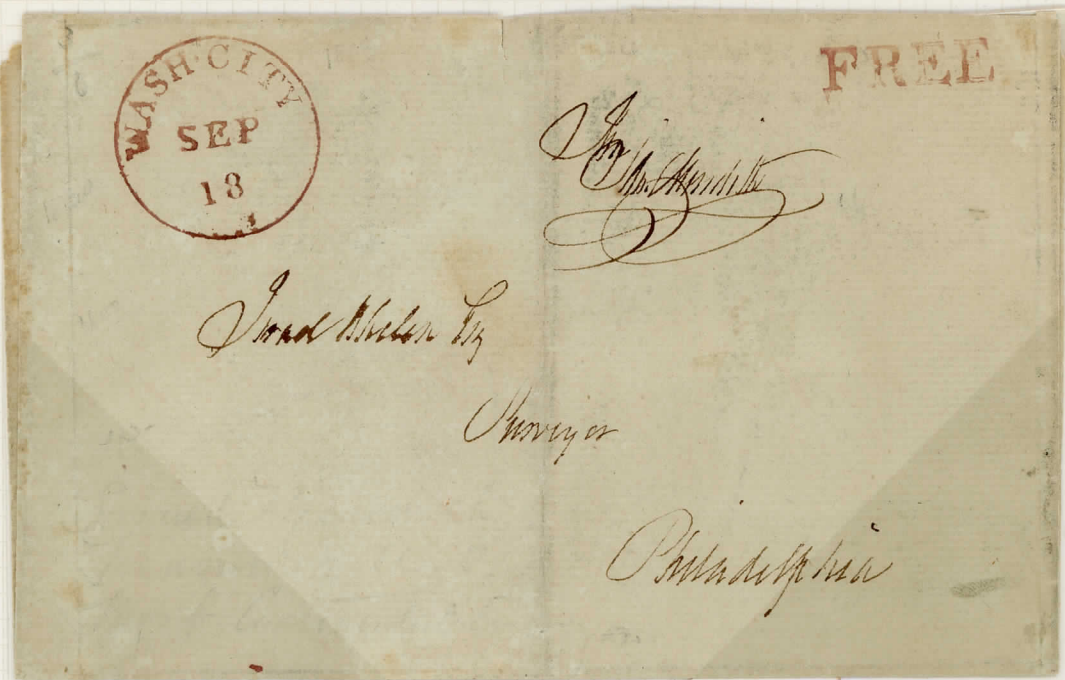


SAMUEL MEREDITH
FIRST TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES



Docketed as sent from Washington, September 18, 1800, "enclosing a check for \$20,000," to Purveyor (of the Government) Israel Whelen.

Meredith was the first Treasurer of the U.S. under the federal government, serving from 11 Sept., 1789 - 31 Oct. 1801.

This cover was postmarked at Washington only a few months after the seat of the federal government was transferred there from Philadelphia in June of 1800.

Meredith, of a wealthy Philadelphia family and fought in the Revolution, becoming a Brigadier General and a close friend of George Washington. His main forte was in finance, but he was cited for gallantry at the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown. He gave liberally to the Revolutionary and federal causes, donating \$10,000 in silver to the former and advancing some \$140,000 to the latter, which he was never repaid.

Meredith occupied but one other post in which he had the franking privilege - as a Delegate to the Continental Congress, 1787-88.

He died at his home, "Belmont Manor," in Wayne County, Pa., in 1817.



