

# CANADA

## 1ST PERIOD MONEY LETTERS

A Money Letter was one said to contain, or thought to contain, Money. The first official mention of Money Letters was in the Legislative Assembly Journal of 21 September 1827, but they are known to exist as early as 1823. Although not generally recognised as such, they fall neatly into 3 classes:

- (1) up to and including 4 January 1844, when postage was determined by distance to be travelled and by number of sheets (except for heavier items);
- (2) from 5 January 1844 to 5 June 1851 (when postage was determined by distance to be travelled and weight);
- (3) from 6 June 1851 to 30 April 1855 (when postage was determined by weight alone and Canada's system of Registration was introduced).

This display deals solely with 1st period Money Letters which travelled 201 to 300 miles.

"#J" is a reference to Jarrett's 1929 Standard Catalogue of British North America the last published.

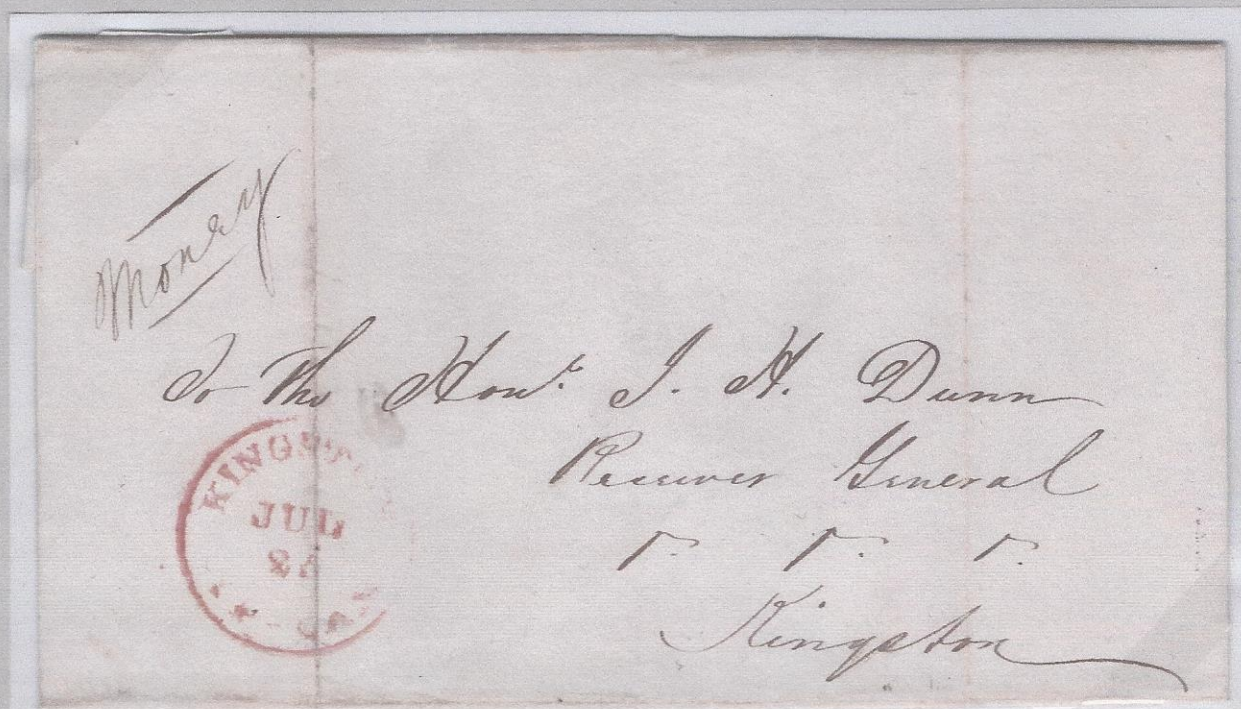
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### (a) Kingston Drop Letter

red "KINGSTON UP-CAN JUL 23" #J285, no year but 1842 from letter;  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Kingston;  
black m/s "Money".

No indication of rate.

Written by Adam Hubbs, Inspector of Licences at Picton, 39 miles from Kingston and put in the post there: this **very scarce** "drop" collect entire, which enclosed £22.15.0, would have been rated 1d. A note in m/s shows this to have been received and acknowledged on 25 July.





A single rate Letter, conveyed up to 60 miles, would have been charged 4d sterling, 4½d currency, rates being (almost always) shown in currency. A single rate Letter, conveyed 201 to 300 miles, would have attracted a charge of 9d cy. The charge for a Letter of two sheets, 201 to 300 miles, was 1/6d cy, and for 3 sheets the charge was 2/3d cy. A Letter of weight not more than 1 ounce was 4 x rate, i.e. 3/- cy, and for Letters of more than 1 ounce the charge increased by 9d per quarter ounce or part quarter ounce.

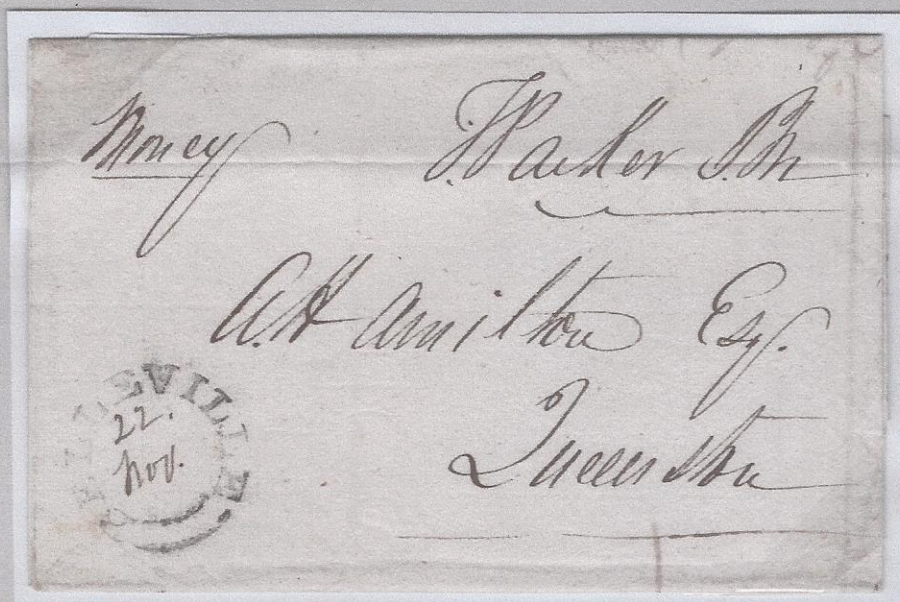
Post Masters were entitled to two rates, or ½ ounce, Free.

