

BRITISH STEAMER VIA BRITAIN

**4 CENTS OPEN MAIL PREPAID RATE AMERICA TO BRITAIN.
UNPAID FROM BRITAIN TO FRANCE BUT NO CHARGE LEVIED.**

Postage was paid from US only as far as Britain (2c inland + 2c sea). These letters were then considered unpaid letters when sent from Britain to France with 5 decimes due in France. However, there is no indication on this letter that the charge was levied, which is unusual, plus one would have expected to see the GB accountancy marking.



Cover from San Francisco to Rennes, February 1872 with 4c adhesives.

Should have been carried on Guion Line steamer from New York but 'Wisconsin' delayed so IIS mail switched to Cunard 'Algeria' dep. 28 February, arr. Queenstown 9 March.

'NEW YORK / BR TRANSIT' and 'LONDON / PAID' transit cancellations.

FCPS auction 30/1/2021

LOT 553

Reserve GBP40