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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 moved so please take note of my new address on page 2.

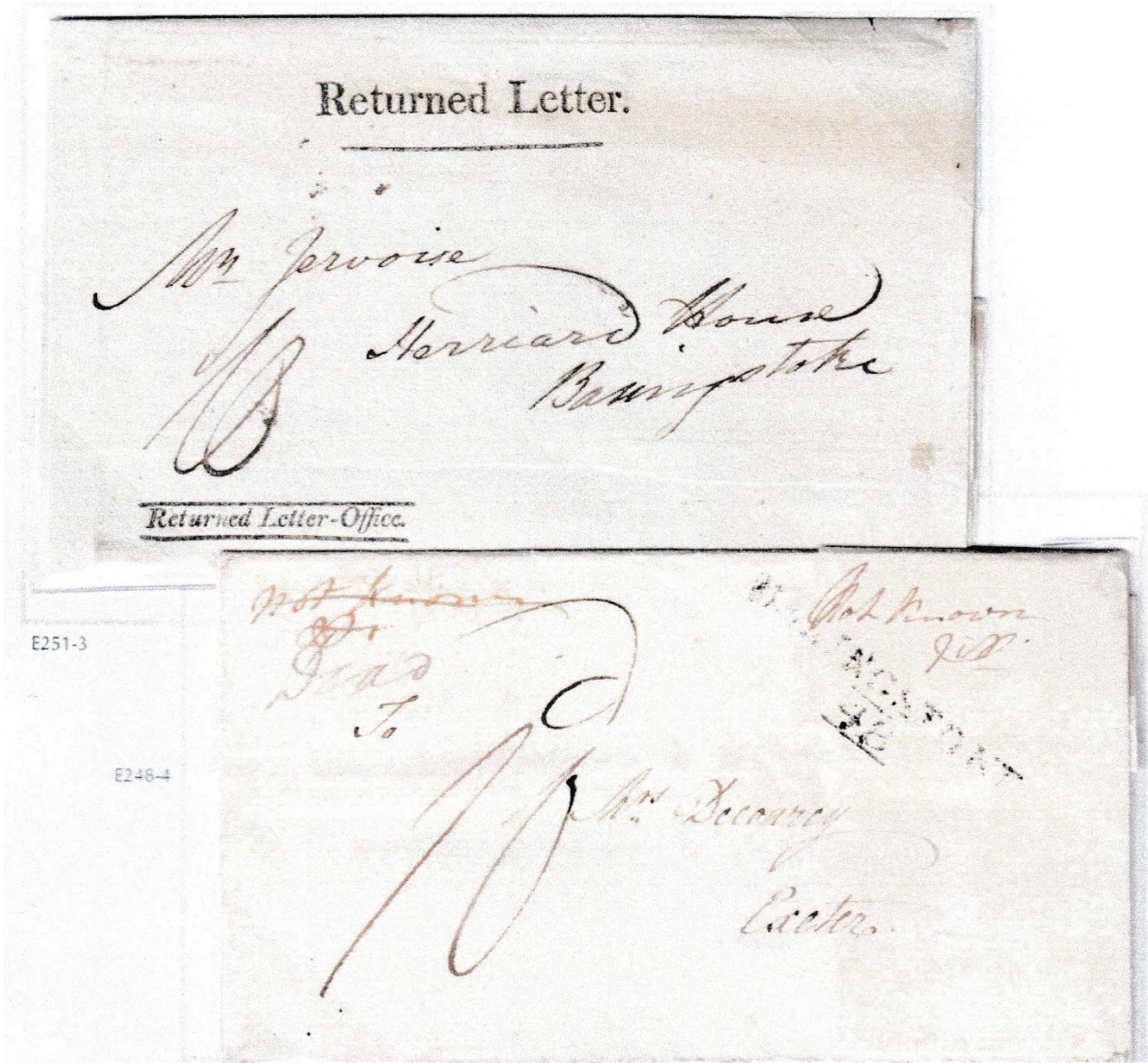
12th September 2023.

First of all, I must apologise for being so late in producing the September issue of The Hampshire Post. The main problem was that the moving experts were very at their job and packed everything they laid their hands on at the end of June. I have now settled into my bungalow, and this is quite a daunting process because I can't find what I need. I have finally set up my laptop and my printer today and now much happier and feel more at home.

Peter.

READING OTHER PEOPLE'S MAIL, SOME OLD HAMPSHIRE LETTERS

RETURNED LETTER



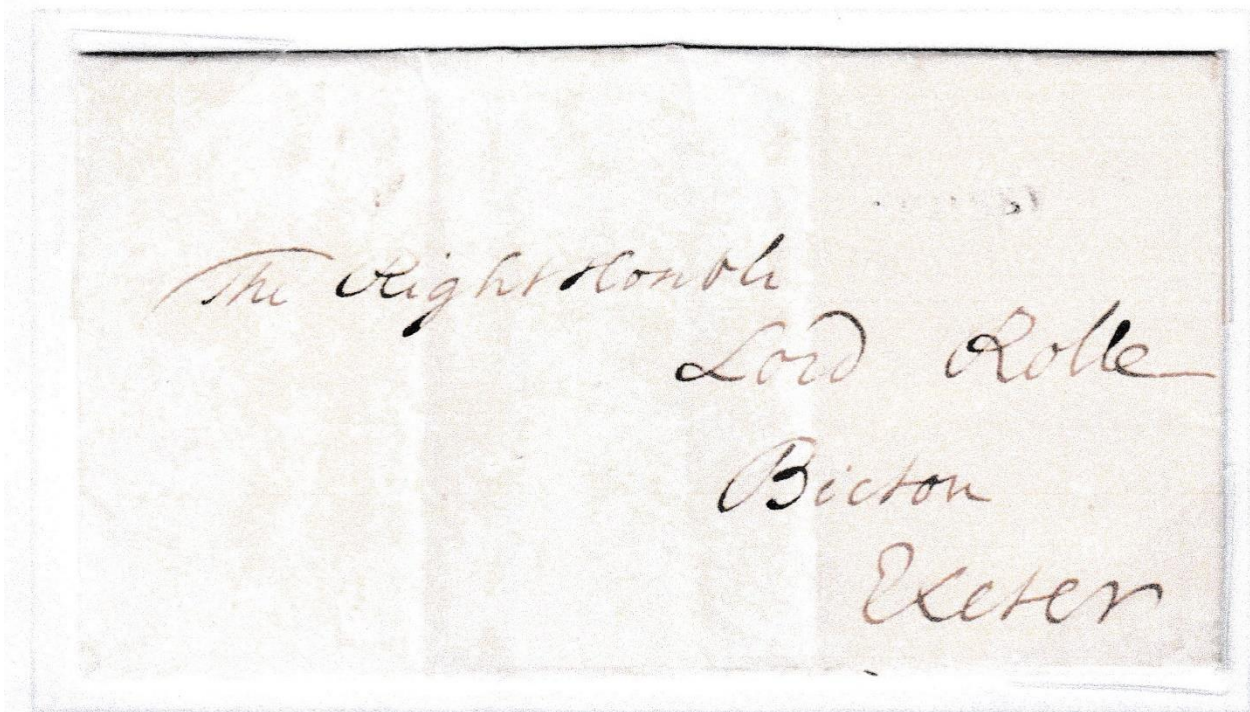
Dated **November 8th 1815**, a letter from Mrs. Jervoise at Herriard House, Basingstoke, who was the wife of George Purefoy Jervoise, MP for Salisbury. Posted in Basingstoke it shows the 'Basingstoke 48' mileage mark (HA167, known only 1810), and the single sheet postage rate '10 d' in manuscript. The returned letter cover has an evening duty Bishop mark on the reverse dated December 7th 1815.

