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Plate II. PETER KEER'S MAP OF SOUT-HAMTONIAE, 1599. [To face page 224
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Dear H.P.H.S Member,

I have nothing much to write about.

Except to thank all Members that renewed their subs for 2023 and to thank Roger Harris for his contribution for this Issue of The Hampshire Post. I wish to apologise for the repetition of Winchester Post Marks, but it is my intention to show every page in my collection until "my number is called".

Malcolm Lacey has not renewed his Membership and I have not received any communication from him for a very long time. If you have any news of him, please inform me.

Please send me your contribution for the June issue of THP during March and April otherwise you will receive much more from my collection, i.e Square Circles and Winchester!

Best regards,

Peter.

Horndean Squared Circles.

P. R. Mills.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Horndean

27th August 1881

H/123. Type 1 SC (Special Code)



4 arcs outside the circle. AU 27 81 code B.

On a penny pink stationery envelope. Redirected with an extra penny lilac franked with a square circle of Winchester AU 28 81 code A.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Horndean

26th April 1882

H/123 I SC (Special Code).



Two Pence Registered Cover with a Penny Lilac franked with a squared circle of HORNDEAN/A/AP26/82 and a red registered oval of LONDON/K/26 AP 82.

Back of cover.



Back stamped with cds's of HAMBLEDON.HANTS/A/AP26/82 and the receiving office NORTHALLERTON/A/AP27/82.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Horndean

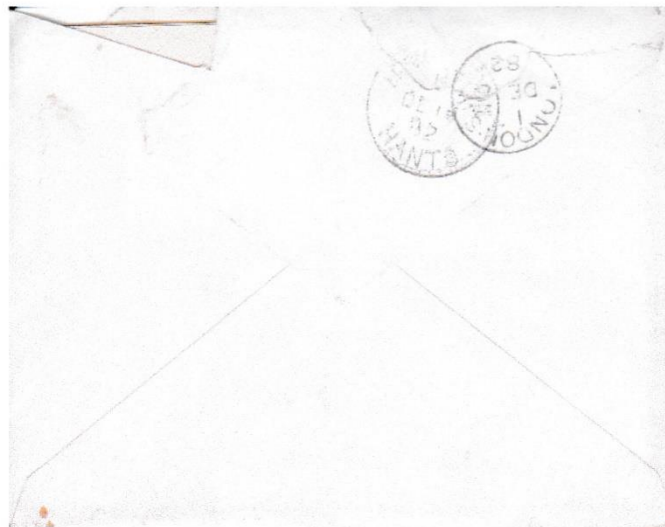
15th December 1882

H/123. Type 1 SC (Special Code)



HORND EAN/B/DE 15/82

Penny Pink stationery envelope to Captain Butler in London from his father at Bury Lodge, Horndean.



Cds's of HAMBLEDON and LONDON

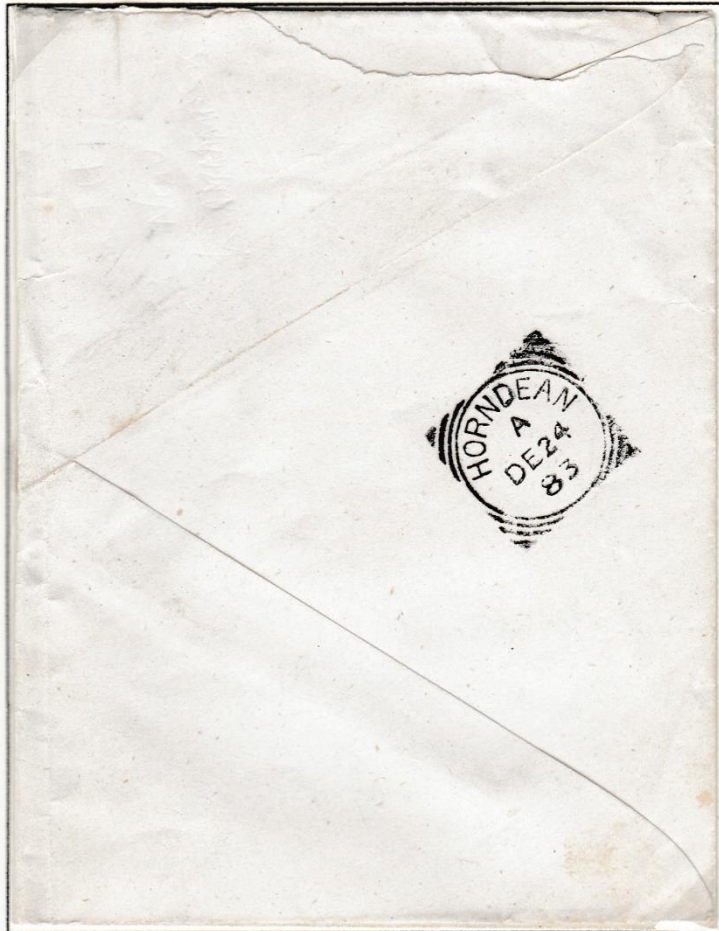
Squared Circles of Hampshire

Horndean

H/124. Type II SC (Special Code)



24th December 1883
 Recorded used from 20th March 1886 to 25th July 1895.



Folded envelope with a receiving date stamp of

HORNDEAN/A/DE24/83.

Date of use is three years earlier than recorded for this recut, having only two arcs and a triangle at each corner.