Free F.H.T. Tucker

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Israel Whelan Esqr

Purveyor of Public Supplies

Philadelphia

4 May 1802



F.H.T. Tucker

THOMAS TUDOR TUCKER
TREASURER OF THE U.S., 1801-1828

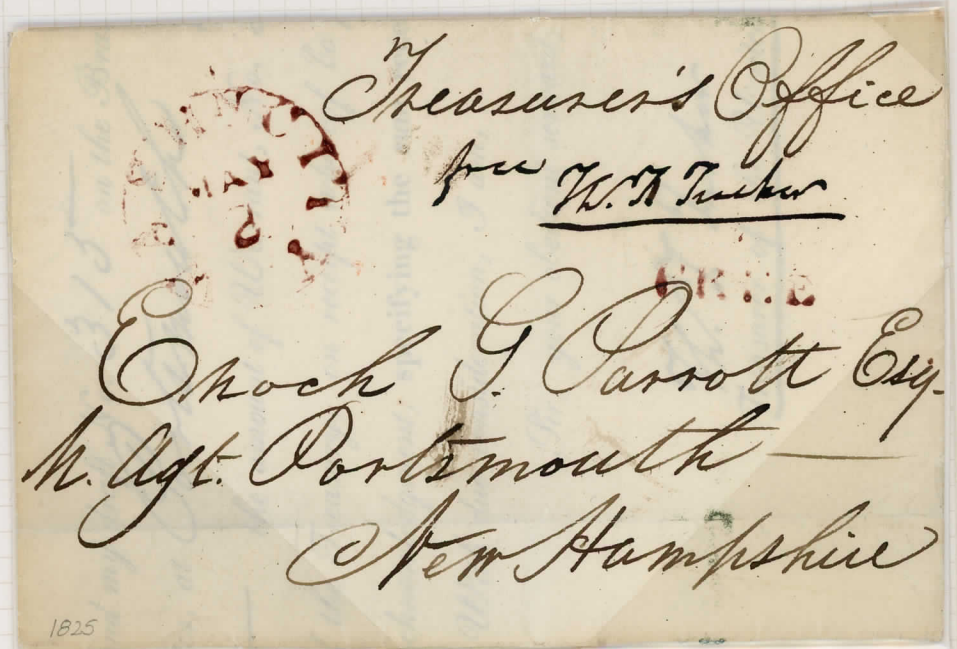


TUCKER WAS BORN IN PORT ROYAL, BERMUDA, 25 JUNE, 1745. HE STUDIED MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, MOVING TO SOUTH CAROLINA BEFORE THE REVOLUTION, IN WHICH HE SERVED AS A SURGEON IN THE CONTINENTAL ARMY. HE DIED IN OFFICE, 2 MAY 1828.

Dated lined "Treasury of the United States / Washington, July 7th, 1808, the enclosed letter transmits a draft for \$2000 against a warrant issued by the Secretary of War, the letter being written by a clerk and signed by Tucker. Use of the "Washington City" with flourish is known from 1806.

TUCKER COULD HAVE FRANKED AS A MEMBER OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS IN 1787-1788, AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FIRST TWO FEDERAL CONGRESSES, SERVING 4 MARCH, 1789-3 MARCH, 1793.

HE WAS APPOINTED TO BE TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES BY PRESIDENT THOMAS JEFFERSON AND SERVED AS SUCH FROM 1 DECEMBER, 1801 UNTIL HIS DEATH ON 2 MAY, 1828, FOR NEARLY 28 YEARS.



Postmarked at Washington 2, May, 1825 and addressed to the Navy Agent at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the enclosed letter is a printed form datelined and filled out the same day. It transmits a draft for \$3000 against a warrant from the Secretary of the Treasury. The form, evidently filled out by the clerk who addressed the letter, is also signed by Tucker.

THOMAS TUDOR TUCKER
TREASURER OF THE U.S.

from W. T. Tucker

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Henry Brown Esq.
Treasurer of Ohio
Columbus
Ohio

1844



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Thomas Tudor Tucker 1745 - 1828

Member Continental Congress and of the First and Second
Federal Congresses. Appointed Treasurer of the United
States by President Jefferson and served for 27 years.