The letter is to Mrs. Decourcy at Exeter and is twice marked as 'Not Known' in manuscript, each time with the initials of the letter carrier concerned. The letter is finally marked 'Dead', as in not deliverable, and the letter was then passed to the Returned Letter Office for its return to sender in the cover shown above.

The text of the letter is short, and far from sweet. There is no solicitation such as 'Dear Mrs. Decourcy, and no signature at the end. The letter simply reads: **'Mrs. Jervoise declines forwarding Mrs. Hallett's letter to Mrs. Decourcy having misplaced it, - and not thinking it right to be further seen, Herriard House, Nov'br 8th 1815.**

READING OTHER PEOPLE'S MAIL, SOME OLD HAMPSHIRE LETTERS

RABIES - 1807



E112-7

A single sheet letter from Charles Wade of Pucknell, near Romsey, to Lord Rolle, of Bicton near Exeter. The letter is dated December 7th 1807. On the front is a poor strike of the 'RUMSEY 80' mileage mark which is recorded between 1801 and 1804 in the County Catalogue as number HA1154.

Charles Wade was a Land Agent and appears to also have been a friend of Lord Rolle. There are no postal markings other than the mileage mark. The letter travelled by a cross post and did not go via London, where it would have a red 'FREE' handstamp, since although Mr Wade was a commoner, his letter to a Peer of the Realm travelled post free. An extract from the letter reads:

'My Lord, I hope the winter season will put a stop to all and other diseases, it is shocking to hear of the many instances which have occurred of canine madness. Southampton and its vicinity have been in a state of alarm several months, several dogs have gone mad and some persons have been bit by dogs supposed to be affected, but as yet I believe no hydrophobia has appeared in any human being near us, and hope will not. I hope our Governors will provide the coast with plenty of artillery, and as well as the seas with proper armed vessels - may Europe be in a happier state of circumstances for the future than she is at the moment.

In 1837 an accident occurred at her Coronation which the Queen later described in her journal: "Poor old Ld Rolls who is 82, & dreadfully infirm, fell, in attempting to ascend the steps (to kneel before me), - rolled right down, but was not the least hurt." A contemporary poem of the time includes the following verse.

Then the trumpets braying, and the organ playing,
And the sweet trombones, with their silver tones;
But Lord Rolle was rolling; - 't'was mighty consoling
To think his Lordship did not break his bones!

READING OTHER PEOPLE'S MAIL, SOME OLD HAMPSHIRE LETTERS

REFUSED LETTER 1828



E118-1

A single sheet letter from Andover to 'Geo. O Saunders Esq., No 20 East Place, Kennington, Surrey'. There is a manuscript number eight on the letter front which records the postage charge of '8' pence, which the recipient was expected to pay. On the reverse is an 'ANDOVER 66' mileage mark, giving the number of miles from London, in order to help the postal staff fix the correct postage charge: the charge was assessed on the number of miles the letter travelled and the number of sheets of paper comprising the letter.

Two other handstruck marks appear on the back of the letter. The large oval records the letter's arrival in London, it reads: **.10.F NOON.10 / MR.13 / 1828**, meaning that it arrived during the 10 of the FORENOON, or morning duty. Other datestamps reserve a double rim for evening duty, but here the double rim denotes the Chief Office, with single rim used by the Westminster Office. The red circular mark is an evening duty mark for letters leaving London.

The most significant marking on the back of the letter is the manuscript word '**REFUSED**', followed by the Letter Carrier's name '**B PRICE**'. The reason for it being refused by the recipient is made clear in the text of the letter, which reads:

'Andover, 12th March 1828.

Sir,

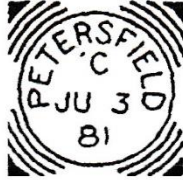
I am instructed by Mr. Cocking of this place, Watchmaker, to require the immediate payment from you of the sum of £10-8-4 for which I understand repeated applications have been made. I must beg of you to remit the above demand to me in the course of a few days or I shall be under the necessity of instituting legal proceedings against you.

I am Sir, Your most obed s, B. R. Baker.'

Mr. B. Russell Baker was an Andover Solicitor.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

4th July 1882P/049. Series 1. 1st I SC (Special Code)

Petersfield to Worcester, squared circle of Petersfield JY 4/82 code D.

Used from 2nd August 1881 to 26th August 1886.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

20th October 1885

P/049 Series 1. 1st I SC (Special Code)



PETERSFIELD/D/OC 20/85

To EMSWORTH/A/OC 21/85

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

P/050 1st II SC (Special Code)



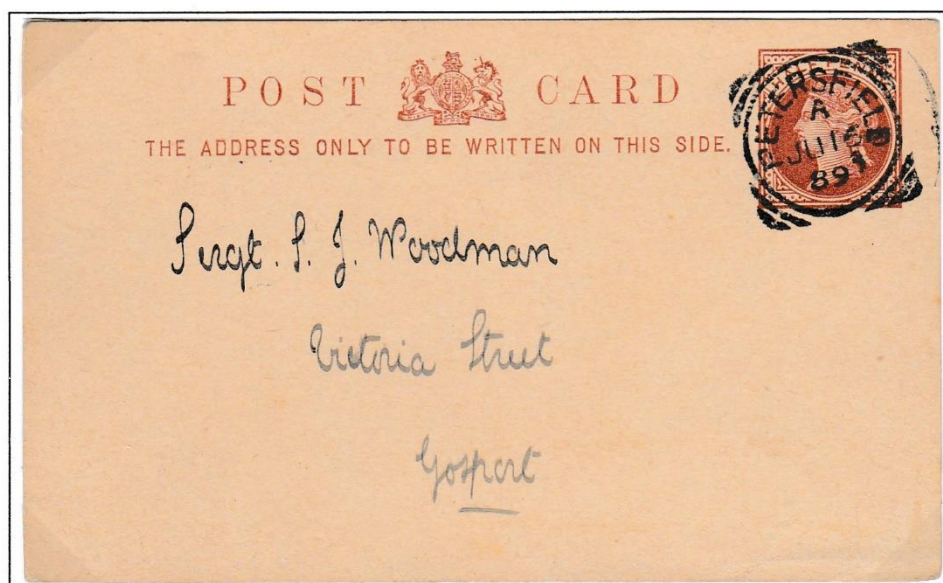
Used from 4th January 1887 to 24th January 1890



PETERSFIELD/A/AU14/87

4th July 1892

P/050 1st II SC (Special Code)



PETERSFIELD/A/JU16/89.

Arcs and triangles differ from P/050.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

P/051 2nd II SC (Special Code)



In use from 18th June 1890 to 28th March 1895



PETERSFIELD/A/2/SEP/90

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield



P/051 1st II SC (Special Code)



Penny Lilac with PETERSFIELD/K/JY 4/92



Triangles differ from the above example.

In use from 1st August 1891 to 28th March 1895.



PETERSFIELD/L/AU 8/93.