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(b) A Free entire

black "BELLEVILLE" #J250, m/s "22 Nov", no year but 1832 from letter;  
to A. Hamilton, Queenston;  
black m/s "Money";  
black signature "J. Parker P. M." 215 miles

A Free entire, although not marked as such, between two Post Masters. The distance from Belleville to Queenston was 274 miles and the enclosure was \$7 or £1.15.0.



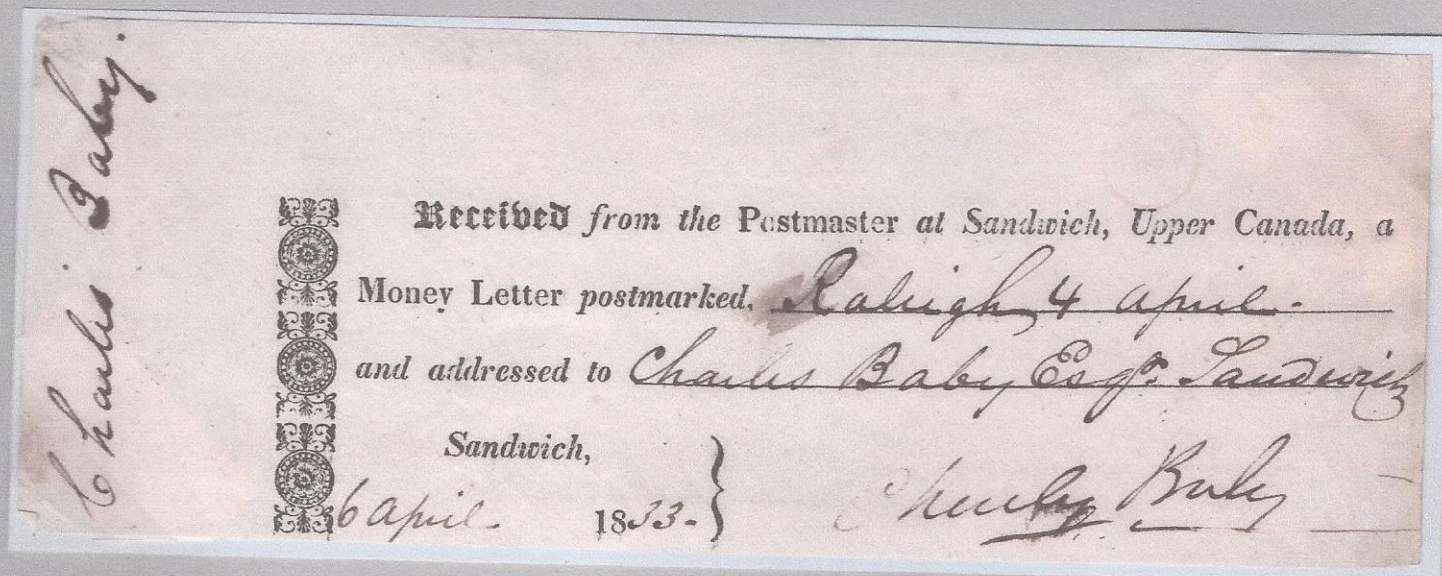
In the very early days, no receipt was given by the Post Office to the sender, or taken from the recipient. However, the Legislative Assembly Journal of 26 February 1831 records:-

Every Letter said to contain, or supposed to contain, Money should if possible be delivered into the hands of the individual to whom it is addressed; but that when this is not practicable, the Post Master (or Letter Carrier, when the Letter is taken out for delivery) must satisfy himself that the person to whom it is given, is authorized to receive it; and in every case of the delivery of a Money Letter, the following Receipt is to be taken and carefully preserved by the Post Master.