Envelope sent from CHESTERFEILD/M/DE22/83,

186 vertical oval duplex on a One Penny Lilac.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

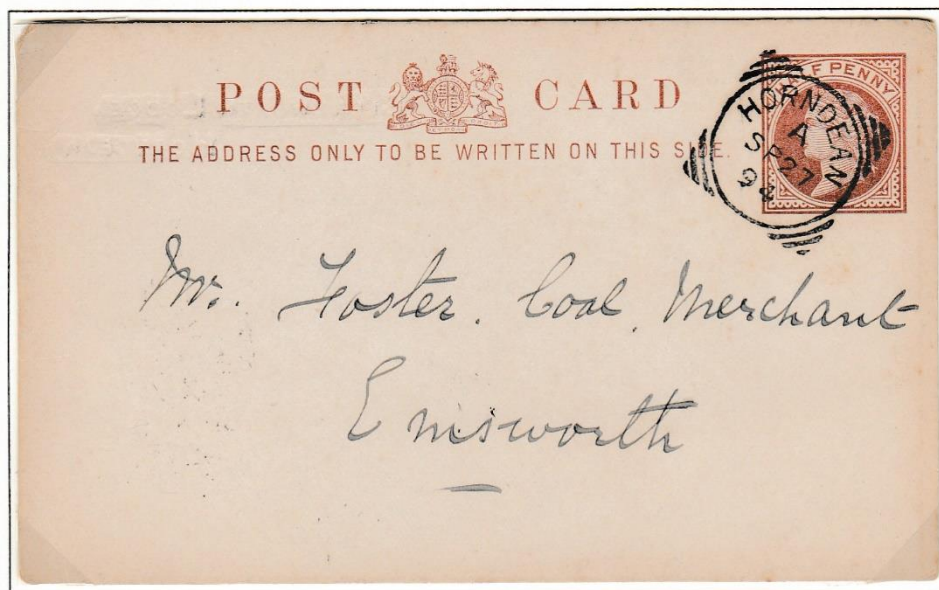
Horndean

21st September 1894

H/124 Type II SC (Special Code)



HORNDEAN/B/SP21/1894.



HORNDEAN/A/SP27/94.

Recorded used from 20th March 1886 to 25th July 1895.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Horndean

15th July 1897

H/125. Type II CT (Clear Time)



Originating from London with a cds of London S.W. JY 14/97 5.15 PM to Horndean JY 15/97 12.45 PM. Two arcs and a triangle outside the circle. Redirected to Buxton.

H/125 used from 31st December 1895 to 8th January 1905.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Horndean

H/125. 2CT (Clock Time).



21st September 1901



HORNDEAN/12.45PM/SP21/01.

In use from 31st December 1895 to 8th January 1905.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Horndean

H/125. II CT (Clock Time)



30th December 1901



HORNDEAN/8PM/DE30/01.

Used from 31st December 1895 to 8th January 1905.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Horndean

13th September 1903

H/125. Type II CT (Clear Time)



One penny red postcard from Horndean dated 13th September 1903 8. PM. Two arcs and a triangle outside the circle.

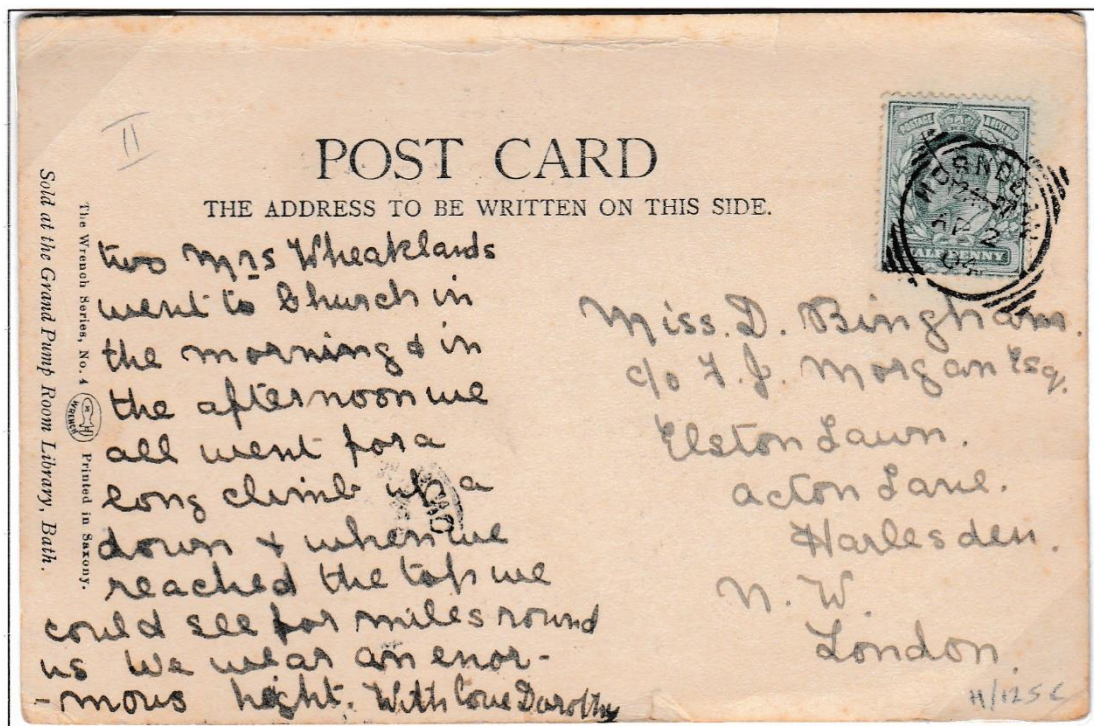
Used from 31st December 1895 to 8th January 1905.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Horndean

2nd April 1904

H125. Type II CT (Clear Time)



Picture postcard of the Roman Baths at Bath.