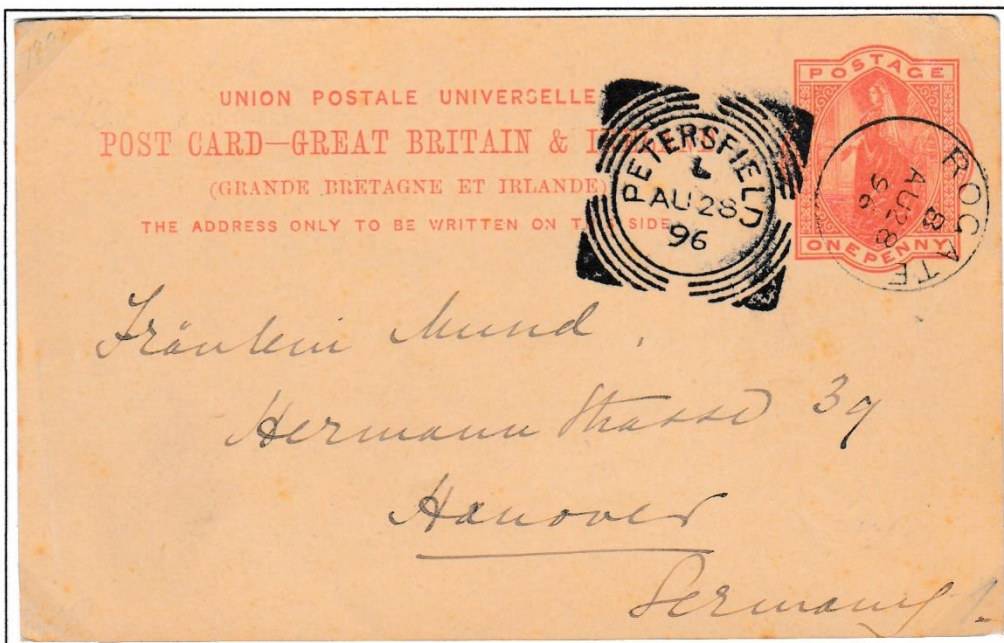
Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

P/052. 2nd I SC (Special Code)



In use from 15th June 1893 to 15th September 1898.



PETERSFIELD/L/AU 28/96

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

P/052. 2nd I SC (Special Code)



PETERSFIELD



L/AU 17/94



M/AU20/94



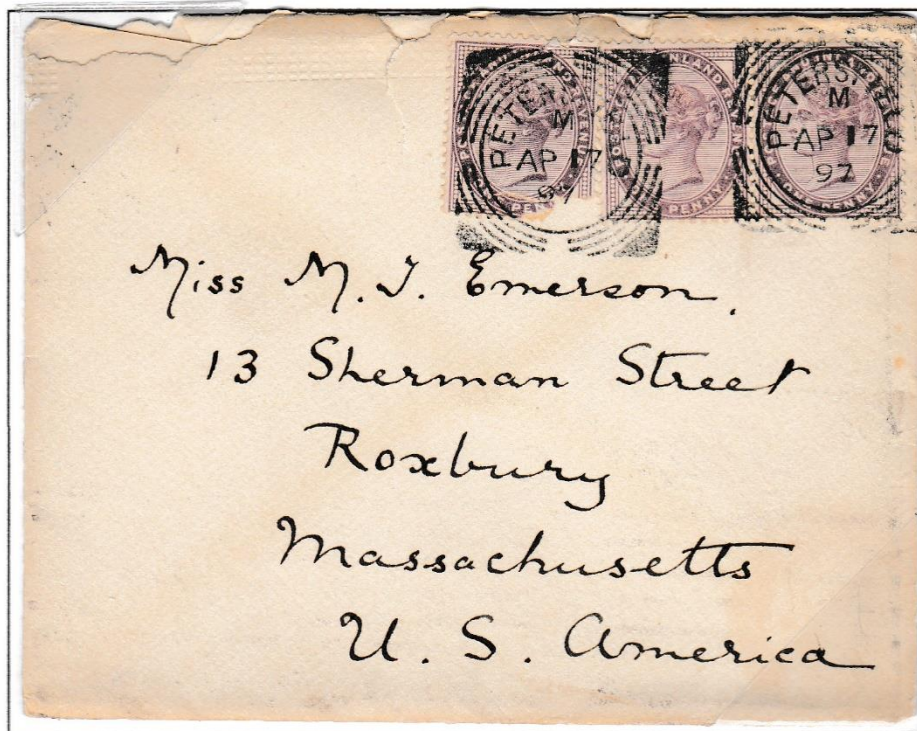
L/MY 8/96



L/JA 12/97

Used from 15th June 1893 to 15th September 1898

P/052. 2nd 1 SC (Special Code)



PETERSFIELD/ M/AP 17/97, on three penny lilacs.

A cds (19mm) of SHOOTER MILL/B/AP17/97, a six bar duplex with '3' in the centre and a cds BOSTON.MASS. APR29/2 – PM.19T97 and one incomplete –YORK.N.Y. with five diagonal bars with a 6 within the bars.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

P/052. 2nd 1 SC (Special Code)



PETERSFIELD/L/DE 11/97

Squared circle on a postcard to Messrs foster & Co at Emsworth.

*Compton
Petersfield
11.12.97*

Sirs

*Could you
oblige me on Monday
next with 4 or 5 Bags
Sawdust for drying
If so should be glad
Yours Truly
H Hollanby*

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

P/052. 2nd 1 SC (Special Code)



Used from 15th June 1893 to 15th September 1898.



Postcard from Athens to Petersfield, redirected to London.

10 Lepta grey postage stamp franked with a cds of ATHENS/6/MAR/1898.

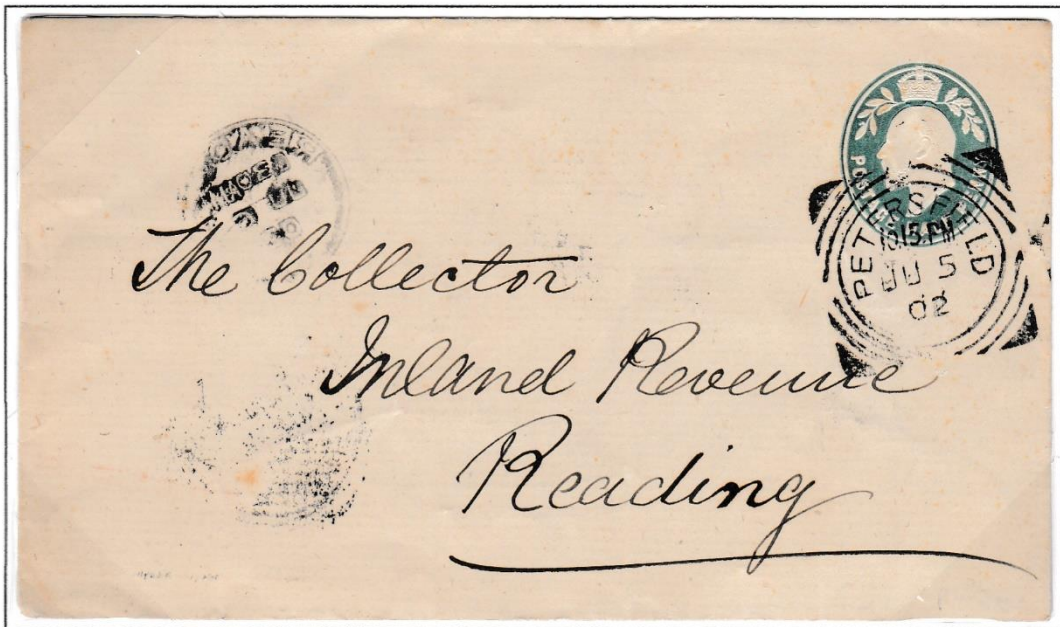
Squared circle of PETERSFIELD/M/MR 27/98.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

5th July 1902

P/054. Series 2. II CT (Clear Time)



Halfpenny green stationery envelope to Reading from Petersfield, JU 5/02 10.15 PM.
Two arcs and large triangles outside the circle.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

P/054 used from 1 August 1901 to 6th July 1910.