JOHN CAMPBELL
TREASURER OF THE U.S., 1829-1839

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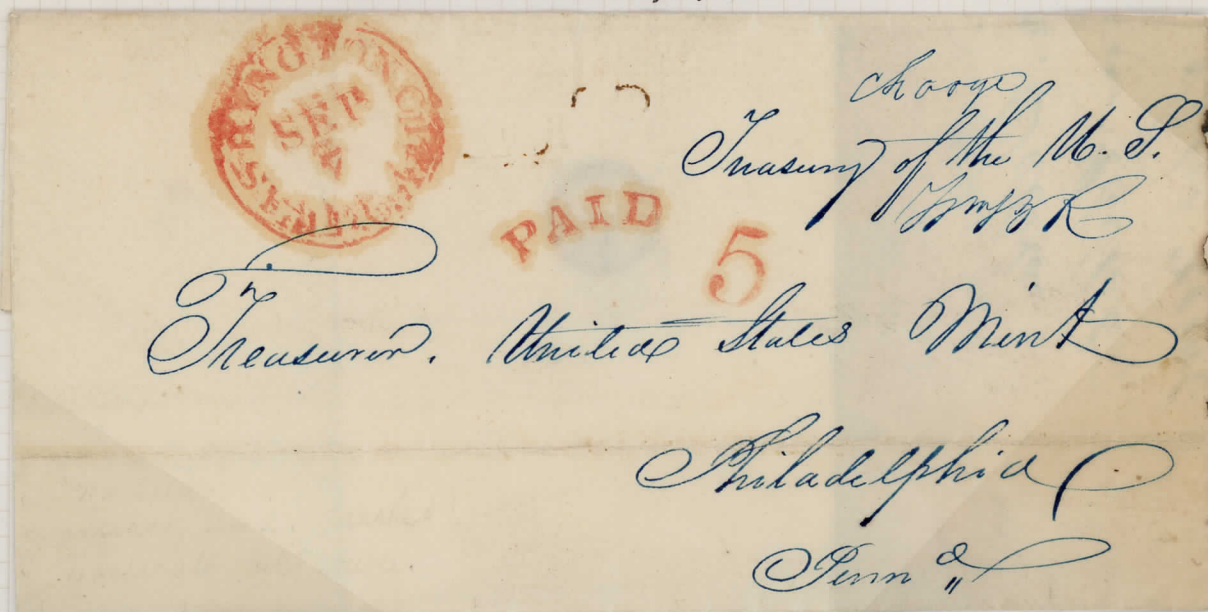
Collector Baltimore

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Chief Clerk, Office of the Treasurer of the United States

William B. Randolph, 1845-47



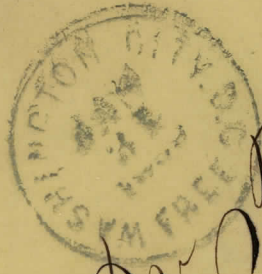
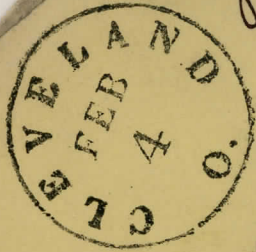
Docketed Sept. 7, 1846, as from U.S. Treasurer. W^B Selden. Charged at the Washington Postoffice as "PAID 5," covering the less-than-300 miles single letter rate (to Philadelphia) of 1845-51.



Enclosed letter, headed "Treasury of the U.S./ June 8, 1846," routinely transmits a draft and is signed by "W. Selden, Treasr U. States." Charged by authority of W^B R. (Randolph), Chief Clerk, the cover was postmarked June 9 and marked "PAID" and "10" at the Washington City, D.C. postoffice, paying the over-300 miles rate to Pittsburgh.

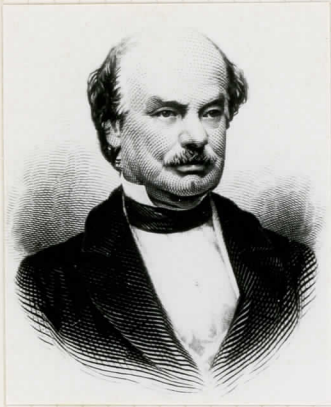
SAMUEL CASEY
TREASURER OF U.S.
APR 4, 1853 - DEC 22, 1859

Official
Sam Casey
Treas. U.S.