Edward VII blue/green halfpenny stamp frank with a square circle of Horndean, dated AP 2/04 12.45 PM. Sent to London.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Horndean

21st November 1904

H/125. Type II, CT (Clear Time)



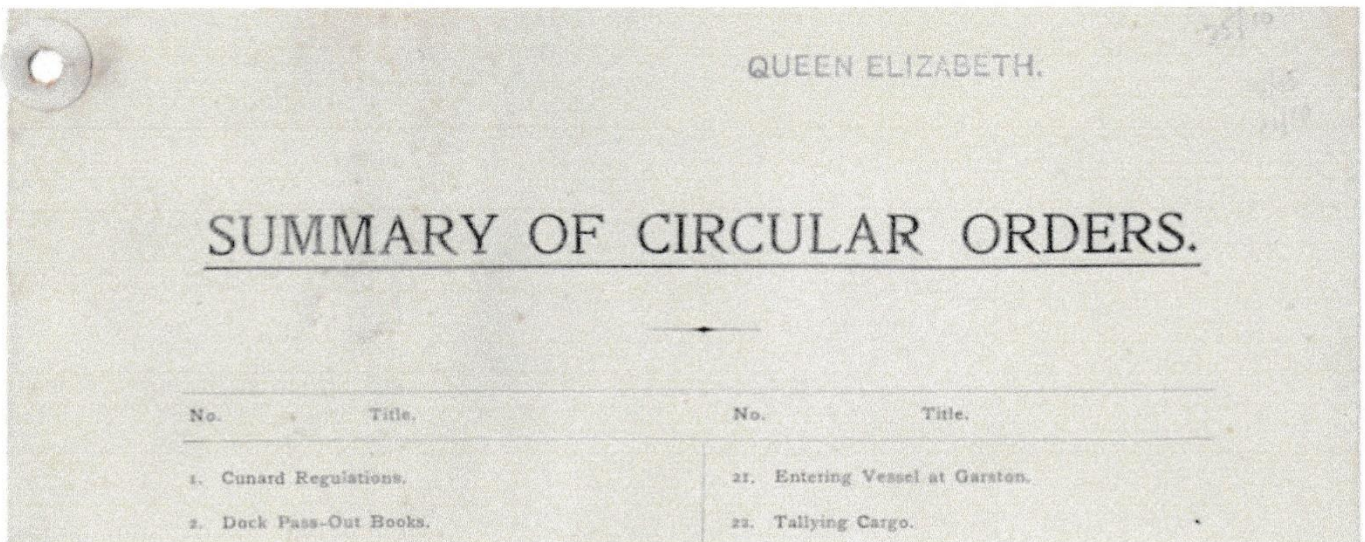
Halfpenny stationery postcard with Horndean NO 21/04 8.PM.

H/125 used from 31st December 1895 to 8th January 1905.

Next will be Lyndhurst.

Cunard White Star Line, Circular Orders.

Circular Orders for RMS Queen Elizabeth,
regarding Postal matters.



QUEEN ELIZABETH.

SUMMARY OF CIRCULAR ORDERS.

No.	Title.	No.	Title.
1.	Cunard Regulations.	21.	Entering Vessel at Garston.
2.	Dock Pass-Out Books.	22.	Tallying Cargo.

[R. Harris collection]

The Queen Elizabeth was launched in September 1938 and her year long fitting out began, however, this was not complete and she had yet to make her maiden voyage when war was declared on 1 September 1939. The civilian fitting out was immediately halted and she was painted in her wartime camouflage colour of grey and underwent a re-fitting to turn her into a troop ship before being smuggled away from England. This maiden voyage took place in the utmost secrecy in 1940. The high speed that the ship could maintain meant that she was able to sail alone through seas patrolled by German U boats and was never part of the convoy system which would have made her more vulnerable to attack. When America entered the war in 1941 she regularly carried some 15,000 American service men and women plus their cargo, on each trip.

A recent chance purchase brought to light a ring binder containing all the Cunard White Star Line Circular Orders issued to the RMS Queen Elizabeth up to 1950. Not all the orders relate to the time from her entering service, in fact some were standing orders from 1914 onwards, with quite a number from the 1920s.

The subjects of the orders are many and various, and include the proper use of the 'Company Branding Iron, 1919', 'The Stowage of Wet Hides, 1921', 'Quebec Railway Bridge, clearance at High and Low water, 1922', 'Choking of Scuppers with Sawdust, 1923', 'The Wearing [by the ship] of Ensigns, International Code Flags etc., 1926', and 'Manhole Door Joints - replacement of', 1930.

The following are those that apply solely to the carriage of mail and the sending of telegrams.

Circular Order No. 1. CUNARD REGULATIONS.

Each Officer in the Company's service must have a thorough working knowledge of the Company's Rules and Regulations, and must maintain same by frequent perusal.

Circular Order No. 73, (28-10-1919) MAILS.