3.30PM/OC22/04

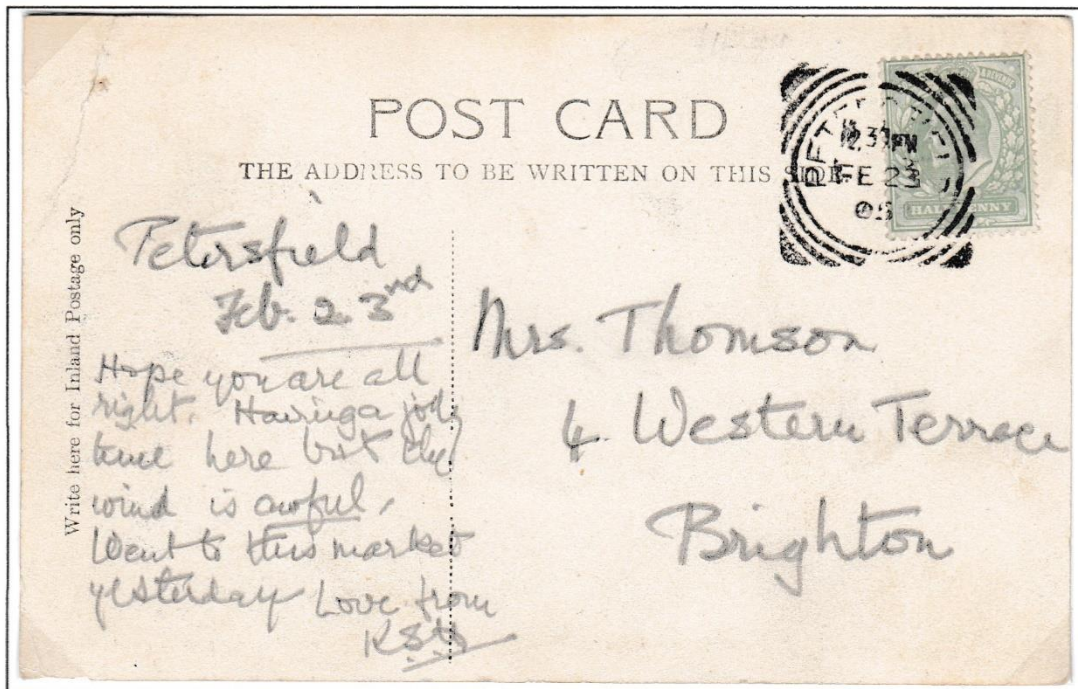


3.30PM/OC 27/04



10.15PM/NO 1/04

The Square, Petersfield.

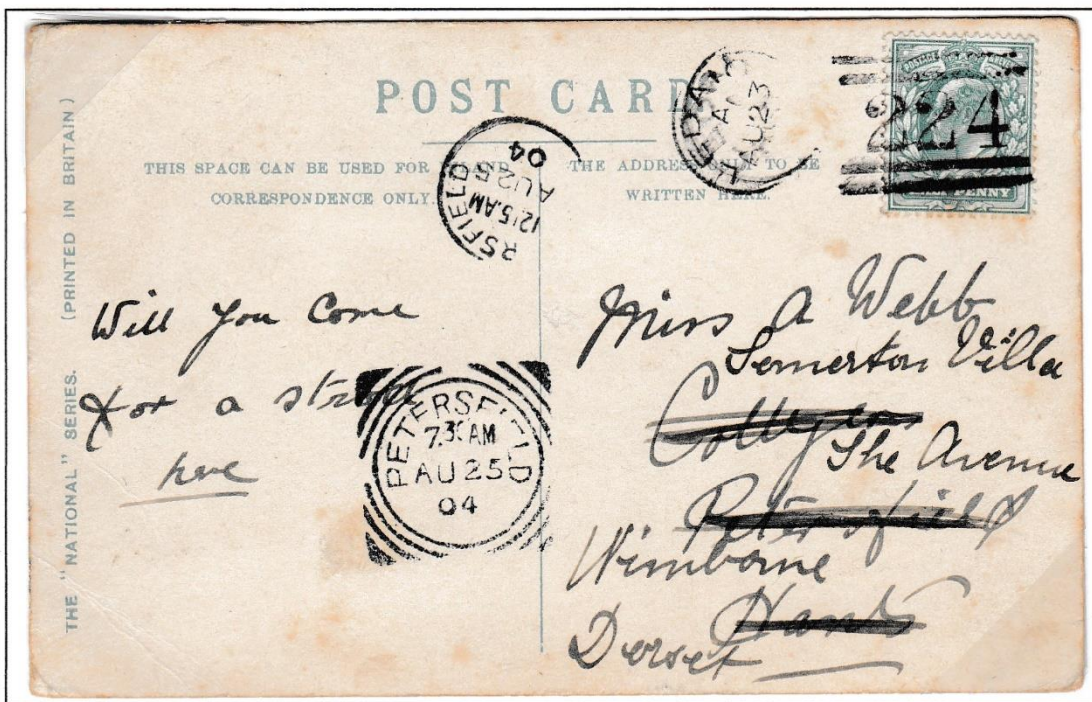


PETERSFIELD/12.30/FE 23/05.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

P/54 Series 2 type II CT (Clear Time)



Postcard from Ledaig, Scotland to Petersfield, redirected to Wimborne Dorset.

Petersfield cds and a squared circle with two arcs and heavy triangles.

Dated AU 25 04, 7.30 AM.

Seen used between 1st August 1901 until 6th July 1910

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

P/054. Series 2. Type II CT (Clear Time)



Three arcs outside the circle, dated SP 4 04, time in full 10.15PM.

In use from August 1st 1901 to July 6th 1910.

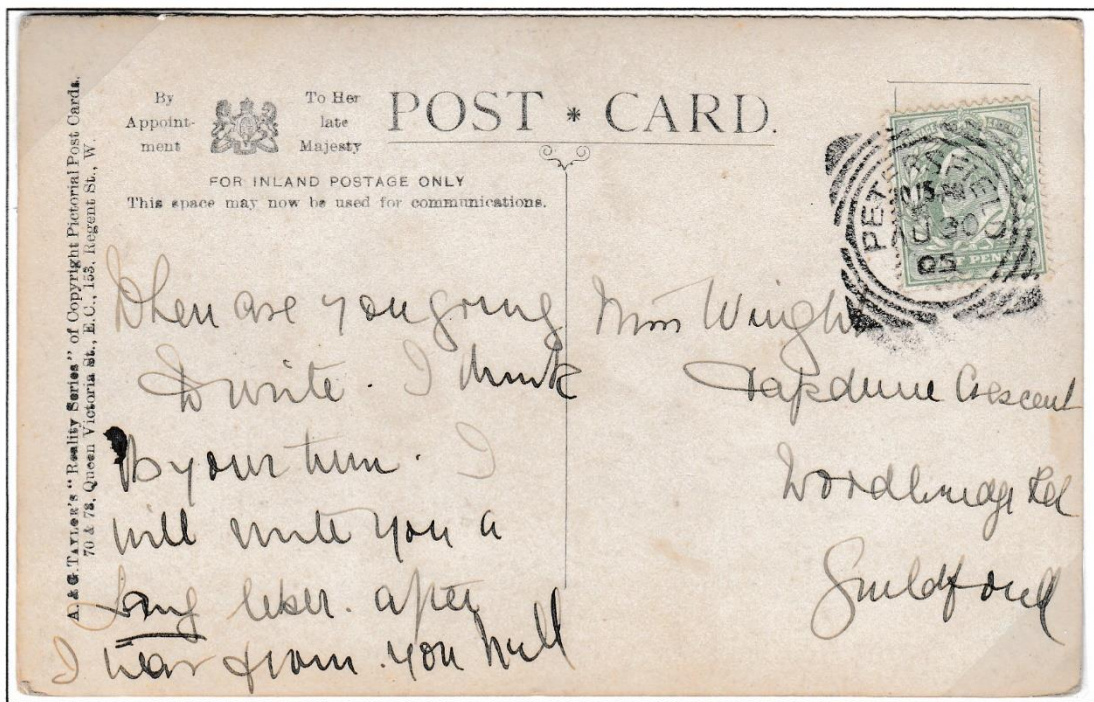
On E VII 1/2d blue-green.