An extremely early Money Letter receipt is shown on the next page



An extremely early Money Letter Receipt taken at Sandwich, 6 April 1833

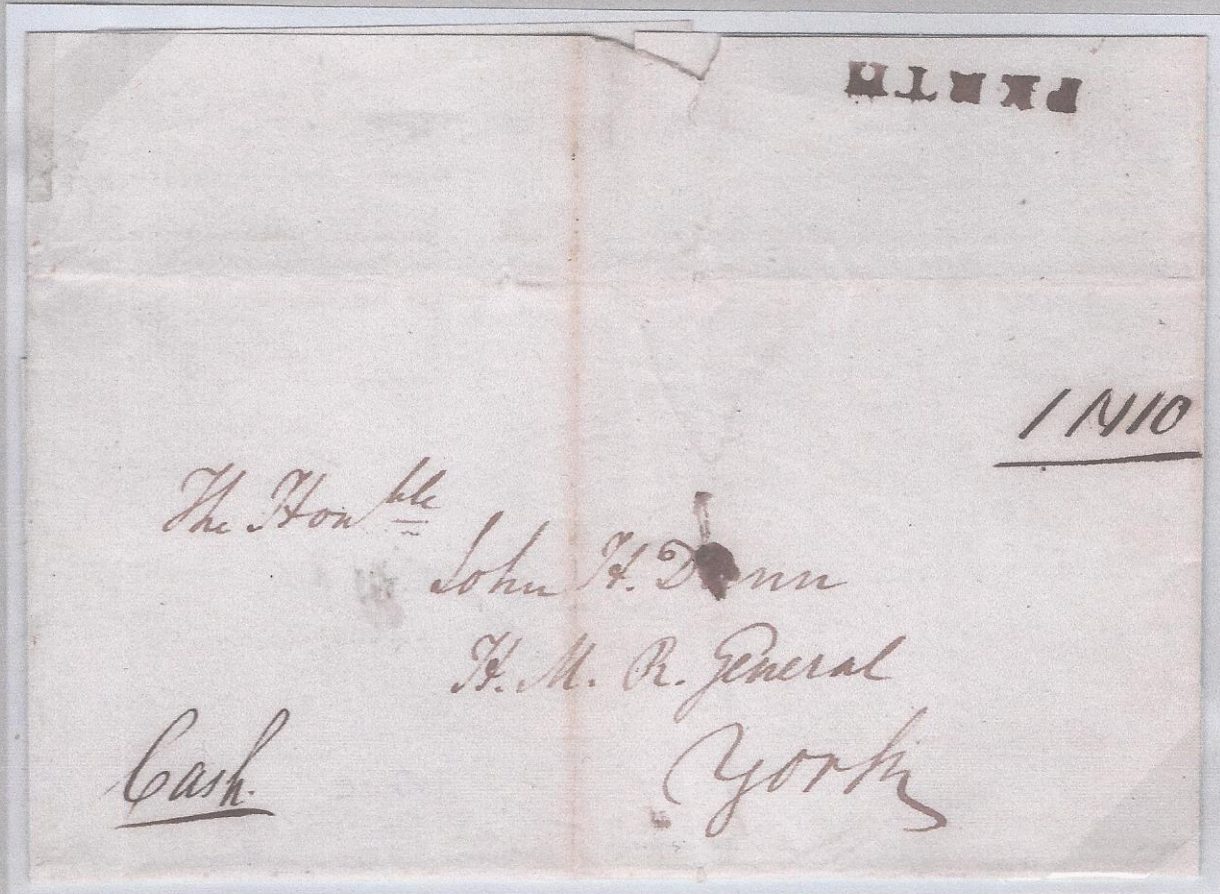


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(c) A 2 x rate outer, 220 miles, single sheet rate 11d cy = 1/10d cy

to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, York  
 black m/s "Cash";                      black m/s "1N10";  
 black straight line "PERTH", 31 mm x 4 mm.

This straight line cancel of Perth was in use from 1820-1829. An extremely early Money Letter, with Perth at this time, and for some years still to come, using the nomenclature "Cash" and the archaic "1N10" for "1 shilling and 10 pence". A m/s note indicates this to have been from Anthony Leslie, Inspector, District of Bathurst, Perth, enclosing £2.16.9 "on a/c of the Public", and to have been received 2 November, acknowledged 3 November.





To draw attention to their special nature, from about 1833 Money Letters to, from, or passing through Toronto were marked with a red manuscript "M". This varied considerably in size.

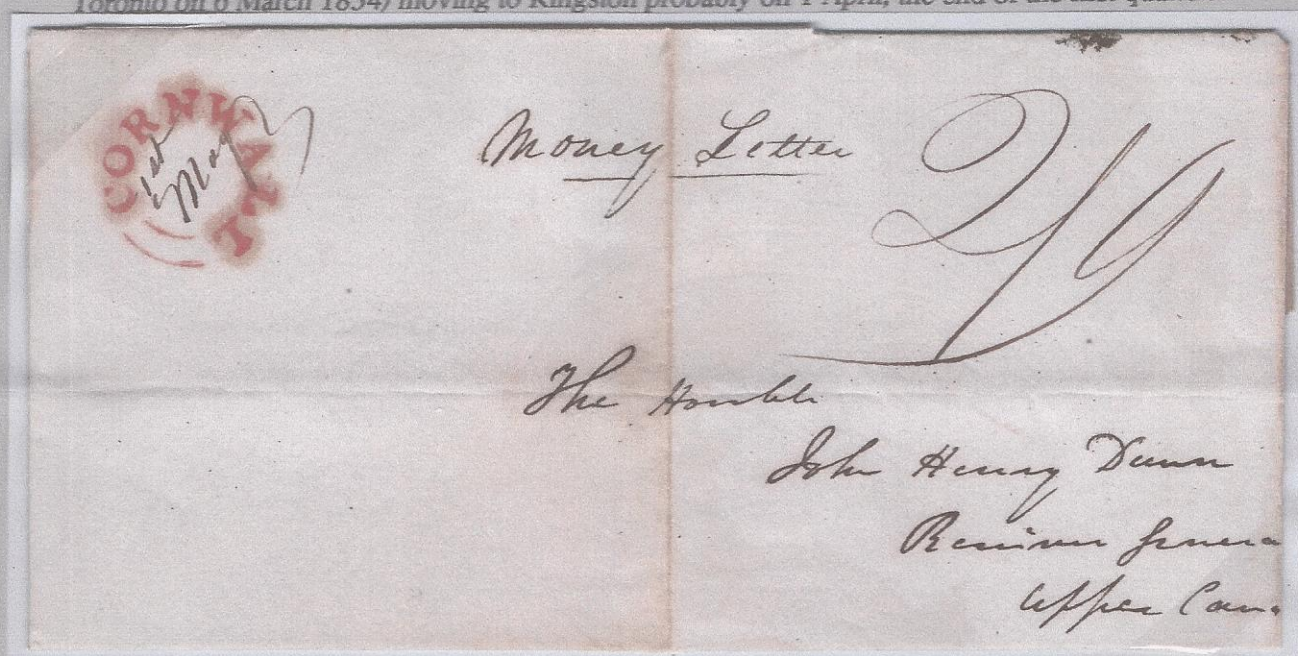
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(d) Two 3 x rate outers, 294 and 220 miles, single sheet rate 11<sup>d</sup> cy = 2/9<sup>d</sup> cy

red "CORNWALL" #J 250, black m/s "1st May", no year but 1833;  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Upper Canada;  
black m/s "Money Letter"; black m/s "2/9"