CONDITION, TALLYING, HANDLING AND STOWING - The Post Office, both at home and on the American and Canadian Side are reporting Bags of Mail and Parcel Post Packages being landed in a torn, rat-eaten, pilfered condition. Please note that Officers must watch all arrangements in connection with Mails very carefully, and in cases when the Mail Officer is Tallying the Mails, the condition of the Mail Bags, whether torn, rat-eaten or pilfered must be noted and attention of the Postal Authorities drawn to same, and noted on receipt.

This trouble in connection with Mails is a very serious matter, and up to the present we do not appear to have any reports from any of our vessels that damaged Bags have been received by them, and the responsibility rests on the ship. We want a clean receipt of Mail whilst in our charge, and this can only be obtained by the efficiency exercised by the Ships Officers whilst the mail is in their charge.

At all times when Mails are being landed and discharged, the ships Officers must be in charge of the work, and the Chief Officer will be held responsible for satisfactory arrangements being carried out and the Mail Officers respecting the same. When there are any remarks to be made re the Mail, either as to condition, discrepancies etc., kindly have the said remarks written on the back of the Mail Officers report.

Circular Order No. 74, (15-12-1920) LEAVE OF MAIL OFFICERS.

Please note that under no circumstances is the Mail Officer to be allowed to go on leave before the final discharge of all Mails, and in the case of dispute, until such times as the matter has been satisfactorily settled with the Postal Authorities, and permission obtained from the Marine Superintendent.

Circular Order No. 75, (6-12-1922) REPORT OF MAIL AND PARCEL RECEPTACLES.

Your attention is called to the Report of Mail and Parcel Receptacles carried on the Company's Mediterranean Cargo Vessels. Every care must be used in the filling in of these Reports, also the forwarding of one to this Office at the completion of each voyage.

Circular Order No. 83, (5-2-1921) PARTICULARS REQUIRED FOR INSERTION IN THE LOG BOOKS.

Quantity of Mail, both for the Outward Trip and Homeward Trip.

Circular Order No. 113, (30-5-1923) WIRELESS MESSAGES FOR SHIP'S PERSONNEL.

On and after July 7th 1923, revised charges come into operation in reference to the above, and are based on the following :-

Class 1.	<u>Accepting Station Charge</u> (Cunard Vessels)	Franked [free]
	<u>Receiving Station Charge</u> (Cunard Vessels)	2d. per word
	(Other Vessels)	4d per word

Circular Order No. 114, (20-6-1923) WIRELESS OPERATORS.

Please note that on vessels where this Company control(s) the Wireless Service, the Wireless Operators are members of the Cunard permanent personnel, and as such are allocated to the Marine Department for all purposes of routine and discipline whilst attached to the vessels in our service.

In the case of Passenger Vessels the Senior Operator is responsible to the Purser for monies in respect of Telegraphic traffic.

HOME PORTS.

The leave for Operators is now under the control of the Wireless Superintendent, and the Senior Operator will hand to the Chief Officer a list giving the name of the Operator who will be on duty during ordinary working days for the period in home ports (one Operator only being required on duty).

When in home ports, off article, the Chief Officer will arrange for the Wireless Operator to be shown on Vessel's Pay Sheets, subsistence only being granted for the Operator who is on duty.

The Captain will report periodically to the Marine Superintendent, Cunard Building, on the behaviour and efficiency of the Wireless Telegraph Operators under his command.

Circular Order No. 126, (1-11-1923) RECORDS TO BE RETAINED ON BOARD**MAIL OFFICER'S LOG :-**

To be held by the Senior 2nd Officer.

All Books and Records retained on board are to be signed by the responsible Officers and countersigned by the Chief Officer at the completion of each voyage.

WATCH IN PORT :-

Senior 2nd Officer to be Mail Officer and Officer On Watch.

Circular Order No. 148, (28-5-1926) INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE WEARING OF ENSIGNS, INTERNATIONAL CODE FLAGS, ETC.

- (5) ROYAL MAIL FLAG, U.S.MAIL FLAG, etc.
To be displayed at the Starboard yard-arm of the Signal yard.
- (10) Mail Flag to be displayed on departure.
- (11) Mail Flag to be displayed on arrival at Home Port.
- (12) Mail Flag to be displayed on arrival at Foreign Ports.
- (13c) Flags should always be broken after hoisting - the Ensign, however, is never sent aloft to be broken.

Circular Order No. 167, (7-9-1929) RE-ORGANISATION OF OFFICERS DUTIES, ETC.