G. W. Belden. U.S. ally
Canton
~~Cleveland Ohio.~~

FRANCIS E SPINNER



Written Signature

Treasury Department.
Francis E. Spinner
Treasurer of the U. S.



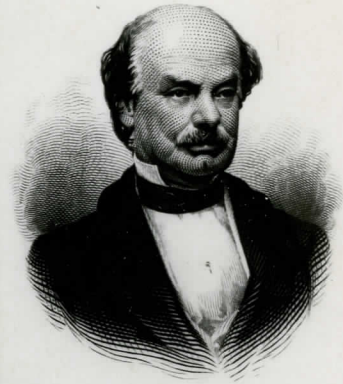
George J. Evans, Esq.,
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Jefferson

For Receipt to
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Treasury Department.

F. E. Spinner

Treasurer of the U. S.



F. E. Spinner.

*Mrs. Fannie Chamberlain
St Germain Hotel
New York City*

Treasury Department,

Official Business.

F. E. Spinner

Treasurer of U. S.



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*Recd June 27, 1863
Amt \$300.00*

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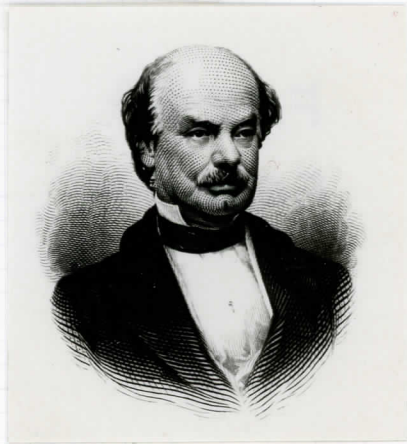


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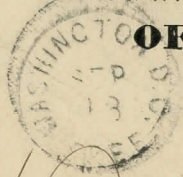
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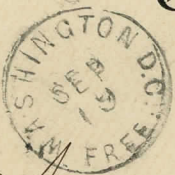
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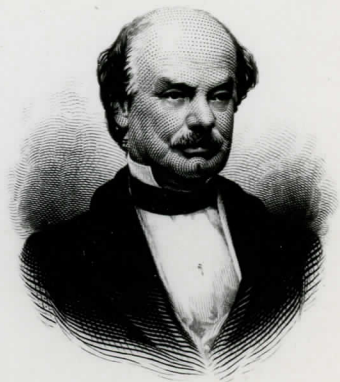
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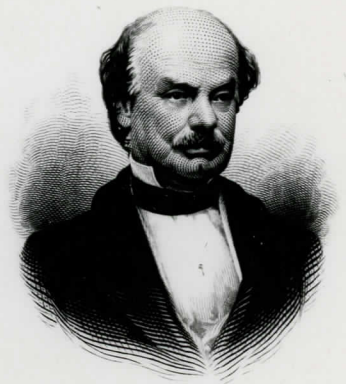
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JUNE, 1828

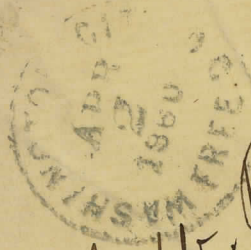
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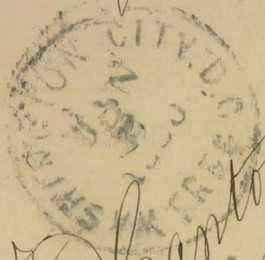
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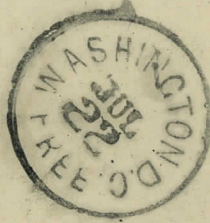
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EDWARD O. GRAVES
Chief Clerk
U. S. Treasury
1867 - 1873



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S. E. Criswell
Treasurer U. S.