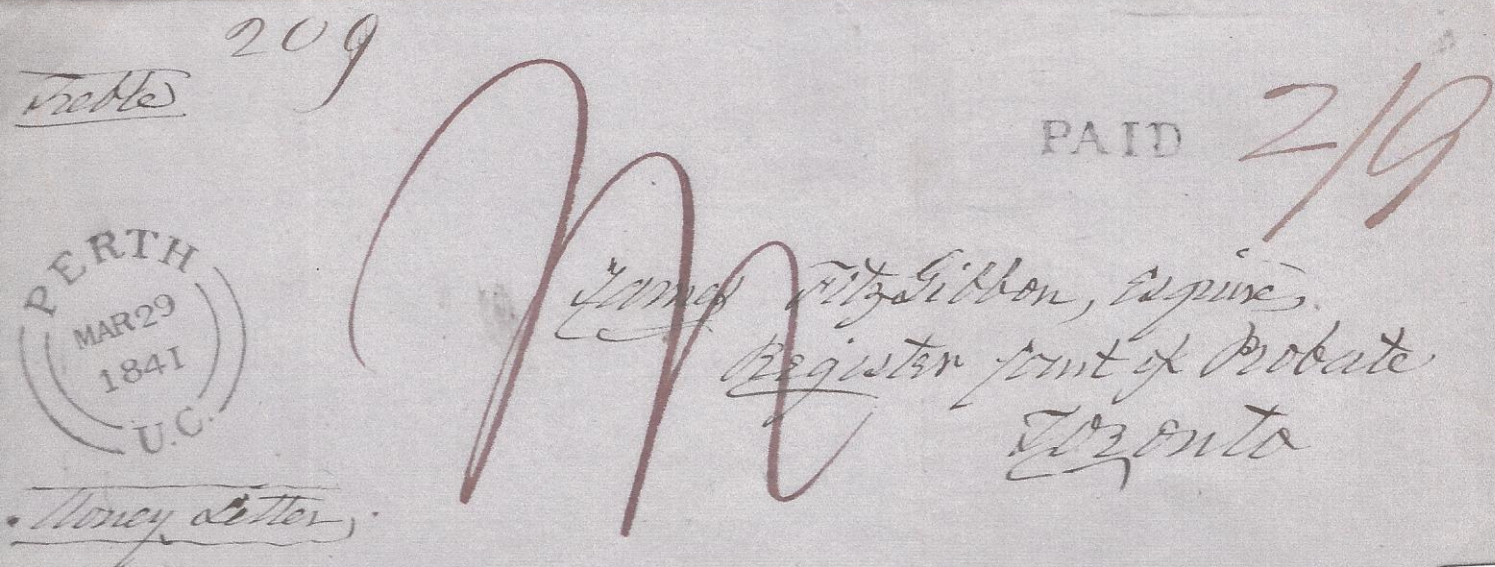
294 miles

The enclosure, from P Roughneh, Inspector of the Eastern District, was £58•10•0. Received and acknowledged on 8th May. Receiver General John Henry Dunn was based at York (renamed Toronto on 6 March 1834) moving to Kingston probably on 1 April, the end of the first quarter.



black "PERTH U. C. MAR 29 1841", #J 236;  
to James Fitzgibbon, Registrar, Court of Probate, Toronto;  
black m/s "treble"; black m/s "Money Letter";  
black "PAID" #J575; red m/s "2/9"; large red m/s "M".

220 miles





(f) A 3 x rate entire, 201 miles, single sheet rate 11d cy = 2/9d cy

black "GANANOGUE", #J 250, black m/s "21 July 1834";

to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Toronto;

black m/s "Money";