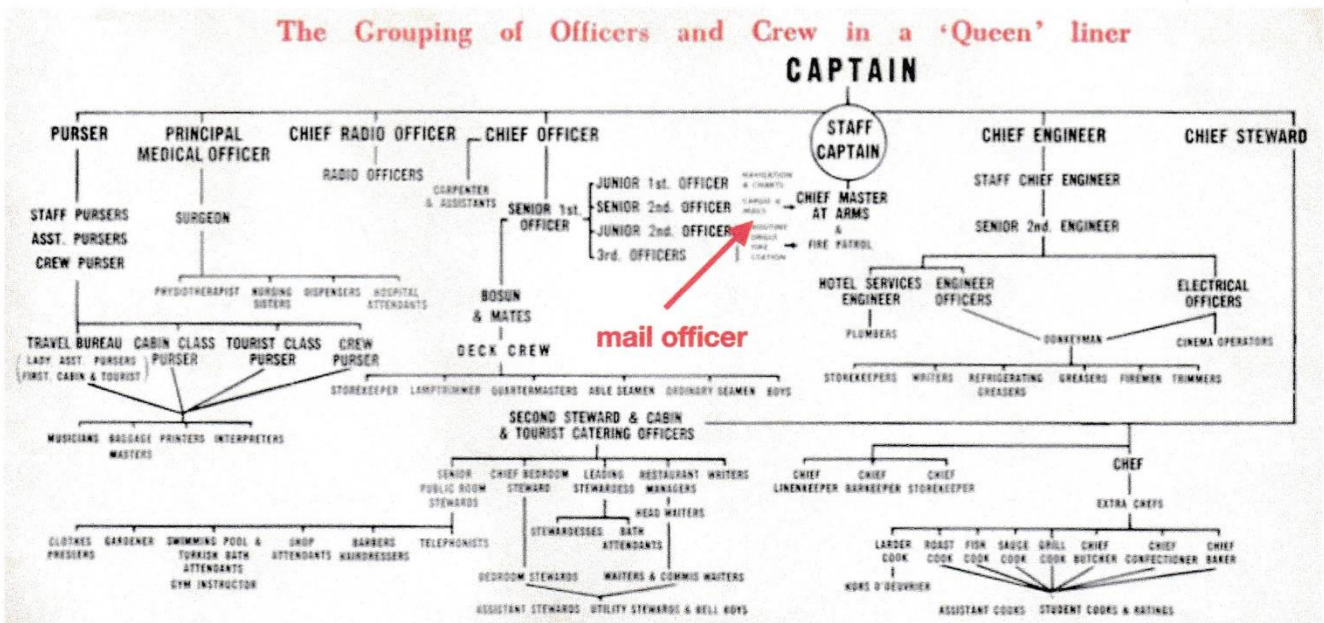
Apart from the elimination of watch keeping and the alteration of Station aforementioned, the Chief Officer will strictly retain his navigation and general duties as at present laid down. He will also supervise the stowage, getting up on deck, etc. of Mail and Baggage whilst at sea.

The Junior Second Officer will carry out the duties of tallying Mail in and out of the vessel.

MEMORANDUM (7-9-1934) MAIL REPORT

To be carefully made out in the prescribed manner, and any notations regarding discrepancies, torn and / or damaged bags to be entered on the back thereof. Any special reports of pilferages etc. to be made out separately.

To be rendered to the Marine Superintendent in trip



[R.Harris collection]

from 'Conquest of the North Atlantic' a Cunard Line booklet c1960



[R. Harris collection]

An unusual cover, dated June 30th 1939

The illustrated cover above, dated June 30th 1939, poses something of a problem. The image is certainly that of RMS Queen Elizabeth, but the postmark date does not tie up with the ship's actual whereabouts on that day.

The ship was launched at Clydebank on September 27 1938 and remained in the yard for fitting out until February 1940 when the Admiralty demanded that she be moved to New York due to the risk of the ship and/or the yard being bombed. On February 26th the barely completed Queen Elizabeth was towed down the Clyde for three days of sea trials before setting sail for America, and arriving safely on March 7th 1940. The ship was then fitted out as a troop transport vessel, and remained in service as such throughout the war.

The cover may have been produced in New York ready for the return trip of the civilian maiden voyage, which was scheduled to leave New York in July 1940, but because of her war service didn't take place until October 1946. The address on the cover is 135 N 42nd St. New York, close to the 'Daily News' newspaper building, but on the reverse is a boxed receiving cachet which reads 'The American Express Co. Inc., 6 Haymarket, London', and the date 'July 7 1939', which is something of a puzzle.

It may be that these covers were printed in advance in the USA for use on board from July 1940 onwards, but with her war service intervening they were redundant and so were simply sold off as stock envelopes. The author would be grateful for any further information regarding details of their printing, issue and use.

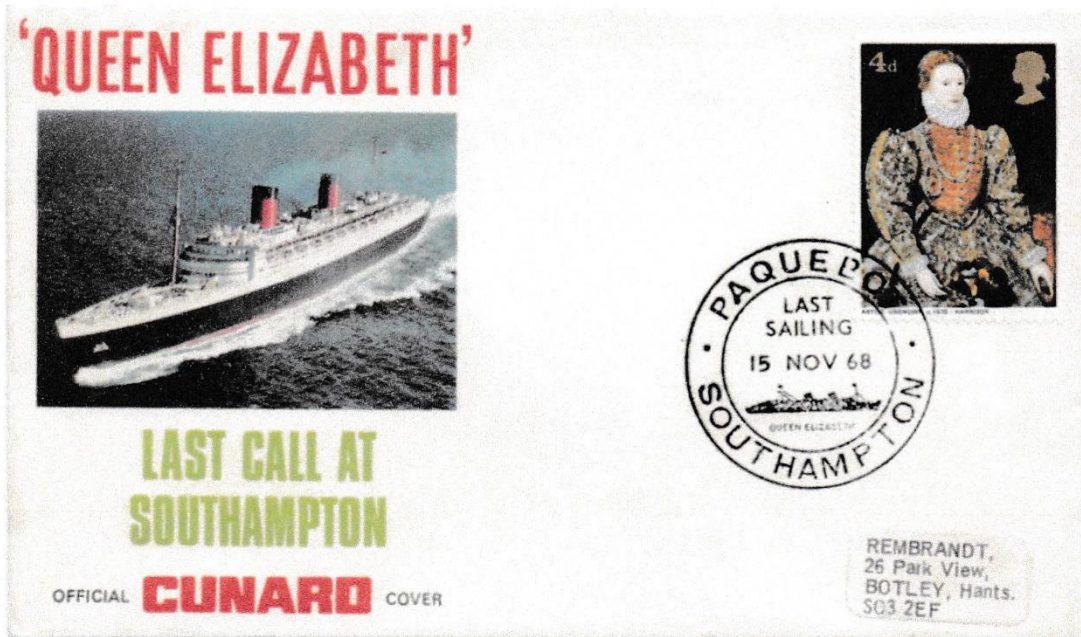


[R. Harris collection]

Civilian Maiden Voyage cover, posted on the day of sailing and issued by the New York City Church Institute.

