UNITED STATES DOMESTIC LETTER RATES
FROM THE ACT OF 1792 TO OCTOBER 1, 1883

REFERENCES, RATE CHANGES, and POSTAL MARKINGS

Within the exhibit, each POSTAL ACT Chapter includes information indicating the applicable POSTAL RATES. The tabulated RATE CHANGES of significant discoveries, applicable to POSTAL MARKINGS, are Highlighted.

POSTAL RATES


• Advantage of Literature: Information for each POSTAL ACT is condensed and includes only significant data.

POSTAL ACTS

Available online at www.rfrajola.com. From Website Homepage, scroll down to Postal History Resources and “Click” the banner. New page activated listing Reference Material in three columns. “Click” the specific Postal Act (Left-hand column) for the PDF File of the ACT. Note: “1792 Postal Rates” (middle column) is a good summary of the 1792 Rates rather than the entire 1792 Postal Act.

• Disadvantage of Website: Most POSTAL ACTS contain extensive information extraneous to the Exhibit. Recommend obtaining pages from the booklet Virginia Postal History Society available from the APS Library.

RATE CHANGES

In order of appearance within the exhibit are the following significant examples of Rate Changes:

- LAST DAY, 12¢ War Rate of 1815. [Frame 3 / Page 2]
- FIRST BUSINESS DAY, 12½¢ RESTORED Rate of 1816. [F 4 / P 5]
- FIRST BUSINESS DAY, 17¢ RESTORED Rate of 1816. [F 4 / P 6]
- LAST DAY, 6¢ Rate of the Act of 1825. [F 5 / P 9]
- LAST DAY, 12½¢ Rate of the Act of 1825. [F 5 / P 14]
- FIRST DAY, 18¼¢ Rate of the Act of 1825, and Forwarded. [F 6 / P 9]
- LAST DAY, 18¼¢ Rate of the Act of 1825. Express Mail. [F 6 / P 12]
- FIRST DAY, 5¢ Rate of the Act of 1845. [F 7 / P 2]
- FIRST DAY, 10¢ Rate of the Act of 1845. [F 7 / P 5]
- LAST DAY, 5¢ Rate of the Act of 1845. [F 7 / P 10]
- LAST DAY, 10¢ Rate of the Act of 1845, Express Mail. [F 7 / P 11]
- FIRST DAY, 3¢ Prepaid Rate of the Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 1]
- LAST DAY, Postal Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 2]
- FIRST DAY, 5¢ Not Prepaid Rate of the Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 3]
- FIRST DAY, 10¢ Not Prepaid Rate of the Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 6]
- Posted June 24, 1851 (near end of Act of 1845) and Forwarded on the FIRST DAY of subsequent Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 8]
- FIRST DAY, 2¢ Rate of the Act of 1883 and FIRST DAY of 2¢ Issue of October 1, 1883. [F 10 / P 32]
- FIRST DAY, 2¢ Rate of the Act of 1883 with 3¢ issue, 1¢ Overpaid. [F 10 / P 32]

POSTAL MARKINGS


In order of appearance within the exhibit, the following pages, from the above reference, apply to discoveries:

- Page 23: “Notes on Postage Rates and Payment of Postage, The 6-1/4¢ Rate.” [Frame 1 / Page 2]
- (No Reference Page): Discovery: Previously unknown manuscript from East Douglas (Rhode Island) in 1797. [F 1 / P 3]
- Page 216: Discovery: Latest usage of New York City Straight Line Handstamp during First Federal Rates. [F 1 / P 8]
- Page 75: Discovery: Unlisted High a variation of Augusta (Georgia) handstamp used during WAR RATES. [F 3 / P 13]
- Page 315: Discovery: Previously unlisted usage of Philadelphia 30mm CDS in 1845. [F 7 / P 2]