red m/s " 11d

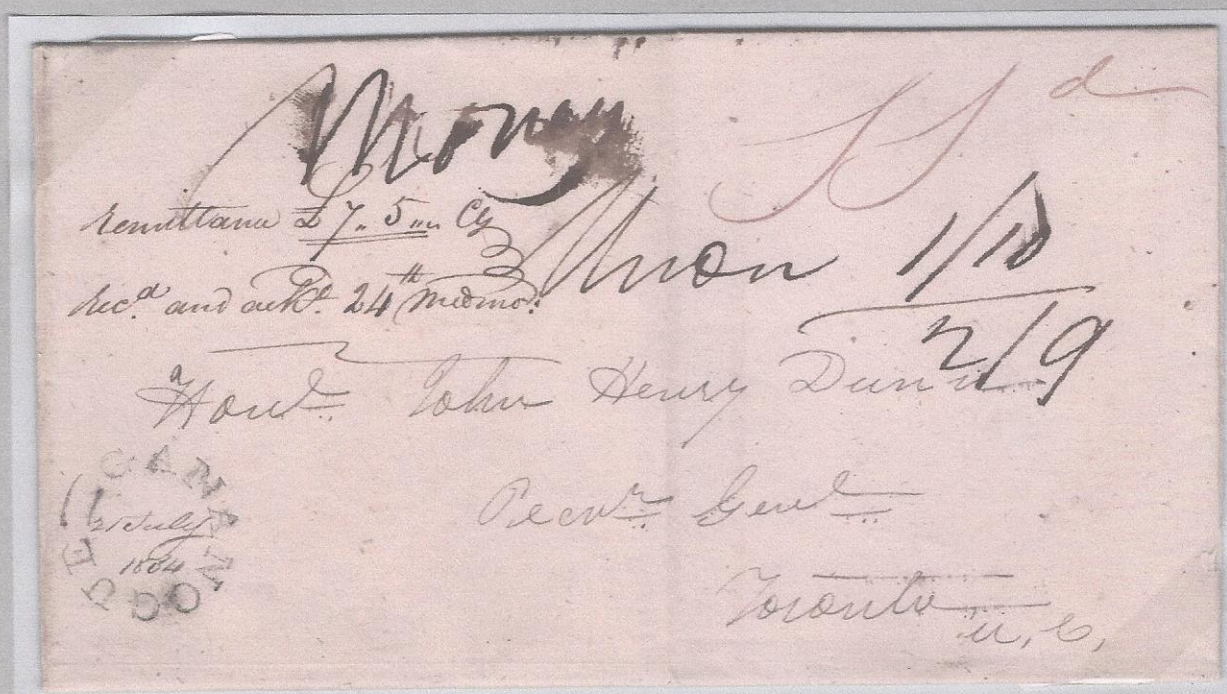
black m/s "More 1/10

2/ 9 " the rate for 1 sheet = 2 enclosures.

The manufactured postmark said, in error, "GANANOGUE", this being a perhaps understandable error for the handwritten "GANANOQUE" which had appeared on the handwritten order form (two other towns had errors in their names, with "CHIPPAWA" and "NAPANCE" being produced instead, respectively, of "CHIPPAIVA" and "NAPANEE"). "York" was renamed "Toronto" on 6 March 1834 and this is an early use of the new name.

The initial rating was for a single sheet Letter, the amount "11d" in red implying prepayment (this would have been unusual as until 1 July 1859 there was no difference in the charge for prepayment or collect and the latter was normally used). At some stage it was noticed that there were two enclosures, making this a 3 x rate letter and the black "More 1/10" added making the total 2/9d.

The enclosure was £7.5.0, made up of £2.5.0 (one moiety of duties collected on Imports, the other moiety retained as salary) and £5.0.0 for a Pedlar's Licence travelling on foot. The Letter, from Ephraim Webster, Collector for the Port of Gananoque, was received and acknowledged July 24.





(e) A 3 x rate Money Letter, sent 253 miles from Sandwich to Toronto, single sheet rate 11<sup>d</sup> cy = 2/9<sup>d</sup> cy, but then forwarded a further 177 miles to Kingston for a further 2/3<sup>d</sup> cy

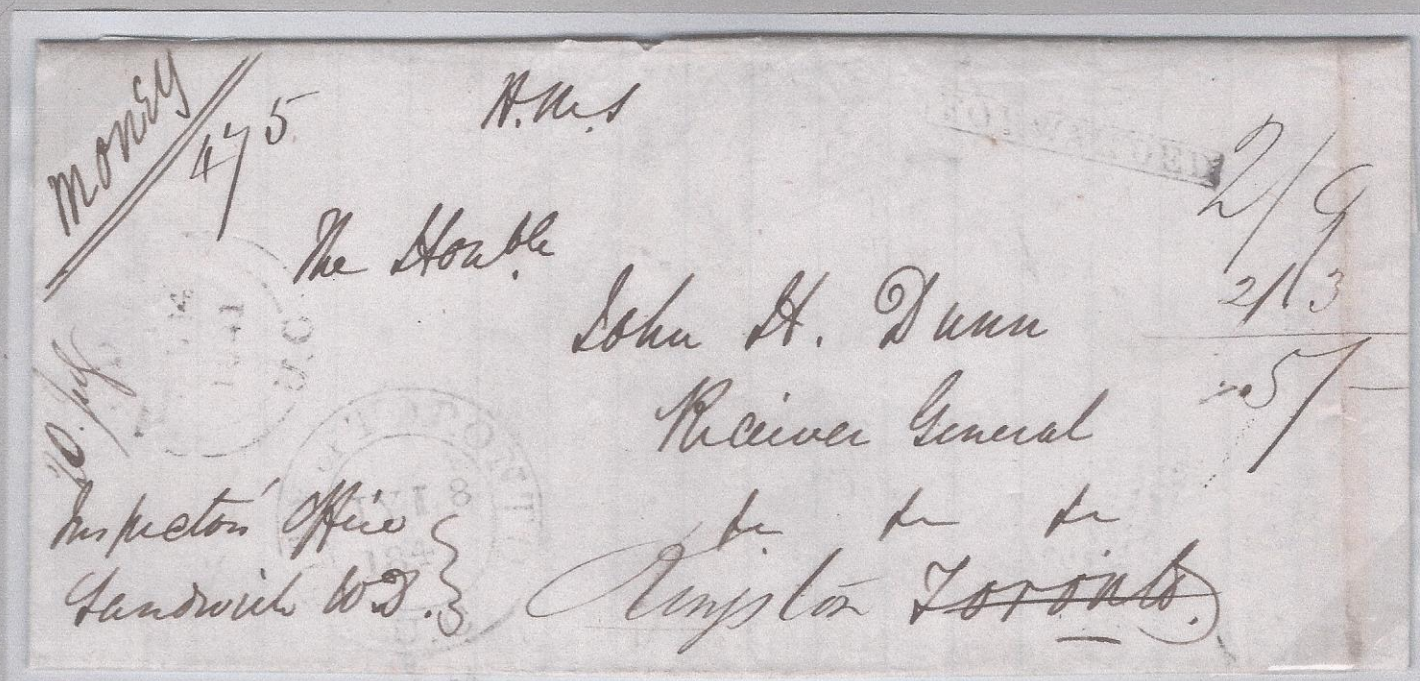
black "SANDWICH U. C. JY 14 1841" #J236;  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Toronto;  
black m/s "Money";  
black m/s "H. M. S."; black m/s "Inspectors Office Sandwich, W. D.";  
black m/s "FORWARDED" #J 785;  
black m/s "2/9  
2/3  
5/-"

black "CITY of TORONTO U. C. JY 18 1841" #J289x".