Squared Circles of Hampshire

Petersfield

30th August 1905

P/054. Series 2. Type II CT (Clear Time).



Three arcs outside the circle, dated AU 30 05. Time in full, 20.15 PM.

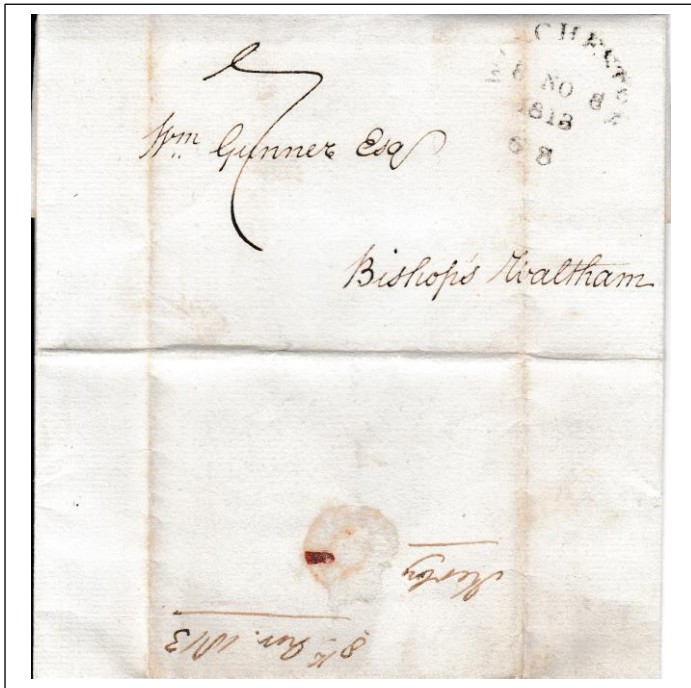
Recorded in use from August 1st 1901 to July 6th 1910

On EVII ½d pale green.

Next will be Portsmouth.

Winchester Continued.

By Peter Mills.



Sent to Wm. Gunner, Bishops Waltham
Postage rated at 7d in black.

WINCHESTER
8 NO 8
1813
68

30mm x 3mm letters

Winchester Nov'r 8 1813

Dear Sir:

The Gentlemen of the College are willing to co-operate in any measure Mr. Thistlethwayte may think proper, relative to the Land you mention.

In the present instance, as the quantity of land wanted is so small, it may they think be advisable only to have the valuations taken by some experienced Lawyer of the immediate Neighbourhood.

I am, Sir!

Your very obedient Servant
Peter Kirby

WINCHESTER
19DE19
1813
68
30mm x 3.5mm

E
20 DE 20
1813
26mm x 4mm

Originally 1/4 for postage but deleted and rerated to 1/10 from Winchester to Ludlow, Shropshire via London.

To/

James Fleming Baxter Esq'r
Mr. Henry Lloyd
Mr. William Lloyd



Gentlemen,

The Manor or Reputed Manor of Ivington with Appartinences having been intended and by mistake omitted to be included in the particulars of Sale and in the sale by Auction of the real Estates of the late Charlse Johnstone Esquire deceased advertised to be sold by Auction under a decree of the High Court of Chancery at the Royal Oak Inn Leominster in the County of Hereford on the day of and theor the said Manor with its Appartinences being of very little or nominal value and having been so omitted by mistake to be included in the sale of each part of the Real Estates of the said Charles Johnstone Esquire deceased as were purchased by the Trustees of Sir John Johnstone Baronet one Infant and on his behalf we the undersigned so far as we are interested in the premises do hereby request you the above named Trustees to convey to the Trustees of the said Sir John Johnstone the said Manor with its appartinences together with such part of the

Real Estate of the said Charles Johnstone as have been purchased by them without requiring any consideration whatsoever for the Conveyance of such Manor in addition to the purchase money to be paid by them for the other property so bought by them and we do hereby undertake to indemnify you fully for the so doing.

*We are Gentlemen,
Your Most Obd't
Louisa Parker
Wm. Parker*

*Winchester 19th Dec'r
1813*

Another letter written on the 19th Dec'r 1813 on the 3rd page:

19th Dec'r 1813-

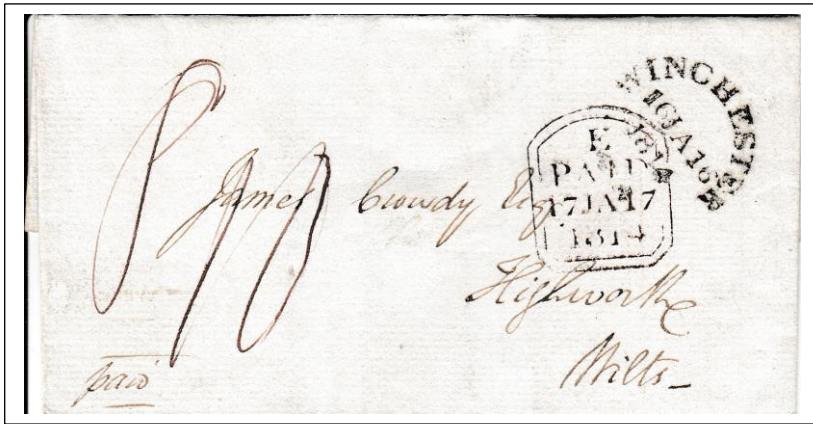
Dear Sir

I have annexed the necessary form to make over the Manor of Ivington to the Trustees of Sir John Johnstone and in so doing we have not the least hesitation aware of its necessity nevertheless should there be any further information on the subject I shall be most happy to receive it -

I have enclosed the usual receipt for our Pittance and hope you will forward it our affairs as much as possible – major Parker has just received an order to Embark for ... on 23rd where you will please to direct and should you see any of my Friends have the goodness to inform them of this sudden removal and also that it is expected the 2nd Bat' of the 66th will soon be or ordered to England and join the Depot ay Jersey, as my Friends apprehend Major Parker being ordered to Spain –

Accept our best wishes for yourself and Mrs. Lloyd as also your young family.

I am dear Sir
Your Obliged etc
Louisa Parker.



Wrapper only to James Crowdy at Highworth, Wilts.



30mm x 4mm 30mm x 25mm x 5mm
Marked *paid* between two lines and **P10** in red.

The double rimmed “tombstone” should be red but has probably oxidized.

