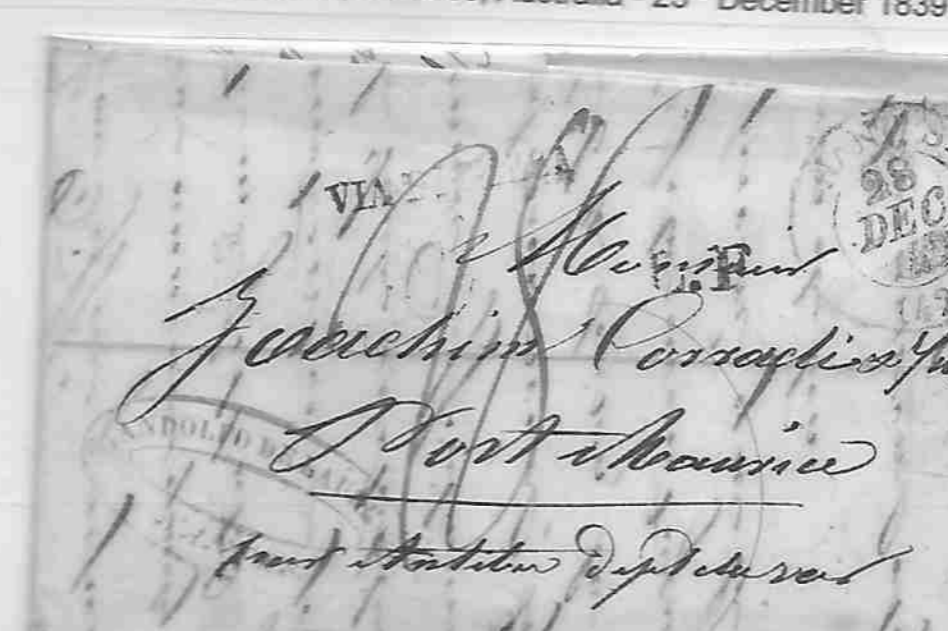
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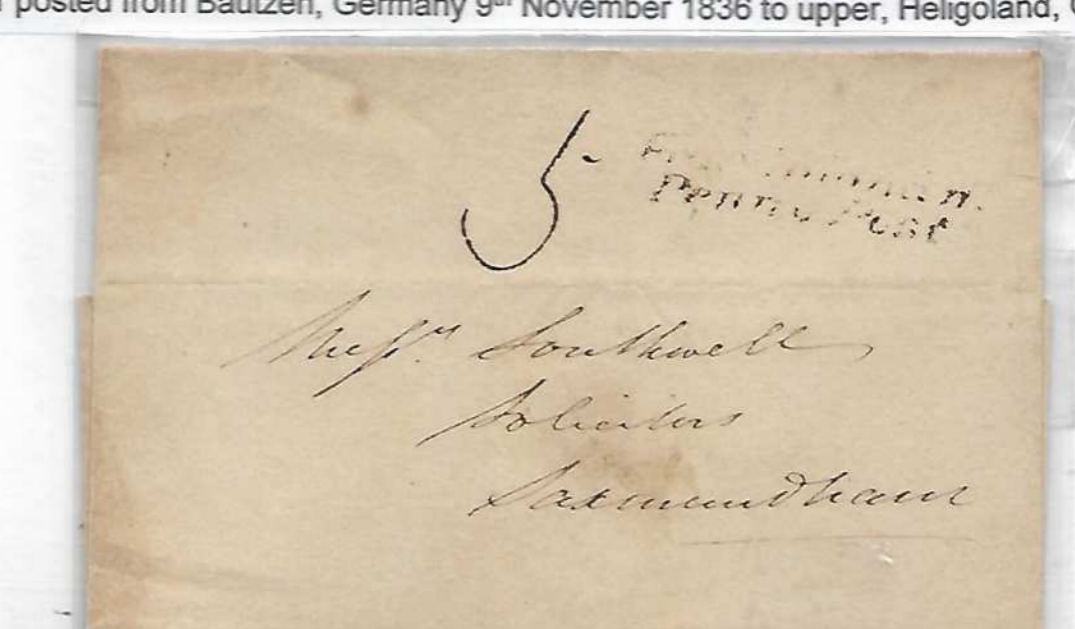
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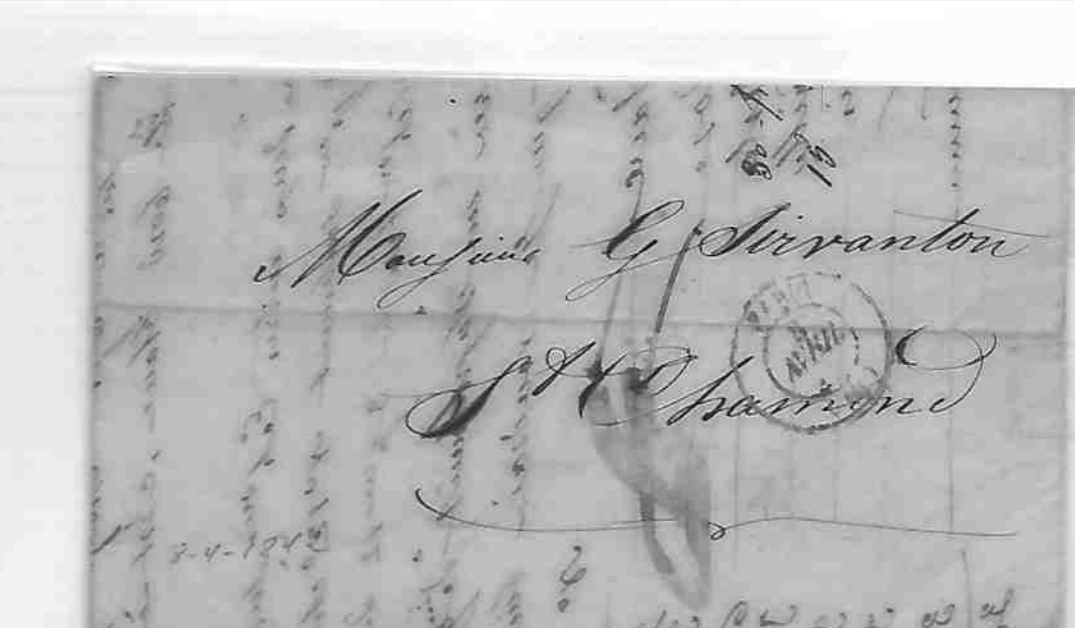