Three months before this collect entire was written, the Office of the Receiver General moved from Toronto to Kingston. The original charge for the 253 mile journey from Sandwich to Toronto was 2/9<sup>d</sup> (3 x 11<sup>d</sup>) and there was an additional charge of 2/3<sup>d</sup> for forwarding the 177 miles to Kingston. The faint "CITY of TORONTO" postmark indicates the date when the Letter left Toronto, and a note in m/s shows final receipt, and acknowledgement, to have been 21 July. There were two enclosures, of total value £43.14.5<sup>d</sup>, from W. G. Hall. The note "H. M. S.", for "His Majesty's Service" was probably applied in an attempt to make the Post Office take particular care of it.

Had the Letter been sent direct from Sandwich, in the Western District, to Kingston, a distance of 430 miles (in the 401-500 mile range) the charge would have been 3 x 1/4<sup>d</sup> = 4/- rather than 5/-.

The large m/s "M", usually noted on Toronto mail in this period, is not present.





(g) Two, 4 x rate, outers, 201-300 miles, up to 1 ounce rate, 3/8<sup>d</sup> cy

black "PRESCOTT U. C. JUL 1840", #J 290xy, m/s "4";  
to R. B. Sullivan, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Toronto;  
black "MONEY-LETTER" #J 750; m/s "1 oz"; large red "M";  
black "3/8". A collect Letter.

245 miles

From Michael Headen, P. Achison & W. J. Scott, enclosing £26.5.0 for Land Rights.

MONEY-LETTER



*To the Honorable*  
*R. B. Sullivan*  
*Commissioner of Crown Lands*  
*Toronto*

*10/3*

*4-16*  
*21-5-11*

*09 3/8*

*51.801*  
*07.22*  
*5.98*  
*5.92*  
*07*  
*07*

*26*

red "CHIPPAWA U. C. AP 22 1843", #J 236;  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Kingston;  
black m/s "Money"; red "MONEY-LETTER" #J 752;  
black m/s "3/8". A collect Letter.

287 miles

Unusually for Mr. Dunn's Office, there is no indication of amount enclosed or of date of receipt.

MONEY-LETTER



*The Honorable*

*John H. Dunn*  
*Receiver General*  
*&c &c*  
*Kingston*

*3/8*



(h) A 1¼ ounce entire, 5 x rate 220 miles, single rate 11d cy = 4/7d cy

black "PERTH U. C. MAR 1 1841", #J 236;  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Toronto;  
black m/s "Money";  
black m/s "(1¼ Oz)";  
large red "M";  
black m/s "4/7".

Written by Thos. M. Radenhurst, Treasurer of Perth. The 41 enclosures represented part of the 1840 levy on the inhabitants, of one farthing in the pound, for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum. The Letter was received and acknowledged 11 March.

Menu of money enclosed:

Cheque on Gov. Bank	£ 41.5.0
5 bills of 50th Com. Bank	62.0.0
4 bills of 20th Com. Bank	20.0.0
30 bills of 10th Com. Bank	75.0.0
1 bill of 5th Com. Bank	1.5.0
	£ 200.0.0

The Receiver General's Office moved from Toronto to Kingston in April 1841, making this a very late Money Letter sent to the previous address.

Money

(1¼ Oz)