[R. Harris collection]

Final Voyage cover, posted on the day of sailing.



22nd May 1805

Cover only from Winchester stamped with a WINCHESTER boxed 68 mileage mark

WINCHESTER

68

And sent to Highworth. Postage rated at 7d to London deleted and re-rated at 9d to Berkshire. London receiving backstamp in red.

Reference only: 22nd May 1805 – Messrs Woolls as to payment of Hewitts Bill them.



due to

27th April 1805

WINCHESTER 68 boxed mileage and an m/s charge for unpaid postage to Wilton house in Wiltshire.

WINCHESTER

68

This is a very long letter to Henry Ford telling him of the outcome when soldiers at the Garrison are paid 10 Guineas. It seems they all went out pubbing and got extremely drunk and made havoc everywhere in Winchester. The Guard had to be called out to bring Law and Order back to City. The writer compared these goings-on to Oliver Cromwell's army when raiding Winchester!

16th June 1805

WINCHESTER

68

Winchester 68 boxed mileage to Js. Crowdy Esq. from Mr. Whitlock in Winchester. Postage of 7d deleted and adjusted to 9d. London transit cds in red.



16th October 1805

WINCHESTER

68

Winchester 68 boxed mileage 45mm x 11mm. Introduced 1801 and used until 1808. Postage 7d to London deleted and re-rated at 9d. Transit cds of London in red.



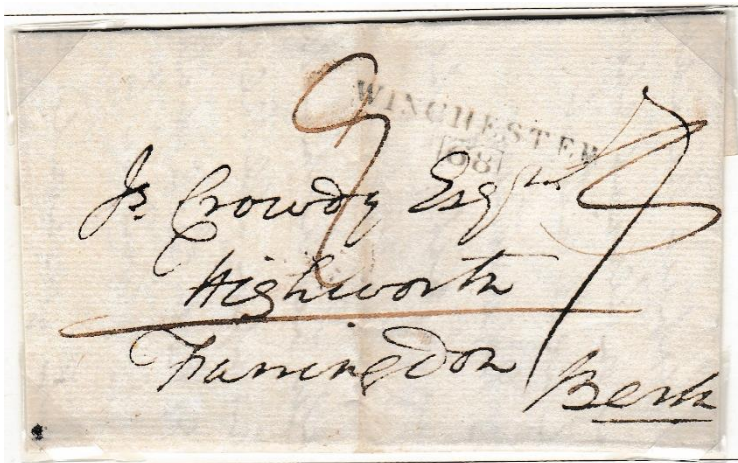
Ref. "Jas Whitelock – as to Bodwins – farm + letter from Haynes + another person – respecting planting wheat + payment for seed wheat".

17th November 1805

WINCHESTER

68

Postage rated at 7d deleted and 9d raised to Farrington, Berks. Red transit cds of London is on the back.



Part letter from W. Whitelock, refers to, - as proceeding – agst Baker for owing of Rent.

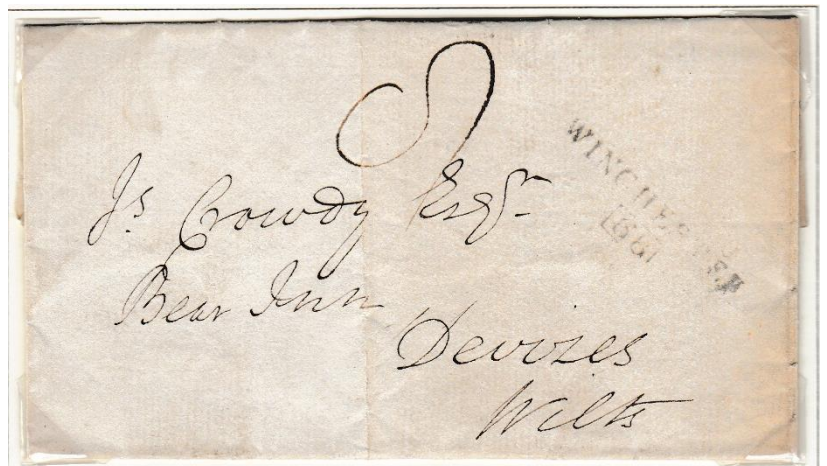
5th December 1805

WINCHESTER

68

Cover only. Rated at 8d to Devizes, Wilts. No other marks.

Reference only: "... as to Bakers charge for ploughing being exorbitant..."