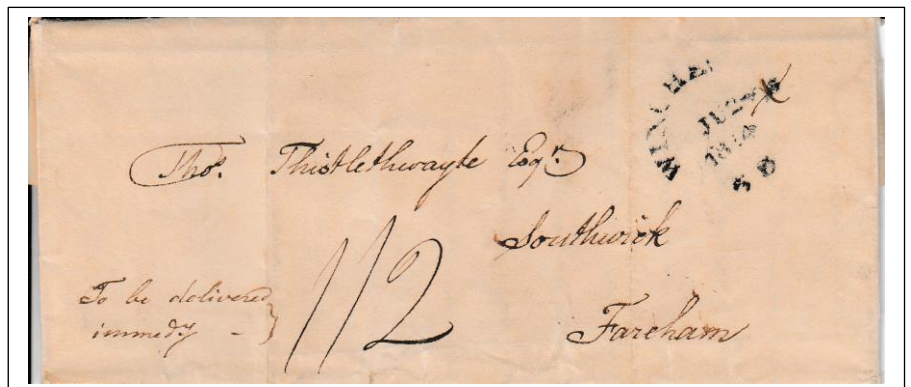


30mm x 4mm.

To be delivered immediately.

Postage at 1/2.

Sent Thos Thistlethwayte at Southwick, Fareham.



Winchester 24 June 1814

Sir

Yourself agts Bellingham

In the absence of Mr. Hollis, I have read a Writ against you at his Suite as I know Mr. Hollis if at home would have wrote you I have done so and I enclose you a Bail Bond to be accepted by you & 2 of your friend where Names you will have the goodness to fill up in the Blanks of the Bond when you will return it to Mr. Hollis. Annexed is a copy of the Letter which enclosed the Writ.

I am Sir for Mr. Hollis

Y'r very obedt. Servt

Wm G Thresher

I enclose you an Extract of the Writ,

which it is necessary you sho'. Send to your Solicitors as Instru... to them to put in Special Bail.

Sir

Bellingham a. Thistlethwayte Esq.

By Direction of Mr. Champs of Chichester I send the enclosed a Writ against the Debt who I am instructed resides at Southwick near Fareham in your County and is a Gentleman well known there – You will have the goodness to send a Warrant to an Active Officer at Fareham if you have not nearer for the Arrest of the Debt and when done to apprise Mr. Champ, or Myself of the result – the Writ is retble on Monday next.

I am

St Pauls Colledge

23 June 1814

Sir

Your obed't Hble Serv't

J Clark



WINCHESTER
29SE29
1814
68

30mm x 3mm

Letter from Hy Twynam of Bps Stoke to Wm Gunner at Bps Waltham. Postage at 1/9.

Bps Stoke Sep'r 28th 1814

Sir,

Enclosed I hand you Drafts together £388:0:0 & Cheque £25:12 Amounting to £413:12 being the Balance due for Durley Tim'r purchased by me - - Y'r Acknowledgment of this will oblige

Sir

Y'r Mo Obed't Serv't

For My Father

Hy. Twynam Jun'r yesterday according to the Conditions

Sir

I have rec'd y'r Letter including Bills value tog'r £413.12 on account of timber on Durley Estate – The Bills sho'd have deposited & have been payable yesterday according to the Conditions of Sale instead of which you have united Bills One for £283 not due till 22nd November & another for £105 not due till 27th Oct – The Discount on these bills amounts to £2.8.4 which I must beg you will remit me.

I am, Sir

Your obed. Hbl S't

Mr Twynham

Bps Stoke

Winchester

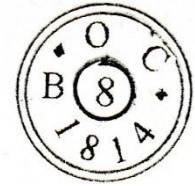
Wm Gunner

Waltham 30th Sept 1814



WINCHESTER
 OC17
 1814
 68

30mm x 4mm



27mm x 4mm

A well-travelled letter but ending its journeys at the Dead Letter Office in London.

Originally from London to Exminster, redirected to Axminster, Exeter, Sussex, Winchester, Not Colyton, Not to be found, Try... Postage 10 deleted and on the back is "10 London Dead Letters 5/6"

Bedford Row
 8th October 1814

Sir,
 Mr. Cartwright has informed us of your unfortunate Situation, for which both Sir L. Park's Executors & Ourselves are extremely sorry, but as they are merely Trustees for others, the Duty imposed upon them, however painful, must be performed. Lord Shaftsbury has directed us to enquire of Mr. Cartwright whether you shall hold any Lease of the Lands you occupy under the late Sir L. Palk, and in case you do, His Lordship recommends you to give it up without trouble for he will not allow you to dispose of it without his privity & Consent unless you have a Power so to do which supposes you have not. We therefore think it right to give you this information ourselves, and to put you upon your guard against attempting any thing which Lord Shaftsbury may not approve. We shall write to Mr. Cartwright either to Night or on Monday and trust you will be prepared to make an amicable arrangement with him.

We are Sir,
 Your most obt Servts
 Jas Lambert & Son.

WINCHESTER
 22MA22
 1815
 68

30mm x 4mm

Postage at 7d from Winchester to Bishops Waltham.
 This is a long Letter from Walter Long to Wm. Gunner.

Winchester March 22 – 1815.

Dear Sir.



In reply to your letter, small as the purchase is, I am certain you would blame me yourself, were I not to enquire... into this business before I close & to state some particulars which I do insist upon it require to be settled beforehand & not left as a bone of contention hereafter. With respect to the title of this Said land I am informed that there exists an opinion that the parish of Kilmeston have a claim not only on this land but a cottage likewise, I believe in which Pullinger lives and surely I have as purchaser a right to expect this to be cleared up to my satisfaction, and the expense of that not to be added to the purchase money. I do not wish to pay for making out Mr. Ridges title, & if you act in this case for Mr Ridge, as it is a dubious permit, it should certainly be made a satisfactory to any Solicitor I might choose – I mean this far from any reflection on y'r ability or wish to serve me, but do not see how you could act for both, as there appears a doubt or report as to the title. With respect to the possession being given immediately I must inform you that the field is now sown half with barley, & half with oats, so that allowing time for the crops being off, it will not be possible for Mr. Pullenger to quit it before near Michaelmas at the earliest. – Also I wish to ascertain if the field contains the exact 2½ acres & what the expense of the conveyance be on my part would be. I really do not wish to excuse difficulties, but I must ascertain these permits & also state that I cannot be expected to complete the purchase with possession is given which cannot be before Michaelmas. I write in the greatest of haste which you will excuse & I hope to learn from you soon a more satisfactory report of the business.

I am Sir

Your Obt Sert

Walter Long



WINCHESTER
JY 5
1815
68

30mm x 4mm

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6 JY 6
1815

26mm x 3mm

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2

37mm x 19 mm

JUL
B 9 M
1815

23mm x 4.5mm

A very long letter by W G Adams. Alas, a double page has been removed which makes the remaining content meaningless.

Postage originally 8d deleted then 1/2 deleted then 1/3 sent to Blair Adam, NB. Additional half penny applied.

WINCHESTER
JY 17
1815
68

30mm x 4mm

Letter to Mr. Gunner at Bps..
Waltham



Lockhart & the Master of St P

The Master was with me on Friday last & said that he was going from Alresford in 3 weeks & wished the 200£ to be paid him before he went away, do oblige me in getting the business settled & out of hand & as the Money is really no object I wish you could in the Course of a Week or 10 Days pay me the amount & have the Court held, your compliance herewith will really oblige.

Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Chas Wooldridge

Winton 17 July 1815



WINCHESTER
11 AU 11
1815
68

30mm x 4mm

E
12 AU 12
1815

26mm x 3mm

Postage of 8d deleted and
revalued at 10d Double ring of
London in red

Page 3 only of a copy of a Will
originally made in 1730.