4/7

11 March



To. Mr. Honble. John A. Dunn  
Receiver General  
Toronto

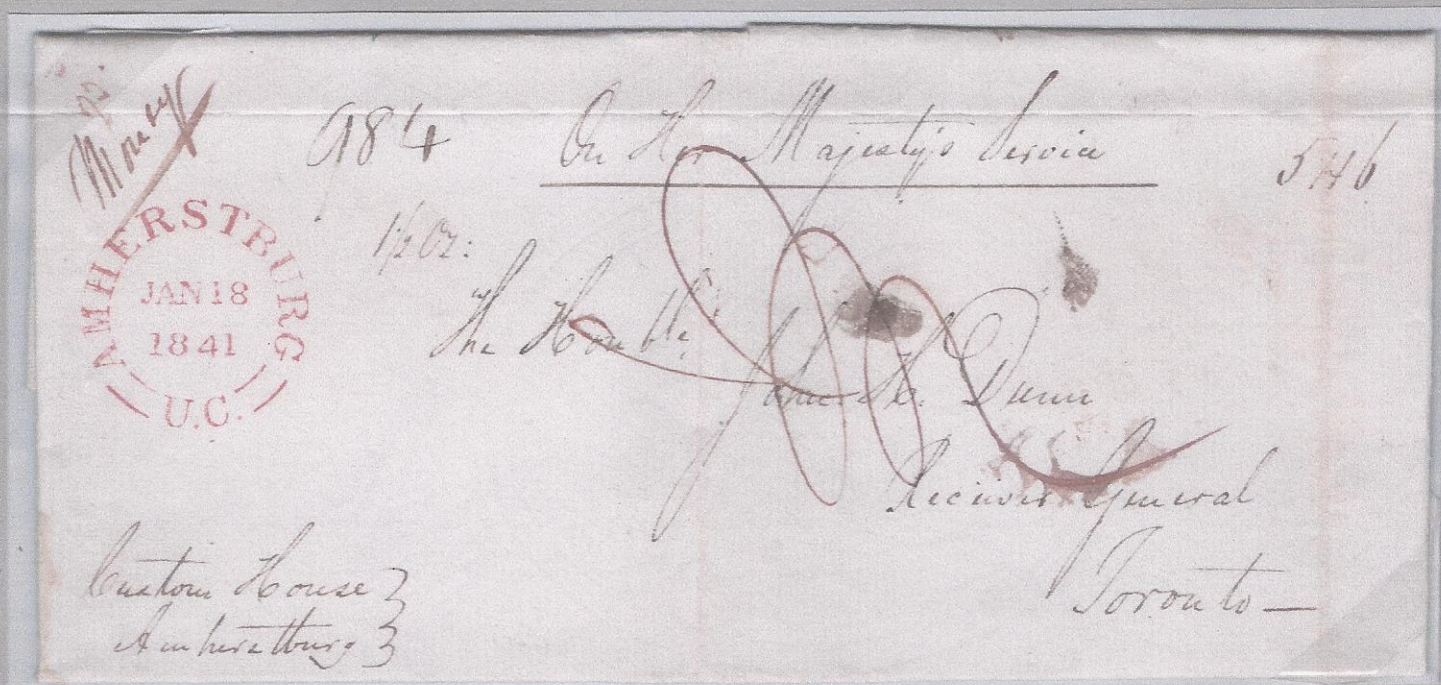


(i)  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ounces, 6 x rate, 269 miles, single sheet rate 11d cy = 5/6d cy

red "AMHERSTBURG U. C. JAN 18 1841", #J 236;  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Toronto;  
black m/s "On Her Majesty's Service";  
red m/s "Money"; black m/s "5N6";  
black m/s "Custom House, Amherstburg";  
bold red m/s "M".

An entire from James Kevill, enclosing for Francis Caldwell, Collector for the Custom House, Amherstburg, £39.5.6 cy. Receipt was acknowledged on 26th.

Amherstburg was unusual at this comparatively late date in using the archaic "N" rather than "/" to show postage of 5/6d.

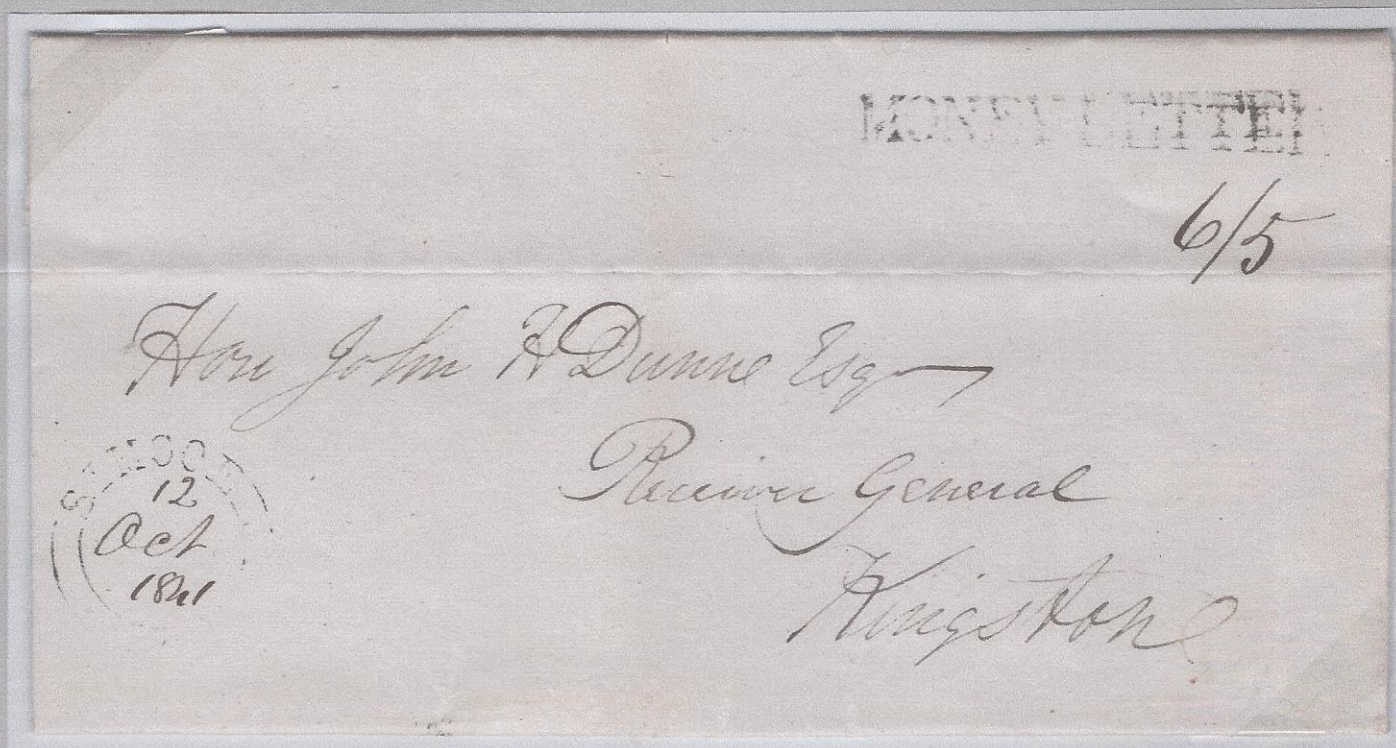




(j) 1¾ ounces, 7 x rate, 274 miles, single sheet rate 11d cy = 6/5d cy

black "SIMCOE", #J236a, black m/s "12 Oct 1841";  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Kingston;  
black "MONEY LETTER", #J750;  
black m/s "6/5".

A collect entire from George Ryerse, Collector, Port Dover,  
enclosing £107. Receipt was acknowledged on 15th.