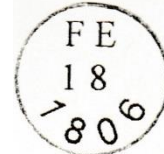
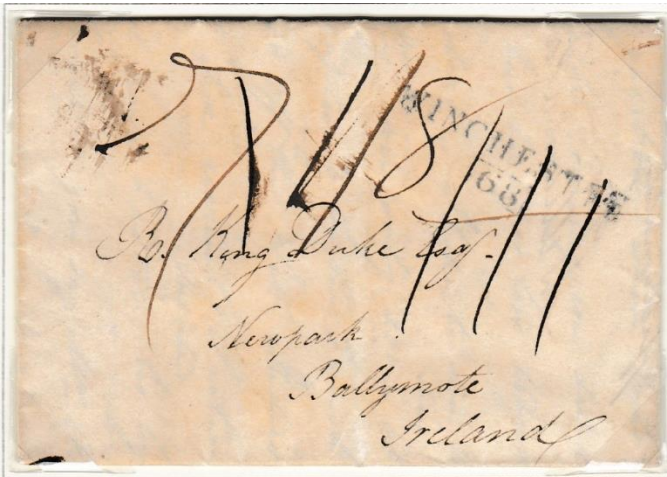


13th February 1806

WINCHESTER

68

Winchester over 68 boxed mileage. Introduced in 1801 and used until 1808. 7d raised for postage to London, deleted and raised to 1/1d, Deleted and finally set at 1/8d to Ireland, where an Irish receiving cds was applied. Letter from William Parker probably at Winchester Garrison.

Winchester 13th February 1806

My Dear Bob_

I had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 4th of this month. I informed Col. Ramsey our present Commanding - Officer, that Mr. Wm. Irwin wishes to purchase an Ensigncy in our Reg. as he is so strongly recommended, Col. R. forwarded the Matter for the approval of Lord Dalhousie, our senior Lt. Col. I have some reason to hope to procure the Ensigncy for about £350- at all events I would recommend Mr. Irwin to lodge the regulation £400, you may depend I will act towards him in the most friendly manner I can. I have wrote this day to the Broker, about Eight Days we shall have My Lord Dalhousies' answer, when I will write to you again directing you what steps are necessary to be taken with respect to Mr. Irwins' lodging his money fitting himself out etc - etc - etc.

It gave me great pleasure to hear that Robt. Hamilton is appointed to a Ship, as he was with Lord Collingwood in the Battle of Trafalgar, it will give him a claim to his Lordships protection and interest. I am glad to find that Charles is at length gazetted - when I was in London I applied to have his Commission dated in 1805 as his Money has been so long lodged, they replied it could not be done - I hope to see him this Spring here. Our Ply. are only 200 strong, about 110 men 26 Officers were captured by the French Squadron and carried off to West Indies. We have sent out about six recruit Parties one of them to Cork. I could have had it, but declined, tis by no means a desirable Service. You say Mrs Parker had a letter from Roger from the East Indies. I did not know that he went there, I thought the Cape was his Destination. I hope the poor fellow will do well in that Country. Willy & the Bishop, have they settled their dispute? Remember me to Anne & the Children - my Father & Mother etc - etc - and believe me

My Dear Bob ever yours

Most Affectionly

William Parker

24th February 1806

WINCHESTER

68

Under inked WINCHESTER 68 mileage marked 7d to Mrs. Carter at the Bolt in Ton, Fleet Street, London. Part Letter from Whitelock – refers to – “Mrs. Carter as to payment of a draft at her House”.

29th March 1806

WINCHESTER

68

7d for postage, deleted and raised to 8d also deleted and raised again to 1/penny. Sent to Reading via London. London transit cds in red on the back:



Letter removed but noted “Mr. Wools rect. For £275”.

14th November 1806

WINCHESTER

68

Postage at 7d deleted and increased to 8d from London to Aylesbury. Backstamped of London cds in red:



Letter completely removed and no annotations.

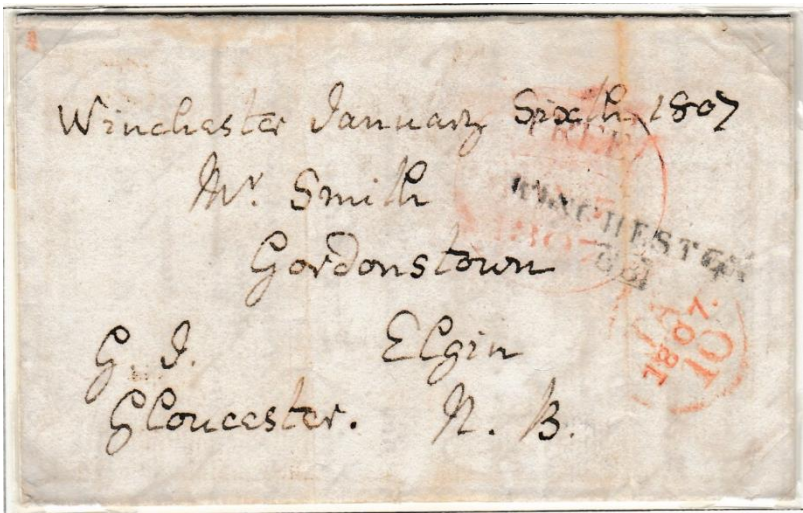


6th January 1807

WINCHESTER

68

Letter from Bishop G. I. Gloucester and Warden of Winchester College. Dated and signed by the Bishop and posted FREE to Gordonstown, Elgin, N. B. (Scotland).



Stamped



Letter refers to

with a circular 37mm FREE in red and a receiving cds in red.
Money matters £410.

28th October 1805 – 1822

ALRESFORD

60

Letter from Ovington, Near Alresford. 4d raised for postage and sent to Mr. Wooldridge, Upper Brook Street, Winchester. Posted direct, hence no other marks.