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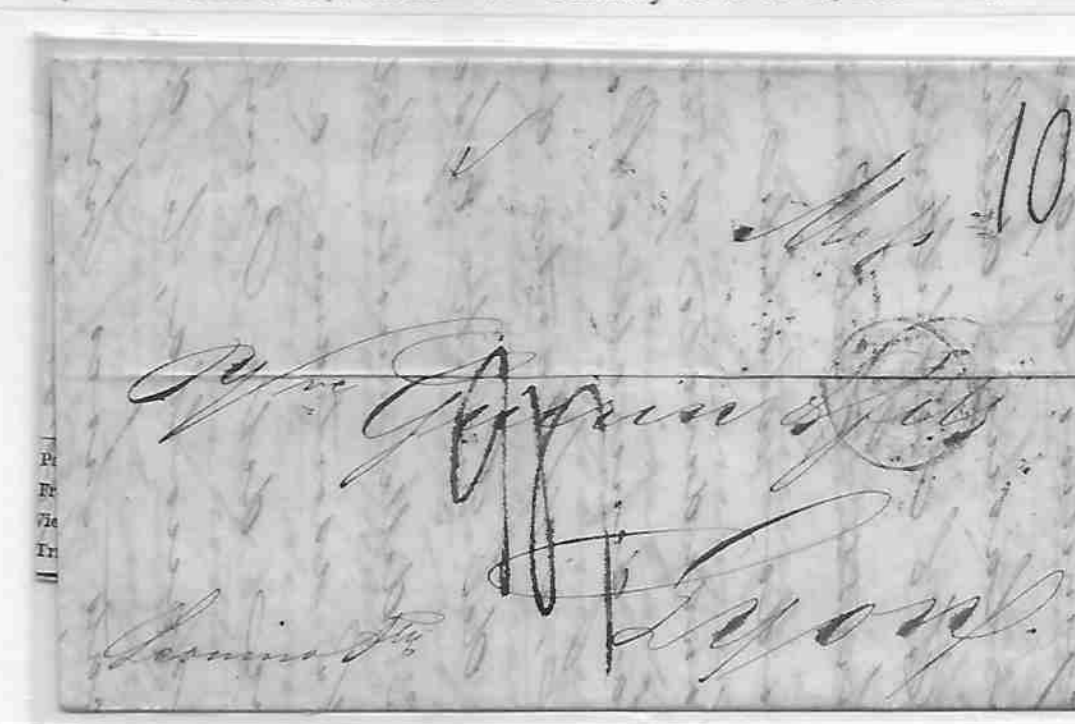
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*Summons to call
 at the instance of
 one of his Maj.*