(k) 2 ounces, 8 x rate, 259 miles, single sheet rate 11d cy, = 7/4d cy

black "ST. CATHERINES U. C. JAN 19 1842", #J 236;  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Kingston;  
black m/s "Money";  
black m/s "2 oz";  
black m/s "7/4".

An entire from John Clark, Collector of Customs, Port Dalhousie. The letter, dated 15th  
lists as enclosures (amounts in dollars) :-

29 x 10 =	290
25 x 8 =	200
1 x 5 =	5
4 x 4 =	16
4 x 2 =	8
1 x 1 =	1

520 or £130.

When checked, the 1 x \$1 was missing (pencilled note "not in the letter"),  
reducing the sending to \$519 or £129.15s. Receipt was acknowledged on 22nd.





(1) 2½ ounces, 10 x rate, 274 miles, single sheet rate 11d cy = 9/2d

black "SIMCOE U. C. AP 11 1843"; #J236;  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Kingston;  
black m/s "Money";  
black m/s "9/2";  
black "MONEY-LETTER" #J750;  
red m/s "2½ oz"

A collect entire from Edward P. Ryerse, Inspector for the Talbot District.  
The enclosure was £87, receipt of which was acknowledged on 18th.

MONEY-LETTER



2½ oz.

9/2

Hon. John H. Dunn  
Receiver General  
Kingston



(m) 2¾ ounces, 11 x rate, 274 miles, single sheet rate 11d cy = 10/1d cy

black "SIMCOE U. C. JY 11 1843" #236;  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Kingston;  
black m/s "Money";  
black m/s "10/1";  
red m/s "2¾oz";  
black "MONEY-LETTER" #J 750.

A collect entire from Edward P. Ryerse, Inspector for the Talbot District.  
The enclosure was £100, receipt of which was acknowledged on 15th.

MONEY-LETTER



*D. & Co.*

*Hon. John H. Dunn*

*Receiver General*

*Kingston*

*Money*

*10/1*



(n) 3 ounces, 12 x rate, 287 miles, single sheet rate 11d cy = 11/- cy

red "CHIPPAWA U. C. SP 6 1843" #J236;  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, Kingston;  
black m/s "Money", "3 ounces", "11/-"; red "MONEY-LETTER" #J 752;  
red "TOO LATE", similar to #J 761 but a little smaller;  
red receiver "KINGSTON U. C. SP 9 1843" #J236.

A collect entire from Oliver Y. MacKlin, Collector, Port of Chippawa.

The enclosure was £100, receipt of which was acknowledged on 11th.

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A circular dated 10 August 1843 from T. A. Stayner, Deputy P. M. G. in Quebec:- From the receipt of this order I must require you immediately after opening the mails and checking their contents to make a legible impression of your office stamp on the back of each letter thus showing the actual day of its reception at your office . . . Postmasters not provided with dated stamps will supply the want with pen and ink.

An early example of compliance,  
with a receipt datestamp of  
September 9 1843. 107 enclosures  
as listed being Imperial and  
Provincial Dues from the Custom  
House, Port of Chippawa.

(amounts in dollars)

7 x	10 =	70
36 x	5 =	180
1 x	8 =	8
14 x	4 =	56
37 x	2 =	74
12 x	1 =	12

400 or £100

69% copy of Kingston receiver





(o) 3½ ounces, 14 x rate, 264 miles, single sheet rate 11d cy = 12/10d cy

(unknown despatch date);

to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, York;

black m/s "3½ oz";

black m/s "12N4";

black m/s "cash letter / £175•10".

(on back) black "PERTH", 31 mm x 4 mm, in use 1820 - 1829.

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There is an error in the charge made for this unusually heavy, and very early, outer wrapper. 14 x rate, 200-300 miles should have been charged at 14/10d cy (14 x 11d = 154d = 12/10d and not the 12/4d actually entered).

A collect outer wrapper from Anthony Leslie, Inspector, District of Bathurst.

The enclosures were 138 bills, made up as under, totalling £175•10•0.

1 bill of \$100	=	£ 25• 0• 0
31 bills of \$ 10	=	£ 77•10• 0
25 bills of \$ 5	=	£ 31• 5• 0
17 bills of \$ 4	=	£ 17• 0• 0
35 bills of \$ 2	=	£ 17•10• 0
29 bills of \$ 1	=	£ 7• 5• 0
		<u>£175•10• 0</u>

The wrapper is written on a sheet of stout paper, watermarked in 2 lines "CARRON 1819".

The 138 item enclosure perhaps explains at least in part the poor strike of "PERTH".

3½ oz 12N4

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

John H. Dunn

H. M. R. G.

York

Cash letter

£175•10•



(p) 4 ounces, 16 x rate, 264 miles, single sheet rate 11d cy = 14/8d cy

(unknown despatch date);  
to J. H. Dunn, Receiver General, York;  
black m/s "4 oz";  
black m/s "14N8";  
black m/s "cash letter / £122.5".

(on back) black "PERTH", 31 mm x 4 mm, in use 1820 - 1829.

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Another extremely early, and very heavy, collect outer wrapper from the same writer (Anthony Leslie, Inspector, District of Bathurst) as that on the previous sheet. On the same type of stout paper, watermarked in 2 lines "CARRON 1819" so perhaps of similar date, with this having an enclosure of 171 items. A black seal depicts a gryphon and bears the words "GRIP FAST".

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The contents are listed as :-	21 of \$10 =	£ 52.10
	24 of \$ 5 =	£ 30. 0
	4 of \$ 4 =	£ 4. 0
	21 of \$ 2 =	£ 10.10
	101 of \$ 1 =	£ 25. 5
		£ 122. 5

69% copy of Perth despatch stamp



The Hon<sup>ble</sup> John H. Dunn  
cash letter  
£122. 5  
4g 14N8  
H. M. Receiver  
York