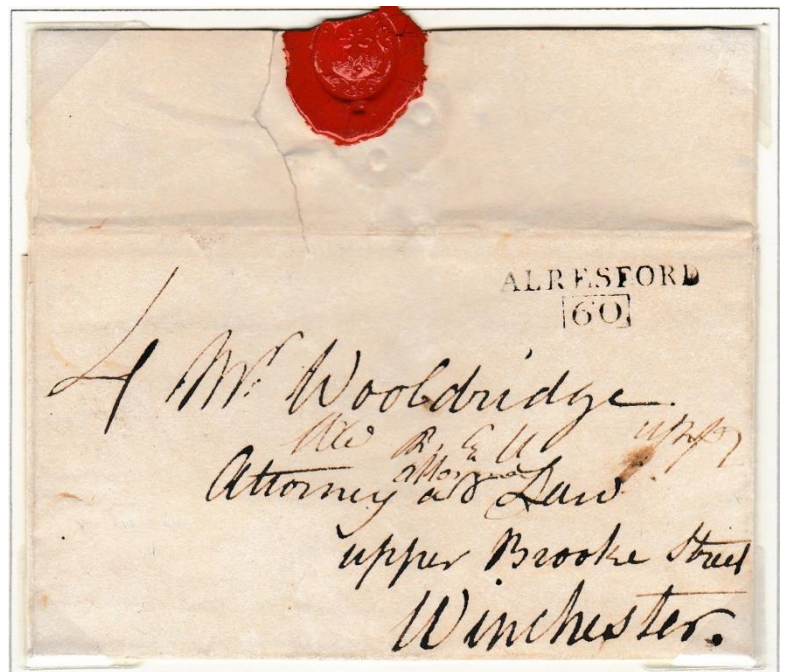
"Ovington Oct. 28th.

Sir,

I have inclosed the remaining halves of the five and one Notes. I shall be in Winchester the end of the week, will pay the balance and take your receipts for the whole.

Yr. h'ble Ser't

T B Phyllins"



16th March 1807

WINCHESTER

68

Postage 7d to London from Winchester. Also, a red receiving cds:



Letter refers to: "... bail bond being refused ..." from Geo Hollis.

24th August 1807

WINCHESTER

68

A very apologetic letter from Geo Hanington of Twyford explaining why he is so late settling his payment to his Banker in Andover.

P7 in red for postage paid in manuscript and date Aug 24th and Post paid.

No other post marks on this entire.

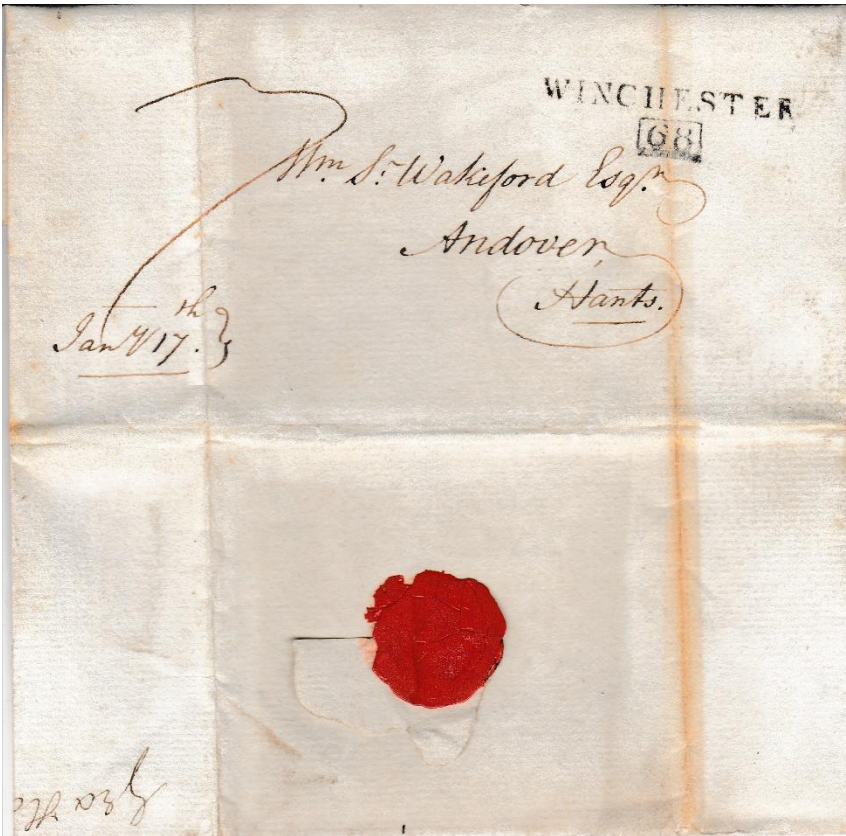


17th January 1808

WINCHESTER

68

7d for postage and dated Jan'y 17th in m/s. A lengthy letter from Mr. Hanington of Twyford, near Winchester. He is bemoaning his state of health again as the reason for not paying his debt to the Bank and will now have to sell 27 acres of land to be able to settle his account

20th 1808

WINCHESTER

68

Cover only, content totally removed addressed to Messrs Hoare, London. Part of the red receiving cds is on the back:



7d postage deleted and charged double 1/2d because of an added page. An inspector's crown applied and initialed in black.



Mr. Morrell was Post-master from 1800 until 1809.