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<i>Mr Peter Diddup</i>	16.
<i>Writer</i>	13.
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Naddington

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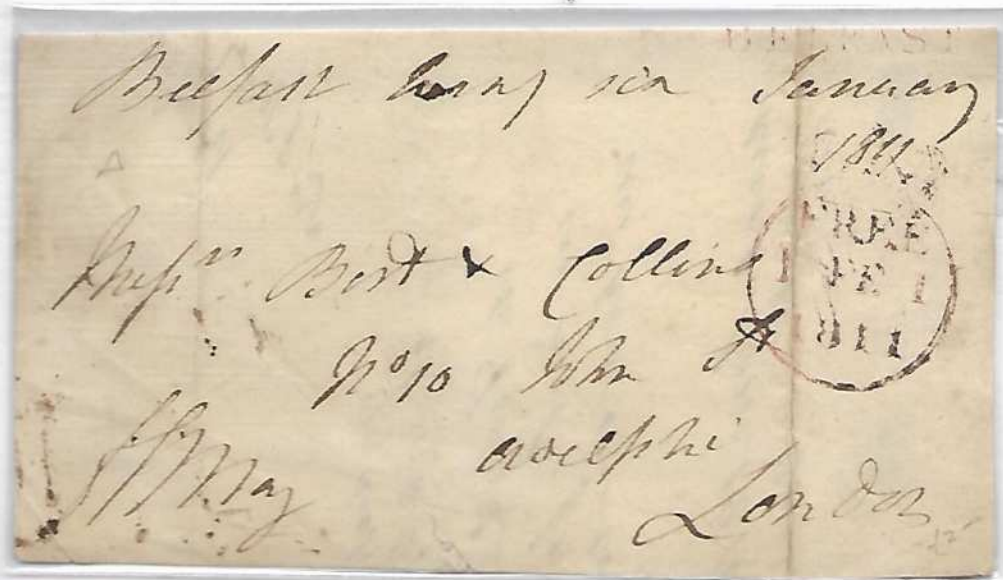
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Mr. Orrock
Coalton of
Wimes

Letter posted from Lèves , Northern France. – 18th Jan 1814 to Wimes, France

Mr. Lloyd
of
Tudlow
Salop

Letter posted from New Inn , Wales - 15th March 1814 to Salop (Shropshire) , England

John Donaldson Esq
Manse
Ballantine

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Letter posted from Helensburgh , Scotland – 2nd August 1814 to Ballantine, Scotland

Edward Farn Lane
14 Gray's Inn Square
London

Letter posted from Somerset, England - 10th March 1816 to London, England

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Mr. Hodage
Solicitor
Northwich

Letter posted from Chester, England - 25th April 1819 to Northwich, England

Mr. Leigh Esq.
Collampton
Devon

Letter posted from Lyme town in New London - 1st October 1819 to Cullompton, Devon, England

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MSO
Rodrick Monison Esq
Wrightfield
Dingwall
To be forwarded
without delay

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Robert Giffen Esq
Bank of Scotland
Glasgow
Paid

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Edw^d Shammell Esq
Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Leicestershire

Letter posted from Sleaford, England – 30th December 1822 to Leicestershire, England

The image shows a folded letter with a handwritten address in cursive. The text is written on the inside of the letter, which is visible through the paper. The address is for W. Lewis Saacs, an apothecary in High Street, Chatham.

Mr
W. Lewis Saacs
Apothecary in
High Street
Chatham

Letter posted from Sheerness, Kent, England -14th January 1825 to Chatham, England

The image shows a letter with a watermark. The watermark is a circular emblem with the text 'PORTO MAURIZIO' and 'GENOVA' around the perimeter. The handwritten address is in cursive and reads: 'Sig. Giacomo Scrodiq. b. 1780' and 'Genova'.

PORTO MAURIZIO
GENOVA
Sig. Giacomo Scrodiq. b. 1780
Genova

Letter posted from porto Mauizio , Italy – 26th January 1826 to Geneva, Switzerland

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Alex Brodie Esq
Bank of Scotland

Letter posted from Street Town, Somerset, England - 5th Apr 1830 to Bank of Siouxlant, USA

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De Heeren Scheurleer W.
Hage

A red circular postmark is visible, partially overlapping the address. The text is written in a cursive hand.