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Probably sent in 1869, soon after Postmaster General Criswell had decreed printed franking signatures would no longer be recognized. The chief clerks of the various bureaus and offices were then given the task of signing the outgoing franked official mail. Signature reads "E.O. Graves CC" "CC" is for "Chief



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E. O. Graves
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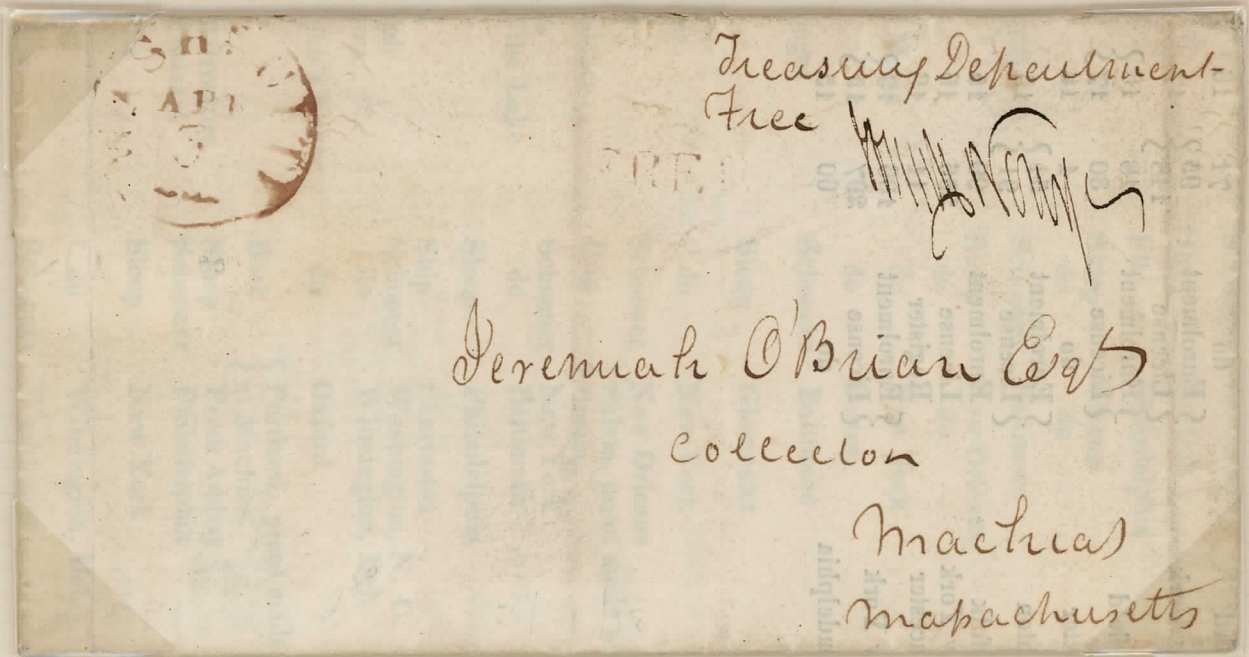


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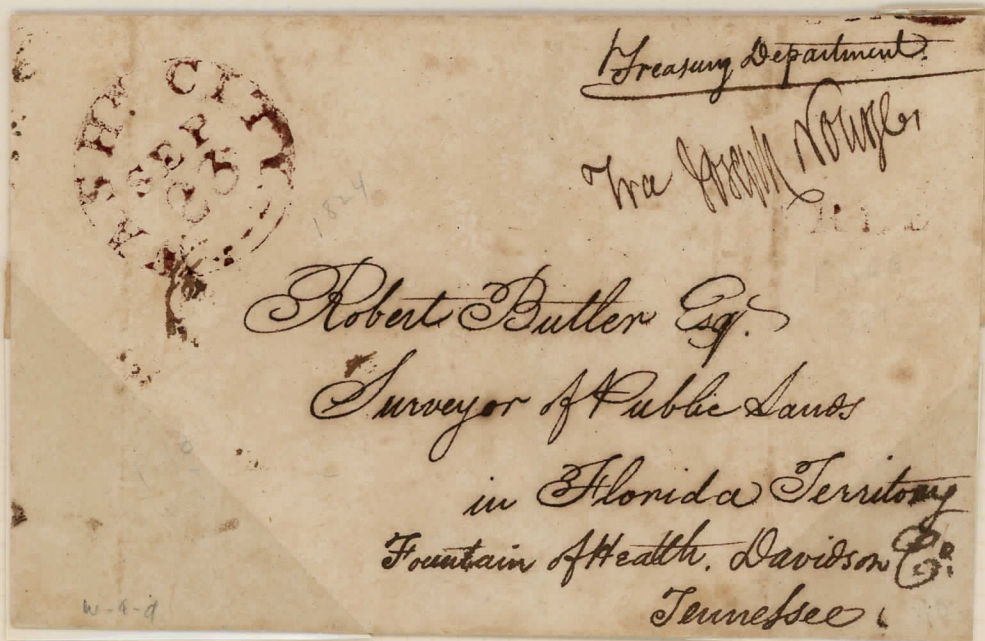
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JOSEPH NOURSE