WINCHESTER
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1815
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30mm x 4mm

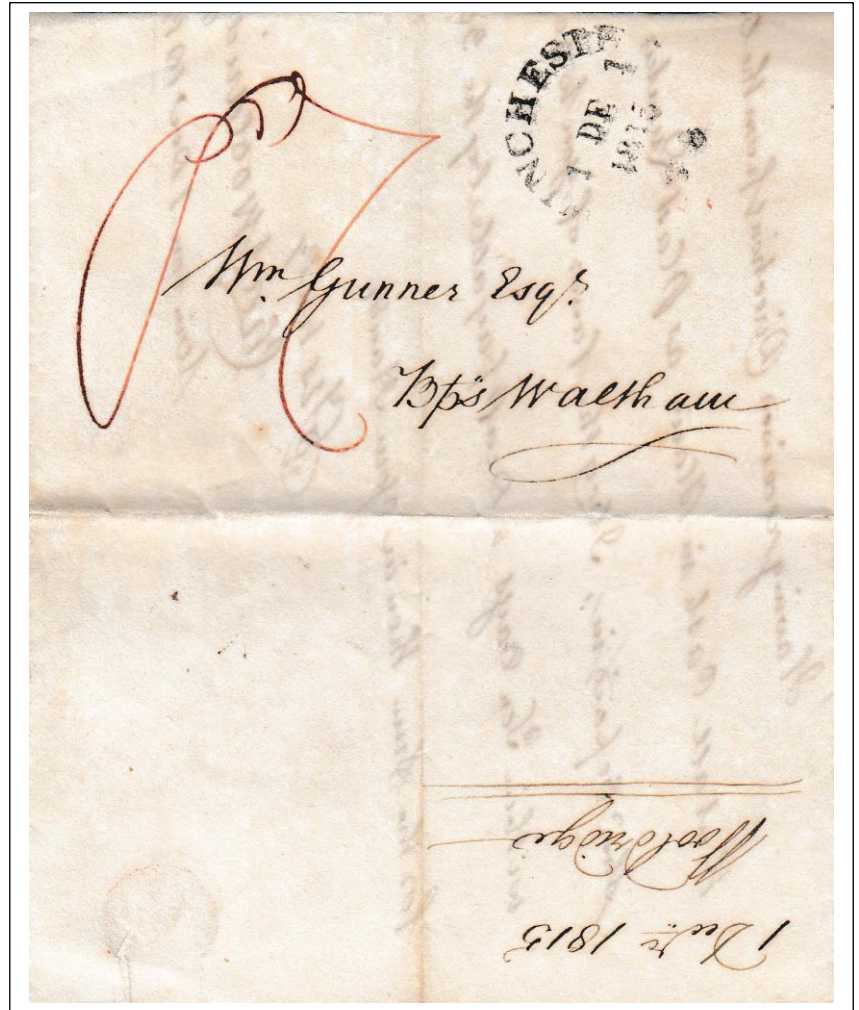
Red P7 Postage paid from Winchester to
Bps Waltham.

Dear Sir

Having received Directions from
the Board that all Cash in Hand as P-
Cash Quantity Account should be paid
in, I beg the favour of you to remit me
within Ten Days a Draft payable by the
30th ins'e for the Sum then in your Hands

Yours truly

Chas Wooldridge
Winton 1 Dec 1815

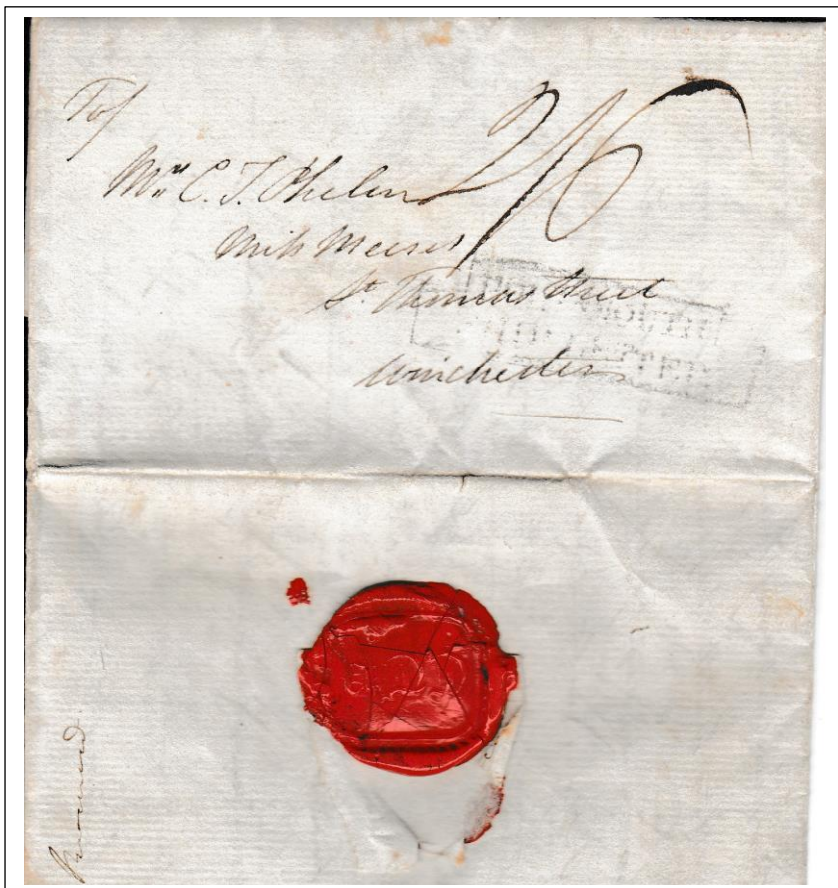


PORTSMOUTH
SHIP LETTER

Portsmouth Stepped Boxed ship letter.

Postage rated at 2/6 from HMS
Inconstance off Madeira.

Continued on the next page.



*Inconstant Off Madeira
Sunday 31 March 1816*

My ever Dear Sarah,

We have thus far arrived on our voyage in safety, thank God, at present we have very light winds therefore do not expect to get in this evening. I however commence my Epistle that it may be longer. I am thank the Almighty better than when I parted with you. I have become a little confused. I trust my love you do not allow our separation to bear on your mind but endeavour to cheer up, with the prospect of the inexpressible delight we shall mutually enjoy upon my return. Blessed with Our Dear Pilly 'Oh Sally what happiness shall I feel if the Almighty is but propitious to our wishes & permits Our Child to live, take care of yourself My Beloved Girl for my sake & be assured every precaution shall be expected by me to preserve my health for yours – we have sailed very quick but not altogether easy, we got under weigh the very next morning and was clear out of the Needles by eight O'clock, I would have given anything to come on shore that night again but I did not trust to it & very fortunate it was I did not attempt it, we got a very fresh Easterly wind directly we went into the Channel & away we went. I have been very with my Captain, Messmaster & all hands I have no doubt of doing very well I am fearful I shall have no chance of doing anything at this place, however tomorrow I shall know as I expect to be on shore by six o'clock. I have received Orders from Sir James to provide Provisions to last us until the middle of September when we are to arrive at Barbadoes & from this we sail to England we expect to be at Spithead by 20th of November the Captain said to me the other day so Mr P. I understand Mrs P. con... it a hope about our returning in November I assure you it is the case therefore my Sally do rest satisfied November brings us home in I hope to God everything is away for your comfort and happiness. Give my best regards to Mrs & Miss Mears & sufferings tell them. I shall be for ever truly grateful for their kindness & my Prayers every night & Morning put up for their health & happiness. I hope your Dear Mother got home in safety & found all well, I trust too poor Pilly is well & ... his pills for me, but what is to my Pilly 'Oh' I wish I could now quiet him May the Almighty put ... Love in your trials relieve you with his hand is the most fervent Prayer for him your most ardently Dearly Dearly - I shall leave off for the night for I am getting very sleepy, God Bless you Goodnight. -