Letter posted from Brandenburg Germany – 5th January 1831 to Hage, Germany



Henry Lloyd
Ludlow
Salop

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Serge Manufacturers
Wellington
Joult

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Misses
and 8th Dec. 1835 -

John Hanson Esq
Upper Wood Street

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John Macfarlane
Edinburgh

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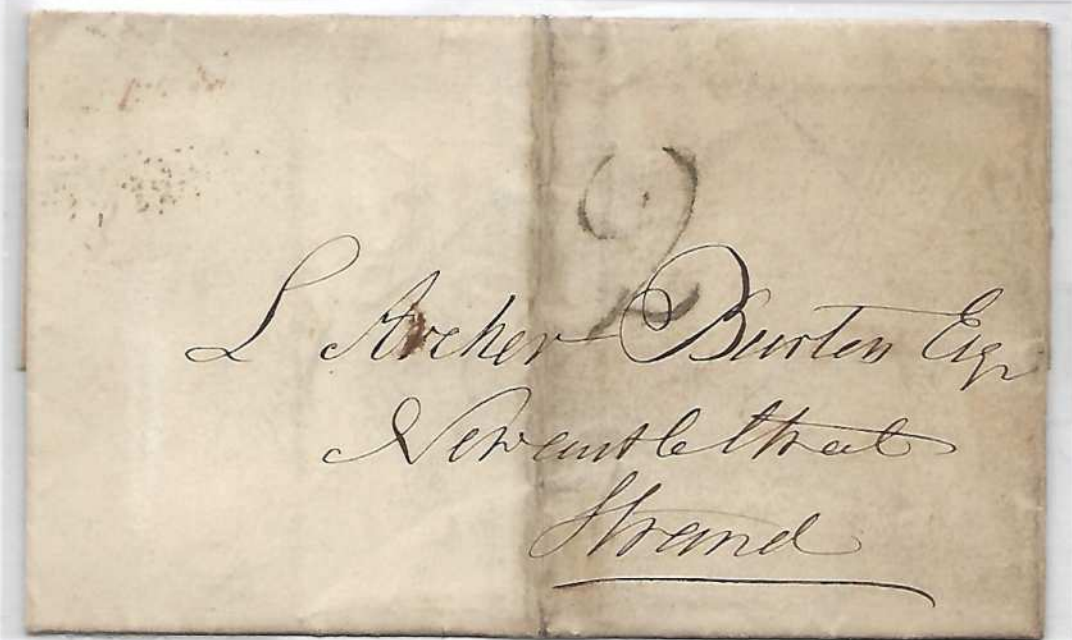
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 Monsieur
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 Rich^d Heathfield Esq
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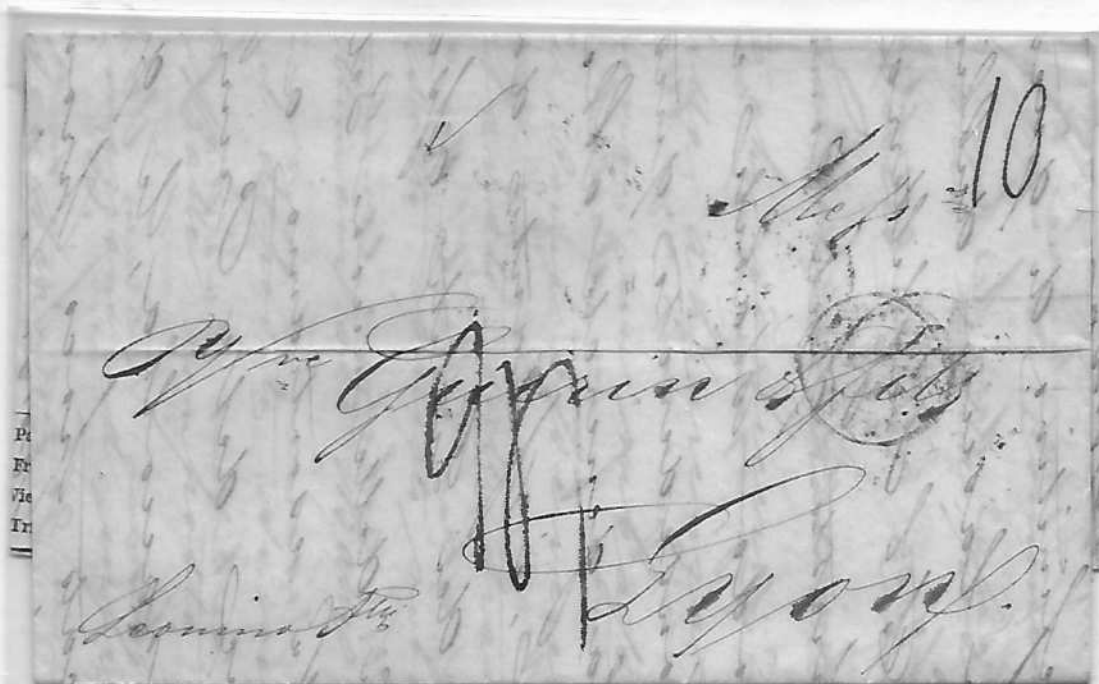
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VIA
 Francesco Casaglia
 Port Maurizio
 28 DEC

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