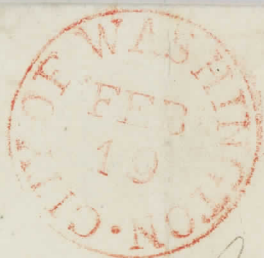
FRANK OF JOSEPH NOURSE, REGISTER OF U. S. TREASURY, 1781-1829, (48 YRS!)
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22 Sept. 1824

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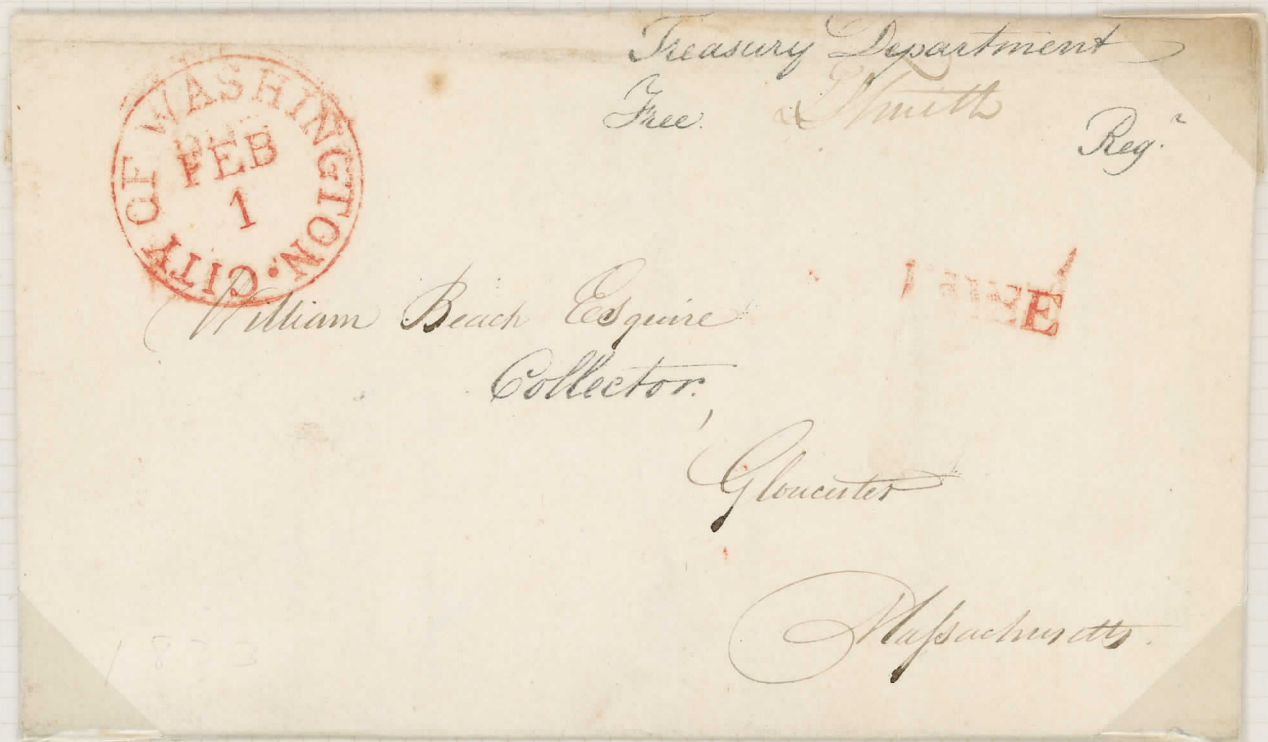
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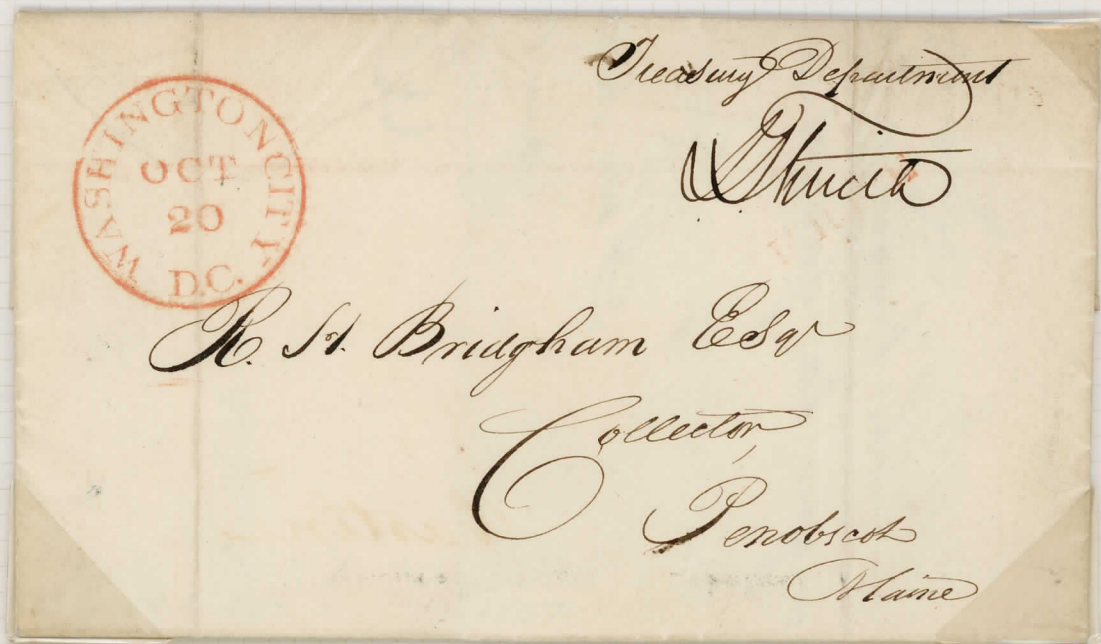
Rhode Island

1843

Thomas L. Smith
Register of the Treasury



LETTER DATED JAN 31, 1834.



LETTER DATED OCT. 20, 1837.

RANSOM H. GILLET
REGISTER OF THE TREASURY
1845 - 1847



Treasury Department.
R. H. Gillet

*John Howe Esq
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APRIL 30, 1845

FINLAY BIGGER

Treasury Department,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

H. Bigger
Register.

To the Collector of the Customs



Oliver N.Y.

1855

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MICHAEL NOURSE, 182?-1851



Aug 12, 1833.

CHARLES T. JONES, 1853-9



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VIRGIL MAXCY

The Solicitor of the Treasury

From 29 MAY, 1830 - 16 June 1837

(The office was established 29 May, 1830 - Maxcy was thus the first)



Received Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury / July 13, 1833, this cover didn't receive the "CITY OF WASHINGTON." strike until two days later.

The letter content acknowledges a letter from the addressee which had been sent to the Secretary of the Treasury, but had been referred to the Solicitor's Office. The addressee of this cover, Thomas McKean Thompson McKennan, was then a Member of Congress from Pennsylvania and could thus have received this letter free under his own franking privilege.