Tuesday Morning – We did not arrive yesterday as I expected it blew very hard & we could not get in, nor do we anchor today. I am ordered on shore immediately half past four in the morning I have been all the passage & very hard at work upon my Annual Accounts which comes due on Sunday but it was impossible for me to get them ready to go hence but I am in hopes that I shall be able to forward them from Teneriffe where you shall again hear from me – James is very well, never been seasick, he is a very good boy & does very well, he desires to be remembered to his Mistress rubbing his hands & winking his eyes. ... & all hands desire their respectful compliments – Sir James has behaved very handsome to me this morning, I wished to get some private Wine in Bottles for my own use but I had not sufficient spare cash, upon that coming to his knowledge he immediately offered to advance me it – as yet I find him a most excellent worthy man very quiet in his approaches in ... & in Action & requires everyone about him to be the same & if they are he does not appear like great numbers of his line unreasonable – I forward now His letter I forgot it at Port & I knew there was something I wanted to send you but I not could recollect, however better late than never – I shall carry this in my pocket on shore but shall conclude at once for fear of accidents – I am thank God Sally much better I have not a doubt but the climate will agree with me much better than the winter at home did – My ship full manned I victual three hundred exactly, comfortable with my Captain & Messmaster & am about as satisfied as a life of this nature can make a person. Please write my Mother to say you heard from me. Give my Love to your Father & Mother & Bill and all with you. Receive my beloved wife the Affection of your

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Sarah Philen, nee Dowling, lived at Otterbourne before she married Temple Philen sometime between 1813 and 1815.

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St Thomas Street
Sunday July 28th 1816

My dearest Beloved Philen.

I can't say but I feel very uneasy in not having received a letter from you since the beginning of May.

Though when I reflect I think it almost impossible as I never have them (by the papers) the arrival of any Ship from the East. The ... expected since you sailed. She has been very fortunate as they have taken Eleven Prizes. She is now Paid off as is nearly every ship that comes Home. Oh my dearest Philen what will your feelings be when you receive this letter, this day five weeks I was put bed of a Beautiful little Boy thank the Almighty I am recovered sufficiently to walk out a little if the weather would permit. It is not only me who says he is a little beauty but everyone who has seen him he is so quick. They sincerely believe ... a child in the house. My Mother stayed with me the first three weeks she is so doting to be with him. I have had Baptized Cornelius Temple Matthew I know you wished the latter and myself the former names. So I thought it best to have all at once. We call him Temple and hope you will do the same. My Mother wrote to yours so soon after it happened as she could which was received by Eliza Walker saying Mrs P. was to unwell to write herself. The family of the Laines still remain at Otterbourne so that the house is as full as it possibly can, had it not been the case your Mother would have shown.

The Weather here is really awful we have not had any summer. I sometimes wish for a little of your heat. There is fire constantly in my rooms. I heard from Mrs Jeffries the other day who is in London she told me on the 13th of this month she thinks were very kindly showered with people on account of the report of the World being ended the following day. The weather was and now sufficiently unfavourable to feed such gloomy ideas. I look forward with the hope of it being a Long and fine Autumn. I sincerely hope Sir James will not change his mind with respect of retiring in November.

I am very comfortable here but it's not like living together. I was so glad when the month ended and another comes. Mrs and Miss Mears are quite well sends their kind regards. I hope my dear Philen your health is not worse though I very much doubt it so pray take as much care of yourself as you can. If I could but ever move near you I should be happy. I trust I shall. Please God for the sake of our dear Child poor little ... what would become of him without you. I have sought not to ... so everything is for the best. I keep my spirits up as well as I can. This is the fifth letter I have written I think you will have full employment for one day to read all letters having them all together. Make my compliments to the Officers, delighted to hear you are so comfortable with them, how does James get on by this time. Poor little Fellow. I am afraid you will spoil him for a M...

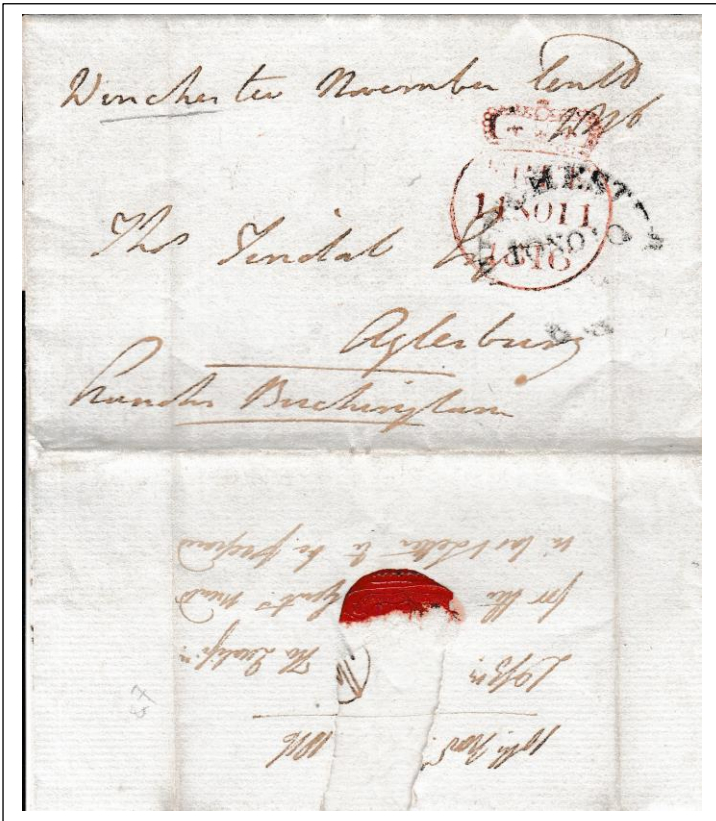
Lord Exmouth Ships arrived and his Lordship is going on the Algerian Expedition, The Queen Charlotte is his ship. There are a number of ships going. They sailed for Plymouth last week. I don't know if it is the same Jago but there is one made Lieutenant when you left.

The Groves desired to be ... remembered to you likewise Mr & Mrs Kinshery and the Smith's, they are in Mourning for their Son who died about a month ago, a fine young man, the best of the Bunch. I wrote to thank of Mr Adams the middle of June & sent the Draught through Wallers Bank. I am happy to tell it was accepted. I was in such a fidget for fear Mrs Hinds would be in his arms. Little William is to be breeched the 12th of August he does not like to be called Mr at all, he has not yet seen his Nephew they are very much alike our little ones eyes Blue William's Black, Poor Pilly.

Garbet will be able to shoot about a little by the time you see him. Otterbourne is very dull nothing ... I have been but once since I came here. The Gordons I mentioned, has lost, owing to the Banks breaking, four thousand pounds. I rather doubt the truth of it being so large a sum, hope it's not. I have not seen any of the Smiths. My Father & Mother send their kindest regards to you and likewise Mr & Mrs Mears who are very ... for you. I shall end safely – Goodnight my dearest dearest Philen I have kissed your little boy for you. May you return both speedily and safely to the Arms of your most Amorous and Affectionate Wife

Sarah Philen

N. Harris is at Otterbourne with a New Horse and Gig.



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Almost an entire letter from Chandos Buckingham near Winchester to Tho's Tindal Esq at Aylesbury. Parts of this have been away therefore not worth copying but it refer to the building of the canal.

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