Virgil Maxcy was born in Attleboro, Mass. in 1775 and graduated from Brown University (of which his older brother had once been President) at the age of nineteen. Young Maxcy then studied law at Baltimore and was admitted to the Maryland bar. When the office of Solicitor of the Treasury was created on 29 May, 1830, Maxcy was appointed to the post the same day. He served until he was appointed to be the first U.S. Charge d'Affairs to the new Kingdom of Belgium on 16 June 1837. He retired from that post on 17 June 1842 to private practice and was killed in the Princeton explosion (see right) of 28 February, 1844.



SAMUEL T. SHUGERT
Chief Clerk
Actg. Comm.

U. S. Patent Office,
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S. T. Shugert
COMMISSIONER.

*R. G. Phelps Esq
Windsor Conn.*



*Eliza Loomis
Mrs. G. S. Graham
June 21st 1859*

AGRICULTURAL.

"AGRICULTURAL" - at this time the function that became the Dept of Agriculture was handled by a clerk in the Patent Office.

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Oct 14, 1851

CHARLES MASON
Commissioner of Patents
16 May, 1853- 4 Aug., 1857



Franked by Commissioner of Patents Charles Mason of Iowa, 14 May, 1854-7C), for the Agricultural Desk of the U.S. Patent Office.

The "Agricultural Desk" had started with Thomas Jefferson's interest in new plant developments, when, as Secretary of State under George Washington, he included this field as part of the patent section of the Department of State. It moved with the Patent Office to the Department of the Interior when that department was created in 1849. Less than a decade after this cover was sent, the Agricultural Desk became an independent bureau under a commissioner, called the "Department of Agriculture." Full departmental status was attained in 1887, when the commissioner was raised to full cabinet rank as Secretary of Agriculture.

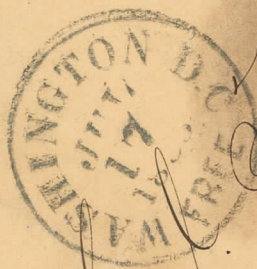
Charles Mason, born in New York in 1804, graduated from West Point with high rank in 1829, resigned from the army in 1831 to read law and was admitted to the bar in 1833. He moved to Iowa in 1834, establishing himself at Burlington. He was Chief Justice of Iowa Territory, 1838-46 (and of the state, 1846-7) and held other important state posts. However, the office of Commissioner of Patents under Pierce is the only post with the franking privilege that he held. Other than serving as chairman of the Democratic national convention of 1864, he spent the rest of his life in practicing law, until his death in 1882.

SAMUEL T. SHUGERT
CHIEF CLERK

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Sir. July 16th 1855

Your letter of the 14th inst. addressed to the Hon. Mr. Welles, who is Commissioner of Patents, is this day received.

Upon the receipt of a fee of \$3 in specie the search for assignments under the patents issued to Charles S. Beatz, on the 14th Oct. 1851 and 27th June 1854, will be made and the result communicated.

Sam. J. Dickinson
Belvidere
N. Y.

I Am Respectfully
Yours obt. Servt.
S. J. Shugart
actg Commr.

CHARLES MASON
Commissioner of Patents
16 May 1853 -
4 Aug 1857

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Sir :

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the petition, specification,
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The papers are duly filed, and your application for a patent
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Of the result due advice will be given.

I am, sir, respectfully,

J. Weed Esq

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Commissioner.

NOTE.—In order to constitute an application for a patent, the inventor is by law required to furnish his petition, specification, drawings, [where the nature of the case admits of drawings,] or specimens of ingredients, and of the composition, [where the invention is of a composition of matter,] a model in all cases which admit of a representation by model, and, if a citizen, to pay a fee of thirty dollars.

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To His Excellency Seabury Ford
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Commissioner.

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Previous to the second examination of any case which has been once rejected, the seventh section of the act of 1836 requires the applicant to renew, in substance, the oath originally filed with his specification. After thus applying for a second examination, no withdrawal of any part of the fee paid is authorized.

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